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## **Southern Africa: National Parks of Zimbabwe & Kruger Wildlife Tracking**

20 days, Victoria Falls to Cape Town

Trip code DZVC

## What's included

- Your Welcome Moment: Meet Your CEO and Group
- Your Foodie Moment: The Eatery Pot Dinner Experience, Victoria Falls
- Your OMG Day: Hike and Adventure Jet Boat Excursion or Historic Bridge Tour, Victoria Falls
- Your Foodie Moment: Dinner at Sauvage, Franschhoek
- Your OMG Day: City Walking Tour & Cooking Class Or Urban Explorer Cycle Tour, Cape Town
- Complimentary Arrival Transfer
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- Victoria Falls Guided Tour
- Glamping in Chobe National Park with safari drives and river safari
- Elephant Express Train ride in Hwange National Park
- Safari drives in Hwange National Park
- Lake Kariba stay
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- Theatrical performance and dinner in Victoria Falls
- Guided Maboneng walking tour of Johannesburg
- Wildlife tracking experience in Pridelands Conservancy
- Safari in Kruger National Park
- E-bike tour in the vineyards of Franschhoek
- Guided hike up Table Mountain
- Kayak Table Bay
- Babylonstoren Gardens
- Kirstenbosch National Botanic Gardens
- All tips included for activities and meals, except for CEO and portorage
- All transport between destinations and to/from included activities

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**VALIDITY:** Valid for all trips departing September 18th, 2023 and onwards

## Itinerary



**NOTE:** Accommodations vary per departure and are subject to change until tour start date; they are not final and should be used as examples only. Travellers may login to the G Adventures App to view accommodations specific to their departure.

Day 1

## Victoria Falls: A Waterfall Welcome

In most cultures across the globe, waterfalls symbolize peace and serenity. They demonstrate at once power, and tranquility. Waterfalls are nature's reminder that things are in an ever constant state of movement and change. We welcome you to Victoria Falls, and to Africa, and invite you to find your inner waterfall.

Arrive at any time. After meeting fellow travellers during the welcome meeting, tuck into a delicious dinner on the hotel veranda. Now is the time to recharge, refresh and prepare yourself for the adrenaline rushes on the horizon.



### Meals included

Dinner



### Today's Activities

Airport Transfer

Victoria Falls International Airport – Victoria Falls

15m-30m

22km

Sit back and scan the scenery from the comfort of your complimentary arrival transfer.

#### ACTIVITY

Your opportunity to meet your CEO and fellow travellers, and learn more about your tour. Join the group for a local meal afterwards. Don't forget to see the notice in the lobby (or ask reception) for the official time and place to meet up with the group.

## Victoria Falls: Your OMG Day

Mosi-oa-Tunya -the original name for Victoria Falls, means "the smoke that thunders". You can almost feel the cold mist on your face and the loud cracking noise just from those words. Experience the smoke and thunder from above and below, by foot and by boat, enjoying a perfectly customized experience. Who says your first day of adventure can't be exactly as you imagine it?

First things first. Head straight into a fully guided tour of Victoria Falls. No trip would be complete without it. Then in the afternoon, the choice is yours. Journey through over 100 years of history on an exciting and informative tour of the Bridge over Victoria Falls. A team of guides takes you through the remarkable history of this iconic structure and offers an engaging look into the past, while serving up an extraordinary birds eye view of the falls. Or keep the blood pumping and join an adrenaline-packed jet boat experience.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



## Today's Activities

### ACTIVITY

Dinner this evening will introduce you to traditional Zimbabwean ingredients and dishes. The meal will be various traditional stews prepared in 'potjie' pots and left to simmer. The food will be enjoyed family style along the Zambezi River.

Victoria Falls Guided Tour

Victoria Falls

Head out for an unforgettable experience at Victoria Falls. Explore the rainforest and learn about the geology, history, and local legends of this world wonder. After your immersion, get up close to the falls and discover the beauty of “the smoke that thunders.” Be sure to have your camera ready!

### ACTIVITY

Option 1: Get your adrenaline coursing on an adventure jet boat ride through the Zambezi. Hike down to the boat jetty for pick up, then cruise up the rapids and right under the thundering falls. Feel the power and intensity of the falls as you become covered in their spray. Leave the Boiling Point behind and begin the fast-paced ride through the Batoka Gorge.

Option 2: Travel back 100 years as you learn about the tragic and transfixing history of Victoria Fall's most prominent landmark. Admire this engineering masterpiece, revolutionary for its time and hear about how the bridge was central to Cecil John Rhodes' vision of a Cape to Cairo railway.

## Chobe: A Window to Africa's past

Step back in time to a scene straight from a hundred years ago—a turn of the century explorers camp setup. Sip a gin and tonic around the fire listening to a story of those who explored this very spot before you were alive. Sleep in the bush with the call of lions in the distance and the sound of your breath keeping time.

Like the true adventurer you are, cross the border from Zimbabwe to Botswana, entering Chobe National Park. Float downriver on board a small vessel and spot elephants, crocodile and hippo. Continue the safari on land en route to our exclusive bush camping experience. Your tent is up, the sun is setting, your headlamp is affixed, and the sounds of Africa surround you.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



### Today's Activities

Chobe River Cruise

Chobe National Park

2h30m

Depart from the safari lodge jetty and launch into the Chobe River for a different perspective of one of Botswana's national parks. Search for the resident wildlife like elephants, crocodiles, and hippos. Sit back, relax, and soak in the unbelievable scenery. Lunch will be had at a floating raft restaurant.

Chobe National Park Safari Drive

Chobe National Park

2h30m

100km

Immerse yourself in Chobe National Park in an open-backed, open-seated safari vehicle, and experience the stunning wilderness of the game-rich park in the care of a very knowledgeable and friendly guide. Explore with your eyes as the tour drives along routes that overlook the beautiful Chobe River and keep an eye out for the remarkable variety of animals that are drawn to this permanent water source.

Private Vehicle

Victoria Falls – Chobe National Park

2h-2h30m

86km

Leave Victoria Falls behind and travel to the border to cross into Botswana. Finish the transfer at the location where the group will board the river cruise through the park.

## Hwange National Park: A Ride on the Elephant Express

The second day of safari begins and the pace of safari life is starting to sink in. Waking at dawn, as the wildlife emerges for the day, is uniquely rewarding in Africa. Traverse back through Botswana, back to Zimbabwe. Your chariot awaits. In this case, your chariot is a converted 22-seat train car, whisking you through Hwange National park as you spot elephants and zebra as you reach your next destination.

