

## **10Days Victoria Falls, South Africa, Zimbabwe & Botswana Safari**

**Johannesburg, Kruger National Park, Chobe, Botswana, Victoria Falls**

**Accommodation as per the hotels listed below**

**Transport During using 4X4 Safari Landcruisers**

**Safari Prices are Valid from January to Dec 2019**

### **Day 01: Arrival in Johannesburg**

Arriving Johannesburg clear immigration and customs then staff transfers you to the Da Vinci hotel. Located in the heart of Sandton, South Africa's commercial hub and shopping mecca, the DaVinci Hotel offers luxury rooms with an open plan design that allows for comfort and relaxation, while having easy access to the hustle and bustle of the numerous shopping malls and restaurants in the surrounding area. Overnight Johannesburg.

### **Day 02: Johannesburg to Kruger**

After breakfast, you will be transferred to the airport for a flight to Hoedspruit (flight cost not included). Arriving staff will meet you for transfer to your accommodation at Kapama Buffalo Camp. Located within the expansive Kapama Private Game Reserve Buffalo Camp offers the ultimate luxurious tented accommodation experience. Built from natural stone and wood, the luxury game lodge has an old world atmosphere while being completely contemporary. All comforts are catered for in the plush tented suites and throughout this carefully appointed luxury safari lodge, with décor accent colours of burnt red and gold. The 10 spacious suites that comprise Buffalo Camp are set on stilted wooden decks built on an elevated riverbank. Wooden walkways connect the suites to each other and the main lodge area. Buffalo Camp is set among tall shady trees, with a seasonal river below. In the dry season, antelope use the river course as a natural pathway to search for grazing.

(Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner included)

### **Day 03 & 04: Full Days in Kruger**

Your stay at the lodge includes two daily game drives. Accompanied by a skilled ranger and tracker, guests can expect to encounter a diverse range of animal and bird species on game drives. Since this is a Big Five reserve, seeing lion, leopard, elephant, rhino and buffalo is possible over a two-day safari in Kapama Private Game Reserve.

The day starts with an early wake-up call between 5am and 5:30am. Tea, coffee and rusks are enjoyed together before heading out at first light. While seeing big game is always exhilarating, there are many other smaller species that are also captivating, and birding enthusiasts will be delighted at the approximately 350 species of birds recorded on the reserve. Halfway through the game drive, there's a stop for hot drinks and snacks, before returning to the lodge at around 9am for a full breakfast. Throughout the day, it's likely you will see wildlife around the lodge - nyala antelope and vervet monkeys are frequent visitors, though seeing some of the Big Five is also not uncommon.

At around 3:30pm, everyone gathers for a decadent high tea, before heading out with your ranger and tracker for the afternoon game drive through the reserve. En route, you'll stop for a sundowner drink and will have a chance to stretch your legs as you watch the sun set over the distant peaks of the Drakensberg Mountains.

As darkness falls, the nocturnal animals of the bush come out. The skilled tracker will scan the landscape using a spotlight, which illuminates animals' eyes. A variety of completely different species can be seen on the night drive back to the lodge. Arrival at the lodge is usually around 7pm, allowing time to freshen up before enjoying a sumptuous dinner.

After the morning game drive and breakfast, you have the option to feel Africa underfoot on a guided bush walk with a

highly trained game ranger. The experience offers an intimate encounter with nature and wildlife, and medicinal and other plants are identified en route.

Rangers also teach walkers to track wildlife in the traditional way, using animal footprints and scat. Expert trackers are able to tell the gender of many animals just from their footprints. Large and dangerous animals are avoided on walks, but many other species can be viewed from a safe distance at ground level. A bush walk through Kapama Private Game Reserve is a truly memorable and authentic encounter.

(All meals, teas & snacks, two daily safari activities with soft drinks and water on these activities included)

#### **Day 05: Kruger to Johannesburg**

After a final game drive and breakfast, you will be transferred to Hoedspruit Airport for your flight to Johannesburg (flight cost not included). One of our representatives will meet you at the airport and take you to your accommodation at the DaVinci Hotel. Overnight Johannesburg (Breakfast)

#### **Day 06: Johannesburg to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe**

After breakfast you will be transferred to O.R. Tambo airport for your 1hr 45 min flight to Victoria Falls where you will be met by your guide and transferred to Victoria Falls Safari Lodge (flight cost not included). You have time to check into your hotel before going on a sunset dinner cruise on the mighty Zambezi River. The cruise includes a set menu dinner and local drinks and takes around 3 ½ hours.

(Breakfast & Dinner included)

#### **Day 07: Botswana Chobe Safari**

After an early breakfast you depart on your Full Day Chobe Safari in Botswana! Depending on your nationality you may need to have a visa. You will change vehicles at the border. The day will show you an abundance of wildlife on a 3 hour game viewing boat cruise on the Chobe River, a 3 hours open vehicle game drive in the Chobe National Park and lunch on the river. You will return to your hotel around 18h30.

Dinner tonight is booked at the MaKuwa-Kuwa Restaurant at The Victoria Falls Safari Lodge. The restaurant is widely-known for its impeccable service, exquisite meals and fine selection of South African wines.

