

Included Highlights

Victoria Falls Visit

Hwange National Park, Half Day Open Vehicle Game Drive with Resident Guide*

Matobo National Park, Half Day Open Vehicle Game Drive and Wilderness Walk with Resident Guide*

Great Zimbabwe Ruins

Dhow Safari, Vilankulo – Magaruque Island Snorkelling

Bilene and Tofo Beach

Kruger National Park, Open Vehicle Game Drive with Resident Guide

***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 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 end point).

How do I get to the airport from Pretoria? Simple. Book a transfer with Acacia to take you directly to Johannesburg's OR Tambo International. Journey time is about 45 minutes depending on traffic. We particularly recommend a pre-booked transfer if you are departing late. Alternatively, there is a regular low-cost train service called the Gautrain which runs from Pretoria to OR Tambo International and Johannesburg. 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: Zimbabwe, Mozambique, and South Africa

Day 1: Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

This morning, we enjoy the spectacular Victoria Falls themselves and the mighty Zambezi River. Please be ready to get *wet* when you visit – the spray from the Falls can be seen from up to 20 miles away – hence the local name *Mosi oa Tunya* (Smoke That Thunders) and many people find they get thoroughly soaked on their visit! After our visit time is at leisure – try one of the optional activities or visit the local markets or old colonial Victoria Falls Hotel that provides an in-depth historical insight, including information on the discovery of the Falls; or explore the colonial town on foot and visit the local trading markets. From bungee jumping to admiring the view, Victoria Falls is an enduring sight that has captured the imagination of visitors for generations.

NB: For the sake of practicality, meals in 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 of 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 (SMZE14):** Camping in twin share tents with shared facilities

Meals Included: Nil

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 2: Victoria Falls - Hwange National Park

Distance travelled: +/- 200 km

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

Today we 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. kms 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 (SMZE14):** 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 3: Hwange National Park - Matobo

Distance travelled: +/- 330 km

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

Departing Hwange, 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 (SMZE14):** 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 4: 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 (SMZE14):** 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 5: Matobo - Masvingo

Distance travelled: +/- 350 km

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

Leaving Matobo, we cross towards the east of the country to the small town of Masvingo. Nearby is one of the most important archaeological sites in Southern Africa - The Great Zimbabwe National Monument. Dating back to 1200AD this place 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 Sheeba 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 and with a local guide who will give you basic information 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 sunset.

Accommodation: *Clevers Lakeview Resort (or similar)*

- **Camping Tour (SMZE14):** *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 6: Masvingo - Bandula Area, Mozambique

Distance travelled: +/- 380 km

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

Today, we leave early and stop off in Mutare 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. Once we have stocked up on supplies, we make our way to the border point to leave Zimbabwe and enter Mozambique.

NB: Border formalities entering Mozambique can be time consuming and we may be held here for several hours while the paperwork is completed. Your patience at such times is greatly appreciated. We find the best way to proceed is to let officials 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 the Bandula area near the Chicamba Dam where our campsite is located within a 550-hectare conservancy. Most people notice immediate differences upon entering Mozambique. Travelling is generally slower and road conditions more demanding. Campsites are not as well appointed. Towns and shops may have fewer goods or less variety. While this can sometimes be frustrating many people find after a few days, they find this 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 Africa.

Accommodation: *Casa Msika Lodge (or similar)*

- **Camping Tour (SMZE14):** *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: Bandula Area - Vilankulo

Distance travelled: +/- 530 km & Boat Transfer

Approx. driving time: 10 - 11 Hours including boat transfer to camp (excluding stops)

This morning, we leave early and make our way to the spectacular Indian Ocean coast. We arrive 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 (or similar)*

- **Camping Tour (SMZE14):** *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

After breakfast we take our dhow boat to Magaruque Island, the third Island in the archipelago and the closest to Vilankulo.

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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 (SMZE14):** 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: Vilankulo - Inhambane - Tofo

Distance travelled: +/- 320 km

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

We bid our seaside camp farewell and head further down the 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. You could also take a trip into Inhambane, the second oldest town in Mozambique to explore the local market.

Accommodation: Pariango Beach Motel (or similar)

- **Camping Tour (SMZE14):** 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 10

Day 10: Tofo / Inhambane

Today is a free day at leisure 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 (SMZE14):** 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 11: Tofo - Bilene

Distance travelled: +/- 390 km

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

We leave Tofo and head south to Bilene and our last coastal stop in Mozambique. Bilene, also known as Praia do Bilene and was once called San Marthino is located 180km from 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 (SMZE14):** *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 12: Bilene - Hazyview (Greater Kruger), South Africa

Distance travelled: +/- 415 km

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

From Bilene we cross the border into South Africa, where we head for southern Africa's premier game reserve, 'Kruger' and spend the night outside the reserve. Fences between the National Park and surrounding private reserves were removed several years ago to form the 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 '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 (SMZE14):** *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 13: 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 (SMZE14):** *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 14: Hazyview (Greater Kruger) - Pretoria

Distance travelled: +/- 380 km

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

We leave the Kruger behind and make our way to South Africa's administrative city, Pretoria, where our tour ends late afternoon / early evening on day 14.

Accommodation: *Nil*

Meals Included: *Breakfast*

Wi-Fi: *N/A*

Optional Activities: *Nil*

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.

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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 and dinner in Victoria Falls on day 1 is not included in the tour price as well as lunch and dinner on day 14.

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 (SMZE14): 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.

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

In order 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. Victoria Falls (VFA) and Johannesburg (JNB) nearby Pretoria 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 **Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe**. The pre-departure meeting is held at 18:00 on the evening prior to departure. The tour starts at 08:00 on Day 1 and ends in Pretoria on Day 14.

Meeting Point in Victoria Falls:	Tour end point in Pretoria:
Address: Shearwater Explorers Village Adam Stander Drive Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe	Address: Court Classique Suite Hotel 743 Francis Baard Street Pretoria, 0007
Contact Details: +263 832844471 online@shearwatervf.com	Contact details: +27 (0) 12 344 4420 reservations@courtclassique.co.za
Tour start time: 08:00 on Day 1	Tour end time: Late afternoon / early evening on Day 14

PRE TOUR ACCOMMODATION

This tour starts on at 8:00am 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
Zimbabwe	R	R	R	R	-	R	-	-	*	R
Mozambique	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	*	R
South Africa	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
Zimbabwe	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mozambique	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No
South Africa	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No

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

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.

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.

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.

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

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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