

# Dunes, Deltas and Falls

## 22 days | Cape Town to Victoria Falls



**ACCOMMODATED OVERLAND TOUR:** From Table Mountain to Victoria Falls, you'll explore some of the most breathtaking parts of Southern Africa on this 22 day Accommodated Overland tour. Starting in Cape Town, you'll travel through the Namib Desert, spot wildlife in Etosha & Chobe NP and end in the adventure capital of Africa, Victoria Falls.

### HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

#### Trip Highlights

- Cape Town - begin your safari in the colourful South African city at the tip of the African continent
- Etosha National Park - spend three nights at the reserve and head out on numerous game drives in search of lions, elephants and more
- Okavango Delta - glide through the delta aboard traditional mokoros and enjoy a guided game walk in search of some of Botswana's wildlife
- Namib-Naukluft National Park - scramble up to the top of Dune 45 and explore the salt pans and red dunes of Sossusvlei
- Chobe National Park - camp out in the wilds of the national park, surrounded by

the sounds of the wildlife, and enjoy a game drive to spot iconic African species

- Swakopmund - cross the Tropic of Capricorn to reach Namibia's premier beach resort and enjoy free time to relax or join optional activities including horse riding
- Fish River Canyon - travel along the rim of the mighty canyon, which is 161 kilometres long and second only in size to the Grand Canyon
- Spitzkoppe - admire the spectacular 'Matterhorn of Namibia' and discover some of the ancient rock paintings that can be found in the area
- Windhoek - opt to visit the local museum or head to the markets for some haggling as you explore the small Namibian capital independently
- Victoria Falls - end your adventure in the Zimbabwean town, with time to visit thundering Victoria Falls

#### What's Included

- 1 night Chobe National Park Excursion (Mobile bush camping)
- Guided walk of Spitzkoppe
- Arrival transfer from Cape Town Airport on day 1
- 19 nights 2 - 3\* hotels & permanent tents
- 21 breakfasts, 15 lunches and 7 dinners
- Services of 3 person crew (leader, driver, cook)

- A fully equipped overland truck for transportation and game drives
- Transfer to Sossusvlei for Desert Walk
- 2 day/1 night Okavango Delta Excursion (Mobile bush 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
- Tipping - an entirely personal gesture
- Optional activities - Check our Trip Notes for optional activities available on this tour

#### Local Payment

\$700pp, paid in USD

### ITINERARY

#### Day 1 : Cape Town

Welcome to South Africa. Upon arrival into Cape Town Airport you'll be met and transferred to our accommodation. A pre departure meeting will be held this afternoon at 5pm. **Overnight - Cape Town**

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## Day 2 : Cederberg



Cape Town - Cederberg. Departing Cape Town we make our way around the towering Table Mountain and head northwards. Our journey takes us through the wheat growing region, which is often referred to as the bread basket of South Africa. Next we cross the Piketberg Pass and along the Olifants River, an area rich in fruit growing. **Overnight - Cederberg** (B, L, D)

## Day 3 : Orange River

Cederberg - Orange River. This morning we travel further north, through the region known as Namaqualand. Each spring this area is awash with colour as the Namaqua wildflowers bloom across the region. After a short stop in the mining town of Springbok we continue through the barren desert landscape of the Richtersveld before reaching the Orange (Gariiep) River, which acts as a natural border between South Africa and Namibia. Our accommodation for the evening is situated on the South African side of the river with beautiful views. **Overnight - Orange River** (B, L, D)

## Day 4 : Fish River Canyon



Orange River - Fish River Canyon. Today we cross the border into Namibia and make our way to Fish River Canyon, the second largest canyon in the world. Formed by tectonic activity and erosion it measures 161km in

length, 2km in width and roughly 550m in depth. Following the eastern rim we'll get the chance to stop at a number of vantage points for breathtaking views across the canyon.

**Overnight - Grunau** (B, L)

## Day 5 : Sesriem



Fish River Canyon - Sesriem. It's an early start today as we make our way north through the Namib-Naukluft desert, one of the oldest in the world. With a sea of towering sand dunes, some of which are reputed to be the highest in the world, it's an incredible part of the world. Our base for the next two nights is the Sossuvlei area, a great place to explore the region from. **Overnight - Sossusvlei Region** (B, L)

## Day 6 : Namibia's Sand Dunes

Today we further explore the amazing Namib-Naukluft National Park. We have the opportunity to climb Dune 45, so named because it's at the 45th kilometre on the road that connects Sesriem gate and Sossuvlei. This impressive dune stands at around 80 metres at its highest point and is made up of 5 million-year-old sand. Later today you'll have the opportunity to join one of the desert shuttles that heads a further 5km into the desert, reaching Sossuvlei, characterised by salt pans surrounded by imposing red sand dunes. **Overnight - Sossusvlei Region** (B, L)

## Days 7-8 : Swakopmund

Sesriem - Swakopmund. After breakfast we head north-west in the direction of the Atlantic Ocean and the town of Walvis Bay before continuing to the seaside town of Swakopmund. During our journey we'll cross the Tropic of Capricorn.

