

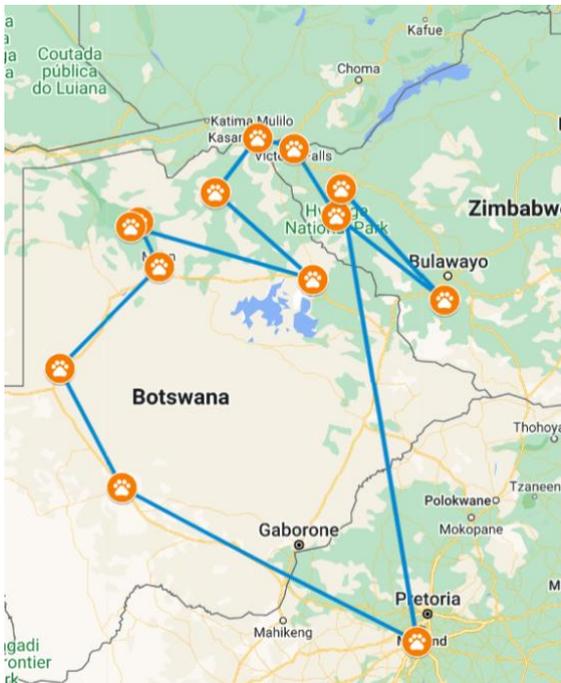


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# 14 Day Botswana, Vic Falls & Zimbabwe Camping or Accommodated Tour



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Kalahari Region
- Bushman Encounter
- Traditional Mokoro Safari
- Moremi Game Reserve
- Savuti Game Reserve
- Chobe National Park Game Drive & Boat Cruise
- Hwange National Park
- Matopos National Park
- Great Zimbabwe Ruins
- Victoria Falls



# TOUR ITINERARY

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## 14 Days | South Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe

Information is subject to change. Travel times and accommodation can change depending on road or weather conditions, etc. These are used as a guideline only.

### DAY 1: JOHANNESBURG TO KALAHARI GATEWAY

Leaving behind the city of Johannesburg, we travel through the North-West Province to the Botswana border. After completing border formalities, we continue on the Trans-Kalahari highway to our overnight stop.

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| <b>Accommodation</b> | Kang Ultra Stop <a href="http://www.kangultralodge.com">http://www.kangultralodge.com</a>  |
| <b>Facilities</b>    | <b>Accommodated:</b> Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom<br><b>Camping:</b> Campsite with shared ablutions<br><i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i> |
| <b>Route</b>         | Johannesburg to Kang   |
| <b>Meals</b>         | Lunch, Dinner  |
| <b>Border Post</b>   | Botswana Pioneer Gate Tel: +267 533 3992, Open: 06h00 – 24h00<br>South Africa Skilpadshek Tel: +27 0800 00 7277, Open: 06h00 – 24h00   |

### DAY 2: KALAHARI GATEWAY TO GHANZI

After breakfast we venture deeper into the Central Kalahari and our camp in the Ghanzi district, here we will spend time getting to know the fascinating San people. The San people have long been associated with this harsh environment and this tonight we enjoy a dance evening that provides an insight into their culture of song, dance and story-telling.

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| <b>Accommodation</b>      | Ghanzi Trail Blazers <a href="http://ghanzitrailblazers.co.bw">http://ghanzitrailblazers.co.bw</a>   |
| <b>Facilities</b>         | <b>Accommodated:</b> Two per Room with En-Suite Bathroom<br><b>Camping:</b> Campsite with Shared Ablutions<br><i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i> |
| <b>Route</b>              | Kang to Ghanzi   |
| <b>Meals</b>              | Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner   |
| <b>Included Highlight</b> | San Evening Dance Performance  |
| <b>Optional Activity</b>  | San Guided Walk (late afternoon or could take place the following morning)   |

### DAY 3: KHWAI CONSERVATION AREA

*You will be separated from your truck for the next 2 nights and it is therefore important that you pack/gather your personal belongings which you may need, before we depart for Maun today as there is limited time in Maun for re-packing and storing. Please pack lightly and only take what you need for the following two nights.*

This morning we rise early and make our way towards Maun, where upon arrival in Maun you will have the opportunity to go on an optional scenic flight over the Delta (time and weather permitting). After your optional flight, you will be collected from Maun and will be transferred to the Greater Moremi Game Reserve Area in smaller safari type vehicles. This evening our guide will prepare us on what to expect for our mokoro excursion into the Okavango Delta and our game drive in Khwai.

