

Luggage Included Highlights

Kruger NP, Full Day Open Vehicle Game Drive with Resident Guide
 Shangaan Cultural Evening
 Matobo National Park, Open Vehicle Drive and Wilderness Walk with Resident Guide*
 Mosi Oa Tunya NP, Victoria Falls Visit
 Chobe NP, Fish Eagle Boat Cruise*
 Chobe NP Open Vehicle Game Drive with Resident Guide*
 Okavango Delta Wilderness Excursion, Mokoro/Walking Safari*

Kalahari Bushman Walk
 Etosha NP, Game Drives
 Spitzkoppe, Bushman Paintings
 Sossusvlei 4x4 Shuttle*
 Dune 45
 Sesriem Canyon

***Highlights are included in the Adventure Pass**

Intended Itinerary

It is our intention to adhere to the route described below but a certain amount of flexibility is built into the tour and on occasion it may be necessary or desirable to make alterations to the published itinerary. Please therefore treat the following as a guide only. This is a participation tour and travels together with the camping counterpart.

Your tour starts in **Pretoria**, South Africa's administrative capital. Close enough to Johannesburg to almost be considered a suburb, Pretoria is known as the Jacaranda City, with purple blossoms covering the streets in October each year. Pretoria boasts many sights of interest – such as the 10m bronze statue of Nelson Mandela standing beside the historic Union Buildings. Various cultural sites, shops, bars and restaurants are within an easy walk of our recommended hotel (and tour start point).

How do I get to Pretoria? Simple. Book a transfer before you leave home to meet you at Johannesburg's OR Tambo International and take you direct to the hotel in Pretoria. Journey time is about 45 minutes depending on traffic. We particularly recommend a pre-booked transfer if you are arriving late. Alternatively, there is a regular low cost train service called the Gautrain which runs from OR Tambo International to both Johannesburg and Pretoria. If the train interests you, email or ask Travel Talk for more information.

The description below assumes you have purchased the optional Adventure Pass for the tour.

Duration: 25 Days
Countries visited: Zimbabwe, Zambia, Botswana, Namibia and South Africa

Day 1:
Pretoria – Hazyview – Kruger National Park
 Distance travelled: +/- 390 Km
 Approx driving time: 7 Hours

From Pretoria - South Africa's administrative city - we travel via the panoramic region of Mpumalanga with its beautiful scenery and dramatic escarpment views, to South Africa's famed national park – Kruger. Fences between the National Park and surrounding private reserves were removed several years ago to form the Greater Kruger, an area of some 24000 sq km. Wildlife is free to roam the whole enormous area and it has become incredibly diverse in both fauna and flora. From the dwarf mongoose to the famed 'Big Five', almost every major African mammal (over 148 species) is present. There is also prolific birdlife (over 505 species) and over 330 varieties of trees. This evening we enjoy Shangaan tribal dancing and singing around an open fire.

Accommodation: Hotel Numbi – Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities
Meals included: Dinner

WIFI: No
Optional Activities: Nil

Day 2:
Hazyview – Kruger National Park
 Approx driving time: Full day with game drives

Waking early, we board our 4x4 game viewing vehicles with a resident guide for an intense but rewarding day in Kruger National Park. The impressive atmosphere of the park enables you to see why it is held in such high esteem amongst visitors from all over the world. We game drive in the morning and afternoon in search for the abundance of wildlife including the 'Big 5' – Rhino, elephant, buffalo, leopard and lion together with a high density of other mammals and diverse bird species such as eagles, hornbills, vultures and bee eaters. We break during the middle of the day to enjoy the peace of the rest camp and wait out the hottest part of the day (when wildlife is usually less active). We then continue our game drive through the park exiting in the late afternoon and continue to our accommodation for the night.

Accommodation: Hotel Numbi – Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

WIFI: No

Optional Activities: Kruger Night Game Drive US\$60

Day 3:

Hazyview, Greater Kruger – Tshipise, South Africa

Distance Travelled: +/- 400 Km

Approx driving time: 7 Hours

Leaving the Greater Kruger, we travel north through South Africa's lush countryside to Tshipise, a town situated in the northern Limpopo province. Our accommodation is located at Forever Resorts at the foot of one of Limpopo's rolling koppies set adjacent the Honnet Nature Reserve. There are hot springs in the resort offering a variety of swimming pools to enjoy. The area is surrounded by dense woodland comprising of Mopani, Red Bushwillow, Jakkalsbessie trees – and the third largest Baobab tree in South Africa.