(Breakfast, lunch & dinner included)

#### **Day 08: Victoria Falls**

Breakfast and depart for Victoria Falls. Arrive and transfer to your hotel. For this day, you have the choice of any of the following activities:

##### **Helicopter flight over the Falls (approx. 1 ½ hours, including transfers)**

After take-off the helicopter turns out towards the magnificent Victoria Falls, our pilot will fly left and right hand circuits over the Victoria Falls in both directions giving you the best viewing, photographic and filming opportunities. A trip up the Zambezi River and back over the Zambezi National Park completes your flight.

##### **White Water Rafting (seasonal, approx. 07h30 – 15h00), including lunch**

Low or High Water trips depart daily, depending on the time of year. The rapids on the Zambezi River are officially defined as "Grade 5" by the British.

Canoe Union (Grade 6 being commercially un-run-able). Guests should be reasonably fit for this activity, as there is a fairly steep walk into & out of the Batoka Gorge as well as the white water rafting activity itself.

##### **Upper Zambezi Canoe Safari (min 2 pax, approx. 07h00 – 14h00), including a continental breakfast, lunch, soft drinks & beers**

Guests start the day with a game drive in an open vehicle into the Zambezi National Park where they have the

chance to see some game on the way. After a continental breakfast and thorough safety briefing which covers safety conditions of the river, rapids, canoeing instruction, and general information, the safaris starts. On these trips guests paddle their own canoes, following their qualified Canoe Guide as he leads the way. The trip duration is spent canoeing - (18kms) - downstream, running small grade class one and two rapids, exploring channels, bird and game viewing. A picnic lunch is served on the mainland or an island. Cold mineral water and beers are served at the take out point at the end of the day and guests are back in Victoria Falls by about 14h00. Routes taken on this trip can vary due to logistical, road and weather conditions.

**Full day Zambezi National Park Safari including a light breakfast, lunch, mineral water & soft drinks.**

(Please note that the National Park may be closed during the rainy season if the roads are deemed to be unsafe to travel on. This could be anytime between November and February.) This safari can be a game drive, a bush walk, or a birding safari, or a combination of these, depending on guest requirements.

**Walking Safari:**

Venturing into the unfenced 57 000 hectare (250 sq mile) Zambezi National Park, this walk is combined with a game drive to a suitable walking area of the park. Whilst following in the footsteps of elephants, guests are able to learn about a variety of aspects of the wildlife in the area, as the Professional Guide shares his/her knowledge and experiences with them. A walk through the bush in a great way to re-tune your senses and get a ground level experience of the parks inhabitants, large or small.

**Game Drive:**

Exploring the vast genuine wilderness of the Zambezi National Park, these drives set off either in the early morning or mid-afternoon. Using an open four-wheel drive vehicle, the game drive allows the guests to discover many interpretations of the bush and all its inhabitants, related to them by our suitable trained and qualified guides. This is an uncontrived bush experience, covering a genuinely wild, unfenced wilderness area.

**Birding:**

Either by open safari vehicle, by foot or by boat we search for an array of species through a variety of habitats such as Teak and Mopane woodlands, grassland and riverine forest.

Depending on seasonal conditions, species that can be seen include African Skimmer, Collared Palm-thrush, Rock Pratincole, Raquet-tailed Roller, Western-banded Snake Eagle, Kori Bustard, African Finfoot and others.

**Adrenaline High Wire Adventure (09h00-12h30 or 14h00-16h30)**

(Note that this activity takes place from The Lookout on the side of the Gorge and NOT from the Bridge. Bungee Jumping and other Bridge activities are available as an optional extra, not included in the price.)

101 ways to throw yourself over a cliff!

The high wire pass includes the Zip Line, Flying Fox and Gorge Swing

In the afternoon your guide will fetch you for your tour of one of the most magnificent sights in the world, the Victoria Falls! (Note that if your chosen activity from the above is longer in duration, we may have to move your tour of the Falls to tomorrow morning). The tour takes around 2 hours. While it is neither the highest nor the widest waterfall in the world, it is classified as the largest, based on its width of over a mile and height of 350 feet, resulting in the world's largest sheet of falling water. Be sure to wear comfortable shoes.

Dinner tonight is at The Boma for an evening of African entertainment and a taste of African cuisine in the form of a buffet.

(Breakfast & dinner included)

### **Day 09: Victoria Falls to Johannesburg**

This morning you can have a laid back breakfast before checking out for your flight back to Johannesburg (flight cost not included). Your included tour of the Falls may also move to this morning should there not be sufficient time for this on the previous day. Please speak to your consultant about this before making your own arrangements for any activities this morning.

Your flight from Victoria Falls to Johannesburg should arrive in the afternoon and you will be met by one of our representatives for your transfer to the DaVinci Hotel.  
(Breakfast included)

### **Day 10: Departure**

Your tour of Southern Africa ends today and check-out time is at 11h00. You will be transferred to the airport to catch your flight home. (Breakfast included)

\*\*\*\*\*end of our services, wishing you an excellent safari\*\*\*\*\*

**Request for costs for the above safari.**

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