

Falls to Joburg

12 days | Victoria Falls to Johannesburg



Kicking off at the majestic Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe and travelling through to South Africa's world famous Kruger National Park, taking in the best of Botswana along the way.

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- Kruger National Park - take a game drive through the famous national park, which is home to more species of mammals than any other in Africa
- Victoria Falls - admire the thundering falls and join optional activities including horseback safaris and a visit to a crocodile ranch
- Okavango Delta - ride along the famous waterways aboard a traditional mokoro and camp in the heart of the Okavango
- Chobe National Park - enjoy a river cruise in the national park and look out for large herds of elephants
- Panorama Route - drive along the iconic scenic road and admire the view at numerous points including Gods Window
- Johannesburg - end your safari in the South African metropolis and opt to extend your stay to explore the city

- Palapye - camp at the small Botswanan town, which is a popular stop over for travellers on their way to South Africa

What's Included

- 10 breakfasts, 9 lunches and 9 dinners
- 1st night dorm/camping in Victoria Falls and 10 nights camping. Tents and sleeping mats provided
- Arrival transfer from Vic Falls Airport on day 1
- A fully equipped overland truck for transportation and game drives
- Services of 3 person crew (leader, driver, cook)
- Chobe River boat trip
- 2 day/1 night Okavango Delta Excursion (camping)
- All camping fees and appropriate equipment
- Park entry - Victoria Falls NP. Park entry and game drives - Kruger NP
- All road taxes and tolls

What's Not Included

- International flights and visas
- Sleeping bag - please bring your own
- Accommodation upgrade fee - payable locally. Please see trip notes for more details.
- Optional activities
- Tipping - an entirely personal gesture

Local Payment

\$690pp, paid in USD.

The local payment is a cost per person which needs to be paid in US Dollars cash only. It is this payment which in part covers the park fees and other inclusions such as meals as detailed under 'what you get'. The local payment also covers your arrival transfer and 1st night's accommodation. Please note that due to exchange rate fluctuations in the US dollar, the local payment amount may be subject to changes. This payment will be collected by your tour leader at the Welcome Meeting on day 1.

ITINERARY

Day 1 : Victoria Falls

Saturday. Welcome to Victoria Falls, one of the most spectacular natural wonders of the world! Included transfer to our campsite. On day 1 there is a pre-departure meeting at 17:00hrs. **Overnight - Victoria Falls**

Day 2 : Victoria Falls

Today is spent relaxing or participating in a myriad of optional excursions. Named after the famous World Heritage site and Water Falls, the town of Victoria Falls is situated on the Zambezi River and surrounded by the Victoria Falls National Park. Our campsite is conveniently situated in the centre of town, and within walking distance of the adventure booking agents, restaurants and shops. A 20 minute walk down the main road takes you to the entry point to view the falls, which are situated between Zimbabwe and

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Zambia. Victoria Falls, or Mosi-oa-Tunya (the Smoke that Thunders), was named by David Livingstone on his explorations, and is one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. At 1700 m wide and around 100 m high, this is the world's largest sheet of falling water and a memorable sight on any African Safari!

Our exciting range of optional excursions include horseback safaris, a visit to the crocodile ranch, boat cruises and golf at The Elephant Hills Resort. Adrenalin 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 also world class. **Overnight - Victoria Falls**

Day 3 : Chobe River



Victoria Falls - Chobe (Botswana). This morning we leave Victoria Falls and cross the border into Botswana, and head to Kasane on the banks of the Chobe River. Chobe is one of Botswana's premier game parks, renowned for the large herds of elephant around the river. This afternoon enjoy an included boat cruise along the river spotting the elephants and hippos. **Overnight - Kasane (B, L, D)**

Day 4 : Nata Region

Kasane - Nata Region. We leave this beautiful part of Botswana behind us this morning as we depart to the lush campsite called Elephant Sands. The drive will take you through a very unpopulated landscape where the donkeys roam freely. Once we have arrived at our campsite you will have the option of partaking in a game drive or a bushwalk. Your crew will

provide you with more information. **Overnight - Nata Region (B, L, D)**

Days 5-6 : Okavango Delta

Nata Region - Maun - Okavango Delta. Maun is the starting point for the trip into the Delta and it is from here that we can set off to explore the Okavango Delta. Tonight we prepare our provisions and packs for our overnight excursion. We suggest bringing along a smaller day pack on your trip which can be used to pack the supplies needed for this short excursion. Your trip leader will brief you fully on what is needed, and what to expect prior to your trip into the Delta.

On day 6 we take an overnight excursion into the Delta. After an early rise, we pack our expedition vehicle and from Maun we drive north for a couple of hours to reach the mokoro poler's station. The Delta region is studded with many local villages where many families live in a traditional way. Some of the villages are very remote and can only be reached by the traditional mode of transport - the Mokoro. Mokoros are dugout canoes manoeuvred through the waterways by local guides who "pole" them through the reeds. At the Mokoro station, we meet our 'Polers' and pack our supplies before heading out into the waterways. After a couple of hours along the waterways, we arrive at our mobile tented camp situated in the heart of the Okavango.