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| <b>Accommodation</b>     | Magotha / Boga Campsite (no website available)   |
| <b>Facilities</b>        | <b>Accommodated:</b> Two per permanent tent with en-suite bathroom<br><b>Camping:</b> Campsite with Shared Ablutions |
| <b>Route</b>             | Ghanzi via Maun to Khwai Conservation Area   |
| <b>Meals</b>             | Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner   |
| <b>Optional Activity</b> | Okavango Delta scenic flight   |



#### **DAY 4: KHWAI CONSERVATION AREA**

Heading out early, we transfer by safari vehicle, to the poling station, where we will meet the polers who will be escorting us into the Delta. The polers will steer us through the serene area of narrow, reed lined channels which open out onto beautiful lagoons. Reaching one of the many islands, a nature walk may be taken with your pole and after the walk, we return by mokoro through the channels back to the poling station. While the mokoro trail is not primarily a game viewing activity, a variety of game may be spotted in this pristine wilderness area, including elephant, giraffe, kudu, impala and zebra. After lunch, we will return to Moremi Game Reserve for our afternoon game drive which will be conducted in open 4x4 safari vehicles. The game viewing routes chosen during the afternoon by the professional guide may vary especially when high floods are experienced as certain roads may be closed or impassable.

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| <b>Accommodation</b>       | Magotho / Boga Campsite (no website available)   |
| <b>Facilities</b>          | <b>Accommodated:</b> Two per permanent tent with en-suite bathroom<br><b>Camping:</b> Campsite with Shared Ablutions |
| <b>Route</b>               | Overnight accommodation-poling station–Okavango Delta–Khwai Conservation Area  |
| <b>Meals</b>               | Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner   |
| <b>Included Highlights</b> | Okavango Delta Morning Mokoro Excursion / Khwai Conservation Afternoon Game Drive                                    |

#### **DAY 5: KHWAI CONSERVATION AREA**

*Today's journey from Khwai to Kasane (via the Savuti National Park) is expected to take approximately 10 hours. You will pack up camp and depart at first light on the open 4x4 safari vehicles. The road conditions can best be described as dense sand and depending on the season you are travelling in, could be through thick vegetation. During the winter months (May-September) we strongly suggest layering up on clothing, pack a beanie and/or scarf and thick jacket. Animal sightings can never be guaranteed while we transit/traverse these wilderness areas and any stops for viewing of the wildlife will add to the time spent in the 4x4 safari vehicle. We suggest stocking up on snacks and at least 1 x 5l bottle of water in Maun for the journey as there are no re-supply points until you reach Kasane.*

The Savuti Game Reserve is a unique area bordered by the Okavango Delta to west and Chobe National Park to the east. Today is a long day as we spend most of our day travelling via the various sectors including the Savuti Game Reserve in search of the species that roam the plains. Expect some bumpy roads as we traverse this wilderness area in our 4x4 vehicles. Offering habitats from wetland, open water to the grasslands and Savannah woodland, we hope to see as many species of fauna and flora possible. This afternoon we arrive on the banks of the Chobe River and will be re-united with our truck in the town of Kasane.

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| <b>Accommodation</b>      | Thebe River Safaris <a href="http://www.theberiversafaris.com">http://www.theberiversafaris.com</a>  |
| <b>Facilities</b>         | <b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with en-suite bathroom<br><b>Camping:</b> Campsite with Shared Ablutions<br><i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i> |
| <b>Route</b>              | Khwai Conservation Area – via Savuti Game Reserve – Kasane (long day +-6-8 hrs)  |
| <b>Meals</b>              | Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner   |
| <b>Included Highlight</b> | Game Drive through Savuti Game Reserve in 4x4 safari vehicles  |

#### **DAY 6: CHOBE NATIONAL PARK**

For those that opt to participate in the optional game drive in Chobe National Park, you will be collected early from camp and will venture out in open 4x4 safari type vehicles. You will return to camp in time for lunch and a quick siesta before we head out in the afternoon to explore the Chobe National Park from the river, enjoying a leisurely boat cruise which allows us an up close and personal experience with the many elephants that frequent the river in the afternoons.