Continuing our journey through time, we bid farewell to Botswana and greet Hwange National Park, crossing back into Zimbabwe. After brunch en route, get your first glimpse of Hwange on board nothing other than a purpose-built railroad car. With open air sides, the train car brings us face to snout with the wildlife of Hwange before we have even arrived at our lodge.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Chobe National Park - Hwange National Park

4h30m-5h30m

385km

Sit back and scan the scenery from the comfort of your private vehicle. Cross the border back into Zimbabwe and stop near Victoria Falls for lunch before continuing on to Hwange National Park.

Elephant Express

Hwange National Park

4h30m-5h30m

70km

Enjoy a leisurely ride on the Elephant Express, a unique rail car designed to deliver an unforgettable safari experience in Hwange National Park. The rail car has open sides to enhance the wildlife viewing, and drinks and snacks will be served during the experience. Sit back, relax, snap some photos, and get ready for the safari experience of a lifetime!

## Hwange: The Circle of Life from the Ground Up

Walking through the bush on foot, you gain an additional perspective on the life circle of life in Africa. From high up in the vehicle, its difficult to notice the small dung beetles, waddling their way through the dirt, their role in the eco-system just as crucial as the lion, the giraffe and the elephant. Begin your morning on a guided safari bushwalk to discover Africa's smaller creatures and then kick your feet up on a safari drive in the afternoon looking out for those not-so-small elephant.

A full day of safari-on foot and by road-is complimented by a delicious lunch served in the open bush. Its a day full of adventure-but we made sure to leave some time for a cheeky dip in the pool.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



### Today's Activities

Morning Safari in Hwange National Park

Hwange National Park

1h

Feel the cool, crisp air of the Zimbabwean morning as you set out on your safari drive into Hwange National Park. The vast plains awaken with the rising sun, which paints the horizon in soft hues of orange and gold, casting long shadows across the landscape. Hwange, known for its immense herds, offers a truly spectacular start to the day; keep your eyes peeled as you drive past natural waterholes and ancient mopane woodlands, searching for elephants, giraffes, and the park's famous concentration of lions. This early start provides the best opportunity to witness predators before the heat of the day, making every rustle in the tall grass a heart-stopping moment of pure safari exhilaration.

Afternoon Wildlife Safari Drive

Hwange

3h

Enjoy a wildlife safari drive in a private concession bordering Hwange National Park, Zimbabwe's largest park, and home to elephant herds, lions, and the rare African wild dog. Get your cameras ready and keep an eye out for Africa's "big five," as well as other predators, over 300 bird species, and discover a remote portion of Hwange National Park where you will seldom see another vehicle.

## Hwange: An Elephants' Playground

Hwange National Park is most known for its enormous population of elephant. It's hard to overstate how majestic they are to witness in real life. Crawl into an underground hide to view the elephants at ground level as they drink from the watering hole and move about their daily life.

An early morning safari drive awaits before a slower morning to enjoy the hotter part of the day at our lodge. A refreshing trip to the pool should be in order. After viewing the elephants from our unique vantage point this afternoon, a nighttime safari drive allows an opportunity for unique nocturnal wildlife viewing.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



### Today's Activities

Hwange Safari Lodge Morning Drive

Hwange National Park - Hwange

3h

Join experienced guides in traditional open safari vehicles. On your morning wildlife safari drive you will pause for tea, coffee and biscuits while you enjoy the serene environment. Sit back and scan the scenery of the calm morning in search of wildlife and Africa's Big Five on private concession land.

Free Time

Hwange

Spend a free afternoon enjoying the amenities at the lodge and optional activities in the area. Opt to book a spa treatment to sooth those sore neck muscles from safari drives, or soak in the cool waters of the shipping container and view wildlife. You can also choose to go birding or canoeing in the national park.

The Look Up Hide

Hwange National Park

Climb into a modified steel shipping container that has been sunk deep into the Hwange sands, creating a cool and secure place to watch various wildlife come get a drink in the nearby water source. The closeness to these magnificent creatures provide a big thrill and your spot in the sand allows for ample photo opportunities.

Night Safari Through Hwange National Park

Hwange National Park

Engage all your senses on a night drive through the wildness of Hwange National Park. Your trackers will operate powerful spotlights to seek out some of the less-seen nocturnal creatures. Possible wildlife spotted could include porcupines, genets, springhares, and pennant winged nightjars.

## Lake Kariba: Lakeside Safari

Lake Kariba is the world's largest man made lake by volume-created by the damming of the Zambezi back in 1959. Now, it's home to cormorants, tigerfish, crocodile and hippo. Swimming in the lake is out of the question, unless you fancy a swim with a hippo, but your lakeside lodge offers the unique opportunity to marvel at Africa's water dwelling wildlife.

A final morning safari drive in Hwange offers one final chance to take in the serenity of this magical place. Take a short flight Hwange over to Kariba. The adventure continues aboard a boat bound for your lodge across Lake Kariba on the southern side. Situated on the lakeshore next to Matusadona National Park just, your lodge is one of the only in the area to offer both water and land wildlife experiences.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Hwange National Park - Hwange Airport

3h

155km

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

Plane

Hwange Airport - Kariba

1h

Look! Up in the sky! It's a bird! It's a plane! It's... yup, it is a plane, actually.

Hwange Safari Lodge Morning Drive

Hwange National Park - Hwange

3h

Join experienced guides in traditional open safari vehicles. On your morning wildlife safari drive you will pause for tea, coffee and biscuits while you enjoy the serene environment. Sit back and scan the scenery of the calm morning in search of wildlife and Africa's Big Five on private concession land.

Lake Kariba Visit

Kariba

1h

Hop on a scenic boat ride to your lodge at the Changa Safari Camp. Lake Kariba is 2,150 square miles and about 140 miles long by 20 miles wide. The lake formed after the damming of the Zambezi River. Scan the banks for the numerous species of flora and fauna here and travel to Matusadona National Park on the lake's shores and the destination of your safari camp stay.

## Lake Kariba: Matusadona National Park and Kariba Sundowners

Matusadona National Park is a story of revitalization. Now under a 20 year agreement under African Parks, Matusadona is fast returning to its former glory as a permanent home for elephant and black rhino. Investment into the local communities has encouraged legal fishing practices to be resumed and local communities to again take pride in becoming stewards and partners in the protection of the area in which they live and work.

On a safari walk in Matusadona early in the morning, you'll keep your eyes peeled for elephant, cape buffalo, and impala. The afternoon offers an opportunity to get out onto the lake to traverse through Sanyati Gorge. The gorge affords you views that rival those of the Fjords of Europe or New Zealand, with an abundance of birdlife and even the occasional antelope dwelling nearby. Sundowners back at the lodge are well earned this evening.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



### Today's Activities

Walking Safari or Game Drive

Kariba

4h

Option 1: Start the morning with a safari walk in Matusadona National Park. Track animals on foot with your expert guide and feel the thrill of being part of the landscape these beautiful creatures call home. Search for hippo, crocodile, elephant, buffalo, waterbuck, impala, and kudu.

