



12 Day Okavango, Chobe & Vic Falls Accommodated Johannesburg to Johannesburg

The Delta & Chobe Accommodated takes you on a comprehensive adventure holiday taking in some of the best highlights between Johannesburg and Victoria Falls. Tried and tested over many years this tour offers incredible value for money with new and exciting experiences each day, connecting you to the grass roots of Africa. Following your arrival in the City of Gold, (Johannesburg), your epic journey heads north and includes breath-taking views across a variety of terrain from the bustling towns to the wild animals roaming Matobo National Park and Chobe National Parks. Feel the wet Zambezi spray off thundering Victoria Falls and glide across the tranquil waters of the Okavango Delta. This 12 day adventure tour allows you to touch and embrace the spirit of Africa, leaving you with a desire to discover more of this diverse continent.



HIGHLIGHTS

Bakone Open Air Cultural Museum
Motobo NP, Game Drive
Victoria Falls Visit
Vic Falls Zambezi Sunset Dinner Cruise
Chobe NP, Sunset Cruise

Chobe NP Game Drive
Okavango Delta Excursion,
Mokoro/Walking Safari
Gweta Village Walk
Khama Rhino Sanctuary Game

ITINERARY

12 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.

Your tour starts/ends in **Pretoria**, South Africa's administrative capital. Close enough to Johannesburg to almost be considered a suburb, Pretoria is known as the Jacaranda City, with purple blossoms covering the streets in October each year.

Pretoria boasts many sights of interest – such as the 10m bronze statue of Nelson Mandela standing beside the historic Union Buildings. Various cultural sites, shops, bars and restaurants are within an easy walk of our recommended hotel (and tour start point).

How do I get to Pretoria? Simple. Book a transfer before you leave home to meet you at Johannesburg's OR Tambo International and take you direct to the hotel in Pretoria. Journey time is about 45 minutes depending on traffic. We particularly recommend a pre-booked transfer if you are arriving late. Alternatively, there is a regular low-cost train service called the Gautrain which runs from OR Tambo International to both Johannesburg and Pretoria. If the train interests you, email us for more information.

DAY 1 PRETORIA TO POLOKWANE

We depart by shuttle via the bustling city and on to the beautiful scenic bushveld of the Limpopo Province. Previously known as the Northern Province, this is a land of myths and legends and is also highly rated as a southern Africa Eco-tourism destination. Arriving in Polokwane, we head to our lodge to meet up with our guide and the rest of the group before we head off to learn more about the local Bakone culture.

This interesting open-air museum allows us to learn about traditional methods of the Bakone tribe who were settled in this area from historic times to the present day. Learn how they made fire, harvested and prepared the staple mielie meal, and about the interesting decorations that adorn their dwellings. We later make our way to our accommodations nearby.

Note: We join passengers coming from Kruger National park on arrival to Polokwane.

Accommodation: Destiny Inn Lodge or similar - Twin share cabins with en-suite facilities

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

WIFI: Yes (payable)

Optional Activities: Nil

DAY 2 POLOKWANE TO BULAWAYO, ZIMBABWE

This morning we make our way north crossing out of South Africa and into Zimbabwe. Immigration formalities at the busy Beitbridge border may be lengthy, as this is South Africa's busiest land border, but once completed we continue to Bulawayo, a pleasant city with broad tree lined avenues and wide-open spaces. The area around the city offers much in the way of historical, geological and natural interest. Several national parks are nearby including the well-known Matobo (sometimes written Matopos) which we shall visit. Our accommodation for the evening is in a quiet garden setting on the outskirts of town.

Accommodation: Travellers Guest House or similar - Twin share room with en-suite facilities

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

WIFI: Yes

DAY 3 BULAWAYO TO MATABO NATIONAL PARK

Matobo National Park is located a short distance outside Bulawayo and knowledgeable guides will take us to this very impressive park. This reserve has the largest concentration of Black and White Rhino in Africa and, provided conditions are right, our guides will lead us on foot to some of the more concealed places in search of these magnificent animals. The park also has the densest population of leopard and black eagle in the world and we keep



our eyes peeled high and low for these creatures. This half day tour will end after the walk and a vehicle will transfer you back to the camp for an afternoon at leisure.

