

Cape to Falls

22 days | Cape Town to Victoria Falls



From Cape Town to the adventure capital of the world, Victoria Falls, travelling through Namibia and Botswana along the way. Take in some of Southern Africa's best game parks and reserves on this exciting 22 day adventure.

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- **South Africa:** Cape Town - extend your stay to explore the city. The Cederberg Area and the Gariep River.
- **Namibia:** Fish River canyon. Namib Naukluft National Park - Sossusvlei & Dune 45. Etosha National Park, Namibia's finest wildlife sanctuary. Swakopmund, a charming colonial coastal town. Spitzkoppe and Windhoek.
- **Botswana:** Chobe National Park, famous for its herds of elephants. Boat cruise along the Chobe River. Okavango Delta.
- **Zimbabwe:** UNESCO Listed Victoria Falls, one of the natural wonders of the world.

What's Included

- Arrival transfer from Cape Town Airport on day 1
- 1st night dorm accommodation at Ashanti Lodge in Cape Town (upgrade available), 2 nights twin share accommodation in

Swakopmund and 18 nights camping. Tents and sleeping mats provided.

- All camping fees & appropriate equipment
- 20 breakfasts, 17 lunches and 16 dinners
- Services of 3 person crew (leader, driver, cook)
- A fully equipped overland truck for transportation and game drives
- Cape Town Township Tour, Wine tasting in Cederberg, half day canoeing on the Orange River, transfer to Sossusvlei for Desert Walk
- 2 day/1 night Okavango Delta Excursion (camping)
- Park Entry & 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
- Sleeping bag - please bring your own
- Tipping - an entirely personal gesture
- Optional activities

Local Payment

2017: USD\$400 / 2018: USD\$500, 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 : Cape Town

Saturday. Welcome to Cape Town, South Africa! An arrival transfer to our accommodation is included. Today there is a welcome meeting at 17.00hrs where you will meet your tour leader and fellow passengers. **Overnight - Cape Town**

Day 2 : Cederberg Mountains

Cape Town - Cederberg. Leaving Cape Town, we take a township tour before we head around Table Bay and travel north to a picturesque campsite, surrounded by wine farms in the Cederberg Area. This afternoon we sample some of the nectar of the gods with included wine tasting after taking a short walk in the surrounding vineyards to explore the exquisite views of the Cederberg Mountains. **Overnight - Cederberg Mountains (L, D)**

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Day 3 : Gariep River



Cederberg - Gariep River. From the Cederberg we travel further north through the region known as Namaqualand and the desert area of the Richtersveld to the Gariep River, the natural land border between South Africa and Namibia, where we camp at a beautiful campsite on the South African bank of the river. **Overnight - Gariep River** (B, L, D)

Day 4 : Fish River Canyon

Gariep River - Fish River Canyon (Namibia). This morning we take a half-day canoe trip on the beautiful Gariep River before we cross into Namibia after lunch and travel to the Fish River Canyon. At 161 km long, 27 km wide and about 550 m deep, it's the second largest canyon in the world. A road follows the eastern rim, giving us access to several viewing points from where we can take in the spectacular vistas. **Overnight - Fish River Canyon** (B, L, D)

Day 5 : Sesriem



Fish River Canyon - Sesriem. An early start today, heading north we enter the Namib-Naukluft desert, one of the oldest in the world. We base ourselves at Sesriem, a good place to experience the Namib and its many moods. A short distance away is Sossusvlei, surrounded by a dramatic sea of sand dunes which are reputed to be the highest in the world. **Overnight - Sesriem** (B, L, D)

Day 6 : Namib Naukluft National Park

Sesriem - Solitaire. This morning we enter the Namib-Naukluft National Park where we spend the morning exploring this amazing area. View the sunrise from the top of Dune 45 - a truly memorable experience. Following our sunrise experience we head a further 5kms into the desert and take a walk to Sossusvlei and Deadvlei and explore the surrounding area. After our morning exploring the desert and its dunes, we exit the park and head to our next destination, the small settlement of Solitaire.

