



Ultimate African Safari: Kruger, Hwange, Chobe, & the Okavango Delta

18 days, Johannesburg to Maun

Trip code DSJM

What's included

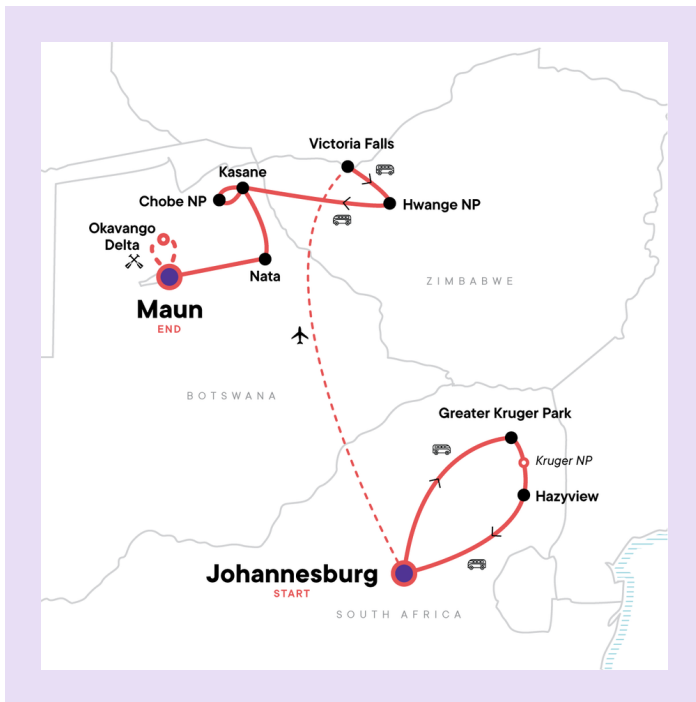
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VALIDITY: Valid for all trips departing January 16th, 2025 and onwards

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

Johannesburg

Arrive at any time. After an early evening welcome meeting, enjoy an included group dinner and get to know everyone.



Meals included

Dinner



Accommodation

Onomo Johannesburg Sandton Hotel (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

ACTIVITY

Your opportunity to meet your CEO and fellow travellers, and learn more about your tour. 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.



Optional Activities - Day 1

Apartheid Museum

Johannesburg

180ZAR

1h-2h

Take a self guided tour around the complex and learn about the history of the apartheid in South Africa.

Day 2

Johannesburg/Greater Kruger Area

Depart Johannesburg early to get a jump start on today's long drive. An included lunch along the way will break up the drive and give you a chance to stretch your legs. Arrive to your lodge accommodations in the late afternoon, just in time to freshen up for dinner with the group.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



Accommodation

Bushveld Terrace Hotel on Kruger (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Johannesburg - Kruger National Park

7h-8h30m

500km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle on the way to the Greater Kruger Area and your accommodation for the night at the Awelani Conservancy.

Wake up bright and early today for an included bush walk. Take this opportunity to get up close and personal with the incredible nature that surrounds you. Enjoy a picnic lunch after the walk and then a few hours of well earned rest back at the lodge. In the later afternoon set off on a safari drive to view the wildlife in Kruger National Park. When you return, enjoy an included Braai dinner to get a true taste of South African fare.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



Accommodation

SleepOver Orpen Gate (or similar)

Lodge



Today's Activities

Nature Walk - Awelani Conservancy

Kruger

2h-3h

There are many ways to experience the African soil, but doing it on foot is one of the most exciting ways to immerse yourself in the Great Kruger area. Follow an expert guide into the bush. The area is surrounded with Baobab trees and other plants and bushes endemic to the area. This is a great place to visit for any avid birdwatchers.

Northern Kruger Wildlife Safari Drive

Kruger

2h30m-3h

Hop in a 4x4 safari vehicle and get yourself one step closer to the surrounding nature. Be ready to spot large herds of elephant roaming in the area as well as groups of buffalo, antelope, hyena, and more.

