

5 COUNTRIES IN 15 DAYS

EXCLUSIVE WILDERNESS CAMPING / ACCOMMODATION EXPLORERS' SAFARI

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DAY TO DAY ITERNARY & PROGRAM

15 DAY SOUTHERN AFRICA CUSTOMIZED AND SPECIFIC TAILORED SAFARI PROGRAM: EXAMPLE ONLY

DAY	START	DESTINATION	ACCOM	MEALS	DATE
1	Cape Town	Vioolsdrift, Orange River		L.D	02/01/2012
2	Vioolsdrift, Orange River	Sossusvlei		B.L.D	03/01/2012
3	Sossusvlei	Namib Naukluft Park		B.L.D	04/01/2012
4	Namib Naukluft Park	Swakopmund		B.L.D	05/01/2012
5	Swakopmund	Spitzkoppe		B.L.D	06/01/2012
6	Spitzkoppe	Etosha National Park		B.L.D	07/01/2012
7	Etosha National Park	Rundu		B.L.D	08/01/2012
8	RECONCILE / REST DAY	RECONCILE / REST DAY		D	09/01/2012
9	Rundu	Maun		B.L.D	10/01/2012
10	Maun	Okovango Delta		B.L.D	11/01/2012
11	Okovango Delta	Okovango Delta (Moremi)		B.L.D	12/01/2012
12	Okovango Delta (Moremi)	Chobe National Park		B.L.D	13/01/2012
13	Chobe National Park	Victoria Falls		B.L.D	14/01/2012
14	Victoria Falls	Victoria Falls Explorers Day		B.L.D	15/01/2012
15	Livingstone Airport	Johannesburg (OR T. Airport)		B	16/01/2012
[D] - Dinner [L] - Lunch [B] - Breakfast [*] Own Meals					

This trip begins in Cape Town, South Africa and travels north through South Africa, Namibia and Botswana, before ending in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. (EXAMPLES ONLY)

PRE-DEPARTURE MEETING	HELD AT THE GREEN ELEPHANT, OBSERVATORY AT 9:45AM 3 DAYS BEFORE YOUR DEPARTURE.
DEPARTURE POINT	THE GREEN ELEPHANT BACKPACKERS, OBSERVATORY, CAPE TOWN
CHECK IN TIME	8:45AM
DEPARTURE TIME	9:30AM
ACCOMMODATION	OWN RESPONSIBILITY PRIOR TO DEPARTURE OF THE TOUR ON 2 DECEMBER 2012
AIR TRANSFERS	N/A
BUS TRANSFERS	N/A
REQUIRED VISAS	SOUTH AFRICA, NAMIBIA, BOTSWANA, ZIMBABWE, ZAMBIA



This trip departs from Cape Town early on Tuesday morning. Should you wish to explore Cape Town, an earlier arrival should be planned and accommodation booked.

Please Note:

This itinerary should be used as a guide only and may vary from day to day depending on road & weather conditions, political situations and group decisions. All prices & Local Payments are subject to change. Due to Tourism Laws in some of the countries we visit, there may be a truck and crew change during the trip.

DAY 1: Cape Town to Orange River / Namibian - South Africa border crossing (L / D)

Leaving Cape Town, we head north through the wine growing regions. We cross the Piketberg Pass into the rich fruit growing area of Citrusdal. From the Cederberg we travel north through the region known as Namaqualand, well known for its prolific display of Namaqua wildflowers that occur each spring. After stopping for supplies in Springbok, we continue on through the desert area of the Richtersveld to the Orange 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.

DAY 2: Orange River to Sossusvlei via Fish River Canyon (Namibia) (B / L / D)

After breakfast we cross into Namibia where, after a short drive, we reach 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. 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.

DAY 3: Sossusvlei to the North/Eastern Namib-Naukluft Park (Namibia) (B / L / D)

We stop in Bethanie, a small, former missionary town, for supplies. We head to our overnight camp from where we have the opportunity to star gaze at the magnificent Milky Way.

Heading north we enter the Namib-Naukluft Park in one of the oldest deserts in the world. We base ourselves at Sesriem, a good place to experience the Namib and its many moods. A short distance away is a number of well known reserves, 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. An optional (and must do) excursion is to walk around the area, learning about the amazing history, geology, flora and fauna from the specialised local guides of Sossus on Foot. They also give us a glimpse into the cultural legacy of [the San people](#). [View the sunset from the top of Dune 45 - a truly memorable experience.](#)

DAY 4: Namib-Naukluft Park to Swakopmund (B / L / D)

After watching the sunrise across this beautiful area we leave the serenity of the dunes and head in a north-westerly direction to meet the Atlantic Ocean at Walvis Bay. Founded by the Germans in 1892, their colonial influence is still evident today. Swakopmund has a selection of excellent coffee shops, restaurants & bars as well as many arts and crafts shops selling Namibian curios. There are fine beaches to walk along as well as a great museum, aquarium and galleries to visit. Following the coast for some 35 km, we arrive at Namibia's prime holiday town - Swakopmund where we enjoy our nights accommodation with well deserved rest and relaxation.