Option 2: Hop in the open game drive vehicle as the morning light spreads across the landscape. Explore the diverse landscape and discover the area's wildlife along the way with the commentary of your expert guide without breaking a sweat.

Free Time

Kariba

Spend the afternoon enjoying the property's amenities and activities on your own. Choose to relax with yoga or the spa. Or try fishing in the lake.

Kariba Sundowner

Kariba

As the day comes to an end toast one of Kariba's amazing sunsets as the light fades from the bush.

Lake Kariba Fishing

Kariba

Kariba is home to plenty of freshwater species including Bream, and Africa's finest fresh water fighting fish, the Tiger Fish. Spend time fishing in the lake's waters and see what you coax to the surface.

As you return to Victoria Falls, back to where it all began, the evening comes to a close with an exciting performance. Once night falls, be some of the first guests to see the exciting new local production "Simunye-We are one". This fusion of theatre, dance and song is a thrilling and poignant way to bid farewell to your African adventure.

Victoria Falls welcomes you again, for one final day of adventure. A morning flight awaits, and the afternoon is yours to enjoy as you see fit. Before the evening performance, there is ample time to embark on an optional helicopter ride over the falls to close out the adventure of a lifetime.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



### Today's Activities

Plane

Kariba - Victoria Falls

1h30m-2h

After a return boat trip to Kariba Town, board a quick flight back to Victoria Falls.

Free Time

Victoria Falls

Take advantage of free time in Victoria Falls to partake in the optional helicopter ride over Victoria Falls.

Theatre Performance & Dinner

Victoria Falls

1h30m-2h

After dark sit down to watch the lively new production of "Simunye-We are one". Dinner will be served after the engaging performance as an African-themed dinner buffet where you will have the opportunity to interact with the cast.



### Optional Activities - Day 9

Victoria Falls Helicopter Ride - 15 Mins

Victoria Falls

You don't want to miss the opportunity to see Victoria Falls from above. Watch the Zambezi River make its way toward the gorge and form the largest waterfall in the world. During your 15-minute ride, you will have time to take in the incredible views over the falls, Livingstone Island, and Mosi-oa-Tunya

National Park while snapping as many pictures as you like. You may be lucky enough to see some giraffes and elephants in the surrounding landscape and even catch a rainbow over the falls. Includes pick-up and drop-off from hotel and a 12-15min flight.

Please note there is a cost for an additional park fee paid for on-site at time of the activity.

Johannesburg is the gateway to Kruger National Park, but there is plenty to see and do in the city before you hit the road tomorrow. This afternoon, join a guided tour of the Maboneng Neighborhood, a thriving art and culture scene in downtown Johannesburg.

Your guide will start your tour on the vibrant Fox Street. As you walk through the Maboneng district, experience the history shown within the street art. Learn about this community, what it's been through over the years, and how we've rebuilt and overcome obstacles. You'll be introduced to the groundbreaking Museum of Africa Design, considered a trans-African cultural centre and the continent's first design laboratory.



## Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



## Today's Activities

Plane

Victoria Falls - Oliver Reginald Tambo International

1h30m-2h

Fly from Victoria Falls Airport to Johannesburg and transfer right to your street art tour in the Maboneng district of the city.

Private Vehicle

Oliver Reginald Tambo International - Johannesburg

30m

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

Maboneng Walking Tour

Johannesburg

1h

Join your guide on the eastern side of Johannesburg in Maboneng district. The street art movement is reinvigorating arts and culture in this urban area and has made the space one of the most lively and trendy areas of the city today. View history through street art as you walk and learn about what this community has been through over the years.

Dinner in Nelson Mandela Square

Johannesburg

Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant in Nelson Mandela Square this evening. The square is the base of Johannesburg's finest dining options in the heart of Sandton. Home to the iconic statue of Nelson Mandela, the square is an example of African pride and an important symbol of freedom.

## Pridelands Conservancy: Wildlife Tracking

What does it take to be a guide in South Africa? How do you learn the way each animal leaves its mark on its surroundings? What is it like being on foot in the African bush at dusk and dawn? Ecotraining is the leading guide training company in Africa and your African journey starts with an exclusive two day experience learning what it takes to be a guide in these iconic national parks and conservancies. This is not just a safari-this is an opportunity to step into another life for a brief two days. Ecotraining promises to leave their guides "passionate guardians of nature" and we guarantee you will gain the same passion during your time in the Pridelands.

A 4500-acre former buffalo hunting farm, Pridelands Conservancy is now your playground for the next two days. The conservancy lies just outside of the town of Hoedspruit, adjacent to Kruger National Park. After a short flight to Hoedspruit, embark on a search for wildlife with your guides, learning how to recognize animal patterns and behaviours.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



## Today's Activities

Pridelands Conservancy Wildlife Safari

Hoedspruit

3h-4h

Sit back and take in your surroundings on an afternoon safari drive inside Pridelands Wildlife Estate after lunch. Your stay at the Raptors Lodge is hosted by Eco-training, the most well-known and accredited guide and ranger training facility in all of southern Africa. Jump into the 4x4 vehicle and keep your eyes open wide for some unforgettable wildlife encounters. Enjoy a sundowner at the perfect sunset spot before your bush braai dinner.

Plane

Oliver Reginald Tambo International - Hoedspruit

1h

Look! Up in the sky! It's a bird! It's a plane! It's... yup, it is a plane, actually.

Private Vehicle

Hoedspruit - Raptors Lodge

15m-30m

15km

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

Private Vehicle

Johannesburg - Oliver Reginald Tambo International

30m

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

Begin the day at dawn, heading out on foot with your guides in search of elephant, buffalo and zebra. Breakfast is served out in the bush with wildlife free to move about while you dine. Safari drives in the afternoon focus on animal identification and behaviour with an extra focus on situational awareness when near large wildlife.

After a full day exploring with your hosts, dinner is served al fresco at the Ndlovu Dam. Eating most of your meals in the bush maximizes the time you spend completely immersed in this special environment. Work on perfecting your bird calls over dinner with your fellow travellers.



## Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



## Today's Activities

Pridelands Morning Walking Safari

Pridelands Conservancy

4h

Travel once again, from the lodge into Pridelands and disembark from the vehicle. Participate in a morning walking safari with your expert guides and focus on tracking and trailing while learning the signs of the bush and how to identify animal prints.