ACTIVITY

Enjoy a spread of grilled meats, vegetables, homemade salads, and the opportunity to taste some of delicious South African flavours as you become acquainted with the Kruger area.

Day 4

Kruger National Park Area

Enjoy an early start this morning to enter the park and enjoy the full-day safari drive through Kruger in search of the Big Five. After an exciting day out in the wild, arrive late afternoon to your lodge and enjoy some local fare during dinner this evening.



Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner



Accommodation

Umbhaba Eco Lodge (or similar)

Lodge



Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Kruger - Hazyview

9h-10h

420km

Spend the day in Kruger National Park, trying to spot the big five. Enjoy a full day safari drive en-route to our lodge.

Day 5

Kruger National Park Area

Another full day in Kruger awaits. Hop into a 4x4 to enjoy a more intimate wildlife safari drive, one offering a fresh perspective of the scenery and animals around you. Finish the day with a delicious dinner with your fellow travelers.



Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner



Accommodation

Umbhaba Eco Lodge (or similar)

Lodge



Today's Activities

Kruger National Park Open Vehicle Wildlife Safari Drive - Full day

Kruger National Park

6h-7h

Hop in a 4x4 safari vehicle and get yourself one step closer to the surrounding nature. Be ready to spot elephants, giraffes, hippos, lions, zebras, and many other species in this impressive South African national park.

Traditional Dinner and Local Dancing

Hazyview

Enjoy a cultural evening with the local community. Dive into local fare with a delicious traditional dinner, then watch a local dance performance.

Day 6

Kruger National Park Area

Spend a free day in the area and choose which optional activities are best for you. Possible options include a morning or afternoon safari drive in Kruger National Park, or a full-day tour along the Panorama Route to set those photography skills to the test. The route offers unbelievable views at every turn and traverses the Great Escarpment via thrilling mountain passes.



Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner



Accommodation

Umbhaba Eco Lodge (or similar)

Lodge



Today's Activities

Free Time

Hazyview

With loads of optional activities to choose from, there's lots to see and do in Greater Kruger.



Optional Activities - Day 6

Kruger National Park Full Day Wildlife Safari Drive

Hazyview

9h-10h

Kruger National Park has been dubbed the most famous safari destination in the world. Whenever it is mentioned images of African wildlife and wilderness immediately spring to mind. The vastness of this park is what sets it apart. The breath-taking area with expansive and varied nature makes it a wonderful place to view the African "Big Five".

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Day 7

Kruger/Johannesburg

After breakfast at the lodge, witness first-hand the large role conservation plays in Kruger and the surrounding areas on an educational visit to The Jane Goodall Institute Chimpanzee Eden, commonly referred to as Chimp Eden. This animal sanctuary for rescued chimpanzees is located in the Umhloti Nature Reserve and a tour here is the perfect way to celebrate a visit to South Africa. Arrive to the lively city of Johannesburg in the early evening and enjoy a group dinner at the hotel.



Meals included

Breakfast



Accommodation

Onomo Johannesburg Sandton Hotel (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Hazyview - Johannesburg

4h-5h30m

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

Chimp Eden Tour

Nelspruit

2h-2h30m

Chimp Eden, run by the Jane Goodall Institute, is the first and only chimpanzee sanctuary in South Africa. This is a home for orphaned and rescued chimps as well as those displaced from their natural habitats in other parts of Africa. Tour the facility and visit viewing areas for two different 'camps' where a guide will introduce you to the chimps and tell you about their history and behaviour.

Day 8

Johannesburg/Victoria Falls

Leave South Africa behind today and head to the epic wildlife and scenery of Zimbabwe. After breakfast the group will travel to the airport in Johannesburg and catch a flight to Victoria Falls. Upon arrival, there will be free time to get settled and relax before an included group dinner hosted by the Lusumpuko Women's Club, a G Adventures-supported initiative.



Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner



Accommodation

A Zambezi River Lodge (or similar)

Lodge



Today's Activities

Plane

Johannesburg – Victoria Falls

1h45m-2h

Sit back and relax on your flight between Johannesburg and Victoria Falls.