Overnight - Sesriem (B, L, D)

Days 7-8 : Swakopmund



Sesriem - Swakopmund. Our next stop is Namibia's prime holiday resort - Swakopmund where we enjoy 2 nights of rest, relaxation and a little bit of adrenalin for those that are keen! Founded by the Germans in 1892, their colonial influence is still evident today. Swakopmund has lovely beaches, restaurants & bars as well as many arts and crafts shops selling Namibian curios. 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)

Day 9 : Spitzkoppe

Swakopmund - Brandberg. Our departure from Swakopmund takes through the 'Matterhorn of Namibia' - Spitzkoppe. The 1728m high rock formation, one of Namibia's most recognised landmarks, is well known as an ancient San sacred site. Explore the surrounding area and its San rock paintings or simply enjoy the magnificent views. After our visit to Spitzkoppe we head off to our next destination - Brandberg **Overnight - Brandberg** (B, L, D)

Days 10-11 : Etosha National Park

Brandberg - Etosha National Park area. On day 10 our drive takes us further north through the Namibian countryside to our campsite, located in the vicinity of Etosha National Park. The following day we explore Etosha National Park. Covering 22,700 km, Etosha is Namibia's premier nature and wildlife reserve. Situated around the Etosha Pan with a large variety of animal and bird life, the extensive network of gravel roads affords us the opportunity of accessing even the most remote areas of the park. After lunch, and once it has cooled off a bit, we spend the remainder of the day exploring the park's southern area. Keep an eye out for the striking Oryx and Springbok as these are endemic to desert National Parks! The camp tonight is situated just outside the parks boundaries, only 10kms from Anderson Gate. Perhaps a quick dip in the pool or a sun downer on the deck before dinner. **Overnight - Etosha National Park area** (B:2, L:2, D:2)

Day 12 : Etosha National Park



Today we make our way 150 km across the park, keeping a look out for the many different mammals, reptiles, birds and insects in the various regions. After a full day of game viewing, we spend the evening relaxing at our camp in the north of the park, Namutoni. After dinner why not head to the waterhole where you can sit and observe the animals may come to drink in the evenings. **Overnight - Etosha National Park** (B, L, D)

Days 13-15 : Windhoek & Ghanzi

Etosha - Windhoek - Ghanzi - Maun (Botswana). From Etosha, we head to the capital Windhoek for some free time in the afternoon. Departing on day 14 we enter into Botswana and stop in

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Ghanzi in the middle of the Kalahari Desert - home to the famous San Bushmen.

Continuing on day 15 we head to Maun - our base for the Okavango Delta. Tonight we prepare our provisions and packs for our 1 night excursion. We suggest bringing along a smaller daypack on your trip as this 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 to the Delta. **Overnight - Windhoek (1), Ghanzi (1) Maun (1)** (B:3, L:3, D:2)

Day 16 : Okavango Delta

Maun - Okavango Delta. The Delta is a huge expanse of water, which has travelled from the Angolan highlands, spreading out to form the largest inland delta in the world. Studded with exotic islands, The Delta is renowned for its incredible variety of bird life and animals and is unique to Southern Africa.

Here we take a 2 Day / 1 Night Drive In Mokoro 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 - Okavango Delta** (B, L, D)

Day 17 : Okavango Delta

Okavango Delta - Maun. This morning affords us a final opportunity for a game walk before packing up and setting off back to Maun. After our Mokoro ride and vehicle transfer, we arrive back around lunch time 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)

Day 18 : Nata Region



Maun - 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. **Overnight - Nata Region** (B, L, D)

Days 19-20 : Chobe National Park

Nata Region - Chobe. We travel north to the town of Kasane where we set up camp on the banks of the Chobe River. The Chobe River forms a border between Botswana and Namibia and is the main water source to the Chobe National Park. The next morning we have a chance to sleep in or explore the town of Kasane.

Once we are packed and prepared on day 20, we leave 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!

Overnight - Kasane (1), Chobe (1) (B:2, L:2, D:2)

Day 21 : Victoria Falls



Chobe - Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe). After our night in the bush, we head out early to continue our search for wildlife, before packing up the camp and heading back to Kasane, and travelling on to Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe. 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. A 20 minute walk down the main road takes you to the entry point to view the falls, which are situated between Zimbabwe and Zambia. The afternoon is spent relaxing at the campsite's swimming pool, viewing the Victoria Falls, or exploring the many sights and delights of this town.

