

Included Highlights

Kruger NP, Full Day Open Vehicle Game Drive with Resident Guide
Shangaan Cultural Evening

Matobo National Park, Open Vehicle Drive and Wilderness Walk with Resident Guide
Mosi Oa Tunya NP, Victoria Falls Visit

***Highlights are included in the Adventure Pass**

Intended Itinerary

It is our intention to adhere to the route described below but a certain amount of flexibility is built into the tour and on occasion it may be necessary or desirable to make alterations to the published itinerary. Please therefore treat the following as a guide only. This is a participation tour and travels together with the camping counterpart.

Your tour ends in **Pretoria**, South Africa's administrative capital. Close enough to Johannesburg to almost be considered a suburb, Pretoria is known as the Jacaranda City, with purple blossoms covering the streets in October each year. Pretoria boasts many sights of interest – such as the 10m bronze statue of Nelson Mandela standing at the historic Union Buildings. Various cultural sites, shops, bars and restaurants are within an easy walk of our recommended hotel (and tour end point).

How do I get to the airport from Pretoria? Simple. Book a transfer with Travel Talk to take you directly to Johannesburg's OR Tambo International. Journey time is about 45 minutes depending on traffic. We particularly recommend a pre-booked transfer if you are departing late. Alternatively, there is a regular low-cost train service called the Gautrain which runs from Pretoria to OR Tambo International and Johannesburg. If the train interests you, email or ask Travel Talk for more information.

The description below assumes you have purchased the optional Adventure Pass for the tour.

Duration: 7 Days
Countries visited: South Africa, Zimbabwe and Zambia

Day 1: Livingstone

This safari starts in Livingstone, Zambia at the Victoria Falls Waterfront Resort, situated on the banks of the Zambezi River a few kilometres from Livingstone. It's an ideal spot to relax – have coffee on the deck watching one of Africa's great rivers glide past or take the opportunity if you wish to enjoy the various activities and excursions typically available in the Victoria Falls area. Please plan to spend a day or so here before the tour begins. Optional activities include white water rafting, bungee jumping, abseiling, gorge swinging, canoeing, scenic flights (by microlight, helicopter or small plane) and – a definite 'must!' – A visit to the Victoria Falls themselves. A visit to the national park is included in your tour – be sure not to miss it - at over a mile wide and some 100 metres deep the Falls at high water form the largest curtain of falling water in the world with spray visible from 20 kilometres away (hence the local name Mosi Oa Tunya, or 'Smoke that Thunders'). At low water the Zambezi dries so much that it is possible to walk out onto the river bed itself!

N.B: For the sake of practicality, meals in Livingstone/Victoria Falls area are restricted to breakfasts. This allows you to take on half day or full day activities (some of which include lunch) without having to be back for group mealtimes. The Waterfront restaurant overlooks the Zambezi River and offers a good selection of reasonably priced meals and snacks throughout the day (allow US\$15-

\$30 per meal). Relax and enjoy at your own leisure. Alternatively, take a taxi into Livingstone to try local fare.

Accommodation: *Victoria Falls Waterfront – Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities*

Meals included: Nil

WiFi: Yes

Optional Activities: *Bungee Jumping US\$160, Full Day Abseil US\$190, Mosi Oa Tunya National Park Game Walk US\$110, Chief Mukumi Village Tour US\$50, Gorge Swing US\$95, Zambezi Jet Boat & Cable Car from US\$215, Half Day Canoe US\$115, Zambezi Sunset Cruise US\$70, Full Day White-water Rafting US\$180, Helicopter/Microlight Flights from US\$195, Half Day Fishing US\$145, Bridge Tour US\$65*

Day 2: Livingstone, Zambia - Bulawayo

Distance travelled: +/- 450 Km
Approx driving time: 10 Hours

Departing Livingstone, we cross the border to Zimbabwe and pass through Victoria Falls town and head to Bulawayo, a pleasant city with broad tree lined avenues and wide-open spaces. Our campsite is located just outside the city centre. Once we settle in and camp is set, the rest of the afternoon is yours to explore the surrounds at leisure.

