



## South Africa - Zimbabwe - Zambesi -Botswana

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Visit: Johannesburg, Kruger National Park, Victoria Falls, Chobe National Park, Cape Town

#### **Detailed Itinerary**

#### Day 01: Day 1: Arrive Johannesburg

Arrival in Johannesburg OR Tambo International Airport (flights booked by booking agent – TBA). After customs, immigration and baggage collection, meet your English-speaking driver and transfer to your hotel to check in – rest of the day free before dinner at the Lucana Bistro at the hotel. Stay two nights at the 4\* Maslow Hotel Meals:(D)



#### Day 02: Day 2: Johannesburg

07:00 Breakfast at the hotel 08:00 You will be met by your English-Speaking driver / guide and depart on your half day Johannesburg city tour Whilst this tour takes in many activities it is not a difficult day as there are several stops for walking, coffee and soft drink breaks. The tour commences in the new financial heart of the African continent in the Sandton CBD with a drive past the Johannesburg Stock Exchange and moves onto the wealthiest suburbs on the African continent, Sandhurst and Hyde Park and then progresses to Houghton with a drive past President Mandela's home in this beautiful suburb. Thereafter you enter the bustling high rise cosmopolitan suburb of Hillbrow formerly the home to most of South Africa's European immigrants and now home to South Africa's African diaspora. You then progress to Constitution Hill for your first stop, the home of the Constitutional Court, down to the business district of Braamfontein which hosts the world famous University of the Witwatersrand, across the Nelson Mandela Bridge into Newtown for your second stop at Main Street where you will walk around the old Mining House District, home to most of the World's largest mining companies such as Anglo American and BHP Billiton. You re-join your vehicle for a drive past Ghandi Square named after Mahatma Ghandi who lived in South Africa during his early years as a lawyer Lunch will be taken at a local restaurant before returning to the hotel – rest of the day/evening at leisure Meals:(B,L)

#### Day 03: Day 3: Johannesburg – Kruger National Park

06:00 Breakfast at the hotel followed by hotel checkout. 07:00 Meet your English-Speaking driver and transfer to the Airport for your flight to Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport 10:00 Depart by air (flights booked by local operator – TBA) 10:50 Arrival at Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport / Skukuza Airport, meet your local English-Speaking driver and transfer to your accommodation, arriving in time for high tea. Thereafter it is time for an afternoon / evening game drive in an open 4x4 Land Rover together with your knowledgeable guide (Game Ranger) and other guests from the lodge. Stop to enjoy a spectacular African sunset with a sundowner drink and snacks before returning to the lodge in the dark, where you may be lucky to spot a rare nocturnal animal with the aid of powerful torches. Dinner served under the stars this evening. Stay two nights at the 4\* Lukimbi Lodge, Meals: (B,HT,D)

#### Day 04: Day 4: Krugar National Park

05:30 Early rise followed by coffee and rusks and then a morning game drive. 06:00 Depart on your morning game drive The Private Concessions of the park offer guests an intimate and exclusive safari without the crowds - while still within the boundaries of the mighty Kruger. Still bound by certain park regulations, the concessions afford guests exclusivity and luxury. Here, game vehicles viewing wildlife can stay a while longer and have the experience remain untainted by crowds of tourists. Visitors have the added bonus of being able to venture into the Kruger Park itself should they wish (although hardly necessary considering the



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superb game-viewing in the immediate area). Those in the park, however, cannot venture into the private concessions. Enjoy a hearty breakfast before having time to relax during the heat of the day, either at the pool or in the comfort of your room. In the late afternoon it once again time for a game drive in the hope of seeing some more exciting animals. Dinner is served at the lodge on your return Meals:(B,L,D)

#### Day 05: Day 5: Krugar National Park – Victoria Falls

07:00 Breakfast at the lodge 08:00 You will be met by your English-Speaking driver and be transferred to Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport for your flight to Livingstone Airport. 11:35 Depart Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport 13:10 Arrive at Livingstone Airport, Meet your ESD and transfer to your hotel in Victoria Falls. Enroute to your hotel you will visit the falls on the Zambian side. Described by the Kololo tribe living in the area in the 1800's as 'Mosi-oa-Tunya' - 'the Smoke that Thunders' and in more modern terms as 'the greatest known curtain of falling water', Victoria Falls are a spectacular sight of aweinspiring beauty and grandeur on the Zambezi River, bordering Zambia and Zimbabwe. A path along the edge of the forest provides the visitor who is prepared to brave the tremendous spray with an unparalleled series of views of the Falls. One special vantage point is across the Knife edge bridge, where visitors can have the finest view of the Eastern Cataract and the Main Falls as well as the Boiling Pot where the river turns and heads down the Batoka Gorge. Other vantage points include the Falls bridge and the Lookout Tree which commands a panoramic view across the Main Falls. Different times of the year will provide completely different experiences of the Falls region. Peak flood season is around March and April and the full power of the falls can be experienced in all its glory. As the floods abate the view of the falls gets better and better through the year, but at its lowest, around November and December the Falls become little rivulets running over the edge and in some places along the 1,7km width no water falls at all. After the tour cross the border to Victoria falls and be transferred to your hotel – check in with time to refresh before dinner. Rest of the afternoon at your own leisure. Stay two nights at the 4\* Kingdom Hotel Meals:(B,D)

