20 Day Ultimate African Safari

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Kruger National Park

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Hop between the best four national parks Africa has to offer on this small group tour. Sit back, relax and prepared to be floored by up-close encounters with the Big Five and startlingly beautiful natural scenery.

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TOUR ITINERARY

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Welcome to the trip of a lifetime! Board your flight in Australia and begin your African safari adventure.

**DAY 2**
Destination: Victoria Falls  
Meals included: Breakfast  
Hotel: 4★ A’Zambezi River Lodge, or similar  

After your arrival in Johannesburg you will board a connecting flight to Victoria Falls. On arrival at Victoria Falls Airport, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the afternoon may be spent at leisure, enjoying one of the many activities available in Victoria Falls. This evening you’ll join your guide and the rest of your group at the lodge for a pre-departure meeting to learn more about the incredible itinerary for the next two weeks.

**DAY 3**
Destination: Victoria Falls Chobe  
Meals included: Breakfast  
Hotel: 4★ Chobe Safari Lodge, or similar  

After breakfast follow your guide for a tour of the mighty Victoria Falls, known by the local Kololo tribe as Mosi-oa-Tunya – ‘the smoke that thunders’.

We then travel to Kasane in northeastern Botswana, which is the gateway to the Chobe National Park. The second largest national park in Botswana, Chobe covers a whopping 10,566 square kilometres, and boasts one of the greatest concentrations of elephant found on the African continent.

This afternoon is at your leisure: partake in optional activities offered by your lodge or relax by the pool.

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**DAY 4**  
**Destination**  Chobe  
**Meals included**  Breakfast  
**Hotel**  4 ★ Chobe Safari Lodge, or similar

Start your morning with a spectacular game drive in Chobe National Park. Botswana's first national park – and also its most biologically diverse – Chobe has one of the greatest concentrations of game in all of Africa, and is particularly well-known for its large herds of elephants and Cape buffalo.

After an unforgettable start to the day, return to the lodge for a late breakfast and some relaxation time until our boat cruise on the Chobe River starts, at around 3pm. Here we can watch elephants, hippos, crocodiles and a variety of birds, making for excellent up-close photo opportunities.

**DAY 5**  
**Destination**  Chobe ➔ Hwange National Park  
**Meals included**  Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner  
**Hotel**  Sable Sands, or similar

This morning we make our way across the border into Zimbabwe, and to our lodge near Hwange National Park. Over the next two days, we'll have plenty of time to explore this vast wilderness on game drives.

Hwange National Park is one of Africa's finest, with some of the best game viewing you can experience anywhere on the continent, yet fewer tourists. It's also home to many predators and endangered species plus varied birdlife.

On arrival, we’ll visit the Painted Dog Conservation Centre to witness the work that is being done to protect this endangered species, otherwise known as the African wild dog. If time allows, you can partake in an optional game drive on the concession in the afternoon.

**DAY 6**  
**Destination**  Hwange National Park  
**Meals included**  Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner  
**Hotel**  Sable Sands, or similar

Revel in a whole day spent exploring the magnificent Hwange National Park on a full-day game drive. The largest natural reserve in Zimbabwe, Hwange's grasslands and woods are home to 105 mammal species, including 19 large herbivores and eight large carnivores. The Big Five can all be found here, as well as many other predators.
DAY 7
Destination: Hwange National Park, Lake Kariba
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel: Umbozha Houseboats, or similar

Today we head off to Binga, located on the south eastern shore of Lake Kariba, where we'll board a luxury houseboat for a relaxing two-night trip.

Lake Kariba is the world's largest man-made lake and reservoir by volume. It lies 1,300 kilometres upstream from the Indian Ocean, along the border between Zambia and Zimbabwe. Our voyage takes us to the Sengwe River for afternoon wildlife spotting and sunset, followed by drinks and dinner onboard.

DAY 8
Destination: Lake Kariba
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel: Umbozha Houseboats, or similar

In the morning, make use of a wide range of activities available, based on your preference, whether fishing, walking or game viewing. When we return to the boat, brunch will be served while cruising to Elephant Bay, where we'll moor at one of the islands and enjoy the sandy beaches. This afternoon, watch the sun set over the sprawling lake as we relax around a campfire and enjoy a beach barbecue under the starry sky.