Accommodation: *Burke's Paradise - Twin share accommodation with shared facilities (Note: a towel is not provided at this accommodation)*

Meals included: *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

Optional Activities: *Nil*

WIFI: *Yes*

Optional Activities: *Nil*

Day 3:

Matobo NP

Included Activity: Nature Drive and Wilderness Walk - half day

Matobo National Park is located a short distance outside Bulawayo and knowledgeable guides will take us to this very impressive park. This reserve has the largest concentration of Black and White Rhino in Africa and, provided conditions are right, our guides will lead us on foot to some of the more concealed places in search of these magnificent animals. The park also has the densest population of leopard and black eagle in the world and we keep our eyes peeled high and low for these creatures. This half day tour will end after the walk and a vehicle will transfer you back to the camp for an afternoon at leisure.

Optional Full Day: The wind-sculptured Matobo Hills are home to numerous Bushman paintings of which we get to visit on this optional full day tour. The hills are also home to the grave site of Cecil John Rhodes who chose this as his burial place owing to the intense natural beauty and startling views from the hills. His grave can be visited at World's View - a place of continual debate owing to his involvement in claiming the land and its people for Queen & Country in colonial times.

Accommodation: *Burke's Paradise - Twin share accommodation with shared facilities (Note: a towel is not provided at this accommodation)*

WIFI: *Yes (payable)*

Meals included: *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

Optional Activities: *Upgrade to full day tour including Bushman paintings, historical tour and Cecil Rhodes Grave US\$55*

Day 4:

Bulawayo – Tshipise, South Africa

Distance travelled: +/- 380 Km

Approx. driving time: 10 Hours

Leaving Bulawayo, we continue south to the border at Beitbridge. Completing formalities, we cross the Limpopo River -the second largest in South Africa and an important water source for this arid region. The Limpopo also acts as a natural boundary between South Africa and its neighbours Botswana and Zimbabwe, before it flows through Mozambique to the Indian Ocean. We continue to Tshipise,

a town situated in the northern Limpopo province. Our accommodation is located at Forever Resorts at the foot of one of Limpopo's rolling koppies set adjacent the Honnet Nature Reserve. There are hot springs in the area which are surrounded by dense woodland comprising of Mopani, Red Bushwillow, Jakkalsbessie trees – and the third largest Baobab tree in South Africa.

Accommodation: *Forever Resorts – Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities*

Meals included: *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

WIFI: *No*

Optional Activities: *Nil*

Day 5:

Tshipise - Hazyview

Distance travelled: +/- 400 Km

Approx. driving time: 7 Hours

From Tshipise, we head for southern Africa's premier game reserve, the Kruger National Park. Fences between the National Park and surrounding private reserves were removed several years ago to form the Greater Kruger, an area of some 24,000 sq km. Wildlife is free to roam the whole enormous area and it has become incredibly diverse in both fauna and flora. From the dwarf mongoose to the 'Big Five', almost every major African mammal (148 species) is present. There is also prolific birdlife (over 505 species) and over 330 varieties of trees.

We spend two nights within the Kruger area, enjoy Shangaan tribal dancing and singing on our first night and take a full day game drive in the National Park itself to spot as many animals as possible the next day!

Accommodation: *Hotel Numbi – Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities*

Meals included: *Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

WIFI: *No*

Optional Activities: *Nil*

Day 6:

Hazyview – Kruger National Park

Approx driving time: Full day with game drives

Waking early, we board our 4x4 game viewing vehicles with a resident guide for an intense but rewarding day in Kruger National Park. The impressive atmosphere of the park enables you to see why it is held in such high esteem amongst visitors from all over the world. We game drive in the morning and afternoon in search for the abundance of wildlife including the 'Big 5' – Rhino, elephant, buffalo, leopard and lion together with a high density of other mammals and diverse bird species such as eagles, hornbills, vultures and bee-eaters. We break during the middle of the day to enjoy the peace of the rest camp and wait out the hottest part of the day (when wildlife is usually less active).

