

14 Day Safari Adventure of Kruger Park to Victoria Falls via Botswana



TOUR DESCRIPTION

Embark on an exhilarating 14-day journey from Johannesburg to Victoria Falls, traversing some of Southern Africa's most iconic landscapes and wildlife havens.

Start your adventure with thrilling safaris in the legendary Kruger National Park, where you'll search for Africa's "Big Five" and immerse yourself in the untamed wilderness. From there, venture into the heart of Botswana's pristine wilderness, a land where nature reigns supreme.

Visit the Khama Rhino Sanctuary, a vital conservation project protecting Botswana's rhino population, before heading to Maun, the gateway to the magical Okavango Delta. Here, you'll have the chance to embark on optional expeditions into one of the world's most unique and untouched ecosystems.

Next, explore the breathtaking Elephant Sands on route to Chobe River plains, home to some of the largest elephant herds on the continent. Experience unforgettable safaris and serene river cruises, showcasing the vibrant wildlife and scenic beauty of Botswana.

Conclude your journey in Victoria Falls, the adventure capital of Africa. Stand in awe of the powerful Zambezi River as it thunders over the cliffs, creating one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World.

With its mix of incredible wildlife, awe-inspiring landscapes, and heart-racing adventures, this tour offers the perfect blend of exploration and relaxation. Whether you're soaking up the beauty of the Okavango Delta or feeling the spray of Victoria Falls, every moment is designed to leave you inspired.

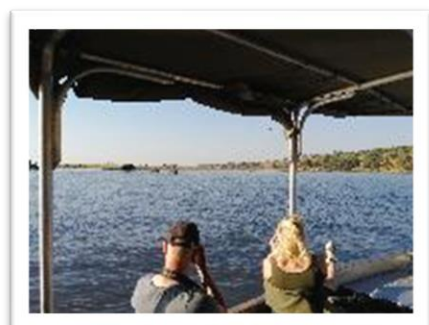
Post-Tour Options: After your 14-day journey, consider staying a few extra days in Victoria Falls to indulge in adrenaline-pumping activities like white-water rafting, bungee jumping, or a scenic flight over the falls.

With frequent flights from Victoria Falls, your adventure can end as seamlessly as it began.

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TOUR DETAILS

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TOUR STARTS	Johannesburg OR Tambo Airport vicinity / Pretoria area	
TOUR ENDS	Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe	
BUDGET ACCOMMODATION	Glamping Safari Tents/Rooms with communal bathrooms	ZAR 59 950
MIDRANGE ACCOMMODATION	Step up from budget options, offering better amenities	ON REQUEST
INCLUDED ACTIVITIES	2 x Kruger open vehicle safaris 2 x Transfers through Kruger to next rest camp 2 X Chobe Safaris Kruger Conservation Fees	
MEALS INCLUDED	2 Barbeque Dinners (South African Braai) 13 Breakfasts	
EXCLUDED	Meals not mentioned *Optional Activities Conservation/Entrance Fees	
COUNTRIES VISITED	South Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe	
VALID FROM	1 October 2024 to 30 September 2025	TOUR DEPARTS FOR Minimum 2

TOUR INCLUDES AND EXCLUDES

PRICE INCLUDES	PRICE EXCLUDES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flexible departure and drop-off points from hotels and locations near airports Air-condition SUV or MINI Bus Driver Guide Activities as per itinerary Meals as per itinerary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meals not mentioned in Itinerary *Optional Activities Items of a personal nature Visas, Travel insurance, Flights Pre and Post Accommodation/Tours Tipping / gratuity for guides, waiters and porters

INCLUDED AND OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

(These activities are operated by trusted 3rd party operators)

We have carefully included the **must-see activities** in your itinerary to ensure you experience the highlights of each destination. These activities are an essential part of your adventure, allowing you to immerse yourself in the beauty, culture, and wildlife of Southern Africa.

In addition to the included activities, we've left a variety of **optional extra activities** for you to choose from during your tour. This flexibility gives you the opportunity to tailor your experience to your interests and budget, whether it's a **hot air balloon ride**, a **river safari**, or an exploration of **local markets**.

