

## 7 DAY

### African Insight - North (22NAI7A)

#### Adventure Accommodated Tour Dossier

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#### **Included Highlights**

Kruger NP, Full Day Open Vehicle Game Drive with Resident Guide

Shangaan Cultural Evening

Matobo National Park, Open Vehicle Drive and Wilderness Walk with Resident Guide\*

Mosi Oa Tunya NP, Victoria Falls Visit

**\*Highlights are included in the Adventure Pass**

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#### **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. Our accommodated tour option travels together with the camping counterpart.

Your tour starts in **Pretoria**, South Africa's administrative capital. Close enough to Johannesburg to almost be considered a suburb, Pretoria is known as the Jacaranda City, with purple blossoms covering the streets in October each year. Pretoria boasts many sights of interest - such as the 10m bronze statue of Nelson Mandela standing beside the historic Union Buildings. Various cultural sites, shops, bars, and restaurants are within an easy walk of our recommended hotel (and tour start point).

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

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

**Duration:** 7 Days

**Countries visited:** South Africa, Zimbabwe, and Zambia

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#### **Day 1:**

##### **Pretoria - Hazyview - Kruger National Park**

Distance travelled: +/- 380 Km

Approx. driving time: 7 Hours

From Pretoria, South Africa's administrative capital, we travel via the panoramic region of Mpumalanga with its beautiful scenery and dramatic escarpment views, to South Africa's famed national park - Kruger. Fences between the National Park and surrounding private reserves were removed several years ago to form Greater Kruger, an area of some 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 (148 species) is present. There is also prolific birdlife (over 505 species) and over 330 varieties of trees.

This evening we enjoy Shangaan tribal dancing and singing around the fire.

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

**Meals included:** Dinner

**WIFI:** No

**Optional Activities:** Nil

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#### **Day 2:**

##### **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.

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

**WIFI:** No

**Optional Activities:** Kruger Night Game Drive US\$60

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#### Day 3:

##### Hazyview, Greater Kruger - Tshipise, South Africa

Distance Travelled: +/- 400 Km

Approx. driving time: 7 Hours

Leaving Greater Kruger, we travel north through South Africa's lush countryside to Tshipise, a town situated in the northern Limpopo province. Our campsite 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 resort offering a variety of swimming pools to enjoy. The area is surrounded by dense woodland comprising of Mopani, Red Bushwillow, Jakkalsbessie trees - and the third largest Baobab tree in South Africa.

**Accommodation:** Forever Resorts (or similar) - Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities

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

**WIFI:** No

**Optional Activities:** Nil

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#### Day 4:

##### Tshipise, South Africa, - Bulawayo, Zimbabwe

Distance travelled: +/- 400 Km

Approx. driving time: 10 Hours

After a refreshing night's sleep, we make our way across the border to Zimbabwe and on to Bulawayo, a pleasant city with broad tree lined avenues and wide-open spaces. On arrival we stop for supplies before heading to our campsite. The rest of the afternoon is yours to explore the surrounds at leisure.

**Accommodation:** Burke's Paradise (or similar) - Twin share accommodation with shared facilities (Note: A towel is not provided at the accommodation)

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

**WIFI:** No

**Optional Activities:** Nil

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#### Day 5:

##### Matobo NP

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 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:** Burke's Paradise (or similar) - Twin share accommodation with shared facilities (Note: A towel is not provided at the accommodation)

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

**WIFI:** Yes (payable)

**Optional Activities:** Upgrade to full day tour including Bushman paintings, historical tour, and Cecil Rhodes Grave US\$55

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#### Day 6:

##### Bulawayo - Livingstone, Zambia

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Distance travelled: +/- 450 Km

Approx. driving time: 10 Hours

Moving on from Bulawayo we continue north, and pass through the town of Victoria Falls, before crossing the border into Zambia, we travel the short distance to the Victoria Falls Waterfront Resort campsite a few kilometres from Livingstone. Situated on the banks of the Zambezi River, the Waterfront has a restaurant and small deck/terrace overlooking the river and is a base and booking point for the numerous optional activities available in the area. Staff will give a full briefing on what can be booked (typically including rafting, canoeing, bungee, abseiling, gorge swinging, scenic flights, and river cruises). Choose your activity at leisure, if time allows or else simply relax and enjoy the mighty Zambezi as it flows past your vantage point.

