

DETOUR AFRICA

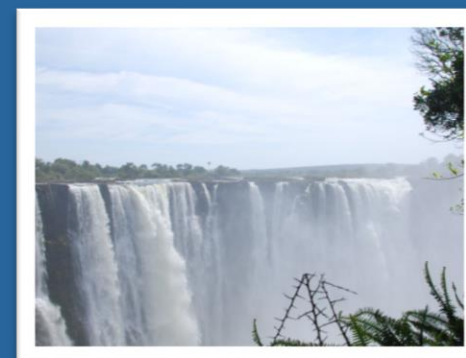


24 DAY CAPE TOWN VIA VICTORIA FALLS TO JOHANNESBURG

6 NIGHTS LODGE, 2 NIGHTS CABIN/CANVAS, 15 NIGHTS CAMPING

This is the Master of tours. Starting in Cape Town, at the southern point of Africa, with its “Fynbos” and more varieties of flora than the whole of Britain put together. Progressing up the west coast, then into Namibia, through some of the biggest sand dunes on the planet, upwards to the Okavango Delta, Then onto the salt flats of the Makgadikgadi. Going Northwards through Kasane to Victoria Falls. On to the Matopos, coming down to Hwange Reserve with its vast elephant herds, then, back via Botswana to the city of Gold- Johannesburg.

We cover a great deal of distance on some remote and rough roads, but for those who truly seek adventure, the natural wonders that we encounter more than compensate for any discomfort.



INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

<p>Table Mountain Cape of Good Hope, Cape Point Wine tasting Orange River canoe trip Dune climbing Victoria Falls - National Park and park entry fee Chobe National Park boat cruise Namib Desert</p>	<p>Etosha National Park Okavango Delta – Private Island, walks and mokoro excursions Desert night drive 4x4 trip to Sossusvlei and Deadvlei Rhino tracking on foot Matopos National park Hwange</p>
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24- Days - South Africa – Namibia – 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.

Accommodation: 6 nights Lodge, 2 nights Cabin & 15 nights Camping

**DAY 1 – 2
CAPE TOWN**

Our 24-day adventure starts in one of the most iconic cities in South Africa – Cape Town. We meet at the GREENFIRE LODGE CAPE TOWN at 13h00 on day 1 to spend the afternoon exploring and visiting the some of the sights. During our time in Cape Town, our guide will take guests to hike up Table Mountain with its breath-taking views over the Atlantic, visit Cape Point and Cape of Good Hope, the famous waterfront and Hout Bay. We also visit a wine farm and various other sights. Our exact program will depend on the weather.

We spend both our nights at the GREENFIRE LODGE located in Seapoint. (lunches and dinners are own expense in Cape Town).

Meals: Lunch and Dinner own expense

Distance: +- 220 km for both days

Accommodation: Greenfire Lodge Cape Town Included

Highlights/Activity:

- Table Mountain Hike
- Cape Point National Park
- Cape of Good Hope
- Wine Tasting
- Coastal Roads
- Waterfront
- Hout Bay

**DAY 3
WEST COAST**

We leave the Mother City behind us and after one last view of Table Mountain from across the bay, we travel north through the “Swartland” and along the West Coast into Namaqualand, a completely new environment shaped largely by the winds blowing off the cold Benguela current. In the early spring, this usually barren area comes to life with the blooming of numerous desert adapted flower species. The old Bushmen believed the flowers represented the souls of departed springbok.

Our route is one of contrast and ever-changing scenery, from wide open spaces to the dramatic rock formations found in the Cederberg. We overnight along the coast and enjoy a homemade meal.

Meals: B D (Lunch today is own expense)

Distance: 563 km

Accommodation: Hondehokke Lodge Included

Highlights/Activity:

- Scenic Drive along West Coast
- West Coast Sunset

DAY 4 - 5 ORANGE RIVER

Today we travel north to cross the border into Namibia, known for its dramatic landscapes and beautiful desert vistas. Once through the border, we travel the short distance to our base on the banks of the Orange River at Felix Unite.

