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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 Sossuvlei
- 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

DETAILED 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 preperations 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 poler'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 accross 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 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.

Optional Activity: Canoeing on Orange River

Please note: If you booked before 1st October 2019 date then the cost of the canoeing activity is included. For bookings made after 1st October 2019 date the cost of this excursion needs to be paid locally.

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.

Optional Activity: Cederberg wine tasting

Please note: If you booked before 1st October 2019 date then the cost of the wine tasting is included. For bookings made after 1st October

2019 date the cost of this excursion needs to be paid locally.

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 Piekenierskloof 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

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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. 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 domeshaped 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.

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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!



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, Bushwacked 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.



About Overlanding

- To get the most out of your overland tour of Africa we highly suggest you read the 'About Overland Safaris' page on our website. It can be found under the Africa travel guide section on our website and is a comprehensive resource for understanding what to expect on an overland tour in Africa
- Overlanding is not considered a luxury holiday but is undoubtedly a lot of fun
- Africa is a vast continent and distances between the highlights we visit can be very far apart, but some early morning starts and late arrivals into camp will ensure that your time is maximised to see as many sights as possible
- We believe that a flexible approach to travel and good sense of humour are essential when undertaking overland safaris, although we trust that any hiccups in the itinerary will

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be resolved as soon as possible by our trusted partners

Tour Leaders and Groups

Our longest Overland Camping Safari we offer is our Great African Expedition - 57 Days, generally all other safaris we offer are sectors of this larger safari or similarly a fragment of one of the another safari's we offer. As such, on your holiday you may have travellers join you part way through your safari and also there may be travellers who end their safari when you continue on. There may also be times when there is a change of crew and truck (changed to suit group size or local road conditions).

Please Note

This tour is operated in conjunction with our trusted partner and you will join travellers from different operators, not solely On The Go.

This itinerary should be used as a guide only and may vary from day to day depending on road & weather conditions, political situations and group decisions.

All prices & Local Payments are subject to change.

Due to Tourism Laws in some of the countries we visit, there may be a truck and crew change during the trip.

Accommodation

During this tour you'll stay in a mixture of 2-4 star hotels, shared chalets, permanent tented camps as well as some fixed camping tents. All accommodation will have fixed beds and you won't be required to erect any tents. Your accommodation during your trip will have a mixture of en-suite and shared washroom facilities.

For your excursions into the Okovango Delta and Chobe National Park, accommodation will be provided in mobile tented camps and therefore during these nights may be a little more basic than other accommodation during the tour.

Things To Bring

• A rucksack/back pack is the best luggage to bring as your main bag

- · For extra comfort, bring a travel pillow
- A towel
- · Spare camera batteries/film and dustbag
- Mosquito spray (with active DEET ingredient)
- · Your own personal first aid kit
- A torch
- A small daypack for your day-to-day needs.
- · Antibacterial wipes
- A photocopy of your passport data pages
- · Your Yellow Fever Vaccination Certificate
- · Your travel insurance policy details
- · Hat, sunglasses & sunscreen
- Warm clothing raincoat, warm hat, socks, gloves etc as across Africa wet/dry and hot/ cool climatic periods change invariably.

Transport on Tour

Our overland vehicles are custom built converted Mercedes Benz or MAN trucks that have seating

space for our passengers and a storage areas for luggage and all trip equipment. The trucks seat

between 27-30 passengers on our camping trips. Most seats are forward facing, though some models have a combination of forward, backward and some inward facing seats with tables. There is no air-conditioning on board, instead vehicles have sliding glass windows, and the seating area is raised providing a great advantage for game viewing and photography. Seats are cushioned and there is storage space for personal items like cameras, snacks and day packs in the seating area.

Meals on Tour

Meals and menus vary as food is purchased en-route, and is subject to produce that is available

seasonally in the areas we travel through. As we support the local communities along the way, fresh produce is mostly purchased direct from the producer or local grower and therefore has an organic appearance. Our safari cooks are able to offer a wide variety of menus with the ingredients available, even if the produce on offer is not of the same selection as what you may be used to back home. The breakfast spread consists of bread (toast when time allows), spreads and cereals with a hot breakfast every few days. Lunches

are mostly prepared en-route with a supply of 'build your own' sandwich ingredients available. Dinners (when included) are cooked in the evenings on arrival at the campsite. A wide array of dinner menus are on offer during your safari, consisting of curries, stews, pastas, BBQs and even roasts!