On day 8 you have some free time to explore this beautiful colonial town or partake in some of the optional adrenaline activities

on offer here. Founded in 1892 by the Germans, Swakopmund still holds a lot of colonial charm with the added excitement of various adventurous pursuits. 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, L:1)

## Day 9 : Brandberg

Swakopmund - Brandberg. We make an early departure from Swakopmund this morning and head through Spitzkoppe, often referred to as the 'Matterhorn of Namibia'. This 1728m-high rock formation is one of Namibia's most recognised landmarks. We'll explore this area, visiting the rock paintings that have been discovered in the area. We end the day at our accommodation in Brandberg. **Overnight - Brandberg** (B, L, D)

## Days 10-11 : Etosha National Park

Brandberg - Etosha National Park. On day 10 we depart for Etosha National Park. Covering over 22,000 square kilometres, Etosha is Namibia's most significant and impressive national park.

On day 11 we explore Etosha National Park further. Located around the Etosha Pan, the national park is home to a huge variety of animal and birdlife. The network of unpaved roads give us a fantastic opportunity to get deep into the remotest parts of the park. This afternoon we explore the southern area of Etosha, with a thriving Oryx and Springbok population to be seen. This evening we return to our accommodation just outside the national park where you might wish to have a quick dip in the pool or enjoy a sundowner before dinner. **Overnight - Etosha National Park** (B:2, L:2, D:2)

## Day 12 : Etosha National Park

Today we make our way through the park heading northwards, en route we'll see many different fascinating animals. Moving to a different part of the park shows the change in vegetation and how this affects the wildlife. Arriving to our accommodation this evening we can take some time to relax. You may wish

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to head to the waterhole where you can sit and observe the animals that come and go.

**Overnight - Etosha National Park (B, L)**

## Day 13 : Windhoek

Etosha - Windhoek. After our breakfast this morning, we head out of the park. Today's drive will take us through small rural towns and scenic landscapes. Nestled between the hills, Windhoek is a rather small capital city but has many places of historical interest. This afternoon is spent at your leisure with time to visit the local museum or haggle at the street side markets. There are also many shops for those in need of a bit of retail therapy.

**Overnight - Windhoek (B, L)**

## Day 14 : Ghanzi

Windhoek - Ghanzi. It's an early departure this morning as we head for the border and make our way into Botswana. Our accommodation for the night is located in the small town of Ghanzi, in the middle of the Kalahari Desert. This afternoon you'll have the option of a number of activities that will allow you to interact with the native Bushman people who reside in this area. You'll learn about their way of life and how they are able to survive in such an arid and desolate area. **Overnight - Ghanzi (B, L)**

## Days 15-17 : Maun

Ghanzi - Maun - Okavango - Maun. Travelling north on day 15 we reach Maun, which is the starting point for the majority of people travelling to the Okavango Delta. This evening we begin our preparations for the following day.

On day 16 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.

On day 17 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:3, L:2, D:1)**

## Day 18 : Nata Region

Maun - Nata Region. Departing Maun we head east around the edge of the scarcely populated area of the Makgadikgadi Pan. One of the largest salt flats in the world it is the vast remains of an early super lake. After reaching our accommodation this afternoon we have the option of taking a game drive or a bushwalk. **Overnight - Nata Region (B)**

## Day 19 : Kasane

Nata Region - Kasane. We continue north this morning travelling to the town of Kasane and to our accommodation on the banks of the Chobe River. The Chobe River is a natural border which divides Botswana, Namibia and Zambia. Be on the look out for the local hippos hiding just below the surface.

As the main water source of the region, the river attracts an abundance of wildlife to its shores, and our accommodation is the perfect place to spot any game that've made their way down to the water's edge. **Overnight - Kasane (B, L)**

## Day 20 : Chobe National Park

Kasane - Chobe National Park. This morning offers some free time to relax or explore the local town of Kasane before we prepare 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 - Chobe National Park (B, D)**

## Day 21 : Victoria Falls

Chobe National Park - Victoria Falls. Heading out of Chobe this morning we make our way back to our vehicle before we head for the Zimbabwe border. After departing Botswana we have a short drive to the town of Victoria Falls, named after the world-famous waterfalls. You then have the opportunity to explore the Falls before continuing to the town. The rest of the day offers time to relax and unwind. **Overnight - Victoria Falls (B)**

## Day 22 : Victoria Falls

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 horseback safaris, a visit to the crocodile ranch, flights over the falls and more. (B)

## HOTELS

Highlighted below are some of the hotels which we frequently use on this tour, though we reserve the right to substitute these hotels to ones of a similar standard.

**Please refer to your Tour Voucher for your confirmed arrival hotel and further arrival information.**

## Ashanti Gardens Guesthouse

Overlooked by Lion's Head Mountain, this guesthouse is comprised of two lovingly restored Victorian buildings with communal kitchens. Each room is individually decorated and features a private bathroom, tea and coffee making facilities and unlimited free WiFi so you can stay connected to everyone back home. Guests are also able to use the facilities of the neighbouring Ashanti Backpackers, which include a refreshing pool and the Kumasi Cafe. During the mornings you'll find a delicious breakfast buffet and by night the cafe serves a tantalising array of cocktails to enjoy with the views.

