

EXPEDITIONS

SIGNATURE: SOUTHERN
AFRICA'S KRUGER, VICTORIA
FALLS AND BOTSWANA'S
UNTAMED WONDERS

17 days, Cape Town to Maun

Trip code DSJMNS

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Your G for Good Moment: Shabalala Interpretation of Culture Centre Visit, Hazyview
- Your G for Good Moment: Lusumpuko Women's Club Lunch, Victoria Falls
- Signature Moment: Private Tour & Talk at the Nelson Mandela Foundation, Johannesburg
- Signature Moment: Private Zambezi River Dinner Cruise, Victoria Falls
- Signature Moment: Pangolin Photo Safari Cruise on the Chobe River, Chobe National Park

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VALIDITY: Valid for all trips departing July 2nd, 2026 and onwards

Day 1

CAPE TOWN/JOHANNESBURG

Catch a flight to Johannesburg and head directly to the Apartheid Museum, the world's premier institution exploring South Africa's 20th-century history. On a guided tour, walk through exhibitions that lay bare the institutionalised segregation of the Apartheid era, gaining a profound understanding through moving personal narratives and historical artifacts. Transfer to your hotel to check in and refresh. In the evening, enjoy a dinner in Johannesburg with your group, where you will be joined by fellow travelers arriving for the safari chapter of our expedition.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Private Vehicle

Cape Town – Cape Town International Airport

45m

24km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Plane

Cape Town International Airport – Oliver Reginald Tambo International

2h15m

Sit back and enjoy the views from above on a flight from Cape Town to Johannesburg.

Private Vehicle

Oliver Reginald Tambo International – Johannesburg

45m

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Private, Guided Tour of the Apartheid Museum

Johannesburg

The Apartheid Museum is a museum in Johannesburg, South Africa, that chronicles the history of apartheid from its rise in 1948 to its fall in 1994, showcasing the struggle against racial segregation and the transition to a democratic society through exhibits like photographs, artifacts, and personal stories. It is considered a leading institution for understanding 20th-century South Africa and features immersive exhibits, including separate "White" and "Non-white" entrances that reflect the country's past segregation. It is a significant cultural and educational destination, considered the preeminent institution for studying South Africa's apartheid history. There will be refreshments and a light lunch before your guided, private tour.

Day 2

JOHANNESBURG TO GREATER KRUGER AREA VIA HOEDSPRUIT

Visit the Nelson Mandela Foundation for a tour of Madiba's post-presidential office, a quiet space filled with the history of his legacy. In South Africa, Madiba is an affectionate and respectful name for Mandela, originating from his Xhosa clan name, and symbolizing deep admiration of his legacy. Later, fly to the Greater Kruger area and settle in at your safari lodge. This afternoon, meet a researcher from the Endangered Wildlife Trust (EWT) and learn about their vital work protecting cheetahs and wild dogs, and supporting local communities. Afterward, head off on your first safari drive in the private reserve with the researcher, scanning the bush for Africa's famed 'big five' as the sun begins to lower.



Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner



TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY

The Nelson Mandela Foundation is a non-profit organisation focused on memory, dialogue and legacy work, founded by Nelson Mandela in 1999. The Nelson Mandela Foundation's research and archive aims to generate an integrated and dynamic resource on the life and times of Nelson Mandela. Enjoy a private, guided tour of the foundation and gain a deeper understanding of the ripple effects spanning from Mandela's life and legacy.

Plane

Oliver Reginald Tambo International – Hoedspruit

1h

Sit back and enjoy the views from above on a short flight between Johannesburg and Hoedspruit.

National Geographic Expert Presentation by Derek Van Der Merwe

Hoedspruit

45m

Enjoy a National Geographic Expert-led talk given by Derek Van Der Merwe, part of the Endangered Wildlife Trust's (EWT) Carnivore Conservation Program. He will give a short presentation on The Big Cat Project and conservation work that has surpassed 50 years and is still going.

