

14 DAY MOZAMBIQUE & ZIMBABWE EXPLORER (26NMZE14) Adventure Camping Tour Dossier



Included Highlights

Kruger National Park, Open Vehicle Game Drive with Resident Guide
Great Zimbabwe Ruins
Matobo National Park, Half Day Open Vehicle Game Drive and Wilderness Walk with Resident Guide*
Hwange National Park, Half Day Open Vehicle Game Drive with Resident Guide*
Victoria Falls Visit
Bilene and Tofo Beach
Dhow Safari, Vilankulo – Magaruque Island snorkelling
***Subject to purchasing the Adventure Pass**

Intended Itinerary

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 and/or accommodation at short notice. Driving times are approximate and may vary due to bad weather, traffic, border crossings, police check-points, road works or road conditions and do not include any stops en-route. **Please therefore treat the following as a guide only.** This is a participation tour. Your tour may form part of a longer tour, which some of your fellow travellers may have joined already or continue afterwards. Due to the nature of the travelling conditions, we operate this tour in a 12-seater custom built vehicle with a trailer for luggage.

Mozambique is an emerging destination in Africa and some of the facilities are not up to the same standard as in neighbouring countries. You may notice this at campsites, in shops, or in 'on road' conditions as we travel. We believe that minor discomforts and occasional frustrations with officialdom are all 'part of the experience' of travelling in these newly developing areas of Africa.

Your tour starts 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 or ask Acacia for more information

The description below assumes you have purchased the optional Adventure Pass for the tour.

Duration: 14 Days
Countries visited: South Africa, Zimbabwe and Mozambique

Day 1: Pretoria, South Africa - Hazyview (Greater Kruger)

Distance travelled: +/- 380 km

Approx. driving time: 8 - 9 Hours (excluding stops)

From Pretoria, South Africa's administrative capital, we travel via the panoramic region of Mpumalanga with its beautiful scenery and dramatic escarpment views towards South Africa's famed national park - Kruger. Fences between the National Park and surrounding private reserves were removed several years ago to form Greater Kruger, an area of some 24,000 sq. km. Wildlife is free to roam the whole enormous area, and it has become incredibly diverse in both fauna and flora. From the dwarf mongoose to the famed 'Big Five', almost every major African mammal (148 species) is present. There is also prolific birdlife (over 505 species) and over 330 varieties of trees.

Accommodation: Hotel Numbi (or similar)

○ **Camping Tour (NMZE14):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities

Meals Included: Dinner

Wi-Fi: Yes (availability may change without notice)

Optional Activities: Nil

Day 2: Hazyview (Greater Kruger) - Kruger National Park

Distance travelled: +/- 15 km (each way)

Approx. driving time: Full day including game drives

Waking early, we board our game viewing vehicles with a resident guide for an intense but rewarding day in Kruger National Park. The impressive atmosphere of the park enables you to see why it is held in such high esteem amongst visitors from all over the world. We game drive in the morning and afternoon in search for the abundance of wildlife including the 'Big 5' – Rhino, elephant, buffalo, leopard, and lion together with a high density of other mammals and diverse bird species such as eagles, hornbills, vultures, and bee-eaters. We break during the middle of the day to enjoy the peace of the rest camp and wait out the hottest part of the day (when wildlife is usually less active). We then continue our game drive through the park exiting in the late afternoon and continue to our accommodation for the night.

Accommodation: Hotel Numbi (or similar)

- **Camping Tour (NMZE14):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**Wi-Fi:** Yes (availability may change without notice)**Optional Activities:** Nil

Day 3: Hazyview (Greater Kruger) - Bilene, Mozambique

Distance travelled: +/- 415 km

Approx. driving time: 8 - 9 Hours (excluding stops / border crossing)

Today, we leave the Greater Kruger area and cross picturesque landscapes to the Mozambique border.

NB: Border formalities entering Mozambique can be time consuming. We may be held here for several hours while the paperwork is completed. Your patience at such times and is greatly appreciated. Officials will work in their own time, and we find the best way to proceed is to let them work at their own pace and wait patiently. Your tour leader will do most of the work, but he/she will be grateful for your understanding if things seem to be taking longer than they should.

