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SOUTHERN AFRICAN MAGIC (22SAM14A)

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Included Highlights

Blyde River Canyon
Kruger NP, Game Drives
Bakone Open Air Cultural Museum
Chobe NP, Sunset Cruise
Chobe NP, Game Drive
Victoria Falls Visit
Vic Falls Zambezi Sunset Dinner Cruise
Motobo NP, Nature Drive and Wilderness Walk - half day
Gweta Village Walk
Okavango Delta Excursion, Mokoro/Walking Safari
Khama Rhino Sanctuary

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. Please therefore treat the following as a guide only.

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 or ask Acacia for more information.

The description below follows the itinerary with the mandatory Safari Pass for the tour.

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

Day 1:

Pretoria - Hoedspruit

Distance travelled: +/- 460 Km
Approx. driving time: 10-11 Hours

Departing from South Africa's administrative city, Pretoria, we drive across the scenic Mpumalanga province and enjoy the spectacular mountain vistas. We stop at the Blyde River Canyon to view the odd looking Three Rondavels rock formations perched at the edge of the Blyde River Canyon and enjoy the crisp air and picturesque views. The Blyde River Canyon is revered as an unusual sight owing to the fact that it is a 'wet' canyon, making it different from the wind-carved dry canyons found in desert regions elsewhere. After lunch we continue our journey making our way to accommodations, set in attractive gardens situated an hour or so drive from Kruger National Park. After dinner relax and enjoy the first night on tour.

Accommodation: Nsele Lodge (or similar) - Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities

Meals included: Dinner

WIFI: Yes

Optional Activities: Nil

Day 2:

Hoedspruit - Kruger National Park

Approx. driving time: Full day with game drives

Waking early, we board 4x4 game viewing vehicles for an intense but rewarding day in Kruger National Park. Your professional guide will point out items of interest as we go, and we hope will help the day to be a wonderful opportunity to learn something of the varied and world-renowned Kruger.

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The park is home to over 505 species of birds and 148 species of mammals as well as good numbers of reptiles and abundant flora. The park has a good network of roads allowing relatively easy access - essential given its size - but has clear rules about encroaching on the animals' space ensuring conservation is given a high priority, which perhaps helps explain why Kruger is held in such high regard amongst travellers worldwide. We game drive morning and afternoon with a 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). If you have questions about the wildlife you see, or about the park itself, please ask your resident guide who will be happy to explain the ins and outs of animal behaviour and other interesting sights in Kruger. Eventually we leave the park to return to our accommodation for dinner and overnight.

Accommodation: *Nsele Lodge (or similar) - Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities*

Meals included: *Breakfast, Dinner*

WIFI: *Yes*

Optional Activities: *Nil*

Day 3:

Hoedspruit - Polokwane

Distance travelled: +/- 320 Km

Approx. driving time: 7-8 Hours

After breakfast we leave the Kruger area and travel across undulating countryside to the northern town of Polokwane. The journey takes us over some beautiful scenic mountain passes and through flourishing citrus plantations nestled along the valleys 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 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 accommodation nearby.

Please note that some group members may be starting their tour on this day.

Accommodation: *Destiny Inn Lodge (or similar) - Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities*

Meals included: *Breakfast, Dinner*

WIFI: *Yes (payable)*

Optional Activities: *Nil*

Day 4:

Polokwane - Bulawayo, Zimbabwe

Distance travelled: +/- 600 Km

Approx. driving time: 10 Hours

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 accommodation with en-suite facilities*

Meals included: *Breakfast, Dinner*

WIFI: *Yes*

Optional Activities: *Nil*

Day 5:

Bulawayo - Matobo National Park

Included Activity: *Nature Drive and Wilderness Walk - half day*

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

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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 accommodation with en-suite facilities*

Meals included: *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

WIFI: *Yes*

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

Day 6:

Bulawayo - Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Distance travelled: +/- 450 Km

Approx. driving time: 8 Hours

Departing Bulawayo, we continue north to Victoria Falls. We usually arrive at 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. 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. We return to our accommodation for overnight or to try some of the local nightlife.

Accommodation: *Shearwater Explorers Village (or similar) - Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities*

Meals included: *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

WIFI: *Yes*

Optional Activities (prices are guide only): *Bungee Jumping US\$170, Gorge Swing \$100, Helicopter Flights from US\$150 White water rafting \$130, Full day canoe \$150, Game walk \$120, Jet boating \$100, Birding ½ day \$160, Bike tour - 3 hours \$65*

Day 7:

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.