Free Time

Victoria Falls

Take advantage of some free time to get settled and explore the area around your lodge accommodations before dinner this evening.

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 dinner 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.

Day 9

Victoria Falls

It's time for a free day of exploration in Victoria Falls, home to the world's largest sheet of falling water, and considered one of the Seven Natural Wonders. There are many activities to choose from like white water rafting, bungee jumping, the Bamba tram, or you can prebook the Victoria Falls helicopter ride. Come back together with the group in the evening for the Simunye Theatrical Show for a captivating performance and where dinner will be served.



Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner



Accommodation

A Zambezi River Lodge (or similar)

Lodge



Today's Activities

Simunye Theatrical Show

Victoria Falls

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.



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.

Bamba Tram - Morning Run

Zimbabwe

Witness the captivating atmosphere of Victoria Falls in a unique way aboard the iconic Bamba Train! Enjoy a 90-minute ride in a vintage-style tram for breathtaking views of Victoria Falls and the Batoka Gorge from the famous suspension bridge. Listen to your guide's stories and facts about the area's fascinating history as you journey through Zambezi National Park. Light refreshments will be available at the bridge while you admire the raging river below. During this experience there will also be time to visit the rail and bridge museum on the Zambian side of the water.

Zipline over the Zambezi

Victoria Falls

50USD

Glide along a zipline track for 300 metres over the rapids of the Batoka Gorge below. Take in incredible views of the Victoria Falls along the way.

Zambezi Whitewater Rafting

Victoria Falls

150-160USD

Tick one off your bucket list! Raft the Class III-V rapids of the Zambezi River, considered by many to be one of the best whitewater rafting rivers in the world. It's exhilarating!

Please note: River conditions and activity pricing vary depending on the seasons. High water season is from about February to July. Low water season generally runs from August to January each year - this is when the Zambezi is at its very wildest. The "closed season" is dependent on the season's rains, and usually is from March to April; during this time rafting on the river is not permitted. Additionally, this activity requires passengers to hike down and up the deep Batoka Gorge to access the river, which requires reasonable level of fitness. This activity price excludes a \$10 park entrance fee.

Day 10

Victoria Falls/Hwange National Park

Travel to Hwange National Park today with a stop along the way to the Painted Dog Rehabilitation and Conservation Centre for a tour of the facilities. Learn about their efforts to save wild dogs in the area and reintroduce them to the wild. Then, continue on to your lodge stay where there will be free time to enjoy the property's amenities or choose to join an optional afternoon or night safari drive into the national park.



Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner



Accommodation

Hwange Safari Lodge (or similar)

Lodge



Today's Activities

Painted Dog Rehabilitation and Conservation Centre Visit

Hwange

1h

Visit Painted Dog Conservancy and learn about the work being done to rehabilitate animals that have been injured from poaching. The ultimate goal of the project is to release rehabilitated wild dogs back into the wild and to work with local children and communities in an effort to educate and shift behaviors away from poaching.

Free Time

Hwange National Park

Spend a free afternoon enjoying the amenities at the lodge or opt for a daytime and/or night safari drive in open vehicles through the national park.

Private Vehicle

Victoria Falls - Hwange

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



Optional Activities - Day 10

Afternoon Wildlife Safari Drive

Hwange

80USD

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.

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.

Day 11

Hwange National Park

This morning the group will set out early for a safari drive through Hwange National Park. The park boasts over 100 mammal and 400 bird species, and houses all of Zimbabwe's specially protected wildlife. Return to the lodge for a hearty breakfast and spend the remainder of the afternoon exploring on your own. Choose between enjoying the lodge's amenities or perhaps another afternoon safari drive into the park.



Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner



Accommodation

Hwange Safari Lodge (or similar)

Lodge



Today's Activities

Half-Day Wildlife Safari Drive in Hwange National Park

Hwange National Park - Hwange

3h

Enjoy a wildlife safari drive in 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.

