

# Falls, Deltas and Dunes

## 22 days | Victoria Falls to Cape Town



**ACCOMMODATED OVERLAND SAFARI** : Travelling south from Victoria Falls, explore the incredible Okavango Delta in Botswana and the breathtaking Namib Desert before ending in Cape Town on this 22 day Accommodated Overland tour of southern Africa.

### HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

#### Trip Highlights

- Victoria Falls - begin your adventure in the Zimbabwean town, with time to visit thundering Victoria Falls and enjoy optional bungee jumping, rafting and more
- Etosha National Park - spend three nights at the reserve and head out on numerous game drives in search of lions, elephants and more
- Namib-Naukluft National Park - scramble up to the top of Dune 45 and explore the salt pans and red dunes of Sossusvlei
- Swakopmund - cross the Tropic of Capricorn to reach Namibia's premier beach resort and enjoy free time to relax or join optional activities including dolphin cruises
- Okavango Delta - glide through the delta aboard traditional mokoros and enjoy a

- guided game walk in search of some of Botswana's wildlife
- Chobe National Park - camp out in the wilds of the national park, surrounded by the sounds of the wildlife, and enjoy a game drive to spot iconic African species
- Fish River Canyon - travel along the rim of the mighty canyon, which is 161 kilometres long and second only in size to the Grand Canyon
- Spitzkoppe - admire the spectacular 'Matterhorn of Namibia' and discover some of the ancient rock paintings that can be found in the area
- Windhoek - opt to visit the local museum or head to the markets for some haggling as you explore the small Namibian capital independently
- Cape Town - finish your safari in the colourful South African city at the tip of the African continent

#### What's Included

- 1 night Chobe National Park Excursion (Mobile bush camping)
- Guided walk of Spitzkoppe
- Arrival transfer from Vic Falls Airport on day 1
- 19 nights 2 - 3 hotels and permanent tents
- 2 day/1 night Okavango Delta Excursion (Mobile bush camping)
- 21 breakfasts, 16 lunches and 7 dinners
- Services of 3 person crew (leader, driver, cook)

- A fully equipped overland truck for transportation and game drives
- Transfer to Sossusvlei for Desert Walk
- Park Entry and Game drive - Etosha NP and Chobe NP. Park Entry into Victoria Falls National Park
- All road taxes and tolls

#### What's Not Included

- International flights and visas
- Tipping - an entirely personal gesture
- Optional activities - Check our Trip Notes for optional activities available on this tour

#### Local Payment

\$700pp, paid in USD

### ITINERARY

#### Day 1 : Victoria Falls

Welcome to Zimbabwe! Upon arrival at Victoria Falls airport you'll be met by our representative and transferred to your accommodation for your overnight stay. A pre departure tour meeting will be held at around 5pm this afternoon. **Overnight - Victoria Falls**

#### Day 2 : Victoria Falls

Today offers free time to explore the amazing Victoria Falls. You might want to sign up for one of the numerous adventure and adrenaline options available or simply take in the beauty of the falls and surrounding area at the viewing platforms.

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Adrenaline junkies can bungee from the Victoria Falls Bridge connecting Zimbabwe and Zambia or abseil down the Batoka Gorge - neither activity is for the faint hearted! All year round, flights in fixed wing, micro light and ultra-light aircraft or helicopters provide an aerial perspective over this magnificent World Heritage Site. White water rafting on the Zambezi is world class. Beside the excitement of the Grade 5 rapids, there are the "floats," where there is time to admire the scenic cliffs and the occasional wildlife on the riverbanks.

**Overnight - Victoria Falls (B)**

## Days 3-4 : Chobe National Park

Victoria Falls - Kasane. Today we depart Zimbabwe and cross the border into Botswana. Arriving into the town of Kasane we have some time to explore before we set off for our Chobe National Park Overnight Mobile excursion – an overnight experience in the wilds of the Chobe National park. Chobe is one of Botswana's premier game parks, renowned for its large elephant herds. Spend the afternoon in search of wildlife while we game drive to our camp within the park where we spend the evening surrounded by the night-time noises of the local wildlife. Look out for the rare Sable and Roan Antelope on your game drive, with their majestic backward slanting horns, or try keep a count of the Lilac Breasted Roller's that swoop by!