We then continue our game drive through the park exiting in the late afternoon and continue to our accommodation for the night.

Accommodation: Hotel Numbi – Twin share accommodation with en-suite facilities

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

WIFI: No

Optional Activities: Kruger Night Game Drive \$60

Day 7:

Hazyview - Greater Kruger - Pretoria

Distance travelled: +/- 380 Km

Approx. driving time: 7 Hours

We leave the Kruger behind and make our way to South Africa's administrative hub of Pretoria, where our tour ends late afternoon / early evening on Day 7 (we recommend that you plan to stay that evening in Pretoria)

Accommodation: Nil

Meals included: Breakfast

Optional Activities: Nil

Tour Information

TOUR STYLE:

Adventure Accommodated Tour

This is a participation tour and your help will be needed in assisting with the various day to day duties, such as shopping, cooking and keeping the vehicle tidy (usually on a rota basis). But don't worry it's not all hard work and it's a great way to meet the local people and get to know your fellow travellers. Your contribution benefits the success of the tour - most people find the greater their involvement, the greater their enjoyment of the whole trip. Our accommodated tour option travels together with the camping counterpart.

Africa is an adventure destination and travelling here is not always predictable so be prepared to 'expect the unexpected' in difficulties or delays which might come our way! However, you'll soon find that the diversity of the African landscape, the wildlife and the communities we pass on our way, make the sometimes-rough travel and long driving days worthwhile. Come with a sense of adventure and a flexible attitude and you will be sure to enjoy your Travel Talk adventure tour across this amazing continent.

Africa provides an ever-changing environment, power failures, water and fuel shortages, temperature fluctuations, and other uncontrollable / unplanned situations do occur. You will need to remain flexible, understanding and good-humoured. "African time" can be difficult and frustrating for those who are used to a very structured life, so this is something to keep in mind!

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

All tour highlights, twin share accommodation (6 nights), fully equipped safari vehicles, cooking equipment, service of two crew, all road and vehicle taxes, all ground transportation, meals as indicated.

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED:

Adventure Pass activities, visas, travel insurance, flight departure taxes, airport transfers, optional activities, tips, drinks and items of personal nature. NB Lunch & Dinner in Livingstone is not included.

ADVENTURE PASS:

Every adventure accommodated tour has an Adventure Pass which is paid to your tour leader in Africa at the beginning of the tour (or pre-paid by arrangement prior to your tour). This is separate and in addition to the Tour Price, which is paid before travel, and is paid in the currency listed in the brochure or on the website (usually US dollars in clean, un-torn post 2008 edition notes). The Adventure Pass covers selected park entries, activities and excursions along the way where payment goes directly to the supplier. The purpose of the separate payment is to ensure local suppliers benefit directly from the income.

ACTIVITIES & EXCURSIONS:

These are optional activities that are booked during your holiday and paid directly to the provider while on tour. These options offer a variety of experiences and allow you the freedom to decide what activities you would like to do.

EXTENDING YOUR TOUR: This tour can be extended to travel from Cape Town, Dar es Salaam and Nairobi. Ask your agent for more information.

ACCOMMODATION: Twin share accommodation with facilities (6 nights) some camps may have a bar or swimming pool. In most cases rooms are en suite but from time to time some rooms may be shared facilities where en suite is indicated.

TRANSPORT: 24-seater, self-contained, custom-built vehicle with on-board tables, plug sockets, freezer, water tank, library, safety features and 70-litre individual lockers and 4 x 4 safari vehicles. Travel times indicated are approximate and do not include stops en-route.

GAME PARK VISITS To maximise the quality of game driving and to comply with local authority rulings, some of our National Park visits and game viewing is carried out using services provided by local African ground handlers. As well as enhancing our experience using local guides and smaller vehicles it also allows us to contribute at a 'grassroots' level to local economies from which local people benefit.