On certain days lunch and dinner is not included and will need to be paid for at your own expense. Please check your itinerary for the day by day meal inclusions.

Participation on Tour

All of our overland safaris are participation trips meaning that all passengers are expected to help out around camp. The crew members running the trip will set up a rota system that will be followed. One day you may be on cleaning duty, the next day you may be on cooking duty and so forth. This is not only to make the trip easier for all involved but also for you as the passengers to get to know one another while on trip.

Budgeting

Africa is not as cheap as many people believe and we recommend that you budget between US \$50-70 per day for expenses such as drinks, snacks and curios. Budget more if you plan on buying a lot of souvenirs and budget for your optional excursions and visas separately.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Passports & visas

Please ensure that you have at least two blank pages in your passport, plus an additional blank page for each visa/African country you a visiting. If travelling on one of our longer overland safaris we recommend that you have at least 12 blank pages in your passport.

Please also note that your passport must be valid for a minimum of six months from the end date of your trip.

Any visa information provided in this document is for general guidance purposes only, visa requirements and fees are subject to change. It is essential that you check current entry requirements with each relevant embassy/consulate prior to departure. Visa

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Booking your flights

When booking your departure flight you should allow time at the end of your African safari for any unexpected delays. We recommend that you book your onward flight no earlier than 24 hours after the end of your safari. In the case of our longer overland camping safaris (22 days or more) we advise against making any firm arrangements for at least 48 hours after the scheduled departure date. Your tour leader can help to arrange post tour accommodation locally upon request.

Allergies/likes/dislikes

Whilst all will done to accommodate everyone, sometimes the choice available is limited as your cook may be making the best of very limited availability, so some flexibility may be required when encountering something you're not particularly fond of or have chosen not to eat as a lifestyle choice. Should you possess allergies which will result in an medical emergency or a life threatening situation then please ensure you speak to your cook on arrival so you can discuss the options available whilst en-route. This will ensure also that they are fully aware of what you can or cannot eat and make adjustments.

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Visa

Please be advised that visa requirements are subject to change and that visa procurement is the responsibility of the traveller and not On The Go Tours, therefore it is essential that you check current visa requirements with the embassy before travel. Please also ensure that your passport is valid for at least 6 months from your planned date of departure from Africa.

UK, Ireland, Australian, New Zealand, USA, Canadian and South African citizens do not require a visa for entrance into Botswana.

The few countries that do require visas; mostly Eastern European and Asian Nationals, need to obtain them prior to arrival at the border. Visas are not issued at Botswana ports of entry, if you arrive without a visa, immigration officials will refuse you entry to Botswana.

The border crossings we use in Botswana include:

Muhembo (Botswana/Namibia border) Kazangula (Botswana/Zimbabwe or Zambia border)

Groblerberg/Martin's Drift (South Africa/ Botswana)

Botswana Tourism Levy from 1st June 2017 - postponed until further notice

From the 1st June 2017 a tourism levy of \$30USD is payable when entering Botswana. Payment is taken at the border in US dollars cash, debit or credit card. The Levy is valid for a 30 day period and can be used for multiple entry.

Please note this Levy has been postponed until further notice.

Vaccinations

You should seek medical advice before travelling to Botswana from your local health practitioner and ensure that you receive all of the appropriate vaccinations. As a guide Polio, Diphtheria, Hepatitis A and Tetanus is strongly recommended. Rabies may also be recommended.

There is the risk of malaria in certain areas of Botswana so it is very important to check with your doctor before you go, to see whether malarial medication is required for the areas you are visiting. A valid Yellow Fever vaccination certificate is also required if travelling into Botswana and you have previously been in an infected country.

Currency & Banking

The currency of Botswana is the Botswana Pulas (BWP) 1 Pula = 100 Thebe. Notes are in denominations of BWP10, 20, 50 and 100. Coins are in denominations of BWP1, 50, 25, 10, 5, 1.

There are no restrictions on the import of local or foreign currencies, provided they are declared on arrival. Export of local currency is limited to BWP50 and foreign currencies up to the amount declared on arrival. It is easy to change most forms of currency

including US\$, GB£, Euros and South African Rand. The best place to change money in Botswana is the bureau de changes as banks charge commission to change either cash or travellers cheques. ATMs are available in all main towns, cities, shopping centres and most petrol stations. MasterCard, Visa, American Express and Diners Club are all widely accepted.