On arrival we pack our gear into 2 man canoes and head for the Orange River, proceeding downstream at a leisurely pace with magic scenery and allow the complete tranquillity to surround and enfold us. The Orange River is the longest river in South Africa, starting in the Eastern Highlands and meandering all the way through the country until it reaches the ocean.

Tonight we spend camping on the banks of this mighty river under a canopy of stars, unpolluted skies letting you marvel at the various hues, red, green and blue, only to be interrupted by the dozens of shooting stars you will see. An evening full of magic and stark beauty, giving way to complete awe, a night which you will remember for a long long time to come.

Meals: B L D; B L D

Distance: 247 km on day 4

Accommodation: Camping (2 Man Dome Tent) – Wild Camp and Felix Unite Camp

Included Highlights/Activity:

- Orange River
- Orange River Canoe Experience
- Wild Camping

DAY 6 FISH RIVER CANYON - NAMIB

Today we head directly to the iconic Fish River Canyon, second only in size to the mighty Grand Canyon. An iconic landmark in Namibia, it is a destination not to be missed and we will spend some time admiring the landscape and visiting the viewpoints. After exploring the lip of the canyon, we continue into the true Namib and will enjoy a picnic lunch on route to our final destination at our private desert game reserve. On arrival in the late afternoon we setup camp at the GREENFIRE DESERT CAMP.

Meals: B L D

Distance: 580 km

Accommodation: Camping (2 Man Dome Tent) - Greenfire Desert Camp

Included Highlights/Activity:

- Fish River Canyon
- Scenic Drive through Desert Region
- Private Desert Game Reserve

DAY 7 NAMIB DESERT

The GREENFIRE DESERT CAMP is situated on our private nature reserve within the Namibrand Nature Reserve and is home to numerous species of desert adapted fauna and flora. The camp is spectacularly built against a rock outcrop between the stark mountains and the red dune-fields.

During our stay here we will conduct guided walks and drives including a night drive within the reserve allowing us to observe animals at close range. The reserve offers guests a private and secluded desert experience, a day for

learning that the desert is not a dead barren wasteland, but a vibrant living thing.

Meals: B L D

Distance: 20 km (Desert Drive)

Accommodation: Camping (2 Man Dome Tent) - Greenfire Desert Camp

Optional Activities:

- Explore this area on foot on your own Included

Highlights/Activity:

- Morning Desert Walk
- Afternoon Desert Drive/Night Drive

DAY 8 SOSSUSVLEI

An early start, we travel directly to the dune fields of Sossusvlei where we find some of the biggest dunes on earth. We take you to climb the dunes in the morning while the air is still fresh and cool. The last part of our journey to the dunes will be through the thick sand and for this we use an open 4x4 vehicle which will take us into the heart of Sossusvlei and Deadvlei to explore it further on foot. The varied colours of the ever-silent dunes at various times of the day, with the utter starkness of the area creates a unique experience. After our extensive dune experience, we continue into the desert where we camp the night.

Meals: B L D

Distance: 180 km

Accommodation: Camping (2 Man Dome Tent) - Agama Camp

Included Highlights/Activity:

- Dune Climbing
- Sossusvlei
- Deadvlei
- 4 x 4 Transfer

DAY 9 DUNES - SWAKOPMUND

A short journey today, we cross the Kuiseb Canyon and the Naukluft Park toward the seaside town of Swakopmund where we spend two nights at the GREENFIRE LODGE SWAKOPMUND. Established in 1892, the town is rich with history, culture and adventure. Originally built as a trading and fishing port it was later found that the nearby Walvis Bay was a more suitable location. Today the town is a visitor's paradise with various local restaurants, shops and a multitude of activities available. We have a full day here for exploring the town and partaking in some adventure activities.

Meals: B L (Dinner own expense in town)

Distance: 300 km

Accommodation: Greenfire Lodge Swakopmund Included

Highlights/Activity:

- Scenic Drive through the desert

DAY 10 SWAKOPMUND

The GREENFIRE LODGE SWAKOPMUND provides the ideal location for exploring the town of Swakopmund with its beaches, markets, curio shops and huge variety of adventure options that include quad biking, sky diving, horse riding, dune boarding, and much more. The nightlife of Swakopmund is also worth experiencing. On both nights here we enjoy a restaurant meal getting the most out of the town and all it has to offer (own expense).

