



## Southern African Explorer (19SAE46A) – Tour Dossier

### Included Highlights

Panorama Route  
2 days, Kruger NP, Game Drives\*  
Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary  
Royal Enclosure/ Swaziland Village  
St Lucia Boat Cruise\*  
Sani Pass Excursion\*  
Battlefields  
Royal National Park  
Drakensberg Mountains  
Mountain Zebra National Park, Game Drive  
Addo Elephant NP, Game Drives  
Garden Route  
Cango Caves, Visit\*  
Cape Agulhas  
Wine Tasting  
Cape Town Township Tour\*

Sesriem Canyon  
Sossusvlei 4x4 Shuttle\*  
Dune 45  
Spitzkoppe, Bushman Paintings  
Etosha NP, Game Drives  
Kalahari Bushman Walk  
Okavango Delta Wilderness Excursion, Mokoro/Walking Safari\*  
Chobe NP, Fish Eagle Boat Cruise\*  
Chobe NP Open Vehicle Game Drive with Resident Guide\*  
Mosi Oa Tunya NP, Victoria Falls Visit  
Matobo National Park, Open Vehicle Game Drive and Wilderness Walk with Resident Guide\*  
Kruger NP, Full Day Open Vehicle Game Drive with Resident Guide  
Shangaan Cultural Evening  
**\*Highlights are included in 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. Please therefore treat the following as a guide only. This is a participation tour and travels together with the camping counterpart.

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 assumes you have purchased the optional Adventure Pass for the tour.

**Duration:** 46 Days  
**Countries visited:** South Africa, Swaziland, Lesotho, Namibia, Botswana, Zambia and Zimbabwe

#### Day 1:

##### **Pretoria – Greater Kruger Park, South Africa**

Distance travelled: +/- 390 Km  
Approx driving time: 7 Hours

Departing from South Africa's administrative city, Pretoria, we drive across the scenic Mpumalanga province and enjoy the spectacular mountain scenery before heading to the Panorama Route where we peer through God's Window. We make our way to Hazyview bordering Kruger. Fences between the National Park and surrounding private reserves were removed several years ago to form the Greater Kruger, an area of some 24000 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 is present. There is also prolific birdlife and over 330 varieties of trees. This evening we enjoy our first night under the African stars.

**Accommodation:** Numbi Hotel or similar - Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities

**Meals included:** Dinner

**WiFi:** No

**Optional Activities:** Nil

#### Day 2:

##### **Full Day Kruger National Park**

Approx driving time: Full day with game drives



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Waking at sunrise, we eagerly wait for Park Rangers to open the park gates to let us enter the wilds of Kruger for an intense yet rewarding day of game tracking with our eagle-eyed guide at the wheel. Kruger is home to over 505 species of birds, 148 species of mammals and many reptiles which we enthusiastically search for during the morning and afternoon. The impressive atmosphere of the park enables you to understand why it is held in such high esteem amongst wildlife lovers from all over the world. We avoid the hot midday sun and enjoy the peacefulness the rest camp has to offer. There are many facilities available for game viewers such as restaurants, souvenir stores and swimming pools. We return to our accommodation in the late afternoon, happily exhausted and highly satisfied with the day's events. For those wanting more game driving there is the option of heading out on a night safari. Early evening, we all enjoy a lovely dinner gathered around the warm fire crackling in the stillness of night.

**Accommodation:** Numbi Hotel or similar - Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities  
**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner  
**WIFI:** No  
**Optional Activities:** Kruger Night Game Drive US\$75

### Day 3:

#### Full Day Kruger National Park

Approx driving time: Full day with game drives

After a light sunrise breakfast, we re-enter the Park in an open 4x4 safari vehicle for our second day's game driving day. With cameras and binoculars on hand we spend the morning and afternoon winding along beaten tracks and marked routes encountering many species which are indigenous to this region. Kruger has over two million hectares of unrivalled diversity of ecosystems boasting an incredible concentration of wildlife and we hope to encounter some of these including the 'Big 5' - elephant, rhino, leopard, lion and buffalo. We return to our accommodation during the late afternoon.

\*For clients not making use of the Adventure Pass, alternate optional activities are available today

**Accommodation:** Numbi Hotel or similar - Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities  
**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner  
**WIFI:** No  
**Optional Activities:** Kruger Night Game Drive US\$75

### Day 4:

#### Kruger National Park – Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary, Swaziland

Distance travelled: +/- 450 Km  
Approx driving time: 8 Hours

Leaving Hazyview, we travel south along the edge of the Kruger National Park, passing many farming towns and

Shangaan settlements. After a short stop in Nelspruit, the road takes us through lush citrus farms before crossing the Crocodile River and into the Kingdom of Swaziland, a landlocked country snuggled between Mozambique and South Africa. Arriving at Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary, our base for the next two nights is Swaziland's oldest protected area located in the stunning Ezulwini Valley, 'Valley of Heavens'

**Accommodation:** Mlilwane Camp or similar - Twin share accommodation with shared facilities  
**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner  
**WIFI:** Yes  
**Optional Activities:** See day 5

### Day 5:

#### The Kingdom of Swaziland

Distance travelled: +/- 60 Km

Waking to the sounds of grunting antelope and wild exotic birds, we enjoy breakfast soaking up the natural beauty of our surroundings. A short drive through the sanctuary brings us to the Royal Enclosure where we discover an abundance of history and culture about the last African monarchy-controlled country. A local Swazi guide walks us through a traditional village explaining many customs and rituals. After leisure time browsing street side markets and trying our hand bartering with crafters, we find our way back to the sanctuary for lunch. This afternoon is free for those who wish to try some of the activities offered in the sanctuary - horseback trails, game drives, mountain-bike riding, guided walks, or just to enjoy some rejuvenating time-out around the pool. There are over forty species of animals found here including the exotic species such as Honey Badger, Dwarf Mongoose, Aardwolf, Striped Polecat and the more common including Hippo, Ostrich, Kudu, Zebra and Baboon. Enjoy cool sun downers and admiring the view overlooking the hippo pool while our crew prepares a delicious dinner.