Overnight - Victoria Falls (B)

Day 22 : Victoria Falls

Saturday. Our African adventure ends after breakfast today. We suggest extending your stay to take advantage of the exciting optional excursions available at Vic Falls which include elephant back safaris, walking with lions, flights over the falls and more. (B)

HOTELS

The hotels listed below are ones which we frequently use on this tour. We reserve the right to substitute these hotels to ones of a similar standard when necessary.

Ashanti Lodge Gardens Backpackers

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Situated in a Victorian mansion at the foot of Table Mountain, within walking distance of the city centre, Ashanti Lodge offers a range of 6 to 8 bed dormitories, in addition to private rooms with shared bathroom facilities. After a long day of sightseeing, travellers can unwind with a cocktail at the café-bar, take a dip in the outdoor pool, or relax in the landscaped garden. Kitchen/BBQ facilities and complimentary Wi-Fi are also available.



Highlanders Campsite & Lodge

Nestled among the wine farms at the foot of the Cederberg mountains, this campsite is a perfect stopover in the Namaqualand region. Highlanders is set on 3 levels, giving campers plenty of space between each of the 5 individual camp areas, and a 12-room ensuite lodge has recently been added to the site. Each camp has a 'braai' pit, sink unit & power. There are stunning mountain views from the solar-powered hot showers, and a locally-sourced wine bar by the scenic swimming pool.



Oasis Sossus

This luxury campsite at the gates of Sossusvlei features 12 individually shaded camps, each with its own bathroom facilities, kitchen basin, barbecue, and electricity points. The campsite has a sparkling pool, and is within walking distance of a fully stocked shop, Internet café, and service station. The adjacent Sossusvlei Lodge offers a restaurant and Adventure Centre, where exciting desert activities such as quad biking, sunset drives, and scenic flights over the dunes can be arranged.



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.



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.



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 private 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.



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 paired up in tents with another person of the same sex.

PRICES / DATES 2017

Date	Twin Share	Single
11 Nov	USD 1,495	USD 1,495
25 Nov	USD 1,495	USD 1,495
09 Dec	USD 1,495	USD 1,495
23 Dec	USD 1,495	USD 1,495

PRICES / DATES 2018

Date	Twin Share	Single
06 Jan	USD 1,495	USD 1,495
20 Jan	USD 1,495	USD 1,495
03 Feb	USD 1,495	USD 1,495
17 Feb	USD 1,495	USD 1,495
03 Mar	USD 1,495	USD 1,495
17 Mar	USD 1,495	USD 1,495
31 Mar	USD 1,495	USD 1,495
14 Apr	USD 1,495	USD 1,495
28 Apr	USD 1,495	USD 1,495
12 May	USD 1,495	USD 1,495
26 May	USD 1,495	USD 1,495
09 Jun	USD 1,495	USD 1,495
23 Jun	USD 1,495	USD 1,495
07 Jul	USD 1,495	USD 1,495
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01 Sep	USD 1,495	USD 1,495

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29 Sep	USD 1,495	USD 1,495
13 Oct	USD 1,495	USD 1,495
27 Oct	USD 1,495	USD 1,495
10 Nov	USD 1,495	USD 1,495
24 Nov	USD 1,495	USD 1,495
08 Dec	USD 1,495	USD 1,495
22 Dec	USD 1,495	USD 1,495

PRICES / DATES 2019

Date	Twin Share	Single
05 Jan	USD 1,495	USD 1,495
19 Jan	USD 1,495	USD 1,495
02 Feb	USD 1,495	USD 1,495
16 Feb	USD 1,495	USD 1,495
02 Mar	USD 1,495	USD 1,495
16 Mar	USD 1,495	USD 1,495
30 Mar	USD 1,495	USD 1,495
13 Apr	USD 1,495	USD 1,495
27 Apr	USD 1,495	USD 1,495
11 May	USD 1,495	USD 1,495
25 May	USD 1,495	USD 1,495
08 Jun	USD 1,495	USD 1,495
22 Jun	USD 1,495	USD 1,495
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