DAY 9
Destination: Lake Kariba, Matobo Hills
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel: Camp Amalinda, or similar

Today we finish our houseboat experience with a morning game viewing on Lake Kariba before cruising back to Binga. After disembarking we travel southwards to the majestic Matobo Hills, an extensive area of rolling hills that features massive granite outcrops and boulders, not to mention one of the most outstanding rock art collections in southern Africa. The national park has been given UNESCO World Heritage status and is home to both white and black rhinoceros, sable antelope and the world's densest population of leopard. Birdlife is also prolific, and includes the highest concentration of black eagles in the world.

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DAY 10
Destination: Matobo Hills
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel: Camp Amalinda, or similar

We spend the day in the national park, starting our morning by tracking rhino spoor – a non-invasive technique developed for identifying individual black rhino from their footprints, which hopefully leads us to some rhino sightings. In the afternoon we further explore the scenery and wildlife of the park on game drives, ending with a visit to the grave of Cecil Rhodes, a British businessman, mining magnate and politician in southern Africa, and a polarising figure locally.

DAY 11
Destination: Matabo Hills, Greater Makgadikgadi Pans
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel: Nata Lodge, or similar

We leave the Matobo Hills and drive through the savannas of Matabeleland South en route to Botswana. In the afternoon we visit the community-managed Nata Bird Sanctuary, where we’ll have the opportunity to enjoy the magnificent view over the Sowa salt pan, one of three within the greater Makgadikgadi region. We arrive at our lodge in the late afternoon.

(Please note: a visit to the pans is subject to road conditions and water levels as well as time constraints.)

DAY 12
Destination: Greater Makgadikgadi Pans, The Ntwetwe Pan, Gweta
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel: Planet Baobab, or similar

We leave bright and early this morning to depart for the small village of Gweta. On arrival we embark on an expedition to Ntwetwe Pan to encounter some of Botswana’s distinctive landscapes and extraordinary creatures. The wider Makgadikgadi Pan comprises three separate salt pans – Sowa (or Sua), Nxai and Ntwetwe. Together, these three pans cover some 30,000 square kilometres of north-eastern Botswana, making it the largest collection of salt pans in the world.

Ntwetwe Pan was fed by the Boteti River until it was left permanently dry following the construction of the Mopipi Dam, which provides water for the diamond mines in Orapa. The outlying fringes of the pan are lush with green grass, enticing further wildlife to the area, including large herds of wildebeest, zebra and antelope in their thousands. Needless
to say, there is also a healthy number of predators such as lion, cheetah and hyena around!

We explore the area, in search of uniquely adapted desert species such as bat-eared foxes, springbuck, kori bustards, and some of the Kalahari’s most fascinating inhabitants, the meerkats. By spending quality time with these incredibly social, superbly adapted animals, we’re able to see how they interact with each other and their environment. Due to an ongoing habituation programme it’s possible to get up-close and personal with these captivating creatures.

After lunch we’ll have the opportunity to explore a nearby village to experience modern African village culture. Learn about the history and traditions of the Batswana people from a local guide whose knowledge has been inherited from their forefathers. Visit the local primary school, or sekolo in the local Tswana language, with its outdoor classes and meet the children; visit the kgotla – a traditional court that governs the village; and get a glimpse of rural Botswana life.

In the late afternoon we’ll take a stroll with our guide through an impressive baobab grove, as he explains the local ecology, geology and the unique biology of the baobabs, which are in fact not trees but the largest succulents in the world.

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Travel to Maun, a bustling safari town that is the gateway to the Okavango Delta. The name Maun is derived from the San word maung, which translates to ‘the place of short reeds’. The village became the capital of the Batawana people in 1915.

The afternoon is yours to spend at leisure, perhaps relaxing next to the lodge’s pool, or, if you are keen for some excitement, taking an optional scenic flight over the delta, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and truly glorious oasis.

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After breakfast we take a drive to the mokoro station, where we will board dug-out canoes (or mokoro) and float through the thick vegetation of the Okavango Delta discovering a wealth of birds and wildlife. Unlike other deltas, the Okavango flows into the Kalahari Desert without ever reaching the coast.