Free Time

Hwange National Park

Spend a free afternoon in the area. Choose to relax and enjoy the amenities at the lodge, or choose an optional safari drive back into the park to see more wildlife.



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Day 12

Hwange NP to Chobe NP via Kasane

Leave Hwange National Park this morning and transfer to Victoria Falls where you'll be able to grab a quick lunch on your own before crossing the border into Botswana. Arrive at the lodge near Chobe National Park in the afternoon. There will be free time to get settled and relax. Or you could choose to join the included Chobe River Sunset Cruise for a taste of what's to come on this next leg of your adventure.



Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner



Accommodation

Thebe River Safari Lodge (or similar)

Lodge



Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Hwange National Park - Victoria Falls

3h30m

164km

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

Private Vehicle

Victoria Falls - Chobe National Park

2h30m

Settle in and scan the scenery from the comfort of your private vehicle. Your transfer today involves the Kazangula Border crossing into Botswana.

Free Time

Chobe National Park

Take advantage of free time in Chobe. Get settled at the lodge or choose to join the included Chobe River Sunset Cruise for a taste of the magnificent wildlife in this area of Botswana.

Chobe River Sunset Cruise

Chobe National Park - Kasane

3h

Get a fantastic perspective of one of Botswana's national parks and its thousands of resident elephants, crocodiles, and hippos on a sunset boat cruise on the Chobe River. Bring a few drinks and a camera, sit back, and enjoy the view.

Day 13

Chobe National Park

Savour breakfast at the lodge before a morning safari drive through the wild landscape of Chobe National Park, home to the largest concentration of elephants in Africa and boasting some herds numbering in the hundreds. Other animals you may see while on safari here are lions, leopards, hippos, gazelles, and large herds of buffalo. Return to the lodge for lunch on your own before a free afternoon for optional activities in the area. Choose to prebook the Four Corners of Africa River cruise for a unique experience in the water where four countries meet. Dinner is included at the lodge this evening.



Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner



Accommodation

Thebe River Safari Lodge (or similar)

Lodge



Today's Activities

Chobe National Park Morning 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.

During the safari drives it is not uncommon to spot several of Africa's "big five" in the greater Chobe area and the early morning drive lasting 3 hours is a wonderful opportunity to have some unique sightings.

Free Time

Chobe National Park

The afternoon will be free for travellers to partake in optional activities in the area or to simply relax in the cozy setting of the lodge.



Optional Activities - Day 13

4 Corners Africa Deluxe Bridge Tour

Kasane

There are many Tripoints in the world, but only one International Quadripoint! The four countries of Botswana, Namibia, Zambia, and Zimbabwe all meet at what's called the Four Corners of the World. Travel by boat to where you can view all Four Countries from one location at one time. You will also see the impressive Kazungula Bridge joining Botswana and Zambia that was inaugurated on the 10th of May 2021. As you cruise past the picturesque surroundings and wildlife, a local storyteller will tell you about the history of the fabled rivers where the four countries meet. You'll hear some fascinating stories about the area's journey from a war-torn region to one of the most sought-after safari destinations, the meeting of two iconic African rivers, whose floods feed the mighty Victoria Falls, and much more. Ever wondered why the Bridge is curved and not straight? Jump onboard and we will tell you why.

Chobe National Park Afternoon Safari Drive

Chobe National Park

Choose to travel into the park again on an optional afternoon safari drive and encounter wildlife at a different time of day.

Day 14

Chobe NP to Nata via Kasane

Travel to Nata after breakfast and arrive in the early afternoon. Then, take advantage of free time to explore on your own and perhaps choose to go on the Makgadikgadi Pans Sundowner Safari Drive. This safari experience takes you into Botswana's salt pans to enjoy the dramatic landscape, spot wildlife, and witness a colourful sunset weather depending. Dinner is included back at the lodge in the evening.



Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner



Accommodation

Elephant Sands Lodge (or similar)

Lodge



Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Chobe National Park – Nata

4h

254km

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

Free Time

Nata

Take advantage of this free afternoon in Nata to relax or choose to book another optional safari drive for another taste of the unique landscape.