#### Day 06: Day 6: Victoria Falls

08:00 Breakfast at the hotel 09:00 Guided walking tour of the falls on the Zimbabwean side After the walking tour return back to the hotel with time to relax before the late afternoon activity. 16:00 You will be met by your English-Speaking driver for your sunset cruise. "A river of enchantment and magical colours bursting in the sky creating nature's own masterpiece", is the only way to describe the African Sunset on the Mighty Zambezi. Cruise along the banks of the river, and view the spectacular scenery that is nature's own sanctuary, and home to the "laughing hippos", the "singing birds" and the "snapping crocodiles", as you sip on your drink and indulge on mouth-watering snacks. Enjoy the hospitality of our professional guide and Captain as you relax and enjoy the delicious snacks and chilled refreshments. See the "smoke that thunders" as you gently cruise the upper Zambezi River. Enjoy the myths and legends as our guide shares stories of the local tribes. Experience the Zambezi River as David Livingstone did and travel through waters once journeyed by him on his way to the Victoria Falls. Observe the aquatic bird life and other resident or

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migratory species. You may be fortunate enough to witness the great African elephant swimming from island to island, grazing or dusting themselves on the riverbanks. The Zambezi sunset is a highlight of the trip and captivates your magical experience on the Zambezi River. About 1830 following the Cruise, proceed to enjoy a Boma Dinner: Return to your hotel late evening. Meals:(B,D)

#### Day 07: Victoria Falls – Chobe National Park

08:00 Breakfast at the hotel and complete checkout. 09:00 You will be met by your English Speaking driver and cross the border into Botswana and transfer to the lodge 13:00 Lunch at the lodge followed by some free time to enjoy the lodge facilities. 16:00 Meet your lodge ranger and depart on your (shared) afternoon game drive Game drives in the Chobe National Park offer excellent game viewing opportunities. If you allow yourself adequate time here you will probably see nearly all the major species: giraffe, elephant, zebra, impala, tsessebe, roan, sable, wildebeest, kudu, buffalo, waterbuck, warthog, eland and accompanying predators including lion, hyena, jackal, bat-eared fox and possibly even cheetah and wild dog. 19:00 Return to the lodge to refresh before dinner 19:30 Dinner at the lodge Stay two nights at the 4\* Mowana Safari Lodge Meals: (B,L,D)

#### Day 08: Day 8: Chobe National Park

05:30 Breakfast at the lodge 06:00 Meet your lodge Ranger and depart on your (shared) morning game drive Game drives in the Chobe National Park offer excellent game viewing opportunities. If you allow yourself adequate time here you will probably see nearly all the major species: giraffe, elephant, zebra, impala, tsessebe, roan, sable, wildebeest, kudu, buffalo, waterbuck, warthog, eland and accompanying predators including lion, hyena, jackal, bat-eared fox and possibly even cheetah and wild dog. 09:00 Return to the lodge for breakfast After breakfast you will be met for your 2 hour Namibian Village walk tour that takes you through the villages across the river in Namibia. It is an interesting tour, where the guide tells you stories about the village and the people. Make sure you wear comfortable shoes because it is quite a walk. Return to the lodge for lunch followed by some free time 16:00 Meet your English Speaking driver and depart on a boat cruise From the comfort of your boat view mighty elephant, giraffe, hippo and other wild animals returning to the Chobe River to quench their thirst. 19:00 Return to the lodge & refresh before dinner 19:30 Dinner at the lodge Meals:(B,L,D)

#### Day 09: Day 9: Chobe National Park - Cape Town

05:30 Meet your lodge Ranger and depart on your (shared) morning game drive 08:00 Breakfast at the hotel Time TBA: You will be met by your English-Speaking driver and transferred to Kasane airport for your fight to Maun (flights booked by local operator – TBA) and connect with flight to Cape Town 13:35 Depart Maun to Cape Town (flights booked by local operator – TBA). 16:10 Arrival into Cape Town Airport off flight, meet your English-Speaking driver and transfer to your hotel to check in and refresh before dinner. Enjoy





dinner at The Glass Lounge Restaurant tonight. Stay four nights at the 4\* Cape Milner Meals:(B,D)

#### Day 10: Day 10: Cape Town

07:30 Breakfast at the hotel 08:30 You will be met by your English-Speaking driver / guide and depart on your half day Cape Town City and Table Mountain The Mother City is steeped in history, culture and scenic wonders, and offers an abundance of things to see and do The drive to the city takes you past famous landmarks. We will pass the Dias statue, the Van Riebeek statue and Train station, before your visit to the Castle of Good Hope, built between 1666 and 1679 by the Dutch East India Company (VOC). The Castle was developed as a maritime replenishment station, and from 1678 it was the center of civilian, administrative and military life at the Cape until the area grew and operations expanded elsewhere. Today, the Castle is the seat of the military in the Cape, and is open for visitors to explore and learn more about its history. The route then leads you to the magnificent Table Mountain (weather permitting), or in the event of inclement weather, Signal Hill. You will ascend to the top by the revolving cable car. Here, you will see wild flowers, daisies, silver tree, and marvel at a birds-eye view of the city and its beaches. On a clear day, it is even possible to see Robben Island where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned. After that descend back to the city, move on to a visit of the Company Gardens, a large public park and botanical garden set in the heart of Cape Town, home to a rose garden, Japanese garden, fish pond and aviary, and driving through Malay quarters, also known as the Bo-Kaap, which means "Above Cape" because of its location up against the slopes of Table Mountain. There after visit Greenmarket square for some souvenirs. Lunch will be taken at a local restaurant before returning to the hotel – rest of the day at leisure Meals:(B,L)