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| <b>Accommodation</b>      | Thebe River Safaris <a href="http://www.theberiversafaris.com">http://www.theberiversafaris.com</a>  |
| <b>Facilities</b>         | <b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with en-suite bathroom<br><b>Camping:</b> Campsite with Shared Ablutions<br><i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i> |
| <b>Meals</b>              | Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner   |
| <b>Included Highlight</b> | Chobe National Park Boat Cruise  |
| <b>Optional Activity</b>  | Chobe National Park Game Drive   |



## **DAY 7: ZIMBABWE – VICTORIA FALLS**

With the memories of our wildlife encounters firmly etched in our minds, we cross the border into Zimbabwe this morning and travel the short distance to Vic Falls. Today you have the opportunity to visit the spectacular Victoria Falls at your leisure, also known by the local name of “Mosi-oa Tunya” (the smoke that thunders).

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| <b>Accommodation Facilities</b> | Shearwater Explorers Village <a href="http://explorersvillage.com/">http://explorersvillage.com/</a><br><b>Accommodated:</b> Two per Room with En-Suite Bathroom<br><b>Camping:</b> Campsite (pre-erected dome tent with camper beds) with Shared Ablutions<br><i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i> |
| <b>Route</b>                    | Kasane to Victoria Falls  |
| <b>Meals</b>                    | Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner  |
| <b>Optional Activity</b>        | Visit the Vic Falls, Zambezi Sunset Cruise, Bungee Jump, Helicopter Flights, White Water Rafting  |
| <b>Border Post</b>              | Botswana: Kazangula Road, Tel: +267 62 50320 / Open: 06h00-20h00<br>Zimbabwe: Kzangula Road, Open: 06h00-20h00  |

## **DAY 8: VICTORIA FALLS**

While much of today is dedicated to viewing the mighty Zambezi River as it drops into the Batoka Gorge below (optional activity), the bustling adventure town of Victoria Falls also offers a range of optional activities for those wanting a dose of adrenaline in the afternoon. For the more relaxed traveller there are craft markets and coffee shops on offer as well.

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| <b>Accommodation Facilities</b> | Shearwater Explorers Village <a href="http://explorersvillage.com/">http://explorersvillage.com/</a><br><b>Accommodated:</b> Two per Room with En-Suite Bathroom<br><b>Camping:</b> Campsite (pre-erected dome tent with camper beds) with Shared Ablutions<br><i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i> |
| <b>Meals</b>                    | Breakfast   |
| <b>Optional Activity</b>        | Visit the Vic Falls, Zambezi Sunset Cruise, Bungee Jump, Helicopter Flights, White Water Rafting  |

## **DAY 9: VICTORIA FALLS TO HWANGE NATIONAL PARK**

This morning we leave the rumble and adventure of Victoria Falls behind us as we make the journey south to Hwange National Park. Hwange is the largest of Zimbabwe’s national parks and offers excellent opportunities for viewing the diversity of wildlife that calls the park home.

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| <b>Accommodation Facilities</b> | Hwange Main Camp <a href="http://zimparks.org">http://zimparks.org</a> OR Miombo Safari <a href="https://miombosafari.com">https://miombosafari.com</a><br><b>Accommodated:</b> Two per Room with En-Suite Bathroom<br><b>Camping:</b> Campsite with Shared Ablutions<br><i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i> |
| <b>Route</b>                    | Victoria Falls to Hwange National Park  |
| <b>Meals</b>                    | Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner  |
| <b>Optional Activity</b>        | Victoria Falls National Park Entry, Hwange Sundowner Drive  |

## **DAY 10: HWANGE NATIONAL PARK**

Home to the big-5, Hwange National Park also offers a wide variety of plains game and birdlife. We will spend the day game driving (in open4x4vehicles) through Hwange in search of the animals.

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| <b>Accommodation Facilities</b> | Hwange Main Camp <a href="http://zimparks.org">http://zimparks.org</a> OR Miombo Safari <a href="https://miombosafari.com">https://miombosafari.com</a><br><b>Accommodated:</b> Two per Room with En-Suite Bathroom<br><b>Camping:</b> Campsite with Shared Ablutions<br><i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i> |
| <b>Meals</b>                    | Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner  |
| <b>Optional Activity</b>        | Full Day Hwange National Park Game Drive  |

## **DAY 11: MATOPOS NATIONAL PARK**

After breakfast we continue south towards Bulawayo, the second largest city in Zimbabwe. Our afternoon will be spent exploring the Matopos National Park with a local guide.

The park received recognition as a UNESCO natural World Heritage Site in 2003 and includes an intensive protection zone that is home to both Black and White Rhinoceros. Named after the Ndebele word “Matobo “, whose meaning “baldheads” refers to the rounded granite hills that surround it. We return to Bulawayo and our overnight stop for



the night.

