

## Victoria Falls, Safari and Cape Town

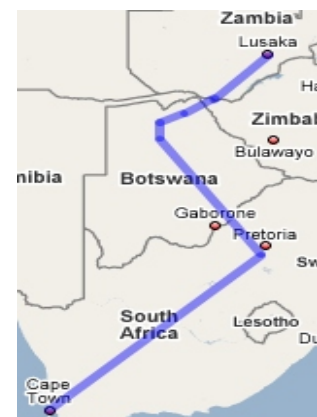


### Overview

This trip starts at the magnificent Victoria Falls, then uses small charter flights to access the Okavango Delta and Chobe National Park in Botswana and finishes up cosmopolitan Cape Town and the Winelands. Activities on offer include gliding through the waterways of the Okavango Delta in a traditional mokoro (dugout canoe), taking game drives to spot wildlife, including lion, leopard, elephant, cheetah and buffalo, as well as guided bush walks. Travel by small aircraft affords fabulous views of the vast wilderness as well as allowing more time for wildlife viewing activities from each base. Accommodation is typically in luxury lodges - and may feature luxury tents or reed-built chalets typically situated along the edge of waterways. Then head to trendy Cape Town with its outdoor lifestyle and Hermanus with the spectacle of southern right whales breaching, and the beautiful landscape of the world famous winelands.

### Trip Highlights

- Visiting the awesome Victoria Falls: and perhaps taking part in one of the many activities on offer.
- Seeing the full expanse of the Okavango Delta by light aircraft
- Gliding through the watery mazes of the Okavango Delta in a traditional mokoro
- Taking a game drive in the wildlife-rich Moremi Game Reserve
- Waking up to the sounds of the African bush in luxury lodges typically situated on the edge of waterways.
- Visiting cosmopolitan Cape Town, a vibrant beach-side city with world famous sites
- And a lively restaurant scene.
- Experiencing the beautiful winelands and Hermanus, home of the southern right whale.



#### Day 1: UK to Zambia

Depart the UK on overnight flight to Livingstone

#### Days 2-5 (3 nights)

Arrive Lusaka and take connecting flight to Livingstone, where you will transfer to your accommodation, upstream of the Victoria Falls. Here you can enjoy the lush vegetation and spectacular views across the Zambezi River.

You stay for three nights in a luxurious and unique up-market lodge on the banks of the Zambezi River. Accommodation is provided in 10 houses or cottages. Each house has sweeping views of the mighty Zambezi River and spacious sleeping and living areas.

Inclusive activities from the lodge consist of sunrise and sunset boat trips on the Zambezi, guided canoe excursions, island lunch with guided walk, fishing with equipment provided, a visit to the Falls on the Zambian side\*, a game drive in the Mosi-Oa-Tunya National Park\*, a walk in the gorges below the Falls, a cultural visit to the Livingstone museums\* or a shopping trip on the Zambian side of the Falls. There are also many optional adventure activities (such as helicopter or fixed wing scenic flights, elephant-back safaris, bungee jumping, and white water rafting) which can be arranged through the lodge. (\* entry fees not included)

#### Days 5-7 Chobe National Park (2 nights)

You take a charter flight from Livingstone to the Savute region of Chobe National Park: this area supports a huge concentration of wildlife particularly lions and elephants, but also vast herds of buffaloes, zebras, impalas,

wildebeest and antelopes as well as cheetah, wild dogs and hyenas.

You spend 2 nights at a luxury Camp in a twin tent with en suite facilities on a fully inclusive basis. The Camp sleeps a maximum of 16 guests in 8-luxury twin tents. Activities are included, such as morning and night game drives, boat cruises, fishing and walks with an armed guide. Morning game drives start soon after sunrise and are conducted by experienced guides and trackers. These informative drives last between 3 and 4 hours. Night drives are a highlight: guests leave the camp late afternoon, stopping for sunset drinks before carrying on into the night using spotlights and returning to camp for dinner.

The shady, treed environment of the camp hosts a great variety of birds and squirrels that visit daily. A family of hippo and an elephant or three are regularly sighted from the tents. The predators are also well represented by lion, hyena, leopard, cheetah and wild dog. Seasonally, large herds of elephant drink almost daily at the river bank in front of the camp, in full view of guests. Playful spotted necked otters are commonly seen performing in the Lagoon right in front of the tents.

#### Days 7-10 (3 nights)

You transfer on a short flight by light aircraft to the Okavango Delta - a maze of lagoons, channels and islands that make up a massive freshwater oasis in the Kalahari Desert which is home to an array of wildlife including buffaloes, elephants, giraffe, antelope, hippos, crocodiles, zebras, wildebeest and birdlife.

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You transfer to your Camp situated on a 260,000 acre private concession bordering the southern section of the famous Moremi Game Reserve, thus affording guests absolute exclusivity. Accommodation for the next 3 nights is in 8 classic styled safari tents raised on wooden decking. The decks are complemented with hammocks and Morris chairs. Each unit offers en-suite facilities, a private deck and is equipped with a hairdryer and ceiling fan.

The area is home to a wide variety of big game including elephant, buffalo, giraffe, hippo, lion, leopard, cheetah and wild dog. The area houses one of the largest buffalo populations in the Okavango Delta, which, in the dry season, can concentrate into a herd in excess of 2000. The rare and elusive wild dog is also often sighted in the area. Day and night game drives, walking safaris and mokoro trips are included. The latter trip (in a dug-out canoe) through the papyrus-lined channels is an experience not to be missed in this area. The lodge also offers a unique and educational elephant interaction activity (additional cost).