Travellers cheques should be in US Dollars or Pound Sterling to avoid additional exchange rate charges. Proof of identity may be requested in some instances, so it's useful to carry a passport or some form of photo identification. In large cities travellers cheques can incur a high surcharge.

Banking hours: Mon-Fri 0900-1530, Sat 0830-1100.

Time & Voltage

Time Zone - Botswana is 2 hours ahead of GMT. Daylight saving time is not observed.

The standard voltage is 220 - 240V. Primary sockets require a 'Type M' - South African, electrical plug which has three thick circular pins. You will need a voltage converter, and plug adapter in order to use U.S. appliances.

Climate

Botswana's climate is mainly temperate. During the summer months (October-April) the weather can be very hot with daytime temperatures of around 30 Celsius and higher. The rainy season (typically lasting from January to March) can be hot with temperatures still in the mid 30's and only dropping to around the mid 20's overnight. Winter (May-September) brings a cool change yet is still reasonably warm and mostly pleasant with an average temperature of around 25°C. Early mornings and evenings may be cold and frosty especially in the Kalahari region. The amount of rainfall decreases the further you travel west or southwards during the winter and rainy season months.

Travelling with children in Botswana

The Ministry of Nationality, Immigration and Gender Affairs informs the general public

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that it has imposed requirements for minors (children under 18) travelling through the county's ports of entry.

Effective from the 1st October 2016 minors travelling through the country's borders will be required to produce certified copies of unabridged birth certificates in addition to their valid passports. In the event that one parent is not travelling with the child, the other parent's affidavit consenting to such travel should be availed. However, an affidavit will not be required if the father's name does not appear on the child's birth certificate."

To summarise the above, should families be travelling with children below the age of 18 they will require the following:

- Valid Passports
- Certified unabridged birth certificates for all minors below the age of 18
- An Affidavit signed by the non-travelling parent should the minor be travelling with one parent

Unfortunately these regulations are very strict therefore we urge all parents travelling to Africa with their children to contact all relevant embassies well prior to departure to ensure they have the correct documentation as if you do not, there is a high chance you will be denied entry.

Namibia Country Guide

Visas

Please be advised that visa requirements are subject to change and that visa procurement is the responsibility of the traveller and not On The Go Tours, therefore it is essential that you check current visa requirements with the embassy before travel. Please also ensure that your passport is valid for at least 6 months from your planned date of departure from Africa

UK, Ireland, Australian, New Zealand, USA, Canadian and South African citizens do not require a visa for stays of up to 90 days in Namibia.

Very few countries require Namibian visas. Those that do require a visa must obtain it prior to departure. Visas are not issued at Namibia ports of entry, if you arrive without a visa, immigration officials will refuse you entry to Namibia.

The border crossings we use in Namibia include:

Noordoewer (South Africa/Namibia border) Muhembo (Namibia/Botswana border)

Under 18s Travelling to Namibia

Parents travelling to Namibia with children (under 18) will be asked to show the child's unabridged (full) birth certificate which lists the child's details and both parents' details. The abridged (short) birth certificate which only lists the child's details won't be accepted. Uncertified copies of birth certificates will not be accepted.

Where only one parent is accompanying a child, parental or legal consent for the child to travel (eg an affidavit from the other parent or – if applicable – a death certificate) is required and there are other requirements for children travelling unaccompanied or with adults who are not their parents.

If you are travelling with children (under 18) it is essential that you contact your Namibian Embassy for further information relating to these regulations. If you do not carry the correct documentation you will not be allowed to enter the country. Obtaining the correct paperwork is the responsibility of the traveller and not On The Go Tours.

Health & Vaccinations

You should seek medical advice before travelling to Namibia from your local health practitioner and ensure that you receive all of the appropriate vaccinations. As a guide Polio, Diphtheria, Hepatitis A & B and Tetanus is strongly recommended. Rabies may also be recommended.

There is the risk of malaria in certain areas of Namibia so it is very important to check with your doctor before you go, to see whether malarial medication is required for the areas you are visiting. A valid Yellow Fever vaccination certificate is also required if travelling into Namibia and you have previously been in an infected country.

Currency

The currency of Namibia is the Namibian Dollar (\$NAD) 1 \$NAD = 100 cents. Notes are in denominations of \$NAD10, 20, 50, 100 and 200. Coins are in denominations of 5, 10, 50, \$NAD1, \$NAD5.