Afternoon Wildlife Safari In Pridelands

Pridelands Conservancy

2h-2h30m

This late afternoon safari drive will have you experiencing the bush in a whole new light. Stop at the perfect spot to watch the sun dip below the horizon and enjoy light snacks and drinks together. Then after the sun has set, experience an evening in the African bush with a heavy focus from your guide on animal identification, behaviour, and situational awareness.

Free Time

Raptors Lodge

After your morning safari the group will transfer back to the lodge where you will have free time to unwind and relax after the immersive morning activity. Enjoy all of the wonderful amenities that the lodge has to offer before a group lunch on the property.

Kruger National Park is so vast and so full of wildlife, history and culture that travellers often return again and again, uncovering new discoveries each time. If this is your first or twenty-first time, safari drives and sundowners never get old. Your day begins with a safari drive en route to the lodge. Another afternoon safari drive makes for an incredible first day in the park.

It's hard to improve upon morning and afternoon safari drives in Kruger park. But we think downtime for the pool and sundowners in the bush just might hit the spot.



## Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



## Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Raptors Lodge – Kruger National Park

2h30m

120km

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

Kruger National Park Wildlife Safari Drive

Kruger National Park

1h

35km

En route to Mdluli Safari Lodge the group will enjoy a safari drive in Kruger National Park. Be on the lookout for elephants, giraffes, hippos, lions, zebras, and many other species as you pass through.

Pridelands Morning Walking Safari

Pridelands Conservancy

4h

Traverse into the Pridelands once again this morning to track large game on foot while learning skills on how to safely operate in the bush.

Free Time

Hazyview

Spend free time at the Mdluli Safari Lodge and enjoy the amenities on the property. The lodge is designed to make you feel as close and connected to nature as possible while also retaining a level of comfort uncommon in the bush. View wild animals walking by the lodge or cool down from the sweltering African sun in the infinity pool.

Sunset Wildlife Safari Drive Through Kruger National Park

Kruger National Park

3h

Climb into the 4x4 safari vehicle and take off from the lodge to spend the evening traversing Kruger National Park. Enjoy a sundowner drink and keep your attention sharp in case any elephants, giraffes, hippos, lions, zebras, or other wildlife are nearby.

Day 14

## Kruger National Park: Walking Safari

Kruger at dawn is unlike anything else on earth. Animals are waking and so must you, if you want to have the best chance to witness their behaviour first thing in the morning. Walk to Granite Rock for an outdoor picnic breakfast before your local guides accompany you on a walking safari through the national park.

Another safari drive in the afternoon marks your last opportunity to get out into the bush to spot wildlife. Time flies when you're having the adventure of a lifetime. Celebrate this evening with a bush braai with your fellow travellers.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



## Today's Activities

Picnic Breakfast at Granite Rock

Hazyview

The safari lodge has a unique granite rock formation on the property. It's a short walk from your tents and offers captivating 360-degree views of Kruger National Park from an elevated viewpoint. Climb up with the group and sit basking in the views as you enjoy a picnic breakfast.

Bush Walk in Kruger National Park

Kruger National Park

3h

Rise early and set off on a guided bush walk through the wild terrain of Kruger National Park. Enjoy being as close to the bush as possible to the land and learn from your experienced guides all about the park as well as their own personal stories of past experiences while on safari.

Kruger Wildlife Safari Drive

Kruger National Park

2h

Jump into your safari vehicle and get ready for another chance to spot elephants, hippos, giraffes, zebras, lions, and many other species in one of Africa's greatest wildlife areas. The safari will be within the Mdluli private roads and will finish off with sundowners for the group at the watering hole.

Bush Braai Dinner

Kruger National Park

1h30m

Settle in for an unforgettable braai dinner experience in the African bush. Drive in 4x4 vehicles out to Mdluli Dam and enjoy dinner together around the fire under the vast African sky. Your experienced guides will accompany you and make sure you are safe as you eat dinner in one of nature's most magnificent settings.

## Franschhoek: Wine and Dine

Known as the food and wine capital of the world, Franschhoek offers a welcome contrast to the safari adventures thus far. Set amongst the verdant green vineyards and with the towering Drakenstein mountains in distance, its easy to imagine just sitting and just "being" in this peaceful of a place. But first things first-dig into a three course dinner at Savage restaurant. Located within the Le Franschhoek Hotel and Spa and led by head chef Kyle Norris, Savage is known for their colourful plates inspired by what grows locally. Your hardest choice today is whether its wine or coffee after dinner.

A flight from Kruger brings you southbound to Cape Town. Before your Cape Town discoveries start, spend two days discovering the vineyards of Franschhoek. Delicious food and wine await.

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### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



## Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Hazyview - Nelspruit

1h30m-2h

80km

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

Plane

Nelspruit - Cape Town International Airport

2h-3h

Look! Up in the sky! It's a bird! It's a plane! It's... yup, it is a plane, actually.

Private Vehicle

Cape Town International Airport - Franschhoek

1h

75km

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

Free Time

Franschhoek

Enjoy free time to relax at this beautiful hotel and spa in the heart of the Cape Winelands. Ease into pure luxury surrounded by magnificent mountain vistas.

### ACTIVITY

Sit down for dinner at Sauvage, one of the most renowned restaurants in Franschhoek. The menu is always seasonal and the establishment is known for its warm, hospitable service, and picturesque dining views. There property also boasts an elegant lounge and a terrace bar which are both great locations to opt for a pre-or-post-dinner cocktail.

## Franschhoek: Biking through the Vineyards of South Africa

Franschhoek was named Time magazine's top 50 places to visit in 2022, and it's easy to see why. With an e-bike, you will be able to pedal as much-or as little-as you wish while exploring the vineyards and small towns between Stellenbosch and Franschhoek. Sample wine and gourmet snacks but don't worry about filling up, because lunch is served at Babylonstoren Gardens. These gardens must be seen to be believed- 8 acres of cultivated fruit and vegetable gardens and expertly manicured pathways throughout.

Biking through the countryside of Franschhoek, it's easy to see why it has become an iconic destination for food and wine. The vineyards themselves are sprawled out as far as the eye can see, mountains rising as a backdrop against the rows of vines. While using your e-bike to get around, visit a number of vineyards and choose to sample the wine, the delicious coffee, or the gourmet food. Babylonstoren Garden is your final stop of the day. Enjoy lunch here in the Greenhouse before spending the afternoon in the gardens exploring at leisure.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Franschhoek - Stellenbosch

43km

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

E-bike Through the South African Winelands

Stellenbosch

3h30m-4h

40km

This 3.5 hour e-bike ride through the vineyards is made a breeze by the use of electronic bikes. Pedal through the breathtaking wine land scenery that this part of South Africa is known for and see the Stellenbosch and Franschhoek regions. This is your chance to meet some locals and taste the great cuisine of this region. Travel to two different vineyards and sit down for tastings at each, or choose to sample of the gourmet food and other delicacies produced locally.