Once formalities are complete, we make our way to Bilene for our first night along the tropical coast. You'll immediately notice the pace of the tour change in Mozambique. Travelling is generally slower and road conditions more demanding making for an excellent opportunity to take in the surrounding scenery and village life. Campsites are not as well appointed but compensate with amazing location and views. Towns and shops have fewer goods or less variety so it's essential to pack must-have items before arrival to Mozambique. While this can sometimes be frustrating most travellers find they've settled into the surroundings and realise this is one of the more appealing and attractive aspects of their African adventure tour. We are sure you will enjoy Mozambique but do try to warn you not to expect things to be the same as elsewhere in Southern Africa.

Bilene, also known as Praia do Bilene and was once called San Marthino is located 180km north of Mozambique and famous for the Uembje Lagoon (or San Marthino lake) where you can try out one of the best loved activities in Bilene – snorkelling! Our camp for the evening is located on top of the dunes overlooking the stunning lagoon itself. It's here we spend the night lulled by the sound of the ocean and enjoy the fresh breeze as we unwind from our day.

Accommodation: Laguna Camp (or similar)

- **Camping Tour (NMZE14):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**Wi-Fi:** Yes (availability may change without notice)**Optional Activities:** Canoe / Paddle Ski Hire

Day 4: Bilene - Inhambane - Tofo

Distance travelled: +/- 390 km

Approx. driving time: 8 - 9 Hours (excluding stops)

Today we travel along this scenic coast via Inhambane to Tofo where we will spend the next 2 nights. Tofo is a small beach town with lovely open beaches, where the pace of life slows allowing you to relax and soak up the atmosphere. There are many activities on offer such as snorkelling, scuba diving and quad biking. Whale Sharks and Manta Rays inhabit the coastline all year round but are in larger numbers in the summer months (November to March). Humpback whales usually arrive around mid-June and are present until mid-October. The natural vegetation of the coastal plain is dune forest, but this has largely been replaced by coconut palms, planted by the Portuguese and local Bitonga people to supply the thriving copra trade.

There are some exciting bars and restaurants in the area - sample the local seafood, the area is famous for it - and the local beer (called '2M') or else simply relax and enjoy a good read.

Accommodation: *Pariango Beach Motel (or similar)*

- **Camping Tour (NMZE14):** *Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities*

Meals Included: *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

Wi-Fi: *Yes (availability may change without notice)*

Optional Activities: *See day 5*

Day 5: Tofo / Inhambane

Today is a free day to enjoy the local tropical beaches and the many activities on offer. Nearby Inhambane has a rich history and offers a great opportunity to go out and explore the old city. Climb the ladder at the Cathedral of our lady of Conception Inhambane for fantastic 360-degree views of the surrounds. The local markets are also a highlight with fresh fish, seafood and farm produce on sale. You'll soon see the mix of Arabic and African cultures that create a vibrant, eclectic style of its own. If the delights of the ocean are your forte, then head out and explore the reefs and colourful marine life found in this warm watery haven.

Accommodation: *Pariango Beach Motel (or similar)*

- **Camping Tour (NMZE14):** *Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities*

Meals Included: *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

Wi-Fi: *Yes (availability may change without notice)*

Optional Activities: *Scuba Diving, Snorkelling Trips, Quad Biking*

Day 6: Tofo - Vilankulo

Distance travelled: +/- 320 km & Boat Transfer

Approx. driving time: 8 - 9 Hours including boat transfer to camp (excluding stops)

Leaving Tofo we take the coastal route arriving at Vilankulo (or Vilanculos), the Gateway to the Bazaruto Archipelago. Named after a local tribal chief Gamala Vilankulo Mukoke, the town itself is only 5km long yet is a hive of activity, has a lively atmosphere and friendly people. On arrival, we gather our luggage and snorkels for the following day's island trip and board our traditional dhow boat to our rustic bush camp. The beach camp is located on a remote stretch of the coast approximately 90 minutes sail from Vilankulo town itself. We arrive in the late afternoon and settle into our beach camp for the next 2 nights.

Accommodation: *Chigamane Camp (or similar)*

- **Camping Tour (NMZE14):** *Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities*

Meals Included: *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

Wi-Fi: *No (availability may change without notice)*

Optional Activities: *Nil*

Day 7: Vilankulo

After breakfast we take our dhow boat to Magaruque Island, the third Island in the archipelago and the closest to Vilankulo. Here you can enjoy the island at leisure, snorkelling, swimming, walking or simply enjoy lazing on the pristine beach. A delicious seafood lunch is included in our Dhow Safari. With its powdery-white beaches, turquoise waters, and superb all-year round climate, Magaruque is perfect to relax, unwind and explore the local marine life. We return to our beach camp in the late afternoon to overnight.

