



SOUTHERN AFRICA

HIKING & SAFARI with MARIN NATURE ADVENTURES

Includes: South Africa, Zimbabwe & Botswana

July 22-29, 2019

HIGHLIGHTS

- Bush walks and game drives to search for the Big Five: Lion, Leopard, Elephant, Rhinoceros, & Cape Buffalo
- Hiking at Blyde River Canyon
- Behold Victoria Falls
- Zambezi River Cruise
- River tour in Botswana's Chobe National Park to look for elephants
- Guided birdwatching everyday
- Optional post-trip extension to Cape Town, July 30 - August 2

ABOUT YOUR NATURALIST LEADERS



Sharon and Kevin have been leading Hiking & Natural History tours for 12 years. They love sharing wildlife encounters and the wonders of nature with old and new friends. Sharon is the hiking instructor for College of Marin and a science teacher at Marin Country Day School. Kevin is a marine biologist with over 500 days on the Pacific Ocean observing fisheries, whales and seabirds. www.MarinNature.com

Southern Africa is rich with history, culture, vast landscapes and wildlife. This itinerary embraces it all. Sharon & Kevin will lead you on short hikes and bush walks at nature reserves in South Africa and to views of Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe. The trip concludes with a wildlife viewing river tour in Chobe National Park, Botswana. The focus will be on natural history and wildlife.



ITINERARY

BLD = BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER

JULY 22 - JOHANNESBURG

Welcome to Africa. After clearing customs and collecting your luggage at Johannesburg Airport, you will be met by a Holbrook representative and transferred to the Peech Boutique Hotel. Rest and relax after your long journey and get ready for an amazing week. *Overnight at The Peech Hotel.*

JULY 23 - MOUNT SHEBA

After a welcome breakfast and program orientation, we'll begin exploring the countryside in our comfortable private motor coach. We'll stop along the way for a guided walk and bird watching at Verloren Vallei Nature Reserve. In late afternoon we'll arrive at Mount Sheba Lodge located in the misty rainforest. *Overnight at Mount Sheba. (BLD)*

JULY 24 - PANORAMA ROUTE

The magnificent Panorama Route offers stunning views of Blyde River Canyon, one of

the world's largest green canyons. We'll make numerous stops throughout the day for light hiking and photography as we explore the lush subtropical canyon. Lunch will be at a local restaurant. We'll learn the natural history of this awe-inspiring landscape throughout this memorable day. *Overnight at Mount Sheba. (BLD)*

JULY 25 - MANYELETI GAME RESERVE

After an early breakfast, leave the rainforest behind and begin the safari. The first stop will be the Andover Nature Reserve, where you may spot zebras, giraffes, kudus, bushbucks, and other small antelopes. Continue to Manyeleti Game Reserve. Arriving at the Mantobeni Tent Camp, have lunch and get settled into the luxury tents. Set out on a guided bush walk, sleuthing for large animals near the camp. Manyeleti shares an unfenced border with Kruger National Park, and this is an excellent place to spot "Big Five" game: lion, leopard, rhinoceros, elephant, and Cape buffalo. You'll have some time to relax before dinner. This evening take a game drive in open-top vehicles. *Overnight at Mantobeni Tent Camp. (BLD)*

JULY 26 - MANYELETI GAME RESERVE

Wake up early today to the sound of traditional drums. Experience the thrill of a pre-breakfast game drive in the reserve. Return to the camp for breakfast, and afterward choose to take another bush walk, relax at the camp, or take a guided tour to the nearby village of Welperdiend. After lunch, there is a second game drive in the open vehicles to search for African wildlife. *Overnight at Mantobeni Tent Camp. (BLD)*

JULY 27 - VICTORIA FALLS

Head to Nelspruit Airport for your flight to Livingstone, Zambia. On arrival you will be met and transferred to Victoria Falls for an exploration of this wonder of the world. After the visit to the falls, transfer to the hotel and check in. This evening have dinner during a cruise on the Zambezi River. *Overnight at A'Zambezi River Lodge-River View rooms. (BLD)*

JULY 28 - VICTORIA FALLS

Enjoy a full day visit to Chobe National Park. Situated in Botswana, Chobe is home to one of the largest game concentrations in Africa. Embark on a unique river safari on the breathtaking Chobe River looking for elephants and other abundant wildlife. Have lunch at a local lodge. Return to Victoria Falls, with dinner at the hotel's Sebastian's Restaurant. *Overnight at A'Zambezi River Lodge-River View rooms. (BLD)*

JULY 29 - DEPARTURE

This morning, we'll enjoy a walking safari in Zambezi National Park upstream of the falls. If you are departing today, ground transportation is provided to either Victoria Falls airport (VFA) or Livingstone Airport (LVI) for your departing flight. Otherwise, continue to explore Africa on your own, or join Sharon for a Cape Town extension that begins with an exotic Zimbabwean evening tonight and a flight to Cape Town tomorrow. *(B)*



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Holbrook Travel was founded on the principle that travel fosters a greater understanding of our planet's natural and cultural treasures. We hope that your experiences in Southern Africa will remain with you forever and challenge you to make a positive impact in the world we share.

LAND COST

\$5,200

Includes all accommodations, meals and activities as indicated on the itinerary. Includes private ground transportation throughout the tour and flight from Nelspruit, South Africa to Livingstone, Zambia on July 27. Includes local guides in each region for duration of the program, all gratuities and bottled water on the motor coach.

Does not include international airfare to or from Africa. Please note that the trip begins in Johannesburg, South Africa and ends in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. Does not include alcoholic beverages or items of a personal nature.

TRAVEL PROTECTION

Holbrook Travel purchases Travel Protection on behalf of all participants on a group program traveling in 2018 or beyond. These plans help provide coverage once the trip has departed and offer benefits for Baggage/Personal Effects, Accident & Sickness Medical Expenses, Emergency Evacuation and more. Refer to the Plan Document for more details.

Optional additional coverage is available in the form of Group Deluxe Travel Protection and provides protection in the event you need to cancel your program for a covered reason, leave your program early, are delayed going to or returning home from your program, or need to change or cancel your airfare, whether purchased through Holbrook Travel or independently. Contact your Holbrook Travel specialist for more details.

THE FINE PRINT

Cost is based on double occupancy; for a single room throughout the trip add \$600. A \$400 deposit and enrollment form are required to secure your space. This deposit will be refundable, excluding a \$300 cancellation fee, until April 16, 2019, at which time final payments are due. Cancellations received after this date are not refundable. Pricing is based on a minimum of 9 participants. Itinerary is subject to change without notice.



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