Accommodation: Forever Resorts – Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

WIFI: No

Optional Activities: Nil

Day 4:

Tshipise, South Africa - Bulawayo, Zimbabwe

Distance travelled: +/- 400 Km

Approx driving time: 10 Hours

After a refreshing night's sleep, we make our way across the border to Zimbabwe and on to Bulawayo, a pleasant city with broad tree lined avenues and wide-open spaces. On arrival we stop for supplies before heading to our campsite. The rest of the afternoon is yours to explore the surrounds at leisure.

Accommodation: Burke's Paradise - Twin share accommodation with shared facilities (Note: A towel is not provided at the accommodation)

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

WIFI: Yes (payable)

Optional Activities: Nil

Day 5:

Matobo NP

Included Activity: Nature Drive and Wilderness Walk - half day

Matobo National Park is located a short distance outside Bulawayo and knowledgeable guides will take us to this very impressive park. This reserve has the largest concentration of Black and White Rhino in Africa and, provided conditions are right, our guides will lead us on foot to some of the more

concealed places in search of these magnificent animals. The park also has the densest population of leopard and black eagle in the world and we keep our eyes peeled high and low for these creatures. This half day tour will end after the walk and a vehicle will transfer you back to the camp for an afternoon at leisure.

Optional Full Day: The wind-sculptured Matobo Hills are home to numerous Bushman paintings of which we get to visit on this optional full day tour. The hills are also home to the grave site of Cecil John Rhodes who chose this as his burial place owing to the intense natural beauty and startling views from the hills. His grave can be visited at World's View - a place of continual debate owing to his involvement in claiming the land and its people for Queen & Country in colonial times.

Accommodation: Burke's Paradise - Twin share accommodation with shared facilities (Note: A towel is not provided at the accommodation)

WIFI: Yes (payable)

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Optional Activities: Upgrade to full day tour including Bushman paintings, historical tour and Cecil Rhodes Grave US\$55

Day 6:

Bulawayo – Livingstone, Zambia

Distance travelled: +/- 450 Km

Approx driving time: 10 Hours

Moving on from Bulawayo we continue north, and pass through the town of Victoria Falls, before crossing the border into Zambia, we travel the short distance to the Waterfront Resort a few kilometres from Livingstone. Situated on the banks of the Zambezi River, the Victoria Falls Waterfront has a restaurant and small deck/terrace overlooking the river and is a base and booking point for the numerous optional activities available in the area. Staff will give a full briefing on what can be booked (typically including rafting, canoeing, bungee, abseiling, gorge swinging, scenic flights and river cruises). Choose your activity at leisure, if time allows or else simply relax and enjoy the mighty Zambezi as it flows past your vantage point.

A visit to the Mosi Oa Tunya National Park is included in your tour – be sure not to miss it - at over a mile wide and some 100 metres deep the Falls at high water form the largest curtain of falling water in the world with spray visible from 20 kilometres away (hence the local name Mosi Oa Tunya, or 'Smoke that Thunders'). At low water the Zambezi dries so much that it is possible to walk out onto the river bed itself!

N.B: For the sake of practicality, meals in Livingstone/Victoria Falls area are restricted to breakfasts. This allows you to enjoy the optional activities without

having to be back with the group at mealtimes. The Waterfront restaurant overlooks the Zambezi River and offers a selection of simple and reasonably priced meals and snacks throughout the day (allow US\$15-\$30 per meal). Relax and enjoy at your own leisure, or alternatively, take a taxi into Livingstone to try local fare.

Accommodation: *The Victoria Falls Waterfront – Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities*

Meals included: *Breakfast*

WIFI: *Yes*

Optional Activities: *See day 7*

Day 7:

Livingstone, Victoria Falls, Zambia

We have a free day in Livingstone today to explore the town. Spend your leisure day in Livingstone exploring the activities, town and markets or simply relax poolside at the Victoria Falls Waterfront. The perfect time to catch up on your social media and share your experiences before heading off into the Southern Africa part of your holiday.