Optional Full Day: The wind sculptured Matobo Hills are home to numerous Bushman paintings of which we get to visit on this optional full day tour. The hills are also home to the grave site of Cecil John Rhodes who chose this as his burial place owing to the intense natural beauty and startling views from the hills. His grave can be visited at World's View - a place of continual debate owing to his involvement in claiming the land and its people for Queen & Country in colonial times.

Accommodation: Travellers Guest House or similar - Twin share room with en-suite facilities

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

WIFI: Yes

Included Activity: Nature Drive and Wilderness Walk – half day

Optional Activities: Upgrade to full day tour including historical tour and village tour for US\$55

DAY 4 BULAWAYO TO VICTORIA FALLS, ZIMBABWE

Departing Bulawayo, we continue north to Victoria Falls. We usually arrive to Victoria Falls by early afternoon. This is a relatively small town built along the southern banks of the Zambezi River and is Zimbabwe's primary tourist centre. The Victoria Falls themselves are only a short walk and the town has a variety of markets, shops, cafes within easy distance. Your tour leader will arrange a briefing to explain the numerous optional excursions typically available here and you will have some free time to wander around. Later we visit the Victoria Falls National Park itself to witness one of Africa's most enduring sights (NB: depending on time available, we may do this the following morning). Please take care when wandering along the pathways inside the reserve - the Falls are almost 100 metres deep and the drops are sheer!

We end our day joining a peaceful sunset dinner cruise on the Zambezi River. Soak up the African ambience with drink in hand as you cruise slowly up and down and look out for elephant, buffalo, buck, hippo and birdlife along the shallow muddy banks of one of Africa's great rivers. Eventually we return to our accommodation for overnight or to try some of the local nightlife.

Accommodation: Shearwater Explorers Village or similar - Twin share room with en-suite facilities

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

WIFI: Yes

Optional Activities (prices are guide only): Bungee Jumping US\$170, Gorge Swing US\$100, Helicopter Flights from US\$150
White water rafting US\$130, Full day canoe US\$150, Jet boating US\$100, Birding ½ day US\$160, Bike tour – 3 hours \$65

DAY 5 VICTORIA FALLS, ZIMBABWE

Rising early, we visit the Victoria Falls National Park itself to witness one of Africa's most enduring sights. Please take care when wandering along the pathways inside the reserve - the Falls are almost 100 metres deep and the drops are sheer!

The rest of the day is at leisure giving you the opportunity to explore and Victoria Falls. The Zambezi boasts one of the world's highest rated rivers for white river rafting with its many challenging rapids. Alternative options include canoeing, scenic flights, bungee or (more relaxed) afternoon tea at the colonial styled Victoria Falls Hotel.

Accommodation: Shearwater Explorers Village or similar - Twin share room with en-suite facilities

Meals included: Breakfast

WIFI: Yes

Optional Activities: See list on day 4

**Please note that some group members may be starting or ending their tour on this day*



DAY 6
VICTORIA FALLS, ZIMBABWE TO CHOBE NATIONAL PARK, BOTSWANA

Today, we travel the short distance to the Botswana border and cross into the small town of Kasane, and on to our lodge. This afternoon we head out onto a game drive and boat cruise in the Chobe National Park. Chobe is widely known for its populations of elephant, but the park also contains lion, leopard, hyena, giraffe and a host of antelope and birdlife. The Chobe floodplains and Chobe River provide a sensitive eco system which attracts much of the wildlife of the region especially in the dry season when it is not uncommon to see between 500 and 2000 elephants on the floodplains at one time. One highlight of Chobe is the combination of wildlife, birdlife and reptiles seen along the banks of the Chobe River. We take the afternoon cruise for a unique perspective of river-side wildlife. This evening we relax and overnight at the lodge

Accommodation: Thebe Safari Lodge or similar - Twin share room with en-suite facilities

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

WIFI: Yes

Optional Activities: Nil

DAY 7
CHOBE NATIONAL PARK - GWETA

Following breakfast, we depart for Gweta. Driving south we may be lucky to encounter elephant or buffalo alongside (or on) the road, often strays to the migratory herds which roam freely throughout the area in search of pasture and water. We stop in the small settlement of Nata for lunch or snack before continuing to Gweta. Try the optional Baobab Forest tour to see these great natural giants. The night is spent at the lodge.

