

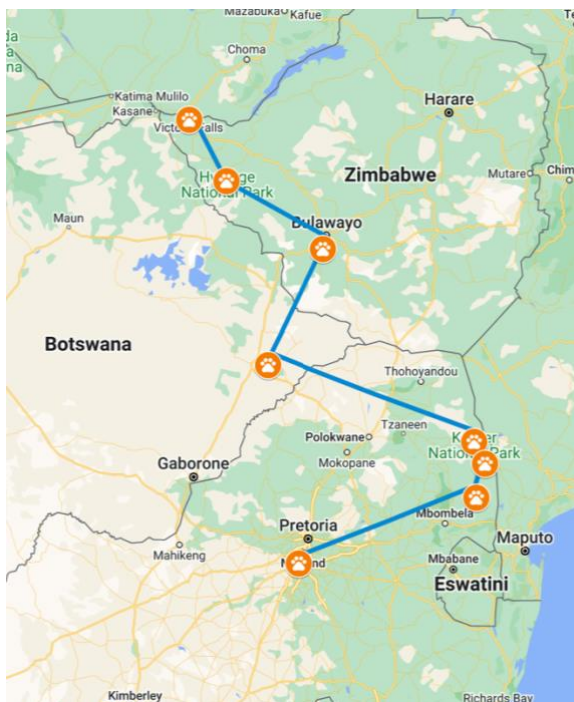


DETOUR AFRICA

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## 9 Day Vic Falls to Johannesburg via Kruger Camping Tour



### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Victoria Falls

Hwange National Park

Track Rhinos on foot in Matobo National Park

Village Homestay in Limpopo Province

Blyde River Canyon

Kruger National Park



# TOUR ITINERARY

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## 9 Days| Zimbabwe, South Africa

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: VICTORIA FALLS, ZIMBABWE

Mhoro! Welcome to Zimbabwe and the mighty Victoria Falls. Your trip begins with a welcome meeting at 6 pm. You can arrive at any time as there are no activities planned until this important briefing. If you arrive early, why not check out some of the optional activities around Vic Falls. The Zimbabwe side of the falls offers the broadest view of this colossal natural wonder, and the scenic helicopter flights are incredible.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Camping (with shared facilities)
<b>Meals</b>	No meals
<b>Optional Activities:</b>	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 <i>(please use prices as a guideline only)</i>

### DAY 2: HWANGE NATIONAL PARK

After a little time to explore in the morning, you'll leave Victoria Falls behind and head to Hwange National Park via the Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust. Here you can learn about the rescue and rehabilitation of wildlife, human-wildlife conflict and the Trust's role in anti-poaching. There may also be a chance to meet any rescued or orphaned wildlife currently in their care.

Today, Hwange boasts a tremendous selection of wildlife, with over 100 species of mammals and nearly 400 bird species. The elephants of Hwange are world famous – here you'll find one of the largest elephant populations in Africa.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Camping (with shared facilities)
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Included Highlight:</b>	Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust visit

### DAY 3: HWANGE NATIONAL PARK

You'll spend later today exploring Hwange National Park further and discover this stunning wildlife arena in an open 4WD vehicle with expert local guides. Keep your eyes out for wildlife and listen closely as your guides explain more about this area and the animals that call this place home. And for those who want to maximise their chances of seeing wild dog and Hyena, there is the chance to book an optional morning game drive. Early morning drives set out at the crack of dawn with licensed guides, both into the National Park and a private 6,000 acre concession. Mornings are usually exciting times to be out and about, with plenty of hyena and wild dog active.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Camping (with shared facilities)
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Dinner
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Guided 4x4 game drive in Hwange National Park

### DAY 4: MATOBO NATIONAL PARK

Leave Hwange in your dust as you make tracks for Matobo National Park this morning. Shortly after leaving Hwange, stop at the Painted Dog Conservation Centre. The loss of quality habitat and poaching are driving the painted dog (also



known as African wild dog) towards extinction. Learn about how they protect and increase the range and numbers of painted dogs in Zimbabwe and the Hwange ecosystem as a whole.