Afternoon Safari Drive With Conservationist

Hoedspruit

2h

Embark on an afternoon safari drive with an Endangered Wildlife Trust (EWT) conservationist. Search for all different kinds of wildlife in the area and learn more about their daily habits and environment.

Free Time

Hoedspruit

Take advantage of free time this afternoon to get settled and enjoy amenities at the lodge.

Rise early for a wildlife safari drive, spotting lions, elephants, and other famous species in the soft, golden light of dawn—the prime time for viewing. Return to the lodge for a hot breakfast and leisure time to relax on the deck, listening to the sounds of the bush. This afternoon, during high tea, join a talk to gain deeper insight into local conservation efforts and the area's intricate ecosystems. After an afternoon safari tracking wildlife through the reserve, return to the lodge to refresh before gathering for dinner, sharing stories from an unforgettable day in the bush.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Early Morning Safari Drive in Private Wildlife Reserve

Kruger

3h

Rise early this morning for a safari drive in Thornybush's private reserve. This is one of the oldest lodges in the safari industry and one of the first commercial camps in South Africa. The nature reserve is now a world renowned wildlife-viewing destination in the Greater Kruger Park area. Keep your eyes peeled as the day sheds its golden light across the landscape and your guide points out must-see sites along the way.

Free Time

Kruger

Enjoy free time back at the lodge after your morning safari drive. Relax onsite and take advantage of the property's amenities. There will be the option to join a guided walking safari with an expert tracker should you choose. The group will reconvene in the afternoon for high tea and an expert-led discussion.

Afternoon Safari Drive in Private Wildlife Reserve

Kruger

3h

Spend three hours out on a safari drive in the lodge's private wildlife reserve. Be on the lookout for the famed "Big Five" and simply enjoy the beauty of your surroundings.

Day 4

GREATER KRUGER AREA TO KRUGER NATIONAL PARK VIA HAZYVIEW

Begin with a morning safari drive in the reserve, returning for breakfast before checking out. Travel to Hazyview for a stop at the Shabalala Interpretation of Culture Centre, an immersive experience of traditional dress, rhythmic dance, and local cuisine. Continue to your lodge, a restored train permanently suspended on a historic bridge over the Sabie River—a vantage point like no other. Check in and refresh before high tea and a talk on local wildlife. Afterward, embark on a safari drive in Kruger National Park—South Africa's largest wildlife sanctuary—returning to the lodge for dinner above the river.



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Private Vehicle

Kruger – Hazyview

2h

101km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

ACTIVITY

Enjoy a visit to the Shabalala Interpretation of Culture Centre in Hazyview. The centre offers a unique experience into traditional African dance. This form of self expression is not only a statement of art, but of grace and culture. Learn more about the traditions and customs of the Swati people and get lost in the storytelling of these ancient songs.

Private Vehicle

Hazyview – Kruger National Park

1h15m

56km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Afternoon Wildlife Safari Drive Kruger National Park

Kruger National Park

3h

Head out into the stunning beauty of Kruger National Park on an afternoon safari drive and try your hand at spotting the legendary "Big Five."

Spend the day on morning and afternoon safari drives, scanning the bush for lions, elephants, leopards, and other iconic wildlife moving through the vast Kruger landscape. Return to the lodge for meals and free time to relax, perhaps watching hippo or buffalo in the river below from the train bridge. During high tea, join a talk on conservation and local ecosystems. After your afternoon drive, gather for a dedicated bush dining experience, sharing stories of your African adventure under a canopy of stars—a fitting conclusion to your time in the wilderness.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Morning Safari Drive in Kruger National Park

Kruger National Park

3h

Set off on an early morning safari drive in the southern section of Kruger National Park. Catch a glimpse of predators on the move and grazing wildlife along the Sabie River. Pass through the varied landscapes east and west of Skukuza, including a riverine forest, mixed woodland, and open grassland.

Free Time

Kruger National Park

Enjoy free time back at the lodge after your morning safari drive. Relax onsite and take advantage of the property's amenities. The group will reconvene in the afternoon for high tea and an expert-led discussion before an afternoon safari drive.