Your tour guide will provide recommendations based on local knowledge and weather conditions, helping you make the most of your time and budget.

This combination of **included must-see activities** and **optional experiences** ensures a dynamic and personalized journey for every traveller.

DAY BY DAY SUMMARY AND HIGHLIGHTS

DAY	START	END	INCLUDED HIGHLIGHT/ ACTIVITY	*OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES (not included)	
1	Wednesday	Johannesburg, South Africa	Southern Kruger, South Africa	PM – Kruger Sunset Safari Dinner South African Braai	
2	Thursday	Southern Kruger, South Africa	Skukuza Kruger, South Africa	AM – Transfer to next camp PM – Kruger Sunset Safari	Early AM – Sunrise Safari or Bush Walk
3	Friday	Skukuza Kruger, South Africa	Central Kruger, South Africa	AM – Transfer to next camp South African Braai	Early AM – Sunrise Safari or Bush Walk PM – Sunset Safari
4	Saturday	Central Kruger, South Africa	Tzaneen Guest House, South Africa	AM – Depart Kruger for Tzaneen	Early AM – Sunrise Safari
5	Sunday	Tzaneen Guest House, South Africa	Border, Kwa Nokeng, Botswana	AM – Driving day to the Botswana Border	
6	Monday	Border, Kwa Nokeng, Botswana	Khama Rhino, Botswana	South African Braai	PM – Khama sunset safari
7	Tuesday	Khama Rhino, Botswana	Maun, Botswana	Full Day Drive north on the edge of the Kalahari Desert towards Maun the gateway of the Okavango Delta.	AM – Khama sunrise safari
8	Wednesday	Maun, Botswana		2 Free days for optional activities	Optional Okavango Delta Activities 1. Mokoro delta trips 2. Day trips to Moremi game reserve 3. Scenic flights
9	Thursday	Maun, Botswana			
10	Friday	Maun, Botswana	Nata Elephant Sands, Botswana	The scenic drive to Nata showcases some breathtaking landscape	PM – Nata Sanctuary
11	Saturday	Nata, Botswana	Kasane, Botswana	Chobe Boat Cruise	
12	Sunday	Kasane, Botswana	Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe	Chobe Game Drive	Optional sunrise safari's
13	Monday	Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe		Explore the town of Victoria Falls at leisure, participate in many optional activities such as a visit to the majestic falls, rafting, scenic flights, Zambezi cruise. (own cost)	
14	Tuesday	Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe	Victoria Falls airport	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> End your Footprints in Africa adventure by getting dropped at the airport or optionally extend your stay in Victoria Falls and fly out on a later date 	

TOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1: JOHANNESBURG TO SOUTHERN KRUGER REST CAMP, SOUTH AFRICA

LODGE	Crocodile Bridge or Similar	Single/Twin/Double
MEALS	Dinner – Barbeque (South African Braai)	
INCLUDED TODAY	PM – Sunset Safari	
ROUTE	Transfer from Johannesburg to Southern Kruger (±450km)	

Morning – After getting picked up at your hotel we leave the city of Johannesburg behind, crossing the highveld farms and coal fields towards the Drakensberg escarpment in the Mpumalanga province and making our way towards the Lowveld where the Kruger National Park is located.

Afternoon – Stop at the supermarket for Lunch (own cost) and shopping for Kruger Park before checking into Kruger National Park rest camp. Relax around camp until the sunset safari.

Excluded Optional Activity – Prebook any optional sunrise safari or bush walk for tomorrow morning.

Included Late Afternoon Sunset Safari – 16:30-19:30, Set off with a Kruger Specialist guide in the late afternoon and return after sunset with the help of a spotlight to see the nocturnal animals. Search for the grazing and browsing animals in the cooling afternoon, the perfect chance to witness the beautiful African sunset over the bushveld in the Kruger National Park. After sunset there is greater chance to see the nocturnal animals emerge from their resting spots.

Included Dinner – Enjoy a traditional South African braai when you get back from the sunset safari.

