

Cape, Namibia & Falls

24 Days | Cape Town to Victoria Falls



Spend 3 weeks travelling from Cape Town to Victoria Falls. Traverse through 4 countries on the way and discover beautiful Cape Town, picturesque Namibia, exciting Botswana and thundering Victoria Falls with lots of wildlife and natural beauty along the way.

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- Cape Town - 'the Mother City'
- Cedarberg - rural village and bushman art
- Orange River - South Africa/Namibian border
- Fish River Canyon - world's second largest canyon
- Sossusvlei and Sesriem - beautiful sand dunes
- Swakopmund - adrenalin capital of Namibia
- Omaruru - enjoy wine tasting at a local distillery
- Etosha National Park - plethora of wildlife and floodlit water holes
- Okavango Delta - world's largest inland delta
- Eastern Caprivi - place where four countries meet
- Mahangu National Park - lots of exotic birds and mammals

- Chobe National Park - home to Africa's largest amount of elephants
- Chobe River - crocodiles, hippos and elephants
- Victoria Falls - UNESCO World Heritage Site

What's Included

- 23 breakfasts, 18 lunches, 11 dinners
- Airport transfers on days 1 and 24
- 23 nights mid-range lodges, chalets, tented camps
- Transport in Quantum minibuses, Toyota Land Cruisers or a 4x4 safari vehicle
- Services of an experienced local guide/driver
- Park entrance fees
- Entrance and tasting at Kristall Kellerei distillery
- Game Drives Etosha and Mahangu National Park
- Canoe ride on the Orange River
- Himba Village Walk
- Okavango Delta Mokoro ride
- Chobe River boat cruise
- Victoria Falls Guided Walk

What's Not Included

- International flights and visas
- Tipping - an entirely personal gesture
- Drinks and items of a personal nature

Local Payment

USD\$195pp, paid in USD

ITINERARY

Day 1 : Cape Town

Upon arrival in Cape Town, you will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel. You have the remainder of the day at leisure but this evening you will meet your guide and the rest of the group for your pre-departure meeting.

Overnight - Cape Town

Day 2 : Cape Town

This morning we take the cable car all the way up to legendary Table Mountain for spectacular views across the Mother City of Cape Town and the surrounding peninsula. Back to the city, we explore the Company Gardens, Greenmarket Square, the SA Museum and colourful and picturesque Malay Quarter known Bo-Kaap. Why not head to the V&A Waterfront afterwards situated in the heart of Cape Town's working harbour, offering an abundance of indoor shopping and entertainment. **Overnight - Cape Town (B)**

Day 3 : Cape Point Tour

Today we head over to the Cape Peninsula. We'll journey along the Atlantic Seaboard via Sea Point, Clifton and Camps Bay and stop at Maiden Cove look-out point before continuing to Hout Bay where there is an option to

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take a boat trip to Seal Island (seasonal and not included in the cost). We continue over Chapman's Peak, one of the world's most breath-taking coastal drives, to Cape Point and the Good Hope Nature Reserve. This afternoon we travel on to Simon's Town, a village with charming Victorian architecture, a naval base with a large penguin colony at the famous Boulder's Beach. **Overnight - Cape Town (B)**

Day 4 : Cederberg

Cape Town - Cederberg Mountains. After an early start we make our way to the beach on the Atlantic Ocean to have a last look at Table Mountain across the bay. After lunch we continue to the Cedarberg Mountains, for an overnight in Clanwilliam, one of the ten oldest towns in the country. On arrival you can taste the local Rooibos tea - an indigenous tea to the Western Cape with major nutritional and health benefits. **Overnight - Cederberg (B, L, D)**

Days 5-6 : Orange River



Cedarberg - Orange River. Today we pass some stunning mountain ranges as we head up the West Coast on our way to the Orange River. When travelling in spring we will see the spectacular carpets of wildflowers in the famous Namaqualand region. Later on we arrive at the Orange River which makes up a natural border between South Africa and Namibia. On day 6 the only travelling we do is by canoe. We can put our feet up and relax as the currents take us downstream on the Orange River – mind the rapids though! **Overnight - Orange River (B:2, L:2, D:2)**

Day 7 : Fish River Canyon



Orange River - Fish River Canyon. Today we head to Ai-Ais for a lunch stop. Ai Ais is famous for its thermal water which is rich in sulphates and fluorides and with a temperature of approximately 60°C which gushes forth from the hot springs. In the Nama language, "Ai-Ais" means "burning water". We later continue to our accommodation for the night close to Fish River Canyon, the second largest canyon on earth. Later in the evening we take in another perfect African sunset with the magnificent views and scenery along the edge of the canyon. **Overnight - Fish River Canyon (B, L, D)**