Lunch at Greenhouse Restaurant at Babylonstoren

Franschhoek

1h

Babylonstoren is one of the oldest Cape Dutch farms, set at the foot of Simonsberg in the Franschhoek wine valley and committed to growing fresh food and wine in a setting that evokes a sense of wellbeing. Sit under the oak trees and enjoy a seasonally inspired menu of food for lunch with the group.

Free Time

Franschoek

Spend the afternoon at your leisure and explore the gardens of Babylonstoren at your own pace. In the evening, once back at your accommodations, wander the beautiful town of Franschoek on your own and opt to find a cozy restaurant for dinner.

## Cape Town: Kayak Three Anchor Bay

The days full of culinary delights must come to an end, but the adventure continues in Cape Town. Paddling through Table Bay with views of Signal Hill and Table Mountain, it's easy to feel a million miles from the rush of a city. Heaviside's dolphins are frequent visitors during your paddle.

With a very short distance between Franschhoek and Cape Town, it's the perfect day for a bit of a late start. Once in Cape Town, join your CEO for a walk around the city to explore. After a thrilling two hour paddle in Table Bay, join your fellow travellers for dinner on the iconic Cape waterfront.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Franschhoek - Cape Town

1h-1h30m

80km

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

V&A Waterfront Visit

Cape Town

For spectacular views of the ocean, head to the V&A Waterfront. The complex is a popular destination for dining, leisure and entertainment. Spend time here browsing the shops or relaxing at a bar with ocean views. This is where you will have time to find a dining spot for lunch on your own.

Orientation Drive of Cape Town

Cape Town

30m

Set out on a short, but sweet orientation driving tour of Cape Town to get your bearings.

Kayak in the Table Bay

Cape Town

2h

The activity begins at a beach at Three Anchor Bay where the kayaks are stored. Start paddling 3-5km towards Granger or Bantry Bay. The views of Signal Hill, Lion's Head, and Table Mountain are unforgettable. Let the uninterrupted views and the fresh sea breeze rejuvenate you. Paddle past the Green Point Lighthouse and search for Cape Town's endemic Heaviside's Dolphins. Summer mornings are their favourite time to come say hi.

Without doubt the most recognizable symbol of Cape Town, Table Mountain rises behind the city touching the clouds with its flat top. Reach new heights one of two ways. Join a local guide and hike through the Platteklip Gorge, Table Mountain's oldest and most frequented route. If you are ready to kick back and relax, join your CEO in a cable car ride to the top.

Whether you decide to climb Table Mountain on your own steam, or take a cable car all the way up, you reunite with your fellow travellers at the top and descend together via the cableway. The entire afternoon is dedicated to exploring Kirstenbosch National Botanic Gardens. Walk the Centenary Tree Canopy walk, a new curved steel and timber bridge that winds and dips its way through and over the trees of the Arboretum.



## Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



## Today's Activities

Free Time

Cape Town

Enjoy a free evening to have dinner on your own along the waterfront.

Experience Table Mountain

Cape Town

4h

Hop aboard a cable car with your CEO and enjoy a much less strenuous, but no less scenic, ride up to the summit of Table Mountain. Experience a different perspective and marvel at the sweeping views of Cape Town below and the surrounding coastline. At the top you will have free time to enjoy the views, explore the walking trails, or simply bask in the mountain's serene ambience before descending via the cableway.

Explore Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens

2h

Visit and enjoy Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens at your own pace this afternoon. This is one of the greatest botanical gardens in the world and a must-see while in Cape Town along the eastern slopes of Table Mountain. Make sure to check out the new Centenary Tree Canopy Walkway dipping its way above and through the trees in the arboretum. The winding walkway takes visitors from the forest floor into and through the trees to burst out above the canopy.

OMG indeed. There is plenty to choose from to make your day in the Mother City a truly unique experience. Make your last day in South Africa a perfect fit for you. Choose between a Black Route walking tour and cooking experience, and a half day Urban Cycle tour. Both options cover a ton of ground and get you out and about before your trip home.

Come together after your unique adventures and join your CEO and fellow travellers for a farewell dinner.



## Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner



## Today's Activities

Cape Town Farewell Dinner

Cape Town

Rejoing your CEO and group for a final dinner together in Cape Town at Gold Restaurant for an authentic African experience. Enjoy a 14-dish feast paired with traditional Mali puppets and entertainment.

### ACTIVITY

Option 1: Set out on the Black Route city walking tour and enjoy a Cape Malay cooking class this morning. See sites like Bo-Kaap, Grand Parade, Castle of Good Hope, Slave Lodge, the Parliament building, St Georges Cathedral, Company Gardens, Apartheid benches, Berlin Wall, Green Market Square, and the Old Slave Church. After working up an appetite attend a 2-hour cooking class and 1-hour tour of Bo-Kaap. Make traditional curry, samosa, and rotis from scratch. Enjoy your bounty of food for lunch.

Option 2: Cycle through Cape Town's vibrant neighbourhood of Woodstock and view the famous street art scene there. As you cycle, take in the epic Chapman's Peak Drive and colourful huts on Muizenberg Beach. Seeing Cape Town on two wheels ensures you see so much more than you would by just walking.

Your adventure comes to an end, and you can depart at any time today.



## Meals included

Breakfast



## Today's Activities

Departure Day

Not ready to leave? Your CEO can help with travel arrangements to extend your adventure.

## What's included

- Your Welcome Moment: Meet Your CEO and Group
- Your Foodie Moment: The Eatery Pot Dinner Experience, Victoria Falls
- Your OMG Day: Hike and Adventure Jet Boat Excursion or Historic Bridge Tour, Victoria Falls
- Your Foodie Moment: Dinner at Sauvage, Franschhoek
- Your OMG Day: City Walking Tour & Cooking Class Or Urban Explorer Cycle Tour, Cape Town
- Complimentary Arrival Transfer
- Arrival and Farewell dinners
- Victoria Falls Guided Tour
- Glamping in Chobe National Park with safari drives and river safari
- Elephant Express Train ride in Hwange National Park
- Safari drives in Hwange National Park
- Lake Kariba stay
- Matusadona National Park Safari Drives and walking safari
- Theatrical performance and dinner in Victoria Falls
- Guided Maboneng walking tour of Johannesburg
- Wildlife tracking experience in Pridelands Conservancy
- Safari in Kruger National Park

- E-bike tour in the vineyards of Franschhoek
- Guided hike up Table Mountain
- Kayak Table Bay
- Babylonstoren Gardens
- Kirstenbosch National Botanic Gardens
- All tips included for activities and meals, except for CEO and portorage
- All transport between destinations and to/from included activities

## What are the main highlights of this trip?

Guided tour of Victoria Falls, Glamping in Chobe National Park, Elephant Express in Hwange National Park, Safari in Hwange National Park, Lake Kariba stay, Matusadona National Park safari, Exclusive wildlife tracking experience, Safari in Kruger National Park, E-bike the vineyards of Franschhoek, Climb Table Mountain, Kirstenbosch visit, Babylonstoren Gardens and lunch, Kayak Table Bay.

