

36 Day Cape to Vic Falls and Mozambique CAS0436

Day 1 South Africa – Cederberg Mountain Region

Camp L,D

We depart Cape Town heading north into the Cederberg Mountain region. Cederberg is well known as one of the main Rooibos Tea growing areas in South Africa and is also home to beautiful wildflowers in October. On this first afternoon we spend some time learning about tour-life, the vehicle and equipment, we set of on a guided walk through the surrounding mountain to see Bushmen paintings and learn about the local fauna and wildlife.

Day 2 Namaqualand – Gariep/Orange River

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Today we leave the Western Cape and travel north through Namaqualand, headed for the Gariep/Orange River. The group spends the night under the stars on the banks of the river around the campfire, getting to know one another. The Gariep/Orange River forms a natural border between South Africa and Namibia and is widely used for agricultural irrigation in this arid area.

Day 3 Namibia - Fish River Canyon

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You can choose between a relaxing morning on the riverbank or the half-day canoe adventure on the river. After lunch we break camp and travel north to the Fish River Canyon, the second largest in the world. The Fish River is the longest river in Namibia at 650km in length; the canyon, situated along the lower reaches of this seasonal river, is 161 km in length and runs from Seeheim to Ai-Ais. In the afternoon we take a walk along the rim of the canyon and arrive at the main viewing point for sunset. Optional Activities: Orange/Gariep River Half Day Canoe Adventure.

Day 4 Namib-Naukluft National Park

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From the Fish River Canyon we continue on into the remote Namibian hinterland. We arrive at camp in the afternoon and have time to go for a walk down into the smaller Sesriem Canyon.

Day 5 Sossusvlei Dunes Namib-Naukluft National Park

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An early start as we take advantage of the cooler temperatures of dawn and drive into the Namib-Naukluft National Park, where we will hike up Dune 45 for sun rise, and gain a different perspective of the desert. After this you have breakfast, and then set off into the desert with a local expert, for a guided tour, to learn about all kinds of life in the sands.

Day 6/7 Swakopmund

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A dramatic drive through the arid Namib-Naukluft, crossing mountain passes and the Tropic of Capricorn sees us arrive at Walvis Bay, we stop to view the flamingos, before we head towards the seaside resort town of Swakopmund. The next day is left free for each individual to pursue their own interests including many adventure activities. Optional Activities: Quad biking, Sand boarding, Sky Diving, Scenic Flights, Fishing etc.

Day 8 Spitzkoppe

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We leave all the trappings of modern life behind us and drive inland to the mysterious Spitzkoppe, it is a sacred site of the San people, where we have the chance to climb the boulders, rock formations and experience a guided hike in the area to view the sacred San rock art. Tonight we camp in the wild.

Day 9 Himba Tribes

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After some early morning exploration we head inland again and drive north towards Kamanjab, which is well known for its Himba tribes. The Himba are a pastoral people and predominantly breed cattle or goats. The Himba traditionally lead a nomadic life and are easily recognizable by their unique style of dress. Encountering a totally different way of living is very mind opening and a moving experience for many people.

Day 10/11 Etosha National Park

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An early rise sees us on our way to Etosha National Park and some of the most unique game viewing experiences in Africa. We have the opportunity to go on various game drives, and spend our evenings visiting the abundant water holes for some excellent game photography.

Day 12 Windhoek

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After an early morning game drive we set off towards Windhoek in the center of Namibia, on route we stop at a popular craft market. Windhoek is the capital of Namibia, and is located in a basin between the Khomas Highland, Auas and Eros Mountains. Whether due to pure luck or a brilliant stroke of Germanic planning, Windhoek is situated in almost the exact centre of Namibia. In the afternoon we'll take you on a short tour of the city. Optional Activities: Dinner out.

Day 13 Botswana - Ghanzi

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An early morning as we start off east towards the Buitepos border, where we then cross over into Botswana. Once at camp we'll go to meet with a local Bushmen community and see some traditional Tribal Dancing.

Day 14/15/16 Botswana - Okavango Delta

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Another early day! Our journey takes us from Ghanzi towards Maun. We spend the night here in this gateway to the Okavango Delta preparing for our two night bush camping experience. Your guides will provide you with a briefing about the next few days' activities, the environment and the community run tourism operation. From here in the morning we start our Delta Excursion; we leave the truck behind and make our way by 4x4 to the Polers station. From here we will enter the Delta using local transport, mokoros (dugout canoes).

Day 17 Botswana - Gweta

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After our 4x4 transfer out, we leave the Delta behind us and travel east to Gweta, which is located halfway between Maun and Nata, right next to the Makgadikgadi Pans National Park. The Makgadikgadi Pans National Park area was once a super lake almost 30 meters (100 feet) deep, over an area of 80,000 sq. km (30,888 sq. miles). When the climate changed 10,000 years ago Lake Makgadikgadi was well on the way to drying up. As the water evaporated, huge glistening salt-encrusted pans were left. These pans look as flat as a billiard table and stretch as far as the eye can see.