On day 4, we depart Chobe National Park and make our way back to Kasane. Enjoy some free time here to relax or explore further.  
**Overnight - Chobe NP (1), Kasane (1)** (B:2, L:1, D:1)

## Day 5 : Nata Region

Kasane - Nata Region. Departing Chobe we head for the Nata Region, travelling through a sparsely populated area where donkeys roam freely. This afternoon there will be the option of partaking in a salt pan drive. One of the world's few untouched wildernesses, the salt pans are vast and impressive. **Overnight - Nata Region (B, L)**

## Day 6 : Maun

Nata Region - Maun. This morning we set off for Maun, our journey takes us along the edge of the Makgadikgadi Pans National Park. Upon arrival in Maun we'll start our preparations for the following day by packing up our day bag - your trip leader will brief you on exactly what you are recommended to bring with you. **Overnight - Maun (B)**

## Day 7 : Okavango Delta

Maun - Okavango. Today we rise early and head north to the Mokoro peler's station. Along the drive we'll see a number of local villages where families have lived in a traditional way for many years. Mokoros are dugout canoes manoeuvred through the waterways by local guides who "pole" them through the reeds. After a leisurely glide through the delta we reach our accommodation for the night. The afternoon and evening will offer the chance to relax with a cold drink or take a dip in the delta.

The Okavango Delta, travelling from the Angolan highlands, is the largest inland delta in the world and is studded with lushly vegetated islands and unique bird life, with over 400 avian species. **Overnight - Okavango Delta (B, L, D)**

## Day 8 : Maun

Okavango - Maun. This morning we have the opportunity to take a game walk through the delta before we take a mokoro ride back to our vehicle in time for lunch. From here there will be an optional scenic flight over the vast expanse of water (dependent on weather conditions & availability). This afternoon we continue back to Maun. **Overnight - Maun (B, L)**

## Day 9 : Ghanzi

Maun - Ghanzi. Today we travel across Botswana to our accommodation for the night, located in the small town of Ghanzi, in the middle of the Kalahari Desert. This afternoon you'll have the option of a number of activities that will allow you to interact with the native Bushman people who reside in this area. You'll learn about their way of life and how

they are able to survive in such an arid and desolate area. **Overnight - Ghanzi (B, L)**

## Day 10 : Windhoek

Ghanzi - Windhoek. Today we head for the border before crossing into Namibia and making our way to the capital Windhoek. Nestled between the hills, Windhoek is a rather small capital city but has many places of historical interest. This afternoon is spent at your leisure with time to visit the local museum or haggle at the street side markets. There are also many shops for those in need of a bit of retail therapy. **Overnight - Windhoek (B, L)**

## Day 11 : Etosha National Park

Windhoek - Etosha National Park. Today we make our way into Etosha National Park. En route to our accommodation today we'll see many different fascinating animals. Covering over 22,000 square kilometres, Etosha is Namibia's most significant and impressive national park. Arriving to our accommodation this evening we have some time to relax. **Overnight - Etosha National Park (B, L)**

## Days 12-13 : Etosha National Park

Making our way south through Etosha National Park on day 12 you'll notice the change in scenery. Moving to a different part of the park shows the change in vegetation and how this affects the wildlife. Located around the Etosha Pan, the national park is home to a huge variety of animal and bird life. The network of unpaved roads give us a fantastic opportunity to get deep in to the remotest parts of the park. This evening we reach our accommodation just outside the national park - you might wish to have a quick dip in the pool or enjoy a sundowner before dinner.