OPTIONAL excursions include sky diving, quad biking, sand boarding, scenic desert flights, dolphin cruises, fishing trips, golf, horse riding and more. An activity briefing will be held on arrival in Swakopmund.

DAY 5: Swakopmund to Spitzkoppe (B / L / D)

Our departure from Swakopmund takes us to the 'Matterhorn of Namibia' - Spitzkoppe. The 1728 m 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. Tonight we bush camp under the African stars.

DAY 6: Spitzkoppe to the Etosha National Park (B / L / D)

After stopping briefly in Outjo to get fresh local produce and supplies, we head to Etosha. Covering 20 000 km², Etosha is Namibia's premier nature 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. We spend the remainder of the day exploring the park's southern area.

DAY 7: Etosha National Park (B / L / D) RECONCILE DAY

Today you have the opportunity to make your way 150 km across the park with different guided, self-drive or game drive pre-booked half day and full day excursions/tours offered by the National Park, keeping a look out for Etosha's large herds of desert antelope such as Springbok and the famed Oryx. After a full day of game viewing, we spend the evening relaxing at our camp.

DAY 8: Etosha National Park to Rundu (B / L / D)

From Etosha, we head in a north-easterly direction towards the lush Kavango region of northern Namibia. We stop at Rundu for supplies before heading to our spectacular campsite located on the banks of the Kavango River - complete with "open air" facilities and the occasional hippo grazing on the lawn!

DAY 9: Rundu to Maun (Botswana) (B / L / D)

Following the Kavango River, we enter Botswana and travel east along the course of the Okavango River to the southern reaches of the Okavango Delta and our destination, Maun. It is from here that we set off to explore the Okavango Delta.

DAY 10: Maun to Okavango Delta (B / L / D)

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.



After we find us a place to camp, we set off on an afternoon game walk, allowing us to experience The Delta wilderness. For those who'd prefer not to explore The Delta, you can stay at the lovely campsite relaxing by the swimming pool or challenging each other to a game of volleyball. There is also a crocodile farm nearby that has it's feeding times open to campsite visitors.

DAY 11: Okavango Delta (B / L / D)

A day of rest, relaxation and Delta experiences await. Today we have the opportunity to partake in a number of activities including swimming, game walks, mokoro cruises and even a chance to try our hands at poling our own mokoro!

DAY 12: Okavango Delta to Chobe National Park(B / L / D)

This morning affords us a final opportunity for a game walk before packing up and setting off back to Maun. We arrive back in the early afternoon and have the chance to complete our picture of the Okavango Delta by taking an optional sunset scenic flight over The Delta.

OPTIONAL:

For the adventurous spirits, there is the option for the Chobe National Park Sleep-out - an overnight experience in the Chobe National park. Spend the afternoon in search of wildlife en-route to the set camp within the park where we spend the evening surrounded by the night-time noises of the local wildlife. In the morning we continue our exploration and after stopping off at the camp for lunch, we meet the rest of the group for the sunset boat cruise.

DAY 13: Chobe National Park to Victoria Falls(B / L / D)

Leaving Botswana we enter Zimbabwe and drive to the nearby Victoria Falls. Here in Africa's adventure capital, we set up camp in the town's centrally located campsite. Victoria Falls or Mosi-oa-Tunya (the Smoke that Thunders) is one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World and it's not difficult to see why. At 1700 m wide and around 100 m high, this is the world's largest sheet of falling water and a memorable sight on any African Safari! The Falls can be viewed from the Victoria Falls National Park, Zimbabwe - a fantastic photo opportunity. The afternoon is spent relaxing at the campsite's swimming pool or exploring the many sights and delights of this town!

DAY 14: Victoria Falls via Livingstone and Kazuma National Park (B / L / D)

This morning we have the option to do an early morning game drive into Kazuma National Park. Kazuma is one of Zimbabwe's premier game parks, renowned its large elephant herds. After our game drive we return to camp for lunch. The late afternoon sees us exploring more at the Zambezi River and Victoria Falls

DAY 15: Livingstone Airport (Zambia) to Johannesburg - OR Tambo International Airport (South Africa) (BRUNCH OR BREAKFAST)

After brunch or breakfast, we exchange addresses and part ways, having just experienced a trip of a lifetime! Excluded from the quoted rate/price per person is all flights prior and post the specific tour dates!

OPTIONAL Excursions include elephant back safaris, horse back safaris, a visit to the crocodile ranch, boat cruises and golf at The Elephant Hills Resort. 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 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.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

Below is a selection of Optional Excursions available on this trip.

