

Information guidelines

All information provided in this document is subject to change without prior notice. Please ensure that you have received the latest version of this dossier as we are continually striving to improve the standards and quality of our tours and itineraries are subject to change. Travel times and campsites can change depending on road or weather conditions, or any unforeseen circumstances. These are used as a guideline only. On our longer tours it is possible that your crew, truck and fellow travellers will change due to our unique tour linking system. There are a maximum of 24 participants travelling on this tour.

Partaking in an adventure tour in Africa involves covering hundreds if not thousands of kilometers in a truck, and our tours are as much about this journey as they are about the destinations we visit. Use your time in the truck to talk to your fellow travellers, play card games, have a drink, walk around, take note of the world passing by your window and make the most of this unique opportunity to step out of your comfort zone.

Some roads you travel on will be smooth and easy while others could take up to an hour to cover one kilometer. There is just no telling what could happen with road, weather, traffic and other conditions that may exist that will either increase or decrease the amount of time you spend on the road so take your watch off, put your iPad away, turn off your phone and just relax. An average day could take anything from 5 to 14 hours in the truck, it all depends on the day... and that's only an "average".

In this tour dossier you see an indication of a distance to be covered on a particular day. Please don't assume that your travel time will be equal to that which you can travel in your car on the autobahn... no, it will be much, much slower. We will stop for shopping, bathroom breaks, photo stops, activities and a whole lot more. If you are looking to only experience specific destinations and are not interested in the journey, perhaps adventure touring is not for you.

As circumstances change in the destinations that we visit, our tour dossiers do change from time to time as we constantly improve our offering based on feedback about these changes that we receive from our guests and guides on tour. Please ensure that you download this dossier again within a week of your tour departing to ensure that you have all of the correct information regarding the tour.

Did you receive your Pre Departure Information Booklet?

If not, please contact us and we will e-mail it to you - alternatively you can also download the document from our website at www.CheapAfricaTours.com or www.GoedkopeAfrikaReizen.nl

About this tour

Departure Point

@ 07:00am from the Amanpuri Guesthouse, Corner of Moses Garoeb street & Anton Labowski Street, Swakopmund, Tel: 00264 64 40 5587 www.amanpurinamibia.com

Please ensure you arrive at the departure point at least **30 minutes before** the scheduled departure time.

End Point

Victoria Falls Rainbow Hotel – 278 Parkway Drive, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe –
Tel: + 263 13 44583 / 42213-4 – <http://www.victoria-falls-rainbow-hotel.com>

Countries Visited

Namibia, Botswana & Zimbabwe

What's included

Meals as indicated on the itinerary (unless otherwise specified, all meals are prepared and served at the Overland truck), accommodation, registered guides and transport. We also include some of the highlights. These highlights are listed below in the day-by-day descriptions as "included highlights".

What's excluded

All items of a personal nature, alcohol, soft drinks, snacks, souvenirs, tips, activity package and optional activities (see list for an indication of prices).

Vehicle

Overland Truck

Climate

The African sun is very strong. Please use a factor 30 sunscreen and wear a hat. You should drink at least 3 litres of water per day to avoid dehydration. It can also get very cold during winter months on this route. Please see Pre Departure Booklet for detailed information.

Pre and Post Tour Accommodation

If you require accommodation before or after your tour we can arrange this for you. We can also arrange airport transfers. For more information, have a look on our website under "Hotels and Transfers"

Arrival/ Departure

Please be sure to arrive at least 1 day before your tour is due to depart. This will help avoid any unforeseen problems. We also highly recommend that you book your flights to depart at least one day after the tour officially ends.

I Want More

This tour will give you a good taste of what Southern Africa has in store for you. However, you can extend your adventure by adding more tour options... such as our 2 day transfer from Victoria Falls to Johannesburg even our 21 day East African Adventure (North).

Insurance (Compulsory)

All clients require adequate Medical Insurance. Activity providers can refuse participation of activities, if the correct valid Medical Insurance is not provided.