DAY 2: SOUTHERN KRUGER REST CAMP TO SKUKUZA REST CAMP, SOUTH AFRICA

LODGE	Skukuza Rest Camp or Similar	Single/Twin/Double
MEALS	Breakfast	
OPTIONAL	AM – Sunrise Safari or Bush Walk	
INCLUDED TODAY	PM – Sunset Safari	
ROUTE	Transfer through Kruger (±100km)	

Excluded Optional Activity – Prebook day before

Morning – Enjoy breakfast before departing to Skukuza Rest Camp. Searching for animals en route.

Afternoon – Check in to rest camp, enjoy lunch at camp restaurant, alternatively have a picnic at camp. (own cost)

Excluded Optional Activity – Prebook any optional sunrise safari or bush walk for tomorrow morning.

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Excluded Dinner – Enjoy dinner at camp restaurant

DAY 3: SKUKUZA REST CAMP TO ORPEN REST CAMP, SOUTH AFRICA

LODGE	Tamboi camp or Similar	Twin/Double
MEALS	Breakfast Barbeque (South African Braai)	
OPTIONAL	AM – Sunrise Safari or Bush Walk PM – Sunset Safari	
ROUTE	Transfer through Kruger (±150km)	

Excluded Optional Activity – Prebook day before

Morning – Enjoy breakfast before departing to Orpen Rest Camp. Searching for animals en route.

Afternoon – Check in to rest camp, enjoy lunch at camp restaurant, alternatively have a picnic at camp. (own cost)

Excluded Optional Activity – Prebook optional sunset safari for this evening or any sunrise safari or bush walk for tomorrow morning.

Included Dinner – Enjoy a traditional South African braai this evening.

DAY 4: ORPEN REST CAMP TO TZANEEN, SOUTH AFRICA

LODGE	Guest House or Similar	Single/Twin/Double
MEALS	Breakfast	
OPTIONAL	AM – Sunrise Safari	
ROUTE	Transfer to Tzaneen (±200km)	

Excluded Optional Activity – Prebook day before

Morning – Take one final leisurely drive through the park as we make our way to the exit gate, keeping an eye out for any wildlife that may be active.

Leaving Kruger National Park after an enjoyable breakfast and heading to Tzaneen is a fantastic way to transition from the iconic wildlife of Kruger to the lush, subtropical landscapes of Limpopo. Stopping in Tzaneen for shopping and lunch at one of Tzaneen's charming garden restaurants. (own cost)

Afternoon – Checking into the guest lodge. As the day winds down, settle into your accommodation, enjoy a relaxing evening surrounded by the tranquillity of this beautiful area. Enjoy a meal at the restaurant. (own cost)

Tomorrow – A long driving day head tomorrow to the Botswana Border.

DAY 5: TZANEEN TO BOTSWANA BORDER, BOTSWANA

LODGE	Kwa Nokeng Lodge or Similar	Single/Twin/Double
MEALS	Breakfast	
INCLUDED TODAY	Border Crossing into Botswana	
ROUTE	Transfer to Botswana Groblersbrug Border Post (±350km)	

Morning – A long driving day from Tzaneen to the Botswana border is an exciting journey. Enjoy the drive through Limpopo's picturesque countryside, passing banana plantations, dense forests, and rural villages, leading to the anticipation of crossing into Botswana.

Afternoon – Stopping for Lunch on route (own cost)

Crossing the border into Botswana and staying near the border offers a great opportunity to ease into your Botswana adventure. Settle into your accommodation and enjoy the serene surroundings. Great spot to relax and enjoy views of the Limpopo River.

Excluded Dinner – Enjoy a meal at the restaurant. (own cost)

DAY 6: KWA NOKENG TO KHAMA RHINO, BOTSWANA

LODGE	Khama Rhino or Similar	Single/Twin/Double
MEALS	Breakfast	
OPTIONAL	PM – Sunset Safari	
ROUTE	Transfer to Khama Rhino (±200km)	

Morning – Transfer to Khama Rhino Sanctuary is a relatively short and scenic drive, offering an excellent transition from the Limpopo River area into Botswana's beautiful wilderness. Stopping for shopping enroute for any snacks, Lunch, Dinner and Breakfast supplies.

