

# DETOUR AFRICA



## 10 Day Delta, Chobe and Vic Falls Adventure

Enter an aquatic wonderland on this adventure through south-east Africa's iconic waterfalls, rivers and inland waterways. Marvel at the crashing white water of Victoria Falls, the unique, sprawling Okavango Delta and the tranquillity of the natural waterholes in the Khama Rhino Sanctuary. Pack a camera - and an eye for adventure - because these lush pockets of wilderness will reward travellers with exciting animal encounters, awesome photographic opportunities and sweet memories to last a lifetime.



### HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a game drive on the fringe of the Kalahari Desert
- Spot rhinos in the Khama Rhino Sanctuary
- Cruise the waterways of the Okavango Delta
- Travel along the Chobe River at sunset
- Be blown away by the power of Victoria Falls

### ITINERARY

#### 10 Days - South Africa – Botswana – Zimbabwe

It is our intention to adhere to the route described below but a certain amount of flexibility is built into the tour and on occasion it may be necessary or desirable to make alterations to the published itinerary.

#### DAY 1

#### Johannesburg

Sawubona! Welcome to South Africa.

You can arrive at any time on day 1 as there are no activities planned until the welcome meeting tonight at 6pm. Your leader will leave a note at reception telling you where this important meeting will take place.

Please ask a member of reception for this information. Your leader will check your passport and insurance details at this meeting.

Johannesburg is a sprawling city of remarkable contrasts: in the townships, mansions stand alongside tin shacks and there are as many green parks on the outskirts of the city as there are conglomerations of concrete in the city centre. This is a good place to spend a couple of days to get an insight into South Africa's history and it's a great base for exploring the rest of the country.

Please make sure that if you explore Johannesburg on your own that you get local advice as to where it is safe to walk, especially in the evening.

**Optional Activities:**

Apartheid Museum, Johannesburg – ZAR 75

Art gallery, Johannesburg – ZAR 60

Gold Reef City and Heritage mine tour, Johannesburg – ZAR 360

Museum Africa, Johannesburg – ZAR 40

Johannesburg - Jozi by Foot Urban Adventure - USD41

Johannesburg - Cycle Soweto Urban Adventure - USD95

**Accommodation: Hotel 1 night**

**Meals: None**

## DAY 2 Khama Rhino Sanctuary

Leaving South Africa behind, we cross the border entering Botswana and travel toward the Khama Rhino Sanctuary.

Situated on the edge of the vast Kalahari Desert, the sanctuary is a result of locals' efforts to convert a former hunting area into 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, which have all moved in and can be seen around the many natural waterholes.

Visiting this project benefits local communities as well as contributing to the protection of the highly endangered white rhinoceros.

We will head out on a dusk game drive to see the rhinos when they are at their most active before returning to our campsite for the night where there will be an option to upgrade room for an additional cost (subject to availability).

**Included Activities: Khama Rhino Sanctuary – 4 x4 Game drive**

**Accommodation: Camping (with facilities) 1 night**

**Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

## DAY 3 Maun

Our destination today is Maun, which is the gateway to one of the world's most renowned and complex ecosystems, the Okavango Delta.

Formed by the Okavango River as it flows from the highlands of Angola down to a basin on the edge of the Kalahari Desert, the Okavango Delta is unlike anything else in the world. The river has no outlet from the desert and spreads out into thousands of small streams to form a wilderness that is totally unspoilt. The 16,000 sq km maze of wetlands is a wonderland of clear meandering waterways, green islands, lush plains and prolific wildlife. The delta is filled with a diversity of flora and fauna that includes hippos, crocodiles, elephants and the big cats. However, it's not for the game that we come as it can't always be found. The delta is about exploring one of the world's most fascinating ecosystems. Tonight you'll stay on the outskirts of Maun at a simple campsite with shared facilities, WiFi and optional upgrades

**Accommodation: Camping (with shared facilities) 1 night**

**Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

#### DAY 4 Okavango Delta

Traverse the waterways by mokoro, a traditional dugout canoe navigated by friendly local 'polers'. With luck, you might spot some of the delta's unusual wildlife and prolific birdlife. Spend time exploring the maze of lagoons, lakes and streams on foot, led by experienced and knowledgeable guides.

