

Classic African Adventure

SOUTH AFRICA, BOTSWANA, NAMIBIA & VICTORIA FALLS



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\$16,990 per person, twin share

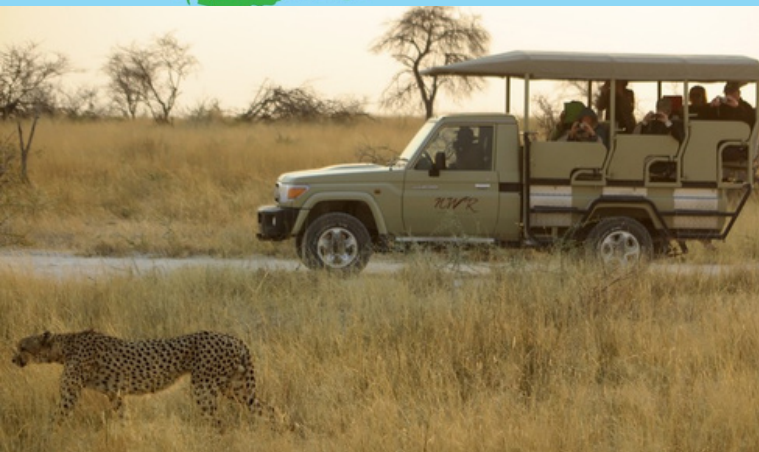
Solo Supplement: \$3,400

Tour Highlights

- An abundance of wildlife up close and personal
- Exploring Moremi, Etosha and Chobe National Parks
- 4WD game safaris, boat trips and fishing
- Botswana's Okavango Delta, the world's largest inland delta
- Victoria Falls – the smoke that thunders
- Cape Town and surrounds, one of the world's great cities



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Tour overview

Spend your first four nights enjoying one of the most picturesque cities on the planet – Cape Town – and its surrounds. Enjoy the city's harbour, gardens, history, restaurants, bars and culture to start your African adventure. Then, step into pristine wilderness where wildlife roams free and the landscapes feel untouched.

Botswana is famed for its Okavango Delta, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that transforms into a wildlife haven each year. Glide silently in a traditional mokoro canoe past elephants and hippos, or explore Chobe National Park—home to Africa's largest elephant herds.

In Namibia, the Desert & Wildlife Collide. The stark beauty sets it apart: rolling red dunes, shimmering salt pans, and rugged coastlines. Etosha National Park is alive with elephants, lions, giraffes, and oryx gathered at waterholes—ideal for those who love taking photos.

Zimbabwe offers some of Africa's most rewarding safaris, where wildlife encounters are matched only by the country's warm hospitality. Hwange National Park teems with elephants, lions, and wild dogs, while Mana Pools provides thrilling walking safaris along the Zambezi River. A visit wouldn't be complete without the roar of Victoria Falls, one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World.

Note: this classic African adventure could best be described as a 3–3.5-star experience that includes some safari tents (with en-suites), bumpy roads, some one-night stays, and activities that will require some level of fitness. It is recommended for healthy, active participants seeking adventure, not luxury!



MODERATE

Activity rating: Moderate

You should have a basic level of fitness and be able to manage long travel days, early starts, and overland transport in 4WDs. You must be able to board and disembark from transport unaided and handle your own luggage.

DAY 1: Tuesday 4th May TRANSIT/ARRIVAL

Depart from Australia for Johannesburg on Qantas, then connect to Cape Town. Check in to your hotel at the lovely V&A Harbour for four nights. If you'd like to spend extra time in Cape Town, it can be easily arranged. You may wish to visit Robben Island, where Nelson Mandela was held for 27 years. Or, you could spend time at the stunning Kirstenbosch Gardens or visit museums like District Six to learn of the tragic history of the local homes being demolished to make way for White Africa. Cape Town has many sights and activities. Overnight: Cape Town

DAY 2: Wednesday 5th May CAPE TOWN

Our guide will meet us in the hotel lobby after breakfast and brief the group on what to expect over the coming weeks. After this briefing, we'll explore the harbour, visit the market and spend some time at leisure. There are many things to see on the harbour with shops, pubs, restaurants and museums. Enjoy lunch at your leisure and then meet at the hotel lobby for a transfer to Cable Mountain National Park before heading to the Bokapp neighbourhood for an official welcome dinner. We'll visit the colourful houses where Malaysian immigrants known as Cape Malays first settled in the 1800's. Overnight: Cape Town **B/D**

DAY 3: Thursday 6th May CAPE POINT & PENINSULA

Today, the group will enjoy a Cape Point & Peninsula tour to the towering headland. This is at the very bottom of the African Continent on the Atlantic Ocean. Walk (or take the funicular) to the lookout for the stunning views. Along the way, we'll stop at Simon Town for a chance to grab some lunch (own cost) and also, Boulders Beach to see the African Penguins frolic in and out of the ocean (the only species of penguins in Africa). Dinner is at a local restaurant within walking distance of the hotel. Overnight: Cape Town **B/D**