Accommodation: *The Victoria Falls Waterfront – Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities*

Meals included: *Breakfast*

WIFI: *Yes*

Optional Activities: *Bungee Jumping US\$160, Full Day Abseil US\$190, Mosi Oa Tunya National Park Game Walk US\$110, Chief Mukumi Village Tour US\$50, Gorge Swing US\$95, Zambezi Jet Boat & Cable Car from US\$215, Half Day Canoe US\$115, Zambezi Sunset Cruise US\$70, Full Day White-water Rafting US\$180, Helicopter/Microlight Flights from US\$195, Half Day Fishing US\$145, Bridge Tour US\$65*

Day 8:

Livingstone – Kasane, Botswana

Distance travelled: +/- 80 Km

Approx driving time: 1.5 Hours

Moving on from Livingstone, we travel a short distance to the Botswana border and on to the town of Kasane - the gateway to Chobe National Park. By size, Chobe is the third largest park in the country and is the most diverse - home to elephant, lion, buffalo, hippo and abundant birdlife, including the famous African fish eagle. We take a Fish Eagle cruise on the Chobe River – a great opportunity to see hippo and perhaps elephant or buffalo coming to the river to bathe and drink. The Chobe River is a major watering spot for large breeding herds of elephants, as well as families of giraffe, sable and buffalo. The flood plains are the only place in Botswana where the puku antelope can be seen. Birding is also excellent here. When in flood, spoonbills, ibis, and various species of stork and other waterfowl flock to the area.

Please note that some group members may be ending or starting their tour in Livingstone.

Accommodation: *Thebe River Lodge - Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities*

Meals included: *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

WIFI: *Yes*

Optional Activities: *Nil*

Day 9:

Chobe National Park – Elephant Sands, Nata

Distance travelled: +/- 270 Km

Approx driving time: 5 Hours

This morning we head out to explore the Chobe National Park in an open vehicle game drive where we may have the opportunity to spot not only elephant that are so prolific in the park, but also lion and different antelope species. Moving on from Chobe we continue south and may still encounter elephant and buffalo alongside the road. We arrive to our accommodation in the afternoon. There are no fences and wildlife roams freely. Many groups report seeing elephant and antelope at close proximity from the accommodation - a very relaxing way to view wildlife!

Accommodation: *Elephant Sands Lodge - Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities*

Meals included: *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

WIFI: *No*

Optional Activities: *Nil*

Day 10:

Elephant Sands, Nata - Maun

Distance travelled: +/- 360 Km

Approx driving time: 5 Hours

We leave Elephant Sands and make our way to Maun, the gateway to the Okavango Delta. Maun is an eclectic mix of modern buildings and native dwellings. Although officially still a village, Maun has developed rapidly from a rural frontier town to a community that has spread along the wide banks of the Thamalakane River. This is an area where red lechwe antelope can still be seen grazing alongside local donkeys, goats and cattle. Since Maun's founding in 1915 it has had a reputation as a hard-living 'Wild West' town helping the local cattle ranching and hunting operations. Maun today is a thriving tourist town famous for its donkey population and to a lesser extent, goats. These animals can be seen standing around town as they are used by local traders and farmers alike to transport their wares to sell on the curb side.

NB: If time allows, we have the opportunity to take an optional scenic flight over the Okavango Delta, either this

afternoon or on Day 12 on our return from the Delta excursion

Accommodation: Delta Rain's Sitatunga Camp - Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

WIFI: Yes (Bar area only)

Optional Activities: Okavango Delta Scenic Flight per 5-seater plane – 45 min flight time from US\$650, Maun Horse Riding (2 Hours) US\$65, Helicopter Scenic Flight per 3-seater chopper – 22 min flight time for \$450

Day 11:

Okavango Delta

Leaving the accommodation in Maun we begin our excursion into the Okavango Delta in an open 4x4 safari vehicle to the mokoro station. Here we will be introduced to the local Tswana Polers who will be our guides for our overnight expedition. We travel by mokoro (dugout canoe) amongst the giant lily pads, tall grasses and labyrinthine channels in search of resident wildlife, making our way to our tented camp. The Okavango is a natural wetland spreading over some 1.6million hectares and offers a perfect habitat for the many species of wildlife that roam here freely. The Okavango River rises in Angola (farther to the north) and flows south, dividing repeatedly after crossing into Botswana to form an intricate floodplain of channels, which spread out into a broad flat inland delta – the only one of its kind in the world. We enjoy the afternoon wilderness experience and overnight listening to the sounds of the African night - an unforgettable experience!

Accommodation: Elephant Camp – Twin share pre-erected tents with en-suite facilities (basic-style bucket shower & toilet)

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

WIFI: No

Optional Activities: Nil

Day 12:

Okavango Delta - Maun

Distance travelled: +/- 50 Km

Approx driving time: transfer 2 hours

This morning we take an easy paced mokoro ride out of the Okavango Delta back to the polers' station from where we will drive back to Maun. We aim to get back to Maun around lunch time to allow for the opportunity to enjoy an optional scenic flight over this spectacular UNESCO world heritage site. Alternatively, the afternoon can be spent at leisure at the pool.