**Accommodation:** Mlilwane camp or similar - Twin share accommodation with shared facilities  
**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner  
**WIFI:** Yes  
**Optional Activities:** Mountain Biking Tour US\$10, Sunset Game Drive US\$30, Guided Bird Tour US\$18, Umphakatsi Culture Tour US\$10

### Day 6:

#### Swaziland – St Lucia, South Africa

Distance travelled: +/- 330 Km  
Approx driving time: 7 Hours

Leaving this amazing sanctuary behind us, we travel south through the Swazi countryside before crossing the border and re-entering South Africa via the KwaZulu-Natal province. We head to the small coastal town of St Lucia, set amongst the wild beaches and a tropical estuary. This



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afternoon, we join the river cruise on the St. Lucia Lagoon viewing many Hippo pods, lazy crocodiles, and numerous bird species on the sandy banks, or cooling down in the water for a refreshing swim.

After dinner, we have the opportunity to relax in the camp gardens gazing up into the clear southern hemisphere sky, star watching.

**Accommodation:** *Monzi or similar - Twin share accommodation/tent with shared facilities*

**Meals included:** *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

**WIFI:** *No*

**Optional Activities:** *Isimangaliso Night Game Drive US\$40, Culture Tour US\$25, Bicycle Tour US\$18, Birding/Hiking Tour US\$25*

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### Day 7:

#### St Lucia - Durban

Distance travelled: +/- 260 Km

Approx driving time: 4 Hours

This morning is yours at leisure to explore the town and the numerous shops and markets stalls or simply relax in the campsite's stunning settings. We leave St Lucia mid-morning and drive through pine forests and sugar cane fields to one of Africa's largest commercial ports, Durban. The afternoon is yours at leisure to enjoy what this city has on offer from stunning beaches and a vibrant night life.

**Accommodation:** *Road Lodge or similar - Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities*

**Meals included:** *Breakfast*

**WIFI:** *Yes*

**Optional Activities:** *City Tour US\$10*

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### Day 8:

#### Durban – Underberg Area

Distance travelled: +/- 220 Km

Approx driving time: 3 Hours

Today we head inland and drive via Pietermaritzburg and the lush mountainous countryside to our accommodation for the next two nights at Sani Lodge. This magnificent place is situated at the foot of the Sani Pass, the gateway to the mountain Kingdom of Lesotho. Once a mule track for trading blankets, clothing and maize meal for wool and mohair. This stunning pass is the only vehicle access road over the Drakensburg escarpment. This afternoon is yours at leisure to enjoy the spectacular views and the many amazing walking and hiking trails.

**Accommodation:** *Sani Lodge or similar - Twin share accommodation with shared facilities*

**Meals included:** *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

**WIFI:** *No*

**Optional Activities:** *Hiking and Walking Trails*

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**Meals included:** *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

**WIFI:** *No*

**Optional Activities:** *Walking and hiking trails*

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### Day 10:

#### Underberg Area – Sani Pass

Distance travelled: +/- 30 Km

Approx driving time: Full day tour

Today, we meet our local guides and join a guided tour of Lesotho via the spectacular gateway of the Sani Pass (2874 m). We travel in 4x4 vehicles through the rugged cliffs of the Drakensburg Mountains listening to the tales of pioneering of the route, history of the area and the stunning wildlife that dot the sloping mountains. We drive further into Lesotho and visit a small household and a shepherd village. We experience a local way of life and depending on the season and shearing times, we may get to view an angora goat, or a sheep been sheared by hand. Next on the list we ascend the Black Mountain, the second highest road pass in Lesotho rising 3240m for a picnic lunch overlooking the majestic views. After lunch we meet the shepherds of the area who spend the summer months tending to their flocks before taking a short walk to view Thabana Ntlenyana. Rising at 3482m, this is the highest point in Southern Africa. We return to our accommodation for the night stopping en-route for a beverage at the highest bar in Africa at the Sani Mountain Lodge.

**Accommodation:** *Sani Lodge or similar - Twin share accommodation with shared facilities*

**Meals included:** *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

**WIFI:** *No*

**Optional Activities:** *Hiking and Walking Trails*

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### Day 11:

#### Underberg Area – Battlefields - Drakensburg

Distance Travelled: +/- 240 Km



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Approx driving time: 5 Hours

Today we take in some history and take a drive to the Battlefields. Soaked with the blood of thousands of British, Boer (Dutch-speaking farmers) and Zulu soldiers, the Battlefields of KwaZulu-Natal hold a deep-seated silence that speaks to the many lives lost here. We retire to our bush lodge in the late afternoon where we suggest an early night in preparation for a day of hiking tomorrow.

**Accommodation:** *Amphitheatre Lodge - Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities*

**Meals included:** *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

**WIFI:** *Yes*

**Optional Activities:** *Nil*

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### Day 12:

#### Drakensberg

We pack up our day packs ready to go and travel the short distance to the Royal Natal National Park entry gate. This leading KwaZulu-Natal reserve offers wonderfully scenic views, lofty mountains and waterfalls in a prime location within the uKhahlamba Drakensberg Park. There are many optional trails to explore on foot and on horseback with a comprehensive guidebook available for visitors. Walkers and hikers can enjoy short journeys which take about an hour, or longer excursions over a half or full day. This is a great way to explore the stunning picturesque surroundings at the foot of the Drakensberg, including the well-known Amphitheatre rock face. We also get to visit some ancient cave dwelling and witness bush rock art sights. Satisfied and with our muscles stretched for the day, we enjoy the stillness and crispy clean air of the Drakensberg over a wholesome dinner.

**Note:** This day may alter to an alternative hiking trail due to poor visibility or severe weather conditions

**Accommodation:** *Amphitheatre Lodge - Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities*

**Meals included:** *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

**WIFI:** *Yes*

**Optional Activities:** *Guided Tugela Falls Hike US\$65*

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### Day 13:

#### Drakensberg – Malealea

Distance Travelled +/- 350 Km

Approx driving time: 8 Hours

Departing the Drakensberg this morning, we drive around the northern section of Lesotho re-entering at the Mareru Bridge Gate. We drive south over the rolling mountain ranges via the narrow passes to Malealea Lodge, high in the mountainside. Situated in the Mafeteng District of remote Western Lesotho, Malealea Lodge offers many optional

activities to get to know the local culture amidst breath-taking scenery.

