

36 Day Cape Town to Victoria Falls and Mozambique

Day 1 South Africa – Cederberg Mountain Region

Leaving Cape Town, there's one last photo stop at Table View for a spectacular panorama of Table Mountain. On the way to the Cederberg we visit !Kwa ttu where we enjoy a San guided tour & museum visit. After the tour lunch will be prepared and afterwards we continue to Piketberg for wine tasting at a local wine farm. We arrive at our accommodation and your guides will give you a full briefing on the tour.

Meals: Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Blommenberg Guest House: www.blommenberg.co.za

Day 2 Namibia – Gariep (Orange) River

Today we travel through the Northern Cape and Namaqualand, stopping at the remote town of Springbok for any last requirements. After crossing the Namibian border we check in to the lovely chalets overlooking the river that forms the border between South Africa and Namibia.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Felix Unite Cabanas: www.felixunite.com/accommodation/cabanas

Day 3 Gariep (Orange) River – Fish River Canyon

This morning there's the optional chance to canoe down the Gariep River (in the summer) or to spend some time relaxing in the camp along the river. After lunch we travel north to the Fish River Canyon and take a scenic hike along the rim in order to gain some perspective as to just how large this natural phenomenon is, later we return to Ai-Ais to check in to our accommodation and enjoy the hot springs.

Optional Activities: *Half-Day Canoe Adventure*

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Ai Ais Resort: www.nwr.com.na/ai_ais_hotsprings_spa.html

Day 4 Ai-Ais - Kokerboom Forest

This morning we travel into the Kalahari area of Namibia in order to visit the Kokerboom Forest. The Kokerboom is sometimes known as the Quiver Tree as it was often used by the indigenous Khoisan people for making quivers for their arrows.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Auob Lodge: <http://www.namibialodges.com/auob.html>

Day 5 Bushman Community – Namib-Naukluft Park

The Namib-Naukluft NP is one of Namibia's geographic gems. There are massive sand dunes in the Sossusvlei desert area as well as the remarkable landscape. After an optional morning's tribal interaction with the !Xung (San) people we travel to the Namib and stay the night outside the park.

Optional Activities: *African Tribal interaction*

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Hammerstein Lodge and Rest Camp: www.hammerstein.com.na



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Day 6 **Namib-Naukluft National Park**

We have a full day in the Namib-Naukluft National Park that starts by being transported in to Sossusvlei. Later we travel to Dune 45 where you have the chance to hike up the dune for an amazing view and photo opportunity. In the afternoon there's a short walk into the Sesriem Canyon.

Optional Activities: Transfer to Deadvlei, Wild Cat Walk
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Overnight: Hammerstein Lodge and Rest Camp: www.hammerstein.com.na

Day 7/8 **Swakopmund**

We are joined by an expert local guide for a nature walk. Exploring on foot, this local guide will share his detailed knowledge of the ecosystem. Afterwards we cross the Tropic of Capricorn on our way from the Atlantic Coast. Our first stop is Walvis Bay where we may see some flamingos. Then it's on to Swakopmund, the adventure capital of Namibia, where you will be briefed on the many optional activities available.

Optional Activities: Dinner Out, Quad biking, Sand boarding, Sky Diving, Scenic Flights etc.
Meals: Breakfast x 2, Lunch x 1
Overnight: Hotel A La Mer: www.pension-a-la-mer.com

Day 9 **Kamanjab - Himba Tribe**

Today we head inland towards Kamanjab in the north-west of Namibia. The following morning we will spend time with some of the semi-nomadic Himba people. The Himba are a pastoral people and are easily recognisable by their unique style of hair and dress.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Overnight: Oase Lodge: www.namibweb.com/oasehouse.htm

Day 10/11 **Etosha National Park**

We travel south-east to Etosha NP. The open plains allow spectacular elevated game viewing from the truck whilst on game drives. Our quality bungalow accommodation is inside the park at Okaukuejo and/or Halali which both boast floodlit night water holes where the animals come regularly to drink.

Optional Activities: Morning or Night Drive with expert Namibian Game Ranger
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Overnight: Halali and Okaukuejo Lodges: www.nwr.com.na/etosha_national_park.html

Day 12 **Windhoek**

En-route to Namibia's capital, Windhoek, we stop at a craft market where you can buy authentic African carvings and paintings. On arrival in Windhoek we take a short driving tour around the city in our truck.