Please Note - these prices are approximate and are subject to change

South Africa, Orange River - Half Day Canoeing	US\$ 25
Namibia, Sesriem - Sossusvlei Guided Walk	US\$ 35
Namibia, Swakopmund - Sky Diving	US\$ 250
Namibia, Swakopmund - Sand Boarding	US\$ 45
Botswana, Maun - 3 Day / 2 Night Drive-In/Mokoro Okavango Delta Excursion	US\$ 150
Botswana, Maun - Scenic Flight over the Okavango Delta	US\$ 70
Botswana - Chobe National Park - 1 Night Sleep Out	US\$ 110
Botswana - Chobe National Park - Game Drive	US\$ 35
Zimbabwe, Victoria Falls - White Water Rafting on the Zambezi	US\$ 95
Zimbabwe, Victoria Falls - Bungee Jump	US\$ 90

**Please note that all accommodation & activities in Victoria Falls must be paid for in US\$ cash (GBP & ZAR also accepted at a lower rate).





INCLUDED & EXCLUDED FROM CUSTOM PACKAGE

EXCLUDED

Optional Activities

CAPE TOWN

For activities based in/around Cape Town, please plan extra days prior to the trip departure

Wine Routes - 75 US\$

Cape Point half day tour - 75 US\$

Whale watching (seasonal) - 75 US\$le Mountain - 25 US\$

Robben Island - 35 US\$

Shark Cage Diving - 200-300 US\$

Township Tour - 60 US\$

NAMBIA:

Sossusvlei Desert Walk 2-3 Hrs (Min 8) - 35 US\$

Windhoek Open Top Bus City Tour - 30 US\$

SWAKOPMUND ACTIVITIES:

Quad Biking - 1Hr/2 Hr - 50 US\$ / N\$85 US\$

Sand Boarding - Lie Down/ Stand Up - 45 US\$ / 60 US\$

Township Tour - 70 US\$

Tandem Skydive - (Weather Permitting) - 320 US\$

Horse Riding (2Hrs) - 65 US\$

Fishing - 145 US\$

Dolphin Cruise - 75 US\$

Kayaking - 90 US\$

Paragliding (Weather Permitting) - 135 US\$

Scenic Flight (various)(Weather Permitting) As per Operator

Hot Air Ballooning (Weather Permitting)- 420 US\$

ZIMBABWE:

For activities based in/around Victoria Falls, please plan extra days prior to the trip departure

Please ensure that you pay for activities in Victoria Falls with Cash or Traveler's Cheque's only

Victoria Falls National Park Entry (viewing the Falls) - 20 US\$

Trip T-Shirt - 25 US\$

VICTORIA FALLS:



White Water Rafting-Full Day - *110 US\$
River Boarding combo Raft & Board - 140 US\$
Canoeing on the Zambezi-Half Day/ Full Day - *90 US\$ / 105 US\$ + plus 10 US\$ park fees
Half Day Adrenaline - George Swing,ZipLine & Flying Fox - *105 US\$
Full Day Adrenaline - As above + Abseil & Rap Jump - 140 US\$
Bungee Jump (111m) - 105 US\$
Tandem Bungee Jump - 145 US\$
Elephant Back Safari - *110 US\$
Walk with Lions - *115 US\$
Micro Light over the Falls-15mins - 120 US\$
Micro Light over the Falls-30mins - 230 US\$
Helicopter Flight over the Falls 12 mins - *115 US\$
Helicopter Flight over the Falls 19 - 25 mins - 175 - 220 US\$
Zambezi Sunset Cruise - 45 US\$
Horse Safaris - 2Hr Novice / 3Hr Experienced - 65 US\$ / 75 US\$
Hwange NP (2 Night 3 Day Safari) - 450 US\$
Chobe Botswana - Full Day - 170 US\$
*Combo Deals - 2 Activities 220 US\$

Arrival and departure transfers

Visas

Scheduled or optional National Parks / Reserves entrance fees

Gratuities

Restaurant meals

All drinks, even on days with full board basis

INCLUDED

Accommodation: Twin Share - Standard Accommodation / Tented Camp / Mobile Camping

Group Size: Min of 2 passengers

Itinerary as specified

Fully equipped 4x4 tour vehicle

Services of trip leader and driver

All accommodation as per itinerary

All catering equipment

Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D), No Meal (NM) where specified

Meals not shown will be to the clients account

Occasionally breakfast and lunch may be combined into a brunch where necessary e.g. mornings with early game drives.

SOME OF THE NATIONAL PARKS WE WILL EXPERIENCE:

Fish River Canyon

Namib Naukluft National Park

Swakopmund

Etosha National Park

Waterberg Plateau National Park

Windhoek

Okavango Delta Excursion & Scenic Flight





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