On day 13 you'll have the option to further explore Etosha National Park, in search of any elusive animals that we've not yet seen. **Overnight - Etosha National Park (B:2, L:2, D:2)**

## Day 14 : Brandberg

Etosha National Park - Brandberg. Today we head down south to the area of

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the Brandberg. We'll explore the area this afternoon, which includes Brandberg Mountain. **Overnight - Brandberg** (B, L, D)

## Days 15-16 : Swakopmund

Brandberg - Swakopmund. On day 15 we depart for Swakopmund. Founded in 1892 by the Germans, Swakopmund still holds a lot of colonial charm with the added excitement of various adventurous pursuits. En route we'll head through Spitzkoppe, often referred to as the 'Matterhorn of Namibia'. This 1728m-high rock formation is one of Namibia's most recognised landmarks. We'll explore this area, visiting the rock paintings that have been discovered.

On day 16 you have some free time to explore this beautiful colonial town or partake in some of the optional adrenaline activities on offer here. Optional excursions include sky diving, quad biking, sand boarding, scenic desert flights, dolphin cruises, fishing trips, golf, horse riding and more. **Overnight - Swakopmund** (B:2, L:1)

## Days 17-18 : Sesriem

Swakopmund - Sesriem. On day 17 we head inland and make our way to the Namib-Naukluft Park, one of the world's oldest deserts. With a sea of towering sand dunes, some of which are reputed to be the highest in the world, it's an incredible part of the world. Our base for the next two nights is the Sossuvlei area, a great place to explore the region from.

On day 18 we further explore the amazing Namib-Naukluft National Park. We have the opportunity to climb Dune 45, so named because it's at the 45th kilometre on the road that connects Sesriem gate and Sossuvlei. This impressive dune stands at around 80 metres at its highest point and is made up of 5 million-year-old sand. Later today you have the option to join one of the desert shuttles that heads a further 5km into the desert, reaching Sosuvlei, characterised by salt pans surrounded by imposing red sand dunes. **Overnight - Sossuvlei Region** (B:2, L:2)

## Day 19 : Fish River Canyon

Sesriem - Fish River Canyon. It's an early start this morning as we head out to watch the sunrise over this incredible area. Heading south we make our way to Fish River Canyon, the second largest canyon in the world. Formed by tectonic activity and erosion it measures 161km in length, 2km in width and roughly 550m in depth. Following the eastern rim we'll get the chance to stop at a number of vantage points for breathtaking views across the canyon before we reach our accommodation. **Overnight - Grunau** (B, L)

## Day 20 : Orange River

Fish River Canyon - Orange River. Today we make our way to the border between Namibia and South Africa. The Orange River acts as a natural border and crossing this we make our way into South Africa. This afternoon we have the opportunity to enjoy a canoe trip on the Gariep River, home to a fantastic array of birdlife. You'll get the opportunity to take a paddle in the river as we explore by boat.

**Overnight - Orange River** (B, L, D)

## Day 21 : Cederberg

Orange River - Cederberg - Lambert's Bay. This morning we continue south through the barren desert landscape of the Richtersveld. After a short stop in the mining town of Springbok we head through the region known as Namaqualand. Each spring this area is awash with colour as the Namaqua wildflowers bloom across the region. Later we have the option to sample some of the fantastic wines produced in this region and the vineyard we visit has stunning views across the Cederberg Mountains.

**Overnight - Lambert's Bay** (B, L, D)

## Day 22 : Cape Town

Cederberg - Cape Town. Departing the scenic Cederberg area we travel through the rich fruit growing area of Citrusdal before crossing the Piekienerskloof Pass to the Cape's wine growing regions. As Table Mountain comes into view we will arrive at our final stop, Cape Town. Our late afternoon arrival marks the end of our adventure. We recommend extending your stay in this charming city. (B)

## HOTELS

Highlighted below are some of the hotels which we frequently use on this tour, though we reserve the right to substitute these hotels to ones of a similar standard.