**Accommodation:** *Malealea Lodge - Twin share accommodation with shared facilities*

**Meals included:** *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

**WIFI:** *No*

**Optional Activities:** *Nil*

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### Day 14:

#### Malealea

Today you have a free day to explore this beautiful mountainous country on the many optional activities on offer. Venture on a mountain bike into the mountains climbing and descending the narrow paths with spectacular views. Enjoy a hike at leisure and mingle with the local Basotho people as they tend to their day to day duties. But most of all, no visit to Lesotho would be complete without a pony trek. Trails traverse hair-raising narrow mountain tracks and visit some of Lesotho's amazing waterfalls. You can explore Bushman paintings of the area and experience Basotho culture all on a day's ride.

**Accommodation:** *Malealea Lodge - Twin share accommodation with shared facilities*

**Meals included:** *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

**WIFI:** *No*

**Optional Activities:** *Pony Trek to Waterfalls and Bushman Paintings US\$45, Bushman Paintings Pony Trek US\$35, 1 Hour Pony Ride to Village US\$25, Guided Hiking Trails from US\$3, Mountain Biking from US\$20, Village, School and Museum Hike (3 Hours) US\$5*

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### Day 15:

#### Malealea – Mountain Zebra National Park

Distance Travelled +/- 430 Km

Approx driving time: 9 Hours

Getting an early start, we leave the Lesotho highlands and cross back into South Africa and through stunning diverse country to the Mountain Zebra National Park. At 284km<sup>2</sup>, this park is home to over 700 animals including eland, cape buffalo, cheetah, lion, caracal, black rhino and the bat eared fox, not to be missed! However, the highlight of the park's mammalian fauna is the over 700 Cape mountain zebras after which the park is named. With a camera and binoculars at hand, we game drive in our overland truck in search for these animals en-route to our camp for the evening located inside the National Park.

**Accommodation:** *Mountain Zebra National Park Rest Camp - Twin share accommodation with shared facilities*

**Meals included:** *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

**WIFI:** *Yes*

**Optional Activities:** *Nil*



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### Day 16:

#### Mountain Zebra National Park – Addo Elephant National Park – Port Elizabeth

Distance travelled: +/- 300 Km

Approx driving time: 5 Hours

Today, we drive to the Addo Elephant National Park where we spend the day exploring the park for some serious animal spotting. Addo can exclusively claim to be the only national park in the world to conserve the “Big 7” – the Big 5 as well as the southern right whale and great white shark off the Algoa Bay coast. This wonderful park is sanctuary to over 600 elephants, lion, buffalo, black rhino, spotted hyena, leopard, a variety of antelope and zebra species – so you are sure to spot many animals during your time here! After an enjoyable day’s safari, we make our way to our accommodation, which is situated a few metres from the beachfront just outside of Port Elizabeth.

**Accommodation:** *Willows Resort or similar - Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities*

**Meals included:** *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

**WIFI:** *No*

**Optional Activities:** *Nil*

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### Day 17:

#### Port Elizabeth area – Storms River / Tsitsikamma Forest

Distance travelled: +/- 170 Km

Approx driving time: 3 Hours

We rise early and make our way over to the exciting adventures at Storms River within the Tsitsikamma forest. Tsitsikamma National Park is a multi-dimensional destination with dramatic coastal scenery, reefs, rivers, lush forest and delicate Fynbos. A hiking and birders paradise, this region forms the top section of the magnificent Garden Route National Park. It’s here you have the option to choose from a selection of optional activities depending on your energy and interests. From boat cruises and canoe trips to nature hikes and bird watching, the forest has something to offer for most visitors’ curiosity and exploration desires. Alternatively, visit the famous Bloukrans Bridge where you could be tempted to a jump off one of the highest bungee jumps.

**Accommodation:** *Tube and Axe Boutique Lodge or similar – Twin share tents with shared facilities*

**Meals included:** *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

**WIFI:** *Yes*

**Optional Activities:** *Bungee Jump US\$85, Bridge Walk US\$12, Half-day Tubing US\$50*

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### Day 18:

#### Storms River - Oudtshoorn

Distance travelled: +/- 210 Km

Approx driving time: 4 Hours

After breakfast we’re off to Oudtshoorn in the Klein Karoo between the Swartberg and Outeniqua mountains. Oudtshoorn is the ostrich capital of the world with a number of farms based in the dry Karoo. This region is home to the spectacular Cango Caves, Africa’s largest show cave system. Situated in a limestone ridge parallel to the well-known Swartberg Mountains, here we find the finest dripstone caverns, with their vast halls and towering formations. After exploring the caves, we enjoy the night in the old settlers’ town in the Karoo.

**Accommodation:** *Kleinplaas or similar - Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities*

**Meals included:** *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

**WIFI:** *No*

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### Day 19:

#### Oudtshoorn – Hermanus

Distance travelled: +/- 420 Km

Approx driving time: 8 Hours

Relaxed and revitalized from the wonderful Oudtshoorn hospitality, we board our vehicle and head south across the farmlands of the Cape to the coastal town of Hermanus, famous for its whale and dolphin sightings. Enroute we stop off at Cape Agulhas, the place where the Atlantic and Indian Oceans meet, lying at the southernmost tip of Africa. Historically, the ‘Cape’ coastline has been recognised by sailors as extremely hazardous, notorious for winter storms with huge rogue waves reaching a spectacular height of 30 metres. Therefore, it’s no surprise that the coastline is littered with lonely shipwrecks. We visit the gigantic lighthouse built as early as 1848 before enjoying a lunch break. The afternoon is spent exploring Hermanus, a haven for the outdoor enthusiast! We spend the night enjoying the town’s atmosphere, inhaling the cool breeze.

**Accommodation:** *Hermanus Backpackers or similar - Twin share accommodation with shared facilities*

**Meals included:** *Breakfast, Lunch*

**WIFI:** *Yes*

**Optional Activities:** *Hermanus Whale Watching/Cruise US\$80*

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### Day 20:

#### Hermanus – Cape Town

Distance travelled: +/- 130 Km

Approx driving time: 3 Hours

A free morning in Hermanus gives us ample opportunity to join a whale watching tour or explore the town’s variety of shops and boardwalk on foot or visit the Old Harbour Open-Air Museum that is a provincial heritage site. This museum is unique as it is only one of two fishing harbours in the world that has been conserved intact and remnants of the



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vibrant fishing industry can be seen everywhere. The museum is the axis around which the original fishing village developed. We leave Hermanus before lunch and follow the rough coastal route taking a leisurely drive through small fishing towns. We visit a winery en route to Cape Town where we enjoy wine tasting. The tour draws to an end towards late afternoon at the foot of Table Mountain in the popular mother city of South Africa, Cape Town and the end of the first section of the tour.