Day 15

Nata

Start the day early with a guided bush walk where you'll learn about the fascinating uses of native plants and how to identify different kinds of animal tracks. Being on foot is a unique way to smell, hear, and experience the essence of the bush. Return to the lodge for breakfast. Spend the remainder of the day free in this incredible area that offers a fascinating contrast between a lush oasis and surrounding arid plain. Choose between a safari drive through the landscape, or simply spend the afternoon relaxing and exploring the lodge's surroundings. Dinner will be included tonight.



Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner



Accommodation

Elephant Sands Lodge (or similar)

Lodge



Today's Activities

Nata Area Bushwalk

Nata

Head out into the bush to learn more about the area. Keep your eyes open and your binoculars ready to spot eagles, bustards, flamingoes, and blue-cheeked bee-eaters.

Free Time

Nata

Spend most of the day free to do as you choose. Options available are safari drives, horseback riding, and relaxing at the lodge with the beautiful sounds of nature as your background music.



Optional Activities - Day 15

Nata Area Wildlife Safari Drive

Nata

490BWP

Head out for a wildlife safari drive to see the flora of the Nata region up close and personal.

Day 16

Nata/Maun

Travel to Maun today and arrive at the lodge around lunchtime. Maun is considered the primary gateway to the Okavango Delta, one of Africa's most remarkable natural wonders. Upon arrival there will be free time to get settled and then you can choose to experience a scenic helicopter ride through the Delta. Dinner at the lodge is included tonight.



Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner



Accommodation

Cresta Riley's Hotel (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Nata - Maun

5h

363km

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

Free Time

Maun

Enjoy free time in Maun this afternoon. Choose to book the Delta Scenic Helicopter Flight or simply relax at the lodge after today's longer drive.



Optional Activities - Day 16

Delta Doors-off Scenic Helicopter Flight

Maun

A scenic flight from Maun provides fantastic aerial access to the magical beauty of the Delta within a few minutes from lift off. The complex bushland soon opens up to stunning floodplains, crisscrossed with waterways, hippo highways and animal tracks. This incredible scenic flight allows you to experience the wonderful variety of diverse ecosystems in one awesome adventure, taking you to the permanent waterways, palm islands and lagoons that constitute the heart of the south-western Okavango Delta. On your way back to Maun, you will experience breath-taking views of the seasonal floodplains west of the main Boro channel. Doors are removed for unrestricted views, which offers great

photographic opportunities, and guests are provided with headsets for constant communication with our very knowledgeable pilots, guaranteeing a highly informative and expertly guided adventure.

Day 17

Okavango Delta Day Excursion

After breakfast at the lodge in Maun the group will enjoy a day excursion into the Okavango Delta. This special place is the world's largest inland delta, creating a unique ecosystem with lush wetlands and islands amid the Kalahari Desert. Search for epic wildlife like elephants, lions, cheetahs, hippos, and a vast array of birds. Enjoy a traditional mokoro ride along the waterways, and soak up the landscapes and animals that can be found in this premier African safari destination. Tonight, return to the hotel in Maun for a relaxing evening and included dinner.



Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner



Accommodation

Cresta Riley's Hotel (or similar)

Hotel



Today's Activities

Okavango Delta Excursion

Okavango Delta

Enjoy wildlife walks, wildlife viewing, mokoro trips, and birdwatching in the pristine wilderness area of the Okavango Delta, the world's largest inland delta. This excursion is a day trip and the group will be returning to the hotel in Maun for the evening.

Day 18

Maun

Depart at any time.



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 G for Good Moment: Lusumpuko Women's Club Dinner, Victoria Falls
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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 TRIP:** Please note that this trip is a combination of multiple G Adventures tours. As such, the staff and/or particular vehicles operating your tour may change between tour segments. You may also expect some group members to join or leave the tour, between tour segments.

