

Southern Africa Safari - DADSD

14 days: Cape Town to Livingstone

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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, except 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

Cape Town Hollow
88 Queen Victoria Street,
Cape Town, Western Cape
South Africa
Tel : +27 (021) 423-1260

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:

Patrick: +254 707 889 920 or +254 732 874 566 (from outside of Kenya)

Patrick: 0707 889 920 or 0732 874 566 (from within Kenya)

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

G Adventures Local Office (Nairobi, Kenya)

Emergency number

From outside Kenya: +254 727 208 832

From within Kenya: 0727 208 832

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, Ibuprofen, 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.botswanaturism.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, Phillipines, 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

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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, Costa Rica, 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, Luxembourg, 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, Gibraltar, 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 something unforeseen 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 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)

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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 you'll receive a special discount code for free online prints and 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. Please visit <http://www.gadventures.com/evaluations>

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Travel Forum - The Watering Hole

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