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14 days: Cape Town to Livingstone

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VALIDITY: Valid for all trips departing January 1st, 2013 - December 31st, 2013

Itinerary

Day 1 Cape Town

Arrive in Cape Town and transfer to our hotel situated in the middle of vibrant Cape Town. Later in the evening there will be a tour briefing in order to meet the tour leader and fellow travelers. No Activities planned for this day, so relax and spend the rest of the evening at leisure to explore the Waterfront and enjoy an optional dinner at one of the many restaurants.

Days 2-3 Cape Town (2B,1D)

Cape Town's name originated from the term Cape of Good Hope when Bartholomew Diaz and other seafarers looked forward to the sight of Table Mountain, like an inn that promised hospitality and prosperity. The city is steeped in a rich history and is a cultural melting pot with its diverse and vibrant character being derived from Khoxisan and other African tribes from the north, and Indonesian, French, Dutch, British and German settlers. Cape Town is the third most populous city in South Africa, with over 3 million inhabitants, and is the provincial capital of the Western Cape. It is also the legislative capital of South Africa, where the National Parliament and many government offices are located.

For shopping, dining and entertainment the V&A Waterfront is a hotspot for foreigners and locals alike. Still a working harbor, the Waterfront is an example of creative architecture and restoration and has become South Africa's most visited tourist attraction. The Waterfront offers over 250 shops from designer boutiques to craft stalls, a host of restaurants and coffee shops.

Day 2: Today we enjoy our full day guided City Tour and explore Table Mountain (weather permitting).
We explore some of the oldest buildings and Gardens in South Africa (Botanical Gardens and Parliament Gardens) and visit Castle of Good Hope. In the evening you have some free time to explore more of vibrant Cape Town.

Day 3: This morning we'll depart early for a trip around the breathtaking Cape Peninsula stopping first in Hout Bay to enjoy a boat cruise to Seal Island. On the way back we walk along the boardwalk at Boulders Beach to see the popular penguins and take in the views of Cape Point.

At the tip of the Cape Peninsula 60 km south-west of Cape Town, lies Cape Point, a nature reserve within the Table Mountain National Park; a declared Natural World Heritage Site.
Encompassing 7 750 hectares of rich and varied flora and fauna; abounding with buck, baboons and Cape Mountain Zebra as well as over 250 species of birds, Cape Point is a nature enthusiast paradise.
Rugged rocks and sheer cliffs towering more than 200 meters above the sea and cutting deep into the ocean provide a spectacular background for the Parks' rich bio-diversity

Later this evening we'll experience a unique local dinner in a private home in an informal settlement – an authentic community experience that you will take home in your heart.

Day 4 Pretoria (B,D)

Estimated Travel Time: 3 hrs
Approximate Distance: 900 miles (1300 km) Flight from Cape Town to Johannesburg (2hrs flight)
Distance Johannesburg to Pretoria: approx 50km

We leave Cape Town in the morning and fly to Johannesburg. Upon arrival in Johannesburg we will discover Soweto, stopping at Mandela House and Hector Pieterson Museum. We arrive at our accommodation in Pretoria in the late afternoon, relax, and freshen up before we enjoy a real traditional South African braai (BBQ).

Soweto is an acronym for South West Township.
The history of Soweto goes back to the discovery of gold in 1885. George Harrison has made his momentous discovery of gold bearing reefs at Langlaagte outside the present City of Johannesburg. Thousands of people of all races and from four corners of the world began to stream into the newly established mining camps.

As the gold mining industry developed and became more sophisticated, the population of Black temporary contract workers from South Africa's rural areas grew rapidly. Although many Black people were housed in mining compounds, others were finding employment as house keepers, shop workers, street vendors in the emerging industrial sector of the economy of Johannesburg. Accommodation was a problem and shanty towns proliferated as the City of Johannesburg grew. A report in 1903 stated that the "Coolie Town" area which accommodated approximately 56000 people of all races, had twisting, narrow streets, polluted water and long drop sanitation.
In 1905 Klipspruit (the oldest of cluster of township that created Soweto today) was established when the Johannesburg Town Council purchased the non gold bearing farm Klipspruit number 8 to cater for the accommodation of Black labourers. In 1932 the first administrator, Edwin Orlando Leake began building two roomed houses for Black people and the township which is a few kilometers away from klipspruit was established and was named Orlando, after him. The honour of being the founder of Soweto belongs to James Mpanza who lived many years in Orlando East. He spent his life fighting for the housing of the disadvantaged.
In 1953 residents of Sophiatown were removed by force to Soweto in an area known as Meadowlands.
SOWETO TODAY: Soweto consists of a community of extremes. On the one hand there is abject poverty and on the other hand there is extraordinary wealth in the upper class suburbs such as Diepkloof Extension and Selection Park. Some of the houses in that area sell for over one and two million rands. Today Soweto is the largest Black residential area in South Africa and has a population of more than 3.5 Million people with the land in extent of 120KM squared. There is a visible development since 1994 (Post Apartheid Era).  Soweto is essentially a Labour Reservoir for the City of Johannesburg and major towns on the reef, such as Roodepoort, Sandton, Randburg and Germiston.
"A PLACE OF FRIENDSHIP, VIBRANCY AND CONTRASTS"

Days 5-6 Manyeleti Game Reserve (2B,2D)

Estimated Travel Time: 10 hrs (incl sightseeing stops and lunch)
Approximate Distance: 400 miles (650 kms)

Leaving Pretoria, we'll head due east towards Mmpumalanga, taking in the sites of the world famous Panorama Route including: Blyde River Canyon, Bourke's Luck Potholes, God's Window and some beautiful waterfalls. In addition, we will stop in the historic mining town of Pilgrims Rest and explore its quaint streets. Look out the window to view a wonderful landscape complete with mountains, panoramic passes, valleys and waterfalls. Bourkes Luck Potholes are named after the Tom Burke, a gold digger who staked claim to the area. The Potholes are the beginning of the world famous Blyde River Canyon, believed to be the third largest canyon in the world. After our visit, we'll be sure to keep our eyes on the passing telephone poles and dead trees to see raptors, crowned eagles, snake eagles or falcons. As well, we'll have the opportunity to purchase some trinkets from the local vendors found along the route.

In the evening, we will arrive at the Shalati Adventure Lodge and settle in. Enjoy the sites and sounds of the Africa Bushveld and indulge in local cuisine at the lodge. Tonight, we'll sleep tight in the rustic huts and listen to the haunting sounds of the African night.

In the the morning of day 6 we will visit and interact with the local community of the Planeterra volunteer project - Hope Africa Children's Day School - in the Shalati village. We will have an early breakfast in order to spend enough time at the project before driving back to Johannesburg. Hope Africa Children's Day School supports over 80 children between the ages of 1 to 5. The school has one teacher, and two teacher's helpers that organize activities for the children, as well as provide them with two meals each day. Hope Africa provides support to the children and prepares them for the transition into primary school. Why is this project needed? In the South African community of Shalati there are many single parent families and a vast number of orphaned children, often cared for by their grandparents. This is due in part to the prevalence of HIV/AIDS. Many children do not begin school until the age of eight, and receive no formal education and limited support during their early formative years. Hope Africa Children's Day School aims to provide children with the opportunity to begin their education, and become involved in organized activities.

The name Manyeleti, means Place of the Stars in the local Shangaan language and guests will have the opportunity to view the magnificent Southern Constellation. Manyeleti is situated away from the mainstream tourist areas and guests will experience the tranquility of the African Bush in absolute seclusion. The 23,000 hectare Manyeleti Game Reserve is situated between the Timbavati Private Reserve, the Kruger National Park and the Sabi Sands Game Reserve. With no fences separating Manyeleti from Kruger and the neighbouring reserves, a huge variety of wildlife roams freely over more than 2 million hectares of African bush. Game drives in open vehicles could bring you into close contact with the Big 5 (lion, leopard, buffalo, elephant and rhino) for an unforgettable safari experience. The Manyeleti Game Reserve is managed by the Mnisi tribe who have been in the area for many generations. The Mnisi are committed to retaining the integrity of the game reserve and ensuring that the benefits of tourism in the reserve are delivered to the surrounding communities.

