

Wildlife, Falls and Cape Town



This is a wonderful Safari, Falls & Cape Town Sample Itinerary taking in the fabulous Desert & Delta areas of Botswana, the Victoria Falls and the buzzing and scenic city of Cape Town. For shorter length itineraries, call us on 020 8977 7034 or email info@nativeescapes.com

Highlights

Experiencing true wilderness in Botswana's Desert; watching the masses of wildlife that survive here

Flying over the maze of waterways that are the Okavango Delta; see wildlife from the skies

Rafting, canoeing, helicopter rides, bungee jumping and more at the magnificent Victoria Falls

Fabulous views from the top of Table Mountain

Explore the nearby Winelands many vineyards welcome visitors for tastings and the restaurants in this area are world class.

Day 1

Overnight flight to Johannesburg

Days 2- 4

Fly from Johannesburg and into Botswana, one of the world's last remaining true wilderness destinations. You transfer to Leroo La Tau, situated in the Makgadikgadi Pans for 2 nights in a twin chalet with en suite facilities on a full board basis including local brand drinks, morning and afternoon game drives, laundry and park fees.

Leroo La Tau overlooks the dry Boteti Riverbed which forms a link between the Okavango Delta and the Makgadikgadi Pans. The lodge's name means 'Footprints of the Lion' after Predator prints were discovered in the surrounding environment. During the dry season, the pools around the riverbed provide the only source of water for much of Southern Africa's largest zebra and wildebeest migration. Resident and nomadic wildlife includes the big cat and small ones, impala, kudu, warthog, monkeys, jackal, and occasionally wild dog, elephant and giraffe.

Activities at the lodge revolve around game drives and walks in the early morning and late afternoon, with spot-lit night drives also available.

Residents of the neighbouring Motswana village welcome visitors who may want to learn about the residents traditional way of life: visits to the village can be arranged. Day trips into the Nxai Pan National Park and the famous Baines' Baobabs situated in the northern reaches of the Makgadikgadi Pans.

Days 4 - 6

Today you transfer 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, for 2 nights in an ensuite tent including all meals, local brand drinks, morning and afternoon game drives and park fees.

Guests can enjoy a diverse wildlife experience all year-round, including gliding along in the special silence of a dug out canoe through crystal-clear waters, taking day or night time game drives, or walking with a guide. This is true wilderness relax and enjoy the sights and sounds of the bush.

Days 6- 8

Transfer today to the Botswana border and on to Livingstone, and your hotel situated right next to the Victoria Falls in Zambia for 2 nights on a bed and breakfast basis. At the Victoria Falls, the Zambezi River is more than two kilometres wide. When in full flood, (usually February or March) over 500 million litres of water per minute go over the falls, which are 1708m wide, and drop 99m at Rainbow Falls in Zambia. At low water in November the flow can be reduced to around 10 million litres/minute, and the river is divided into a series of braided channels that descend in many separate falls.

Activities you may wish to consider include canoeing, bungee jumping, white water rafting, scenic helicopter rides and micro-lighting amongst others.

Day 8

Today you transfer to Livingstone airport for your flight to Johannesburg and then on to Cape Town. On arrival in Cape Town, pick up your hire vehicle and transfer to your boutique accommodation in the shadow of Table Mountain.

Days 9 - 12

Explore Cape Town; Take the Cable Car to the top of Table Mountain for fabulous views, visit Robben Island where Nelson Mandela was briefly imprisoned, relax in the stunning Kirstenbosch Gardens, watch the sunset with some live music and enjoy a drink at the buzzing V&A Waterfront, or take a drive down the Cape Peninsula where you may spot some Southern Right Whales en route.

Days 12- 14

Drive to the Winelands for 2 nights in this beautiful area. Cycle or take a guided trip around local vineyards for tastings, and take your time selecting your restaurant, this area is fast becoming one of the world's top gastronomic destinations and the standard of food is world class and excellent value.

Day 14

Return to Cape Town Airport for your return flight direct to London

Day 15

Arrive London

Cost: From £3,445 per person including all flights, transfers, accommodation, meals as stipulated.