**Please refer to your Tour Voucher for your confirmed arrival hotel and further arrival information.**

### Shearwater Explorers Village

Situated in the bohemian town of Victoria Falls, and 400m from the Falls themselves, the affordable accommodation at the Shearwater Explorers Village consists of 5 campsites with modern bathroom facilities, and 16 chalets with en-suite showers and A/C. Shearwater operates a range of activities at the Falls, from bungee jumping to river rafting - and when the day is over, guests can wind down with Wi-Fi in the lounge areas, a drink by the pool, or even a back rub in the massage tent.



### Victoria Falls Rest Camp

Located a stone's throw away from the Artist village & Elephant Walk Shopping is the Victoria Falls Rest Camp. Offering camping and dorm room accommodation, this camp features a year-round outdoor pool and barbecue facilities. Daily continental or cooked breakfast is served at the in-house restaurant, which also offers a variety of local African dishes. Wi-fi is available and some units feature equipped kitchens.



### Thebe River Mobile Safari

No trip to Africa would be complete without spending a night at a mobile safari camp.

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Chobe National Park is home to the largest elephant population in Africa and camping here allows you to truly experience the best of Botswana's landscapes and wildlife. You'll spend your night in one of the dome-shaped tents provided and assist your fellow travellers in setting up and preparing meals. All necessary camping equipment and food are provided, so after eating you can spend your evening unwinding and sharing stories over the roaring campfire.



## Elephant Sands

Set on an unfenced 16,000-hectare private conservancy, this bush lodge brings you face to face with some of Africa's most iconic wildlife. View elephants as they come to drink from the natural waterhole just meters away in front of the lodge. The guestrooms are arranged in spacious chalets and equipped with ensuite bathrooms. A restaurant serves breakfast, lunch and dinner, with a bar offering a range of local and international wines, beers and exotic cocktails. You will also enjoy the outdoor pool, where you can cool off and enjoy the peace and serenity of the African bush.



## Delta Rain Bushcamp

This unique campsite is located in the heart of the Okavango Delta, as part of the Delta Rain safari experience. Accommodation consists of dome tents with twin beds, and "bush en-suite" bathrooms with a long-drop toilet and bucket shower. After settling in, guests can relax in the mess tent, partake in game viewing trips, or go on guided walks, while admiring the beauty of this UNESCO World Heritage Site.



## Kalahari Arms Hotel

Set in the heart of Ghanzi, the gateway to the Kalahari, this hotel was one of the town's first established businesses. Its comfortable guestrooms offer modern amenities including a TV, air-conditioning and tea and coffee making facilities. WiFi is also available throughout the hotel and a restaurant offers tasty dishes from around the world. Guests can lounge on the sun terrace or enjoy a dip in the inviting swimming pool. A bar serves a variety of wines and beverages, which are best enjoyed lazing about the hotel's beautiful gardens.



## Urban Camp

Centrally located in Windhoek (a short walk from the legendary Joe's Beerhouse restaurant), Urban Camp is a comfortable campground combining city convenience with a quiet getaway. Free Wi-Fi, a sparkling pool, and private bathrooms all contribute to an oasis of calm in campsites housing up to 18 people. Nearby is a small shopping centre for amenities, and for sightseers looking to explore the history and architecture of Windhoek, the city centre is less than 2km away.



## Halali Resort

Sitting at the base of Dolomite Hill, Halali Resort sits among shady Mopane trees.

Guest rooms are spacious with en suite facilities and some benefit from their own personal braai (barbecue). The flood lit waterhole can be viewed from an elevated point and provides some of the best game viewing in the park. Jump in the refreshing outdoor pool when the heat of Namibia gets too much! The resort is strategically located halfway between Okaukuejo and Namutoni camps in the beautiful Etosha National Park.



## Eldorado

Family-run Eldorado offers an authentic taste of Namibian hospitality and farm life. Its guestrooms have been individually crafted from existing old farm buildings and provide a private bathroom, coffee making facilities and air conditioning. Guests can grab a bite to eat in the on-site restaurant or enjoy a refreshing drink at the bar. The outdoor pool is also an inviting spot to cool off after a day out wildlife-spotting in the African heat.