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## Is there a disclaimer I should read before booking this trip?

The information in this trip details document has been compiled with care and is provided in good faith. However it is subject to change, and does not form part of the contract between the client and the operator. The itinerary featured is correct at time of printing. It may differ slightly to the one in the brochure. Occasionally our itineraries change as we make improvements that stem from past travellers, comments and our own research. Sometimes it can be a small change like adding an extra meal along the itinerary. Sometimes the change may result in us altering the tour for the coming year. Ultimately, our goal is to provide you with the most rewarding experience. Please note that our brochure is usually released in November each year. If you have booked from the previous brochure you may find there have been some changes to the itinerary.

**VERY IMPORTANT:** Please ensure that you view a final copy of your Trip Details a couple of days prior to travel, in case there have been changes that affect your plans.

## **Is there a travel disclaimer for my itinerary I should review before booking this trip?**

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.

# What important notes should I be aware of before the trip?

## 1. COMBO TOUR

Please note that this tour combines with other G Adventures tours. As such, the staff and some travel companions on your tour may have previously been traveling together with G Adventures, prior to Day 1 of your tour. Likewise, some staff and travel companions may be continuing together on another G Adventures tour, after your trip concludes

## 2. YELLOW FEVER

South Africa is to enforce new rules requiring proof of Yellow Fever vaccination for all travelers - even in airport transit - who have been in Zambia or other countries where the disease is endemic. The stricter guidelines, effective 01 Oct 2011, will see pax without an international Yellow Fever certificate refused entry.

According to the WHO and CDC, there is no risk of yellow fever in Botswana. It is compulsory to show a valid Yellow Fever vaccination certificate if you are travelling to Botswana from a Yellow Fever endemic country, or have recently travelled to a Yellow Fever endemic country (with entry stamps in your passport), including the following countries (but not limited to): Angola, Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Republic of the Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast) Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea Zambia, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, São Tomé and Príncipe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, French Guiana, Guyana, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Venezuela.

**\*\*We advise all travelers to Botswana who are coming from one of the above countries, or who have visited them in the last 10 years, to be prepared with a Yellow Fever vaccination certificate or letter from your doctor with proof of vaccination. Yellow Fever inoculations need to be administered at least 10 days prior to your entry into the country. Border officials in Botswana have been strictly enforcing these requirements. Travelers without the correct documentation run the risk of being denied entry, and will not be able to continue with the tour. (Any additional travel expenses will be on your own account.) \*\***

## 3. MONEY EXCHANGE

We strongly advise that you bring ZAR or USD from your home country or exchange money before the start of the tour, to avoid delays on tour. Please see the Money Exchange section for more details.

## 4. DRONES

The use of drones in national parks in Southern Africa is prohibited.

## 5. ACCOMMODATION NOTE:

Please be aware that properties we stay in with only two stories may not have elevators installed and climbing the stairs with your luggage will be necessary.

## What is the group leader like?

On this tour, you will be accompanied by a group Chief Experience Officer (CEO) and an expert driver. The Chief Experience Officer (CEO) will be the group manager and leader. All of our leaders in southern Africa are registered and licensed tourism guides, meaning they've studied to have a broad knowledge base of the region's history, cultures, and wildlife, and are legally certified to lead/guide tours in the regions visited. Most of our leaders in the region are from South Africa, though it may be possible that you'll have a leader from another country in the southern African region.

All safari guides are certified safari guides, and are of course very skilled and experienced drivers. With years of experience taking wildlife seekers into the wildlife parks, our local safari guides are exactly what will make your safari a success.

We also use local guides where we think more specific knowledge will add to the enjoyment of the places we are visiting.

Safari guides: All safari guides are certified safari guides, and are of course very skilled and experienced drivers. With years of experience taking wildlife seekers into National Parks and Reserves, our local safari guides are exactly what will make your safari a success.

## How large will the group be?

Max 16, avg 14

## What meals are included in this trip?

19 breakfasts, 15 lunches, 17 dinners

## What are the meals like on this trip?

Eating is a big part of traveling. Travelling with G Adventures you experience the vast array of wonderful food that is available out in the world. Generally meals are not included in the trip price when there is a choice of eating options, to give you the maximum flexibility in deciding where, what and with whom to eat. It also gives you more budgeting flexibility, though generally food is cheap. Our groups tend to eat together to enable you to taste a larger variety of dishes and enjoy each other's company. There is no obligation to do this though. Your CEO will be able to suggest favourite restaurants during your trip. On truck trips in Africa, aboard the expedition ship Explorer or our Galapagos yachts, while trekking in remote regions etc. food is included, plentiful and made of fresh local ingredients. The above information applies to G Adventures group trips. For Independent trips please check the itinerary for details of meals included. For all trips please refer to the meals included and budget information for included meals and meal budgets.

## What are the modes of transportation on my trip?

Private vehicle, plane, walking, boat, open-air safari vehicle, safari train.

## **Are local flights included in the cost of the trip?**

Please be advised that any flights noted on the G Adventures Itinerary for this tour are included in the tour services provided. Flight tickets are provided by G Adventures during the tour. The date for this service will match the day of the itinerary, for which Day 1 is equal to the start date noted on the Invoice under Land Services: Tour. If flight information is required in advance for visa purposes, please contact G Adventures.

## **Is there an extra cost for travelling solo?**

We believe solo 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 solo travellers on these itineraries must pay the single trip price.

## **Where will we stay during the trip?**

Hotels (9nts), Mobile Glamping Tents with shared facilities (1nt), Safari Lodge (9nts).

## **What is the joining hotel?**

For details of your joining hotel please refer to your tour voucher, G Account, the G Adventures App or contact your travel agent.

## What are the joining instructions?

For details of your joining hotel please refer to your tour voucher, G Account, the G Adventures App or contact your travel agent.