Accommodation: Delta Rain's Sitatunga Camp - Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

WIFI: Yes (Bar area only)

Optional Activities: See Day 10

Day 13:

Maun, Botswana – Omaheke Region, near Gobabis, Namibia

Distance travelled: +/- 520 Km

Approx driving time: 9 Hours

We leave Maun and make our way via Ghanzi, which skirts the Kalahari Desert to the Border of Namibia. Our camp is a short distance from the border in the Omaheke Region of Gobabis. Here, in this midst of this serene beauty we meet the San/Bushman and have a guided bush walk for a cultural experience and insight into these ancient people's way of life. We learn how they work with nature and manage the renewable resources found in their natural surroundings without damaging the fragile balance of this ecosystem - something we can all learn from. Your support of this ecotourism venture gives the San/Bushman a sustainable income and helps keep their culture alive.

NB: Due to a long travel day and a border crossing into Namibia, the Bushman walk may move to the morning of day 14.

Accommodation: Zelda's Guest Farm - Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

WIFI: No

Optional Activities: Nil

Day 14:

Omaheke Region, near Gobabis – Windhoek, Namibia

Distance travelled: +/- 310 Km

Approx driving time: 4 Hours

Situated in a basin between the Khomas Highland, Auas and Eros Mountains, Windhoek (population approx 200,000) is small capital by global standards. The city centre is characterised by a proliferation of German style buildings, a lasting reminder of Namibia's early colonial history. Take the opportunity to enjoy a night out at one of the local restaurants or visit the famous 'Joe's Beer House'

Accommodation: Urban Camp - Twin share accommodation with shared facilities

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

WIFI: Yes

Optional Activities: Nil

Day 15:

Windhoek – Etosha National Park

Distance travelled: +/- 420 Km

Approx driving time: 8.5 hours

We make our way north to Etosha National Park, a vast reserve of over 20,000 sq km surrounding a central salt depression or pan. The pan is seasonally full of water, but specially managed waterholes sustain some 114 mammal and 340 bird species throughout the rest of the year. We spend two nights here, usually near a floodlit waterhole. Observers frequently see a range of night visitors including elephant, giraffe, zebra, even lion and hyena, making it one of the most memorable wildlife encounters in Namibia - a truly African experience and a highlight of any trip to Namibia. We have a short afternoon game drive on entering the park on our way to the accommodation.

Please note that some group members may be ending or starting their tour in Windhoek.

Accommodation: Okaukuejo or Halali or Namutoni Camp - Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

WIFI: No

Optional Activities: Nil

Day 16:

Etosha National Park

Distance travelled: +/- 250 Km

Approx driving time: Full day including game drives

Today, we enjoy a full day game driving in this magnificent animal kingdom - taking in the park's main characteristic, the salt pan. Despite the dry nature of the terrain, the park sustains a wide variety of bird species including the large kori bustard, secretary bird and many other seed & insect eaters, as well as birds of prey.

After a full day game driving we return to our accommodation, or onto the next and enjoy our last evening around the floodlit watering holes, observing natural animal behaviour at its best.

Accommodation: Okaukuejo or Halali or Namutoni Camp - Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

WIFI: No

Optional Activities: Nil

Day 17:

Etosha National Park – Spitzkoppe

Distance travelled: +/- 420 Km

Approx driving time: 6 hours

We game drive out of Etosha National Park and turn south making our way to the beautiful Damaraland region where we explore the eerie Spitzkoppe where ancient bushman paintings are still visible. The giant boulder-like rock formations reach a peak at some 1800m above sea level and create a spectacular view. Take your time to explore the area and its delightful calmness. Keep an eye on the ever-changing colour of the rock, especially during sunrise and

sunset, when they acquire intense red shades. The most impressive rock painting is "Bushman Paradise" and the natural rock bridge is a favourite viewpoint.

NB: Please take care if climbing onto the rocky outcrops. The surfaces have been smoothed by aeons of sun, wind and blown dust: they can be extremely slippery especially if you are not wearing suitable footwear.

The Spitzkoppe Rest camp lies at the base of the mountain and is owned and maintained by the local community to which all proceeds from our visit to Spitzkoppe go.

Accommodation: Spitzkoppe Community Camp - Twin shared canvas tents with mattress, sleeping bag and pillow provided with basic facilities

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

WIFI: No

Optional Activities: Nil

Day 18:

Spitzkoppe - Swakopmund

Distance travelled: +/- 150 Km

Approx driving time: 3 Hours

Departing the granite infused Spitzkoppe, we make our way to the Atlantic coast and to Swakopmund. Swakopmund makes for a refreshing change with cooler Atlantic sea air, a taste of civilization and a swathe of exciting things to do and places to explore. Try some adventure desert-based activities like quad biking, sand boarding, skydiving (weather permitting). For those seeking a quieter life, enjoy the other side of Swakopmund: shops, restaurants, museums, the aquarium, art galleries or simply walk along the promenade admiring the ocean, the quaint German-style architecture and indulge in the town's café culture.