Accommodation: Gweta Lodge or similar - Twin share chalet with en-suite facilities

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

WIFI: No

Optional Activities: Baobab Forest Sundowners US\$40

DAY 8
GWETA TO MAUN

After an early breakfast we join a guided walk through a local Tswana village to learn something of the life of the community, from schools and doctors to trading and traditions. We then depart and head west to Maun, the gateway to the Okavango Delta. Maun has experienced rapid growth in recent years and is a bustling provincial centre. Options here include scenic flights, but our first priority is to prepare for our excursion into the Okavango Delta. Our accommodation in Maun is simple guesthouse/ lodge/hotel. The afternoon is at leisure to relax with a cool beverage and pack for the Delta excursion for the following day.

Accommodation: Delta Rain's Sitatunga Camp or similar - Twin share chalet with en-suite facilities

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

WIFI: Yes (Bar area only)

Optional Activities: Nil

DAY 9
MAUN TO OKAVANGO DELTA

Heading out early after breakfast we begin our excursion into the Okavango Delta. The first part of the journey is by 4x4 over rough sandy paths to the 'mokoro' station, where the river level reaches. Here we are introduced to the local Tswana 'polers', our guides for the excursion and transfer our luggage and equipment to the mokoros (dug-out canoes). We travel by these shallow canoes amongst giant lily pads, tall grasses and labyrinthine channels to our camp on the edge of the Okavango. From our camp we venture out on guided walk in search of some of the prolific birdlife and larger mammals that inhabit the reserve. The whole area is a natural wetland spreading over some 1,600,000ha of northern Botswana offering a perfect habitat for the wildlife that roams here freely. The Okavango River rises in Angola (far to the north) and flows south dividing repeatedly to form an intricate floodplain



of channels and swamps which then spreads out into a broad flat inland delta – the only one of its kind in the world. We enjoy the afternoon wilderness experience and for many people the feeling of being at camp overnight is an unforgettable experience.

Accommodation: Elephant Camp – Twin share pre-erected tents with en-suite facilities - basic-style bucket shower & toilet

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

WIFI: No

Optional Activities: Nil

DAY 10 OKAVANGO DELTA TO MAUN

This morning we explore the surrounds on a nature walk where you have the thrilling experience of being out in the natural wilderness. This is a great way to enjoy the sights, sounds and smells of the wilderness and enjoy nature as it wakes for the day. After the bush we enjoy breakfast and then pack up again onto our mokoros, leaving nothing behind but footprints. Returning to our 4x4 and bidding our polers farewell, we return to Maun. The afternoon offers the opportunity to join the guide for a trip into town for a little shopping. Another popular activity here is an optional scenic flight over the 'Delta' for a bird's eye view of the wilderness you have just explored by mokoro and on foot. Prices depend on number of people interested but seeing the vastness of the Okavango from the air gives a further appreciation of the beauty of this part of Africa. We return to our lodge for dinner and overnight.

Accommodation: Delta Rain's Sitatunga Camp or similar - Twin share chalet with en-suite facilities

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

WIFI: Yes (bar area only)

Optional Activities: Okavango Delta Scenic Flight per 5-seater plane – 45 min flight time from US\$650, Maun Horse Riding (2 Hours) US\$65, Helicopter Scenic Flight per 3-seater chopper – 22 min flight time from \$450

DAY 11 MAUN TO KHAMA RHINO SANCTUARY

Another early rise for our long journey skirting the greater Kalahari, where we may glimpse in the distance the vast salt pans of central Botswana to the Khama Rhino Sanctuary which we normally reach by late afternoon. In 1989 a group of local people wished to convert the Serowe Pan, previously a hunting area, into a conservation region for the rhino that inhabited the area. The 'Pan' was chosen because of its rhino-friendly habitat (and for its proximity to the Botswana Defence Force base for 24-hour protection against poachers). Khama is a prime habitat for white rhino, zebra, wildebeest and giraffe and with its community-based wildlife project, allows the local people to benefit from tourism. We take a game drive to catch sight of some of the rhino with guides often pointing up interesting facts about the local fauna and flora. Our last night on safari is spent at the Stevensford private nature conservancy situated on the Limpopo River in Botswana's Tuli Block. At 3500 ha, this reserve is home to many species of antelope, crocodile, hippo, zebra, giraffe and a plethora of bird species.

Accommodation: Stevensford Game Reserve or similar - Twin share room with en-suite facilities

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

WIFI: Yes

Optional Activities: Nil

DAY 12 MARTINS DRIFT TO PRETORIA, SOUTH AFRICA

Our last morning sees us joining the main route along Martin's Drift border post. Crossing the mighty Limpopo River into South Africa, we take in the scenic views and notice changes to vegetation, infrastructure and populated areas. We arrive in Pretoria where our tour ends normally by mid to late afternoon.