But whatever you do, don't leave Africa without seeing the Victoria Falls themselves! A visit to the Mosi Oa Tunya National Park is included in your tour - be sure not to miss it - at over a mile wide and some 100 metres deep the Falls at high water form the largest curtain of falling water in the world with spray visible from 20 kilometres away (hence the local name Mosi Oa Tunya, or 'Smoke that Thunders'). At low water the Zambezi dries so much that it is possible to walk out onto the riverbed itself!

**NB:** For the sake of practicality, meals in Livingstone/Victoria Falls area are restricted to breakfasts. This allows you to enjoy the optional activities without having to be back with the group at mealtimes. The Waterfront camp restaurant overlooks the Zambezi River and offers a selection of simple and reasonably priced meals and snacks throughout the day (allow US\$15-\$30 per meal). Relax and enjoy at your own leisure, or alternatively, take a taxi into Livingstone to try local fare.

**Accommodation:** *Victoria Falls Waterfront (or similar) - 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\$215, Half Day Canoe US\$115, Zambezi Sunset Cruise US\$70, Full Day White-water Rafting US\$180, Helicopter/Microlight Flights from US\$195, Half Day Fishing US\$145, Bridge Tour US\$65*

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#### Day 7:

##### Livingstone, Zambia

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

**Accommodation:** *Nil*

**Meals included:** *Breakfast*

**WIFI:** *Yes*

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#### Tour Information

##### TOUR STYLE:

Adventure Accommodated Tour

Travelling on an adventure tour is great fun, but it can also be challenging! This is a *participation* tour, and your help will be needed in assisting with the various day to day duties, such as shopping, cooking, and keeping the Acacia vehicle 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 African adventure across this amazing continent.

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

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**WHAT'S INCLUDED:** All tour highlights, twin share accommodation as indicated, fully equipped safari vehicles, cooking equipment, service of two crew, all road and vehicle taxes, all ground transportation, meals as indicated.

**WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED:** Adventure Pass activities, visas, travel insurance, flight departure taxes, airport transfers, optional activities, tips, drinks, and items of a personal nature. **NB:** Lunch and dinner in Livingstone is not included in the tour price.

**ADVENTURE PASS:** Every adventure 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). This is separate and in addition to the Tour Price, which is paid before travel, and is paid in the currency listed in the brochure or on the website (usually US dollars in clean, un-torn post 2008 edition notes). The Adventure Pass covers selected park entries, activities, and excursions along the way where payment goes directly to the supplier. The purpose of the separate payment is to ensure local suppliers benefit directly from the income.

#### ACTIVITIES & EXCURSIONS:

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

**EXTENDING YOUR TOUR:** This tour can be extended to travel to Cape Town, Dar es Salaam and Nairobi. Ask your agent for more information.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Twin share accommodation with facilities as indicated. In most cases rooms are en-suite, but from time to time some rooms may be shared facilities where en-suite is indicated. We mainly use accommodation, which usually have reasonable wash and shower facilities, electricity points and sometimes even a small shop, bar, or swimming pool.