N.B: For the sake of practicality, meals in Swakopmund are restricted to breakfasts. This allows you to take on half day or full day activities (some of which include lunch) without having to be back for meal times. Swakopmund town offers a variety of bakeries and cafes with a selection of reasonably priced meals (allow ZAR 80-150 per meal). Relax and enjoy these days at your own leisure.

Please note that some group members may leave their tour on this day.

Accommodation: Amanpuri - Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities

Meals included: Breakfast

WIFI: Yes

Optional Activities: See day 19

Day 19: Swakopmund

Today is a free day to enjoy all this quaint seaside town has to offer - from the many optional activities to the German patisseries, cafés and restaurants.

Accommodation: Amanpuri - Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities

Meals included: Breakfast

WIFI: Yes

Optional Activities: Sandboarding - Stand Up US\$50
Sandboarding - Lay down US\$40, Quad Biking US\$45,
Skydiving US\$200, Deep Sea Fishing US\$120, Scenic Flights
US\$360, Swakopmund Township Tour US\$40, Dolphin and
Seal Cruise US\$60, Kayaking US\$60

Day 20: Swakopmund to Sossus On Foot Camp

Distance travelled: +/- 260 Km

Approx driving time: 4.5 Hours

Continuing south, we cross over the Tropic of Capricorn, stopping for a photo opportunity en route to our stunning desert campsite in the Khomas region of Namibia.

Accommodation: Sossus On Foot Camp - Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

WIFI: No

Optional Activities: Desert Experience US\$25

Day 21: Sossus On Foot Camp – Sesriem area

Distance travelled: +/- 200 Km

Approx driving time: 5 Hours

This morning we leave our desert camp early and enter the National Park to trek to the top of famous Dune 45. It's a spectacular sight but be warned, it's not an easy feat to reach the top as some dunes are over 300m high! After a well-earned breakfast we continue deeper into the park for a short shuttle ride and nature walk to 'Dead Vlei', amidst the giant sand dunes – a real glimpse of Namibia's unspoilt natural environment. Bring your camera – the shifting colours of the desert as the sun climbs throughout the mid/late morning offer some brilliant photographic opportunities. Departing from the dunes, we stop off at the smaller Sesriem Canyon where the multiple layers of rock and pebbles make for an interesting insight to what lies beneath the mountains of sand. Thereafter we make our way to our accommodation for the night.

Accommodation: Sossus Oasis Overland Camp - Twin shared canvas tents with mattress, sleeping bag and pillow provided with basic facilities

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

WIFI: No

Optional Activities: Nil

Day 22: Sesriem area- Fish River Canyon

Distance travelled: +/- 550 Km

Approx driving time: 10 Hours

Today we drive south through barren and rocky landscapes, dotted with quiver trees, to the world's second largest canyon. Fish River Canyon is one of the natural wonders of Africa, some 500m deep and over 160km long. Again, there are plenty of opportunities for keen photographers as we spend time around this area and visit the canyon's infamous sharp river bend known as 'Hell's Corner.'

Accommodation: Canyon Roadhouse - Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

WIFI: Yes

Optional Activities: Nil

Day 23: Fish River Canyon – Orange (Gariiep) River

Distance travelled: +/- 180 Km

Approx driving day: 3.5 Hours

Leaving the mighty Fish River Canyon, we travel south to the Gariiep (Orange) river. Our campsite lies on the banks of the river on the Namibia side. On arrival we have the opportunity to partake in an optional canoe safari on the river to see the striking Richtersveld scenery, or simply relax on the water's edge at camp.

Accommodation: Felix Unite - Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

WIFI: No

Optional Activities: Canoe Safari US\$40

Day 24: Orange (Gariiep) River – Cederberg Region

Distance travelled: +/- 400 Km

Approx driving day: 8 Hours

This morning, we cross the border into South Africa and continue south passing through Namaqualand, well known for its prolific display of wildflowers that occur in spring (best seen between August – September). We camp at a picturesque campsite nestled near the Olifants River. Here we have the opportunity to sample some of the beautiful wines of the region.