Then it's on to Bulawayo, Zimbabwe's second-largest city. Take a stroll through the streets lined with old colonial buildings and stop in at a local cafe or restaurant for lunch before heading to your camp for the next two nights. Home to a large population of black and white rhinoceroses that can be tracked on foot, Matobo National Park is also the site of the grave of Cecil John Rhodes, the founder of Rhodesia and the De Beers diamond company. The Matobo area has great spiritual and cultural significance to the local people and there are many sites within the park where important ceremonies still take place.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Camping (with shared facilities)
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Painted Dog Conservation visit

### **DAY 5: MATOBO NATIONAL PARK**

Matobo National Park has an incredibly diverse range of birdlife and wildlife, and is home to both Black and White rhino. This morning, you have a unique opportunity to track white rhinos on foot with the help of an expert local guide. There will also be the chance to spot other game – the park is home to klipspringers, leopards, warthogs and springhares, among others. You can also learn about the various local plants and trees, including wild pear and paperbark, while discovering San paintings and the intriguing rock formations of the park. After a cold lunch, venture to a nearby village and meet some of the local people. You'll gain a better understanding of the lives of these people when they were living in the hills, as well as meet with some of the local communities and personalities – including elderly chief Pondo, a character in his own right.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Camping (with shared facilities)
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Dinner
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Rhino tracking, open safari vehicle park visit & San rock paintings

### **DAY 6: MAKUSHU VILLAGE**

Get up nice and early for a day of travel today. You'll cross a very busy border post, the only direct border crossing between Zimbabwe and South Africa. Your destination today is Makushu – a small village in the Limpopo Province of South Africa. Upon arrival in Makushu, you'll be met by a local village guide, who will ensure you are well taken care of. You'll be staying with homestay host mothers in their family homes. With your own room within the family home, you will get a true feeling of what it's like in the village – certainly a unique and memorable experience for travellers. With no two days the same for local villagers, this afternoon, some things you may get up to include beading, dancing, beer tasting and cooking. This evening is a true opportunity to interact with the local villagers and learn of traditional Venda ways.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Homestay
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Makushu Homestay – Beading, Cooking or Dancing

### **DAY 7: KRUGER NATIONAL PARK**

After breakfast today you'll make the epic journey to Kruger National Park. Along the way, there will be an opportunity to stop at a shop or market for any camping supplies you or the group might need. One of the largest game reserves in Southern Africa, Kruger National Park is home to over 500 bird species, 100 species of reptile and 150 mammal species, including the Big Five and the endangered African wild dog. Your wildlife experience begins as soon as you enter the park. You will head straight into prime game viewing areas, spotting anything from antelopes and elands to cheetahs and rhinos.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Camping (with shared facilities)
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### **DAY 8: KRUGER NATIONAL PARK**

Rise early and have a light breakfast of coffee and rusks before embarking on a full-day game drive in the truck. Most of the day will be spent game viewing, bird watching and stopping at various waterholes and viewpoints.



Depending on the season, you might catch sight of a saddle-billed stork with its distinct red beak, or the blue waxbill which is commonly found foraging for seeds in the scrub. In the afternoon when it's warm, take some time out to relax. Later on, head out on a night drive with local park guides to spot nocturnal animals and perhaps even a night-time predator or two. Night drives provide the opportunity to spot Kruger National Park's secretive nocturnal creatures and watch their activities in their natural environment. This drive traditionally lasts between 2 and 3 hours and you can expect to see a vast selection of nocturnal animals such as nightjars, servals, African wild cats, springhares and owls.

**Accommodation** Camping (with shared facilities)  
**Meals** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner  
**Included Highlight** Overland game drive in truck, 4x4 night game drive

## DAY 9: JOHANNESBURG

It's time to head to Johannesburg. There's plenty of time to stop and explore along the way. A notable stop – you'll take in amazing vistas at the 3 Rondavals viewpoint over Blyde River Canyon and Bourke's Luck Potholes. This is a magnificent lookout where cloud cover is usually at a minimum. Your African safari adventure comes to an end once we arrive in Johannesburg this evening.

**Accommodation** None  
**Meals** Breakfast  
**Included Highlight** Panoramic Route – Bourke's Luck Potholes

No accommodation is provided for tonight, but this can be arranged when you book this trip. If you're wanting to catch an outgoing international flight, it's important to book it for 10 pm or later, to allow for delays that your group may encounter.

# 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 in Victoria Falls - Zimbabwe. Your trip begins 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

Victoria Falls Rest Camp and Lodges - PEAK Southern Africa Stand 5 Parkway  
Victoria Falls, ZIMBABWE, Phone: +26 3773496695

## **NB – Please note for trips departing on the dates mentioned below, the joining point will be at:**

Shearwaters Explorers Village  
Dam Stander Dr  
Victoria Falls, ZIMBABWE, Phone: +263 832844471

12 Feb 2023	05 Mar 2023	12 Mar 2023	19 Mar 2023	02 Apr 2023	23 Apr 2023
30 Apr 2023	07 May 2023	14 May 2023	21 May 2023	28 May 2023	04 Jun 2023
11 Jun 2023	18 Jun 2023	25 Jun 2023	02 Jul 2023	09 Jul 2023	16 Jul 2023
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26 Nov 2023	03 Dec 2023	10 Dec 2023	17 Dec 2023	24 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2023



**Tour ending point**

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

**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.

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

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