

SOUTH AFRICA, ZAMBIA, ZIMBABWE, & BOTSWANA

The Jewels of Southern Africa

12 DAYS | Choose your dates | Best season to travel: **MAY - FEB**

Southern Africa is rich with culture, history, vast landscapes, and a host of diverse animals, and this 12-day itinerary embraces it all. Embark on a range of safari experiences in Botswana's Moremi Game Reserve and Zimbabwe's Hwange National Park, where you'll glimpse iconic wildlife from game drive vehicles, on foot, and even from dugout canoe. Take in the immense grandeur of Victoria Falls and the breathtaking vistas along Cape Town's whale-watching coast. Along the way, discover just a few of the multitude of African cultural identities through personal interactions with community members, including a local family, schoolchildren, conservationists, and a tribal storyteller.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Go on game drives and walking safaris for a chance to see iconic wildlife like elephants, giraffes, hippos, buffalo, zebras, wildebeests, lions, cheetahs, hyenas, and more.
- Learn about conservation initiatives to protect the highly endangered painted dog, also known as the African wild dog.
- Explore Bo-Kaap, the historic Malay quarter of Cape Town, and participate in a hands-on cooking workshop in a local family home.
- Visit Robben Island in Cape Town, where former president Nelson Mandela and other anti-apartheid activists were once imprisoned.
- Take a sunset cruise at magnificent Victoria Falls, considered the world's largest waterfall.

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- Bilingual local guides
- Driver
- Accommodations
- Activities
- Internal flights
- Meals
- Beverages with meals
- Carbon offsetting





VICTORIA FALLS

ITINERARY

BLD = BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER

DAY 1 - EN ROUTE

Depart the US on your overnight flight to Cape Town, South Africa.

DAY 2 - CAPE TOWN

Upon arrival in Cape Town, after clearing customs and immigration, you will be met by a local representative and transferred to the hotel. Check in and have some time to relax. This evening, receive an orientation to the program followed by a welcome dinner at Gold Restaurant. *Overnight at Southern Sun Waterfront. (D)*

DAY 3 - CAPE TOWN

This morning, visit Walker Bay. The picturesque drive takes you over the mountains to the seaside town of Hermanus on the southern coast of the Western Cape. Set between mountains and the sea, Hermanus offers some of the greatest land-based opportunities for whale watching in the world. Close sightings of the southern right whale are likely from August to November. Visit a working abalone farm in the Hermanus New Harbour to learn about the history of the area and abalone in South Africa. Discover the biology and life cycle of this mysterious mollusc and the unfortunate demise of wild stocks due to over-harvest and poaching. See the abalone in its natural environment and be introduced to abalone farming. After an informative introduction, take a guided walk to experience the aquaculture industry at one of the oldest and largest abalone farms in South Africa, Abagold. Visit Abagold's state-of-the-art abalone hatchery, where broodstock are cared for and baby abalone (spats) are produced. Experience the farming activities of feeding, tank cleaning, and sorting as you walk among the 40,000 baskets on the farm. Also be treated to an abalone tasting. The return

drive follows the coastline with further possibility of whale (and even dolphin) sightings. Stop at Stony Point near Betty's Bay to see the African Penguin colony here. It is one of only two shore-based breeding colonies in South Africa. Sharing the breeding site with the penguins are the endangered White-breasted and Cape Cormorants and the vulnerable Bank Cormorant. This evening, enjoy a three-course wine pairing dinner at Clos Malverne Wine Estate and Restaurant in Stellenbosch. *Overnight at Southern Sun Waterfront. (BD)*

DAY 4 - CAPE TOWN

Today begins at the Nelson Mandela Gateway, next to the iconic clock tower on the Victoria & Alfred (V&A) Waterfront. Board the ferry for Robben Island in Table Bay, where former president Nelson Mandela and other political anti-apartheid activists were imprisoned for many years. Upon your return, explore the historical heart of the Bo-Kaap, the historic Malay quarter of Cape Town, for a Cape Malay cooking safari. Take a leisurely stroll through some of the historic streets for a chance to appreciate the extraordinary collection of pre-1840 architecture that resulted in this area



DUSK IN CAPE TOWN BY BARRY HAYNES

being declared a national monument. Then follow the scents of ginger, coriander, cardamom, cinnamon, and chili that drift tantalizingly from the storefronts and cafés. Learn about the ingredients to make a typical Cape Malay dish during an informal, hands-on cooking workshop in a Bo-Kaap family home. Mix masala, fold samoosas, and explore the art of balancing the delicate flavors of a Cape Malay curry. Over a glass of faloodah (a traditional, lightly rose-scented milk drink), your host and cooking instructor will explain more about the ways in which food, history, and religion are interwoven in the Bo-Kaap culture. *Overnight at Southern Sun Waterfront. (BD)*

DAY 5 - MOREMI GAME RESERVE

After breakfast, check out and head to the airport for a flight to Maun, Botswana. On arrival, take a short flight to Moremi, then transfer to Kadizora Camp.