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| <b>Accommodation</b>     | Banff Lodge <a href="http://www.banfflodgehotel.com/">http://www.banfflodgehotel.com/</a>   |
| <b>Facilities</b>        | <b>Accommodated:</b> Two per Room with En-Suite Bathroom<br><b>Camping:</b> Two per Room with En-Suite Bathroom<br><i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i> |
| <b>Route</b>             | Hwange National Park to Bulawayo to Matopos National Park   |
| <b>Meals</b>             | Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner  |
| <b>Optional Activity</b> | Afternoon Game Drive in Matopos National Park   |

### **DAY 12: GREAT ZIMBABWE RUINS**

Our journey today takes us to Masvingo and the Great Zimbabwe Ruins. This afternoon we will enjoy a guided walking tour of this historic site. Dating back to the Late Iron Age, this UNESCO World Heritage Site was once the capital of the Kingdom of Zimbabwe. We take time this afternoon to marvel at the intricate stonework and experience the heritage of this monument to early Zimbabwean civilisation.

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| <b>Accommodation</b>      | Norma Jeans Lake View Resort <a href="http://www.normajeanslakeview.com">http://www.normajeanslakeview.com</a>   |
| <b>Facilities</b>         | <b>Accommodated:</b> Two per Room with En-Suite Bathroom<br><b>Camping:</b> Campsite with Shared Ablutions<br><i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i> |
| <b>Route</b>              | Bulawayo to Great Zimbabwe Ruins   |
| <b>Meals</b>              | Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner   |
| <b>Included Highlight</b> | Visit to the Great Zimbabwe Ruins  |

### **DAY 13: TSHIPISE**

Leaving the sites of Zimbabwe behind we cross the Limpopo River and enter South Africa this afternoon. Our overnight stop allows us an opportunity to end the day with a swim in the hot springs of Tshipise.

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| <b>Accommodation</b>      | Forever Tshipise Resort <a href="http://www.forevertshipise.co.za">http://www.forevertshipise.co.za</a>  |
| <b>Facilities</b>         | <b>Accommodated:</b> Two per Room with En-Suite Bathroom<br><b>Camping:</b> Campsite with Shared Ablutions<br><i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i> |
| <b>Route</b>              | Great Zimbabwe Ruins to Tshipise   |
| <b>Meals</b>              | Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner   |
| <b>Included Highlight</b> | Tshipise Hot Springs   |
| <b>Border Post</b>        | Beitbridge Border Post +263 862 2303 / 2366 +27 (015) 530-0066 / 71 website:<br><a href="http://www.zimra.co.zw">http://www.zimra.co.zw</a>  |

### **DAY 14: JOHANNESBURG**

This morning we take the highway south to Johannesburg, we arrive at Johannesburg in the late afternoon and all travellers are invited to join us for a traditional meal tonight. This can be booked with your guide on the day before arrival. Many great tales are shared and tonight is for celebrating the many wonders of African travel.

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| <b>Accommodation</b>     | Own Arrangements / Post tour accommodation can be booked through your agent. |
| <b>Route</b>             | Tshipise to Johannesburg   |
| <b>Meals</b>             | Breakfast, Lunch   |
| <b>Optional Activity</b> | Traditional Meal at post tour accommodation                                  |

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## **TOUR INFORMATION**

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### **Pre-Departure Information:**

Once booking has been confirmed we will send you a full and detailed pre-departure Booklet to help you prepare. Below is some basic tour information.



### **Tour departure point**

Please ensure you arrive at the departure point at least 30 minutes before the scheduled departure time

**07:00 am** Garden Court OR Tambo

2 Hulley Road, Isando

Kempton Park, South Africa

Tel: +27 (0)11 392 1062 <https://www.southernsun.com/garden-court-or-tambo-international-airport>

### **Tour ending point**

Garden Court OR Tambo

2 Hulley Road, Isando

Kempton Park, South Africa

Tel: +27 (0)11 392 1062 <https://www.southernsun.com/garden-court-or-tambo-international-airport>

### **PCR Testing / Requirements**

All guests participating in this tour should adhere to and be familiar with any mandatory covid-19 vaccine requirements or PCR testing requirements of the country/countries being visited. All costs associated with PCR testing will be for the guests' own account.

### **Maximum Number of Passengers**

20 - All protocols and government regulations in terms of carrying capacity will be adhered to at the time of travel)

### **After hours emergency contact**

Our reservations staff are available to receive emergency calls. We would like to request that you respect this emergency number and use it only in the event of emergencies. Please only contact this number if, for example, you have missed your incoming flight, you cannot find your airport transfer, or you are running late for your tour departure.