Meals: B (Lunch and Dinner own expense in town)

Distance: 0 km (Free day to explore town and do some adventure activities)

Accommodation: Greenfire Lodge Swakopmund

Optional Activities:

- Sky Diving
- Market Visits
- Quad Biking
- Desert Tours
- Dune Boarding

**DAY 11
SPITZKOPPE**

Today we head north up the Skeleton Coast, a barren stretch of coastline with scattered ship wrecks along the Atlantic Ocean. We visit Cape Cross, where the Portuguese explorer Diogo Cão arrived in the Jan of 1486, planted a Padraô, and declared the surrounding lands to fall under King Joan 11 of Portugal. It is also home to thousands of Cape Fur Seals.

We venture back inland and travel through the desert to visit the towering granite peaks found at Spitzkoppe. After exploring the outcrops in the afternoon, we set up camp and enjoy the play of the light during sunset from our seat in the mountain. We spend the night at the foot of the mountain.

Meals: B L D

Distance: 280 km

Accommodation: Camping (2 Man Dome Tent)

Included Highlights/Activity:

- Cape Cross Seal Colony
- Spitzkoppe

**DAY 12-13
ETOSHA**

Beginning our Wildlife Adventure, we enter into The Etosha National Park, the home to a myriad of animals that have adapted, and thrive in this arid environment. Upon arrival, we set up camp and then depart on an extensive afternoon Game Drive. We return to camp to enjoy a sundowner or two at the flood lit water hole, watching nocturnal drinking habits and pecking orders of the thirsty animals, only to retire after a tiring but satisfying day.

Continuing through the reserve on a full day game drive within the park, we continue to our next overnight stop in the park. Our guide will take time to explain more about the sights and sounds that surround us. We will use the campsites in the park on both nights.

Meals: B L D; B L D

Distance: 410 km on day 12 and 130 km on day 13 inside the park

Accommodation: Camping (2 Man Dome Tent)

Optional Activities: Own expense night drive on both nights

Included Highlights/Activity:

- Etosha National Park
- 2 nights' Accommodation inside the park
- Full-Day Game Drive

**DAY 14
CAPRIVI**

After a short game drive, we leave the harshness of the area, and head for the lush lands of the Caprivi. The Caprivi got its name from the German Chancellor Leo von Caprivi who negotiated the land acquisition from the UK in order to gain access to the Zambezi River. From the park we will cover some distance and will travel through many villages and towns, giving us a glimpse into the daily lives of the local people. Tonight we camp on the banks of the mighty Okavango River in relative comfort.

Meals: B L D

Distance: 640 km

Accommodation: Camping (2 Man Dome Tent) – Ngepi Camp

Included Highlights/Activity:

- Short morning game drive while we exit Etosha
- Scenic drive through Namibia
- Caprivi Area

DAY 15 - 16 OKAVANGO DELTA

It is with great excitement that we cross the border into Botswana and make our way towards the Okavango Delta, a massive inland delta that creates a true wilderness.

We begin our journey into the delta near the panhandle, gliding through the papyrus lined channels by motorboat to our exclusive wild island. We spend two nights here in true wilderness, exploring the area on foot and by mokoro. (A hand chiselled canoe by the local people out of a tree trunk).

There will also be time to simply relax and absorb the remoteness and serenity of the area. Clients will not only learn more about the animals and plants from the local guides but will also interact and have the opportunity to learn more about the people and their way of life in this isolated wilderness area.

Meals: B L D; B L D

Distance: 100 km

Accommodation: Private Island - Tented Units

Optional Activities:

- Scenic Helicopter Flight over Delta

Included Highlights / Activity:

- Motorboat transfer into the Okavango Delta
- Private Island
- Guided Game walks in the Delta led by local Motswana guides
- Mokoro trips in Delta
- Sunset Hippo Cruise

DAY 17 MAUN

This morning we enjoy a motorboat transfer across the panhandle and back to our vehicle. Traveling through the Kalahari, we make our way to Maun and on to the DRIFTERS MAUN LODGE where we will have time to relax after our day of traveling.