What to Expect at Khama Rhino Sanctuary

Khama Rhino Sanctuary is a community-based conservation area located on the edge of the Kalahari Desert. It's a wonderful place to unwind, enjoy nature, and support vital rhino conservation efforts.

Excluded Dinner – Restaurant on site and braai facilities (own cost)

Excluded Optional Activity – Prebook optional sunset safari for this evening or any sunrise safari for tomorrow morning.

DAY 7: KHAMA RHINO TO MAUN, BOTSWANA

LODGE	Sedia Hotel or Similar	Single/Twin/Double
MEALS	Breakfast	
OPTIONAL	AM – Sunrise Safari	
ROUTE	Transfer to Maun (±530km)	

Excluded Optional Activity – Prebook day before

Morning – The transfer from Khama Rhino Sanctuary to Maun is a full-day drive through Botswana’s diverse landscapes, transitioning from the Kalahari region to the gateway of the Okavango Delta.

Afternoon - Estimated Arrival Time: Mid to late afternoon, around 4:00 PM, depending on stops.

Upon arrival in Maun, stopping at the shops before heading to our lodge is a practical way to stock up on everything, you’ll need for your 3-night stay. This ensures you have food, snacks, drinks, and other essentials for the next two full days of optional activities.

Excluded Dinner – Restaurant on site (own cost)

Plan for the Next Two Days, Maun offers plenty of exciting activities.

Optional Activities:

1. **Full-Day Okavango Delta Excursion:**
 - Mokoro canoe ride, guided bushwalk, and birdwatching.
2. **Scenic Flight Over the Delta:**
 - Get a bird’s-eye view of the vast Okavango wetlands.
3. **Day Trip to Moremi Game Reserve:**
 - A full-day safari with incredible wildlife opportunities.
4. **Cultural Tours:**
 - Visit local villages to learn about the culture and way of life in Botswana.

DAY 8 & 9: MAUN, BOTSWANA

LODGE	Sedia Hotel or Similar	Single/Twin/Double
MEALS	Breakfast	
OPTIONAL	Full Day Optional Activities – see list	
ROUTE	Depending on Optional Activity	

TWO Full days for Optional Activities:

1. **Full-Day Okavango Delta Excursion**
 - The Okavango Delta is one of Botswana’s most iconic destinations and a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
2. **Scenic Flight Over the Okavango Delta**
 - A bird’s-eye view of the Delta reveals its breathtaking maze of waterways, islands, and wildlife.
3. **Moremi Game Reserve Day Safari**
 - A full-day safari to Moremi Game Reserve offers some of the best wildlife viewing in Botswana.
4. **Cultural Tour in a Local Village**
 - Engage with local communities and learn about the traditions and lifestyle of Botswana’s people.

DAY 10: MAUN TO NATA ELEPHANT SANDS, BOTSWANA

LODGE	Elephant Sands or Similar	Single/Twin/Double
MEALS	Breakfast	
OPTIONAL	Nata Bird Sanctuary	
ROUTE	Depending on Optional Activity	

Morning – The scenic drive from Maun to Nata is a stunning journey through Botswana's diverse landscapes, offering opportunities for wildlife sightings and serene views. Staying at Elephant Sands, a unique lodge renowned for its close encounters with elephants, is the perfect way to cap off the day.

Midday – Shopping in Nata for lunch before we head north to Elephants sands for the night. (own cost)

Nata Bird Sanctuary (Optional Detour) Entrance fees for own account.

- Located near Nata, this sanctuary is a great spot for birdwatching.
- What to See:
 - Seasonal flamingos and pelicans.
 - The Sowa Pan, part of the Makgadikgadi system.

Afternoon – Elephant Sands is located about 50 km north of Nata, offering a truly unique bush experience where elephants roam freely. Upon checking into Elephant Sands, you'll be greeted by the unique charm of this bush lodge, where the elephants often come right up to the waterhole close to the accommodation, providing an unforgettable experience.