Accommodation: Highlanders Camp - Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

WIFI: No

Optional Activities: Wine Tasting US\$10

Day 25:**Cederberg Region – Cape Town**

Distance travelled: +/- 260 Km

Approx driving day: 4.5 Hours

We leave the scenic Cederberg area and travel south, passing the rich fruit growing area of Citrusdal and the spectacular views as we meander down the Picketberg Pass

to the Western Cape Province. We continue to cosmopolitan Cape Town - without a doubt one of the world's most beautiful cities, where our tour ends. If time allows we recommend you spend a few days exploring the city and surroundings. Take advantage of the variety of activities normally available here.

Accommodation: None

Meals included: Breakfast.

WIFI: Yes (Cape Town Accommodation)

Optional Activities: Nil

Tour Information**TOUR STYLE:**

Adventure Accommodated Tour

This is a participation tour and your help will be needed in assisting with the various day to day duties, such as shopping, cooking and keeping the vehicle tidy (usually on a rota basis). But don't worry it's not all hard work and it's a great way to meet the local people and get to know your fellow travellers. Your contribution benefits the success of the tour - most people find the greater their involvement, the greater their enjoyment of the whole trip. Our accommodated tour option travels together with the camping counterpart

Africa is an adventure destination and travelling here is not always predictable so be prepared to 'expect the unexpected' in difficulties or delays which might come our way! However, you'll soon find that the diversity of the African landscape, the wildlife and the communities we pass on our way, make the sometimes rough travel and long driving days worthwhile. Come with a sense of adventure and a flexible attitude and you will be sure to enjoy your Travel Talk adventure tour across this amazing continent.

Africa provides an ever-changing environment, power failures, water and fuel shortages, temperature fluctuations, and other uncontrollable / unplanned situations do occur. You will need to remain flexible, understanding and good-humoured. "African time" can be difficult and frustrating for those who are used to a very structured life, so this is something to keep in mind!

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

All tour highlights, twin share accommodation (22 nights), twin share tents (2 nights), fully equipped safari vehicles, cooking equipment, mattresses, sleeping bag and pillow for camping nights, service of two crew, all road and vehicle taxes, all ground transportation, meals as indicated.

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED:

Adventure Pass activities, visas, travel insurance, flight departure taxes, airport transfers, optional activities, tips, drinks and items of personal nature. NB Dinner in Windhoek, lunches and dinners in Swakopmund and Livingstone are not included.

ADVENTURE PASS:

Every adventure accommodated tour has an Adventure Pass which is paid to your tour leader in Africa at the beginning of the tour (or pre-paid by arrangement prior to your tour). This is separate and in addition to the Tour Price, which is paid before travel, and is paid in the currency listed in the brochure or on the website (usually US dollars in clean, un-torn post 2008 edition notes). The Adventure Pass covers selected park entries, activities and excursions along the way where payment goes directly to the supplier. The purpose of the separate payment is to ensure local suppliers benefit directly from the income.

ACTIVITIES &**EXCURSIONS:**

These are optional activities that are booked during your holiday and paid directly to the provider while on tour. These options offer a variety of experiences and allow you the freedom to decide what activities you would like to do.

ACCOMMODATION: Twin share accommodation with facilities (22 nights) twin share tents with sleeping bag, pillow and mattress (2 nights) some camps may have a bar or swimming pool. In most cases rooms are en suite but from time to time some rooms may be shared facilities where en suite is indicated.

TRANSPORT: 24-seater, self-contained, custom-built vehicle with onboard tables, plug sockets, freezer, water tank, library, safety features and 70-litre individual lockers, 4x4 safari vehicles, mokoro (dugout canoe) and river boat. Travel vehicle changes may occur on this tour. Travel times indicated are approximate and do not include stops en-route.

GAME PARK VISITS: In order to maximise the quality of game driving and to comply with local authority rulings, some of our National Park visits and game viewing is carried out using services provided by local African ground handlers. As well as enhancing our experience using local guides and smaller vehicles it also allows us to contribute at a 'grassroots' level to local economies from which local people benefit.

Tour Preparation

BOOKING INFORMATION

When you make a confirmed booking for your tour you will be sent your booking documents and a pre-departure booklet with detailed information to help you prepare for your trip. Once you have paid in full you will receive a Travel Voucher giving details of your joining hotel. Johannesburg (JNB) nearby Pretoria and Cape Town (CPT) are well served by a number of airlines and your travel agent can advise on flights to the start of the tour.