Meals: B L D

Distance: 354 km

Accommodation: Drifters Maun Lodge - Twin-bedded Tented Units

Included Highlights/Activity:

- Private Lodge on the banks of the Boteti River

DAY 18 ORANGE RIVER

We enjoy a relaxed morning at the lodge, spending time along the river bank enjoying the tranquillity of the area, or lounging at the swimming pool. After brunch and an optional village walk, we continue and venture eastward into the spectacular Makgadikgadi Salt Pans area. Besides the stark scenery, the pans are known for their prolific birdlife and the other desert adapted animals.

Without disturbing the surface, we make our way to a remote site where we set up camp and take in the isolation and serenity of this expanse. Although we set up tents, we encourage clients to enjoy a night out under the canopy of stars. With no other lights in the area, our private camping spot provides the perfect location for star gazing and

our guides will take time to explain the constellations. As the stars dance above we drift away to sleep.

Should the pans be inaccessible for camping we will make use of an alternative campsite in the area.

Meals: B L D

Distance: 220 km

Accommodation: Wild Camping (2 Man Dome Tent)

Included Highlights / Activity:

- Visit to Makgadikgadi Salt Pans
- Night under the Stars

DAY 19 KASANE – VICTORIA FALLS

Venturing north today, we leave the desolation of the pans behind and make our way up to the mighty Chobe River. The Chobe area is known for the huge herds of elephants and other animals that are attracted to drink from the river. Renowned for its Elephant herds, these majestic animals are known for the absolute gentleness and love of their young and affection for their herd. This afternoon we enjoy an extensive boat cruise within Chobe National Park. Gliding close to the banks we hope to approach the animals from the river for close up viewing. Our cruise will explore the Chobe riverfront and a section of the Namibian side of the Chobe River. Back on land, we cross the border into Zimbabwe and make our way to the GREENFIRE LODGE VICTORIA FALLS. The lodge is centrally situated and within walking distance of the falls and other attractions.

Meals: B L D

Distance: 430 km

Accommodation: Greenfire Lodge Victoria Falls

Included Highlights/Activity:

- Chobe National Park
- Extensive Boat Cruise on the Chobe River

DAY 20 VICTORIA FALLS

Awaking in the adventure capital of Africa, it is with new excitement that we explore the amazing Victoria Falls. "Mosi o Tunya ", meaning "The smoke that Thunders". On this day we include your entry into the falls and leave you to admire this wonder of the world.

During our stay, various other attractions can be visited including, the tribal village, the big tree, the curio market and the crocodile farm. Vic Falls is also home to a multitude of adventure activities such as an aircraft flip over the falls or a boat trip on the Zambezi River, white water rafting or bungee jumping, but allowance must be made for the extra expense.

We spend two nights here, thus allowing clients some time to explore the town and all it has to offer by themselves. Tonight we will eat out in a local restaurant (own expense). Relax to the sound of the African night and the distant roar of the falls and drink the farewell toasts to your adventure.

Meals: B (Lunch and Dinner own expense)

Distance: 0 km (Free day to explore town and do some adventure activities)

Accommodation: Greenfire Lodge Victoria Falls

Optional Activities:

- Scenic Helicopter Flight over the Falls
 - White Water Rafting
 - Bungee
 - More options available
- Included Highlights/Activity:**
- Victoria Falls Entry fee

DAY 21

HWANGE

We enjoy a relaxed breakfast at the lodge before we leave Victoria Falls behind us and make our way back to the bush. We travel the short distance to the renowned Hwange, well known as one of Africa's best conservation areas and our base for the night.

After an extensive open vehicle drive/walk, we camp at a remote camp overlooking a waterhole teeming with game.

Meals: B L D

Distance: 185 km

Accommodation: Camping (2 Man Dome Tent) – Ivory Lodge Campsite

Included Highlights/Activity:

- Hwange
- Game drive/Walk within the Park

DAY 22 BULAWAYO - MATOBO

Today we travel south to the wide streets of Bulawayo; Zimbabwe's second largest city. We then continue to the Matobo area where, in the afternoon, we enjoy a tour into the national park to view animals and track rhino through the bush on foot. Tonight our camp is situated amongst the balancing boulders of the Matobo Hills which, of course is where the local Matabele tribe helped bury the remains of Cecil John Rhodes, from whom Rhodesia originally derived its name.