Currency and Banking

As your tour may pass through multiple countries, we have prepared information on the use of local and foreign currencies, ATMs and Credit Cards for each country. This information is available on our website under FAQ (frequently asked questions).

Health

Please inform us of any pre-existing conditions such as diabetes or asthma and any prescription medicine you may be taking. We also need to know about any food allergies or physical disabilities that you may have.

Vaccinations

A Yellow Fever Certificate might be required for this tour depending on your nationality. Please see the Pre-Departure Information booklet for detailed information on vaccinations in Africa.

Visas

As visa requirements vary considerably from country to country and nationality to nationality, please contact the various embassies or a visa service agent in your home country to re-check your visa requirements at least 4 weeks prior to travelling. Please note that visas are the responsibility of the traveller and that ShapShap Travel and its partners will not be held responsible for guests being denied entry should they not be in the possession of the relevant visas.

All travellers must be in possession of a valid onward/return air ticket or proof of other means of transport enabling the traveller to leave the country in which your adventure tour passes or terminates. You should also have proof of sufficient funds (e.g. credit card) to see you through your time in the country. Should the adventure tour you are joining be re-entering a country, be sure to have a multiple entry visa that enables you to re-enter the country.

In some cases visas are available on entry into a country and may be cheaper to do so, however for peace of mind and to speed up the border crossing process, ShapShap Travel will always advise you to get your visas prior to your trip if possible.

Malaria

Malaria prophylactics are required throughout this route.

Accommodation providers

Accommodation providers are subject to change without notice, the accommodation listed in this dossier is our preferred supplier, but sometimes due to availability, we are unable to make use of the property listed in this dossier. If we cannot use the accommodation provider as listed we will substitute another property of similar standards, however, en-suite facilities are not always guaranteed.

Activity Package

This is an **optional payment** that covers what we consider to be 'essential activities' on our tours. Ideally we would include all of these, but not everyone can afford this. This payment is 100% transparent and is listed below. The best option is to pre-book and pay for the whole Activity Package when you book your tour. You can also book and pay for these activities while on one tour, but it will be subject to availability and you will have to carry all that cash around with you.

If you are travelling as a single supplement guest and have purchased the single supplement, please note that the single supplement does not cover any Activity Package items which include accommodation. All items booked under the Activity Package are booked on a per person sharing basis and you will not be entitled to a single room during these activities.

Activity	Price
Makgadikgadi Pans excursion	R 400
Chobe National Park boat cruise	R 620
Chobe National Park game drive	R 620
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*** Okavango Delta Excursion Upgrade**

Included in the tour price is a full day excursion into the Okavango Delta. An upgrade package is available for purchase, should you wish to spend 2 nights in the Okavango Delta.

Upgrade cost: R 2800 per person.

*** Detailed description of the Okavango excursion can be found after the itinerary**

This itinerary has been written with the Activity Package items included. If you wish to participate in all the activities listed, you will need to purchase the Activity Package.

Detailed itinerary

Day 1 – Swakopmund via Spitzkoppe to Brandberg

Leaving Swakopmund early, we make our way to the massive granite formations of Spitzkoppe which tower 700 metres above the desert plains below. The presence of rock art indicates their significance to the San people who lived here many years ago. We will enjoy a walk with a local guide and have the opportunity to view some examples of the San's rock art before setting off for our overnight stop for the evening.

Accommodation Brandberg Rest Camp or similar:
<https://www.brandbergwllodge.com/wmenu.php>

Facilities Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.

Route Swakopmund to Brandberg (via Spitzkoppe)

Included Highlight Visit and explore Spitzkoppe with a local guide

Day 2 – Brandberg White Lady

The Brandberg (Burning Mountains) are regarded as the highest in Namibia and home to the famous White Lady, one of more than 45,000 rock paintings in the area. This morning we will make the 1-hour hike to visit the painting that is said to be around 2,000 years old. *(Please be advised that the hike does traverse rough terrain along the gorge of the normally dry Tsisab River).* After our exploration, our journey continues to the area of Kamanjab.

Accommodation Toko Lodge or similar. <http://www.tokolodge.co/>

Facilities Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.