An arrival transfer is included when you arrive on Day 1, or if you arrive up to three days prior provided that you have booked your pre-accommodation through G Adventures in our joining hotel. Due to customer experience and quality considerations, all services related to the tour must be continuous.

Our driver will be waiting for you with a G Adventures sign, and they will be waiting for you outside the luggage hall. If for any reason you are not met at the airport, please call our local support line. If you are unable to make contact for whatever reason, please make your way to the joining point hotel via taxi.

Please note that the included arrival transfer will pick you up from the international airport in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe (VFA). There is a domestic airport located in Zambia (airport code LVI) that serves the Livingstone area, but there is an additional cost for this service. We highly recommend you double check your arrival details into Victoria Falls and make sure you are flying into the correct airport.

Please note that day 1 is an arrival day and no activities have been planned on this day.

Upon arrival to your Joining Hotel (note that check-in time will be in the afternoon), look for a note or bulletin board in the reception with a note from your CEO. This note will give the details of your Welcome Meeting on day 1 (usually between 5pm and 7pm), where you will get a chance to meet your CEO and other travellers, as well as learn more about how the tour will run. If you don't see a note, please ask reception for details!

If you are arriving later and will miss the Welcome Meeting, your CEO will leave a note at reception for you with any information you may need, and with morning instructions for the next day.

## What happens if I experience problems when arriving?

We don't expect any problems, and nor should you, but if for any reason you are unable to commence your trip as scheduled, please refer to the emergency contact details provided in this dossier and contact us as soon as possible. If you have a pre-booked transfer, and you 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.

## Who should I contact in case of an emergency?

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 or flight cancellation within 48 hours of your scheduled arrival time, please call the emergency contact number to advise of your new arrival flight information. If you do not, we will not be able to rearrange your arrival transfer and you will need to make your own way to the starting hotel at your own expense. 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.

### EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

G Adventures Local Representative (South Africa)

From outside South Africa: +27 713823286

From within South Africa: 071 3823286

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 Sales team who will happily assist you. Hours of operation by region can be found [here](#).

Toll-free, North America only: 1 888 800 4100

Calls from UK: 0344 272 0000

Calls from Germany: 0800 365 1000

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

## What information should I be aware of as the itinerary draws to a close?

If you would like to book an airport Departure transfer for your tour, please contact our Sales Team or your Travel Agent in advance of travel.

## **Are there any additional packing suggestions I should consider?**

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 wildlife safari drives. A set of smart casual clothes is also advisable.

The Southern Hemisphere essentially has the opposite weather to the Northern Hemisphere. The winter months of June, July and August, whilst clear and warm during the day (up to 25 degrees), can drop down to single figures and even below freezing at night. Between September and May it is considerably warmer with the time between October and March being the hottest, getting up to the high 30C and sometimes above. However it is always a dry heat and the temperature does drop at night. The wet season is between November and February, but this is not a bad time to go, as it generally does not rain for very long. We strongly recommend lots of layers to wear from the start of the day until the night. You might still need to wear a fleece jacket in the mornings, a t-shirt during the day and again the fleece jacket at sunset time. A woolen hat is also very much recommendable for the cold winter's early morning wildlife safari drives.

Please be advised that if you plan to bring a drone with you, the use of drones in national parks in Southern Africa is prohibited.

# What should be on my packing list?

## Cold weather:

- Long-sleeved shirts or sweater
- Scarf
- Warm gloves
- Warm hat
- Warm layers

## Documents:

- Flight info (required) (Printouts of e-tickets may be required at the border)
- Insurance info (required) (With photocopies)
- Passport (required) (With photocopies)
- Vouchers and pre-departure information (required)
- Visas or vaccination certificates (With photocopies)

## Essentials:

- Toiletries (required) (Shampoo, bodywash, soap, etc.)
- Binoculars (optional)
- Camera (With extra memory cards and batteries)
- Cash, credit and debit cards
- Day pack (Used for daily excursions or short overnights)
- Ear plugs
- First-aid kit (should contain lip balm with sunscreen, sunscreen, whistle, Aspirin, Ibuprofen, bandaids/plasters, tape, anti-histamines, antibacterial gel/wipes, antiseptic cream, Imodium or similar tablets for mild cases of diarrhea, rehydration powder, water purification tablets or drops, insect repellent, sewing kit, extra prescription drugs you may be taking)
- Flashlight/torch (Headlamps are ideal)
- Fleece top/sweater
- Footwear
- Hat
- Headphones (Noise-cancelling recommended)
- Locks for bags
- Long pants/jeans
- Moneybelt
- Outlet adapter
- Personal entertainment (Reading and writing materials, cards, music player, etc.)
- Reusable water bottle
- Shirts/t-shirts
- Sleepwear
- Small travel towel
- Sunglasses
- Swimwear
- Watch and alarm clock
- Waterproof backpack cover
- Windproof rain jacket

**Health & Safety:**

- Face masks (Clients will be only be required to wear a face mask where it is mandated by local regulations.)
- Hand sanitizer
- Pen (Please bring your own pen for filling out documents.)

**Warm Weather:**

- Sandals/flip-flops
- Sturdy water shoes/sandals
- Shorts/skirts (Longer shorts/skirts are recommended)
- Sun hat/bandana
- Swimwear

## When can I do my laundry on this trip?

Laundry facilities are offered by some of our hotels for a charge. There will be times when you may want to or have to do your own laundry so we suggest you bring non-polluting/biodegradable soap.

## What are the visas and entry requirements for my trip?

All countries require a valid passport (with a minimum 6 months validity). Contact your local embassy or consulate for the most up-to-date visa requirements, or see your travel agent. It is your own responsibility to have the correct travel documentation. Visa requirements for your trip will vary depending on where you are from and where you are going. We keep the following information up to date as far as possible, but rules do change and sometimes without warning. While we provide the following information in good faith, it is vital that you check the information yourself and understand that you are fully responsible for your own visa requirements.

Visa information specific to your destination and nationality can be found in our Important Pre-Departure Information page [here](#)

Botswana:

Botswana as a \$30 USD tourism levy for visitors entering the country, except for residents and citizens of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) member states. This entry tax is payable at all points of entry into Botswana and will be valid for 30 days and includes multiple entry.

Information is accurate as of March 1st, 2024.

## **What should I consider when planning my personal expenses and discretionary spending for this itinerary?**

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.

## **What should I know about currency, credit cards, and exchanging money while on this tour?**

In Zimbabwe, the US Dollar and South African Rand, are the two most accepted currencies, but the Botswana pula, Pound sterling, Euro, Australian dollar, Chinese yuan (renminbi), Indian rupee, and Japanese yen are all accepted as legal currency.