DAY 4: Friday 7th May CAPE TOWN TO WINELANDS

No tour to Cape Town is complete without a day trip to the wonderful vineyards. After breakfast, we'll head to Franschhoek to stroll around for an hour or so at leisure or to grab a coffee. Then, we'll head to one of the many vineyards for a wonderful lunch with wine included, of course! Afterwards, the group will drive to Stellenbosch to shop, have coffee, or simply soak up this lovely town before heading back to the hotel. Setting aside the food and wine, this is a picturesque part of the country to enjoy. Dinner, if you can still fit it in, is at your leisure tonight. Overnight: Cape Town **B/L**

DAY 5: Saturday 8th May CAPE TOWN TO WINDHOEK

After breakfast, we will be transferred to Cape Town Airport for our flight to Windhoek (flight cost included in your Blue Dot Travel flight ticket). On arrival, check in at the hotel, then take a short city tour that includes the Independence Memorial and Museum and the local markets. Dinner is at the hotel. Overnight: Windhoek **B/D**

DAY 6: Sunday 9th May WINDHOEK - SOSSUSVLEI

This morning, we'll travel towards the Namib Desert and spend two nights at a river camp. All meals are provided at the accommodation. Enjoy the landscape from your safari vehicle. Driving time will be about 4 hours over around 280 kilometres. Overnight: Sossusvlei **B/L/D**

DAY 7: Monday 10th May SOSSUSVLEI

Early in the morning, you'll drive to the famous dunes of Sossusvlei and learn about the ancient landscape. For those up for some exercise, take a walk to the summit. The dunes are one of Namibia's icons – make sure you have your camera for the proverbial selfie at the top. Then, head back to the camp for breakfast. The rest of the day is spent at leisure. Overnight: Sossusvlei **B/L/D**

DAY 8: Tuesday 11th May NAMIB NAUKLUFT – SWAKOPMUND

Today is spent driving through the Namib-Naukluft National Park via the small town of Walvis Bay, en route to Swakopmund. The total distance is 296 kilometres and will take about 4 hours. Enjoy the scenery! Overnight: Swakopmund **B/L**

DAY 9: Wednesday 12th May SWAKOPMUND AND CAPE CROSS

After breakfast, you'll spend time exploring this quaint German town with your guide and then at your leisure. We'll also drive north to visit the seal colony. Overnight: Swakopmund **B/D**

DAY 10: Thursday 13th May SWAKOPMUND – ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK

This morning, your journey continues to the renowned Etosha National Park, widely regarded as one of the most spectacular game-safari destinations in Africa. Drive time will be approximately 5 hours, covering about 494 kilometres. Our accommodation will be at a safari lodge, neighbouring the park. Overnight: Etosha **B/D**

DAY 11: Friday 14th May ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK

Today, the group will transfer to Namutoni Camp to enjoy spectacular game viewing in the world-renowned Etosha National Park. Overnight: Etosha **B/D**

DAY 12: Saturday 15th May ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK

Today we have the opportunity to take two game drives –one early morning and one late afternoon. The midday period is for downtime and leisure at the camp. Safari drives are typically conducted at these times because wildlife is most active and the weather is favourable. Most animals take shelter from the heat of the middle of the day. Overnight: Etosha **B/D**



DAY 13: Sunday 16th May OKAVANGO RIVER

The group's journey continues north, via Rundu, arriving at the lodge on the banks of the Okavango River late in the afternoon. Drive time will be around 7 hours, covering about 450 kilometres. Enjoy a sunset cruise and spot hippos and other wildlife whilst sipping a G&T or downing a cold beer at the lodge. Overnight: Okaovanga River **B/L/D**

DAY 14: Monday 17th May CAPRIVI STRIP

Drive back into Namibia, through the Caprivi to the banks of the Kwando River and take an afternoon game drive in the Mahangu National Park. Drive time around 2 hours, covering about 210 kilometres. Overnight: Caprivi Strip **B/L/D**

DAY 15: Tuesday 18th May MAHANGU NATIONAL PARK

In the morning, enjoy a game drive in the Greater Bwabwata National Park. In the late afternoon, enjoy a sunset cruise to Popa Falls, famous for its hippos. Overnight: Caprivi Strip **B/L/D**

DAY 16: Wednesday 19th May TO MAUN

Today, the group will head south to Maun, the gateway to the famous Okavango Delta – one of the world's most extensive wetlands. With the afternoon at leisure, you may enjoy a scenic flight (optional extra), a stunning way to see the delta and wildlife from above. Dinner tonight is at your own leisure. Overnight: Maun **B/L**