More information about the community project Shalati Lodge we are staying at:
Shalati Bush Camp is unique, offering an intimate and truly memorable bush and wildlife experience combined with the culture of local Shangaan population, of Africa and its people today. At Shalati we understand the impact that tourism have on the environment and strive to create an interactive experience that is affordable and unforgettable. Shalati is at the forefront of responsible tourism offering the guests a rare insight into the fragile ecosystems of the Big 5 areas as well as the communities on the borders of these great National Parks. We are committed to the sustainable upliftment of the communities around Shalati and the long term benefits that this will bring, to these people. Only people from the community are being employed at Shalati. All these people have never previously worked in the hospitality industry nor have they studied for a Hotel & Catering Diploma. Shalati has an extensive training program incorporating day-to-day and hands-on training. The cooks at Shalati were not able to cook or bake for themselves, not to mention guests. They are now able to bake and cook for many guests at the same time. A huge achievement! All the areas of hotel management are being addressed and individual training for housekeeping, cleaning, laundry, stock management etc is undertaken on a daily basis. Through the salaries that these few people earn, the lives of many in the communities are touched in a positive way. Once you enter the gates of Shalati you will become part of a community – a community that cares, that gives and join hands in strengthening our Rainbow Nation.

Day 7 Kruger National Park (B)

Estimated Travel Time: 7hrs
Approximate Distance: 145 miles (230 km)

In our own vehicle we drive through Kruger National Park, viewing wildlife and stopping along the way, to visit the Stevenson-Hamilton Memorial Museum to learn more about the history of the Park. Tonight we will spend the night in one of the permanent camps inside Kruger National Park.

The world-renowned Kruger National Park offers a wildlife experience that ranks among the best in Africa. Established in 1898 to protect the wildlife of the South African Lowveld, this national park of nearly 2 million hectares is unrivaled in it's wildlife diversity and is a world leader in advanced environmental management techniques and policies.

Truly the flagship of the South African national parks, Kruger is home to an impressive number of species: 336 types of trees, 49 fish, 34 amphibians, 114 reptiles, 507 birds and 147 mammals. Man's interaction with the Lowveld environment over many centuries - from bushman rock paintings to majestic archaeological sites like Masorini and Thulamela - is very evident in the Kruger National Park. These treasures represent the cultures, and events that played a role in the history of the park and are preserved along with it's natural assets.

Day 8 Pretoria (B,D)

Estimated Travel Time: 6 hrs (incl lunch)
Approximate Distance: 300 miles (440 kms)

Today we drive back to the Pretoria for our overnight stay. Upon arrival we enjoy a tour of historic Pretoria including Freedom park

and the Union Buildings and tonight have an unforgettable dinner experience, sampling some local specialties in a private home with a local Afrikaner family.

Pretoria, the administrative capital of South Africa, is known as the Jacaranda City for all the purple blossom-bedecked trees which line its thoroughfares. It has a long, involved and fascinating history. Here you will find many significant old buildings and some fascinating museums. The Transvaal Museum has wonderful natural history displays and is the home of Mrs Ples, the australopithecine fossil found at Sterkfontein in the Cradle of Humankind. Also worth visiting are the Cultural History Museum and the Smuts Museum, just outside town. The iconic Voortrekker Monument which was built to describe the history of the Afrikaner pioneers who left the Cape Colony, where they suffered under British rule, to travel to the interior of the country from 1835 to 1854 has come to be known as the Great Trek. The monument stands over 132 feet (40mt) tall on its hilltop home, and is visible from a large part of Pretoria.

Opened in December 2007, Freedom Park is a place where South Africans and visitors can reflect on the past, and be inspired for the future. It is regarded as one of the most ambitious heritage projects the government has invested in; attempting to encapsulate the heart and soul of South Africa in a physical space. The park is established on the cornerstones of human dignity, rights and freedom and reflects the sacrificial achievements of the nation.

Days 9-10 Okavango Delta (2B,1L,2D)

Estimated Travel Time: 1hr (flight)

This morning we depart to the Airport for our flight from Johannesburg to Botswana (Maun). We then journey overland and by boat into the Delta. This evening, we enjoy dinner under the stars and relax around a camp fire. Pay close attention to the calls of the hyenas and lions before retiring for the night.

Enjoy game walks and traditional mokoro excursions in the delta. Learn the ways of the bush from your local polers on your 2 night mobile safari tented camp.

"Where all this water goes is a mystery", Aurel Schultz, 1897

The area of the delta was once part of Lake Makgadikgadi, an ancient lake that dried up some 10,000 years ago. Today, the Okavango River has no outlet to the sea. Instead, it empties onto the sands of the Kalahari Desert, irrigating 9,320 miles (15,000 km) of the desert. Some of this water reaches further south to create Lake Ngami. The water entering the delta is unusually pure, due to the lack of agriculture and industry along the Okavango River. It passes through the sand aquifers of the numerous delta islands and evaporates by leaving enormous quantities of salt behind. This precipitation process is so strong that the vegetation disappears in the center of the islands and thick salt crusts are formed. The waters of the Okavango Delta are subject to seasonal flooding, which begins about mid-summer in the north and six months later in the south (May/June). The water from the delta is evaporated rapidly by the high temperatures, resulting in a cycle of cresting and dropping water in the south. Islands can disappear completely during the peak flood, then reappear at the end of the season.

Day 11 Kasane/Chobe (B)

Estimated Travel Time: 2hrs (Transfer from Moremi South Gate to Maun)
Flight from Maun to Kasane: 1hr

This morning we wake early for breakfast and depart on a game drive which takes us back to the South Gate for our return to Maun. We board our flight to Kasane, then transfer to our Lodge near Chobe National Park. In the late afternoon we'll indulge in a sundowner boat cruise and view elephants and other wildlife having their evening drinks on the shores of the river, a truly memorable experience.

Kasane is situated on the banks of the Chobe River, near its mouth. This is where the Chobe and Zambezi rivers meet, creating a border area of four countries – Namibia, Botswana, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

Chobe National Park is Botswana’s first national park, and is situated along the Chobe River. It has one of the largest concentrations of wildlife in Africa and one of the world's last remaining sizable wilderness areas. By size, this is the third largest park 6,835 sq miles (11,000 sq km) of the country, though it is definitely the most diverse and spectacular.

The park is probably best known for its spectacular elephant population; with over 120,000 it has the highest concentration in Africa. The elephant population seems to have solidly built up since 1990, from a few initial thousands. By chance, they have not been affected by the massive illicit exploitation of the 1970's and 1980's. Elephants living here are Kalahari elephants, the largest in size of all known elephant species. Yet they are characterized by rather brittle ivory and short tusks. Damage caused by the high numbers

of elephants is evident in some areas. In fact, the concentration is so high throughout Chobe, that culls have been considered, but are too controversial and have thus far been rejected. During the dry season, these elephants sojourn in the Chobe and Linyanti River areas. During the rainy season, they make a 125 mile (200 km) migration to the south-east region of the park. Their distribution zone however outreaches the park and spreads to north-western Zimbabwe. The Park is also known for its lion population, who on occasion do hunt the elephants.

The original inhabitants of this area were the San bushmen, also known as the Basarwa people. They were nomadic hunter-gatherers who were constantly moving from place to place to find food sources, namely fruits, water and wild animals. Nowadays one can find San paintings inside rocky hills of the park.

Days 12-13 Livingstone (2B,1D)

This morning we can rise early for an optional game-drive in the Chobe National Park. We will then cross over the river via ferry into Zambia and continue on to Livingstone. In the afternoon, we view the mist rise up from Victoria Falls and hear the thunderous roar as the falls drop vertically over 492 ft (150 m) down into the gorge. This amazing natural wonder is locally known as Mosi-oa-Tunya, The Smoke that Thunders.