Route Uis to Kamanjab

Included Highlight Brandberg White Lady hike

Day 3 - Etosha National Park

Rising early this morning we drive to the Etosha National Park. Etosha is the venue for some of the most unique game viewing experiences in Africa. This afternoon we reach the park and begin with our first game drive as we make our way to the rest camp.

Accommodation Halali or similar. <http://www.nwr.com.na>

Facilities Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.

Route Kamanjab to Etosha National Park

Included Highlight Afternoon game drive in overland truck

Day 4 - Etosha National Park

Our second day in Etosha allows for a full day to continue our exploration of the park. No day on safari is ever the same and the suspense before that special sighting is the motivation that keeps our

eyes wide open. We explore the edges of Etosha Pan in search of the abundant wildlife that occurs in the park.

- Accommodation** Okaukuejo or similar. <http://www.nwr.com.na>
Facilities Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Route Etosha National Park
Included Highlight Full day game drive (safari) in overland truck

Day 5 - Windhoek

It is an early rise as we take aim for Windhoek, the capital city of Namibia. Upon arrival in Windhoek, we will take a short walk through the city centre and have the opportunity to view some its better known landmarks. *(Our accommodation for the night is situated halfway between the city and the airport).*

- Accommodation** Heja Game Lodge or similar. <http://www.hejalodge.com>
Facilities Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom
Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Route Etosha National Park to Windhoek
Included Highlight Walk through Windhoek with your guide

Day 6 - Botswana – Ghanzi

Today we travel east and make our way to neighbouring Botswana and the Kalahari Desert. Starkly different to the Namib Desert after which Namibia is named, the Kalahari is no less dramatic and covers over 900 000 square kilometres. The San people have long been associated with this harsh environment and tonight we enjoy a dance evening that provides an insight into their culture of song, dance and story-telling.

- Accommodation** Ghanzi Trail Blazers or similar. <http://ghanzitrailblazers.co.bw>
Facilities Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Route Windhoek to Ghanzi
Included Highlight San Tribal dance in evening
Border Post Namibia: Buitepos, Tel: +264 62 560401, Open: 07h00-24h00
Botswana: Mamanu, Tel: +267 (0) 659 2013/2064, Open: 07h00-24h00

Day 7 – Okavango Delta

Before departing Ghanzi we will enjoy an informative guided walk with the San community. After our walk, we head towards Maun, where upon arrival in Maun this afternoon, you will have the opportunity to go on an optional scenic flight over the Delta (time and weather permitting). This evening our guide will prepare us on what to expect on our full day excursion into the Okavango Delta.

*** Those guests who have pre-purchased the upgrade package will be transferred into the Delta upon arrival in Maun and will re-join the group on the morning of day 9. See description after itinerary.**

Accommodation Sedia Riverside Lodge or similar. <http://sedia-hotel.com/>
Facilities Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Route Ghanzi to Maun
Included Highlight San Guided Walk
Optional Activity Okavango Delta scenic flight

Day 8 - Okavango Delta Excursion

The most rewarding and enjoyable way to explore and experience the beauty and serenity of this intricate system of lily covered channels and lagoons is by mokoro. Heading out early, we will be transferred by safari vehicle to the poling station (approximately 1 hour transfer) where we will meet the polers who will be escorting us into the Delta. The polers will steer us through the serene area of narrow, reed lined channels which open out onto beautiful lagoons. Reaching one of the many islands, a nature walk may be taken with your poler. After the walk, we return by mokoro through the channels back to the poling station. While the mokoro trail is not primarily a game viewing activity, a variety of game may be spotted in this pristine wilderness area, including elephant, giraffe, kudu, impala and zebra.

Accommodation Sedia Riverside Lodge or similar. <http://sedia-hotel.com/>
Facilities Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Route Maun – poling station – Okavango Delta - Maun
Included Highlight Okavango Delta Day Excursion

Day 9 – Nata

Leaving Maun behind us this morning (and re-uniting with those that chose the upgrade package) we make our way towards the town of Nata. We will spend most of the day in our truck as we journey across the northern reaches of the Makgadikgadi Pans. Our activity package will afford us the opportunity to enjoy an afternoon guided game drive to the Nata Sanctuary, which forms the breeding ground for a host of water birds including pelicans and flamingo in their thousands.