## Brandberg White Lady Lodge

Open since 2004, the Brandberg White Lady Lodge is a warm and hospitable lodge at the foot of Namibia's highest mountain. Choose from chalets or rooms, all are well furnished with en suite facilities and a private patio/veranda. There are 2 large outdoor pools perfect for cooling down in. The famous 'White Lady' Bushman painting is a popular half-day excursion from here - which is not to be missed!

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## Adventure Village

Set in the coastal town of Swakopmund, Adventure Village is just a 15-minute walk from attractions such as the fort-like Alte Kaserne and the National Marine Aquarium. Several restaurants and a supermarket are also close by, alongside an on-site snack bar. Its modern guestrooms are simply furnished, with a private bathroom, wardrobe and free WiFi available in public areas. Each of the rooms has also been built out of colourful shipping containers, offering a unique stay within Namibia.



## Elegant Desert Lodge

Offering modern guestrooms and warm Namibian hospitality, this lodge ensures a special desert experience in Namibia. Each tastefully decorated room features an ensuite, tea and coffee making facilities and air conditioning. You can also enjoy views over the vast Namib plains from the adjoining verandas. Other amenities include free WiFi, two lounges, a fire pit and a bar offering refreshing beverages. Breakfast and dinner are served in the on-site restaurant and a sparkling pool overlooks the surrounding grounds. If that wasn't enough, the lodge also has its own watering hole for game viewing.



## Grunau Chalets

Grunau Chalets offers the perfect stopover for those travelling between South Africa and Namibia. Its self-contained accommodation is arranged into chalets that feature a seating area, private bathroom and refrigerator.

The staff here are always happy to help and a shop sells everything from postcards to Namibian biltong. At the restaurant, guests can enjoy some of the best home-made pies in the country or, alternatively, you can light up a campfire and sit back to experience the Namibian sunset.



## Bushwhacked

Set on the banks of the mighty Orange River, Bushwhacked has the essence of a bush camp, but is equipped with modern facilities. It features grassy campsites and, for those wanting the camping experience without having to pitch a tent, there is now a glamping option. Within each glamping unit, you'll find two single beds and bedding, with the benefits of lighting and electricity. Group meals can be provided, and their speciality is a spit braai with fresh bread baked on the coals. Guests can also enjoy a cold beer at the bar and stunning views of the sun setting over the Richtersveld mountain ranges.



## Highlanders

Nestled amongst the farms of the Klawer wine region, Highlanders is set on the Olifants river at the foot of the Cedarberg mountain range. Originally just a campsite, it now boasts 12 luxury rooms within a lodge, each of which are complete with an ensuite and air conditioning. Tasty group meals are on offer including traditional braais or a potjie served with fresh, homemade bread.

Guests can also enjoy a wine tasting of six local varieties. The wine bar and a swimming pool are perfectly positioned to take in the surrounding views whilst you enjoy a glass or two.



### PRICES / DATES INFO

Departure dates noted with a 'G' are guaranteed to operate. All other departure dates are guaranteed with a minimum of 6 persons. Prices shown are per person when there are 2 persons sharing a room. The 'Single supplement' is compulsory for solo travellers or if your booking party cannot reach the minimum of 2 persons in a room and the amount needs to be added to the per person price. The single supplement offers the comfort of your own room and is also available to any other person wanting their own room.

### PRICES / DATES 2021

Date	Twin Share	Single
24 Jul	USD 4,564	USD 5,523
21 Aug	USD 4,564	USD 5,523
04 Sep	USD 4,564	USD 5,523
18 Sep	USD 4,564	USD 5,523
02 Oct	USD 4,564	USD 5,523
16 Oct	USD 4,564	USD 5,523
30 Oct	USD 4,564	USD 5,523
13 Nov	USD 4,564	USD 5,523
27 Nov	USD 4,564	USD 5,523
11 Dec	USD 4,564	USD 5,523
25 Dec	USD 4,564	USD 5,523

### PRICES / DATES 2022

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08 Jan	USD 4,564	USD 5,523
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19 Feb	USD 4,564	USD 5,523

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