Camp on a remote island in the heart of the wilderness. Dig a bush toilet and go without a shower, it's all part of the Okavango experience. At night, the sounds of the African bush are the only things you will hear - a true wilderness experience!

Wake up early the following morning and venture out on a sunrise walk hoping to catch a glimpse of some elephants and Cape buffalo. Returning to camp for breakfast, take the rest of the day to relax, take a swim or test your poling skills before heading out for an afternoon walk or perhaps another mokoro trip - the choice is yours.

**Included Activities: Mokoro safari**

**Accommodation: Bush Camp – (no facilities) 1 night**

**Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

#### DAY 5 Okavango Delta

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**Accommodation: Bush Camp – (no facilities) 1 night**

**Included Activities: Okavango Delta – Sunrise Walk**

**Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

#### DAY 6 Maun

After taking down our camp we take the mokoro back to the poling station where we have an opportunity to visit a local rural village for an insight into the life of the people that live in the Okavango Delta before our transfer back to Maun. Tonight you will camp on the outskirts of Maun at a simple campsite which has shared facilities. WiFi and optional upgrades are available.

**Included Activities: Okavango Delta – Mokoro Safari**

**Accommodation: Camping (with facilities) 1 night**

**Optional Activities: Okavango delta - Plane Scenic Flight – From USD75 – USD390**

**Okavango delta \_ Helicopter Scenic flight – From USD150 – USD450**

**Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

#### DAY 7 Nata

Up early this morning we hit the road for Nata. Nata is a small town located close to the Makgadikgadi Salt Pans - some of the largest salt flats in the world, covering around 12,000 sq km. This afternoon you have the opportunity to explore the pans in open vehicles.

Surrounded by the Kalahari Desert the pans are naturally dry and salty for a large part of the year. During this time the arid landscape has an eerie feel to it as heat mirages disorientate the senses. However they are

seasonally covered with water and grass and as soon as the rains hit become a refuge for migratory birds and animals.

Our campsite tonight is situated on the edge of the Makgadikgadi Salt Pans. It has a restaurant, swimming pool, gift shop, ATM and bar/lounge area. Upgrades are also offered.

**Included Activities: Nata Pan Trip**

**Accommodation: Camping (with facilities) 1 night**

**Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

## DAY 8 Chobe National Park

Hit the road bound for Chobe National Park. Botswana's first national park, Chobe, 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 which come down to drink.

Enjoy a sunset cruise on the Chobe River, a very relaxing way to spend the afternoon. Your camp tonight has WiFi access and optional upgrades. It's also close to a supermarket, so you can stock up on supplies while you're here.

**Included Activities: Chobe River Cruise**

**Accommodation: Camping (with shared facilities) 1 night**

**Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**

## DAY 9 Victoria Falls

Perhaps wake up early and see the Chobe National park from a different perspective, on an optional morning game drive. Travel on to Victoria Falls. Cross the border into Zimbabwe in time to have lunch on the banks of the Zambezi.

Visit the magnificent Victoria Falls.

The Victoria Falls are an enormous curtain of water, about a mile wide, falling 108 m into a narrow gorge below. In the wet season, the spray created can rise up an incredible 400 m and the falls are an impressive raging torrent. The spray from the falls can sometimes be seen from kilometers away. It's no wonder that the local name Mosi oa Tunya means the 'smoke that thunders'. In the dry season, the view of the falls is unobstructed by spray and it's possible to see little islets in the river below.

Your leader will take you to a local activity centre where a range of activities will be on offer. We have not risk assessed all activities and only those listed in our trip notes are recommended. If you are unsure please check with your leader.