We will spend the last two days of our tour here, a great base to see both natural wonders and take part in some exciting optional activities: raft the whitewater of the mighty Zambezi, and for the more adventurous, bungee jump with the Victoria Falls in view or enjoy the Falls from the air with a helicopter or microlight.
Tonight you will participate in a drumming session before enjoying a traditional African braai (BBQ) on your last night in Livingstone.

David Livingstone was born on March 19, 1813 in the village of Blantyre, South Lanarkshire, Scotland. He first studied Greek, medicine, and theology at the University of Glasgow and while working in London, joined the London Missionary Society became a minister. He originally planned to gain access to China through his medical knowledge. The Opium Wars, which were raging at this stage with no signs of peace on the horizon, forced Livingstone to consider other options. From 1840 he worked in Bechuanaland (present-day Botswana), and in the period 1852–56, he explored the African interior, and was the first European to see the Mosi-oa-Tunya waterfall, which he renamed Victoria Falls after his monarch, Queen Victoria. Livingstone was one of the first westerners to make a transcontinental journey across Africa. The purpose of his journey was to open the routes, while accumulating useful information about the African continent. In particular, Livingstone was a proponent of trade and Christian missions to be established in central Africa. His motto, inscribed in the base of the statue to him at Victoria Falls, was “Christianity, Commerce and Civilization.”

The town of Livingstone is a regional transport center, being located near the borders of Botswana and Zimbabwe, and serves as a base for the many visitors to see this part of Africa, and the impressive Victoria Falls.

From its source on the borders of the Democratic Republic of Congo, the Zambezi River meanders for 808 miles (1,300 km) across the wooded plateau of Zambia, eroding for itself a shallow valley on its mild descent to the site of the falls. The river eventually found a weak spot on the lower lip of the surface over which it passed, and forced a passage which was steadily deepened into an exit gorge. During the last half million years the river has scoured out eight of these cracks across its bed. The Victoria falls occur where the river is 5,540 ft (1,688 m) wide, presents the spectacle of an average maximum of 146 million gallons (550 million liters) of water a minute tumbling over the lip of the trench in five main falls, the Devil’s Cataract, Main falls, Horseshoe Falls, Rainbow falls and the Eastern Cataract. The highest of these is Rainbow falls, on an average 355 ft (108 m) high.

The name Zambezi comes from the Tonka tribe, also meaning Great River, but the Sotho-speaking Kololo people of the upper reaches of the river gave it the well-known name of Mosi o a Thunya (smoke that rises). The Lozi people call it by the same name but translated it into smoke that sounds. The Ndebele call it aManza Thunqayo (the water that rises like smoke). The Namibian people call it Chinotimba (a noise-making place like the distant sound of digging).

Day 14 Livingstone (B)

Depart at any time.

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Highlights

Enjoying wildlife viewing and lectures with an expert safari guide in the top parks of the region, Studying recent history in Soweto and at the Mandela House, savouring traditional foods with locals in their homes, Visiting Hope Africa Children's Day School-a Planeterra supported project

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Itinerary Disclaimer

While it is our intention to adhere to the route described below, there is a certain amount of flexibility built into the itinerary and on occasion it may be necessary, or desirable to make alterations. The itinerary is brief, as we never know exactly where our journey will take us. Due to our style of travel and the regions we visit, travel can be unpredictable. The Trip Details document is a general guide to the tour and region and any mention of specific destinations or wildlife is by no means a guarantee that they will be visited or encountered. Aboard expedition trips visits to research stations depend on final permission.

Additionally, any travel times listed are approximations only and subject to vary due to local circumstances.

Important Notes

1. Discovery Adventures is operated in conjunction with G Adventures, the world leader in sustainable adventure travel. An award winning company with over 800 employees and 17 operational offices worldwide, G Adventures has 20 years experience in creating culturally interactive travel experiences. G Adventures advocates a triple bottom line business philosophy where equal attention is given to the environmental, social and economic impact of tourism to achieve long-term environmentally responsible growth whilst protecting destinations & cultural heritage for future generations.

2. Please note that due to the seasonal fluctuations we cannot guarantee that we will stay at the places indicated in this itinerary.

3. It is required to show a Yellow Fever certificate if you are traveling to South Africa from a Yellow Fever endemic country.

4. This is not a physically demanding journey; however, traveling in Africa can be difficult, with long drives and poor road conditions at times. Despite this, most clients feel that the diversity of the African landscape, countries, culture and wildlife are all well worth the experience. We use a comfortable and safe air-conditioned touring vehicle for the long drives.

Group Leader Description

All Discovery Adventures group trips are accompanied by one of our expert group tour leaders. The aim of the group leader is to take the hassle out of your travels and to help you have the best trip possible. They will provide information on the places you are travelling through, offer suggestions for things to do and see, recommend great local eating venues and introduce you to our local friends. Group leaders are experts in their region with a broad, general knowledge of the countries visited on the trip, including historical, cultural, religious and social aspects. We also use local expert guides where we think more specific knowledge will add to the enjoyment of the places we are visiting- we think it's the best of both worlds.

Group Size Notes

Max 16, avg 12 .

Meals Included

13 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 8 Dinners

Meals

Travelling with Discovery Adventures you experience the vast array of wonderful foods and flavors that are available in the world. Some meals are included in the trip price in more remote regions or as a highlight where we can share a local specialty or cultural experience. In many places where there is a choice of eating options, we like to give you the maximum flexibility in deciding where, what and with whom to eat. Our groups tend to eat together to enable you to taste a larger variety of dishes and enjoy each others company, but there is no obligation to do this. Your CEO will be able to suggest favorite restaurants during your trip. For all trips please refer to the meals included and budget information for included meals and meal budgets.

Meal Budget

Allow USD190-250 for meals not included.

Transport

Minibus, 4x4 vehicle, boat, mokoro, plane, walking

About our Transportation

The vehicle for this tour is a comfortable touring, air-conditioned van or bus, depending on the group size. With air conditioning, and reclining well-cushioned seats, this style of transportation is a comfortable way to travel through the region.

In addition, even with a full group of 16 travelers, there will be extra space for the benefit of the group. Having our own private vehicle throughout the tour allows us the flexibility of making stops when needed. We are able to travel to out-of-the-way locations where public transportation does not reach.

Road conditions in Southern Africa are generally good, though occasionally we hit a bad patch of road or two. As we will be flying from Johannesburg into Maun (Botswana) and out of Maun again into Kasane (Botswana), we will not make use of Botswana's road. We will be using the ferry from Botswana entering Zambia (Livingston) where our tour ends.

Local Flights

All local flights are included in the cost of your tour unless otherwise noted. It is important that we have your passport information at the time of booking in order to process these tickets. Internal flight tickets are issued locally and will be given to you prior to the flight departure.

Solo Travellers

We believe single travellers should not have to pay more to travel so our group trips are designed for shared accommodation and do not involve a single supplement. Single travellers joining group trips are paired in twin or multi-share accommodation with someone of the same sex for the duration of the trip. Some of our Independent trips are designed differently and single travellers on these itineraries must pay the single trip price.

Accommodation

Comfort hotels (5 nts), luxury tented camps (2 nts), safari tented camps (2 nts), lodges (4 nts).

My Own Room

Please note that if you have booked the "My Own Room" option for this tour, you will receive your own single room for most night stops on tour, accept for the following: Nights 9/10 Moremi Wildlife Reserve

About Accommodation

Full Service Camping
This tour includes 2 nights camping surrounded by nature in an exclusive camp in the Moremi Wildlife Reserve, located in the eastern part of the Okavango Delta in Botswana. Here, you won't have to lift a finger as our camp staff will take care of all of your needs. You will sleep on a cot-style bed, with a comfortable mattress elevated from the ground, with sheets, blankets, and pillows provided. Bathroom facilities here are shared.