JOINING INFORMATION

This tour starts early in Pretoria. **The pre-departure meeting is held at 18:00 on the evening prior to departure. The tour ends in Cape Town on Day 25.**

Meeting point in **Pretoria:**

Address: Court Classique Suite Hotel
743 Francis Baard Street
Pretoria, 0007

Contact details: Tel. +27 (0) 12 344 4420
E-mail: reservations@courtclassique.co.za

Tour start time: 07:00 on Day 1

Meeting end in **Cape Town**

Address: Ashanti Lodge, Gardens
11 Hof Street
Gardens
Cape Town, 8001

Contact Details: Tel +27 21 423 8721
E-mail: info@ashanti.co.za

Tour ends: Late afternoon on Day 25

PRE TOUR ACCOMMODATION

This tour departs Pretoria early on Day 1; we strongly recommend therefore that you plan to arrive the day before departure to overcome any jet-lag and to acclimatise to Africa. We would be happy to book pre-tour accommodation for you – please call or email us (or speak to your agent) with your arrival details and accommodation requirements. However please book early to avoid disappointment and the risk of having to find more expensive (or less convenient) lodgings.

If time allows, we also suggest planning a night or two extra (after your tour) to make the most of this part of Africa. Accommodation is usually available locally on arrival, but you can also pre book this with Travel Talk. There is a variety of activities and excursions in the Cape Town area you can arrange locally or with your Tour Leader.

See below for a guide to extra accommodation costs. **These prices are a guide line only and are subject to change so please check with Travel Talk for current prices.**

Description	Price (USD)	Description	Price (USD)
Pretoria – Court Classique Suite Hotel		Cape Town – Ashanti Lodge, Gardens	
Pre tour accommodation – twin pp/pn	\$ 60	Post tour accommodation – Twin/ double pp/pn	\$ 55
Pre tour accommodation – single pp/pn	\$ 90	Post tour accommodation – Single pp/pn	\$ 75
		Post tour accommodation – Dorm pp/pn	\$ 40
PPPN = Per person, per night		PPPN = Per person, per night	

ADVENTURE PASS

Paid in the currency listed in the brochure or on the website (usually US dollars in clean, un-torn post 2008 edition notes) directly to your Tour Leader in Africa at the beginning of the tour, or pre-paid by arrangement, the Adventure Pass of this tour covers the following.

Matobo National Park	✓
Chobe NP Fish Eagle Cruise	✓
Chobe NP Game Drive	✓
Okavango Delta Excursion	✓
Sossusvlei 4x4 Shuttle	✓

LUGGAGE

Please try to keep your luggage to a minimum, bearing in mind that most airlines impose a 20kg limit. It should be brought in a soft holdall or rucksack along with a smaller day bag. You will need to bring a mixture of lightweight clothing and warm clothing for the evenings and early morning game drives. We recommended you pack a small torch or headlamp, mosquito spray and a money pouch/ belt that can be easily hidden. Please try to avoid bringing unnecessary valuables and use your hotel safe to store the bulk of your money, passport, and airline tickets. A power bank is useful for recharging electronic devices.

N.B: Travel Talk Africa has teamed up with SAVE (South Africa Volunteer Experience) which is a non-profit organization (NPO #088 104) that assists, develops and uplifts the local disadvantaged communities in and around the Dunoon Township of the Western Cape, South Africa. If you have any unwanted blankets, sleeping bags, clothing and shoes that you do not wish to carry after your travel, pop it into a bag and give it to our crew to donate to SAVE. Read more about SAVE

[Link to: <http://www.southafricavolunteereperiences.org.za/>]

VACCINATIONS/HEALTH

The table below indicates the vaccinations suggested for travel on this tour but **should be treated as a guide only**. You should seek professional medical advice from your GP or clinic at least six weeks prior to departure.

Please be aware that some of the areas visited on this tour are **malarial**. We strongly recommend you seek professional medical advice for the appropriate anti-malarial tablets.

Country	Tetanus	Diphtheria	Polio	Hepatitis A	Hepatitis B	Typhoid	Meningitis	Rabies	Yellow Fever	Malaria
Zambia	R	R	R	R	R	R	-	R	*	R
Botswana	R	R	R	R	-	R	-	R	*	R
Namibia	R	R	R	R	-	R	-	R	*	R
S. Africa	R	R	R	R	-	R	-	-	*	R

C = Compulsory, **R** = Recommended, **R*** = It is an immigration requirement to have a Yellow Fever certificate if travelling to Zambia from South Africa and in reverse. * = If travelling from infected countries a certificate of proof may be required.