Accommodation: Not Included

Meals included: Breakfast

Wifi: Nil



Optional Activities: Nil

Tour Information

- TOUR STYLE:** Small Group -Twin share Accommodated
- WHAT'S INCLUDED:** Tour highlights, transport, accommodation, meals as indicated, services of an English-speaking driver tour leader.
- WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED:** 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.

**LOCAL PAYMENT/
SAFARI PASS:**

The mandatory Safari Pass is paid to your tour leader at the beginning of the tour in USD cash, US dollars in clean, un-torn post 2008 edition notes (or pre-paid by arrangement at the time of booking). It is separate and in addition to the Tour Price and covers the cost of selected park entries, activities and excursions as well as some accommodation along the way. The purpose of the separate payment is to ensure local suppliers benefit directly from your visit at the time of travel. the Safari Pass of this tour covers the following tour highlights.

Bakone Museum Entrance	✓
Matobo NP Entrance & Game Drive	✓
Chobe NP Fish Eagle Cruise	✓
Chobe NP Game Drive	✓
Okavango Delta Excursion	✓
Victoria Falls NP Entrance	✓
Zambezi River Sunset Dinner Cruise	✓
Khama Rhino Sanctuary Entrance & Game Drive	✓

- ACCOMMODATION:** Selected lodges or hotels with en-suite facilities and one night at a tented camp with basic en-suite facilities in the Okavango Delta. Most lodges are situated in comfortable and picturesque locations with a pool, restaurant and bar. Standard of accommodation varies from South Africa, to Zimbabwe and Botswana.
- TRANSPORT:** Minibus, overland vehicle, 4x4 open safari vehicle, river cruise boat, Mokoro. Maximum group size: 12 passengers (please note vehicles are not air conditioned).

JOINING INFORMATION

This tour starts in Pretoria at 10:00am by shuttle transfer and ends in Pretoria on Day 12. **The tour brief/meeting is held either in the afternoon on Day 1 before the walk or after dinner.**

Meeting point in Pretoria:

- Address:** Court Classique Suite Hotel
743 Francis Baard Street
Pretoria, 0007
- Contact details:** Tel. +27 (0) 12 344 4420
E-mail: reservations@courtclassique.co.za
- Pre-departure meeting:** held on Day 1
- Tour start time:** 10:00am on Day 1

Tour end point in Pretoria:

- Address:** Court Classique Suite Hotel
743 Francis Baard Street



Pretoria, 0007

Contact details: Tel. +27 (0) 12 344 4420

E-mail: reservations@courtclassique.co.za

Tour end time: Late afternoon/early evening on Day 12

PRE TOUR ACCOMMODATION

This tour departs Pretoria early on Day 1; we strongly recommend therefore that you plan to arrive the day before departure to overcome any jet-lag and acclimatise to Africa. We would be happy to book pre-tour accommodation for you – please call or email us (or speak to your agent) with your arrival details and accommodation requirements.

However please book early to avoid disappointment and the risk of having to find more expensive (or less convenient) lodgings. If time allows, we also suggest planning a night or two extra (after your tour) to make the most of Pretoria and the surrounding area. See below for a guide to extra accommodation costs. **These prices are a guideline only and are subject to change so please check your agent for current prices when making your booking.**

Description	Price (US\$)	Description	Price (US\$)
Pretoria – Court Classique Suite Hotel		Pretoria – Court Classique Suite Hotel	
Pre tour accommodation – twin pp/pn	\$ 60	Post tour accommodation – Twin/ double pp/pn	\$ 60
Pre tour accommodation – single pp/pn	\$ 90	Post tour accommodation – Single pp/pn	\$ 90
PPPN = Per person, per night		PPPN = Per person, per night	

General Note

Please note that whilst every effort has been made to select accommodation of a consistent standard throughout the tour there are areas where this is difficult to achieve. We have not designed the tour with international standard hotels in mind but instead have sourced privately owned properties more suited to the environment and to the philosophy of helping local benefit from tourism. For that reason accommodation, hotel facilities and service levels may vary from area to area between and within countries. To a degree this is a reflection of local infrastructure, tourism development, and of the communities whose areas we are visiting. At times you may find lapses in service frustrating, but we ask your patience and that you consider it part of the African experience. Naturally your tour leader will do all he can to rectify any problems that may arise as the tour proceeds.