The accommodation level for most Discovery Adventure tours are comfortable, in mid-range hotels, motels, lodges, guest houses, etc. You'll often enjoy air-conditioned rooms, complete with en suite bathrooms and some amenities. Accommodation and amenities can vary by Country and region and please remember that standards can be different from what you are used to in your home country, which is part of the appeal of adventure travel. Some trips may include camping, permanent tented camps or more rustic lodges, depending on the remoteness of where you are visiting. Porterage is not included, but can be arranged directly at most hotels.

Joining Hotel

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Joining Instructions

An arrival transfer is included in the cost of your tour and our driver will be waiting for you with a Discovery Adventures Sign. To meet your transfer, proceed through the international arrivals area to the Information Desk and look for a transfer person holding a Discovery Adventures sign. Ask him/her what hotel he/she will take you to (do not volunteer this information). Then present your passport for proof of identity.

Please note that Day 1 is an arrival day and no activities have been planned, so you may arrive at any time. Similarly the last day is a departure day in which no activities are planned.

Your CEO will contact you at the hotel on Day 1 and make sure you are settled comfortably. If you arrive late, s/he will leave you a message detailing what time and where you should meet the next morning. Your Leader will organize a short meeting soon after arrival (most probably 6pm on Day 1), during which you will meet other tour participants and receive information about general and specific aspects of the trip.

**Please note, the arrival transfer included occurs on Day 1 of the tour. If you plan to arrive prior to Day 1, you will be required to arrange pre-tour accommodation through G Adventures to be eligible for the transport from the airport. Due to customer experience and quality considerations, all services related to the tour must be continuous.

Arrival Complications

We don't expect any problems, and nor should you, but if for any reason you are unable to commence your trip as scheduled, as soon as possible please contact your starting point hotel, requesting that you speak to or leave a message for your CEO (if you are not on a group tour please refer to the emergency contact details provided in this dossier). If you are unable to get in touch with your leader, please refer to our emergency contact details. If you have pre-booked an airport transfer and have not made contact with our representative within 30 minutes of clearing customs and immigration, we recommend that you make your own way to the Starting Point hotel, following the Joining Instructions. Please apply to your travel agent on your return for a refund of the transfer cost if this occurs.

Emergency Contact

Should you need to contact us during a situation of dire need, it is best to first call either the G Adventures Local Representative (if one is listed below) or our G Adventures Local Office. If for any reason you do not receive an immediate answer, please leave a detailed message and contact information, so they may return your call and assist you as soon as possible.

AIRPORT TRANSFER
If you have purchased an arrival through G Adventures or if an arrival transfer is included in the cost of your tour, please note that:

Your arrival transfer has been arranged based on flight information provided to us. If you are advised of a flight schedule change within 48 hours of your scheduled arrival time, we will do our best to rearrange your arrival transfer however we cannot guarantee this. If your arrival transfer does not arrive within 30 minutes after you have exited the arrivals area please take a taxi to your start point hotel.

For any issues relating to pre-booked transfers for Nairobi Jomo Kenyatta International Airport, including delays or missed transfers, please contact our airport transfer operator:
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If you are unable for any reason to contact our local office, please call the numbers listed below, which will connect you directly with our 24 hour Sales team, who will happily assist you.

Toll-free, North America only: 1 888 800 4100
Calls from UK: 0844 272 0000
Calls from Germany: 01805 70 90 30 00
Calls from Australia: 1 300 796 618
Calls from New Zealand: 0800 333 307
Outside North America, Australia, New Zealand, Germany and the UK: +1 416 260 0999

Finishing Point Hotel

Maramba River Lodge
Mosi-Oa-Tunya Road
Livingston, Zambia
T: +260 213 324 189
www.maramba-zambia.com

What to Take

You will be on the move a lot, so our advice is to pack as lightly as possible. Your baggage should be clearly labeled and restricted to one soft compact suitcase, or sports bag, maximum 15kg, plus a daypack. Luggage limits on airlines are strictly enforced and space on vehicles is limited. Porters are not often available, so be prepared to carry your own bags. It is important to pack clothes for warm days and cool evenings, as well as a warm jacket for early morning game drives. A set of smart casual clothes is also advisable.

Checklist

Documents:
•Passport (with photocopies)
•Travel insurance (with photocopies)
•Yellow fever certificate
•Airline tickets (with photocopies)
•USD cash
•Credit or debit card (see personal spending money)
•Discovery Adventures vouchers, pre-departure information and trip details
•Any entry visas or vaccination certificates required

Suggested Items:
•Fleece or wool jumper/jacket
•Windproof/waterproof jacket
•Small towel and swimwear
•4 shirts/t-shirts, cool and breathable
•Long-sleeved shirt or sweater for evenings
•1 pair of shorts
•2 pairs of long trousers
•1 pair hiking pants/track pants
•Comfortable shoes
•Sport sandals
•Sun hat, bandanna
•hand sanitizers/ antibacterial wipes
•Sunblock
•Sunglasses

•Watch or alarm clock
•Water bottle
•Pocketknife
•Flashlight or Headlamp (with extra batteries and bulbs)
•Money belt
•Toiletries (biodegradable)
•Camera and extra memory card/film
•Extra batteries (recommended)
•Electricity Plug Adapter
•First-aid kit (should contain Lip balm with sunscreen, Aspirin, Ibuprofin, malaria pills, band aids/plasters, tape, anti-histamine, antiseptic cream, Imodium or similar tablets for mild cases of diarrhea, re-hydration powder, insect repellent, extra prescription drugs you may be taking)

For donation: notebooks, pens, pencils, pins, flags, pictures, postcards from your country for local villagers or children

Optional Items: reading/writing material, binoculars, cover for backpacks, Maps, guidebooks

Laundry

PLEASE ask your guide/CEO to arrange if any laundry needs to be done, so that he / she can make arrangements for you. He/She will advise guests accordingly, in advance if guests want to do laundry where it is available. Laundromats are available in most of the towns/cities/hotels/lodges.

Visas

All countries require travellers to have a valid passport (with a minimum 6 months validity), and you are required to acquire the entry visas for each of the countries visited.
Please double check with your agent and/or visa agent what the visa requirements is for each country that you will be traveling to. Some countries do require that you get your visa before arrival. If you show up at a border and should you not have the required visa you will be denied entry to the country and be send back to the closest embassy/high commission to get the visa. All arrangements and expenses for that will be at your own cost. The CEO will assist you with travel arrangements but will not be able to accompany you. You will also have to catch up with the group at their next destination at own cost.

We have been experiencing a lot of problems with people that need visas for Namibia and Malawi. Namibian and Malawian visas is not available at the border, so please make very sure if you do need a visa before arrival.

The information provided here is to be used as a guide only. Please consult with the relevant embassy or your travel agency before you travel. We cannot take any responsibility whatsoever for the use of this information.

South Africa
http://www.dha.gov.za/Counties%20Exempy%20from%20SA%20Visaa.html
http://www.home-affairs.gov.za/Applying%20for%20a%20South%20African%20visa.html
http://www.southafrica.info/travel/documents/visas.htm
Visas are not issued at South African ports of entry, and airline officials are obliged to insist on visas before allowing passengers to board. If you arrive without a visa, immigration officials are obliged to put you onto a flight back to your home country.
If you are a passport holder of the following countries/areas you do not need a visa for stays of LESS THAN 90 days:
African Union / Unity Laissez Passes, Andorra, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Botswana, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, Finland, Japan, Liechtenstein, Luxemburg, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Paraguay, Portugal, San Marino, Singapore, Spain, St Vincent & the Grenadines, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, Uruguay, Venezuela, United States of America, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica
If you are a passport holder of the following countries/areas you do not need a visa for stays of LESS THAN 30 days:
Antigua and Barbuda,Barbados,Belize,Benin,Bolivia,Hong Kong,Hungary,Jordan,Lesotho,Malaysia Cape Verde,Costa Rica,Cyprus,Gabon,Guyana,Peru,Poland,Seychelles,Slovak Republic ,South Korea,Swaziland,Thailand,Turkey,Zambia

Visa costs
The visa fee is different for every nationality, so please check this with your agent or closest embassy.