Accommodation: *Chigamane (or similar)*

- **Camping Tour (NMZE14):** *Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities*

Meals Included: *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

Wi-Fi: *No (availability may change without notice)*

Optional Activities: *Nil*

Day 8: Vilankulo - Bandula Area

Distance travelled: +/- 530 km

Approx. driving time: 10 - 11 Hours (excluding stops)

We bid our seaside camp farewell and head back to our vehicle and then inland of Mozambique where we stop for the night in the Bandula area near the Chicamba Dam. Our campsite is located within a 550-hectare conservancy. The dam is a favourite for bass fishing where a catch and release program ensure the fish are conserved and can continue to grow in number. There is also a local environmental centre that aims to educate the local school children in the importance of conserving the local fauna and flora. We set up camp close to the dam and enjoy our last night in Mozambique before we cross the border into neighbouring Zimbabwe.

Accommodation: Casa Msika Lodge (or similar)

○ **Camping Tour (NMZE14):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Wi-Fi: No (availability may change without notice)

Optional Activities: Nil

Day 9: Bandula Area - Masvingo, Zimbabwe

Distance travelled: +/- 380 km

Approx. driving time: 8 - 9 Hours (excluding stops / border crossing)

We depart early in the morning and cross the border into Zimbabwe and if time allows stop at the spectacular Birchenough Bridge (named after Sir Henry Birchenough). The bridge spans the Save River on its 400 km journey through Zimbabwe and Mozambique and is one of many scenic features of eastern Zimbabwe. We then make our way to Masvingo. Nearby is one of the most important archaeological sites in Southern Africa - The Great Zimbabwe National Monument. Dating back to 1200 AD this was once the home to an indigenous population of some 10,000 people. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, the area holds special significance to the country which took its name. Legend says this was the city where the Queen of Sheba resided, and archaeological finds uncovered gold, coins and porcelain from as far afield as Persia and China, highlighting the importance of the city as a trading post.

We camp nearby for easy access and ample time to explore the ruins at leisure with a resident guide who will explain the significance, history and culture of the area. If you have the energy there is the opportunity to trek to the top of the Hill Enclosure to enjoy a wondrous African sunset with spectacular views of the surrounds

Accommodation: Clevers Lakeview Resort (or similar)

○ **Camping Tour (NMZE14):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Wi-Fi: Yes (availability may change without notice)

Optional Activities: Nil

Day 10: Masvingo - Matobo

Distance travelled: +/- 350 km

Approx. driving time: 7 - 8 Hours (excluding stops)

Departing Masvingo, we make our way to Matobo National Park. We stop in Bulawayo for supplies before heading to our campsite. The rest of the afternoon is yours to explore the surrounds at leisure.

Accommodation: Wanderers Rest (or similar)

○ **Camping Tour (NMZE14):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Wi-Fi: Yes (availability may change without notice)

Optional Activities: Nil

Day 11: Matobo National Park

Approx. driving time: Half day including game drive and wilderness walk

Matobo National Park 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: *Wanderers Rest (or similar)*

- **Camping Tour (NMZE14):** *Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities*

Meals Included: *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

Wi-Fi: *Yes (availability may change without notice)*

Optional Activities: *Upgrade to full day tour including Bushman paintings, historical tour and Cecil Rhodes Grave*

Day 12: Matobo - Hwange National Park

Distance travelled: +/- 330 km

Approx. driving time: 7 - 8 Hours (excluding stops)

Today we leave the picturesque Matopos area and head for the world-famous Hwange National Park.

This is Zimbabwe's largest and best-known park and was (in the early 19th century) the royal hunting grounds of the Ndebele warrior-king Mzilikazi. In 1929 it was set aside as a National Park for the benefit of all Zimbabwe's peoples. The park covers an area of over 14,600 sq. km and is particularly known for its elephant but contains over 100 mammal species including Africa's "Big 5" (leopard, lion, elephant, rhino and buffalo), as well as giraffe, cheetah, gemsbok and the brown hyena and abundant bird species. Hwange is also known for its population of the Wild (Painted) Dog. Late in the day we take a locally guided open vehicle game drive and hope to glimpse some of the wildlife in the park before returning to camp for overnight.