On arrival you will meet the local staff who will be your host during your stay. A brief introduction to the camp will show you your dome tent with twin beds and a bush ensuite bathroom - long drop toilet and a bucket shower. Relax in the tent with a cold drink or take a paddle in the Delta in a canoe. The activities at the camp include Mokoro trails and guided walking. **Overnight - Maun (1) Okavango Delta (1) (B:2, L:2, D:2)**

Day 7 : Maun



Okavango Delta - Maun. This morning we pack up and set off back to Maun. After our Mokoro ride and vehicle transfer, we arrive back in the afternoon and have the chance to complete our picture of the Okavango Delta by taking an optional scenic flight over the Delta (dependent on weather conditions & availability). **Overnight - Maun (B, L, D)**

Days 8-9 : Blyde River Canyon

Maun - Palapye - Polokwane. Heading out early, we have a fairly long (450kms) drive today to the small town of Palapye, situated about halfway between Francistown and Gaborone. This popular 'stopover' town for those en route to South Africa, is well known for the Morupule Colliery coal mines which supplies Morupule Power Station, Botswana's principal domestic source of electricity.

The following morning we cross into South Africa and stop to sightsee at the impressive Blyde River Canyon. Named for the Blyde River that runs through it, the canyon is 26km long, and averages 800m deep and forms the northern edge of the impressive Drakensberg Mountain Range. It is classified as a 'green canyon' due to the uncommon occurrence of vegetation that lines it (uncommon as most canyons are in desert areas and are fairly barren). The main viewpoints along the canyon are the 3 Rondavels, named for the shape of the traditional huts or houses the indigenous people of the area used to live in; and Gods Window that affords a breathtaking view across the canyon and surrounding area. **Overnight - Polokwane (1) Blydepoort (1) (B:2, L:2, D:2)**

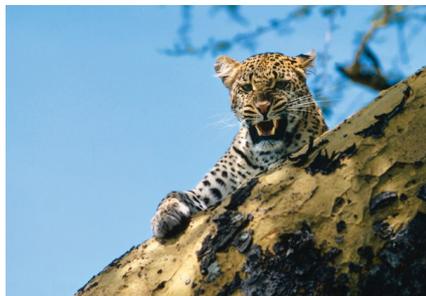
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Days 10-11 : Kruger National Park



Polokwane - Nkambeni Camp. Heading through the breathtaking Panorama Route, we stop off at various viewpoints today including scenic God's Window. We pass through the small town of Graskop, and head toward the Kruger National Park and our campsite on the border of the park. Situated just 10km from Kruger's Phabeni Gate, the camp is home to Giraffe, Zebra and Hippo to name but a few. After settling in to our camp, we embark on a nighttime game drive.

The following day we visit the amazing Kruger National Park in search of some of the 146 mammals, 500 bird, 114 reptile, 33 amphibian & 49 fish species that make this park their home. We travel in our truck along the main game viewing routes within the park and stop off at some of the camps along the way.
Overnight - Kruger National Park (B:2, L:2, D:2)

Day 12 : Johannesburg

Nkambeni Camp - Johannesburg. After breakfast we drive to Kempton Park, Johannesburg. Our late afternoon arrival marks the end of our adventure.
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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.

N1 Hotel & Campsite

Located within the town of Victoria Falls, the N1 Hotel offers affordable accommodation, within walking distance to many visitor attractions including the entrance to the mighty Victoria Falls, and consists of en-suite, dorm or camping style accommodation depending on your budget. Guests can enjoy a full English/Irish breakfast at the onsite restaurant or relax by the pool after a day of exploring.



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.



PRICES / DATES INFO

Departure dates noted with a 'G' are guaranteed to operate. All other departure dates are guaranteed with a minimum of 4 persons. Prices shown above are per person travelling. Single travellers will be placed in their own tents.

PRICES / DATES 2020

Date	Twin Share	Single
26 Dec	USD 1,307	USD 2,420

PRICES / DATES 2021

Date	Twin Share	Single
06 Mar	USD 1,228	USD 2,341
03 Apr	USD 1,228	USD 2,341
01 May	USD 1,228	USD 2,341
29 May	USD 1,228	USD 2,341
26 Jun	USD 1,228	USD 2,341
10 Jul	USD 1,307	USD 2,420
24 Jul	USD 1,307	USD 2,420
21 Aug	USD 1,307	USD 2,420
18 Sep	USD 1,228	USD 2,341
02 Oct	USD 1,228	USD 2,341
16 Oct	USD 1,228	USD 2,341
13 Nov	USD 1,228	USD 2,341
11 Dec	USD 1,228	USD 2,341

PRICES / DATES 2022

Date	Twin Share	Single
08 Jan	USD 1,113	USD 1,113
19 Feb	USD 1,228	USD 2,341
19 Mar	USD 1,228	USD 2,341
16 Apr	USD 1,228	USD 2,341
14 May	USD 1,228	USD 2,341
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