Botswana
http://www.botswanaembassy.org/index.php?page=visa-consular
http://www.botswanatourism.co.bw/entryFormalities.php
Visas cannot be obtained at the border.
Countries that does not require a visa for Botswana
Antigua & Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Brazil,Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gambia, Germany, Greece, Grenada, Guyana, Holy See, Hong Kong, Hungary,Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Kiribati, Lesotho, Liechtenstien, Latvia, Lithuania, Luzembourg, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mozambique, Namibia,Nauru, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway & Colonies*, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Samoa, San Marico, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovak Republic, Solomon Islands, South Africa, South Korea (Republic Of), Spain, St. Kitts And Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent & The Gurenadines, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Tanzania, Tonga, Trinidad & Tobago, Tuvalu, Uganda, United Kingdom, United States Of America, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Countries that do require a visa for Botswana
Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola,Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Belarus, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, China, Columbia, Comoros, Congo (Republic Of), Congo (Democratic Republic Of), Cote D'ivoire (Ivory Coast), Cuba, Czech Republic, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equitorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Georgia, Ghana, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Haiti, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Korea (Dem. Peoples Rep), Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan (Kirghizia), Laos (Peoples Dem. Rep), Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, Macedonia, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Micronesia, Moldova, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morroco, Myanmar (Burma), Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Panama, Phillippines, Qatar, Rwanda, Sao Tome & Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Sumatra, Suriname, Syria, Taiwan, Tajikistan, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan, Vatican City, Vietnam, Yemen
Visa costs
Please enquire from your agent and/or embassy

Zambia
http://www.zambiaimmigration.gov.zm/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=93&Itemid=118
http://www.zambiaimmigration.gov.zm/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=92&Itemid=117
Most nationals can purchase their visas upon arrival. Some nationals do have to obtain a visa before arriving in Lusaka such as Greek, Turkish, Indian, Chinese. But please double check with your agent and/or closest embassy.
Visas issued at ports of entry or missions abroad
Albania, Andorra, Angola, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Britain, Brunei, Bulgaria, Burma (Myanmar), Burundi, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Congo Brazzaville, Cook Islands, Costarica, Cuba, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, France, German, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Laos, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourgm, Madagascar, Macedonia, Mexico, Moldova, Monaco, Mongolia, Nauru, Nepal, Netherlands, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Russia, Rwanda, Saotome and Prince, Slovakia Republic, Slovenia Republic, South Korea, Spain, St Lucia, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom (UK), United States of America, Uruguay, Western Sahara, Venezuela, Vietnam

Countries not requiring a visa
Anguilla, Antigua and Bermuda, Australian Antarctic Territory, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, Botswana, British Antarctic Territory, British Indian Ocean Territory, British Virgin Islands, Brunei, Cayman Islands, Channel Islands, Cook Island, Cyprus, Dominica, Falkland Islands, Falkland Islands Dependencies, Fiji Islands, Gilbraltar, Grenada, Ireland, Isle of Man, Jamaica, Kenya, Kiribati, Lesotho, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Malta, Mauritius, Montserrat, Mozambique, Namibia, Nauru, Niue, Norfolk Island, Pitcairn Islands, Romania, Ross Dependency, St. Helena, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and Grenadines, Samoa, Serbia-Montenegro, Seychelles, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Tokelau, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tuvalu, Turks and Caicos Island, Uganda, Vanuatu, Western Samoa, Zimbabwe
Types of VISAS and the Applicable Fees – Please use as guideline only.
Single Entry- US $50.
Double Entry- US $80
Multiple Entry- US $80

Detailed Trip Notes

Climate
South Africa is renowned for its excellent outdoor living climate and famous for its sunshine. It's a relatively dry country, with an average annual rainfall of about 19 inches (464 mm) (compared to a world average of about 34 inches (860 mm). While the Western Cape gets most of its rainfall in winter, the rest of the country is generally a summer-rainfall region. Over much of South Africa, summer (mid-October to April) is characterized by hot, sunny weather - often with afternoon thunderstorms that clear quickly, leaving a warm, earthy, uniquely African smell in the air. The Western Cape, with its Mediterranean climate, is the exception, getting its rain in winter. Winter in South Africa (May to July) is characterized in the higher-lying areas of the interior plateau by dry, sunny, crisp days and cold nights. So it's a good idea to bring warm clothes.

Electricity
220-240V, 50Hz. Electric plug types come in two sizes and are standard throughout the countries. The two and three round pin standard plugs are acceptable in most parts of these countries.

Languages
There are multiple official languages in South Africa, although English is widely spoken. There are also numerous dialects spoken throughout different parts of the land.

Full country name: Republic of South Africa
Area: 447,443 sq miles (1,221,037 km2)
Population: 47,432,000 (July 2005 estimate), 44,819,278 (Census 2001)
Capital cities: Cape Town (Legislative), Pretoria (Administrative) and Bloemfontein (Judicial)
People: Zulu, Afrikaners, Xhosa, Basotho (South Sotho), English South Africans, Bapedi (North Sotho), Indian/Asian, Venda, Tswana, Tsonga, Swazi, Ndebele, others
Language: Afrikaans, English, Zulu, Xhosa, Swati, Ndebele, Southern Sotho, Northern Sotho, Tsonga, Tswana, Venda
Religion: Zion Christian 11%, Pentecostal/Charismatic 8%, Catholic 7%, Methodist 7%, Dutch Reformed 7%, Anglican 4%, other Christian 36%, Islam 2%, none 15%
Government: Parliamentary democracy
Major industries: mining (world's largest producer of platinum, gold, chromium), automobile assembly, metal working, machinery, textiles, iron and steel, chemicals, fertilizer, food stuff, commercial ship repair.
Major trading partners: U.S.A, UK, Japan, Germany, Netherlands, China, France, Saudi Arabia, Iran (2004).
Currency: Rand (ZAR), consisting of 100 cents

Kruger National Park
The world-renowned Kruger National Park offers a wildlife experience that ranks with the best in Africa. Established in 1898 to protect the wildlife of the South African Lowveld, this park is unrivaled in the diversity of its life forms and a world leader in advanced environmental management techniques and policies.

Fauna and Flora
Approximately 145 mammal species occur in the park. It is possible to see all the classical African big game, including: elephant, black and white rhino, hippopotamus, giraffe, zebra, buffalo, warthog and many antelope species.
Large carnivores include lion, leopard, cheetah, wild dog and spotted hyena.

Kruger has a list of almost 500 species of birds, some of which are not to be found elsewhere in South Africa.

The far north of the park (Pafuri and Punda Maria regions) is regarded as one of the birding Mecca’s of the country (with many regional rarities to be found), yet birding throughout the entire park is excellent. Eagles are common: Bateleur, Martial, Black-breasted Snake, Brown Snake, African Hawk, African Fish and Tawny are all regularly seen, and in summer: Wahlberg’s, Steppe, Lesser Spotted.