NB: To be used as a guide only. Please see your GP or travel clinic for up-to-date medical advice. Alternatively, contact Travel Talk for any queries or advise regarding vaccination requirements.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

The table below indicates the visas required for travel to the countries on this tour but **should be treated as a guide only**. At least one month prior to travel seek confirmation from embassies or a visa specialist, that these requirements are still current. For UK citizens the Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO) offers free up-to-date travel info: www.fco.gov.uk.

Nationality	UK	AUS	NZ	USA	CAN	BEL	IRE	NED	DEN	ITA	GER	AUT	SWE	FIN	NOR	MEX	KOR
Zambia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Botswana	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
Namibia	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes

S. Africa	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No
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INSURANCE

It is a booking condition of Travel Talk that you have full travel insurance valid for the duration of your tour to cover you for medical emergency and repatriation to your home country. Your guide will ask you for a copy of this when you join the tour. It is also important that you leave a copy of your insurance with the person nominated as your emergency contact.

In the UK the Foreign & Commonwealth Office (www.fco.gov.uk) issues free up to date travel advice for all countries visited on tour. Most other governments offer a similar service to citizens. We recommend you review this information before you book your tour. Naturally we welcome any questions you may have about security and safety on tour.

Money Matters

PERSONAL EXPENSES

Naturally you will require extra money for your own personal spending on the tour for Activities and Excursions, snacks, drinks, souvenirs, tips and items of a personal nature. Everybody has different spending habits but as a guideline we suggest you budget US\$15-30 per day. Also keep US\$ cash for relevant airport taxes and visas needed, optional activities and any additional accommodation before or after your tour.

Spending money is best carried as cash in US dollars (US Dollars in clean, un-torn, **post 2008** edition notes), Sterling or Euro which you then exchange into local currency on arrival and as you go. Your guide can advise how and when you can change the rest of your money throughout the tour.

Currencies are as follows: Zambia – Zambian Kwacha; Botswana – Botswana Pula; Namibia – Namibian Dollar; South Africa – Rand. Please note that Rand is legal tender in Namibia at the same rate of exchange as the Namibian Dollar.

ATM machines are found in Southern Africa. Please note they are sometimes unreliable (therefore should not be relied upon).

Credit cards can be used to pay for optional activities although charges may be may be high by western standards (+/- 5%).

We recommend you bring your spending money in several different ways (some cash and some cards); your guide can best advice on what to use where.

TIPPING

This is always a matter for your own individual discretion but as in many areas where tourism is an important contributor to the economy, it has become customary to give a small gratuity to local staff, including your tour leader and driver, at the end of a tour if services rendered have been to your satisfaction.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITES AND EXCURSIONS

In order to give you maximum flexibility on tour we offer a number of optional activities on the tour. To help budget, approximate prices are listed below in US\$ unless otherwise stated. All prices subject to change and availability.

Activity	Price (USD)	Activity	Price (USD)
South Africa		Botswana	
Kruger Night Game Drive	\$60	Okavango Scenic Flight per 5-seater plane – 45 min flight time	\$650
Wine Tasting	\$10	Maun Horse Riding (2 Hours)	\$65
Livingstone		Okavango Helicopter Flight per 3-seater plane – 22 min flight time	From \$450
Vic Falls Bungee (single/tandem)	\$160	Namibia	
Mosi Oa Tunya National Park Game Walk	\$110	Desert Excursion Walk	\$25
Chief Mukumi Village Tour	\$50	Sand Boarding – Stand Up	\$50
Gorge Swing	\$95	Sand Boarding – Lay Down	\$40
Zambezi Jet Boating & Cable Car	From \$215	Quad Biking	\$55
Half day Canoe Safari	\$115	Kayaking	\$60

Zambezi Sunset Cruise	\$70	Deep Sea Fishing	\$120
White-water Rafting – Full Day	\$180	Scenic Flights	\$360
Helicopter/Microlight Flight over the Falls	From \$185	Tandem Skydive	\$200
Fishing – Half Day	\$145	Swakopmund Township Tour	\$40
Bridge Tour	\$65	Dolphin and Seal Cruise	\$60
Full day Abseil	\$190	Zimbabwe	
		Matobo Upgrade to full day	\$55

Responsible Travel

We strongly believe that you get the most out of a journey by respecting the culture and people of the places you visit. On our tours we try to travel in a way that benefits the communities we pass through and minimises negative impact on the environment. This can be from ensuring the campsites and accommodation we use are clean when we leave and dressing respectfully in conservative areas to getting involved with local charity projects. We ask that you are open to this when you travel with us. Being proactive in responsible travel helps develop cross-cultural understanding and friendships with the local people and will greatly enhance your experience in Africa.