It is possible to change money and use ATMs in all sizeable towns. Bureau de Changes offer quicker and commission free service but are only found in Swakopmund and Windhoek. ATMs are widely accessible and very reliable and offer the best rates of exchange for cards.

The Rand and Namibian dollar are tied to each other on an equal level and as such the Rand and Namibian dollar can be used interchangeably in Namibia. However Namibian dollars are not accepted in South Africa

All unused Namibian Dollars need to be exchanged to South African Rand before leaving Namibia. The Rand can then be used in Botswana or South Africa. Namibian Dollars can be changed to Rand at banks and bureau de changes and swapped over in some shops.

Banking hours: 09:00 to 15:30. Some close between 13:00 and 14:00

Time & Voltage

Time Zone - Namibia is 2 hours ahead of GMT. Daylight saving time is not observed.

Standard voltage in Namibia is 220 - 230V. Primary sockets require a 'Type M' - South African, electrical plug which has three thick circular pins. You will need a voltage converter, and plug adapter in order to use U.S. appliances.

Climate

Namibia's climate is typical of a semi-desert region, with hot days and cool nights. Namibia is blessed with an average of 300 days of sunshine a year. Temperatures are cooler along the coast and on the central plateau. Rainfall is typically low in Namibia and normally only occurs during the summer months from December to March, mostly in the form of heavy thunderstorms. During the winter months from May to September days

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are typically warm but temperatures can drop below freezing at night.

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Visas

Please be advised that visa requirements are subject to change and that visa procurement is the responsibility of the traveller and not On The Go Tours, therefore it is essential that you check current visa requirements with the embassy before travel. Please also ensure that your passport is valid for at least 6 months from your planned date of departure from Africa.

UK, Australian, USA and Canadian citizens do not require a tourist visa for South Africa for stays of up to 90 days.

Since 16th January 2017 all New Zealand passport holders have been required to obtain a visa prior to travelling to South Africa.

Nationalities who don't require a visa are able to get an entry stamp at the border on entering South Africa. Please contact your local South African embassy to find out if you require a visa prior to entering SA. If you are subject to visa requirements, you must apply and receive your visa before your departure for South Africa, visas are not issued at South African ports of entry.

The border crossings we use in South Africa include:

Noordoewer (South Africa/Namibia border) Groblerberg/Martin's Drift (South Africa/ Botswana)

Lebombo (South Africa/Mozambique) Oshoek (Swaziland/South Africa)

Under 18s Travelling To Or Through South Africa

Parents travelling with children (under 18) into or out of South Africa, or transiting in South Africa will be asked to show the child's unabridged (full) birth certificate which lists the child's details and both parents' details. The abridged (short) birth certificate which only lists the child's details won't be accepted. Uncertified copies of birth certificates or copies of the parents/guardians identification will not be accepted. A parental consent

affidavit (PCA) must have a certified copy of the parent's/guardian's identification (ie passport) attached to it.

Where only one parent is accompanying a child, parental or legal consent for the child to travel (eg an affidavit from the other parent or – if applicable – a death certificate) is required and there are other requirements for children travelling unaccompanied or with adults who are not their parents.

If you are travelling with children (under 18) it is essential that you contact the South African High Commission or the South African Department of Home Affairs for further information relating to these regulations. If you do not carry the correct documentation you will not be allowed to enter the country. Obtaining the correct paperwork is the responsibility of the traveller and not On The Go Tours.

Please note: From the 11th November 2019, only a valid passport will be required for foreign minors travelling to South Africa.

Health & Vaccinations

You should seek medical advice before travelling to South Africa from your local health practitioner and ensure that all you receive all of the appropriate vaccinations. As a guide tetanus, diphtheria, polio, hepatitis A (for stays over 4 weeks) and hepatitis B (for stays over 3 months) are recommended.

A yellow fever vaccination certificate is required from travellers over one, coming from infected areas.

A low malaria risk occurs in northern parts of Mpumalanga (as well as Kruger National park, northern and northeastern parts of KwaZulu-Natal). If travelling to these regions and/or the countries north of South Africa, where there is a high malaria risk, we strongly recommend that you take anti-malaria medication. Precautionary measures to take to prevent contact with mosquitoes include: insect repellent, cover up at sundown, sleep under a mosquito net and wear long sleeve clothing and long trousers in the evenings.