After this spectacular excursion and lunch, we make our way to our camp, which is situated in a private concession within the Moremi Game Reserve. After settling into our camp, we will enjoy dinner and embark on a night game drive in the concession – a fantastic opportunity to spot some nocturnal animals that are more difficult to encounter during the day.

(Please note: there is no electricity at the camp.)

**DAY 15**

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Today we head into the famous Moremi Game Reserve, known as one of the most beautiful and varied reserves in Africa, with a dense concentration of wildlife. The full day is spent in the unspoiled nature of this reserve, which covers one-third of the Okavango Delta.

(Please note: there is no electricity at the camp.)

**DAY 16**

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Today you'll be transferred to the airport for your flight to Kruger National Park. On arrival, you'll enjoy a VIP meet and greet and be transferred to your premium lodge.

Kruger is one of Africa’s largest game reserves. Hundreds of mammals make their home here, as do diverse bird species such as vultures, eagles and storks. Kruger is one of the best places in Africa to spot the Big Five in one fell swoop.
DAY 17
Destination  Kruger National Park
Meals included  Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel  Maqueda Lodge, or similar

Get ready for one of the most exciting days of your life. Today we’ll head into Kruger National Park for a full day’s game drive, spending up to seven hours out in the open spotting wildlife, and hopefully ticking off each of the Big Five.

The Kruger National Park offers a wealth of different safaris, activities and tours to make your wildlife experience nothing short of incredible. Get up-close to more than 100 mammals, not mention a variety of birdlife, in your specialised safari vehicle led by an expert guide.

Tonight, enjoy a decadent three-course dinner while you share stories and photos of your experience with your fellow explorers.

DAY 18
Destination  Kruger National Park
Meals included  Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel  Maqueda Lodge, or similar

Experience a second game drive of up to seven hours in the Kruger National Park, doubling your chances of spotting any animals you missed yesterday. Keep your eyes peeled and your camera ready!

DAY 19
Destination  Kruger National Park → Home
Meals included  Breakfast
Hotel  N/A

Our safari ends after breakfast. Today you’ll be transferred to the airport for your homeward flight. We hope you have enjoyed your journey through Africa.
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Arrive home today.
Inclusions

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return international airfares with South African Airways
- All internal Africa airfares
- All airport transfers
- 17 nights boutique lodge accommodation
- Including 2 nights on a spectacular houseboat with private ensuites on Lake Kariba
- Daily breakfast, 11 lunches & 14 dinners
- Game drives through the Hwange, Chobe, Okavango & Kruger National Park
- The services of a professional safari guide throughout
- incredible sightseeing including all entry fees as per the the itinerary
- Dedicated 4×4 safari vehicle transportation

SIGHTSEEING HIGHLIGHTS

- Victoria Falls - Tour of the mighty Victoria Falls, known by the local Kololo tribe as Mosi oa Tunya - “the smoke that thunders”.
- Chobe National Park - Travel Chobe which has one of the greatest concentrations of elephant found on the African continent.
- Chobe National Park - Go on a spectacular game drive in Chobe National Park.
- Chobe National Park - Cruise on the Chobe River spot game by the river banks.
- Hwange National Park - Visit the Painted Dog Conservation Centre to witness the work that is done to protect this endangered species.
- Hwange National Park - Enjoy a full day game drive in this iconic park.
- Lake Kariba - Spend two nights on a luxury houseboat with a mix of game viewing and wildlife walks.
- Matobo Hills - Spend the day tracking wild Rhino's.
- Makgadikgadi Pans - Spend time exploring some of the largest salt pans in the world.
- Makgadikgadi Pans - Search for the Kalahari's most fascinating inhabitants, the meerkats.
- Okavango Delta - Travel to the Moremi Reserve. Ranked as one of the most beautiful reserves in Africa.
- Okavango Delta - Experience both night and day game safaris in the Moremi Reserve.
- Kruger National Park - Game drives in the most famous game park in Africa
CAPE TOWN EXTENSION

4 night Cape Town extension (post tour) - $1,499pp twin share ($1749 single share):

Click here to view extension itinerary.

- Internal Africa airfare
- Return airport transfers
- 4 nights premium 4 star accommodation
- Breakfast daily
- Full day Peninsula tour
- Table Mountain cable car tickets

The $150pp extension supplement does not apply if selecting this option.