Optional Activities: Dinner out
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch
Overnight: Hotel Safari: www.safarihotelsnamibia.com



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Day 13 Botswana - Ghanzi

We say goodbye to Namibia and cross the Botswana border. Later we arrive at our lodge in Ghanzi, and this evening we experience some traditional tribal dancing from the local San community.

Optional Activities: Game drive and bushman walk
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Overnight: Tautona Lodge: www.tautonalodge.com

Day 14/15/16 Maun – Okavango Delta

Maun is well known as the gateway to the Okavango Delta, the world's largest inland delta. We spend one night in Maun and prepare for this excursion. Small planes transport us over this amazing area to our tented camp; Moremi Crossing. Once in the Delta we take a nature walk with a local expert and a guided afternoon boat cruise. If the water level allows there will also be a traditional mokoro (dug-out canoe) trip.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Overnight Maun: Delta Rain, Sitatunga: www.deltarain.com
Overnight Okavango Delta: Moremi Crossing: www.moremicrossing.com

Day 17 Gweta

A second scenic air-transfer will return us to Maun and the truck. This afternoon we drive to Planet Baobab where our evening accommodation is set amongst the majestic Baobab trees. For those wishing to learn more an optional Baobab Bush Walk is available.

Optional Activity: Baobab Bush Walk – if the time allows it
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Overnight: Planet Baobab: www.unchartedafrica.com/page.php?p_id=59

Day 18 Chobe National Park

After continuing north to Kasane, we enjoy the included sunset river cruise on the Chobe River (in the National Park) where animals such as hippos, buffalo and elephants are plentiful.

Optional Activities: Chobe Game Drive (next morning)
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Overnight: Thebe River Lodge: www.theberiversafaris.com



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Day 19 Zimbabwe - Victoria Falls

On arrival in Victoria Falls we have time to plan the next day's adventure activities before we visit the spectacular Victoria Falls and experience the thundering of the mighty Zambezi. An optional dinner out is a friendly way spend the evening with the new friends you've made along the way.

Optional Activities: Chobe morning game drive, Sunset Cruise, Dinner out, White Water Rafting, Bungee Jump, Elephant Excursion, Walking with Lions, Horse Riding and much more...

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Overnight: Elephant Hills Hotel: www.elephanthillsresort.com

Day 20 Victoria Falls

Spend the day White Water Rafting, a not-to-be-missed experience of a lifetime! Vic Falls offers many exciting alternatives such as a walk with lions or a bungee jump from the bridge that joins Zimbabwe with Zambia.

Optional Activities: White Water Rafting, Bungee Jump, Elephant Excursion, Walking with Lions, Horse Riding, Dinner out.

Meals: Breakfast

Overnight: Elephant Hills Hotel: www.elephanthillsresort.com

Day 21 Victoria Falls to Palapye / Martinsdrift

Departure is at 6.00 am from Elephant Hills Hotel. We drive south through Botswana to Palapye, or the border post at Martinsdrift, where we will spend the night at a lively campsite.

Optional activities: South African Braai (BBQ) / All Meals

Meals: No meals included

Overnight: Camp Itumela: www.campitumela.com

Day 22 Palapye / Martinsdrift to Johannesburg

After another 6.00 am departure, we enter into South Africa. Covering the next 450 – 550 km on sealed roads we should get to Johannesburg as early as possible. Take the time to enjoy one of the many local restaurants located in the area.

Optional activities: All meals

Meals: No meals included

Overnight: Garden Court OR Tambo: www.southernsun.com/garden-court/or-tambo-international-airport/pages/overview.aspx



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Day 23 South Africa - Mpumalanga, Swaziland - Hlane Royal National Park

Leaving Johannesburg early, we travel through the Mpumalanga province to Swaziland. After crossing the border we enter Hlane Royal NP, a huge nature reserve, home to lion, elephant and white rhino.

Optional Activities: *Hiking, Mountain Biking, Game drive, Rhino Walk*

Meals: Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Hlane NP: www.biggameparks.org/3parks_hlane.html

Day 24 Hlane Royal National Park

At over 30000 hectares Hlane is Swaziland's largest protected area. Originally the private hunting area of the Swazi Royal family the area is now held in trust and managed by Big Game Parks. As the lions are housed in a fenced enclosure it is possible to hike inside the park. After a day's exploring there is an included display of traditional Swazi dancing following dinner.