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

Accommodation: *Shearwater Explorers Village (or similar) - Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities*

Meals included: *Breakfast*

WIFI: *Yes*

Optional Activities: *See list on day 6*

Day 8:

Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe - Chobe National Park, Botswana

Distance travelled: +/- 90 Km

Approx. driving time: 2 Hours

From Victoria Falls 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

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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 accommodation with en-suite facilities*

Meals included: *Breakfast, Dinner*

WIFI: *Yes*

Optional Activities: *Nil*

Day 9:

Chobe National Park - Gweta

Distance travelled: +/- 450 Km

Approx. driving time: 6.5 Hours

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 accommodation with en-suite facilities*

Meals included: *Breakfast, Dinner*

WIFI: *No*

Optional Activities: *Baobab Forest Sundowners US\$40*

Day 10:

Gweta - Maun

Distance travelled: +/- 250 Km

Approx. driving time: 4 Hours

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 priority is to prepare for our excursion into the Okavango Delta. 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 accommodation with en-suite facilities*

Meals included: *Breakfast, Dinner*

WIFI: *Yes (Bar area only)*

Optional Activities: *Nil*

Day 11:

Maun - Okavango Delta

Distance travelled: +/- 60 Km

Approx. driving time: 2 Hours

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 (or similar) - Twin share pre-erected tents with en-suite facilities (basic-style bucket shower & toilet)*

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Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

WIFI: No

Optional Activities: Nil

Day 12:

Okavango Delta - Maun

Distance Travelled: +/- 60 Km

Approx. driving time: 2 Hours

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 accommodation 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 13:

Maun - Khama Rhino Sanctuary

Distance travelled: +/- 700 Km

Approx. driving time: 11-12 Hours

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 accommodation with en-suite facilities

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

WIFI: Yes

Optional Activities: Nil

Day 14:

Martins Drift - Pretoria, South Africa

Distance travelled: +/- 400 Km

Approx. driving time: 6 Hours

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

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Tour Information

TOUR STYLE:

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With a maximum group size of 8 to 12 passengers, you benefit from a small group experience. Minimum age on this tour is 8 years old.

To allow for the highlights and experiences packed into this tour, some long distances need to be covered. 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 (day 4) can be tedious, as are the 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 sometimes things will take longer than we would like or expect at home.

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

All tour highlights, twin share accommodation as indicated, services of an English-speaking driver / tour leader, all road and vehicle taxes, all ground transportation, meals as indicated.

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.

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.

ACTIVITIES &

EXCURSIONS:

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

ACCOMMODATION:

Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities as indicated. We mainly use accommodation situated in comfortable and picturesque locations with a pool, restaurant, and bar.

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 Acacia's 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 reflects 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 and although we ask that you accept that not everything on tour is under his or Acacia's control.

TRANSPORT:

Minibus, custom-built vehicle, 4x4 open safari vehicle, river cruise boat, mokoro (please note vehicles are not air conditioned).

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 it 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 pre-departure information and related documents. Once you have paid in full you will receive a Travel Voucher giving full details of your joining point. Johannesburg (JNB) nearby Pretoria is well served by a variety of airlines. Your travel agent can advise on flights to and from the start and finish of your tour.

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JOINING INFORMATION

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

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 Tour start time: 07:00 on Day 1	Meeting end 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 14
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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 jetlag 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.

SAFARI PASS

Paid in the currency listed on the website (usually US dollars in clean, un-torn post 2008 edition notes) directly to your Tour Leader in Africa at the beginning of the tour, or pre-paid by arrangement, the Safari Pass of this tour covers the following tour highlights.

Kruger National Park Game Drive	√
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	√

LUGGAGE

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. 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
Zimbabwe	R	R	R	R	-	R	-	-	*	R
Botswana	R	R	R	R	-	R	-	R	*	R

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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 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.

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	No	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

NB: The above is a guide only. Please check all visa requirements at least one month in advance of travel. Most nationalities do not need to obtain any of the above visas in advance. They are available at the border entry points and payable in US\$ cash.

Travelling with children: Please note that South Africa and Botswana 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 contact Acacia for further 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: <http://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 lunches, 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 US Dollars for Zimbabwe (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 an additional fee for their use.

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 / driver, at the end of a tour if services rendered have been to your satisfaction.

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OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES AND EXCURSIONS

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 USD unless otherwise stated). All prices subject to change.

Activity	Price (USD)	Activity	Price (USD)
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	\$100
Vic Falls Bungee (single/tandem)	\$170	Birding ½ day	\$160

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 lodges 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.

Get Connected

WIFI ON TOUR:

While WIFI is becoming more common in some areas of Africa we cannot guarantee the speed, cost, or reliability during your tour.

FACEBOOK:

Like us on Facebook www.facebook.com/AcaciaAfrica and connect with other Acacia travellers and people booked on your tour. Tag us in your amazing travel posts / stories to be featured.

INSTAGRAM:

Find us on Instagram @acaciaafrica and tag us in your amazing travel posts / stories to be featured.

TWITTER:

Follow us on twitter @AcaciaAfrica and get the latest buzz. Or tag us at #AcaciasAfrica.

BLOG:

Follow our blog at <http://acacia-africa.com/blog> and get regular updates from our crew on the road as well as other Acacia Travellers.

NEWSLETTER:

Sign up to our newsletter to get regular updates and special offers www.acacia-africa.com

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