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FITNESS & HEALTH

A reasonable level of health and mobility is requirement for this tour. Upon securing your reservation, you will be asked if you have any health or mobility restrictions. Further medical assessment may be required prior to travel.

Due to the nature of this tour, travellers over the age of 80 years old will be required to submit a compulsory medical certificate. This will be assessed by our travel partners before your booking can be confirmed.

DEPOSIT & PAYMENT

Secure your package with a deposit of $250 per person.
Pay a 2nd instalment of $2200 per person within 28 days.

You will then be invoiced for final payment 90 days prior to departure.
BOOKING PROCESS

- Select the purple ‘Sign Up For Full Details’ tab to begin your booking (you must sign up first by entering your email and creating a password)
- Then select the purple ‘Book now’ tab
- Select your Departure Date, Departure City, number of Passengers, Room Configuration, and enter any Special Requests
- Click the purple ‘Proceed to Secure Checkout’ tab
- Enter your credit card or PayPal details to secure your deposit/payment
- Once your order is complete, you will be prompted to complete a booking form so that we can fulfil your booking
- Your booking is confirmed once your booking form is submitted and you can begin the countdown to your Inspiring Vacation!

HOW TO EXTEND YOUR STAY

Some customers like to enhance their holiday by extending their stay pre- and/or post-tour. If you wish to do so, please follow these steps:

1. Follow the ‘Book Now’ prompts after signing up, until you reach the ‘Special Requests’ field
2. Here, please specify your preferred flight arrangements and if you require additional accommodation, with the number of nights needed.
3. After finalising your purchase and submitting your booking form, a member of our team will be in contact with you via email to verify your request.

Please note, a supplement of $150 per person (plus any applicable fare and tax differences) applies to deviate from the standard itinerary. We will contact you via email with a quote and proposed flight itinerary, and then proceed with collecting the additional payment required to confirm your request.

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### AIRFARE INFORMATION
- You will travel with South African Airways (or Qantas if unavailable).
- Most flights will require a minimum of 1 transit (maximum 2).
- All tickets will include 23kgs checked baggage.
- Once ticketed, flights are non-refundable. Any changes will be subject to the airline rules and change fees.
- Full names as per passport (including all middle names) are required.
- Any airline schedule changes or cancellations are beyond our control.
- Any airline ‘extras’ such as pre-allocated seating are at your own arrangement (additional charges apply).

### PREMIUM ECONOMY OR BUSINESS CLASS UPGRADES
Premium Economy - Not available.

Business Class upgrade available from an additional $5,500 per person (subject to availability).

Please specify this as a ‘Special Request’ when completing your booking and you will be quoted for the additional fare. In the event your selection is unavailable, or that you are dissatisfied with the quote, you will be provided with a full refund.

### QANTAS UPGRADE
If you would prefer to fly with Qantas, please mention this in the “Special Request” field when completing your purchase. Our supplier will make contact with you directly to confirm your flight preference and any surcharge involved to upgrade to Qantas, will be invoiced to you directly by Inspiring Vacations.

### LAND-ONLY DISCOUNT
Not available.
### EXCLUSIONS

- Visas
- Travel insurance (compulsory)
- Tipping
- Anything not mentioned in the itinerary
- Optional activities
- Personal expenses

### ACCOMMODATION

The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard. Bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only. All efforts will be made to meet your preferences, however, any changes are beyond our control.

### SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

Single supplement is $2,999 per person in addition to the twin share price.

### TRIPLE SHARE

Not available.

### GROUP SIZE

4-12 people.

### CHILDREN

Children must be 5 years old or over and share a room with parents at all times. Children are the same price as adults.
**TRAVEL INSURANCE**

Travel insurance is required to protect yourself against the unexpected.

We have partnered with QBE Insurance to offer our customers competitive rates for their travel insurance. You can book comprehensive or budget cover, earn Qantas Frequent Flyer points and save 25% on retail rates.

Simply click [HERE](#) to arrange your policy.

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**VISA & PASSPORT INFORMATION**

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- Botswana - visa is obtained upon arrival
- Zimbabwe - visa is obtained upon arrival

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**OTHER INFORMATION**

- Final documentation, including e-tickets and hotel details, will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.
- The total length of the tour in days includes time spent inflight and is subject to change, depending on the flight schedule. Please refer to the day-by-day itinerary for the time spent in your destination(s).