**Accommodation:** *Ashanti Gardens - Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities*

**Meals included:** *Breakfast*

**Optional Activities:** *Shark Cage Diving from US\$185*

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### Day 21:

#### Cape Town

Today is free for you to enjoy the many sights of South Africa's mother city. This is the first of 2 days leisure. No group activities are arranged in Cape Town, this is time for you to spend at leisure taking in the sights and sounds of Africa's most beautiful city. A number of optional activities are typically available, all bookable at the hotel reception. Explore the Cape Peninsula and the Boulders Beach penguins, Muizenberg and Hout Bay, or spend the day in the city visiting Bo Kaap, Table Mountain and the historic sights and museums.

**Accommodation:** *Ashanti Gardens - Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities*

**Meals included:** *Breakfast*

**Optional Activities:** *Peninsula Tour, Table Mountain Cableway, Robben Island*

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### Day 22:

#### Cape Town – Cederberg Area, South Africa

Distance travelled: +/- 260 Km

Approx driving time: 4.5 Hours

We renew our overland journey but before we leave the city, we tour the Cape Flats, one of Cape Town's intriguing townships, and visit some of the local community projects in the area. The 'townships' illustrate both South Africa's tumultuous history and its hope for the future, making for a fascinating visit. From here we head north through the Western Cape passing the fruit growing region of Citrusdal before reaching our accommodation for the evening near the Olifants River and overlooking the Cederberg Mountains. After setting up we have the option to sample some of the local wines of the region.

**Accommodation:** *Highlanders Camp - Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities*

**Meals included:** *Breakfast, Lunch included on township tour, Dinner*

**WIFI:** *No*

**Optional Activities:** *Wine Tasting US\$10*

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### Day 23:

#### Cederberg Area – Gariep (Orange) River

Distance travelled: +/- 400 Km

Approx driving time: 8 Hours

Continuing north, the landscape gradually turns drier and rockier as we head towards the Namibian border crossing at Vioolsdrift. We set up camp tonight on the Namibian side of the Gariep (Orange) River, a stunning backdrop. Our camp provides you with the necessary comforts like hot showers, flush toilets, grassy campsites, swimming pool, bar facilities and the Orange River is safe for swimming! You will be briefed on an optional Orange River canoe safari for later this afternoon or the following morning. The camp by night is showered with stars of the Richtersveld – a truly peaceful and tranquil experience.

**Accommodation:** *Felix Unite – Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities*

**Meals included:** *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

**WIFI:** *Yes*

**Optional Activities:** *Canoe Safari US\$40*

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### Day 24:

#### Gariep (Orange) River – Fish River Canyon, Namibia

Distance travelled: +/- 180 Km

Approx driving time: 3.5 Hours

This morning we have the opportunity to partake in an optional canoe safari on the river, or simply relax on the water's edge before making our way to the majestic Fish River Canyon. One of the natural wonders of Africa, the canyon is some 500m deep and over 160km long and often referred to as the second largest canyon in the world. There are plenty of opportunities for keen photographers this afternoon especially at the canyons infamous sharp river bend known as 'Hells Corner'. A great opportunity to find a quiet spot and marvel at the sheer beauty of the Fish River Canyon.

**Accommodation:** *Canyon Roadhouse - Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities*

**Meals included:** *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

**WIFI:** *Yes*

**Optional Activities:** *Canoe Safari US\$40*

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### Day 25:

#### Fish River Canyon – Sesriem Area

Distance travelled: +/- 600 Km

Approx driving time: 10 Hours

After a night near the canyon we continue north to the Sesriem Area, the gateway to the Namib Naukluft National



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Park, containing the world's oldest desert and highest sand dunes. The Namib-Naukluft National Park contains part of the Namib Desert and the Naukluft mountains. With an overall area of 49,768 km<sup>2</sup> it's larger than Switzerland and is the second largest park in Africa, and the fourth largest in the world. Here we set up for the evening under the starry Namibian sky.

**Accommodation:** *Little Sossus Lodge - Twin share accommodation with shared facilities*

**Meals included:** *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

**WIFI:** *No*

**Optional Activities:** *Nil*

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### Day 26:

#### **Namib Naukluft National Park – Sossus On Foot Camp**

Distance travelled: +/- 240 Km

Approx driving time: 5 Hours

This morning we enter the National Park to trek to the top of famous Dune 45. A spectacular sight but be warned, it's not an easy feat to reach the top as some dunes are over 300m high! After a well-deserved breakfast we continue deeper into the park for a short shuttle ride and nature walk to 'Dead Vlei', amidst the giant sand dunes – a real glimpse of Namibia's unspoilt natural environment. Bring your camera – the shifting colours of the desert as the sun climbs throughout the mid/late morning offer some brilliant photographic opportunities. Departing from the dunes, we stop off at the smaller Sesriem Canyon where the multiple layers of rock and pebbles make for an interesting insight to what lies beneath the mountains of sand. Thereafter we make our way via Namibia's smallest town, Solitaire to our camp for the night.

**Accommodation:** *Sossus On Foot Camp - Twin shared canvas tents with mattress, sleeping bag and pillow provided with basic facilities*

**Meals included:** *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

**WIFI:** *Yes*

**Optional Activities:** *Nil*

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### Day 27:

#### **Sossus On Foot Camp - Swakopmund**

Distance travelled: +/- 260 Km

Approx driving time: 4.5 Hours

Leaving our desert, we head for the Atlantic coast for the next two nights, crossing over the Tropic of Capricorn, and stopping for a photo opportunity en route. Swakopmund makes for a refreshing change with cooler Atlantic sea air, a taste of civilization and a swathe of exciting things to do and places to explore. Be daring and try some desert-based adventure activities – quad biking, sand boarding, skydiving (weather permitting) and more! For those not seeking adventure enjoy what the town has to offer shopping,

restaurants, museums, aquarium, art galleries – or else simply walk along the promenade admiring the ocean, the quaint German-style architecture and indulge in the town's café culture.

**N.B:** For the sake of practicality, meals in Swakopmund are restricted to breakfasts. This allows you to take on half day or full day activities (some of which include lunch) without having to be back for mealtimes. Swakopmund town offers a variety of bakeries and cafes with a selection of reasonably priced meals (allow ZAR 80-150 per meal). Relax and enjoy these days at your own leisure.