Afternoon Safari Drive in Kruger National Park

Kruger National Park

3h

Enjoy an afternoon safari drive back into the southern section of Kruger National Park. Search for wildlife, listen as your Endangered Wildlife Trust Conservationist regales you with knowledge of the landscape and animal kingdom within it.

Fly to Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe and settle into your lodge, enjoying welcome cocktails with stunning views over the Batoka Gorge, carved deep by the Zambezi River. In the evening, experience the Victoria Falls Theatre's award-winning production, "Simunye: The Spirit of Africa." Meet the cast behind this vibrant celebration of African music, dance, and storytelling—an exclusive experience that offers true cultural immersion through rhythm and performance.



Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner



TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Private Vehicle

Kruger National Park – Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport

2h

113km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Private Vehicle

Victoria Falls International Airport – Victoria Falls

45m

Sit back and enjoy the scenery from the comfort of your private vehicle between Victoria Falls International Airport and your lodge stay.

Simunye Theatre Show: The Spirit of Africa

Victoria Falls

1h

Enjoy a lively theatre performance directed by the acclaimed handspring Puppeteer Mongiwekhaya, showcasing local professional artists in an intimate, open-air venue. This captivating fusion of dance, puppetry, music, and visuals delivers a powerful message of love and community and the universal spirit of togetherness. After the show the group will have some time to meet the cast of this award-winning production before returning to your haven on the banks of the Zambezi River.

Plane

Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport – Victoria Falls International Airport

2h

Sit back and enjoy the views from above on a short flight between Kruger National Park area and Victoria Falls.

Start your day with a guided tour of Victoria Falls, feeling the mist of Mosi-oa-Tunya ('The Smoke that Thunders') as you witness its raw power up close. Next, visit the Lusumpuko Women's Club—a G for Good Project—for a cooking demonstration and traditional lunch prepared by the cooperative members. Return to the lodge to hear from the Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust about their rescue work. As the sun sets, set out on a dedicated dinner cruise along the Zambezi River, watching the water turn to gold. A special guest will share tales of explorer David Livingstone, making this evening unforgettable.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Victoria Falls Guided Experience

Victoria Falls

2h30m

Victoria Falls is one of the most compelling sites in the world, this cascading column of sheer energy powers its way down a 100m chasm, taking your breath away with its strength and incredible beauty. Victoria Falls is the world's largest curtain of falling water, creating immense spray, rainbows, and a unique rainforest ecosystem. Take in this magnificent natural wonder during a private, guided tour on the Zimbabwe side of the falls.

ACTIVITY

Start your visit to Victoria Falls off on the right foot by sitting down to a traditional, Zimbabwean meal, cooked by the Lusumpuko Women's Club, a group of women from a nearby township. A demonstration by the ladies will show you exactly how Zimbabweans traditionally eat their food, and you'll be served a farm-to-table meal made with traditional, local, in-season ingredients. This meal provides much-needed income to the cooperatives' 20 members – changing their lives and families in the process.

Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust Expert-led Discussion

Victoria Falls

1h

Gather together for a discussion on wildlife rescue and rehabilitation work from a member of the Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust.

ACTIVITY

Board a private dinner cruise on the Zambezi River with a special guest speaker who will share tales of explorer David Livingstone. This unique experience combines gourmet dining with gorgeous scenery, creating an unforgettable evening on the water.

Day 8

VICTORIA FALLS/CHOBE NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast, drive through Zambezi National Park and cross into Botswana. Arrive at your hotel, settle in, enjoy a light lunch. During high tea, join a talk to gain deeper insight into the park's conservation efforts before boarding eco-friendly, electric boats to take in the stunning vistas and wildlife along the Chobe River. Spot elephants along the water's edge and relax with a sundowner on deck. Return to the lodge for dinner by the river, accompanied by the sounds of the African night.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Private Vehicle

Victoria Falls – Kazungula

1h45m

88km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the comfort of your private vehicle between Victoria Falls and the border crossing into Botswana at Kazungula.

