

Falls, Botswana and Kruger

12 days | Victoria Falls to Johannesburg



ACCOMMODATED OVERLAND TOUR: Explore some of Southern Africa's most stunning wildlife and scenery on this 12 day Accommodated Overland tour. Departing Victoria Falls and heading south through the beautiful and changing wilderness of Botswana you'll reach Kruger National Park, with a plethora of animals, before finishing in Johannesburg.

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- Victoria Falls - Explore the breathtaking UNESCO-listed Victoria Falls
- Kasane & the Chobe National Park - Discover the incredible wildlife roaming this amazing landscape
- Maun (Gateway to the Okavango Delta)
- Okavango Delta - Take a boat ride propelled by a traditional Mokoro Poler
- Blyde River Canyon & God's Window - Take in one of the worlds largest canyons from a number of view points
- Kruger National Park - day and nighttime game drives in South Africa's most famous game reserve

- Johannesburg - extend your stay to explore the city

What's Included

- Park entry - Victoria Falls NP. Park entry and game drives - Kruger NP
- All road taxes and tolls
- Arrival transfer from Victoria Falls Airport on day 1
- 11 breakfasts, 8 lunches, 4 dinners
- 10 nights 2 - 3* hotels & permanent tents
- 2 day/1 night Okavango Delta Excursion (camping)
- A fully equipped overland truck for transportation and game drives
- Services of 3 person crew (leader, driver, cook)
- Chobe National Park boat cruise

What's Not Included

- International flights and visas
- Tipping - an entirely personal gesture
- Optional activities - Check our Trip Notes for optional activities available on this tour

ITINERARY

Day 1 : Victoria Falls

Welcome to Victoria Falls, one of the most spectacular natural wonders of the world! Upon arrival at Victoria Falls airport you'll be met and transferred to your accommodation for your first night. On day 1 there is a pre-

departure meeting at 17:00hrs. **Overnight - Victoria Falls**

Day 2 : Victoria Falls

Today offers free time to explore the amazing Victoria Falls. You might want to sign up for one of the numerous adventure and adrenaline options available or simply take in the beauty of the falls and surrounding area at the viewing platforms.

Adrenaline junkies can bungee from the Victoria Falls Bridge connecting Zimbabwe and Zambia or abseil down the Batoka Gorge - neither activity is for the faint hearted! All year round, flights in fixed wing, micro light and ultra-light aircraft or helicopters provide an aerial perspective over this magnificent World Heritage Site. White water rafting on the Zambezi is world class. Beside the excitement of the Grade 5 rapids, there are the "floats," where there is time to admire the scenic cliffs and the occasional wildlife on the riverbanks.

Overnight - Victoria Falls (B)

Day 3 : Kasane

Victoria Falls - Kasane. Today we depart Zimbabwe and cross the border into Botswana. Heading to Kasane we reach our accommodation situated on the banks of the Chobe River. Forming the border between Botswana, Namibia and Zambia we will take a boat cruise down the Chobe River in search of

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the abundant wildlife found along the banks of the river within Chobe National Park.

Returning to our accommodation this afternoon you'll be able to relax by the river whilst enjoying the sunset and hopefully spotting some of the local bird life. **Overnight - Kasane (B)**

Day 4 : Nata Region

Kasane - Nata Region. Departing Chobe we head for the Nata Region, travelling through a sparsely populated area where donkeys roam freely. This afternoon there will be the option of partaking in a salt pan drive. One of the world's few untouched wildernesses, the salt pans are vast and impressive. **Overnight - Nata Region (B, L)**

Day 5 : Maun

Nata Region - Maun. This morning we set off for Maun, our journey taking us along the edge of the Makgadikgadi Pans National Park. Upon arrival in Maun we'll start our preparations for the following day by packing up our day bag - your trip leader will brief you on exactly what you are recommended to bring with you. **Overnight - Maun (B, L)**

Day 6 : Okavango Delta

Maun - Okavango. Today we rise early and head north to the Mokoro peler's station. Along the drive we'll see a number of local villages where families have lived in a traditional way for many years. Mokoros are dugout canoes manoeuvred through the waterways by local guides who "pole" them through the reeds. After a leisurely glide through the delta we reach our accommodation for the night. The afternoon and evening will offer the chance to relax with a cold drink or take a dip in the delta.

The Okavango Delta, travelling from the Angolan highlands, is the largest inland delta in the world and is studded with lushly vegetated islands and unique bird life, with over 400 avian species. **Overnight - Okavango Delta (B, L, D)**

Day 7 : Maun

Okovango - Maun. This morning we have the opportunity to take a game walk through the delta before we take a mokoro ride back to our vehicle in time for lunch. From here there will be an optional scenic flight over the vast expanse of water (dependent on weather conditions & availability). This afternoon we continue back to Maun. **Overnight - Maun (B)**

Days 8-9 : Blyde River Canyon

Maun - Palapye - Blyde River Canyon. It's an early start on day 8 as we make our way to the small town of Palapye, located about halfway between Francistown to the north and Gabarone to the south. It's a popular stopover town for those enroute to South Africa.