To allow for the highlights and experiences packed into this tour, some long distances need to be covered. In order 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, in particular at Beitbridge, there are a number of police road checks currently in place in Zimbabwe. 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 everywhere sometimes things will take longer than we would like or expect at home.

WHAT TO BRING

Please try to keep your luggage to a minimum, bearing in mind that most airlines impose a 20kg luggage limit. A large soft holdall or backpack and a smaller day pack is ideal. On this tour you will need a mixture of lightweight cool clothing for the day and warm clothing (i.e. fleece, long trousers, scarf and hat) for mornings and evenings as it can be cool on game drives and cold in winter (May-Aug). Pack a light rain jacket. It is advisable to bring mosquito spray throughout the year. A money belt/pouch that can be worn comfortably beneath your clothing is recommended. Please avoid bringing unnecessary valuables. A power bank is recommended to charge electronic devices.

VACCINATIONS / HEALTH

The table below indicates the vaccinations suggested for travel on this tour but **should be treated as a guide only**. You should seek professional medical advice from your GP or clinic at least six weeks prior to departure. Please note some areas visited are **malarial**. We recommend you speak to your doctor or travel clinic about appropriate anti-malarial tablets

Country	Tetanus	Diphtheria	Polio	Hepatitis A	Hepatitis B	Typhoid	Meningitis	Rabies	Yellow Fever	Malaria
South Africa	R	R	R	R	-	R	-	-	*	R
Zimbabwe	R	R	R	R	R	R	-	R	*	R
Botswana	R	R	R	R	-	R	-	R	*	R

C = Compulsory, **R** = Recommended, ***** = If travelling from infected countries a certificate of proof may be required.
NB To be used as a guide only. Please see your GP or travel clinic for up-to-date medical advice.



VISA REQUIREMENTS

The table below indicates the visas required for travel to the countries on this tour but **should be treated as a guide only**. At least one month prior to travel seek confirmation from embassies or a visa specialist, that these requirements are still current.

Nationality	UK	AUS	NZ	USA	CAN	BEL	IRE	NED	DEN	ITA	GER	AUT	SWE	FIN	NOR	MEX	KOR
South Africa	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No
Zimbabwe	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Botswana	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes

MONEY MATTERS

PERSONAL EXPENSES

Naturally you will require extra money for your own personal spending on the tour, for snacks, drinks, souvenirs, tips and items of a personal nature. Everybody has different spending habits but as a guideline we suggest you budget US\$15-30 per day. Most spending will be in South Africa Rand, Botswana Pula and Zambia Kwacha (for incidental expenses along the way, optional activities, most additional accommodation before/after the trip) but it's a good idea to bring along some US\$ cash for any international airport taxes or visas.

-**Spending money** is best carried as cash in either South Africa Rand cash or US dollars (Us Dollars in clean, un-torn post 2008 edition notes), Sterling or Euro which can be exchanged into Rand on arrival and as you travel. Your guide will give general guidance about spending during the tour.

- **Currencies** are as follows: South Africa – Rand, Botswana – Pula; Zimbabwe - United States Dollars.

- **ATM machines** are found throughout South Africa and Botswana although may be unreliable (so we ask that you please do not rely on them). Cash is often not available in Zimbabwe.

- **Credit cards** can be used to pay for larger optional activities although there may be a fee for their use.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

In order to give you maximum flexibility on tour we offer a number of optional activities on the tour. To help budget, approximate prices are listed below in US\$ unless otherwise stated. All prices subject to change and availability.

Activity	Price (US\$)	Activity	Price (US\$)
Botswana		Bike Tour – 3 hours	\$65
Okavango Delta Flight (5-7 Seated plane and 45 min flight time) – price per plane	From \$650	White-water Rafting	\$130
Baobab Forest Sundowners	\$40	Gorge Swing	\$100
Okavango Scenic Helicopter Flight per 3 seater chopper – 22 min flight time	From \$450	Full Day Canoe	\$150
Zimbabwe		Helicopter 12 Min	\$150
Matobo NP full day tour upgrade	\$55	Jet Boating	\$020
Vic Falls Bungee (single/tandem)	\$170	Birding ½ day	\$160

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.

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 minimises 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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