Meals: B L D

Distance: 320 km

Accommodation: Camping (2 Man Dome Tent) – Big Cave Campsite

Included Highlights/Activity:

- Matopos National Park
- Rhino Tracking on Foot

DAY 23 LIMPOPO

Continuing south today, we cross the border back into Botswana and to our bush camp situated on a private game reserve within the Limpopo valley. On arrival in the afternoon there will be time for a short walk in the surrounding bush.

Meals: B L D

Distance: 450 km

Accommodation: Camping (2 Man Dome Tent) - Tuli

Included Highlights / Activity:

- Scenic Drive
- Short Walk

DAY 24 JOHANNESBURG

This morning we continue our journey and make our way to Johannesburg, the city of gold. We enjoy the scenic drive as we make our way to the end of the tour. The tour ends on arrival in the late afternoon at the GREENFIRE LODGE JOHANNESBURG.

Meals: B (Lunch own expense) Distance: 480 km

Accommodation: Post Night Accommodation

Included Highlights/Activity:

- Scenic Drive through SA back to Johannesburg

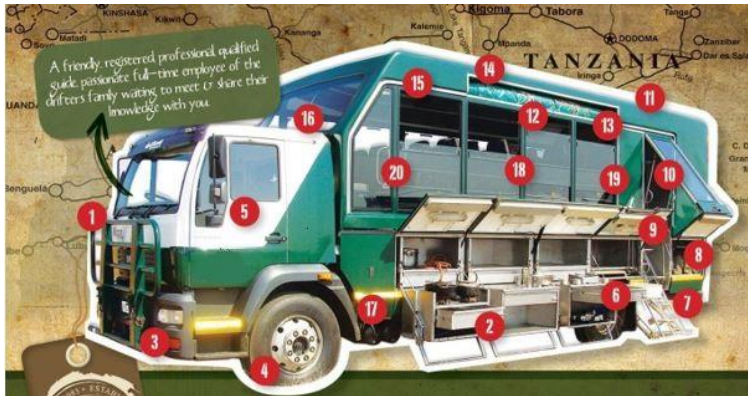
TOUR INFORMATION

VEHICLE:

Custom 17-seater adventure truck

Group size varies from 4 – 17. Our Trucks are all exactly the same and can take 16 Passengers (all forward facing seats) in the back of the truck and 1 passenger can join the Guide in the front.

The guide will always advise clients to rotate seats for everybody to get a different view.



ACCOMMODATION:

24 Days (6 nights lodge, 2 nights cabin, 15 nights camping)

ROUTE:

Cape Town to Johannesburg via Victoria Falls

DEPARTURE POINT

The 24 Day Cape Town via Victoria Falls to Johannesburg tour departs from the Greenfire Lodge Cape Town, on the corner of Graham and Arthur road in Seapoint at 13h00 on the first tour day Saturday and some Thursdays, then ends back on the last day Monday or Saturday respectively at around 17h00 till late, border crossing dependant. Guests not staying at the Greenfire Lodge Cape Town must arrive at the Lodge at 12h00. The telephone number is +27(0)21 439 2412.

ACCOMMODATION ON TOUR:

Please note that linen will be provided at Cape Town Lodge, BUT you will need a sleeping bag and pillow for the rest of the tour. The nights specified as accommodated on tour is a total upgrade from camping, but stays very basic.