**TRANSPORT:** 24-seater, self-contained, custom-built vehicle with on-board tables, plug sockets, freezer, water tank, library, safety features and 70-litre individual lockers and 4 x 4 safari vehicles. 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. Johannesburg (JNB) nearby Pretoria and Livingstone (LVI) are 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 in Pretoria. The tour ends in Livingstone on Day 07.**

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| <b>Meeting point in Pretoria:</b><br><b>Address:</b> Court Classique Suite Hotel<br>743 Francis Baard Street<br>Pretoria, 0007<br><b>Contact details:</b> Tel. +27 (0) 12 344 4420<br>E-mail: <a href="mailto:reservations@courtclassique.co.za">reservations@courtclassique.co.za</a><br><b>Tour start time:</b> 07:00 on Day 1 | <b>Tour end point in Livingstone:</b><br><b>Address:</b> The Victoria Falls Waterfront<br>Sichango Road<br>Livingstone<br>Tel. + 260 3 320 606/7/8<br>E-mail: <a href="mailto:waterfront@safpar.com">waterfront@safpar.com</a><br><b>Tour end time:</b> After breakfast on Day 7 |
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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 and transfers for you - please call or email us (or speak to your agent) with your arrival details and accommodation requirements. However please book early to avoid disappointment and the risk of having to find more expensive (or less convenient) lodgings.

If time allows, we also suggest planning a night or two extra (after your tour) to make the most of Livingstone and the surrounding area.

#### ADVENTURE PASS

Paid in the currency listed in the brochure or 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 Adventure Pass of this tour covers the following.

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| Matobo National Park | ✓ |
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#### LUGGAGE

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

#### VACCINATIONS / HEALTH

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

| Country      | Tetanus | Diphtheria | Polio | Hepatitis A | Hepatitis B | Typhoid | Meningitis | Rabies | Yellow Fever | Malaria |
|--------------|---------|------------|-------|-------------|-------------|---------|------------|--------|--------------|---------|
| South Africa | R       | R          | R     | R           | -           | R       | -          | -      | *            | R       |
| Zimbabwe     | R       | R          | R     | R           | -           | R       | -          | -      | *            | R       |
| 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. 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](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  |
| Zimbabwe     | Yes |
| Zambia       | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | 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.

## 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 Activities and Excursions, snacks, drinks, souvenirs, tips, and items of a personal nature. Everybody has different spending habits but as a guideline we suggest you budget US\$15-30 per day. Most spending will be in South Africa Rand and US\$ (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 extra 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, Zimbabwe - US Dollars; Zambia - Zambian Kwacha.

**ATM machines** are found throughout South Africa and in Livingstone. Please note they are sometimes Unreliable and only dispense local currency so therefore cannot be used to draw your Local Payment.

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

## 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 AND EXCURSIONS

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

| Activity                              | Price (USD) | Activity                                    | Price (USD) |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|---|-------------|
| <b>Livingstone</b>                    |             | White-water Rafting - Full Day              | \$180       |
| Vic Falls Bungee (single/tandem)      | \$160       | Helicopter/Microlight Flight over the Falls | From \$185  |
| Mosi Oa Tunya National Park Game Walk | \$110       | Fishing - Half Day                          | \$145       |
| Chief Mukumi Village Tour             | \$50        | Bridge Tour                                 | \$65        |
| Gorge Swing                           | \$95        | Full Day Abseil                             | \$190       |
| Zambezi Jet Boating & Cable Car       | From \$215  | Matobo Upgrade to full day tour             | \$55        |
| Half Day Canoe Safari                 | \$115       | <b>South Africa</b>                         |             |
| Zambezi Sunset Cruise                 | \$70        | Kruger Night Game Drive                     | \$60        |

## Responsible Travel

We strongly believe that you get the most out of a journey by respecting the culture and people of the places you visit. On our tours we try to travel in a way that benefits the communities we pass through and minimises negative impact on the environment. This can be from ensuring the campsites we use are clean when we leave and dressing respectfully in conservative areas to getting involved with local charity projects. We ask that you are open to this when you travel with us. Being proactive in responsible travel helps develop cross-cultural understanding and friendships with the local people and will greatly enhance your experience in Africa.

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#### QUALITY & PROTECTION

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

#### 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](http://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 #AcaciaAfrica.

##### 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](http://www.acacia-africa.com)

##### ACACIA LIVE:

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