Accommodation Nata Lodge or similar.
<http://underonebotswanasky.com/camps/nata-lodge.php>
Facilities Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Route Maun to Nata
Activity Package Makgadikgadi Salt Pans (Nata Sanctuary)

Day 10 – Chobe National Park

We rise early this morning as we continue north to our camp on the banks of the Chobe River. This afternoon is set aside for exploring the Chobe National Park. We begin our exploration in 4x4 vehicles,

which allows us an up close and personal experience with the many elephants that frequent the river in the afternoons. The afternoon ends with a leisurely boat cruise and a meal served around the campfire.

Accommodation	Thebe River Safaris or similar. http://www.theberiversafaris.com
Facilities	Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Nata to Kasane
Activity Package	Chobe National Park game drive (safari), Chobe National Park boat cruise

Day 11 - Zimbabwe -Victoria Falls

With the memories of our wildlife encounters firmly etched in our minds, we cross the border into Zimbabwe this morning and travel the short distance to Victoria Falls. Today you will have the opportunity to visit the spectacular Victoria Falls at your leisure, also known by the local name of "Mosi-oa Tunya" (the smoke that thunders). While much of today is dedicated to viewing the mighty Zambezi River as it drops into the Batoka Gorge below, the bustling adventure town of Victoria Falls also offers a range of optional activities for those wanting a dose of adrenaline in the afternoon. For the more relaxed traveller there are craft markets and coffee shops on offer as well.

Accommodation	Victoria Falls Rainbow Hotel or similar: http://www.victoria-falls-rainbow-hotel.com
Facilities	Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Kasane to Victoria Falls
Optional Activity	Vic Falls National Park Entry
Border Post	Botswana: Kazangula Road, Tel: +267 62 50320 / Open: 06h00-20h00 Zimbabwe: Kzangula Road, Open: 06h00-20h00

Day 12 - Victoria Falls

Your tour comes to an end after breakfast and with the many activities on offer in Victoria Falls, today is the perfect day for the adventure that most suits your style. Whether rafting the mighty Zambezi River or enjoying a flight over the Falls, this is your day to enjoy the many attractions on offer in Victoria Falls.

Accommodation	Own Arrangements/ Post tour accommodation can be booked through us.
Optional Activity	Zambezi Sunset Cruise, Bungee Jump, Helicopter Flights, White Water Rafting

NB: It is possible to book our 2 day Transfer to Johannesburg, camping or accommodated straight after this tour, as this is one of the cheapest ways to get from Victoria Falls to Johannesburg. Check out our website for more information.

* Optional Okavango Delta Excursion Upgrade

The cost of the optional Okavango Delta excursion upgrade package is not included in the tour price or activity package. The cost to participate in the 2-night excursion is R2800 per person. In order to ensure availability of this optional activity, we request that you pre-book and pre-pay this activity together with your tour purchase. Single supplement charges paid on the overland tour do not cover the Okavango Delta excursion and are not available at all during this excursion. Therefore please expect to share with a fellow guest for the duration of the Okavango Delta excursion.

Optional Activity	Price
2-Night Okavango Delta excursion upgrade	R 2 800
	R 2 800

The overland truck and crew (and fellow guests who have not purchased the upgrade) will be based in Maun and you will be separated from the group for the 2 nights. You will be required to pack overnight bags for your excursion – please ensure your valuables and luggage which you are not taking is locked in your locker in the overland truck.

* Itinerary for the Okavango Delta excursion

Day 1 – Maun – Okavango Delta

Upon arrival in Maun you will be met at the lodge by a representative and will be transferred to the mokoro station. Upon arrival at the poling station, you will meet your guides and polers who will be accompanying you into the Okavango Delta for the next 2 days. After a short safety briefing, we board the mokoro's and travel by the waterways to our overnight stop on one of the islands.