Currency

The currency in South Africa is Rand (ZAR; symbol R)

1 Rand = 100 cents. Notes are in denominations of R200, 100, 50, 20 and 10. Coins are in denominations of R5, 2 and 1, and 50, 20, 10 and 5 cents.

Obtaining local currency within South Africa is very easy. ATMs are widely accessible and very reliable and offer the best rates of exchange. International credit cards are accepted in almost all shops, restaurants, hotels and game reserves.

Bureau de changes offer a quick and commission free service but are only found in the main centres such as Cape Town and Johannesburg. Travellers cheques can be changed at banks. These should be in US Dollars or Pound Sterling to avoid additional exchange rate charges. Please note that proof of identity may be requested in some instances, so it's useful to carry a passport or some form of photo identification. Travellers cheques can be difficult to exchange and tend to attract high commission fees.

Banking hours: Mon-Fri 0900-1530, Sat 0830-1100.

Rand can be used in Botswana, Namibia and South Africa, so if you are travelling on one of our overland safaris ample money for these three countries can be obtained prior to beginning your trip in Cape Town or Johannesburg. The Rand and Namibian dollar are tied to each other on an equal level and can be used interchangeably in Namibia. The Rand can also be easily converted to Pula in Botswana at good rates.

Time & Voltage

Time Zone - South Africa is 2 hours ahead of GMT. Daylight saving time is not observed

Standard voltage is 220-230V. Primary sockets require a 'Type M' - South African, electrical plug which has three thick circular pins. You will need a voltage converter, and plug adapter in order to use U.S. appliances.

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Climate

Climatic conditions generally range from Mediterranean in the south western corner of the country to temperate in the interior plateau, and subtropical in the northeast. A small area in the northwest has a desert climate. Most of the country has warm, sunny days and cool nights. Rainfall generally occurs during summer (November-March), although in the southwest, around Cape Town, rainfall occurs in winter (from June-August). Temperatures are influenced by variations in elevation, terrain, and ocean currents.

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Visas

Please be advised that visa requirements are subject to change and that visa procurement is the responsibility of the traveller and not On The Go Tours, therefore it is essential that you check current visa requirements with the embassy before travel. Please also ensure that your passport is valid for at least 6 months from your planned date of departure from Africa

UK, Ireland, Australian, New Zealand, USA and Canadian passport holders require a visa to enter Zimbabwe, these visas are available at the border for the following costs: Australian, New Zealand and US citizens: US \$30 single/\$45 double entry visa. British and Irish is US\$55 single/\$70 double. Canadians can only obtain a single entry visa at the border for US \$75. South African passport holders can obtain a visa for free. Visas can be brought using post 2003 US\$ notes, GB£ or South African Rand.

KAZA Visa

Zimbabwe and Zambia have re-introduced the popular, and much-awaited KAZA (Kavango-Zambezi) "Uni-Visa", which allows visitors to stay in either (or both) countries for up to 30 days for a single payment of US\$50.

The UniVisa is available at Harare, Victoria Falls, Lusaka and Livingstone International airports, the Victoria Falls land border (Zimbabwe/Zambia) and the Kazungula land border (Zimbabwe/Zambia/Botswana).

The border crossings we use in Zimbabwe include:

Kazangula (Botswana/Zimbabwe)

Vaccinations

Seek advice from your doctor or travel clinic at least six weeks prior to departure about what vaccinations you require. Typically the list includes typhoid, tetanus, diphtheria, polio, hepatitis A and B (for stays over 4 weeks).

In Zimbabwe a malarial risk exists from November to June in all areas below 1200m and throughout the year in the Zambezi Valley. We strongly recommend that you take your anti-malaria medication. Other precautionary measures to prevent contact with mosquitoes include: insect repellent, cover up at sundown, sleep under a mosquito net and wear long sleeve clothing and long trousers in the evenings.

Yellow fever: A yellow fever vaccination certificate is required from travellers over one year of age coming from infected areas.

Currency

The Zimbabwean Dollar was abandoned in April 2009. The country has adopted a multi-currency scheme; the US Dollar and South African Rand can be used for domestic transactions.

Zimbabwe is essentially a cash-only society now with ATMs pretty useless for the foreigner. Credit cards only used in a handful of places, however all major hotels will now accept this payment. We recommend bringing enough cash to cover your stay in Zimbabwe (in either USD or ZAR) especially in the smaller denominations (US\$1-20 and ZAR10 - 200) as there is always a shortage of change and shopkeepers will often refuse larger bills. Please also be aware it is illegal to leave Zimbabwe with over \$1000 (or equivalent) in cash.