Evening at Elephant Sands

1. **Sundowner at the Waterhole** (own cost)
 - A perfect way to relax and enjoy a cold drink while observing elephants, buffalo, or even predators coming to drink at the waterhole as the sun sets.
2. **Dinner at the Lodge** (own cost)
 - The evening meal is often a highlight, featuring delicious traditional cuisine or international favourites.
3. **Nighttime Wildlife Watching**
 - After dinner, you might hear elephants and other nocturnal animals around the lodge. The peacefulness of the African bush, with the sounds of wildlife nearby, offers a magical and tranquil experience.

DAY 11: NATA ELEPHANT SANDS TO KASANE, BOTSWANA

LODGE	Chobe Safari Lodge or Similar	Single/Twin/Double
MEALS	Breakfast	
INCLUDED	PM – Chobe boat cruise	
ROUTE	Depending on Optional Activity	

Morning – Heading to Kasane for a Chobe National Park adventure is a fantastic choice, offering both a boat cruise along the Chobe River and a thrilling game drive.

Kasane is the gateway to Chobe National Park, located in the northeastern corner of Botswana, where the Chobe River meets the borders of Zambia, Zimbabwe, and Namibia. This area is renowned for its large populations of elephants and diverse wildlife, making it a premier safari destination.

Afternoon – Stopping at local shops for snacks, lunch, and any other before checking into Lodge. (own cost)

Include Boat Cruise - Boat Cruise on the Chobe River: Head out for your afternoon boat cruise around 3:30 PM, and enjoy wildlife viewing along the river, followed by sunset over the Chobe River.

Excluded Dinner – Restaurant on site (own cost)

DAY 12: KASANE TO VICTORIA FALLS, ZIMBABWE

LODGE	Shearwater Village or Similar	Single/Twin/Double
MEALS	Breakfast	
INCLUDED	AM – Chobe game drive	
ROUTE	Depending on Optional Activity	

Included Early Morning Game Drive: Start your day with an early game drive to experience Chobe's wildlife at its most active. Return to the lodge for a relaxing breakfast, before departing for Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe.

Crossing the border from Botswana to Zimbabwe to reach Victoria Falls is an exciting part of your journey!

Afternoon – Arrive in Victoria falls and check into Lodge, stopping at the shops/restaurant for lunch. (own cost)
Head to the Activities desk to book optional activities for tomorrow.

Victoria Falls, one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World, is an awe-inspiring destination located on the border of Zimbabwe and Zambia. Known locally as Mosi-oa-Tunya ("The Smoke That Thunders"), this incredible waterfall is the largest curtain of falling water in the world and a must-visit destination.

Excluded Dinner – Restaurant on site (own cost)

Plan for the Next Day, Victoria Falls offers plenty of exciting activities.

DAY 13: VICTORIA FALLS, ZIMBABWE

LODGE	Shearwater Village or Similar	Single/Twin/Double
MEALS	Breakfast	
OPTIONAL	Victoria Falls Activities – prebooked	
ROUTE	Depending on Optional Activity	

Prebooked activities, Victoria Falls offers plenty of exciting activities.

Entry Fees: There's an entrance fee for the Victoria Falls Rainforest, around \$50 per person for international visitors.

Optional Activities: (own cost)

1. Victoria Falls Rainforest

Walk through the lush rainforest, created by the spray of the Falls, for stunning views of the various sections of the Falls: Devil's Cataract, Main Falls, Rainbow Falls, Eastern Cataract

- **Best Time to Visit:**
 - High Water Season (March–May): The Falls are at their fullest and most dramatic.
 - Low Water Season (September–November): Offers clearer views of the rock formations and the gorge.

2. Guided Tour of the Falls

- Explore the trails and viewpoints with a local guide who will share fascinating details about the geology, flora, and history of the Falls.

3. Zambezi River Activities

- **Sunset Cruise:** Relax on a boat while spotting hippos, crocodiles, and elephants as the sun sets over the river.
- **White-Water Rafting:** Take on the rapids of the Batoka Gorge for an adrenaline-pumping adventure.