Please note that it is against company policy for leaders to facilitate the booking of any activities that have not been risk assessed or do not adhere to our company's Responsible Travel policy and ethos. This includes organising transport to and from these activities in our vehicles.

**Optional Activities:**

**Victoria Falls - Victoria Falls Entrance Fee - USD35**

**Chobe National Park - Morning Game Drive in 4WD vehicle - BWP410**

**Victoria Falls - Sunset Cruise - USD57**

**Accommodation: Camping (with shared facilities) 1 night**

**Meals: Breakfast**

## DAY 10 Victoria Falls

There are no activities planned for the final day and you are able to depart the accommodation at any time. For those of you who are planning on spending a few extra days in Vic Falls there are various activities and excursions available - either on the water, on land or high above it all. Choose from white water rafting, canoeing, the flying fox, or gorge swinging

**Accommodation: None**

**Optional Activities:**

**Victoria Falls - Whitewater rafting (full day) - USD140**

**Victoria Falls - Helicopter flight (25 mins) - USD334**

**Victoria Falls - Village & township tour - USD50**

**Victoria Falls - Helicopter flight (12 mins) - USD175**

**Victoria Falls - Whitewater rafting (half day) - USD140**

**Victoria Falls - Gorge swing - USD110**

**Victoria Falls - Flying fox - USD50**

**Meals: Breakfast**

## TOUR INFORMATION

### **Joining point**

Holiday Inn Rosebank  
The Zone Phase 2, 187 Oxford Rd  
Johannesburg  
SOUTH AFRICA  
2196

### **Finish point**

Victoria Falls Rest Camp and Lodges  
Stand 5 Parkway  
Victoria Falls  
ZIMBABWE  
Phone: +26 3773496695

### **FINISH TIME:**

If you have pre-booked a departure transfer, please inform your leader and they will notify you of your departure transfer time.

If you are making your own way to the airport the hotel will be able to help book you an airport shuttle or taxi. Please ask at reception

## ACCOMMODATION:

Accommodation on this trip is mainly in two-person canvas dome tents with camping mattresses supplied. The type and variety of accommodation is determined by conditions on each of our routes. Each route is different - on some we use a mixture of campsites and wild camps; on others we also use hotels. In Africa it's not usually practical to camp when staying in towns and cities so we use hotel accommodation and eat out in local restaurants.

There may be the occasional night stop, when we stay in the grounds of a hotel or at a campsite which may also have cabins available. In this case there may be a choice of camping or upgrading to a room (at additional cost). Keep in mind that if we are staying in dormitory accommodation, you may have to share with other passengers or be split into same sex rooms. Check with your travel agent before travelling about the possibility of upgrading to a private room.

Campsites do have facilities but they usually aren't to the same standard you would find in western countries. For example the bathroom facilities can be very basic.

## MEALS:

9 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches, 7 Dinners  
Budget for meals not included: USD 160

If you have any dietary requirements please tell us at the time of booking, and also remind your crew at your welcome meeting.

A typical camp breakfast might be toast with spreads, cereal, something hot such as eggs or pancakes, as well as tea and coffee. Lunch is almost always a sandwich with healthy salad and assorted fillings, sometimes with fruit to follow. There may be a chance on occasion to buy your lunch. Dinner might be a BBQ, rice dish or pasta dish and there is always the chance to try some African food such as ugali and stew.

One thing is sure - you definitely won't go hungry or lose weight on your safari! When you aren't camping you will have the freedom to decide where, what and with whom you eat.

## TRANSPORT:

Overland vehicle

The trucks are purpose-built, self contained safari vehicles.

African conditions are extremely tough on vehicles. While we fastidiously maintain our vehicles at our workshops, you should not expect Africa to be your traditional touring experience. While it's certainly our aim to avoid them, it's important that you set off on your trip knowing that the occasional breakdown can happen and are best treated as part of the African adventure. Due to wet weather there may be times when we have to take an alternative route which will mean longer travel times.

Should you have further questions, please feel free to contact us on the below details.

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