- Batteries can be charged from a 220 volt source pre tour departure in CPT, on most nights at the lodges and every day on the truck while the truck is driving from a 12 V inverter.
- Currency exchange opportunities: Arrival at Cape Town Airport.
- Please note that Namibia accept South African Rand as the currency is 1 to 1 with SA.
- For Botswana you can exchange in Maun
- For Zimbabwe, it's a multiple currency system so any major world currency is accepted (Rand, Pula, US Dollar, Euro, British Pound) although they prefer the US Dollar
- Limited Laundry facilities: Maun & Victoria Falls (Essential washing only)
- Internet facilities: Pre night in Johannesburg, Swakopmund & in Victoria Falls

For this tour Each client will be supplied with a comfortable camp bed and tents as below



TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

Please ensure that you are in possession of valid travel documents for all the countries, (Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe and South Africa) that you will visit. *PLEASE NOTE THAT FOR SOME OF THESE COUNTRIES, CERTAIN NATIONALITIES NEED TO APPLY AND OBTAIN THESE VISAS PRIOR TO YOUR TOUR DEPARTURE AS SOME NATIONALITIES CAN NOT GET VISAS AT THE PORT OF ENTRY. PLEASE CONSULT YOUR TRAVEL AGENT WITH REGARDS TO VISAS THAT YOU NEED AND WHETHER OR NOT YOU SHOULD GET IT BEFORE YOU DEPART ON TOUR OR NOT.*

HEALTH PRECAUTIONS & REQUIREMENTS

The only necessary prophylaxis for Southern Africa is against Malaria (Botswana and Zimbabwe). Adequate chemo-prophylaxis are essential. Prevention is better than cure, so we do advise to also use insect repellent on exposed areas after sunset. Please consult with your general practitioner regarding this. All guides have first aid boxes for use in emergencies, however we recommend that you bring along your own basic supply of medication, headache tablets etc.

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS

Meals are provided as indicated in the brochure/website. We do however stop en-route; therefore it is always possible to buy something along the way. Soft drinks, bottled water and alcohol are for your own expense; there is ample opportunity during the tour to buy refreshments. The guide will advise when you need to stock up for a couple of days.

PERSONAL EXPENSES

A reasonable amount of personal spending money must be brought on our tours. This is to cover own expense meals, sundry goods purchased - such as sunblock, all alcohol, bottled water and soft beverages, curios, optional extra excursions, airport tax, transfers and tips. In South Africa it is common courtesy to tip casual help for services rendered. In the case of your guide, if you are happy with his or her services, an amount of R50 per day per person would constitute a reasonable tip. By not tipping for services you are expressing displeasure.

FOREIGN CURRENCY

Upon arrival in any respective country we operate in, you will be able to find a Bureau de Change OR ATM Facilities at the airport or in the Town/City the tour is departing from. It is advised to bring any major world currency (US Dollar, Euro or British Pounds) in small denominations and not dated older than 2009. It is advised to get a small amount of local currency upon arrival just to get around until your tour starts.

While on tour our guides will inform and show you the best places to exchange any Major World Currency with the best possible exchange rates either before your tour starts or during the course of the tour. Our guides will brief you exactly on where to exchange and roughly how much you will need to exchange after discussing possible optional activities, own expense meals or possible curio stops. All trucks have safe-keeping facilities for extra cash/flight tickets/passport.

The preferred currencies per country are as follows:

- South Africa – ZAR; Rand
- Botswana – Pula
- Zimbabwe –US Dollar (it is the official currency); Rand, Pula, Euros, British pounds (at a bad exchange)

INSURANCE

It is a booking condition that you have full travel insurance valid for the duration of your tour to cover you for medical emergency and repatriation to your home country. Your guide will ask you for a copy of this when you join the tour. It is also important that you leave a copy of your insurance with the person nominated as your emergency contact.

ON SAFARI

All our tours require participation from all group members. This entails assisting with the food preparation, washing of dishes, keeping the truck clean and the setting up the camp. Please keep in mind that flexibility and an open mind will greatly contribute to an enjoyable safari. We are travelling in developing countries therefore please do not expect the punctuality you have come to expect in first world countries. Things do not always run according to plan, however we do endeavour to run according to the itinerary as best as possible

RESPONSIBLE TRAVEL

We strongly believe that you get the most out of a journey by respecting the culture and people of the places you visit. On our tours we try to travel in a way that benefits the communities we pass through and minimizes negative impact on the environment. This can be from ensuring the campsites we use are clean when we leave and dressing respectfully in conservative areas to getting involved with local charity projects. We ask that you are open to this when you travel with us. Being proactive in responsible travel helps develop cross-cultural understanding and friendships with the local people, and will greatly enhance your experience in Africa.

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

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