Accommodation: *Gwango Heritage Resort (or similar)*

- **Camping Tour (NMZE14):** *Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities*

Meals Included: *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

Wi-Fi: *Yes (availability may change without notice)*

Optional Activities: *Night Drive*

Day 13: Hwange National Park - Victoria Falls

Distance travelled: +/- 200 km

Approx. driving time: 4 - 5 Hours (excluding stops)

Leaving the wilderness of the Hwange National Park, we make our way to Victoria Falls where we have the opportunity to enjoy the spectacular 'Falls' themselves and the mighty Zambezi River. The Zambezi boasts one of the world's highest rated rivers for best white river rafting with its many challenging as well as novice rapids.

After our visit to the falls there are many optional activities to do, and you will have the opportunity to enjoy these at leisure. Explore the colonial town on foot and visit the local trading markets. Some choose to cross the border for a day to visit into the neighbouring Zambia town, Livingstone; or take a leap of faith bungee jumping to the foot of the falls. From game walks, helicopter flips or jet boating to name a few, Victoria Falls will capture and fulfil your imagination, validating the myths of the African spirit.

NB: For the sake of practicality, meals in the Victoria Falls area are at your own discretion. This allows you to take on activities (some of which include lunch) without having to head back with the group at mealtimes. The town's cafés and restaurants offer a good selection of reasonably priced meals and snacks (allow US\$15-US\$30 per meal). Relax and enjoy at your own leisure.

Accommodation: *Shearwater Explorers Village (or similar)*

- **Camping Tour (NMZE14):** *Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities*

Meals Included: *Breakfast*

Wi-Fi: *Yes (availability may change without notice)*

Optional Activities: *Bungee Jumping, Gorge Swing, Helicopter Flights, White Water Rafting, Full Day Canoe, Game Walk, Jet Boating, Birding Half Day, Bike Tour – 3 hours*

Day 14: Victoria Falls

After breakfast is when your tour ends with us, however most people spend the day (and following days) taking the numerous opportunities available to explore and enjoy what this magnificent destination has on offer.

Accommodation: Nil

Meals Included Breakfast

Wi-Fi: N/A

Optional Activities: See day 13

Tour Information

TOUR STYLE:

Adventure Tour

Travelling on an adventure tour is great fun, but it can also be challenging! This is a *participation* tour, and your help will be needed in setting up the camp each night and assisting (usually on a rota basis) with the various day to day campsite duties, such as shopping, cooking and keeping the Acacia vehicle and camp tidy. But don't worry it's not all hard work and it's a great way to meet the local people and get to know your fellow travellers. Your contribution benefits the success of the tour - most people find the greater their involvement, the greater their enjoyment of the whole trip.

Africa is an adventure destination and travelling here is not always predictable so be prepared to 'expect the unexpected' in difficulties or delays which might come our way! However, you'll soon find that the diversity of the African landscape, the wildlife and the communities we pass on our way, make the sometimes-rough travel and long driving days worthwhile. Come with a sense of adventure and a flexible attitude and you will be sure to enjoy your African adventure across this amazing continent.

Africa provides an ever-changing environment, power failures, water and fuel shortages, temperature fluctuations, and other uncontrollable / unplanned situations do occur. You will need to remain flexible, understanding and good-humoured. "African time" can be difficult and frustrating for those who are used to a very structured life, so this is something to keep in mind!

YOUR FELLOW

TRAVELLERS:

Group Size: Maximum 12

Group Age: 16 - 75

Adventure Tours' travellers come from all over the world and from all walks of life.

NB: Sixteen- and seventeen-year-olds must be accompanied by at least one parent / legal guardian for the duration of their tour.

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

All tour highlights, 2-person dome tents / accommodation as indicated, fully equipped adventure vehicle, camping and cooking equipment, service of two crew, all road and vehicle taxes, all ground transportation, meals as indicated.

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED: Adventure Pass activities, visas, travel insurance, flight departure taxes, airport transfers, optional activities, tips, drinks, sleeping bag and items of personal nature. **NB:** Lunch on day 1 and lunch and dinner in Victoria Falls on day 13 are not included in the tour price.