*If calling from outside South Africa: 0027 82 578 2199*

*If calling within South Africa: 082 578 2199*

### **Arrival / Departure**

Please be sure to arrive 1 day before your tour is due to depart. This will avoid any unforeseen problems. We also highly recommend that you book your flights to depart the day after the tour officially ends to allow for delays and changes.

### **Pre and Post Tour Accommodation**

If you require accommodation before or after your tour, we can arrange this for you. We can also arrange airport transfers – contact your travel agent to make these bookings.

### **What's included**

All meals which are prepared and served at the tour truck / accommodation / qualified crew / filtered water / transport in the tour truck / included highlights as per the itinerary / entrance fees to National Parks.

### **What's excluded**

Items of a personal nature (snacks, alcohol, bottled water, soft drinks, tips) / entrance fees (associated with optional activities) / souvenirs / activity packages and optional activities

### **Countries Visited**

South Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe

### **Optional Activities**

We provide you with a great tour however there are additional optional activities that you can do enroute.

At the various places you will find a selection of optional activities that can be booked on the tour you have chosen.

Your guide will also help you choose what is best for you. If you want to do an extra night drive, go white water rafting or bungee jumping -we will make sure you book this with the safest and most professional operator. Some



optional activities operate concurrently so the group may have to decide as a team which optional activities they'd prefer to do.

On the pre-departure information your consultant sends you there will be a lengthy list of what the locals offer in the various places we visit. These are as the name says... totally optional and you do not always have to do an activity to enjoy being in an area, simply walking around the local markets or interacting with the locals is an experience with in itself.

### **General**

All information is subject to change without prior notice, changes would always be in consideration of your safety first and a better-quality experience. This would be where we are able to make improvements, sometimes last-minute decisions due to the nature of the tour/event. Travel times and campsites can change depending on road or weather conditions, or any unforeseen circumstances.

These are used as a guideline only. On our longer tours it is possible that your crew, truck and fellow travellers will change due to our unique tour linking system. Please ensure that you have received the latest version of this dossier- your consultant will send you a link to do this, we ask clients to download the latest tour dossier 1 week before your tours departure so you are up to date with any changes.

### **Meals**

**Breakfast:**

As breakfast is served very early in the morning (if there is driving or activities to be done) it is a simple but filling breakfast: Tea and coffee, breads and spreads, cereals, yoghurts, fruits and on occasion, when there is time for a later breakfast, guides will serve a hot breakfast of scrambled eggs, porridge, bacon or beans.

**Lunch:**

Lunch is generally served at a picnic spot next to the road en route to a destination. As the guides only have approximately 45 minutes to get everyone off the truck, prepare lunch and then get everyone back on the truck again, lunches consist of sandwiches and salads (rice salad, pasta salad, tuna salad and green salad) which are quick and easy to prepare but which are quite filling. They do have meal plans which they should stick to, to ensure that there is variety on a day to day basis.

**Dinner:**

This is when the guides get time to prepare a delicious meal and they focus on a substantial protein, vegetable and carbohydrate dinner. We serve traditional cuisine consisting of braais (BBQ), potjie (stew), bobotie (mince), spaghetti and fish and chicken dishes.

Most evenings are spent talking about Africa. Your tour dossier will have details of where you will be each night and the prices of meals if we are spending an evening at leisure in a city or town. After or during dinner, guides will do briefings, please use this opportunity to discuss things with them.

### **Special Requirements**

Please confirm to us in writing if you are a vegetarian or if you suffer from any allergies (i.e nuts, milk, fish) (i.e. vegetarian), allergies (i.e. nuts, milk, fish). Where possible our guides do try and accommodate clients with intolerances (i.e. gluten, lactose), however we cannot guarantee the availability of speciality foods en-route and we therefore recommend you to bring these items with you or purchase them prior to departing on your tour.

### **Luggage**

We advise clients to be as light as possible when travelling through Africa. It is not a destination where you want to lug suitcases and heavy bags around. Lodges rarely have suitcase ramps meaning wheels are sometimes more of a hindrance and also impact on the case fitting in the lockers.

On booking the pre-departure info will have a packing guide to help you prepare, however please note hard suitcases are not suitable. Soft bags are needed to fit in the luggage lockers.

Locker sizes are ±35cm sq, 80cm deep. If the frame of your suitcase does not fit these diameters, there is unfortunately nowhere else to safely store your bag.

**Should you have further questions, please feel free to contact us on the below details:**



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Telegram: @DetourAfrica

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