**Accommodation:** *Amanpuri - Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities*

**Meals included:** *Breakfast*

**WIFI:** *Yes*

**Optional Activities:** *See day 28*

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### Day 28:

#### **Swakopmund**

Today is a free day to enjoy all this quaint seaside town has to offer - from the many optional activities to the German patisseries, cafés and restaurants.

**Accommodation:** *Amanpuri Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities*

**Meals included:** *Breakfast*

**WIFI:** *Yes*

**Optional Activities:** *Sandboarding - Stand Up US\$50  
Sandboarding - Lay down US\$40, Quad Biking US\$55,  
Skydiving US\$200, Deep Sea Fishing US\$120, Scenic Flights  
US\$360, Swakopmund Township Tour US\$40, Dolphin and  
Seal Cruise US\$60, Kayaking US\$60*

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### Day 29:

#### **Swakopmund – Spitzkoppe**

Distance travelled: +/- 150 Km

Approx driving time: 3 Hours

Leaving the coast, we turn inland to the beautiful Damaraland region and explore Spitzkoppe where we admire ancient bushman paintings still visible on peculiar rock formations. The giant boulder-like rock formations peak at approx 1800m above sea level and form a spectacular view. Take your time to explore the area and its delightful calmness. Keep an eye on the ever-changing colour of the rock, especially during sunrise and sunset, when they acquire intense red shades. The most impressive rock painting is "Bushman Paradise" and the natural rock bridge is a favourite viewpoint.

The Spitzkoppe Rest camp lies at the base of the mountain and is owned and maintained by the local community. All proceeds from our visit go directly to this community.



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

**Accommodation:** *Spitzkoppe Community Camp - Twin shared canvas tents with mattress, sleeping bag and pillow provided with basic facilities*

**Meals included:** *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

**WIFI:** *No*

**Optional Activities:** *Nil*

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### Day 30:

#### Spitzkoppe – Etosha

Distance travelled: +/- 420 Km

Approx driving time: 6 Hours

From Spitzkoppe we turn north again making our way to Etosha National Park, a vast reserve of over 20,000 sq km surrounding a central salt depression or 'pan.' The pan is seasonally full of water, but specially managed waterholes sustain some 114 mammal and 340 bird species. We spend two nights here, usually near a floodlit waterhole. Observers frequently see a range of night visitors including elephant, giraffe, zebra, even lion and hyena, making it one of the most memorable wildlife encounters in Namibia - a truly African experience and a highlight of any trip to Namibia. We have a short afternoon game drive on entering the park and heading to the accommodation.

**Accommodation:** *Okaukuejo or Halali or Namutoni Camp – Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities*

**Meals included:** *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

**WIFI:** *No*

**Optional Activities:** *Nil*

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### Day 31:

#### Etosha National Park

Distance travelled: +/- 250 Km

Approx driving time: Full day including game drives

Today, we enjoy a full day game driving in this magnificent animal kingdom - taking in the park's main characteristic, the salt pan which can be seen from space - in search of elephant, rhino, zebra, giraffes and the numerous grazing animals frequently spotted around the water holes. Despite the dry nature of the terrain, the park sustains a wide variety of bird species including the large Kori Bustard, Secretary Bird and many other seed & insect eaters, as well as birds of prey.

After a full day game driving, we return to our accommodation, or onto the next and enjoy our last evening around the floodlit watering holes, observing natural animal behaviour at its best.

**Accommodation:** *Okaukuejo or Halali or Namutoni Camp - Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities*

**Meals included:** *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

**WIFI:** *No*

**Optional Activities:** *Nil*

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### Day 32:

#### Etosha – Windhoek

Distance travelled: +/- 420 Km

Approx driving time: 8.5 Hours

Heading south, we arrive in Windhoek, the capital of Namibia, which is located in a basin between the Khomas Highland, Auas and Eros Mountains. Windhoek (Windy corner in English) is home to approximately two hundred thousand people, an extremely small capital by global standards. The city centre is characterized by a proliferation of German style buildings, a lasting reminder of Namibia's early colonial history and atmosphere. Take the opportunity to enjoy a night out at one of the local restaurants.

Please note that some group members may be ending their tour in Windhoek. Both old and new are invited to join for the group outing.

**Accommodation:** *Urban Camp – Pre-erected tents with shared facilities*

**Meals included:** *Breakfast, Lunch*

**WIFI:** *Yes*

**Optional Activities:** *Nil*

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### Day 33:

#### Windhoek to Ghanzi, Botswana

Distance travelled: +/- 530 Km

Approx driving time: 10 Hours

Leaving Windhoek, we travel east into the Kalahari region and cross into Botswana. Our first stop is at the town of Ghanzi. Here, in this midst of (seemingly) barren terrain we meet the San/Bushman and have a guided bush walk for a cultural experience and insight into these ancient people's way of life. We learn how they work with nature and manage the renewable resources found in their natural surroundings without damaging the fragile balance found in this ecosystem. Something we can all learn from. Your support of this ecotourism venture gives the San/Bushman a sustainable income and helps keep their culture alive. Around the campfire at night, you can experience the ancient dance rituals of the San/Bushman. On special occasions this could be a healing or trance dance, which can continue all night, and is an intense spiritual experience for both participants and visitors alike.

**Accommodation:** *Ghanzi Trailblazers – Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities*

**Meals included:** *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

**WIFI:** *No*



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**Optional Activities:** *Traditional Dancing US\$15*

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### Day 34:

#### Ghanzi – Maun

Distance travelled: +/- 280 Km

Approx driving time: 5.5 Hours

Maun is the fifth largest town in Botswana and is an eclectic mix of modern buildings and native dwellings. Although officially still a village, Maun has developed rapidly from a rural frontier town to a community that has distributed along the wide banks of the Thamalakane River where red lechwe antelope can still be seen grazing next to local donkeys, goats and cattle. Since Maun's founding in 1915 it has had a reputation as a hard living 'Wild West' town helping the local cattle ranching and hunting operations. Maun today is a thriving tourist town famous for its donkey population and to a lesser extent, goats. These animals can be seen standing around town as they are used by local traders and farmers alike to transport their wares to sell on the curb side.