#### Day 11: Day 11: Cape Town

07:00 Breakfast at the hotel 08:00 You will be met by your English Speaking driver / guide and depart on your full day Cape Point Tour, including lunch. This is an awe-inspiring tour to the towering headland known as Cape Point. Magnificent beaches, breath-taking views, historic and picturesque coastal villages are to be seen along the way. The Cape Peninsula is one of the world's most scenic areas and stretches from the City center to Cape Point. Travel along the Atlantic Seaboard via Sea Point Bantry Bay, Clifton, and Camps Bay, stopping at Maiden Cove look-out point for a panoramic view of the Twelve Apostles, before continuing to Hout Bay, a quaint village and fishing harbour with magnificent mountain views and beach. Take a 40-minute optional cruise (excluded) from Hout Bay harbour to Duiker Island, the Seal Colony beneath the well-known Sentinel Mountain where you can view thousands of Cape Fur Seals in their natural environment. (weather permitting) On through Chapman's Peak, one of the world's most breath-taking coastal drives, to Cape Point. The Good Hope Nature Reserve, has magnificent fynbos vegetation, birdlife, endemic antelope species and zebra, historic shipwrecks, and lighthouses. You will take the Flying Dutchman funicular to the top of Cape Point for excellent viewing opportunities from the two lighthouses that adorn the point. Cape Point is perceived to be the meeting point of the Atlantic and Indian Oceans. Thereafter continue to historic Simon's Town, a village with charming Victorian architecture, a naval base, and a large penguin colony at

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the beautiful Boulders Beach where you will get to walk alongside the penguins. 14:00 Lunch will be at Harbour House Restaurant. 16:00 Return to Cape Town via the Ou Kaapse Weg with magnificent views of the Constantia Valley Freshen up at the hotel. 18:00 Meet your English speaking driver and transfer to Gold Restaurant for dinner and show Meals:(B,L,D)

#### Day 12: Day 12: Cape Town

08:00 – After an early breakfast, you will be met by your English-Speaking driver / guide and depart on your full day Wine Route tour You will visit historic Stellenbosch, the second oldest town in South Africa and rich in Dutch colonial heritage. Stellenbosch occupies the perfect terroir for grape varieties such as Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot, and a truly South African clone of Pinot Noir and Hermitage: Pinotage. Move on to visit some of South Africa's oldest and most famous wine estates. These Grand Old Cape-Dutch farmhouses and wine stores have watched proudly over the land for centuries; and the vineyards & wine estates still produce some of South Africa's top wines today. Wineries to be visited today will be pre-selected according to clients wishes. 13:00 Lunch will be at Pierneef Restaurant at La Motte. Visit Franschhoek, and the Huguenot Monument; this museum also has an Annexe in which exhibitions on Franschhoek and Huguenot families are displayed. The Annexe, built in 1976, also houses the museum auditorium, research center and souvenir shop. Thereafter take a short walk through the historic centre of Franschoek. Return to the hotel and freshen up before heading to Camps Bay for a farewell dinner at The Bungalow Meals:(B,L,D)

#### Day 13: Day 13: Depart Cape Town

Breakfast at your hotel. Your Checkout time will depend on your flight times today – normal checkout is by 1200 – later checkout times may be arranged subject to possible extra cost. You will be met and transferred to Cape Town International Airport for a flight to Johannesburg to connect to your flight back to Australia (both flights booked by booking agent – TBA). Meals:(B)

#### Inclusion

Accommodation as specified in itinerary Meals as specified in itinerary daily headings Two soft drinks with included meals Transfers as specified in itinerary English Speaking Driver as specified in itinerary English Speaking Guide as specified in itinerary Services of an experienced English-speaking driver-guide where specified All entrance fees and guided excursions as described in itinerary All park fees Pre-paid gratuities to all guides/drivers throughout your tour 1 litre bottled water per person per day Internal & Domestic Flights as listed (except Cape Town to Johannesburg link on Day 13)

#### **Exclusion**

International Flights and Airport Taxes (to be arranged by booking agent) Cape Town to Johannesburg link flight Day 13 (to be included in client's international flights booked by agent) Visa Fees (if applicable) Medical & Travel Insurance Incidental tips to hotel/lodge staff All expenses of personal nature Any entrance fees and guided excursions not included in the above itinerary Early Check In & Late Check Out

#### Note

Price for group booking available on request



### **Tour Dates & Pricing**