Zimbabwe introduced Bond Notes into circulation on 28 November 2017 which will be used alongside the US dollar and other currencies. These Bond Notes will be at a 1:1 parity with the US dollar. However, they

are only legal tender within Zimbabwe and as such can only be used there. These Bond notes will be in \$2 and \$5 denominations and there will also be a new \$1 Bond coin.

Banking hours: Mon. Tues, Thurs, Fri -0800-1500, Wed 0800-1300 and Sat -0800-1130. In major towns/cities most banks have an ATM. American Express, Diners Club and Visa cards are widely accepted. Major foreign currencies can be exchanged at bureaux de change and banks at the official exchange rate. Please also be aware it is illegal to leave Zimbabwe with over \$1000 (or equivalent). As of June 2016 it is becoming increasingly difficult to withdraw money from ATMs in Zimbabwe. There is a cash limit of \$500 per day - however a lot of banks are not replenishing the ATMs. It is strongly advised that you bring enough money with you before you enter Zimbabwe and don't rely on getting any whilst there.

Travellers cheques are accepted at banks, these should be in US Dollars or Pound Sterling to avoid additional exchange rate charges. Most banks will want to see your passport and proof of purchase receipt before cashing your travellers cheques. Please Note: Travellers cheques can be difficult to cash so do not rely upon them as your sole source of funds

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Standard voltage is 220-240V. Primary sockets require a 'Type G' - British plug, or 'Type D' - old English plug or Indian plug. You will need a voltage converter and plug adapter in order to use U.S. appliances.

Zimbabwe is 2 hours ahead of GMT. Daylight saving time is not observed.

Climate

Although located in the tropics, temperate conditions prevail all year round in Zimbabwe as the climate is moderated by altitude and the inland position of the country.

Zimbabwe has a rainy season from November/December to March, during this time days are hot and sunny with possible afternoon thunderstorms. By April and May most of the rain is gone, skies are



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clear and days are sunny and warm. Night time temperatures drop dramatically between June and August although daytime temperatures remain pleasantly warm. Late August sees the start of the hot and dry season which continues until October.

Zambian Airport Departure Tax

NOTES FOR THOSE FLYING OUT OF LIVINGSTONE AIRPORT IN ZAMBIA

An airport departure tax is in place for all flights departing from Zambian airports. It will no longer be included on the ticket and will now be collected in Zambian Kwacha cash direct from the passenger. The amount payable is currently K28,000 for Domestic Flights and K56,000 for International Flights and is payable on departure from all Zambian airports. Passengers need to have ZMK cash available for this tax. Please note, departure taxes are subject to change.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

We offer a number of locally operated optional activities and excursions on each of our expeditions. We feel that offering optional excursions affords a greater degree of flexibility, independence and choice to our travellers. To help you budget, below is a selection of optional excursions available on this trip.

Please note the following:

All prices are in US Dollars and are subject to change. Where activities occur away from your base, there may be an additional transfer cost. Make sure you have \$US dollars with you before you travel to Africa as it is notoriously difficult to get them here.

Victoria Falls activities (if applicable) - must be paid for in US\$ cash (GBP & ZAR also accepted at a lower rate).

Gorilla Trekking (if applicable) - the price varies dependant on where gorilla trek takes place ie Uganda, DRC or Rwanda.

We offer camping excursions in the Serengeti/ Ngorongoro Crater and Okavango Delta.

All optional excursions are offered by 3rd parties and independently of On The Go Tours. They are undertaken at your own risk

and On The Go Tours take no responsibility for personal loss/injury caused.

Botswana

Chobe National Park Game Drive US \$80

Chobe River Cruise US \$70

Ghanzi San Bushmen Experience US \$15

Scenic Flight Over Okavango Delta (5 per plane) US \$140 per person

Namibia

Quad Biking Swakopmund US \$130

Sandboarding Swakopmund US\$90

Sky Diving Swakopmund US \$270

Township Tour Swakopmund US \$70

Zimbabwe

Bungee Jump (111m) US \$130

Helicopter Over The Falls 15 mins US \$165

Microlight Over The Falls 15 mins US \$180

Rafting & Boarding Combo Low Water (Excl USD10 NP Fee) US \$190

Rafting On The Zambezi Full Day US \$150