ADVENTURE PASS:

The Adventure Pass is paid to your tour leader in Africa at the beginning of the tour (or pre-paid by arrangement prior to your tour). This is separate and in addition to the Tour Price, which is paid before travel, and is paid in the currency listed in the brochure or on the website (usually US dollars in clean, un-torn post 2008 edition notes). The Adventure Pass covers selected park entries, activities, and excursions along the way where payment goes directly to the supplier. The purpose of the separate payment is to ensure local suppliers benefit directly from the income.

ACTIVITIES &

EXCURSIONS:

These are optional activities that are booked during your holiday and paid directly to the provider whilst on tour. These options offer a variety of experiences and allow you the freedom to decide what activities you would like to do.

ACCOMMODATION:

Camping Tour (NMZE14): 2-person dome tents with fly sheets, sewn-in ground sheets, zip-up insect screens and foam mattresses. Sleeping bags and pillows are not provided. Accommodation and facilities as indicated.

We mainly use campsites / accommodation, which usually have reasonable wash and shower facilities, electricity points and sometimes even a small shop, bar, or swimming pool.

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Wi-Fi ON TOUR: While Wi-Fi is becoming more common in some areas of Africa, we cannot guarantee the availability, coverage, speed, cost, or reliability during your tour.

TRANSPORT: 12-seater, self-contained, custom-built vehicle and trailer with plug sockets and safety features, dhow boat, purpose-built safari vehicle. Acacia vehicle changes may occur on this route. Travel times indicated are approximate and do not include stops en-route.

GAME PARK VISITS To maximise the quality of game driving and to comply with local authority rulings, some of our National Park visits and game viewing is carried out using services provided by local African ground handlers. As well as enhancing our experience using local guides and smaller vehicles also allows us to contribute at a 'grassroots' level to local economies from which local people benefit.

Tour Preparation

BOOKING INFORMATION

When you make a confirmed booking for your tour you will be sent the booking documents and a pre-departure booklet with detailed information to help you prepare for your trip. Once you have paid in full you will receive a Travel Voucher giving details of your joining hotel. Johannesburg (JNB) nearby Pretoria and Victoria Falls (VFA) are well served by several airlines. Your travel agent can advise on flights to and from the start and finish of your tour.

JOINING INFORMATION

This tour starts in **Pretoria**. The pre-departure meeting is held at 18:00 on the evening prior to departure. The tour starts at 07:00 on Day 1 and ends in Victoria Falls on Day 14.

Tour start Point in Pretoria :		Tour end Point in Victoria Falls :	
Address:	Court Classique Suite Hotel 743 Francis Baard Street Pretoria, 0007	Address:	Shearwater Explorers Village Adam Stander Drive Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe
Contact details:	+27 (0) 12 344 4420 reservations@courtclassique.co.za	Contact Details:	+263 832844471 online@shearwatervf.com
Tour start time:	07:00	Tour end time:	After breakfast on Day 14

PRE TOUR ACCOMMODATION

This tour departs Pretoria early on Day 1; we strongly recommend therefore that you plan to arrive at least the day before departure to overcome any jetlag and to acclimatise to Africa. We would be happy to book pre-tour accommodation and transfers 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 this part of Africa. Accommodation is usually available locally on arrival, but you can pre-book this with Acacia or your agent.

LUGGAGE

Please try to keep your luggage to a minimum, bearing in mind that most airlines impose a 20kg limit. It should be brought in a soft holdall or rucksack along with a smaller day bag. You will need to bring a mixture of lightweight clothing and warm clothing for the evenings and early morning game drives. You also need a sleeping bag (and small pillow if preferred). We recommended you pack a small torch or headlamp, mosquito spray and a money pouch/belt that can be easily hidden. Please try to avoid bringing unnecessary valuables and use your hotel safe to store the bulk of your money, passport, and airline tickets. A power bank is useful for recharging electronic devices. A full 'What to Bring' list is included in our **pre-departure booklet**, issued when you book.

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 be aware that some of the areas visited on this tour are **malarial**. We strongly recommend you seek professional medical advice for the 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
Mozambique	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	*	R
Zimbabwe	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. Alternatively, contact Acacia for any queries or advice regarding vaccination requirements.

COVID-19: International requirements are constantly changing; please contact Acacia for the latest information as it relates to your tour.