Optional Activities: *Hiking, Mountain Biking, Game drive, Rhino Walk*

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Hlane NP: www.biggameparks.org/3parks_hlane.html

Day 25 Mozambique – Praia do Tofo

We cross into Mozambique. Travelling north you can't help but be captivated by the beautiful coastal scenery before arriving in Praia do Tofo and our campsite for the next two nights. Whether you just want to relax on the white sandy beaches or take on some of Africa's most amazing diving and snorkelling spots, there's plenty on offer in Tofo.

Optional Activities: *Snorkelling, Scuba Diving and Surfing*

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Bamboози Beach Lodge: www.bamboozibeachlodge.com

Day 26 Praia do Tofo

In season Tofo is one of the world's best sites for the viewing of the world's largest fish, the Whale Shark. This entire day is free so that you can go snorkelling, scuba diving or just relax on the beautiful white sandy beach.

Optional Activities: *Surfing, Fishing, Diving, Ocean Safari, Kayak Safari*

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Bamboози Beach Lodge: www.bamboozibeachlodge.com

Day 27 Vilanculos

The Bazaruto Archipelago is Mozambique's premier destination and it's not hard to understand why. A protected area, the sea-life here is spectacular and snorkelling at one of the reefs is one of the best ways to enjoy it. On the way to Vilanculos we will be stopping at a local craft market for a little souvenir shopping.

Optional Activities: *Snorkelling, Horse Riding*

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Smugglers: www.smugglers.co.za



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Day 28 **Bazaruto Archipelago National Park Excursion**

The Bazaruto excursion is taken on the traditional sailing vessel of the African East Coast, the Dhow. We sail out to the islands and have the opportunity to snorkel, swim and relax over these 2 days. The Bazaruto is one of Southern Africa's largest marine parks. Accommodation this evening will be in a small B&B.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Villas do Índico: www.outdoorvilanculos.com & www.sailaway.co.za

Day 29 **Bazaruto Archipelago National Park Excursion**

The second day of this oceanic excursion is again spent exploring the crystal clear waters of the Indian Ocean and the abundant sea-life it supports. On rare occasions the weather may be unfavourable and in this case the Dhow will be replaced with a more conventional vessel.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Smugglers: www.smugglers.co.za

Day 30/31 **Inhambane**

Today we travel through coconut plantations to the old Portuguese settlement of Inhambane. This coastal region is very relaxing and boasts incredible beaches. There are many optional activities available here from fishing to horse riding.

Optional Activities: Scuba Diving, Quad Biking, Snorkelling.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Palm Grove Lodge: www.palmgrovelodge.co.za

Day 32 **Maputo area**

Today we return south towards the direction of Mozambique's capital, Maputo. Mozambique gained full independence from the Portuguese in 1975, but only gained political stability in more recent times and is undergoing a major upgrade as the country's economy grows.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Casa Lisa: www.mozambique-travel-service.com/accommodation/casa_lisa.htm

Day 33/34 **South Africa – Kruger National Park**

Today we drive through Maputo's capital and return to South Africa to the world famous Kruger National Park, where we hope to spot Africa's Big 5. The Kruger Park is the most famous nature conservation area in the world. Two nights are spent in this magnificent area enjoying African wildlife. Informative dawn game walks and night drives (accompanied by a ranger) are offered as an optional extra.

Optional Activities: SANP Night Drive and Dawn Game Walks, full day 4x4 game drive, (subject to availability).

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch (day 11 only), Dinner

Overnight: Kruger NP: www.sanparks.org/parks/kruger/



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Day 35 **Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre**

We move to the greater Kruger area today and visit Moholoholo Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre, where animals are being re-habilitated before being released back into the wild. In the evening we enjoy a traditional song and dance evening along with a typical South African meal.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Overnight: Timbavati Safari Lodge: www.timbavatisafarilodge.com

Day 36 **Panorama Route - Johannesburg**

Travelling along the Panorama Route we stop at Blyde River Canyon and Bourkes Luck Potholes. The tour ends on arrival in Johannesburg. Johannesburg has many excellent restaurants and the group often spends this evening together.

Optional Activities: Dinner out

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

