

36 Day Cape Town to Vic Falls and Mozambique

Day 1 South Africa – Cederberg Mountain Region

Leaving Cape Town we make our first stop at Table View and take photos of Table Mountain from across Table Bay. 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 our campsite in the Cederberg region. We arrive at our accommodation and your guides will give you a full briefing on the tour.

Meals: Lunch, Dinner
Overnight: Marcuskraal: www.marcuskraal.co.za

Day 2 Namaqualand – Gariep (Orange) River

An early start, we head north via the distant town of Springbok, best known for its diamonds, copper and spring flowers. We then proceed to our camp located right beside the Namibian border. The camp is situated on the riverbank that forms the border between South Africa and Namibia.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Overnight: Fiddlers Creek Campsite: www.bushwhacked.co.za

Day 3 Namibia – Gariep (Orange) River - Fish River Canyon

This morning there's the chance to see the beautiful river valley by canoe or just relax at camp. After lunch we cross the border and travel to the Fish River Canyon. After a scenic walk along the edge of the canyon we enjoy our dinner while watching the sunset. This is also a fantastic photo opportunity.

Optional Activities: *Half-Day Canoe Adventure*
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Overnight: Hobas Campsite: www.nwr.com.na/hobas.html

Day 4 Namib-Naukluft National Park

We arrive at the Namib-Naukluft National Park and set up camp, then enjoy a short hike into the Sesriem Canyon. Tonight enjoy the star-studded sky and enduring silence of the Namib Desert, only occasionally interrupted by the call of a Jackal or, a rather unique lizard, the barking gecko!

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Overnight: Sesriem Campsite: www.nwr.com.na/sesriem_campsite.html

Day 5 Sossusvlei Dunes - Namib-Naukluft National Park

This is our earliest morning as we prepare for our hike up Dune 45 to marvel at the sunrise. After our hike, we will have the chance to visit Sossusvlei. Later, we join a local expert on a guided hike and learn more about the unique desert ecosystem and how the Bushmen survived in the harsh desert conditions.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Overnight: Desert Shelter Cha-re: No website available



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Day 6 Swakopmund

After a brief photo stop while crossing the Tropic of Capricorn, we travel onto Namibia's Atlantic coast and the adventure capital, Swakopmund. Often there are flamingos at the Walvis Bay lagoon, just before we arrive in Swakopmund. You will be briefed on the many optional activities available here and then there is time to explore the town before dinner out at one of the local restaurants.

Optional Activities: *Dinner out*
 Meals: Breakfast, Lunch
 Overnight: Dunedin Star Guest House: www.dunedinstar.com

Day 7 Swakopmund

The whole day is free to relax, explore or partake in one of the many activities available here. Most popular are quad biking in the Dunes or Tandem Skydiving. On a clear day's skydiving you can see all the way to the next day's destination! Taking a walk around Swakopmund's shops and having a leisurely lunch is also a great way to spend your day.

Optional Activities: *Quad biking, Sand boarding, Sky Diving, Scenic flights, Dinner out etc.*
 Meals: Breakfast
 Overnight: Dunedin Star Guest House: www.dunedinstar.com

Day 8 Spitzkoppe

Leaving the coast we drive through arid landscapes to Spitzkoppe Mountain. The enormous granite monoliths dominate the otherwise flat landscape and we set up camp in the wild plain at the base. This afternoon our guide will take us on a guided walk to explore the unique rock. The more adventurous among us may want to try some mountain climbing behind camp for some stunning views of the landscape.