4. Adventure Activities

- **Bungee Jumping:** Leap off the Victoria Falls Bridge for an unforgettable thrill.
- **Helicopter Flights:** Known as "The Flight of Angels," this provides breathtaking aerial views of the Falls.
- **Gorge Swing and Zip-lining:** Experience the thrill of swinging or zipping across the Batoka Gorge.

5. Safari Excursions

- **Zambezi National Park:** Just outside the town, this park offers game drives and walking safaris.
- **Day Trip to Chobe National Park (Botswana):** See large herds of elephants and other wildlife on a combined river cruise and game drive.

6. Cultural Experiences

- **Traditional Village Tour:** Learn about the customs and traditions of local communities.
- **Boma Dinner & Drum Show:** Enjoy a feast of African cuisine and interactive drumming performances in the evening.

Scenic Lookout Points

- **Knife-Edge Bridge:** A viewpoint offering a close and dramatic look at the Falls, especially during high water.
- **Victoria Falls Bridge:** Straddling the border of Zimbabwe and Zambia, this iconic bridge offers stunning views and adrenaline activities.

DAY 14: END OF TOUR VICTORIA FALLS, ZIMBABWE

MEALS	Breakfast
OPTIONAL	Why not spend more time exploring the area?
ROUTE	Depending on Optional Activity

Morning – After sharing countless memories on this incredible journey, it's time to part ways with your guide this morning. They will begin their two-day drive back to Johannesburg, marking the conclusion of your adventure with Footprints in Africa.

Breakfast and Goodbyes: Enjoy a final breakfast together, reflecting on the highlights of your trip and the experiences that made this journey unforgettable.

Your Next Steps: (own cost)(your guide will assist)

1. **Airport Drop-Off:** Arrange a transfer to Victoria Falls International Airport to catch your flight home.
2. **Optional Extension:** For those staying longer in Victoria Falls, enjoy more time to explore the area and its many attractions.

EXTRA TOUR INFORMATION

Pre-Departure Information

Below is some helpful information. If you only do one thing before coming on tour with us – please make sure that it involves sitting down, putting your feet up and reading through this pre departure information, it will change your experience!

For in-depth downloadable copy visit: [Pre-Departure Information](#)

Who Tours with us

Whether you're exploring on your own, traveling with family, or making memories with friends, Footprints in Africa's small group tours offer a unique, personalized travel experience tailored to your needs. If you prefer a private tour, simply let us know—additional rates apply, but the experience will be crafted exclusively for you.

Accommodation Options

We prioritize authentic and intimate experiences by offering accommodations in self-catering villas, guest houses, traditional huts and Rondavels and glamping safari tents, rather than large hotels, wherever possible. This approach allows us to immerse you in the local charm and culture of each destination while adding a touch of adventure and comfort to your stay.

What is Glamping Safari Tents:

- These fully equipped, safari-style tents provide the perfect blend of nature and luxury.
- Expect comfortable beds, some have en-suite facilities, and in many cases, private decks with stunning views.
- Ideal for travellers who want to stay close to nature without compromising on convenience and style.

If the specified accommodations on your itinerary are unavailable, you can rest assured that we will promptly arrange alternate options of equal or superior quality to ensure your comfort.

1. Budget Option: Basic Rooms

- Overview:
 - Perfect for travellers seeking a cozy and budget-friendly stay.
 - Rooms are standard twin/double, offering essential comfort at an affordable price.
 - Bathrooms: In some locations, shared communal bathrooms are available.
 - 3-star accommodations, ensuring a clean and pleasant experience.
- Ideal For:
 - Backpackers, solo travellers, or budget-conscious adventurers.

2. Comfort Option: Midrange Accommodation

- Overview:
 - Designed for those who want added comfort during their travels.
 - Features twin/double en-suite rooms, providing privacy and convenience.
 - Includes additional amenities to enhance the overall experience.
 - 3-star accommodations with a focus on a delightful and comfortable stay.
- Ideal For:
 - Couples, families, or anyone seeking a bit more indulgence without overspending.

Pre/Post Travel arrangements

If you need any transfers, accommodation or tours before or after your trip, please let us know when you make your booking. We recommend arriving at least one day before your tour begins and making any onward travel arrangements for the day after the tour ends to ensure a smooth experience.