2. This is not a physically demanding journey; however, travelling can be difficult, with long drives and poor road conditions at times. Despite this, most clients feel that the diversity of the African landscape, countries, culture and wildlife are all well worth the experience.

3. YELLOW FEVER

It may be required to show a Yellow Fever certificate upon entering the country(s) visited. Please check in with your local health expert for advice on Yellow Fever and other inoculations required for this area.

4. RAMADAN

Please note that Ramadan is a month of fasting observed by Muslims throughout the world, during which time the followers of Islam should not eat or drink between sunrise and sunset. There may be some limitations to services and disruptions to schedules during Ramadan, but generally our tours still operate effectively during this period and food is available to non-Muslims throughout the day. It is very important to display increased cultural sensitivity during Ramadan. Please wear loose fitting clothes, that cover knees and shoulders, and try to avoid eating, drinking or smoking in public out of respect for those who can't at that time.

What is the group leader like?

This G Adventures group trip is accompanied by one of our group leaders, otherwise known as a Chief Experience Officer (CEO). The aim of the group leader is to take the hassle out of your travels and to help you have the best trip possible. They will provide information on the places you are travelling through, offer suggestions for things to do and see, recommend great local eating venues and introduce you to our local friends. While not being guides in the traditional sense you can expect them to have a broad general knowledge of the countries visited on the trip, including historical, cultural, religious and social aspects.

We also use local guides where we think more specific knowledge will add to the enjoyment of the places we are visiting - we think it's the best of both worlds.

How large will the group be?

Max 18, avg. 14

What meals are included in this trip?

17 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 16 dinners

What are the modes of transportation on my trip?

Plane. Private vehicles, safari vehicles, walking, mokoro (traditional canoe).

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 (6 nts), Lodges (11 nts)

Will I get my own room?

Please note that if you have booked the "My Own Room" option for this tour, you will receive your own single room for all night stops

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.

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

If you have paid in advance for an arrival transfer, a G Adventures representative will be at the airport to meet you. 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 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.

What should be on my packing list?

Cold Weather:

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

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

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.

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?

Tipping is an expected, though not compulsory, component of your tour program. The gesture serves as an expression of appreciation for exceptional service, and amounts given are up to your discretion.

Tipping is one of the most direct ways that you can have a positive economic impact within the African community. Although it may not be customary for you, it is an important source of income for those in the tourism industry. Giving a tip should be seen as a formal 'thank you', and the action should in no way be awkward.

The best method of tipping someone that has served the whole group is to plan in advance, and not rush when it comes to saying goodbye. A suggestion would be for each group member to contribute anonymously by putting their tip into an envelope. This often works the best and the group should gather to present the gift to the recipient(s), offering their thanks and showing their appreciation. This method brings the action out into the open, allowing for a friendly and appreciative interaction between the group and the recipient(s).

You may use the following as a guideline, all given in a per person format:

CEO: \$5-8 USD (per day, per person)

Local guides: \$2-3 USD (per day)

Safari Guide/Driver: \$2-3 USD (per day)

Restaurant Staff: 10-15% of cost of bill

Okavango Delta polers: 50-100 BWP (Botswana Pula)

What activities are optional on this trip?

Johannesburg

- Apartheid Museum (180ZAR per person)

Hazyview

- Kruger National Park Full Day Wildlife Safari Drive

Victoria Falls

- Victoria Falls Helicopter Ride - 15 Mins
- Zambezi Whitewater Rafting (150-160USD per person)

Zimbabwe

- Bamba Tram - Morning Run

Victoria Falls

- Zipline over the Zambezi (50USD per person)

Hwange

- Afternoon Wildlife Safari Drive (80USD per person)

Hwange National Park

- Night Safari Through Hwange National Park

Kasane

- 4 Corners Africa Deluxe Bridge Tour

Chobe National Park

- Chobe National Park Afternoon
Safari Drive

Nata

- Nata Area Wildlife Safari Drive
(490BWP per person)

Maun

- Delta Doors-off Scenic
Helicopter Flight

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 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/

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.

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.

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.