Private Vehicle

Kazungula – Chobe National Park

30m

14km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the comfort of your private vehicle between the Botswana border crossing at Kazungula and your lodge stay in Chobe.

Chobe River Safari Boat Cruise

Chobe National Park

3h

Board eco-friendly, electric boats and take in the stunning vistas along the Chobe River right by your lodge. The wildlife viewing while on a river safari in Chobe is unsurpassed anywhere else in Botswana. Elephants may line the water's edge, hippos will likely congregate in the lagoons, and many antelope and giraffe make their way to the water, while predators often wait patiently on the river banks. The lodge pioneered the use of electric boats for wildlife experiences on the water in 2014.

Start the day with an early morning safari drive through Chobe National Park, spotting majestic elephants, lions, and impala in the cool air. Return to the hotel for a hearty brunch. Then transfer to meet your dedicated, professional photo host before embarking on a Chobe River photo safari with camera equipment included. Glide along the southern channel of the Chobe River in search of elephants, hippos, and birdlife, capturing stunning wildlife shots with expert guidance along the water. Conclude the day with one final safari drive into the national park as you sip an included sundowner. Return to the lodge for a farewell dinner, celebrating your incredible journey through Southern Africa.



Meals included

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TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

Chobe National Park Early Morning Safari Drive

Chobe National Park

2h30m

Rise early for a morning female-led safari drive inside Chobe National Park, where the lodge's specially adapted vehicles ensure that all guests enjoy a window seat and camera rest (should you have one.) Try to spot lion, leopard, elephant, buffalo, giraffe, and more in the golden morning light.

ACTIVITY

Board a photo safari just 20 minutes from the Zimbabwe/Botswana border on the Chobe River. Alongside your photo host you will set off on a leisurely ride through the Southern Channel of the river that will take your wildlife viewing to the next level. Photography is often the gateway to memory and with more professional equipment you can snap moments that will remain in your heart and mind forever.

Chobe National Park Late Afternoon Female-led Safari Drive

Chobe National Park

2h30m

In the afternoon set off for another female-led safari drive in Chobe National Park. Capture images of the park during a different time of day and relax with a sundowner as you admire the landscape around you.

Day 10

MAUN

Welcome to Botswana. Your expedition begins as you touch down in Maun, the gateway to one of the world's greatest wildernesses. You will be met upon arrival and transferred to your lodge to unpack and unwind. In the evening, gather with your National Geographic Expedition Leader, National Geographic Expedition Expert, and fellow travellers for an engaging welcome that sets the stage for your upcoming explorations. Afterwards, enjoy a delicious welcome dinner.



Meals included

Dinner

Day 11

MAUN/MAKGADIKGADI PANS

Start the day with a visit to the Nkashi Knowledge Centre. Here, meet an inspiring researcher from the National Geographic Okavango Wilderness Project for an illuminating presentation on the origins of the Okavango Delta. Next, transfer to the airport for a scenic flight over changing landscapes to the Makgadikgadi Pans, one of the largest salt flats in the world. The afternoon calls you into the bush for an exhilarating safari drive in the national park. Scan the horizon for zebras and wildebeest and the predators that naturally follow such as: lion, leopard, cheetah, and hyenas. Cap off the day with a traditional boma dinner beneath a brilliant canopy of stars.



Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner

Day 12

MAKGADIKGADI PANS

As dawn breaks over the pans, set out on a morning safari drive to spot wildlife at their most active. Later, meet with a leading wildlife biologist for a presentation on the delicate balance of human and wildlife coexistence, followed by a visit to the local research centre. Back at the lodge, keep an eye out for elephants at the hidden water-level hide, offering panoramic views over Makgadikgadi Pan National Park, ideal for viewing wildlife on the river's edge. Conclude the day with an afternoon safari drive before dinner.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