Optional activity: *Guided hike to the San rock paintings at bushman paradise*
 Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
 Overnight: Spitzkoppe Community Campsite:
<http://www.namibian.org/travel/community/spitzkoppe.htm>

Day 9 Himba Tribes

After some early morning exploration we continue north and drive towards Kamanjab. Today we have the chance to experience life within a Himba tribe. The Himba are a pastoral people and predominantly breed cattle or goats. They are easily recognisable by their unique style of dress. The Himba have been extremely diligent about upholding the roots of their culture, but they are also very curious about visitors to their home.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
 Overnight: Kamanjab Camp: No website available



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Day 10/11

Etosha National Park

Etosha is the venue for some of the most unique game viewing experiences in Africa. The sparse grasslands allow great opportunities to see animals normally hidden in dense vegetation. You may even see some of the amazing animals crossing the road in front of your truck! We will go on various game drives, and spend our evenings at the abundant water holes for some excellent game photography.

Optional Activities: Night or Dawn Drives in safari vehicles

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Halali and Okaukuejo: www.nwr.com.na/etosha_national_park.html

Day 12

Windhoek

After an early morning game drive we set off towards Windhoek, the Capital city of Namibia. On the way we stop at a popular craft market where you can barter for handmade gifts to take home. Windhoek is not only the capital; it is also the cultural, social and economic centre of the Namibia. On arrival in Windhoek our guide will take us on a short city tour in our truck. Joe's Beer House is an exciting dining experience for our optional dinner out.

Optional Activities: Dinner out

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Overnight: Hotel Uhland: www.hoteluhland.com

Day 13

Botswana - Ghanzi

After an early start, we cross into Botswana and drive to Ghanzi. After setting up camp we meet with a local Bushman (San) community and experience some traditional tribal dancing.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Ghanzi Trail Blazers: <http://ghanzitrailblazers.wheretostay.na/>

Day 14

Maun

Our journey takes us from Ghanzi towards Maun. Maun is the gateway to the Okavango Delta and this afternoon we will prepare for this excursion, packing small 2-night bags. There may be an opportunity this afternoon to visit the local crocodile farm or take a scenic flight over the Okavango Delta.

Optional Activity: Crocodile Farm visit, Scenic Flight (time permitting)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Situngu Camp: <http://www.deltarain.com/index.php?page=situnga-camp>



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Day 15/16 **Maun – Okavango Delta**

This morning we board the big 4x4 truck that will take us in to the Delta, in high-water season it is sometimes necessary to take a boat to the poling station where we meet up with the members of a local community who will be showing us their homeland. We spend 2-nights bush camping in the wilderness and, if the water level allows, we will take a mokoro (traditional canoe) trip through the waterways. We will also be going on some nature walks in the hope of seeing some wild animals in their natural habitat.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Bush Camp: www.deltarain.com

Day 17 **Gweta**

We leave the Delta behind us and travel east to Planet Baobab. You can explore the bush around the campsite, lounge by the pool and view some of the region's oldest Baobab trees.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Planet Baobab Campsite: www.unchartedafrica.com/page.php?p_id=59

Day 18 **Botswana - Chobe National Park**

We travel to Chobe and this afternoon we enjoy a sunset river cruise, as the animals are best spotted from the Chobe River. Elephants, Hippo, Crocodiles, Eland and many other creatures reside in Chobe so keep your cameras ready.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Thebe River Safaris: www.theberiversafaris.com

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: Vic Falls Adventure Lodge: www.adventurezonevicfalls.com/accommodation.html

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: Vic Falls Adventure Lodge: www.adventurezonevicfalls.com/accommodation.html



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Day 21 Victoria Falls to Palapye / Martinsdrift

Departure is at 6.00 am from Vic Falls Adventure Lodge. 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.

Meals: No meals included
 Overnight: Garden Court O.R. Tambo: www.southernsun.com/garden-court/or-tambo-international-airport/pages/overview.aspx

Day 23 South Africa - 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 we enjoy a 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 Camp: www.bamboozibeachlodge.com



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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.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Bamboози Beach Camp: 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

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. We will overnight at a camp on the beach in our tents.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Beach Camp: 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



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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-travelservice.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 (Subject to availability), 4x4 Full day Game Drive

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch (day 33 only), Dinner

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

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 in to 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

