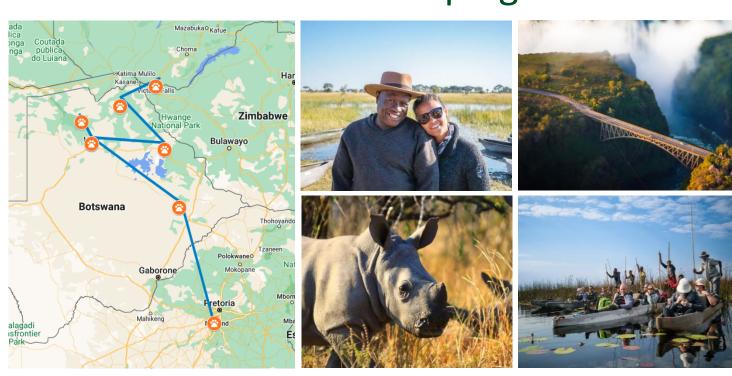


10 Day Johannesburg to Victoria Falls via Botswana Camping Tour



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Khama Rhino Sanctuary

Okavango Delta – Mokoros and Game Walk

Nata – Makgadikgadi Salt Pans 4x4 Excursion

Chobe National Park – River Cruise

Victoria Falls



TOUR ITINERARY

10 Days | South Africa, Botswana and Zimbabwe

Information is subject to change. Travel times and accommodation can change depending on road or weather conditions, etc. These are used as a guideline only.

DAY 1: JOHANNESBURG

Sawubona – welcome to South Africa! Your adventure begins with a welcome meeting at 6 pm. If you arrive early, get out and explore Johannesburg; the country's largest city. Perhaps visit the cultural hotspots of Newtown, Braamfontein or Maboneng. Otherwise, the sobering Apartheid Museum is well worth your time. After your important meeting this evening, why not head out for an optional group dinner and get to know your newfound travel crew – your local leader will point you in the right direction with bar and restaurant recommendations.

Accommodation Hotel
Meals No meals

DAY 2: KHAMA RHINO SANCTUARY

Leaving South Africa behind, cross the border into Botswana and travel towards the Khama Rhino Sanctuary (approximately 8–10 hours). Situated on the edge of the Kalahari Desert, the Khama Rhino Sanctuary has drastically changed from a former hunting area to a conservation project. Built to protect Botswana's only remaining populations of both black and white rhinos, the sanctuary is also home to other wildlife including zebras, giraffes, leopards, ostriches and wildebeest, all of which can be seen grazing the many waterholes. Visiting this project bene2ts local communities and directly contributes to protecting the endangered white rhinoceros. Later on, head out on a dusk game drive to see the rhinos when they are most active

Accommodation Camping (with shared facilities)
Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included Highlight: Khama Rhino Sanctuary - Sunset Game Drive Open Vehicle

DAY 3: MAUN

Jump aboard your vehicle and head to Maun (approximately 8–9 hours). Here there will be an opportunity to stock up on any supplies you might need for your adventure ahead. Maun is the gateway to one of the world's most complex ecosystems, the Okavango Delta. This place is unlike anything in the world – a 16,000 square kilometre maze of lush wetlands and waterways teeming with wildlife. You might see hippos, crocodiles, elephants and big cats, but it's the animals aren't the only drawcard here – the waterscapes and shimmering horizons will have you gazing for days.

Accommodation Camping (with shared facilities)
Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 4: OKAVANGO DELTA

Get right in the action today, jumping aboard a traditional mokoro – a dugout canoe steered by friendly local 'polers' – for an Okavango waterways experience. With some luck, you could spot some of the delta's unusual wildlife and exotic birdlife. Spend some time today exploring the maze of lagoons, lakes and streams on foot too, led by experienced local guides. Tonight, you'll camp on a remote island right in the heart of the wilderness, falling asleep to the humming and buzzing of the African heartlands.

AccommodationBush Camp (no facilities)MealsBreakfast, Lunch, DinnerIncluded HighlightOkavango Mokoro Safari





DAY 5: OKAVANGO DELTA

Wake up early and head out on a sunrise walk. Along the way, keep watch for elephants, and if the timing is right, you might also come across some Cape buffalo! These noble-looking beasts are more dangerous than they look, and their horns double as a kind of bone shield that's ttingly known as a 'boss'. Returning to camp for breakfast, you've got the rest of the day to relax. A refreshing swim, or perhaps a nap, could be on the cards – both good ideas in the warmer part of the day. Alternatively, take another mokoro trip to soak up that serene river atmosphere.

AccommodationBush Camp (no facilities)MealsBreakfast, Lunch, DinnerIncluded HighlightOkavango Sunrise Walk

DAY 6: MAUN

After taking down your camp, return to the 'poler' station by mokoro, before continuing your Lonely Planet Experience to Maun by vehicle (approximately 2–3 hours). Today you'll visit a rural village and interact with some of the locals, providing insight into daily life along the Okavango Delta. The waterways are the lifeblood of so many in this area, so learn more from locals about how important these fertile lands are. Tonight, settle in at camp on the outskirts of town.