Day 13

MAKGADIKGADI PANS

The golden morning light guides you on another safari drive through the rich habitats of Makgadikgadi Pan National Park, keeping an eye out for the resident wildlife in their natural environment. Under the midday sun, stay cool and relax at the lodge, perhaps visit the lodge's secret hide to spot birds or grazing animals drinking at the edge of the Boteti River. Following another thrilling safari drive, the evening transitions to the warmth of the crackling campfire. Sink into your seat and share stories from the day.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

Day 14

MAKGADIKGADI PANS/OKAVANGO DELTA

Board an early flight into the lush green heart of the Okavango Delta, watching the arid plains transform into an intricate puzzle of shimmering waterways below. After lunch, attend an insightful afternoon talk regarding the National Geographic Okavango Wilderness Project. Learn about the ongoing efforts to secure permanent, sustainable protection for this vital watershed and its rich biodiversity. Afterwards, feel the spray of the water on your face during a boat safari, navigating the channels as the setting sun turns the delta waters into liquid gold.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

Day 15

OKAVANGO DELTA

Awaken to the symphony of the delta and enjoy a light breakfast before your morning safari. Glide through the glass-like water in a traditional mokoro dugout canoe, listening to the gentle splash of the paddle, then step ashore for a guided nature walk across remote islands to track wildlife on foot. Spend a quiet afternoon at a secluded bird-viewing hide, watching kingfishers and herons fly above the reeds. Following afternoon tea, set out again by boat for another aquatic safari before settling into the lodge for the evening and gathering around the campfire.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

Day 16

OKAVANGO DELTA

Head out in search of more wildlife with a morning boat safari. Watch for pods of hippos and basking crocodiles as you navigate by mokoro and motorboat, and discover the small wonders of the delta's ecosystems on an island walking excursion. Back at the lodge, spend the midday hours relaxing or gazing out from the bird-viewing area to immerse yourself in the sights and sounds of the local avian life. Following afternoon tea, a final boat ride reveals the delta's timeless beauty at twilight. Toast your unforgettable African expedition during a celebratory farewell dinner with your companions.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

Day 17

OKAVANGO DELTA/MAUN

Enjoy a final breakfast at the lodge, listening to the rustle of the palms and the distant calls of the bush one last time. Board a flight back to Maun, enjoying a final bird's-eye view of the vast, winding delta channels you have explored. Your extraordinary wildlife expedition concludes upon arrival at the Maun airport.



Meals included

Breakfast

What's included

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Cruise on the Chobe River, Chobe

National Park

What are the main highlights of this trip?

Nelson Mandela Foundation Gain a deeper understanding of the ripple effects spanning from Mandela's life and legacy
Into Kruger National Park Set out on safari drives through Kruger in pursuit of the legendary Big Five, Chobe River Photo
Safari Capture wildlife up close on the Chobe River with guidance from an expert photographer, Victoria Falls
Experience Stand at the edge of The Smoke That Thunders – Victoria Falls in all its elemental force, Delta origins
briefing Meet a National Geographic Okavango Wilderness Project researcher for a talk on this vibrant delta, Living with
Elephants Join a wildlife biologist at a research centre for a private presentation on human-elephant coexistence, Safari
drives Witness the abundant wildlife in the Makgadikgadi Pans National Park, Okavango Delta Spot birds and animals
from a traditional mokoro canoe and motorized boat.

What meals are included in this trip?

16 breakfasts, 11 lunches, 16 dinners

What activities are optional on this trip?

- No optional activities

How old must I be to join this trip?

You must be 18 to travel unaccompanied on a G Adventures tour. For minors travelling with a guardian over 21 years old, the minimum age is 12.

Are international flights included in this trip?

No, international flights are generally not included in the price of your tour.

However, on some combo tours travelling between two different countries, international flights are included as part of the itinerary and price of the tour. Please speak to your GCO or booking agent for further details.

In addition, check-in times and baggage allowances/restrictions vary by airline and can change at any time. For the most up-to-date information for your flight, please contact your airline. We recommend checking in online in advance to avoid potential delays at the airport.

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