

# Falls to Cape

22 days | Victoria Falls to Cape Town



*Southern Africa at its best. Kick off at Victoria Falls, spot game at Chobe and Etosha National Parks, explore the Okavango Delta in a canoe and wrap up your holiday in colourful Cape Town.*

## HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

### Trip Highlights

- **Zimbabwe:** UNESCO Listed Victoria Falls, one of the natural wonders of the world.
- **Botswana:** Chobe National Park, famous for its herds of elephants. Okavango Delta.
- **Namibia:** Fish River Canyon, the world's 2nd largest canyon. Namib Naukluft National Park - Sossusvlei & Dune 45. Etosha National Park, Namibia's finest wildlife sanctuary. Swakopmund, a charming colonial coastal town. Damaraland - Spitzkoppe. The lush Kavango region.
- **South Africa:** Cape Town - extend your stay to explore the city. The Cederberg Area and the Gariep River.

### What's Included

- Arrival transfer from Vic Falls Airport on day 1
- 1st night dorm/camping in Victoria Falls and 2 nights twin share accommodation

- in Swakopmund and 18 nights camping. Tents and sleeping mats provided
- 19 breakfasts, 16 lunches and 15 dinners
- All camping fees and appropriate equipment
- A fully equipped overland truck for transportation and game drives
- Services of 3 person crew (leader, driver, cook)
- Park Entry and Game drive - Etosha NP and Chobe NP. Park Entry - Victoria Falls NP
- 2 day/1 night Okavango Delta Excursion (camping)
- Sossusvlei transfer for Desert Walk
- 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

\$700pp, paid in USD

The local payment is a cost per person which needs to be paid in US Dollars cash. 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 : Victoria Falls

Saturday. Welcome to Victoria Falls! We'll be there to collect you at Victoria Falls Airport and transfer you to our campsite. Today there will be a pre departure meeting at 17.00 when you will be your fellow travellers and tour leader. **Overnight - Victoria Falls**

### Day 2 : Victoria Falls

Today is at leisure for participating in a myriad of optional excursions. Optional excursions include horseback safaris, a visit to the crocodile ranch and boat cruises. Adrenalin 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 incredible aerial view of the falls and white water rafting on the Zambezi is world class! **Overnight - Victoria Falls**

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## Days 3-4 : Chobe National Park



Victoria Falls - Chobe - Kasane (Botswana). After breakfast we cross into Botswana. After lunch we leave for our Chobe National Park Overnight Mobile excursion in the wilds of the Chobe National Park - 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.

After our night in the bush, we head out early to continue our search for wildlife, before returning to camp. **Overnight - Chobe (1), Kasane (1)** (B:2, L:2, D:2)

## Day 5 : Maun

Kasane - Maun. Heading out early we continue through Botswana to Maun - our starting point for travel into the Okavango Delta. **Overnight - Maun** (B, L, D)

## Days 6-7 : Okavango Delta



Maun - Okavango Delta - Maun. On day 6 we take the included overnight 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 polder's station. Some of the villages are very remote and can only be reached by

the traditional mode of transport – the Mokoro (dugout canoe). 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. 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.

The following morning we return to the mainland and our campsite in Maun 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 - Okavango Delta (1), Maun (1)** (B:2, L:2, D:2)

## Days 8-9 : Ghanzi & Windhoek

Maun - Ghanzi - Windhoek (Namibia). On day 8 we head towards the small village of Ghanzi - home to the San Bushman and we can learn more about them by partaking in the Bushman experience offered by the campsite.

On day 9 we drive to Namibia's capital city - Windhoek. **Overnight - Ghanzi (1), Windhoek(1)** (B:2, L:2, D:1)

## Day 10 : Etosha National Park



Windhoek - Etosha. From Windhoek we head to the Etosha National Park arriving about lunchtime, spending the remainder of the day exploring the park's northern area. Keep an eye out for the striking Oryx and Springbok as these are endemic to desert national parks! 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 11-12 : Etosha NP

On day 11 we make our way 150 km across the park for a full day of game viewing, we exit the park through Anderson gate and head to our campsite just 10kms away; perhaps the chance for a quick dip in the pool before dinner, followed by a relaxing evening in this very interesting bar. Day 12's drive takes us further south through the Namibian countryside to our campsite, located in the vicinity of Etosha National Park. **Overnight - Etosha National Park area** (B:2, L:2, D:2)

## Day 13 : Brandberg



Etosha National Park area - Brandberg. Today we head down south to the area of the Brandberg. All depending on the time of arrival we will have the opportunity to explore the area. **Overnight - Brandberg** (B, L, D)