**NB:** If time allows, we have the opportunity to take an optional scenic flight over the Okavango Delta, either this afternoon or on day 36 on our return from the Delta excursion

**Accommodation:** *Delta Rain's Sitatunga Camp - Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities*

**Meals included:** *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

**WIFI:** *Yes*

**Optional Activities:** *Okavango Delta Scenic Flight per 5-seater plane – 45 min flight time from US\$650, Maun Horse Riding (2 Hours) US\$50*

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### Day 35:

#### Maun - Okavango Delta

Distance travelled: +/- 50 Km

Approx driving time: transfer 2 hours

Leaving the accommodation in Maun we begin our excursion into the Okavango Delta by an open 4x4 truck to the mokoro station. Here we will be introduced to the local Tswana Polers that will be guiding us on this expedition. We travel by mokoro (dugout canoe) amongst the giant lily pads, tall grasses and labyrinthine channels in search of resident wildlife and a variety of birds, to our tented camp from which we can explore the area on a walking safari. The Okavango is a natural wetland spreading over some 1,600,000ha of northern Botswana that offers a perfect habitat for the many species of wildlife that roam here freely. The Okavango River rises in Angola (farther to the north) and flows south dividing repeatedly after crossing into Botswana to form an intricate floodplain of channels and which spreads out into a broad flat inland delta – the only one of its kind in the world. We enjoy the afternoon

wilderness experience and overnight listening to the sounds of the African night - an unforgettable experience!

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

**Meals included:** *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

**WIFI:** *No*

**Optional Activities:** *Nil*

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### Day 36:

#### Okavango Delta - Maun

Distance travelled: +/- 50 Km

Approx driving time: transfer 2 hours

This morning we take an easy paced mokoro ride out of the Okavango Delta back to the polers station from where we will drive back to Maun, our overnight stop. We aim to get back to Maun around lunch time to allow for the opportunity to enjoy an optional scenic flight over this spectacular UNESCO world heritage site. Alternatively, the afternoon can be spent at leisure at the pool.

**Accommodation:** *Delta Rain's Sitatunga Camp - Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities*

**Meals included:** *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

**WIFI:** *Yes*

**Optional Activities:** *See Day 34*

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### Day 37:

#### Maun – Elephant Sands, Nata

Distance travelled: +/- 380 Km

Approx driving time: 5 Hours

Today, we make our way towards Nata travelling through a wide-open wildlife corridor between the Nxai and the Makgadikgadi Pans. We stop off to see one of Africa's most iconic trees - the Baobab along the way and arrive at the Elephant Sands Lodge during the late afternoon. The accommodation has no fences so all wildlife can roam freely from one waterhole to another and one can expect to see a variety of antelope and other wildlife during your stay at Elephant Sands. It is one of the most unique and amazing experiences to watch wild elephants and their behaviour at such close proximity.

**Accommodation:** *Elephant Sands Lodge - Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities*

**Meals included:** *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

**WIFI:** *Yes*

**Optional Activities:** *Morning Bush Walk US\$20, Evening Game Drive US\$25*

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### Day 38:

#### Elephant Sands, Nata - Kasane

Distance travelled: +/- 270 Km



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Approx driving time: 5 Hours

We make our way to the northern corner of Botswana to Kasane, the gateway to Chobe National Park. By size, it is the third largest park in the country and is the most diverse; home to elephant, lion, buffalo, hippo and abundant birdlife, including the famous African fish eagle. We take a 'Fish Eagle' cruise on the Chobe River – a great opportunity to see hippo and perhaps elephant or buffalo coming to the river to bathe and drink.

The Chobe River is a major watering spot for large breeding herds of elephants, as well as families of giraffe, sable and cape buffalo. The flood plains are the only place in Botswana where the puku antelope can be seen. Birding is also excellent here. When in flood spoonbills, ibis, various species of stork and other waterfowl flock to the area.

**Accommodation:** *Thebe River Lodge - Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities*

**Meals included:** *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

**WIFI:** *Yes*

**Optional Activities:** *Nil*

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### Day 39:

#### **Kasane – Livingstone, Victoria Falls, Zambia**

Distance travelled +/- 80 Km

Approx driving time: 1.5 Hours

This morning we head out to explore the Chobe National Park on an open vehicle game drive where we have the opportunity to spot not only elephant that are so prolific in the park, but also lion, and different antelope species. Moving on from Kasane we take the ferry across the confluence of the Chobe and Zambezi Rivers into Zambia. Zambia, formerly known as Northern Rhodesia, took its name from the Zambezi River at independence in 1964. The Zambezi River is the fourth longest in Africa (after the Nile, Congo and Niger) and the largest flowing into the Indian Ocean. Home to one of the world's largest waterfalls, we visit Victoria Falls and try to take in the immensity of one of nature's Wonders of the World. At various times of year, the spray from the Falls can be seen from up to 20 or 30 kilometres away, hence the local name 'Mosi oa Tunya' – the 'Smoke that Thunders'.

We set up at the Waterfront on the banks of the Zambezi, just a few kilometres from the Victoria Falls and the small town of Livingstone. We will give a full briefing on the various optional activities available in the area (typically these include rafting, canoeing, bungee, abseiling, gorge swinging, scenic flights and river cruises), allowing you to plan your time accordingly.

**NB** For the sake of practicality, meals in the Livingstone/Victoria Falls area are restricted to breakfasts. This allows you to take on half day or full day activities

(some of which include lunch) without having to be back with the group at mealtimes. The Waterfront restaurant overlooks the Zambezi River and offers a good selection of reasonably priced meals and snacks throughout the day (allow US\$15 - \$30 per meal). Relax and enjoy these few days at your own leisure. Alternatively, take a taxi into Livingstone to try local fare.

**Accommodation:** *Waterfront - Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities*

**Meals included:** *Breakfast*

**WIFI:** *Yes*

**Optional Activities:** *See day 40*

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### Day 40:

#### **Livingstone, Victoria Falls, Zambia**

Today is a free day at leisure to explore the Victoria Falls area to the full. Apart from the adventure activities already mentioned check out the markets, volunteer a day in some worthwhile local projects, or simply relax at the beautiful waterfront and watch the Zambezi River flow quickly past on its way to Victoria Falls.