Accommodation Afro Treks Safaris.

<http://www.afrotreksafaris.com/mokoro-3-days-2-night-trail-safari/>

Facilities Two per dome tent with rustic ablutions

Route Maun into the Okavango Delta

Day 2 – Okavango Delta

You will be woken up at sunrise for tea and coffee before we depart on a bush walk. Returning to camp after our walk, brunch will be served. The afternoon is spent relaxing around the camp and enjoying the sights and sounds of the bush. In the afternoon, your polers will take you out on the mokoros to explore the area around camp, before returning to camp for sundowners.

Accommodation Afro Treks Safaris.

<http://www.afrotreksafaris.com/mokoro-3-days-2-night-trail-safari/>

Facilities Two per dome tent with rustic ablutions

Route Okavango Delta

Day 3 – Okavango Delta to Maun

After a leisurely breakfast you will be returned to the mokoro station where a vehicle will be waiting for you. Upon arrival in Maun, you will be re-united with your fellow travellers and overland truck.

There are more optional activities being created every day – we have listed only the most popular. If there is something specific you would like to do then speak to your guide as they will be able to assist you if possible.

More optional activities which can be booked on this tour

Country	Area	Activity	Guideline
Botswana	Okavango	Tips for Polers - Per Day Per Person	Clients Discretion
Botswana	Ghanzi	Craft Making	P240 - P300
Botswana	Ghanzi	Rope Making & Trap Setting	P240 - P300
Namibia	Swakopmund	Quadbiking	R650 - R750
Namibia	Swakopmund	Sandboarding	R350 - R 450
Namibia	Swakopmund	Skydiving	R2300 - R2800
Namibia	Swakopmund	Dolphin Cruise (incl transfer & light lunch)	R700 - R800
Namibia	Swakopmund	Dinner at local restaurant	R150- R300
Namibia	Windhoek	Dinner at local restaurant	R150 - R300
Botswana	Ghanzi	Bushman Walk	USD15 - USD25
Botswana	Maun	Scenic Flight minimum 5 pax (group rate)	USD600 - USD800
Botswana	Maun	2Hr Horseriding incl transfer (min 2 guests)	USD95 - USD150
Botswana	Kasane	Chobe National Park Game Drive	USD50 - USD70
Botswana	Kasane	Photo safari	USD120 - USD360
Zimbabwe	Victoria Falls	Dinner at local restaurant	USD25 - USD60
Zimbabwe	Victoria Falls	Full Day white water rafting	USD150 - USD170
Zimbabwe	Victoria Falls	Helicopter Flights (Min 3 guests)	USD160 - USD180
Zimbabwe	Victoria Falls	Zambezi Sunset Cruise (incl transfers)	USD100 - USD110
Zimbabwe	Victoria Falls	Bungee jump	USD160 -USD190
Zimbabwe	Victoria Falls	Entrance to the Victoria Falls	USD 35 - USD 40

More about this tour

MEALS ON TOUR

Breakfast: As breakfast is served very early in the morning (if there is driving or activities to be done) it is a simple but filling breakfast: Tea and coffee, breads and spreads, cereals, yoghurts, fruits and on occasion, when there is time for a later breakfast, guides will serve a hot breakfast of scrambled eggs, porridge, bacon or beans.

Lunch: Lunch is generally served at a picnic spot next to the road en route to a destination. As the guides only have approximately 45 minutes to get everyone off the truck, prepare lunch and then get everyone back on the truck again, lunches consist of sandwiches and salads (rice salad, pasta salad, tuna salad and green salad) which are quick and easy to prepare but which are quite filling. Guides have meal plans which they should stick to, to ensure that there is variety on a day to day basis.

Dinner: This is when the guides get time to prepare a delicious meal and they focus on a substantial protein, vegetable and carbohydrate dinner. We serve traditional cuisine consisting of braais (BBQ), potjie (stew), bobotie (mince), spaghetti and fish and chicken dishes. All meals (on both accommodated and camping tours) that are included as per the dossier are prepared at the full service adventure truck. This is a unique adventure in itself where you get to dine under the stars with your new found friends and experience the real sights and sounds of Africa!