## Days 14-15 : Swakopmund

Brandberg - Spitzkoppe - Swakopmund. We travel to Swakopmund via Spitzkoppe on day 14. The town has excellent coffee shops, restaurants & bars as well as many arts and crafts shops selling Namibian curios. The following day is spent relaxing or participating in a myriad of optional excursions which include sky diving, quad biking, sand boarding, scenic desert flights, dolphin cruises, horse riding - all bookable locally. We spend 2 nights here. **Overnight - Swakopmund** (B:2)

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## Days 16-17 : Sossusvlei



Swakopmund - Sesriem. Continuing our journey, we enter the Namib-Naukluft Park in one of the oldest deserts in the world. We base ourselves at Sesriem, a great place to experience the Namib and its many moods. A short distance away is Sossusvlei, surrounded by a dramatic sea of sand dunes reputed to be the highest in the world. Magnificent views of the desert can be seen from the top of the dunes, some over 300 m high. We spend the afternoon exploring this amazing area.

**Overnight - Sesriem** (B:2, L:2, D:2)

## Day 18 : Fish River Canyon

Sesriem - Fish River Canyon. Departing early we see the sunrise over this beautiful desert area before we leave the serenity of the dunes and head south to Fish River Canyon - the second largest canyon in the world. The outer canyon was formed by tectonic activity, while the erosion of the Fish River formed the inner canyon. 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 19 : Gariep River

Fish River Canyon - Gariep River (South Africa). This morning we continue south, where, after a short drive, we reach the Gariep River (Orange River) - the natural land border between Namibia and South Africa. We camp on the South African bank of the river.

**Overnight - Gariep River** (B, L, D)

## Day 20 : Cederberg



Gariep River - Cederberg. This morning we travel south to the mining town of Springbok, and the region known as Namaqualand. We spend tonight in a picturesque campsite surrounded by local wine farms and we have the option to sample some of the nectar of the gods surrounded by the beautiful Cederberg Mountains. Tonight is our last night under the stars.

**Overnight - Cederberg** (B, L, D)

## Day 21 : Cape Town

Cederberg - Cape Town. We leave the scenic Cederberg area and travel to Cape Town. Our first sighting of the Mother's City Table Mountain across Table Bay means we've reached our final destination. **Overnight - Cape Town** (B)

## Day 22 : Cape Town

Saturday. This morning we exchange addresses and part ways, having just experienced a trip of a lifetime!

### 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.**

## 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.



## Victoria Falls Rest Camp

Located a stone's throw away from the Artist village & Elephant Walk Shopping is the Victoria Falls Rest Camp. Offering camping and dorm room accommodation, this camp features a year-round outdoor pool and barbecue facilities. Daily continental or cooked breakfast is served at the in-house restaurant, which also offers a variety of local African dishes. Wi-fi is available and some units feature equipped kitchens.



## 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.



## Urban Camp

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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.



## 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.



## 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.



## Ashanti Lodge Gardens Backpackers

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.



### 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 are per person travelling. Single travellers will be paired up in tents with another person of the same gender.

### PRICES / DATES 2019

Date	Twin Share	Single
19 Oct	ZAR 14,900	ZAR 14,900
02 Nov	ZAR 14,900	ZAR 14,900
16 Nov	ZAR 14,900	ZAR 14,900
30 Nov	ZAR 14,900	ZAR 14,900
14 Dec	ZAR 14,900	ZAR 14,900
28 Dec	ZAR 14,900	ZAR 14,900

### PRICES / DATES 2020

Date	Twin Share	Single
11 Jan	ZAR 18,900	ZAR 33,400
25 Jan	ZAR 18,900	ZAR 33,400
08 Feb	ZAR 19,900	ZAR 34,400
22 Feb	ZAR 19,900	ZAR 34,400
07 Mar	ZAR 19,900	ZAR 34,400
21 Mar	ZAR 19,900	ZAR 34,400
04 Apr	ZAR 19,900	ZAR 34,400
18 Apr	ZAR 19,900	ZAR 34,400
02 May	ZAR 19,900	ZAR 34,400
16 May	ZAR 19,900	ZAR 34,400
30 May	ZAR 19,900	ZAR 34,400
13 Jun	ZAR 19,900	ZAR 34,400
27 Jun	ZAR 19,900	ZAR 34,400
11 Jul	ZAR 20,900	ZAR 35,400
25 Jul	ZAR 20,900	ZAR 35,400
08 Aug	ZAR 20,900	ZAR 35,400
22 Aug	ZAR 20,900	ZAR 35,400
05 Sep	ZAR 20,900	ZAR 35,400
19 Sep	ZAR 19,900	ZAR 34,400
03 Oct	ZAR 19,900	ZAR 34,400
17 Oct	ZAR 19,900	ZAR 34,400
31 Oct	ZAR 19,900	ZAR 34,400
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28 Nov	ZAR 19,900	ZAR 34,400
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26 Dec	ZAR 20,900	ZAR 35,400

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