Tour Preparation

BOOKING INFORMATION

When you make a confirmed booking for your tour you will be sent pre-departure information and related documents. Once you have paid in full you will receive a Travel Voucher giving full details of your joining point. Livingstone (LVI) and Johannesburg (JNB) nearby Pretoria are well served by a variety of airlines. Your agent can advise on flights to and from the start and finish of your tour.

JOINING INFORMATION

This tour starts in Livingstone. **The pre-departure meeting is held at 18:00 on the evening prior to departure. The tour ends in Johannesburg on Day 07.**

Tour meeting point in **Livingstone:**

Address: **The Victoria Falls Waterfront**
Sichango Road
Livingstone
Contact details: Tel. + 260 3 320 606/7/8
E-mail: waterfront@safpar.com

Tour start time: Day 1 – Day of leisure

Tour end point in **Pretoria:**

Address: **Court Classique Suite Hotel**
743 Francis Baard Street
Pretoria, 0007
Contact details: Tel. +27 (0) 12 344 4420
E-mail: reservations@courtclassique.co.za

Tour end time: Late afternoon/early evening on Day 7.

PRE/POST TOUR ACCOMMODATION

This tour departs Livingstone; we strongly recommend that you plan to arrive before the tour starts to fully benefit the activities and sights in this region. We would be happy to book pre-tour accommodation and transfers for you – please call or email us (or speak to your agent) with your arrival details and accommodation requirements. However please book early to avoid disappointment and the risk of having to find more expensive (or less convenient) lodgings.

If time allows, we also suggest planning a night or two extra (after your tour) to make the most of Pretoria and the surrounding area.

See below for a guide to extra accommodation costs. **These prices are a guide line only and are subject to change so please check with Travel Talk for current prices.**

Description	Price (US\$)	Description	Price (US\$)
Livingstone – The Victoria Falls Waterfront		Pretoria – Court Classique Suite Hotel	
Pre tour accommodation – Adv Village Tent Tw 1 st Jan – 30 th Jun	\$ 35	Post tour accommodation – twin pppn	\$ 60
Pretour accommodation – Adv Village Tent Sgl 1 st Jan – 30 th Jun	\$ 50	Post tour accommodation – single pppn	\$ 90
Pre tour accommodation – Adv Village Tent Tw 1 st Jul – 31 st Dec	\$ 40		
Pre tour accommodation – Adv Village Tent Sgl 1 st Jul – 31 st Dec	\$ 55		
PPPN = Per person, per night		PPPN = Per person, per night	

ADVENTURE PASS

Paid in the currency listed in the brochure or on the website (usually US dollars in clean, un-torn post 2008 edition notes) directly to your Tour Leader in Africa at the beginning of the tour, or pre-paid by arrangement, the Adventure Pass of this tour covers the following.

Matobo National Park	√
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LUGGAGE

Please try to keep your luggage to a minimum, bearing in mind that most airlines impose a 20kg limit. It should be brought in a soft holdall or rucksack along with a smaller day bag. You will need to bring a mixture of lightweight clothing and warm clothing for the evenings and early morning game drives. We recommended you pack a small torch or headlamp, mosquito spray and a money pouch/ belt that can be easily hidden. Please try to avoid bringing unnecessary valuables and use your hotel safe to store the bulk of your money, passport, and airline tickets. A power bank is useful for recharging electronic devices.

VACCINATIONS / HEALTH

The table below indicates the vaccinations suggested for travel on this tour but **should be treated as a guide only**. You should seek professional medical advice from your GP or clinic at least six weeks prior to departure. Please note some areas visited are **malarial**. We recommend you speak to your doctor or travel clinic about appropriate anti-malarial tablets

Country	Tetanus	Diphtheria	Polio	Hepatitis A	Hepatitis B	Typhoid	Meningitis	Rabies	Yellow Fever	Malaria
Zambia	R	R	R	R	R	R	-	R	*	R
Zimbabwe	R	R	R	R	-	R	-	-	*	R
South Africa	R	R	R	R	-	R	-	-	*	R

C = Compulsory, R = Recommended, * = If travelling from infected countries a certificate of proof may be required.