### Days 10 & 11

You transfer by light aircraft to Maun and connect to Cape Town via Johannesburg. Cape Town is a vibrant, cosmopolitan city offering outdoor activities, a lively music scene and a host of trendy bars and restaurants. Contrasts abound in this city, with beaches, vineyards, and of course Table Mountain within easy reach, and of course the stark differences between the townships and beach-side mansions provide a constant reminder of this Nation's tumultuous history.

You stay in a luxury boutique hotel with excellent service, warm hospitality, and stylish accommodation. The accommodation offers great ocean and mountain views from its central location near the city centre and beautiful beaches. The 8 rooms are spacious and stylishly decorated, and you can unwind with a heated indoor pool, a fully-equipped gym and a spa. This seaside location is perfect for relaxing on the sun deck while gazing out across the ocean. Camps Bay and Clifton beaches are a short walk away, and you can enjoy a relaxing Stroll down the Camps Bay promenade.



*To do: Table Mountain, V&A Waterfront, District Six Museum, Robben Island, Botanical Gardens, drive the Peninsula Circuit including a drive along Chapman's Peak Drive a spectacular road which follows the coast down the Peninsula. Car Hire is included for the remainder of your holiday.*

### Days 12 & 13

You leave Cape Town for the winelands. Located in the middle of the Cape Winelands, Stellenbosch makes the perfect base from which to explore the Cape Wine Routes. The town is steeped in history and is a vibrant university town. Bursting with street cafes, pubs, old churches, galleries and museums, the narrow oak lined streets are home to an eclectic mix of shops and eateries by day and anything from township jazz to classical concerts by night.

Cellar tours are available at many of the wineries, and some offer lunch as well as tastings. Tours of local wineries can also be arranged for those not wanting to drive. Nearby, Franschhoek is in a beautiful location and is renowned for Excellent dining options.

Activities: Cellar tours of nearby wine estates: some of them offer lunch as you sip! One recommendation is the 'Pique-Nique' hampers served under parasols at Boschendal winery near Franschhoek. Another option is to take a wine tour this gets you out of the driving and involves a full day trip including Lunch. There is also an 8km walking tour option.

### Days 14 & 15

Leaving behind the vineyards, you drive towards the coast and Hermanus, a village with a fantastic cliff path from which you can see the Southern Right Whales breaching from May to December. You can take boat trips out, but can also see the whales from the shoreline! Shark diving and sea kayaking are also options.

### Day 16

You drive back to Cape Town International Airport perhaps via the Cape and



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the stunning scenery of Chapmans Peak Drive for your return flight to London.

**Day 17**  
Arrive UK.

**Cost of Trip: From £4,580 per person.**

The cost is based on 2 people sharing, travelling in high season and staying in luxury accommodation. Alternative accommodation is available and the itinerary can be undertaken in the low season (November-March: budget from £3,160 per person).

This outline cost includes:  
International and domestic flights  
Meals and activities as stipulated

The cost excludes:  
Airport Taxes  
Visas  
Meals not included in the itinerary  
Items of personal nature, such as tips, beverages, etc

General Information  
Visas

Visas are not required for UK or Irish nationals in Botswana or South Africa. All visitors require a passport valid for at least six months after the period of their intended stay, and documents for return or onward travel. Passports should have at least two unused pages for endorsements by the local Immigration Service.

British citizens require a valid passport and a visa to visit Zambia. Visas may be purchased at the port of entry, and cost GBP£75 or US\$140 for Single Entry; GBP£240 / US\$442 for multiple entry for British Nationals and US\$50 single entry / US\$80 Double entry for Irish Nationals. Note that if customers wish to visit Victoria Falls on the Zimbabwean side from Zambia, a multiple entry visa will be required.

A return ticket or proof of onward travel, and proof of sufficient funds is also required.

Note: Passport and visa requirements are liable to change at short notice. Travellers are advised to check their entry requirements with their embassy or consulate.

**Health**  
The World Health Organisation ([www.who.int/en/](http://www.who.int/en/)) recommends that all travellers are inoculated against diphtheria, tetanus, measles, mumps, rubella and polio as well as for hepatitis B.

Hepatitis A, malaria and typhoid are also recommended by the Centres for Disease Control & Prevention ([www.cdc.gov/](http://www.cdc.gov/)) for travel in this region. All travellers should seek advice from their local GP or travel clinic for up-to-date advice on vaccinations and different malarial options.

**Insurance**  
Travel insurance is compulsory for all bookings. Guests on group departures must take their policy documents with them on the trip as the guide will ask to see this at the start. The documentation must state in writing that you are the named policyholder and that the cover is valid for the period of travel. The policy document must also indicate that medical expenses and emergency repatriation cover is included and a 24-hour contact telephone number for the insurance company must be shown on the documentation in case of emergency. Guests unable to provide all this information at the start of the trip will be asked to purchase a policy prior to joining the trip.

**Electricity supply**  
220v, 2 & 3pin plugs. Adaptors are required to charge cameras, etc. Check [www.kropla.com](http://www.kropla.com).

**Money**  
Currency is the Botswana Pula, Zambian Kwacha and South Africa Rand. We suggest you take spending money in US dollars. Money can be changed up at Maun airport. ATMs are available in Livingstone and South Africa..

**What to bring**  
Binoculars, torch, walking shoes, swimming gear, plenty of high factor suncream, sunhat, insect repellent, camera, a day pack. Warm clothing is recommended for evenings, and a waterproof jacket. Lightweight clothing is recommended for the day. Avoid brightly coloured clothing for game viewing. If travelling in the winter season (April-September), bring warm clothes for Early morning game drives (gloves, hat, fleece).

**Tipping**  
It is normal to tip for good service in bars and restaurants in all three countries.. Guests may also consider tipping their guide at their discretion.