Days 8-9 : Sossusvlei



Fish River Canyon - Sossusvlei. Making our way inland on day 8 we head towards Namib Naukluft National Park. The next morning we have an early start for our visit to the world's highest sand dunes at Sossusvlei and Deadvlei. These dunes, which can reach heights of over 300 m, are absolutely spectacular and provide fantastic photo opportunities. With luck, there may even be water in the vlei (lake). We will also stop to view Sesriem Canyon, which was carved millions of years ago by the Tsauchab River. **Overnight - Sesriem (B:2, L:2, D:1)**

Days 10-11 : Swakopmund



Sossusvlei - Swakopmund. On day 10 we drive through the Namib Naukluft National Park en route to Swakopmund. The Namib-Naukluft Desert is home to some of the rarest plant and animal species in the world and sightings of this flora and fauna on a Namibian safari are a must. Wildlife you are likely to see include oryx, springbok and Hartmann's Mountain Zebra. Arriving into the charming coastal town of Swakopmund, later on where we have the opportunity to partake in a few of the many optional activities that are offered, over the next two days. Alternatively we can just relax and soak up the atmosphere of this little quaint German town and enjoy its beauty and beaches. **Overnight - Swakopmund (B:2, L:1)**

Day 12 : Cape Cross Seals & Spitzkoppe

Swakopmund - Omaruru. Today we follow the barren Atlantic Coast as we leave Swakopmund to visit Cape Cross - the largest breeding place of the Cape Fur Seals. As we leave the dramatic Atlantic coastline behind, we move inland across the desert plains to Spitzkoppe, an iconic group of curved granite mountains with vivid colours. After a pleasant walk amongst these boulders we view the ancient Bushmen paintings and engravings. Our last stop of the day and where we overnight is the town of Omaruru - an old mission station and settlement of great historic significance which has evolved into an artistic hub for local crafts and small industries. **Overnight - Omaruru (B, L)**

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Day 13 : Himba Village Tour



Omaruru - Kamanjab. Our journey today takes us to the Kamanjab with a stop at a local distillery and small wine cellar in Omaruru to taste some of the home grown produce en route. Later on we explore a Himba village for a journey of culture exchange, learning and understanding the ways of the last traditional tribe in Namibia, the Ova-Himba. **Overnight - Kamanjab** (B, L, D)

Day 14 : Etosha National Park

Kamanjab - Etosha. Today we head to the magnificent Etosha National Park which was declared a National Park in 1907 and it is home to approximately 114 mammal species, 340 bird species, 110 reptile species, 16 amphibian species and, surprisingly, one species of fish. **Overnight - Etosha National Park** (B, L, D)

Days 15-16 : Etosha Game drives



We fill the next 2 days with game drives in the hopes of spotting some of the Big Four as well as cheetah, giraffe, zebra and the numerous different types of antelope the park has to offer. Our nights are spent at the flood lit waterholes encountering the park's various nocturnal animals as they come to drink. **Overnight - Etosha National Park** (B:2, L:2)

Day 17 : Kavango River

Etosha - Kavango River, Namibia. Our journey today continues east as we drive along the Caprivi Strip to the town of Rundu. We arrive at the Kaisosi River Lodge for the evening and the rest of the afternoon relaxing at our lodge on the banks of the Kavango River. We also have the optional to visit to the Mbunza Living Museum, a traditional cultural school and communal business for the local Kavango people, or a sunset cruise are available. Alternatively just relax by the pool with a sundowner listening to the sounds of Mother Nature. **Overnight - Zambezi Region (Caprivi Strip)** (B, L)

Days 18-19 : Okavango Delta



Kavango River - Okavango Delta, Botswana. Leaving Namibia we enter Botswana through the western border of the Okavango Delta. Unlike other deltas, it flows into the Kalahari Desert without reaching the coast, which makes it unique. The next day is spent exploring the network of water pathways floating through thick vegetation in mokoros (traditional dugout canoes), discovering a variety of birds and wildlife. We stop at a secluded island to take a 1½ hour guided walk hoping to spot elephants, waterbuck or other animals living in this water filled paradise. **Overnight - Okavango Delta** (B:2, L:2, D:2)

Day 20 : Zambezi Region (Caprivi Strip)

Okavango Delta - Caprivi, Namibia. Leaving Botswana, we drive up the western border of the Okavango Delta before crossing back into Namibia and driving through the Caprivi to our camp on the banks of the Kwando River. Enroute to camp you will go on a game drive to the Mahangu National Park which is rich in fauna and flora. In the park you have the chance of spotting game such as

sable and roan, elephants, hippos, buffalos, and many types of antelope. For bird watchers the Mahangu National Park offers more than 420 different bird species.