BOTSWANA:
Full country name: Republic of Botswana
Area: 231,800 sq mile (600,370 sq km)
Population: 1.6 million Capital city: Gaborone (pop 192,000)
People: Botswana 60%, Bakalanga, Basarwa, Bakgalagadi
Languages: English, Setswana
Religions: indigenous beliefs 50%, Christian 50%

Government: parliamentary republic
President: Seretse Ian Khama
Major industries: diamonds, copper, nickel, coal, salt, soda ash, potash, livestock processing, sorghum, maize, millet, pulses, groundnuts (peanuts), beans, cowpeas, sunflower seed, livestock
Major trading partners: EU, Southern African Customs Union (SACU), Zimbabwe

The first inhabitants of Botswana were the San (Bushmen). They still populate the country, but the Tswana tribe is now more prominent. Other tribes include the Kalanga, Nbukushy, Yei and the Herero. The Herero women still wear the full-length Victorian-style dresses, which were introduced to them by German missionaries in the late 1800's, however it is now a tribal trademark. The British controlled Bechuanaland (as Botswana was then known) from 1885 until the country received their independence on September 30, 1966. Ironically diamonds were discovered in Botswana in 1967. Botswana's diamonds do very well on the International market as they are classified as "Blood free" meaning they are not used to fund guerrilla warfare.

Botswana has the strongest economy and currency in Africa, mostly due to their diamonds and livestock. Agricultural income will improve when they have combated the problem of widespread drought. They are currently installing irrigation systems around the country to try to feed the most water-deprived areas. Botswana handles international debt much better than any other African country with the interest being paid with one months export earnings, rather than the six months earnings it takes most other African countries. Botswana has the world's highest birth rate at 3.5%, and on average women have 5 children. The country has a strong currency, the Pula meaning rain and the Thebe meaning raindrop.

Government policies and poaching: Their policy on tourism is "high cost and low impact". The country has a very good army, which has an anti-poaching unit. Poaching has in the past been a problem in the country but it is now almost under control. The army is allowed to shoot to kill without asking questions if you are caught poaching.

ZAMBIA
Full country name: Zambia
Area: 467,653 sq mile (752,615 sq km)
Population: 10.4 million
Capital city: Lusaka
Largest Towns: Lusaka, Ndola, Livingstone, Kabwe, Kitwe.
People: Bemba, Tonga, Nyanja, Ngoni, Lozi plus many other different groups as well as Colonial ex-pats and people of Asian descent
Official Language: English
Other Languages: Bemba, Tonga, Nyanja, Lozi
Religion: Christian, ZCC and Islam
Government: Multiparty parliamentary democracy
President: Rupiah Banda
Currency: Kwacha
Major industries: Agriculture (mainly subsistence farming), mining, tourism

Formally called Northern Rhodesia, Zambia gained its independence from colonial Great Britain in 1964. By the end of 1970, Zambia has become one of the poorest countries in the world due to corruption, mismanagement of the economy and a fall in the world copper price. In the 1990s Kuanda, the president since independence, was forced to amend the constitution, legalizing opposition parties and setting full elections in 1991. They were defeated by Frederick Chiluba. However, Zambia's situation has not improved. The country has three distinct seasons: cool and dry from May to August, hot and dry in September and October and rainy between November and April. The majority of the population are subsistence farmers and there are also some large commercial farms growing sugar cane.

INTERESTING FACTS
1. Zambia is the fourth-largest supplier of copper in the world and the leading producer of cobalt. Combined the mining of these two minerals accounts for 75% of Zambia's foreign exchange and 5% of employment in the country.
2. There are 73 officially recognized ethnic groups living within Zambia's borders, each with their own culture and language.
3. Unlike many African countries, Zambia's borders do not adhere to any logical language or tribal boundaries.
4. Unlike neighboring Botswana the Zambian government does not have a comprehensive anti-poaching policy and poaching remains a major problem facing Zambia's wildlife.
5. Approximately 750 different species of bird have been recorded in Zambia.
6. The Victoria Falls on the Zambian side is known as "Mosi oa Tunya" (the smoke that thunders)

Spending Money

Every traveller is different and therefore spending money requirements will vary. Some travellers may drink more than others while other travellers like to purchase more souvenirs than most. Please consider your own spending habits when it comes to allowing for drinks, shopping and tipping. Please also remember the following specific recommendations when planning your trip.

Money Exchange

The currency in South Africa is the South African Rand (ZAR). The South African rand is also an accepted form of payment in Namibia.

In Botswana, you pay with Pula (BWP) and the official currency of Zambia is the Zambian Kwacha, denoted by ZMK.

It is advisable to pay in USD in Zambia, as it is not that easy to get a good exchange rate, however, change will then be in Kwacha.

Each of the countries visited on this tour has their own currency, and all can be obtained locally by changing foreign currency or by using ATMs (where available) which will disperse local currency. Your CEO will inform you where you can change money throughout the tour and approximately how much money you will need for each country.
The easiest foreign currency to exchange for locally for any of the local currencies is the $US; however the British Pound and Euro may also be exchanged as well. Please note that due to past problems with forgery, $US notes that are older than year 2006 are not accepted in Africa.
Large notes ($US 50, $US 100 etc) can be difficult to change in some places, but will gain you the best exchange rate.

If you plan to rely on cash, please bring foreign currency (Euro, Pound, USD) with you, as it is often expensive to buy these currencies locally. And in more rural areas, it is often not likely.

Please do not bring Travellers' cheques to Africa. They are difficult if not impossible to exchange in many places.

Visa/Plus system cards are the most widely accepted debit cards. it is harder to find machines Mastercard/Cirrus cards. We highly recommend that if you hold a Mastercard, you obtain a Visa card prior to departure and travel with both. This is also useful should somethingunforeseen happen to one of your cards during your travels.
While there are many ATMs in the major centres, there are no guarantees that your credit or debit cards will actually work in Africa. Check with your bank.

Credit cards can be used in major cities and towns ONLY but please do not rely on them as a method of payment because they are generally not widely accepted. You should be aware that to purchase products or services on a credit card a fee of 5%-10% usually applies. The majority of our optional activities can also be paid by credit card. Your CEO will advise on these.

Please note that in many areas there may be occasional power-outages, where there will be no electricity for hours at a time. In addition, ATMs outside of larger centers often run out of cash or can be out of order unexpectedly. These factors could affect your ability to access money from ATMs. As such, please do not rely on credit or debit cards as your only source of money.
A combination of foreign currency and debit/credit cards for cash advances is best. Always take more rather than less, as you don't want to spoil the trip by constantly feeling short of funds.

As currency exchange rates can fluctuate often we ask that you refer to the following website for daily exchange rates: www.xe.com.

Emergency Fund

Please also make sure you have access to at least an additional USD $200 (or equivalent) as an 'emergency' fund, to be used when circumstances outside our control (ex. a natural disaster) require a change to our planned route. This is a rare occurrence!

Tipping

Tipping is an expected - though not compulsory and optional (up to the discretion of the group/guest) - component of your tour program and an expression of satisfaction with the persons who have assisted you on your tour. It is one of the most direct ways that you can have a positive economic impact within the African community. Although it may not be customary for you, it is of considerable significance to the people who will take care of you during your travels, as an important source of income for those in the tourism industry. Giving a tip should be a seen as a formal 'thank you', and the action should in no way be awkward. The best method of tipping someone that has served the whole group is to plan in advance, and not rush when it comes to saying goodbye. A suggestion would be for each group member to contribute anonymously by putting their tip into an envelope. This often works the best and the group as a whole should gather to present the gift to the recipient(s), offering their thanks and showing their appreciation. This method brings the action out into the open, allowing for a friendly and appreciative interaction between the group and the recipient(s). You

may use the following as a guideline, all given in a per client format: Restaurant/Café servers: 10% of cost of bill, especially when in a large group (no envelope required); Driver / CEO $2-3 USD each, per day worked, per traveler.

Optional Activities

Optional activity prices are subject to change and can fluctuate in relation to the high/low season and the number of people on a specific excursion. Not all excursions listed here may be available, due to season, or weather conditions. As generally not a lot of time is spent in start/end cities, you may want to arrange to arrive early, or stay longer after the trip in order to allow sufficient time to participate in optional activities there.

All prices are in South African Rand (ZAR) amounts and are per person and are subject to change as services are provided by third party operators.

Bush walk in Kruger Park - R270: Guests are accompanied by an armed and experienced game ranger, and are briefed on the basic rules and dangers that are involved, and then introduce a number of skills including tracking animals, identifying plants and animals, and general animal behavior. No children under 12 years of age.