TIPPING ON TOUR

Southern Africa: In general tipping in restaurants is expected and is around 10% for good service, more if you have received exceptional service, and, feel free not to tip at all if you received poor service. Tipping taxi drivers etc is really at your own discretion and not always expected. If in doubt please ask your guides. It is expected to tip porters and car-guards etc. Ask your guides how much is appropriate in local currency. Our guides do work hard but they are also paid at (and often above) industry levels for this work. Our Crew can be tipped if you feel that they have done a good job and/or gone above and beyond the call of duty. The best way to arrange tips is to elect one person in the group to collect the money. We recommend USD1-2 (or about R10-R20) per day per person, per guide as a fair tip. So if you have 3-crew on a tour, we would recommend that 3 envelopes are used and each crew member's name written on one. Place what you feel is fair into each envelope and the elected person can give these to the crew at the end of the tour. If you do not feel that the crew deserve a tip, please, do not tip them. You must remember that tipping is only for exceptional service and is not at all compulsory or expected.

Countries visited

Namibia

Namibia is Southern Africa's most westerly nation and is home to some of the most beautiful desert plains and sand dunes. This nation has a truly unique landscape; completely unlike Angola, South Africa and Botswana which are its neighbours. Namibia is also one of the largest countries in African,

covering 824000 square kilometres. While it covers a seemingly endless amount of space, at every turn you'll find yourself facing a truly magnificent sight and rugged beauty.

Although Namibia's deserts may look lifeless, they're in fact buzzing with life and activity. Home to the African wildlife that tourists travel miles to observe, as well as their very own wild horses and snakes, Namibia has several game reserves for their visitors to visit. The most popular and established being the Etosha National Park where guests can either choose to camp or stay in luxurious accommodation. If you're planning an adventure into this beautiful and inspiring country, make sure you land up in Swakopmund, visit the Fish River Canyon, Damaraland and the Kaokoveld. A trip to the Skeleton Coast will show you the beauty of a desert meeting a coast. The capital city of Namibia is Windhoek, a city which is heavily influenced by Namibia's previous colonial ruler, Germany. Today, however the country has close ties to South Africa; its currency linked to that of the rainbow nation.

Botswana

Botswana is a Southern African landlocked nation, surrounded by Zimbabwe, Zambia, South Africa, Namibia and is one of Africa's most popular inland tourist destinations. Despite being quite a large country, Botswana remains to be one of the world's smallest communities with just over two million people calling themselves citizens. Most of the locals can be found working in the nation's capital city, Gaborone, however many others work on game reserves and with the country's tourism industry.

Botswana's Okavango Delta is the world's largest inland delta and is alive with vibrant bird species and wildlife. In comparison to the vast Kalahari Desert, the delta is lush and green; a true magical world where life is simple and relaxation is unavoidable. Botswana is truly a unique country with a landscape and beauty unlike any other; from deserts to delta, bushveld to grasslands, savannas to salt pans, Botswana is a true joy to explore and offers a world of adventure to all tourists.

Zimbabwe

Zimbabwe, previously known as Rhodesia during its colonial days, has been the focus of many explorers during the last few centuries. It was Rhodes that orchestrated the building on the first railway line through the country which stretches across the entire African continent, and David Livingstone was the explorer to hear the thunderous sound and say the spray of the world's largest natural waterfall, the Victoria Falls; named after his sovereign Queen Victoria.

Zimbabwe received its independence in 1980 and has struggled to maintain a democratic state ever since. However, despite its unstable economy and the fragile political state, thousands of tourists make their way to the country every year, wishing to explore its African roots and be spellbound by its beauty.

Zimbabwe has a unique landscape, atmosphere, community and culture which set it apart from its fellow Southern African nations. The beauty of this country will easily allow you to forget its complicated structure; indulge yourself in the magnificent Victoria Falls.

Enjoy your adventure of a lifetime!