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Partaking in an adventure tour in Africa involves covering hundreds if not thousands of kilometres and our tours are as much about this journey as they are about the destinations we visit. Use your time during these drives to talk to your fellow travellers, have a drink and take note of the world passing by your window. Some roads you travel on will be smooth and easy while others could take up to an hour to cover 1 kilometre. There is just no telling what could happen with road, weather, traffic and other conditions that may exist that will either increase or decrease the amount of time you spend on the road so take your watch off, put your iPad away, turn off your phone and just relax. An average day could take anything from 5 to 14 hours, it all depends on the day... and that's only an "average"!

As your tour spends the day in the town of Victoria Falls on day 1, you are free to participate in the various activities available or explore the town. Please ensure that you report to Shearwater Explorers Village at the specified time below to meet with your crew.

Tour departure point

17:00pm Shearwater Explorers Village, Adam Stander Dr, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Tel: +263 13 47362 <http://explorersvillage.com/>

Tour ending point

Garden Court O.R. Tambo International Airport, 2 Hulley Road Isando Ext. 3, Kempton Park, Gauteng, South Africa

Tel: [+27 \(0\)11 392 1062](tel:+270113921062) <https://www.southernsun.com/garden-court-or-tambo-international-airport>

Maximum Number of Passengers

20

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 travel agent to make these bookings.

After hours emergency contact

Our reservations staff are available to receive emergency calls. We would like to request that you respect this emergency number and use it only in the event of emergencies. Please only contact this number if, for example, you have missed your incoming flight, you cannot find your airport transfer or you are running late for your tour departure.

If calling from outside South Africa: 0027 82 578 2199

If calling within South Africa: 082 578 2199

Arrival / Departure

Please be sure to arrive 1 day before your tour is due to depart. This will avoid any unforeseen problems. We also highly recommend that you book your flights to depart the day after the tour officially ends to allow for delays and changes.

What's included

All meals which are prepared and served at the overland truck / accommodation / qualified crew / filtered water / transport in the overland truck / included highlights as per the itinerary / entrance fees to National Parks.

What's excluded

Items of a personal nature (snacks, alcohol, bottled water, soft drinks, tips) / entrance fees (associated with optional activities / souvenirs and optional activities.

Countries Visited

Zimbabwe, Botswana, South Africa

Onward Travel

This tour can be linked with a number of our other routes which cover East Africa, visiting highlights such as Zanzibar, Lake Malawi and Tanzania. If you are interested to enhance your tour further, please contact us to receive a list of all the available options to suite your time frame and budget.

TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1 - Victoria Falls

Today is your arrival day in the town of Victoria Falls, home to the spectacular Victoria Falls. The bustling adventure town of Victoria Falls also offers a range of optional activities for those wanting a dose of adrenaline. If you wish to participate in the various activities available, please visit the offices of Shearwater, our preferred supplier (<https://www.shearwatervictoriafalls.com/experience/>), to book your activities. For the more relaxed traveller there are craft markets to explore and a delicious high tea is on offer at the Victoria Falls Hotel. You will meet your crew in the reception area of Shearwater at 17:00pm.

Accommodation	Shearwater Explorers Village http://explorersvillage.com/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom Camping: Campsite (pre-erected dome tent with camper beds) with shared ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Meals	No meals
Optional Activity	Visit the falls, bungee jump, gorge swing, sunset cruise, helicopter flights, boma dinner experience, dinner cruise

Day 2 - Victoria Falls – Kasane - Chobe National Park

This morning you will have the opportunity to participate in the many optional activities on offer in the town of Victoria Falls. After lunch, we travel the short distance to the Botswana border, crossing into Botswana and will arrive at our accommodation in the late afternoon, to set up camp on the banks of the Chobe River.

Accommodation	Thebe River Safaris http://www.theberiversafaris.com
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom Camping: Campsite with shared ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Victoria Falls to Kasane
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Optional Activity	Visit the falls, bungee jump, gorge swing, helicopter flights
Included Highlight	Afternoon Boat Cruise
Border Post	Zimbabwe: Kazangula Road, Open: 06h00-20h00 Botswana: Kazangula Road, Tel: +267 62 50330, Open: 06h00-20h00

Day 3 – Kasane to Nata

We leave the banks of the Chobe River, and head south into the Kalahari Desert. You'll notice the 'bushveld' change as you get closer to our overnight accommodation.

Accommodation	Elephant Sands https://elephantsandsbotswana.business.site/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Kasane to Nata
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4 - Khwai Conservation Area

You will be separated from your overland truck for the next 2 nights and it is therefore important that you pack/gather your personal belongings which you may need, before we depart camp today. Please pack lightly and only take what you need for the following two nights. Today we make our way towards the Okavango Delta, stopping at the viewing point of the Salt Pans en-route. Upon arrival in Maun, you will have the opportunity to go on an optional scenic flight over the Delta (time and weather permitting). After your optional flight, you will be collected in Maun in open 4x4 safari vehicles and will be transferred to the Khwai Conservation area. Our guide will prepare us on what to expect for our afternoon mokoro excursion into the Okavango Delta. *(Please note: It is possible that the mokoro activity could take place the following morning, depending on the season).*

Accommodation	Khwai Tented Camp (no website available)
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per permanent tent with en-suite bathroom Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Route	Nata to Khwai Conservation Area
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Optional Activity	Okavango Delta scenic flight (this optional activity could move to day 6)
Included Highlight	Stop at the Pans viewpoint / Sunset Mokoro Excursion (could take place the following morning)

Day 5 – Moremi Game Reserve

Today is a full day game drive as we spend most of our day on safari in the Moremi Game Reserve in search of the species that roam the plains. Expect some bumpy roads as we traverse this wilderness area in our 4x4 vehicles. Offering habitats from wetland, open water to the grasslands and Savannah woodland, we hope to see as many species of fauna and flora possible. This evening we arrive back at Khwai to share and compare all the amazing sightings while on safari.

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Accommodation	Khwai Tented Camp (no website available)
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per permanent tent with en-suite bathroom Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Route	Moremii Game Reserve
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Full Day Game Drive Moremi Game Reserve

Day 6 – Khwai to Maun

We will depart early this morning in our 4x4 safari vehicles and make our way back to Maun, where we will overnight.

Accommodation	Sedia https://sedia-hotel.com/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Khwai to Maun
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 7 – Maun to Palapye

Today we head south through the stark yet striking landscapes of the Central Kalahari desert. Our journey starts by skirting the southern end of the Makgadikgadi Pans National Park, so keep an eye out for an array of wildlife that moves between the watering holes. A notable point of interest on our route is the Orapa Diamond Mine, an imposing testament to Botswana's mineral wealth. This mine, which is a collaborative venture between De Beers and the Botswana government, is counted among the world's most extensive diamond mines. It serves as a critical economic pillar, contributing considerably to Botswana's GDP and export earnings. Along the way, you'll pass by several smaller towns and villages, offering glimpses into everyday life in Botswana before arriving in Palapye.

Accommodation	Cresta Palapye https://www.crestahotels.com/hotels/botswana/cresta-botsalo
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom Camping: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Maun to Palapye
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 8 – Palapye to Johannesburg

Leaving behind the town of Palapye, we travel through the Kalahari to the South African border. After completing border formalities we continue on through the North-West Province before our tour ends in Johannesburg.

Accommodation	Own Arrangements / Post tour accommodation can be booked through your agent.
Route	Palapye to Johannesburg
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch
Border Post	Botswana Pioneer Gate Tel: +267 533 3992, Open: 06h00 – 24h00 South Africa Skilpadshok Tel: +27 0800 00 7277, Open: 06h00 – 24h00