AccommodationCamping (with shared facilities)MealsBreakfast, Lunch, DinnerIncluded HighlightOkavango Mokoro Safari

Optional Activities Okavango Delta - Plane Scenic Flight - From USD 100 – USD 390

Okavango Delta - Helicopter Scenic Flight - From USD 220-USD 450

(The scenic flight prices are dependent on the number of passengers in the plane or helicopter.)

DAY 7: NATA

Get up early and hit the road for Nata (approximately 6–7 hours). This small town is situated near the stunning Makgadikgadi Salt Pans which are some of the largest on earth, covering around 12,000 square kilometres. This afternoon, take the opportunity to explore the salt pans in an open vehicle. They are naturally dry and salty for a large part of the year, and during this time, the arid landscape has an eerie feel to it as the shimmering mirages disorientate the senses. At other times they take on a layer of grass and, as soon as the rains hit, become a refuge for migratory birds and animals.

Accommodation Camping (with shared facilities)

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included Highlight Nata - Makgadikgadi Salt Pans 4x4 Excursion

DAY 8: CHOBE NATIONAL PARK

Hit the road to Chobe National Park (approximately 6–7 hours). Botswana's first national park is perhaps best known for its high concentration of elephants, which can often be seen swimming in the Chobe River. The river also attracts wallowing hippos, a variety of birdlife, crocodiles sunning themselves by the water's edge, and cheetahs and lions coming down to drink. Enjoy a sunset cruise on the Chobe – an ideal way to spend the afternoon and toast to another day in Africa.

Accommodation Camping (with shared facilities)

Meals Breakfast, Dinner Included Highlight Chobe River Cruise

DAY 9: VICTORIA FALLS

Why not wake up early and see Chobe National Park from a different perspective, booking yourself in on an optional morning game drive. Afterwards, travel on to Victoria Falls (approximately 2–3 hours), crossing the border into Zimbabwe just in time to have lunch on the banks of the Zambezi River. Then it's free time to experience the sights and sounds of the mighty falls. This thundering curtain of water is about 1.7 kilometres wide, falling 108 metres into a narrow gorge below. In the wet season, the spray created can rise an incredible 400 metres as the falls become a raging torrent. In the dry season, the view of the falls is unobstructed by spray and you can see the little islets in the river below.





Accommodation Camping (with shared facilities)

Meals Breakfast

Optional Activities Chobe National Park - Open Safari Vehicle Morning Game Drive – BWP 580

Victoria Falls Entrance Fee – USD 30 Victoria Falls - Sunset Cruise – USD 50

DAY 10: VICTORIA FALLS

Your trip ends after breakfast and there are no further activities planned. If you're staying longer in Victoria Falls and are feeling adventurous, you might like to try whitewater rafting, canoeing and flying fox rides. Your leader can help you arrange this.

Accommodation None Meals Breakfast

Optional Activities Canoe trail (full day) – USD 185 pp

Flying fox – USD 50 pp Gorge swing – USD 103 pp

Victoria Falls entrance — USD 35 pp Helicopter flight (25 mins) — USD 299 pp Helicopter flight (12 mins) — USD 165 pp Village & township tour — USD 61 pp Whitewater rafting (full day) — USD 130 pp Whitewater rafting (half day) — USD 130 pp (please use prices as a guideline only)

No accommodation is provided for tonight, but this can be arranged when you book this trip.

TOUR INFORMATION

Pre-Departure Information

Once booking has been confirmed we will send you a full and detailed pre-departure Booklet to help you prepare. Below is some basic tour information.

Joining information

This tour starts at the Holiday Inn in Rosebank – Johannesburg with a welcome meeting at 6 pm. You can arrive at any time as there are no activities planned until this important briefing.

Tour departure point

Holiday Inn Rosebank The Zone Phase 2, 187 Oxford Rd Johannesburg SOUTH AFRICA

Tour ending point

Shearwaters Explorers Village Dam Stander Dr Victoria Falls ZIMBABWE

Phone: +263 832844471

PCR Testing / Requirements

Specific proof of testing or vaccination may still be required by your destination or airline. Please ensure you check travel and entry requirements carefully.





Tour Style

To allow for the highlights and experiences packed into this tour, some long distances need to be covered. To minimise the impact travelling inevitably will have on a tour of this nature, we have allocated some days as longer driving days than others. Our intention is to cover the necessary ground as quickly and safely as possible with minimal delays. Border crossings, can be tedious at times so keep this in mind. We ask that you remain patient throughout. Africa is a wonderful continent to explore but there are occasions when it helps to remember that we are guests here and that when travelling sometimes things will take longer than we would like or expect at home.

Pre and Post Tour Accommodation

If you require accommodation before or after your tour, we can arrange this for you. We can also arrange airport transfers – contact your Detour Africa travel agent to make these bookings.

What's included

All tour highlights, twin share accommodation as indicated, services of an English-speaking driver / tour leader, all road and vehicle taxes, all ground transportation, meals as indicated.

What's excluded

Visas, travel insurance, flights, airport transfers, optional activities, laundry, gratuities, passport & visa fees, items of a personal nature. Meals not included are purchased en-route for lunches, and in restaurants for dinner when in towns. Please ensure you budget for these.

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