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## Highlanders

Nestled amongst the farms of the Klauer wine region, Highlanders is set on the Olifants river at the foot of the Cedarberg mountain range. Originally just a campsite, it now boasts 12 luxury rooms within a lodge, each of which are complete with an ensuite and air conditioning. Tasty group meals are on offer including traditional braais or a potjie served with fresh, homemade bread. Guests can also enjoy a wine tasting of six local varieties. The wine bar and a swimming pool are perfectly positioned to take in the surrounding views whilst you enjoy a glass or two.



## Bushwhacked

Set on the banks of the mighty Orange River, Bushwhacked has the essence of a bush camp, but is equipped with modern facilities. It features grassy campsites and, for those wanting the camping experience without having to pitch a tent, there is now a glamping option. Within each glamping unit, you'll find two single beds and bedding, with the benefits of lighting and electricity. Group meals can be provided, and their speciality is a spit braai with fresh bread baked on the coals. Guests can also enjoy a cold beer at the bar and stunning views of the sun setting over the Richtersveld mountain ranges.



## Grunau Chalets

Grunau Chalets offers the perfect stopover for those travelling between South Africa and Namibia. Its self-contained accommodation is arranged into chalets that feature a seating area, private bathroom and refrigerator. The staff here are always happy to help and a shop sells everything from postcards to Namibian biltong. At the restaurant, guests can enjoy some of the best home-made pies in the country or, alternatively, you can light up a campfire and sit back to experience the Namibian sunset.



## Elegant Desert Lodge

Offering modern guestrooms and warm Namibian hospitality, this lodge ensures a special desert experience in Namibia. Each tastefully decorated room features an ensuite, tea and coffee making facilities and air conditioning. You can also enjoy views over the vast Namib plains from the adjoining verandas. Other amenities include free WiFi, two lounges, a fire pit and a bar offering refreshing beverages. Breakfast and dinner are served in the on-site restaurant and a sparkling pool overlooks the surrounding grounds. If that wasn't enough, the lodge also has its own watering hole for game viewing.



## Adventure Village

Set in the coastal town of Swakopmund, Adventure Village is just a 15-minute walk from attractions such as the fort-like Alte Kaserne and the National Marine Aquarium. Several restaurants and a supermarket are also close by, alongside an on-site snack bar. Its modern guestrooms are simply furnished,

with a private bathroom, wardrobe and free WiFi available in public areas. Each of the rooms has also been built out of colourful shipping containers, offering a unique stay within Namibia.



## Brandberg White Lady Lodge

Open since 2004, the Brandberg White Lady Lodge is a warm and hospitable lodge at the foot of Namibia's highest mountain. Choose from chalets or rooms, all are well furnished with en suite facilities and a private patio/veranda. There are 2 large outdoor pools perfect for cooling down in. The famous 'White Lady' Bushman painting is a popular half-day excursion from here - which is not to be missed!



## Eldorado

Family-run Eldorado offers an authentic taste of Namibian hospitality and farm life. Its guestrooms have been individually crafted from existing old farm buildings and provide a private bathroom, coffee making facilities and air conditioning. Guests can grab a bite to eat in the on-site restaurant or enjoy a refreshing drink at the bar. The outdoor pool is also an inviting spot to cool off after a day out wildlife-spotting in the African heat.



## Halali Resort

Sitting at the base of Dolomite Hill, Halali Resort sits among shady Mopane trees.

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Guest rooms are spacious with en suite facilities and some benefit from their own personal braai (barbecue). The flood lit waterhole can be viewed from an elevated point and provides some of the best game viewing in the park. Jump in the refreshing outdoor pool when the heat of Namibia gets too much! The resort is strategically located halfway between Okaukuejo and Namutoni camps in the beautiful Etosha National Park.



## 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.



## 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.



## Kalahari Arms Hotel

Set in the heart of Ghanzi, the gateway to the Kalahari, this hotel was one of the town's first established businesses. Its comfortable guestrooms offer modern amenities including a TV, air-conditioning and tea and coffee making facilities. WiFi is also available throughout the hotel and a restaurant offers tasty dishes from around the world. Guests can lounge on the sun terrace or enjoy a dip in the inviting swimming pool. A bar serves a variety of wines and beverages, which are best enjoyed lazing about the hotel's beautiful gardens.



## 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 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.



## Thebe River Mobile Safari

No trip to Africa would be complete without spending a night at a mobile safari camp. Chobe National Park is home to the largest elephant population in Africa and camping here allows you to truly experience the best of Botswana's landscapes and wildlife. You'll spend your night in one of the dome-shaped tents provided and assist your fellow travellers in setting up and preparing meals. All necessary camping equipment and food are provided, so after eating you can spend your evening unwinding and sharing stories over the roaring campfire.



## 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 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

Prices shown are per person when there are 2 persons sharing a room. The 'Single supplement' applies for single travellers who require their own room and needs to be added to the per person price. Departure dates noted with a 'G'

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are guaranteed to operate. All other departure dates are guaranteed with a minimum of 6 persons.

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Date	Twin Share	Single
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26 May	CAD 6,345	CAD 7,715
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