Overnight - Zambezi Region (Caprivi Strip) (B, L, D)

Days 21-22 : Chobe National Park



Caprivi - Chobe NP, Botswana. On day 21 we head along the Caprivi and cross the border back into Botswana to Kasane, the gateway to the Chobe National Park, which is the second largest national park in Botswana covering 10,566 km². After settling in to our lodge, you will have the remainder of the day at leisure or to partake in optional activities.

The next day, we rise early for a morning game drive in the Chobe National Park, which has one of the greatest concentrations of elephant found on the African continent. In the afternoon we go on a cruise on the Chobe River, a truly unforgettable experience and one of the best ways to view the wildlife and the spectacular sunset. **Overnight - Chobe National Park** (B:2, L:1, D:1)

Day 23 : Victoria Falls



Chobe National Park - Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. Continuing our trip we leave Botswana and drive to Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe. Your guide will take you on a tour

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of the mighty Victoria Falls, known by the local Kololo tribe as Mosi oa Tunya- "the Smoke that thunders". The rest of the day may be spent at leisure or partaking in one of the many activities on offer. **Overnight - Victoria Falls** (B, L)

Day 24 : Victoria Falls

Our safari ends after breakfast, when you will be transferred to Victoria Falls Airport. We hope to welcome you again one day on another of our African adventures.

We recommend extending your stay in Victoria Falls if you want to enjoy the many activities on offer. (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.

The Townhouse

Modern and intimate, the Townhouse is a luxury hotel in the heart of cosmopolitan Cape Town. Guest rooms are all beautifully appointed, have luxury en suite facilities and are provided with Free WiFi. The in house 'Trees' restaurant offers an exciting menu from a Michelin-trained chef. Being in such a great location, why not grab a complimentary walking map and head out to explore Cape Town - right on your doorstep! Well located in down town Cape Town, adjacent to the South African Parliamentary Precinct.



Clanwilliam Lodge

Founded in 1732, the Clanwilliam Lodge is a colloquial gem ensconced in the magical Oliphant's River Valley. Guest rooms vary from standard rooms to superior suites. All are tastefully furnished, bright and modern. The inviting outdoor pool is a great way to cool down and relax in the afternoons.

Guests can grab a drink in the evening in the classy sunken lounge and bar or indulge in a bit of pampering at the luxury spa. The lodge is located just a 5 min drive from the Clanwilliam Dam - a hotspot for watersports and angling.



Felix Unite Camp Provencale

On the banks of the Orange River, the Feliz Unite Camp Provencale offers an array of accommodation. The popular chalets or cabanas afford stunning views of the river and include en suite facilities. The camp includes an outdoor pool, restaurant and bar. There are also internet facilities for those needing to stay connected. Why not head out on one of the many river trips available and see all the Orange River region has to offer. This camp is perfectly located on the banks of the Orange River on the Namibian side.



Canyon Road House

Littered with old car relics, some beautifully restored, the Canyon Road House is fast becoming one of Namibia's most iconic places to stay. With a beautiful bar in the middle of a museum of old vehicles, it really gives a feeling of the olden days. Rooms are designed in a beautiful bright style with stylish wooden furnishings. Take a dip in the refreshing outdoor pool overlooked by an authentic farm windmill making you feel like you are in the heart of the Wild West! This accommodation is located close to Fish River Canyon - the second biggest canyon in the world!



Sossusvei Agama River Camp

When the owners of Agama River Camp first entered the property the Agama lizard was the first animal to show their face, hence the name. This beautiful camp offers both rustic camping and air conditioned chalets. The chalets have excellent amenities including an open deck - perfect for sleeping under the stars if you wish. There is also a cosy bar, a restaurant and a refreshing swimming pool for escaping the Namibian heat! The camp lies between Solitaire and Sesriem just a 45 minute drive to the gates of Sossusvlei



Pension A La Mer

Just a stone's throw from the beach, Pension A La Mer is a charming accommodation. Rooms are simple, but comfortable with bright furnishings and excellent ensuite facilities. This warm and friendly pension offers a number of excellent activities including dolphin cruises, desert tours and scenic flights - so be sure to enquire about them. This accommodation is perfectly located in downtown Swakopmund close to the beach as well as lots of bars and restaurants.