Please note, Footprints in Africa will not be responsible for any delays or additional travel costs associated with onward arrangements made on the same day the tour ends.

Tour Departure/End Point

We offer flexible departure and drop-off points from hotels and locations near airports, ensuring convenience and accessibility every step of the way. Whether you're starting your adventure or wrapping up

Passport and Visas

Before embarking on your adventure through Africa, it's crucial to have all necessary documentation in order. We strongly recommend ensuring that your passport is valid for at least 6 months from the date of your exit flight and that you have at least 2 blank pages per country you plan to visit. Additionally, please carry printed copies of your passport with you during the tour.

VISAS!!! It's important to be aware that if you are denied entry to a country for any reason, all additional costs or transportation required to re-join the tour will be at your own expense. While we are here to assist, please note that obtaining the necessary visas is your responsibility. Taking these precautions will help ensure a smooth and hassle-free travel experience.

Meals and Activities on Tour

Each itinerary includes a specific meal plan and a detailed list of highlights and activities, so it's important to review the information carefully to know what's covered and what might be at your own expense.

Breakfast:

- Included in your itinerary and provided either by an on-site or nearby restaurant or prepared by your guide. This ensures you start each day well-fed and ready for your adventure.

Lunch:

- Not included in the package. While we've scheduled time for meals, on longer driving days, we may not have the opportunity for a sit-down lunch at a restaurant. Instead, you'll find supermarkets, farm stalls, or takeaway options along the way to enjoy a quick bite on the road or at picnic sites.

Dinners:

- Not included in the package, but there are convenient options available. You can choose to dine at nearby or on-site restaurants or take advantage of self-catering facilities available at certain locations. This flexibility allows you to enjoy your meals according to your preferences.

Traditional South African Braai:

- A must-try experience! Your guide will prepare a Traditional South African Braai (barbecue) where facilities allow. Often, a food kitty can be put together for shopping, and the group can participate in preparing and enjoying this unique local dish together.

WEATHER IN SOUTHERN AFRICA ACROSS THE SEASONS

Covering Botswana, Zimbabwe, South Africa, Eswatini, Mozambique, and Lesotho, this region experiences diverse climates due to its varying geography and elevations. Here's a breakdown by season:

Summer (Wet Season)

- Months: November to March
- Weather:
 - Hot and humid with afternoon thunderstorms, especially in Botswana, Zimbabwe, South Africa, Eswatini, and Mozambique.
 - Lesotho experiences cooler, wetter conditions in its mountainous areas, often with snowfall at higher altitudes.
- Temperatures:
 - Lowlands (South Africa, Botswana, Mozambique, Eswatini): 25°C to 35°C (77°F to 95°F).
 - Lesotho Highlands: 15°C to 25°C (59°F to 77°F), cooler at night.
- Highlights:
 - Wildlife Viewing: Difficult due to dense vegetation but great for birdwatching (migratory species arrive).
 - Victoria Falls: Water levels begin to rise, becoming dramatic by February/March.
 - Coastal areas, especially in Mozambique, are perfect for beach holidays with warm sea temperatures.

Autumn (Transitional Season)

- Months: April to May
- Weather:
 - Mild temperatures, with drier and cooler conditions marking the transition into the dry season.
 - Clear skies across the region.
- Temperatures:
 - Lowlands: 20°C to 30°C (68°F to 86°F).
 - Lesotho Highlands: 10°C to 20°C (50°F to 68°F).
- Highlights:
 - Safari viewing improves as vegetation thins, and waterholes attract wildlife.
 - Comfortable weather for hiking in Lesotho's Drakensberg Mountains or Eswatini's reserves.