Located between the Vumbura River and Selinda Spillway, the area is home to many species of game, including elephant, buffalo, lion, leopard, cheetah, African wild dog, hyena, giraffe, zebra, wildebeest, kudu, red lechwe, impala, honey badger, hippo, and crocodile. The region is also home to abundant resident and migratory birds. Have lunch and get settled in. After dinner, set off for dramatic and unusual game viewing on a night drive. Discover nocturnal species rarely seen during the day. *Overnight at Kadizora Camp. (BLD)*

DAY 6 - MOREMI GAME RESERVE

Explore the northern areas of the delta—featuring large expanses of savanna punctuated by lagoons and tributaries—by way of open-vehicle safaris, walking safaris, boating, and mokoro (dug-out canoe) excursions. Two game activities are offered, plus all meals, as well as tea and snacks. From April to September, as an optional highlight, a hot air balloon safari is available on request and at additional cost (weather permitting). *Overnight at Kadizora Camp. (BLD)*

DAY 7 - MOREMI GAME RESERVE

Today, continue your exploration of the game reserve. In lieu of one game activity, take an excursion to the Gunotsuga community, a traditional village. Learn about local customs and traditions in this rural village. *Overnight at Kadizora Camp. (BLD)*

DAY 8 - LIVINGSTONE

This morning, transfer to Victoria Falls, one of the seven Natural Wonders of the World and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. In 1855, Scottish missionary and explorer David Livingstone is believed to have been the first European to view Victoria Falls. With a width of 5,604 feet and a

height of 354 feet, Victoria Falls is the world's largest sheet of falling water and is located in two countries, Zimbabwe and Zambia. After arrival and check-in, enjoy a sunset cruise on the wild Zambezi River, an ideal backdrop for a talk about the history of the region, including Livingstone. Tonight, enjoy a Zambian feast with an impressive African drumming performance at The Boma. *Overnight at AVANI Victoria Falls Resort. (BD)*

DAY 9 - LIVINGSTONE

This morning, visit the Tongabezi Trust School. Since it was established in 1990, it has grown from a pre-school class of 15 children to a primary school with over 240 students. The school has charity status and is completely funded by donations from all over the world that help with a food program, medical program, and building projects. This

afternoon, enjoy a guided walk on the Zimbabwe side of Victoria Falls National Park. *Overnight at AVANI Victoria Falls Resort. (B)*

DAY 10 - HWANGE NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast, transfer to Hwange National Park in west Zimbabwe, stopping at the Elephant Camp for a conservation talk, elephant interaction, and lunch. The park's grasslands and mopane woods are home to large elephant herds, lions, and African wild dogs. Check in at Miombo Safari Camp, and then this afternoon take a game drive. The area enjoys a high concentration of wildlife and is famed for its large herds of elephant. Hwange's elephant

population is estimated at 30,000. This evening, have dinner at the camp joined by a local storyteller who will share tales of the local Ndebele and Shona tribes. *Overnight at Miombo Safari Camp. (BLD)*

DAY 11 - HWANGE NATIONAL PARK

Today, experience the rare opportunity to go on a walking safari. This special experience is allowed only in specified corners of select national parks. You'll have a chance to view animals from a safe distance, joined by experienced guides to whom the wildlife is accustomed. This afternoon, visit the Painted Dog Conservation Center; learn how this once-thriving canine has all but disappeared. Early this evening, when many animals are at their most active, enjoy a game drive. Farewell dinner at the camp. *Overnight at Miombo Safari Camp. (BLD)*

DAY 12 - DEPART

Depart from the lodge with a boxed breakfast to Victoria Falls International Airport and fly to Johannesburg to connect with your return flight home. (B)



AFRICAN WILD DOG BY DEREK KEATS

PROGRAM PRICING

\$8,795 (15 participants + 1 leader)

\$9,295 (10 participants + 1 leader)

Price includes accommodations, meals, entrance fees, and activities as indicated in the itinerary, internal flights, private vehicle transportation unless otherwise noted in itinerary, non-alcoholic beverages with meals, full-time guide for duration of program, and carbon offset.

International airfare, gratuities, and items of a personal nature are not included.

Valid for travel in 2021.

TRAVEL PROTECTION

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THE FINE PRINT

A \$200 per person deposit and enrollment form are due to secure your reservation. This deposit is refundable until 95 days prior to departure excluding a \$100 cancellation fee. Non-refundable final payments are due no later than 95 days prior to departure.

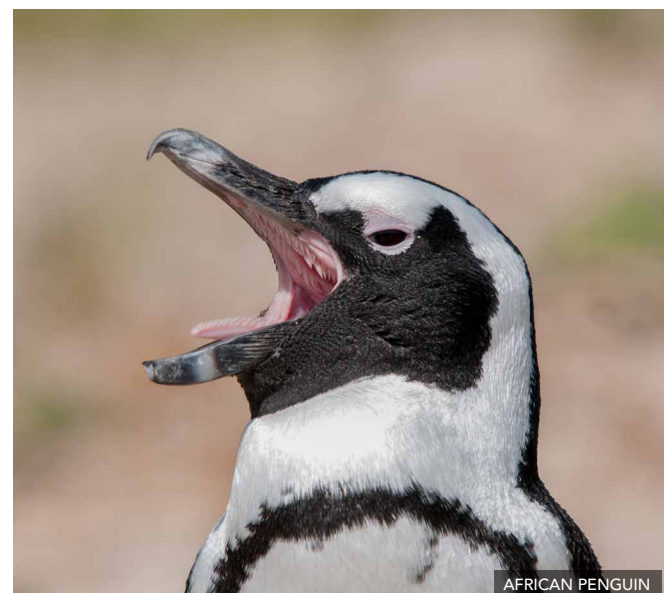
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