Morning game drive in Kruger Park - R150: Enjoy an early morning safari in an open 4x4 vehicle.

Night drive in Kruger - R150: Night safaris are offered where you can enjoy an exciting Spotlight Safari in a 4X4 open vehicle. After sundowners and a game drive, enjoy a traditional African bush dinner under the stars while you listen to the sound of African night life

The following prices are in US Dollars (USD) amounts and are per person.
Bostwana
Chobe National Park Game drive (Incl. park fees) $40 USD

Okavango Delta Flight $110 per person.

All prices are per person and are listed in Zambian Kwacha with an approximate exchange in USD amounts. These prices are subject to change and the activities are subject to availability.

Livingstone:

Breakfast Cruise ZMW 240 (47 USD)
Lunch or Sunset Cruise ZMW 290 (56 USD)
Lady Livingstone Sunset Cruise ZMW 415 (80 USD)
ZMW 415 (80 USD)

White Water Rafting:
River conditions are vary depending on the seasons. Low water season generally runs from August to January each year - this is when the Zambezi is at its very wildest. High water season is from about February to July with a "closed season" for a few months, usually in March, and April, depending on the season's rains. During this time rafting on the river is not permitted.

Full Day (Low Water) - inc lift ZMW 800 (154 USD)
Half Day AM (Low Water) - no lift ZMW 700 (135 USD)
Half Day PM (Low Water) or High Water - inc lift ZMW 700 (135 USD)

White Water Rafting / River Boarding Combo

Full Day (Low Water) - inc lift ZMW 960 (185 USD)
Half Day AM (Low Water) - no lift ZMW 850 (164 USD)
Half Day PM (Low Water) or High Water - inc lift ZMW 850 (164 USD)

Overnight White Water Rafting

2 Days, 1 Night Rapid 1 - 25 ZMW 1,590 (307 USD)
3.5 Days, 3 Night Rapid 1 to Moemba Falls ZMW 5,225 (1006 USD)

Raft Float on Upper Zambezi ZMW 470 (90 USD)

Upper Zambezi Canoe:
Half Day ZMW 520 (100 USD)
Full Day ZMW 675 (130 USD)
Overnight Canoeing ZMW 1,350 (260 USD)

Abseiling:
Full Day ZMK 700 (135 USD)
Half Day ZMK 600 (116 USD)
Gorge Swing - (single / tandem) ZMW 400/ZMW 500 (77/97 USD)
Flying Fox or Cable Slide (excl transfer) ZMW 250 (48 USD)
Abseil or Rap jump (excl transfer) ZMW 250 (48 USD)

Vic Falls Bungee:
Big Air Experience (Combo) ZMW 890 (172 USD)
Bungee jump ZMW 705 (136 USD)
Bridge Swing (single / tandem) ZMW 705/ZMW 1080 (136/208 USD)
Bridge Slide (single / tandem) ZMW 190/ZMW 270 (37/52 USD)
Bridge Tour (no lunch / with lunch) ZMW 300/ZMW 380 (58/74 USD)
*Excludes transfers

River Safaris
Morning / Lunch / Sunset *$10 Park fee to be paid direct ZMW 480 (93 USD)

Jet Boating * includes cable car ZMW 520 (100 USD)

Fishing Safaris
Half Day AM/PM ZMW 675 (130 USD)
Full Day ZMW 1,375 (265 USD)

Game Drive ZMW 305 (60 USD)

Zambezi Elephant Trail (AM/PM Ride) ZMW 850 (164 USD)

Lion Encounter (AM/PM Walk): ZMW 750 (145 USD)

Game Walk ZMW 375 (72 USD)

2 hr Horse Ride ZMW 450 (87 USD)
Half Day Horse Ride with lunch ZMW 645 (125 USD) * $10 pp Park Fee to be paid direct

Guided tour of Croc Farm ZMW 200 (39 USD)

VICTORIA FALLS:
Falls Tour (Zambia) ZMW 275 (53 USD)
Falls Tour (Zimbabwe) ZMW 385 (75 USD)

Flights over the Falls
Helicopter Short flight (approx 15mins) ZMW 870 (168 USD)
Helicopter Long flight (approx 30mins) ZMW 1,740 (335 USD)

Microlight Short flight (approx 15mins) ZMW 840 (162 USD)

Microlight Long flight (approx 30mins) ZMW 1,680 (324 USD)

Livingstone Island (Devil's Pool)
Morning Breezer ZMW 415 (80 USD)

Lunch ZMW 715 (138 USD)
High Tea ZMK 580 (112 USD)
*Excludes transfers

Livingstone Royal Golf Club:
9 holes ZMW 80 (16 USD)
18 holes ZMW 165 (32 USD)
Club hire (pay direct) ZMW 55 (11 USD)
*Excludes transfers

Quad Biking:
Eco Trail - 1 hr ZMW 450 (87 USD)
Eco Trail - 2 1/2 hrs ZMW 785 (152 USD)

Zambezi Paintball (AM/PM) ZMW 275 (53 USD)

Livingstone Tour ZMW 250 (48 USD)
Mukuni Village ZMW 250 (48 USD) Visit a typical African village, purchase food from the local market, enjoy a cooking lesson, interact with the Tokayela people and learn their rich culture while having lunch with them. In your tour prize a donation to the village community project is included.
African Culture tour (markets, cooking lunch, languages) ZMW 310 (60 USD) Learn about the African culture on food and the basic languages used in the Livingstone area. It also offers clients an experience of shopping at an African market the way the Africans do it plus an overview on the history of Zambia and Livingstone town.
Musokotwane African Village Day Trip ZMW 620 (120 USD)
Jewish Historical Tour ZMW 260 (50 USD)

African Impact -
Volunteer with local schools / hospitals / sports & games
Half Day ZMW 275 (53 USD)
Full Day ZMW 550 (106 USD)

Health

Please note inoculations may be required for the country visited. It is your responsibility to consult with your travel doctor for up to date medical travel information well before departure.

We recommend you contact your family physician, or your local travel clinic for the most up-to-date health information at least one month before departure. Travelers should also carry a basic first-aid kit and hand sanitizers / antibacterial wipes as well as any other personal medical requirements. Travelers to South Africa should observe similar precautions to those taken elsewhere in Africa. Medical facilities are basic throughout these countries. For your own safety, we strongly recommend that you advise your CEO of any medical condition that may affect you while traveling with the group. Be aware that all safaris enter malaria areas. Your doctor should be able to recommend the necessary prophylactics. Please ensure you have all the inoculations recommended by your doctor.

Yellow Fever Certificate Note:

It is compulsory to show a valid Yellow Fever Certificate if you are travelling to South Africa from a Yellow Fever endemic country. Entry into South Africa when travelling from the following countries (but not limited to) will require a Yellow Fever Certificate: Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe. This rule is also applicable to airport transit. If other countries not endemic to Yellow Fever have been visited (such as Botswana and Namibia), after visiting an endemic country such as Zambia, then a Yellow Fever certificate will still be required on entry into South Africa.

According to guidelines effective from October 2011, entry into Zambia, from South Africa also requires a yellow fever certificate although South Africa is a not endemic to Yellow Fever.

A valid Yellow Fever Certificate is also needed for entry into the following countries when coming from a Yellow Fever endemic country:
Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania (including Zanzibar), Malawi and Zambia.

Recommended that guests take MALARIA tablets as they are going to KNP Area. (Speak to your doctor regarding malaria). Guests can bring insect repellent spray/cream or buy when they arrive in South Africa for example: Peacefull Sleep / Tabard.

