

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. On this transfer, camping and accommodated clients will be travelling together with a maximum number of participants of 20.

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 transfer

Departure Point

This transfer departs at **07:00 am** from Victoria Falls Rainbow Hotel – 278 Parkway Drive, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe – Tel: + 263 13 44583 / 42213-4 – <http://www.victoria-falls-rainbow-hotel.com>

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

End Point

Belvedere Estate, corner of George and Belvedere road, Glen Austin Midrand,
Tel: 083 741 5240 – www.belvedereestate.co.za

Countries Visited

Zimbabwe, Botswana, South Africa

What's included

Accommodation, registered guides and transport as per itinerary.

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

You can extend your adventure in Africa by adding more tour options... such as our 14 day Discover Mozambique tour departing from Johannesburg or the 20 day South African Explorer from Johannesburg to Cape Town...

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.

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.

Day to day Itinerary

Day 1 - Victoria Falls to Francistown

Departing Victoria Falls this morning, we cross into Botswana and travel south to Francistown in central Botswana. We reach our overnight stop on the outskirts of Francistown in the late afternoon.

Accommodation	Woodlands Lodge www.woodlandsbotswana.com
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per Room with En-Suite Bathroom Camping: Campsite with Shared ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Victoria Falls to Francistown
Border Post	Zimbabwe: Kazangula Road, Open: 06h00-18h00 Botswana: Kazangula Road, +267 625-0320/1303, Open: 06h00-20h00

Day 2 - Francistown to Johannesburg

Leaving early we continue to the border with South Africa and on to the city of Johannesburg. All travellers are invited to join us for a traditional Braai (BBQ) tonight, this can be booked with your guide on the day before arrival. Many great tales are shared around the braai fires and tonight presents an opportunity to join fellow travellers in celebrating the many wonders of African travel. We arrive at Belvedere Estate in the late afternoon.

Accommodation	Own Arrangements/ Post tour accommodation can be booked through us.
Route	Francistown to Johannesburg
Optional Activity	Traditional Braai at Belvedere Estate
Border Post	Botswana: Martinsdrift, Tel: +267 4940 254, Open: 08h00-18h00. South Africa: Groblersbrug, Tel: +27 (0) 14 767 1019, Open: 08h00-18h00

Optional activities on this route

There are no optional activities on this transfer. Please treat it like a "bus journey", there is no guiding provided on this transfer

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

Zimbabwe

Zimbabwe is an incredibly beautiful, land-locked nation in the centre of Southern Africa. Despite its political and economic struggles, it remains a country of breath-taking beauty and lush landscapes. Famously bordering on the magnificent Victoria Falls and stunning Zambezi River, this is a country of astounding beauty and is by no means short of attractions and activities.

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 it's complicated structure; indulge yourself in the magnificent Victoria Falls, astounding structures of Motopas, observe the African wildlife and take yourself back in time to the Great Zimbabwe Ruins.

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.

Over seventy percent of Botswana is covered by the Kalahari Desert; the largest desert in southern Africa and one of Botswana's largest claims to fame. Here, guests are enchanted of the beauties within the desert and will find a new appreciation towards the tribes that called this rugged terrain home.

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 Dessert, 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.

South Africa

South Africa is one of the most popular tourist destinations in Africa, as it offers truly magnificent views and has an abundance of activities to enjoy. This Southern African country is rich with culture and traditions; with every citizen having a unique heritage, culture and story to tell. Here, guests will find themselves enchanted with a unique vibrancy and absorbed in the freedom of every citizen. The combination of the beauty of the landscape and friendly nature of the locals makes South Africa a truly inspiring and exciting country to explore.

Since the 17th century and the arrival of its very first settlers, South Africa has been claimed, to be one of the most beautiful destinations in the world. Not only is the weather warm and mild throughout the year, but locals and visitors enjoying an endlessly beautiful scenery and diversity in landscapes. Undoubtedly, South Africa's main attractions are it's beautiful mountain and coastal views, however it's cities also attract more than enough tourist attention.

Among South Africa's other top attractions is Johannesburg (The City of Gold), Durban (a surfer's paradise), Port Elizabeth (the friendly city), the Garden Route and the Kruger National Park. A trip through this stunning country will show you just how far it's come since the days of Apartheid and will showcase the diversity, vibrancy and freedom which makes South Africa a pleasure to visit today.

Enjoy your adventure of a lifetime!