VISA AND ENTRY 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. For UK citizens the Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO) offers free up-to-date travel info: www.fco.gov.uk. For other nationalities a number of travel advice websites are listed on the Acacia website.

NB: Please ensure you check the tour itinerary to determine whether you require a Multiple or Single-Entry visa for the relevant country prior to applying for your visas.

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
Mozambique	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No
Zimbabwe	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

SOUTH AFRICA

Certain nationalities requiring a visa are required to apply for a visa in advance of arrival.

Travelling with children: Please note that South Africa Immigration requires for all children under the age of 18 to travel with an unabridged birth certificate to enter this country. Specific requirements apply if the minor is not travelling with both parents listed on the certificate. Please see <https://www.dha.gov.za/index.php/immigration-services/types-of-visas> for more information.

SARS Traveller Declaration - Mandatory from 1 July 2026: All travellers entering or leaving South Africa must complete the SARS Online Traveller Declaration within 24 hours before departure or arrival. This digital form replaces the old paper customs slip. Travellers will receive a QR code to present at customs. If not completed in advance, it can be done at airport kiosks, but delays may occur. Please see www.sars.gov.za/travellerdeclaration for more information.

MOZAMBIQUE

All travellers to Mozambique, including those from visa-exempt countries, must complete an **Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA)** at least 48 hours before departure and pay a mandatory entry fee of 650 MZN (approximately USD \$10). Travellers who fail to complete the ETA may be denied boarding or entry. Please see <https://evisa.gov.mz> for more information.

Nationalities requiring a visa can obtain a visa upon arrival or alternatively, apply for a visa online in advance. **NB:** Online applications may take up to 7 days to process, please allow sufficient time as delays may occur. Supporting letters can be provided upon request within 42 days of departure.

ZIMBABWE

We recommend all nationalities requiring a visa to obtain their visa upon arrival, payable in US\$ cash.

INSURANCE

It is a booking condition of Acacia 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. We can recommend a respected, specialist travel insurance provider for this tour. Please refer to: <https://acacia-africa.com/travel-info> for more details. In the UK the Foreign & Commonwealth Office (www.fco.gov.uk) issues free up to date travel advice for all countries visited on tour. Most other governments offer a similar service to citizens. We recommend you review this information before you book your tour. Naturally we welcome any questions you may have about security and safety on tour.

Money Matters

PERSONAL EXPENSES

Naturally you will require extra money for your own personal spending on the tour, for Activities and Excursions, 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. Also keep US\$ cash for relevant airport taxes and visas needed, optional activities and any additional accommodation before or after your tour.

Spending money is best carried as cash in US dollars (US Dollars in clean, un-torn, **post 2008** edition notes), Sterling or Euro which you then exchange into local currency on arrival and as you go. Your guide can advise how and when you can change the rest of your money throughout the tour.

Currencies are as follows: South Africa – Rand, Mozambique – Meticals, Zimbabwe – US Dollars

ATM machines are found in Southern Africa. Please note they are sometimes unreliable (and therefore should not be relied upon).

Credit cards can be used to pay for optional activities although charges may be high by western standards (+/- 5%).

We recommend you bring your spending money in several different ways (some cash and some cards); your guide can best advise on what to use where.

TIPPING

This is always a matter for your own individual discretion but as in many areas where tourism is an important contributor to the economy, it has become customary to give a small gratuity to local staff, including your tour leader and driver, at the end of a tour if services rendered have been to your satisfaction.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES AND EXCURSIONS

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 (USD)	Activity	Price (USD)
MOZAMBIQUE		ZIMBABWE	
Bilene		Matobo National Park	
Canoe / Paddle Ski Hire	From \$2	Matobo Upgrade to Full Day Tour	\$55
Tofo		Hwange National Park	
Scuba Dive (per dive)	From \$65	Night Drive	\$35
Snorkelling Trip	From \$55	Victoria Falls	
Quad Biking	From \$55	Vic Falls Bungee (single/tandem)	\$170
		White-Water Rafting- Full Day	\$140
		Gorge Swing	\$100
		Helicopter (from 12min flight)	From \$150
		Jet Boating	\$120

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.

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QUALITY & PROTECTION

As a member of ABTA (W4093), we are fully bonded for your financial protection and adhere to the highest standards set by the organisation for quality and service.

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