On day 9 we head for the South African border and continue to our accommodation in the Blyde River Canyon. The canyon, which is named after the Blyde River running through it, is 26km long and averages 800m in depth. The canyon forms the northern edge of the impressive Drakensberg Mountains. We'll visit some of the most beautiful viewpoints including the Three Rondavels and God's Window. (Please note at each viewpoint you will be asked to pay a small fee to support the local community). **Overnight - Palapye (1) Blyde River Canyon (1) (B:2, L:2, D:1)**

Days 10-11 : Kruger National Park

Blyde River Canyon - Kruger. On day 10 we travel to Kruger National Park. Covering an area of 19,485 sq km, Kruger National Park is one of the most famous national parks in the world. And for good reason - with over 146 mammal, 500 bird, 114 reptile and 33 amphibian species, you're sure to see some incredible nature today. This evening enjoy a night game drive, which gives you the opportunity to witness the more nocturnal animals that might not be active during the day.

On day 11 we head deeper into Kruger National Park in search of the amazing wildlife in the area. You can hope to see hippo, giraffe, zebra, impala and many more fascinating

creatures. **Overnight - Kruger National Park (B:2, L:2, D:2)**

Day 12 : Johannesburg

Kruger - Johannesburg. After breakfast we begin our journey to our final destination, Kempton Park, Johannesburg. Arriving into the city later this afternoon we'll unload and bid farewell to one another.

We suggest you extend your stay by a few days to partake in some of the activities available in Johannesburg. Post tour accommodation can be booked upon request. (B, L)

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.

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.



Thebe River Lodge

Overlooking the Chobe River, this lodge complements the surrounding bush with its rustic design. Its guestrooms are nestled around a courtyard and offer free WiFi, air conditioning and an ensuite. Guests will also enjoy the swimming pool and hearty meals at the Thebe Restaurant. With both covered and al fresco dining areas, this

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restaurant boasts a wood-fire pizza oven and one of the best breakfasts in town. The bar's buzzing atmosphere draws both visitors and locals, serving cold beverages alongside a satellite TV for you to catch up on the latest international news and sports.



Elephant Sands

Set on an unfenced 16,000-hectare private conservancy, this bush lodge brings you face to face with some of Africa's most iconic wildlife. View elephants as they come to drink from the natural waterhole just meters away in front of the lodge. The guestrooms are arranged in spacious chalets and equipped with ensuite bathrooms.

A restaurant serves breakfast, lunch and dinner, with a bar offering a range of local and international wines, beers and exotic cocktails. You will also enjoy the outdoor pool, where you can cool off and enjoy the peace and serenity of the African bush.



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.



Camp Itumela

With Itumela meaning 'happy place', this camp provides a green oasis from the dry surroundings. It's chalet style accommodation is simple yet comfortable, offering two single beds and an ensuite bathroom. Delicious home-cooked meals can be enjoyed in the restaurant or, alternatively, guests can prepare their own food in one of the self-catering kitchens. The camp also offers WiFi access and a refreshing swimming pool. In addition, a well-stocked bar features a big screen TV, darts and a pool table to keep you entertained in the evenings.



Nkambeni Tented Camp

This tented camp can be considered a 'hidden gem' within Kruger National Park. Originally a small community project, the camp now provides permanent safari-style accommodation with ensuite bedrooms featuring air-conditioning and private decks. The other camp amenities truly make the most of their surrounds, with a large swimming pool overlooking a dam where hippos and other wildlife often visit, and a lounge area being the perfect spot to enjoy a sundowner with your travel companions. There's also a bar and restaurant, where you'll discover tasty local food and warm South African hospitality.



PRICES / DATES INFO

Prices shown are per person travelling. 'Twin/Double' prices per person apply when there are 2 people travelling, sharing a room. For solo travellers, the single supplement price needs to be added to the twin/double price. Departure dates noted with a 'G' are guaranteed to operate. All other departure dates are guaranteed with a minimum of 6 persons.

PRICES / DATES 2019

Date	Twin Share	Single
18 May	USD 3,195	USD 3,995
15 Jun	USD 3,195	USD 3,995
13 Jul	USD 3,195	USD 3,995
03 Aug	USD 3,195	USD 3,995
17 Aug	USD 3,195	USD 3,995
14 Sep	USD 3,195	USD 3,995
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21 Dec	USD 3,195	USD 3,995

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