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

**Accommodation:** *Waterfront - Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities*

**Meals included:** *Breakfast*

**WIFI:** *Yes*

**Optional Activities:** *Bungee Jumping US\$160, Full Day Abseil US\$190, Mosi Oa Tunya National Park Game Walk US\$110, Chief Mukumi Village Tour US\$50, Gorge Swing US\$95, Zambezi Jet Boat & Cable Car from US\$120, Half Day Canoe US\$110, Zambezi Sunset Cruise US\$75, Full Day White-water Rafting US\$160, Helicopter/Microlight Flights from US\$185, Half Day Fishing US\$145, Bridge Tour US\$65*

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### Day 41:

#### **Livingstone, Zambia - Bulawayo**

Distance travelled: +/- 450 Km

Approx driving time: 10 Hours

Departing Livingstone, we cross the border to Zimbabwe. Departing Livingstone, we cross the border to Zimbabwe and pass through Victoria Falls town and head to Bulawayo, a pleasant city with broad tree lined avenues and wide-open spaces. Our campsite is located just outside the city centre. Once we settle in and camp is set, the rest of the afternoon is yours to explore the surrounds at leisure.

**Accommodation:** *Burke's Paradise - Twin share accommodation with shared facilities*

**Meals included:** *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

**WIFI:** *Yes*



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**Optional Activities:** Nil

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### Day 42:

#### Matobo National Park

Approx driving time: Game Drive & 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. The wind sculptured Matobo Hills are the site of numerous Bushman paintings and the area holds a special cultural and spiritual importance to the indigenous people here. The reserve has the largest concentration of Black and White Rhino in Africa and, provided conditions are right, our guides will lead us on foot to some of the more concealed places in search of these magnificent animals. The park also has the densest population of leopard and black eagle in the world and we keep our eyes peeled high and low for these creatures. 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:** *Burke's Paradise - Twin share accommodation with shared facilities*

**Meals included:** *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

**WIFI:** Yes

**Optional Activities:** *Upgrade to full day tour including historical tour and village tour US\$45*

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### Day 43:

#### Bulawayo – Tshipise, South Africa

Distance travelled: +/- 380 Km

Approx driving time: 10 Hours

Leaving Bulawayo, we continue south to the border at Beitbridge. Completing formalities, we cross the Limpopo River -the second largest in South Africa and an important water source for this arid region. The Limpopo also acts as a natural boundary between South Africa and its neighbours Botswana and Zimbabwe, before it flows through Mozambique to the Indian Ocean. We continue to Tshipise, a town situated in the northern Limpopo province. Our accommodation is located at Forever Resorts at the foot of one of Limpopo's rolling koppies set adjacent the Honnet Nature Reserve. There are hot springs in the area which are surrounded by dense woodland comprising of Mopani, Red Bushwillow, Jakkalsbessie trees – and the third largest Baobab tree in South Africa.

**Accommodation:** *Forever Resorts – Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities*

**Meals included:** *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

**WIFI:** No

**Optional Activities:** Nil

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### Day 44:

#### Tshipise - Hazyview

Distance travelled: +/- 400 Km

Approx driving time: 7 Hours

From Tshipise, we head for southern Africa's premier game reserve, the Kruger National Park. 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 (over 145 species) is present. There is also prolific birdlife (over 500 species) and over 330 varieties of trees. We spend two nights within the Kruger area, enjoy Shangaan tribal dancing and singing on our first night and take a full day game drive in the National Park itself to spot as many animals as possible the next day!

**Accommodation:** *Hotel Numbi – Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities*

**Meals included:** *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

**WIFI:** No

**Optional Activities:** Nil

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### Day 45:

#### Hazyview – Kruger National Park

Approx driving time: Full day with game drives

Waking early, we board our 4x4 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 – Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities*

**Meals included:** *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

**WIFI:** No

**Optional Activities:** *Kruger Night Game Drive US\$75*

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#### Hazyview - Greater Kruger - Pretoria



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Distance travelled: +/- 390 Km  
Approx driving time: 7 Hours

evening on day 46 (we recommend that you plan to stay that evening in Pretoria)

We leave the Kruger behind and make our way back to Pretoria, where our tour ends late afternoon / early

**Accommodation:** Nil  
**Meals included:** Breakfast  
**Optional Activities:** Nil

### Tour Information

#### TOUR STYLE:

Accommodated Overland Tour

This is a participation tour and your help will be needed in assisting with the various day to day duties, such as shopping, cooking and keeping the truck tidy (usually on a rota basis). 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. Our accommodated tour option travels together with the camping counterpart.

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 Acacia overland tour 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!

This tour may involve a change of vehicle and tour guides at Cape Town and at Livingstone.

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED:

All tour highlights, twin share accommodation (43 nights), twin share tents (2 nights), fully equipped safari vehicles, cooking equipment, mattresses, sleeping bag and pillow for camping night, service of two crew, all road and vehicle taxes, all ground transportation, meals as indicated.

#### WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED:

Adventure Pass Activities and Excursions (optional), visas, travel insurance, flight departure taxes, airport transfers, optional activities, tips, drinks, sleeping bag and items of personal nature. NB Lunch and dinner on day 1 and dinners on day 7, 14 and 18 are not included in the tour price or Adventure Pass. Lunches and dinners in Swakopmund, Livingstone and Cape Town and dinner in Windhoek are not included in the tour price.

#### ADVENTURE PASS:

Every Overland tour has an Adventure Pass which is paid to your tour leader in Africa at the beginning of the tour (or pre-paid by arrangement prior to your tour at the time of booking). This is separate and in addition to the Tour Price. The Adventure Pass is paid in the currency listed in the brochure or on the website (usually US dollars in clean, un-torn post 2008 edition notes however on this tour the Pass may be paid in ZAR – please confirm the amount with your booking agent prior to departure). 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 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 facilities (43 nights) twin share tents with sleeping bag, pillow and mattress (2 night) some camps may have a bar or swimming pool. In most cases rooms are en suite but from time to time some rooms may be shared facilities where en suite is indicated.



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**TRANSPORT:** 24-seater, self-contained, custom-built safari truck with on-board tables, plug sockets, freezer, water tank, library, safety features and 70-litre individual lockers, mokoro (dugout canoe), 4x4 safari vehicle and river boat. Truck changes may occur on this tour. 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 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 and ending 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.