Winter (Dry Season)

- Months: June to August
- Weather:
 - Cool and dry, with chilly mornings and evenings, especially in Lesotho, South Africa, and Eswatini.
 - Coastal Mozambique remains warm and sunny.
 - No rainfall during this season in most areas.
- Temperatures:
 - Lowlands: 15°C to 25°C (59°F to 77°F) during the day, colder at night.
 - Lesotho Highlands: Daytime highs of 10°C to 20°C (50°F to 68°F), with nights dropping below freezing and occasional snow.
- Highlights:
 - Wildlife Safaris: Peak game viewing in Kruger National Park (South Africa), Hluhluwe-iMfolozi (Eswatini), and Botswana's Okavango Delta.
 - Perfect weather for hiking or cultural tours in Lesotho and Eswatini.
 - Coastal Mozambique offers great diving and snorkeling with warm waters.

Spring (Pre-Wet Season)

- Months: September to October
- Weather:
 - Dry, but temperatures start to climb, especially in Botswana, Zimbabwe, and Mozambique, with October being the hottest month.
 - Dusty landscapes with vegetation drying out.
- Temperatures:
 - Lowlands: 30°C to 40°C (86°F to 104°F) during the day.
 - Lesotho Highlands: Cooler, around 15°C to 25°C (59°F to 77°F).
- Highlights:
 - Wildlife gathers in large numbers around water sources, making it the best time for safaris in South Africa, Eswatini, and Botswana.
 - Victoria Falls: Lower water levels mean better visibility of the gorge and the rock formations.
 - Coastal areas like Mozambique are ideal for relaxing on the beach or exploring marine life.

MALARIA RISK ACROSS SOUTHERN AFRICA

Malaria is a risk in several areas of Botswana, Zimbabwe, South Africa, Eswatini, Mozambique, and Lesotho, though the level of risk varies depending on the location, season, and elevation. Here's a detailed overview:

Botswana

- High-Risk Areas:
 - The Okavango Delta, Chobe National Park, and northern regions are high-risk areas for malaria.
 - The risk decreases in the drier, southern parts of the country.
- Seasonal Risk:
 - Highest during the wet season (November to April) due to increased mosquito activity.
 - Lower risk during the dry season (May to October).
- Precautions:
 - Malaria prophylaxis is strongly recommended if visiting northern Botswana.

Eswatini

- High-Risk Areas:
 - Malaria risk is confined to low-lying eastern areas, especially near the borders with Mozambique and South Africa.
 - High-altitude areas, including Mbabane, are malaria-free.
- Seasonal Risk:
 - Highest risk in the wet season (November to April).
- Precautions:
 - Prophylaxis is recommended for visits to low-lying regions during the wet season.

Lesotho

- Malaria-Free:
 - Lesotho's high altitude makes it a malaria-free country year-round.
 - No prophylaxis is required.

Mozambique

- High-Risk Areas:
 - Entire country is a high-risk malaria area, including coastal regions, national parks, and urban centers.
 - Risk is higher in rural areas than in cities like Maputo.
- Seasonal Risk:
 - Malaria is a year-round risk, though transmission increases during the wet season (November to April).
- Precautions:
 - Prophylaxis is strongly recommended for all travelers to Mozambique.
 - Take extra precautions, such as mosquito nets and repellents.

South Africa

- High-Risk Areas:
 - Malaria is limited to the northeastern parts, including:
 - Kruger National Park, iSimangaliso Wetland Park, and parts of Limpopo and Mpumalanga provinces.
 - Major cities like Johannesburg, Cape Town, and Durban are malaria-free.
- Seasonal Risk:
 - Malaria transmission is highest during the wet season (September to May).
 - Lower risk during the dry winter months (June to August).
- Precautions:
 - If visiting Kruger or nearby areas during the wet season, consider prophylaxis and other preventive measures.

General Malaria Prevention Tips

1. Prophylaxis:
 - Consult a healthcare provider for appropriate anti-malarial medication (e.g., Malarone, Doxycycline, or Lariam).
2. Insect Protection:
 - Use insect repellents containing DEET or picaridin.
 - Sleep under mosquito nets, preferably treated with insecticides.
 - Wear long-sleeved shirts and pants, especially in the evening and early morning.
3. Seasonal Awareness:
 - Adjust precautions based on travel season and region.
4. Early Symptoms:
 - If you experience fever, chills, headache, or flu-like symptoms within a few weeks of travel, seek immediate medical attention, as these may be signs of malaria.

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