Omaruru Guest House

In the quaint town of Omaruru, the Omaruru Guest House offers comfortable accommodation and a friendly service. Guest

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rooms are stylish with hard wood flooring and excellent modern amenities. The guest house boast from a refreshing outdoor pool, on site restaurant and complimentary Wi-Fi. At the front of the property you can find the Bambu Wellness Boutique Spa - a perfect stop for some pampering when in the desert!



Oppi Koppi Restcamp

An oasis in the desert, Oppi Koppi Rest Camp is the ideal place to stop when visiting Namibia's northwest. Bungalows are well furnished with fans in every room and tea and coffee making facilities. The camp prides itself on it's friendly bar, which serves a good range of cold beers, other alcoholic beverages and ice cold Jagermeister. The out door pool is a great place to cool off from the Namibian heat before settling down for a delicious meal in the evening. The camp is situated just outside Kamanjab in northwest Namibia.



Mokuti Etosha Lodge

Located on the eastern side of Etosha, Mokuti Etosha Lodge is a cool, green tropical oasis. The hotel has thatched buildings throughout as well as beautifully tended gardens and two sparkling swimming pools - Mokuti is Ovambo for 'In the forest'. Guest rooms are all air-conditioned with en suite facilities, other mod-cons and complimentary Wi-Fi. The lodge also has a number of dining options including the Tambuti Dining Room and Terrace as well as the African Boma.



Kaisosi River Lodge

On the banks of the Okavango River, Kaisosi River Lodge consists of a number of beautiful thatched chalets. All chalets are comfortable with en suite facilities and have private terraces or balconies. There are two outdoor pools to enjoy as well as a friendly bar area. Delicious meals are served in the restaurant or for that special occasion why not take advantage of the floating breakfast on the river option. The lodge enjoys the perfect position on the Okavango River near the Caprivi Street.



Guma Lagoon Camp

Set in shade gardens, Guma Lagoon Camp offers beautiful canvas chalets each with their own private view of the water. Each chalet contains beautiful teak beds and en-suite bathrooms. In the mornings guests can take a walk down to the main decking area to watch the sun rise over the lagoon with a steaming hot cup of complimentary tea or coffee. The lodge is situated along the banks of the Guma Lagoon on the northwestern side of the Okavango Delta.



Camp Kwando

A beautiful African style camp, Camp Kwando has thatched island tents and chalets on stilts. All rooms are well appointed including en suite facilities and a private

deck. Meals are served just by the river and it is possible to see resident crocodiles and hippos pass by. Jump in the outdoor pool for a refreshing dip between game drives. The camp is located on the banks of the Kwando river in the Eastern Zambezi region.



Chobe Safari Lodge

Situated on the banks of the Chobe River, Chobe Safari Lodge is an excellent gateway to Chobe, Victoria Falls and the Zambezi Region. Rooms are spacious, with excellent facilities and private balconies. The restaurant serves a fantastic array of African and International cuisine. The Cocktail and Sedudu Bar is a great place to relax with a cocktail as the sun sets. The lodge is in Kasane, just 5 kilometres from Chobe National Park.



A'Zambezi River Lodge

A'Zambezi River Lodge features imaginative African-style architecture with sweeping curved buildings that are complimented by attractive gardens. Nestled besides the river, the lodge provides a quiet ambience for guests to enjoy nature and the facilities provided from award-winning restaurants to an outdoor pool with its own bar. The tastefully decorated rooms are well-equipped with modern conveniences from air-con to satellite TV. The hotel is minutes from Victoria Falls town (5km) and the mighty falls themselves.

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PRICES / DATES INFO

Departure dates noted with a 'G' are guaranteed to operate. All other departure dates are guaranteed to run subject to a minimum of 4 travellers. This safari has a maximum group size of 12. Prices shown are per person travelling. 'Twin/Double' prices per person apply when there are 2 people travelling, sharing a room. The 'Single supplement' applies for single travellers who require their own room and needs to be added to the 'Twin/Double' price.

PRICES / DATES 2019

Date	Twin Share	Single
05 Jun	USD 4,995	USD 6,345
17 Jun	USD 4,995	USD 6,345
23 Jul	USD 4,995	USD 6,345
30 Jul	USD 4,995	USD 6,345
20 Aug	USD 4,995	USD 6,345
05 Sep	USD 4,995	USD 6,345
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