Day 18 Botswana - Chobe National Park

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Leaving Gweta we head towards Kasane, where we camp on the banks of the Chobe River. The afternoon is spent Game viewing on a boat cruise, into the renowned Chobe NP. This is an excellent opportunity to view some of Africa's spectacular wildlife. You also have the chance to experience an early morning game drive the next day.

Day 19 Zimbabwe - Victoria Falls

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Arriving early at our destination of Victoria Falls, we have time to plan the next day's adventure activities before we head off to visit the spectacular Victoria Falls and experience the thundering sound of the mighty Zambezi. The popular optional sunset cruise includes dinner and drinks. Optional Activities: Chobe morning game drive, Zambezi Sunset Cruise

Day 20 Victoria Falls

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Most people will spend the day White Water Rafting, a not-to-be-missed experience of a lifetime! Vic Falls offers many exciting alternatives. Optional Activities: White Water Rafting, Bungee Jump, Elephant Excursion, Dinner out.

Day 21/22 Victoria Falls to Johannesburg

Camping (Hostel Day 22) No Meals

Departure is at 6 am from Savanna Lodge. If you would like to avoid Zimbabwe you can arrange a transfer to Kasane where you will be collected at about 7.30 am. It is a long and uneventful drive through Botswana to the border at Martinsdrift where we will spend the night. Another 6 am departure will ensure that we cover the next 750 km and get to Johannesburg where you will spend the night in a comfortable hostel.

Day 23/24 Swaziland – Hlane Royal National Park

Camp B,L,D(No breakfast on day 1)

We depart Johannesburg and travel through scenic Mpumalanga until we reach the border to the Kingdom of Swaziland. Crossing into the country we arrive at Hlane Royal National Park which is home to lion, elephant, white rhino and diverse birdlife. The 30,000 hectares Nature Reserve has a wide variety of optional activities available. Optional Activities: Hiking, Mountain Biking, Game Drives, Lion Tour.

Day 25/26 Moçambique – Praia do Tofo

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Today we will leave Swaziland behind us and cross into Moçambique. We will be travelling north alongside the ocean and experience the beautiful vistas of the Moçambique coast. This is a long, yet very scenic drive. In the late afternoon we arrive at our camp for the next two nights. There are many optional activities on offer in this small town, and Tofo is home to some of the best scuba diving on the east coast of Africa. There is also plenty of time to relax on the beautiful beaches. Optional Activities: Snorkeling, Fishing, Scuba Diving and Surfing.

Day 27/28/29 Vilanculo - Bazaruto Archipelago

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We depart Praia do Tofo and drive north to Vilanculo. The next day we cross by dhow to the islands of the Bazaruto Archipelago where we relax snorkeling or soaking up the sun. We overnight on the dhow just off the shore of the islands. We return to Vilanculo where we can enjoy a number of optional activities like horse riding or snorkling. Optional Activities Snorkeling, Horse Riding

Day 30/31 Inhambane

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Driving south through beautiful coconut plantations, we pass through the old European settlement of Inhambane, haunted by the memories of the old slave trade along the coast. In the early afternoon we arrive at our campsite, right on the beach, for the next two days. We will have a full day to partake in the various optional activities. Optional Activities: Scuba Diving, Horse Riding, Quad Biking, Snorkeling, Fishing, Boat Cruise.

Day 32 Maputo

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From Inhambane we drive further south to the bustling capital of Moçambique, Maputo. We arrive in the capital, previously known as Lourenço Marques, in the afternoon where we will have time to explore and experience this truly African city. Maputo is still a poverty stricken city, after the war in the 1970's and 1980's, but is slowly recreating some of its former glory. Highlights worth visiting are the Fort of Nossa Senhora da Conceicao, and the Central railway Station.

Day 33/34 South Africa – Kruger National Park

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Today we return to South Africa to the world famous Kruger National Park, where we will do our best to see Africa's Big 5, lion, rhino, elephant, leopard and buffalo. The Kruger National Park is the most famous nature conservation area in the world. It is about 36,800 square kilometers in size and was founded by South Africa's first president Paul Kruger. Two nights are spent in this magnificent area enjoying African wildlife. Informative dawn game walks and night drives in the park (accompanied by a ranger) are offered as an optional extra. Optional Activities: Night Drive and Dawn Game Walks.

Day 35 Panorama Route Cheetah Breeding Centre

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With our minds full of memories of the most famous nature conservation area in the world, we leave the Park. En route to tonight's camp in the heart of the Panorama Route, we visit a Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre. We camp for the night in the heart of the Panorama Route.

Day 36 Johannesburg

Camp B,L

We will be traveling the Panorama Route through some spectacular scenery. Blyde River Canyon, the 3rd largest canyon in the world, offers breathtaking view points, including God's Window and three Rondavels. The Bourke's Luck Potholes are the fascinating results of erosion caused by the Treur River, as we head back towards Johannesburg. Although the tour ends, most groups will arrange dinner together this evening in one of Johannesburg's many excellent restaurants.



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