We strongly advise that you bring ZAR or USD from your home country or exchange money before the start of the tour, to avoid delays on tour.

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.

The currency in South Africa is the South African Rand (ZAR).

In Botswana, payments at supermarkets, post offices etc are to be with Pula (BWP), but activities and drinks at campsites can be paid for in USD.

## **How much emergency money should I bring on this trip?**

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!

## **Should I be tipping on my trip?**

On the Geluxe Collection tours, tipping is included for all included activities and meals. Tipping is not included for the CEO or Portage. Should you want some basic guidelines on tipping for the activities you do on your own, please see below. At the end of each trip if you felt your G Adventures CEO did an outstanding job, tipping is appreciated. The amount is entirely a personal preference, however as a guideline would be \$10-\$15 per person per day.

For meals and activities not included in your itinerary, it is appropriate in Africa to tip 10%. Though not compulsory, tipping is expected. Although it may not be customary to you, it is of considerable significance to the people who will take care of you during your travels and shows an expression of satisfaction.

## What activities are optional on this trip?

### Victoria Falls

- Victoria Falls Helicopter Ride -  
15 Mins

# Are there any health considerations I should know before travelling?

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. Travellers should also carry a basic first-aid kit and hand sanitizers/antibacterial wipes on their travels. Medical facilities are basic throughout these countries. For your own safety, we strongly recommend that you advise your tour leader of any medical condition that may affect you while travelling with the group. Your tour leader will be able to inform you of local health advisories (e.g. drinking water quality). Please ensure you have all the inoculations recommended by your doctor.

Yellow Fever Certificate Note: (Updated: May 2023)

It is compulsory to show a valid Yellow Fever Certificate if you are travelling to the following G Adventures-visited countries from a Yellow Fever endemic country:

- Botswana
- Ethiopia
- Kenya
- Madagascar
- Malawi
- Mozambique
- Rwanda
- South Africa
- Swaziland
- Uganda
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe

For some of these countries, proof of Yellow Fever vaccination is also required for passengers who have travelled more than 12 hours through the airport of an endemic country. If other countries not endemic to Yellow Fever have been visited after visiting an endemic country, then a Yellow Fever certificate may still be required on entry. Please check country-specific regulations before your departure.

## Malaria

Malaria is a mosquito-borne disease that is present in some regions in Africa. Risk of malaria can increase during periods of heavy rain, during the rainy seasons, and in densely populated areas of Southern & East Africa. To prevent malaria, we recommend speaking to your doctor about taking preventative medication (prophylaxis), combined with regular use of insect repellent spray/cream. Please check updated travel health advisories specific to malaria before your departure.

# What do I need to know to about safety and security on my trip?

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 group leader has the authority to amend or cancel any part of the trip itinerary if it deemed necessary, due to safety concerns. Your Chief Experience Officer (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 and 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 judgement 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.

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. [Read more about travel safety](#) for ways to further enhance your personal safety while traveling.

## What are the trip specific safety considerations?

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!

## What rules should I know before joining this trip?

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 people in the sex trade 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 utilize the services of paid sex workers, in any capacity.

## Is travel insurance required for my trip?

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 leader, who will take note of your insurance details. When selecting a travel insurance policy we require that at a minimum you are covered for medical expenses including emergency evacuation and repatriation. A minimum coverage of USD200,000 is required. We strongly recommend that the policy also covers personal liability, cancellation, curtailment and loss of luggage and personal effects. Some tours include adventure activities that require extra coverage (e.g. crampon use); please review your itinerary and make sure that you are covered for all included activities. 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.

## What is Planeterra?

Planeterra International Foundation is a non-profit organization committed to turning travel into impact by helping local communities earn an income from tourism. Planeterra connects underserved local communities to the benefits of tourism by developing and supporting small community-owned businesses. These businesses support Indigenous people, empower women, grant youth access to employment opportunities, and protect the environment. Planeterra also works to ensure these businesses have a thriving customer base by integrating their projects into G Adventures' itineraries globally.

G Adventures is Planeterra's largest corporate donor, covering all operating costs, so 100% of your donation will bring opportunity to people in need.

G Adventures Dollar-a-day Program - Make Every Day Count - Turn your travel into impact with [Planeterra Foundation](#).

Did you know? Most communities around the world do not benefit from tourism. Give back to the places you visit on your travels by creating opportunities for local people to earn an income, and protect the environment.

Make every day count by donating \$1/day for the length of your trip, and join us in empowering the communities you will visit when you travel. 100% of your donation goes directly to Planeterra projects.

## How can I share feedback about my trip experience?

Earn 5% off your next G Adventures Tour (up to \$100 USD)\*

After your travels, we want to hear from you! Your feedback information is so important to us and to thank you for your time, we are pleased to offer a 5% discount (up to a maximum of \$100 USD) off your next G Adventures holiday. All you need to do is submit the form within 4 weeks of the completion of your tour, and you'll be able to join the thousands of travellers who have taken 2, 3, 4 or even 10 or more tours with us!

Discount cannot be combined with other offers or applied to 'Independent' style trips. Maximum discount value is \$100 USD (or equivalent currency). Valid for new bookings only. G Adventures reserves the right to withdraw or modify this offer at any time without notice. Limited to one discount per person.

## Does G Adventures have an email newsletter I can subscribe to?

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/](http://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.

## 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.

## What should LGBTQ+ travellers know about safety and travel considerations on this trip?

The safety and well-being of all of our travelers is a priority at G Adventures and that includes our travelers who identify as part of the LGBTQ+ community. We recognize that there are specific concerns and questions you may have about your adventure in terms of safety and security. We encourage you to visit our [LGBTQ+ page](#) for useful resources to ensure you feel safe and comfortable throughout the duration of your trip. The Equaldex tool linked on this page can be of particular help when deciding where you may want to visit next.

## Dossier Disclaimer

The information in this trip details document has been compiled with care and is provided in good faith. However it is subject to change, and does not form part of the contract between the client and the operator. The itinerary featured is correct at time of printing. It may differ slightly to the one in the brochure. Occasionally our itineraries change as we make improvements that stem from past travellers, comments and our own research. Sometimes it can be a small change like adding an extra meal along the itinerary. Sometimes the change may result in us altering the tour for the coming year. Ultimately, our goal is to provide you with the most rewarding experience. Please note that our brochure is usually released in November each year. If you have booked from the previous brochure you may find there have been some changes to the itinerary.

**VERY IMPORTANT:** Please ensure that you print a final copy of your Trip Details to review a couple of days prior to travel, in case there have been changes that affect your plans.

## 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.