Safety and Security

Many national governments provide a regularly updated advice service on safety issues involved with international travel. We recommend that you check your government's advice for their latest travel information before departure. We strongly recommend the use of a neck wallet or money belt while travelling, for the safe keeping of your passport, air tickets, travellers' cheques, cash and other valuable items. Leave your valuable jewellery at home - you won't need it while travelling. Many of the hotels we use have safety deposit boxes, which is the most secure way of storing your valuables. A lock is recommended for securing your luggage. When travelling on a group trip, please note that your CEO has the authority to amend or cancel any part of the trip itinerary if it is deemed necessary due to safety concerns. Your CEO will accompany you on all included activities. During your trip you will have some free time to pursue your own interests, relax and take it easy or explore at your leisure. While your CEO will assist you with options available in a given location please note that any optional activities you undertake are not part of your itinerary, and we offer no representations about the safety of the activity or the standard of the operators running them. Please use your own good judgment when selecting an activity in your free time. Although the cities visited on tour are generally safe during the day, there can be risks to wandering throughout any major city at night. It is our recommendation to stay in small groups and to take taxis to and from restaurants, or during night time excursions.

Protests and Demonstrations- Protests and demonstrations, even those that are well intended, have the potential to turn violent with no warning. Counter protests can also turn violent. Action by security forces to disperse demonstrators and protesters may occur at any time. If you are in an area where demonstrators or protesters are gathering, avoid the temptation of staying for a good photo opportunity and leave the area immediately.

Water based activities have an element of danger and excitement built into them. We recommend only participating in water based activities when accompanied by a guide(s). We make every reasonable effort to ensure the fun and adventurous element of any water based activities (in countries with varying degrees of operating standards) have a balanced approach to safety. It is our policy not to allow our CEOs to make arrangements on your behalf for water based activities that are not accompanied by guide(s).

Swimming, including snorkeling, is always at your own risk.

We take all prudent measures in relation to your safety. For ways to further enhance your personal safety while traveling, please visit:

www.gadventures.com/travel-resources/safety/

Trip Specific Safety

GENERAL: Look after your personal items. Do not leave your valuables visible in a car or hotel room. Lock your hotel room door when you enter and when you leave. Do not carry large amount of cash on you. Avoid displaying flashy jewelery and carry your camera in its pack on your shoulder rather than around your neck. Keep your passport, airline tickets, money, important documents locked up in your room/safe - do not carry it with you.

Vital Information when you are staying the KNP or any Reserve: Please ensure that your stay is happy and safe by taking note of a few simple warnings. You will be sharing your stay with many exciting and unusual creatures but without knowledge some of them could be dangerous: Example: Bats, Spiders, Snakes, Scorpions, Malaria Zone. If you must walk around at night please DO NOT DO SO WITHOUT A TORCH. Remember: by feeding any wildlife, you are signing their death warrant as they become aggressive!

Medical Form

Our small group adventures bring together people of all ages. It is very important you are aware that, as a minimum, an average level of fitness and mobility' is required to undertake our easiest programs. Travellers must be able to walk without the aid of another person, climb 3-4 flights of stairs, step on and off small boats, and carry their own luggage at a minimum. Travellers with a pre-existing medical condition are required to complete a short medical questionnaire, which must be signed by their physician. This is to ensure that travellers have the necessary fitness and mobility to comfortably complete their chosen trip. While our CEOs work hard to ensure that all our travellers are catered for equally, it is not their responsibility to help individuals who cannot complete the day's activities unaided. Please refer to the physical ratings in this Trip Details document for more information.
Please note that all passengers traveling to Antarctica are required to fill out this questionnaire.

The medical questionnaire can be found online at:

www.gadventures.com/medical-form.

A Couple of Rules

Illegal drugs will not be tolerated on any trips. Possessing or using drugs not only contravenes the laws of the land but also puts the rest of the group at risk. Smoking marijuana and opium is a part of local culture in some parts of the world but is not acceptable for our travellers. Our philosophy of travel is one of respect towards everyone we encounter, and in particular the local people who make the world the special place it is. The exploitation of prostitutes is completely contrary to this philosophy. Our CEOs have the right to expel any member of the group if drugs are found in their possession or if they use prostitutes.

Travel Insurance

Travel Insurance: Travel insurance is compulsory in order to participate on any of our trips. When travelling on a group trip, you will not be permitted to join the group until evidence of travel insurance has been sighted by your CEO, who will take note of your insurance details. When selecting a travel insurance policy please bear in mind that all clients must have medical coverage and that we require a minimum coverage of USD 200,000 for repatriation and emergency rescue. We strongly recommend that the policy also covers personal liability, cancellation, curtailment and loss of luggage and personal effects. If you have credit card insurance we require proof of purchase of the trip (a receipt of credit card statement) with a credit card in your name. Contact your bank for details of their participating insurer, the level of coverage and emergency contact telephone number.

Planeterra-The G Adventures Foundation

Through our commitment to responsible tourism we have developed the Planeterra Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to making a positive difference in the lives of people and communities around the world through support of international charities, local organizations and community projects in the places that we visit on our tours. G Adventures matches all individual donations and pays all administration costs, which means that 100% of each donation is doubled and goes directly to support our projects. For more information about Planeterra and the projects we support, or to make a donation, please visit www.planeterra.org

Planeterra Dollar-A-Day Program
Our Dollar-A-Day Program provides travellers with the opportunity to help us give back to the people and places visited on our tours by donating one dollar per day for the duration of their tour. 100% of these proceeds will go directly to support our Planeterra projects.

To participate in this program please indicate at the time of booking that you would like to participate in G Adventures' Dollar-A-Day program, either by clicking the check box online, or by advising your G Adventures specialist or travel agent. (Note: Donation will be charged in the currency of your booking)

Associated Planeterra Project

Planeterra Project Hope Africa Children's Day School
Planeterra and G Adventures supports a Planeterra Project in this region called Hope Africa Children's Day School. Over 80 children, under the age of 5, attend Hope Africa Children's Day School. Planeterra focuses on sustainable solutions, such as early childhood education, to provide access to resources for communities in need. Hope Africa Children's Day School has one teacher, and two teacher's helpers that organize activities for the children, as well as provide them with two meals each day. This school provides support to the children and prepares them for the transition into primary school.

Why is this project needed?
In the South African community of Mnisi there are many single parent families and a vast number of orphaned children, often cared for by their grandparents. This is due in part to the prevalence of HIV/AIDS. Many children do not begin school until the age of eight, and receive no formal education and limited support during their early formative years. Hope Africa Children's Day School aims to provide children with the opportunity to begin their education, and become involved in organized activities.

Planeterra and G Adventures' Support
Planeterra is currently fundraising for the most urgent needs of the school. Working with our local community partners, and members of the community and school, a proposal was developed to determine what resources needed to be addressed first. Planeterra is funding the construction of a new washrooms facility, a borehole to provide access to water in the community, as well as a 5000-L holding tank. Planeterra also plans on constructing a kitchen facilities, as meals are currently cooked over an open pit fire.

Feedback

After your travels, we want to hear from you! Your feedback information is so important to us that we'll give you 5% off the price of your next G Adventures trip if your feedback is completed on-line within 30 days of finishing your trip. Your tour evaluation will be e-mailed to you 24 hours after the conclusion of your trip. If you do not receive the tour evaluation link in the days after your tour has finished, please drop us a line at customerservice@gadventures.com and we will send it on to you.

Newsletter

Our adventure travel e-newsletter is full of travel news, trip information, interesting stories and contests. To avoid missing out on special offers and updates from G Adventures, subscribe at www.gadventures.com/newsletters/

Stay current on how our company invests in our global community through our foundation – Planeterra. Sign up for Planeterra's monthly news to learn more about how to give back and support the people and places we love to visit.

Travel Forum - The Watering Hole

Be sure to stop by The Watering Hole, our adventure travel forum. If you're interested in meeting others booked on your upcoming trip, check out the Departure Lounge section of our forum and introduce yourself. Otherwise, just drop in at anytime to share some travel tips, ask questions, meet other travellers and quench your thirst for travel. Our forum is located at wateringhole.gadventures.com.