DAY 17: Thursday 20th May GREATER MOREMI

Transfer by road and explore the Okavango Delta in traditional dugout canoes called mokoros, before returning to the tented retreat for an overnight stay. Enjoy a night game drive this evening. Overnight: Moremi NP **B/L/D**

DAY 18: Friday 21st May GREATER MOREMI

Today, you'll enjoy morning and afternoon game drives spent on open 4X4 vehicles in the Moremi Game Reserve. Overnight: Moremi NP **B/D**

DAY 19: Saturday 22nd May GREATER MOREMI – NATA

We'll travel east today towards the famous Makgadikgadi Pans. These salt flats sit on the savannah plains of North East Botswana. They are among the world's largest salt plains. In the afternoon, a visit to the Nata Bird Sanctuary, where we'll have drinks on the edge of the salt pans, watching the magnificent African sunset. Today's drive will take about 6 hours and cover 420 kilometres. Overnight: Nata **B/D**

DAY 20: Sunday 23rd May NATA – CHOBE NATIONAL PARK

Today you'll head north to Kasane for a two-night stay at a wildlife lodge. Chobe National Park is world-renowned, and you can expect to view a plethora of wildlife during your stay. Check in and have dinner at the lodge. Overnight: Chobe NP **B/D**

DAY 21: Monday 24th May CHOBE

Today will be spent on a game drive to view wildlife, followed by a cruise on the Chobe River. Both game-viewing formats are quite different. By road, you can spot the wildlife in the scrublands and bush. Via boat, you get a totally different perspective. Witness the elephants swimming and bathing, look out for crocodiles and of course, the large population of hippos. Chobe is also home to wild buffalo, lions and leopards, although as these two compete for food, you don't often see them together. Overnight: Chobe NP **B/D**

DAY 22: Tuesday 25th May CHOBE – HWANGE NATIONAL PARK

Today, the group will cross the border into Zimbabwe and on towards Hwange National Park for a two-night stay at our accommodation. Overnight: Hwange NP **B/D**

DAY 23: Wednesday 26th May HWANGE NATIONAL PARK

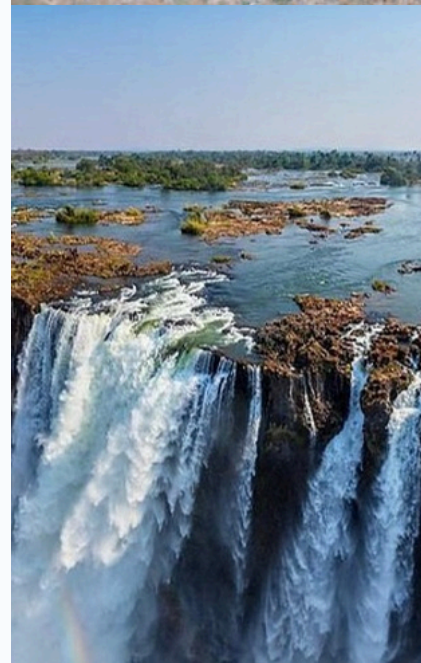
After breakfast, you'll enjoy a full day game drive, stopping for a picnic lunch along the way. You'll spot an abundance of wildlife today before returning to your lodge late in the afternoon in time for dinner. Overnight: Hwange NP **B/L/D**

DAY 24: Thursday 27th May TO VICTORIA FALLS

Continue to Victoria Falls and enjoy a late afternoon sundowner cruise on the beautiful Zambezi River. Overnight at the lodge, where the group will have a farewell dinner. Overnight: Victoria Falls **B/D**

DAY 25: Friday 28th May VICTORIA FALLS

Check out of the hotel and store your luggage at reception before taking a guided tour of the famous falls, first discovered by Scottish missionary David Livingstone in 1855. Locals know them as "Mosi-oa-Tunya", which translates to "the smoke that thunders". Be prepared to get a little wet from the Falls' spray. After the walk, which will take approximately two hours, you'll depart for the airport and fly home – or to your next destination. We suggest you grab a bite to eat at the Fall's Café. **B**





Accommodation

Our guest houses and lodges are carefully chosen to set you up in an ideal location for wildlife viewing. You can expect accommodation comprising a mix of standard hotels, wildlife lodges, and permanent safari tents. Below are samples of the accommodation on this tour. The final hotel list may change, and a complete list will be shared with you.

Potswood Hotel, Capetown
www.legacyhotels.co.za/portswood-hotel

Etosha Safari Lodge, Botswana
www.etosha-safari-lodge

Nata Lodge, Botswana
www.natalodge.com

Ilala Lodge, Victoria Falls
www.ilalalodge.com

Namatoni Resort, Namibia
www.nwr.com.na/resorts

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