NB: To be used as a guide only. Please see your GP or travel clinic for up-to-date medical advice. Alternatively, contact Travel Talk for any queries or advice regarding vaccination requirements.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

The table below indicates the visas required for travel to the countries on this tour but **should be treated as a guide only**. At least one month prior to travel seek confirmation from embassies or a visa specialist, that these requirements are still current. For UK citizens the Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO) offers free up-to-date travel info: www.fco.gov.uk.

Nationality	UK	AUS	NZ	USA	CAN	BEL	IRE	NED	DEN	ITA	GER	AUT	SWE	FIN	NOR	MEX	KOR
Zambia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Zimbabwe	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
South Africa	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No

NB The above is a guide only. Please check all visa requirements at least one month in advance of travel. Most nationalities do not need to obtain any of the above visas in advance. They are available at the border entry points and payable in US\$ cash.

INSURANCE

It is a booking condition of Travel Talk that you have full travel insurance valid for the duration of your tour to cover you for medical emergency and repatriation to your home country. Your guide will ask you for a copy of this when you join the tour. It is also important that you leave a copy of your insurance with the person nominated as your emergency contact.

In the UK the Foreign & Commonwealth Office (www.fco.gov.uk) issues free up to date travel advice for all countries visited on tour. Most other governments offer a similar service to citizens. We recommend you review this information before you book your tour. Naturally we welcome any questions you may have about security and safety on tour.

Money Matters

PERSONAL EXPENSES

Naturally you will require extra money for your own personal spending on the tour, for Activities and Excursions, snacks, drinks, souvenirs, tips and items of a personal nature. Everybody has different spending habits but as a guideline we suggest you budget US\$15-30 per day. Most spending will be in US\$ cash and South Africa Rand (for incidental expenses along the way, optional activities, most additional accommodation before/after the trip) but it's a good idea to bring along some extra US\$ cash for any international airport taxes or visas.

Spending money is best carried as cash in either US dollars (US Dollars in clean, un-torn, **post 2008** edition notes), South African Rand, Sterling or Euro which can be exchanged on arrival and as you travel. Your guide will give general guidance about spending during the tour.

Currencies are as follows: Zambia – Zambian Kwacha; Zimbabwe – US Dollars; South Africa – Rand

ATM machines are found throughout Livingstone and in South Africa. Please note they are sometimes unreliable and only dispense local currency.

Credit cards can be used to pay for larger optional activities although there may be a fee for their use.

TIPPING

As in many areas where tourism is an important contributor to the economy it has become customary to offer a small gratuity to local staff at the end of the tour if service has been of a high standard. Naturally this always remains at your discretion.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES AND EXCURSIONS

To give you maximum flexibility on tour we offer a number of optional activities on the tour. To help budget, approximate prices are listed below in US\$ unless otherwise stated. All prices subject to change and availability.

Activity	Price (US\$)	Activity	Price (US\$)
Livingstone		White-water Rafting – Full Day	\$180
Vic Falls Bungee (single/tandem)	\$160	Helicopter/Microlight Flight over the Falls	From \$185
Mosi Oa Tunya National Park Game Walk	\$110	Fishing – Half Day	\$145
Chief Mukumi Village Tour	\$50	Bridge Tour	\$65
Gorge Swing	\$95	Full Day Abseil	\$190
Zambezi Jet Boating & Cable Car	From \$215	Matobo Upgrade to full day tour	\$55
Half Day Canoe Safari	\$115	South Africa	
Zambezi Sunset Cruise	\$70	Kruger Night Game Drive	\$60

Responsible Travel

We strongly believe that you get the most out of a journey by respecting the culture and people of the places you visit. On our tours we try to travel in a way that benefits the communities we pass through and minimises negative impact on the environment. This can be from ensuring the campsites and accommodation we use are clean when we leave and dressing respectfully in conservative areas to getting involved with local charity projects. We ask that you are open to this when you travel with us. Being proactive in responsible travel helps develop cross-cultural understanding and friendships with the local people and will greatly enhance your experience in Africa.