#### 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 46**

Tour start/ end point in **Pretoria:**

**Address:** Court Classique Suite Hotel  
743 Francis Baard Street  
Pretoria, 0007

E-mail: [reservations@courtclassique.co.za](mailto:reservations@courtclassique.co.za)

**Tour start time:** 07:00 on Day 1

**Tour end time:** Late afternoon/early evening on day 46

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

#### 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 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 extras (after your tour) to make the most of Cape Town and the surrounding area.

See below for a guide to extra accommodation costs. **These prices are a guideline only and are subject to change so please check with Acacia or your agent for current prices.**

Description	Price (USD)	Description	Price (USD)
Pretoria – Court Classique Suite Hotel		Pretoria – Court Classique Suite Hotel	
Pre tour accommodation – twin pp/pn	\$ 50	Post tour accommodation – Twin/ double pp/pn	\$ 50
Pre tour accommodation – single pp/pn	\$ 85	Post tour accommodation – Single pp/pn	\$ 85
PPPN = Per person, per night		PPPN = Per person, per night	

#### ADVENTURE PASS

Paid in the currency listed in the brochure or on the website directly to your Tour Leader in Africa at the beginning of the tour, or pre-paid by arrangement, the Adventure Pass of this tour covers the following.

Day 3 Kruger National Park Game Drive	√
St Lucia Boat Cruise	√
Sani Pass Excursion	√



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Cango Caves Visit	√
Cape Town Township Tour	√
Sossusvlei 4x4 Shuttle	√
Okavango Delta	√
Chobe Fish Eagle Boat Cruise	√
Chobe NP Morning Game Drive	√
Matobo National Park	√

### 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. 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 note some areas visited are **malarial**. We recommend you speak to your doctor or travel clinic about appropriate anti-malarial tablets.

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

C = Compulsory, R = Recommended, \* = If travelling from infected countries a certificate of proof may be required.

**NB To be used as a guide only. Please see your GP or travel clinic for up-to-date medical advice.**

### VISA REQUIREMENTS

The table below indicates the visas required for travel to the countries on this tour but **should be treated as a guide only**. At least one month prior to travel seek confirmation from embassies or a visa specialist, that these requirements are still current. For UK citizens the Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO) offers free up-to-date travel info: [www.fco.gov.uk](http://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	Yes	No											
Lesotho	No	Yes	No														
Swaziland	No	Yes	Yes														
Namibia	No	Yes	Yes														
Botswana	No	Yes															
Zimbabwe	Yes																
Zambia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes									

**NB** Certain nationalities travelling to South Africa are required to apply for a visa in advance of arrival. Please check your itinerary carefully as you may be exiting and re-entering South Africa and so require a MULTIPLE ENTRY visa. Obtaining the correct paperwork is the responsibility of the traveller and Acacia will not be able to assist where the correct visa is not obtained. Please contact Acacia should you be unsure and require any assistance with visa application letters in this regard.



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### 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](http://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 snacks, drinks, souvenirs, tips and items of a personal nature. Everybody has different spending habits but as a guideline we suggest you budget US\$15-20 per day. Most spending will be in South Africa Rand (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 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. Swaziland – South African Rand is legal tender, Namibian Dollar (interchangeable with South Africa Rand), Botswana Pula, Zambian Kwacha, US Dollars (Zimbabwe);

**ATM machines** throughout South Africa; elsewhere they are fewer and less reliable. Please do not rely on them.

**Credit cards** can be used to pay for larger optional activities although fees for use may be higher than you are accustomed to at home.

### TIPPING

As in many areas where tourism is an important contributor to the economy it has become customary to offer a small gratuity to local staff at the end of the tour if service has been of a high standard. Naturally this always remains at your discretion.

### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

To give you maximum flexibility on tour we offer several optional activities on the tour. To help budget, approximate prices are listed below (in US\$ unless otherwise stated. All prices subject to change.

Activity	Price (USD) or (ZAR)	Activity	Price (USD) or (ZAR)
<b>South Africa</b>		<b>Livingstone</b>	
Wine Tasting	\$10	Vic Falls Bungee (single/tandem)	\$160
Namibia Orange River Canoe	\$40	Mosi Oa Tunya National Park Game Walk	\$110
<b>Kruger National Park</b>		Chief Mukumi Village Tour	\$50
Kruger Night Game Drive	\$75	Gorge Swing	\$95
<b>Swaziland</b>		Zambezi Jet Boating & Cable Car	From \$120
Mountain Bike Tour	From \$10	Half Day Canoe Safari	\$110
Sunset Game Drive	\$30	Zambezi Sunset Cruise	\$75
Guided Bird Walk	\$18	White-water Rafting – Full Day	\$160
Umphakatsi Culture Experience	\$10	Helicopter/Microlight flight over the Falls	From \$185
<b>St Lucia</b>		Fishing – Half Day	\$145
Isimangaliso Night Drive	\$40	Bridge Tour	\$65
Culture Tour	\$25	Full Day Abseil	\$190
Cycle Tour	\$18	<b>Zimbabwe</b>	
Bird & Walking Tour	\$25	Matobo Upgrade to full day tour and village tour	\$45



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Durban		Botswana	
City Tour	\$10	Okavango Scenic Flight per 5-seater plane – 45 min flight time	\$650
uShaka Marine	\$20	Bushman Traditional Dancing	\$15
Moses Mabhida Stadium Big Swing	\$60	Elephant Sands Bush Walk	\$20
<b>Drakensberg</b>		Elephant Sands Evening Game Drive	\$25
Tugela Falls (Full Day Hike)	\$65	<b>Namibia</b>	
<b>Malealea</b>		Desert Excursion Walk	\$25
Pony Trek to Waterfalls and Bushman Paintings	\$45	Sand Boarding – Stand Up	\$50
Bushman Painting Pony Trek	\$35	Sand Boarding – Lay Down	\$40
1 Hour Pony Trek Ride to Village	\$25	Quad Biking	\$55
Hiking Trails with Guide	From \$3	Kayaking	\$60
Village School and Museum Hike (3 Hours)	\$5	Deep Sea Fishing	\$120
Mountain Biking (half day)	\$20	Scenic Flights	\$360
<b>Garden Route</b>		Tandem Skydive	\$200
Bungee Jumping	\$85	Swakopmund Township Tour	\$40
Bridge Walk	\$15	Dolphin and Seal Cruise	\$60
½ Day tubing	\$50		
Hermanus Whale Watching/Cruise	From \$80		
Shark Cage Diving	From \$185		

### 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 and accommodation 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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