



## 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 this tour, camping and accommodated clients will be travelling together with a maximum number of participants of 20. On our longer tours it is possible that your crew, truck and fellow travellers will change due to our unique tour linking system.

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](http://www.CheapAfricaTours.com) or [www.GoedkopeAfrikaReizen.nl](http://www.GoedkopeAfrikaReizen.nl)

# About this tour

## Departure Point

This tour departs at **07:00 am** from Belvedere Estate corner George and Belvedere road, Glen Austin Midrand, Tel: 083 741 5240 – [www.belvedereestate.co.za](http://www.belvedereestate.co.za)

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

South Africa, 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... you could add 11 more days and travel up to Dar es Salaam, or add 21 more days for the East African Adventure up to Nairobi. You can also take our 2 day transfer back to Johannesburg. You are welcome to contact us via email to discuss more options.

## **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 Activity Package can be pre-purchased prior to your arrival or through your guide on day 1 of your tour.

If you are travelling as a single supplement guest and have 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.

<b>Activity Package</b>	<b>Price</b>
Moremi Game Reserve game drive (safari)	<b>R 1 950</b>
Makgadikgadi Pans excursion	<b>R 400</b>
Chobe National Park boat cruise	<b>R 620</b>
Chobe National Park game drive (safari)	<b>R 620</b>
	<b>R 3 590</b>

### **\* 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.

**Camping Upgrade cost:** R2800 per person

**Accommodated Upgrade code:** R13200 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 – Johannesburg to Kalahari Gateway

Leaving behind the city of Johannesburg, we travel through the North-West Province to the Botswana border. After completing border formalities we continue on the Trans-Kalahari highway to our overnight stop.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Kang Ultra Stop or similar. <a href="http://www.kangultralodge.com">http://www.kangultralodge.com</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom <b>Camping:</b> Campsite with shared ablutions
<b>Route</b>	Johannesburg to Kang
<b>Border Post</b>	Botswana: Pioneer Gate Tel: +267 533 3992, Open: 06h00 – 24h00 South Africa: Skilpadshek Tel: +27 0800 00 7277, Open: 06h00 – 24h00

## Day 2 – Kalahari Gateway to Ghanzi

After breakfast we venture deeper into the Central Kalahari and our camp in the Ghanzi district, here we will spend time getting to know the fascinating San people. This afternoon we will join our San guides for a guided walk that will introduce us to the many secrets of their survival in the Kalahari Desert. The nomadic San are hunter-gatherers that have passed down a rich knowledge of the plants and animals that play such an important part in their lifestyle. This evening we will get a first-hand experience of the San culture, well known for its rich traditions of song, dance and story-telling.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Dqae Qare San Lodge or similar. <a href="http://www.dqae.org">www.dqae.org</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per Room with En-Suite Bathroom <b>Camping:</b> Campsite with Shared Ablutions.
<b>Route</b>	Kang to Ghanzi
<b>Included Highlight</b>	San Guided Walk (late afternoon) San Evening Dance Performance

## Day 3 - Maun

This morning we bid farewell to the San and make our way to Maun, gateway to the Okavango Delta. There will be time this afternoon for those who wish to enjoy an optional scenic flight over the Okavango Delta. Your guides will brief you this evening on what you will need for the upcoming Delta excursions.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Sedia Riverside Lodge or similar. <a href="http://sedia-hotel.com/">http://sedia-hotel.com/</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per Room with En-Suite Bathroom <b>Camping:</b> Campsite with Shared Ablutions
<b>Optional Activity</b>	Scenic Flight over Okavango Delta (for those guests who have not purchased the Moremi game drive)
<b>Route</b>	Nata to Maun

## Day 4 – Okavango Delta

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 mooring station. While the mokoro trail is not primarily a game (wildlife) viewing activity, a variety of game may be encountered in this pristine wilderness area including elephant, giraffe, kudu, impala and zebra.

**Those guests who have pre-purchased the upgrade package – will be transferred into the Delta this morning and will re-join the group on the morning of day 6. See description after day 9.**

**Accommodation** Sedia Riverside Lodge or similar. <http://sedia-hotel.com/>  
**Facilities** **Accommodated:** Two per Room with En-Suite Bathroom  
**Camping:** Campsite with Shared Ablutions  
**Route** Maun – Okavango Delta - Maun  
**Included Highlight** Okavango Delta Day Excursion

### Day 5 – Maun (Moremi Game Reserve)

For those guests who have purchased the activity package, you will be collected from the hotel before first light and we will drive to the South gate to enter Moremi Game Reserve. As the lagoons and channels form a vital section of the Okavango Delta eco-system, sightings of bird and animal populations become more frequent as the day progresses. The game viewing routes chosen on the day by the professional guide may vary especially when high floods are experienced as certain roads may be closed or impassable. Those guests who have not purchased the activity package have the day to relax at the accommodation establishment.

**Accommodation** Sedia Hotel or similar. <http://www.sedia-hotel.com/>  
**Facilities** **Accommodated:** Two per Room with En-Suite Bathroom  
**Camping:** Campsite with Shared Ablutions  
**Activity Package** Moremi Game Reserve full day excursion (Game Drive – including lunch)

### Day 6 – Nata

Our journey today takes us across the northern reaches of the Makgadikgadi Pans, lined with majestic examples of the iconic Baobab tree. Our activity package will afford us the opportunity to enjoy an afternoon guided excursion to the Pans and Nata Sanctuary to appreciate the spectacular view and sundowner.

**Accommodation** Pelican Lodge or similar. <http://www.pelicanlodge.co.bw/>  
**Facilities** **Accommodated:** Two per Room with En-Suite Bathroom  
**Camping:** Campsite with Shared Ablutions  
**Route** Maun to Nata  
**Activity Package** Makgadikgadi Salt Pans (Nata Sanctuary)

### Day 7 – 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 afternoon. Our day ends with a leisurely boat cruise and a meal served around the campfire.

**Accommodation** Thebe River Safaris or similar. <http://www.theberiversafaris.com>  
**Facilities** **Accommodated:** Two per Room with En-Suite Bathroom

**Camping:** Campsite with Shared Ablutions

**Route** Nata to Kasane  
**Activity Package** Chobe National Park Game Drive (safari)  
Chobe National Park Boat Cruise

### Day 8 – Kasane – Victoria Falls

With the memories of our wildlife encounters firmly etched in our minds, we cross the border to Zimbabwe this morning and travel the short distance to Victoria Falls. The bustling adventure town of Victoria Falls offers a range of optional activities for those wanting a dose of adrenaline and upon arrival you will have the chance to book these various activities. For the more relaxed traveller there are craft markets to explore and a delicious high tea is on offer at the Victoria Falls Hotel. Tonight we enjoy an optional dinner out, your guide will assist you to decide on the many options available.

**Accommodation** Victoria Falls Rainbow Hotel or similar.  
<http://www.victoria-falls-rainbow-hotel.com>

**Facilities** **Accommodated:** Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom  
**Camping:** Two per Room with En-Suite Bathroom

**Route** Kasane to Victoria Falls

**Optional Activity** Visit to the Victoria Falls, Bungee Jump, Gorge Swing, Sunset Cruise, Helicopter Flights, Boma Dinner Experience  
<http://www.shearwatervictoriafalls.com>

**Border Post** Zimbabwe: Kazangula Road, Open: 06h00-20h00  
Botswana: Kazangula Road, Tel: +267 62 50330, Open: 06h00-20h00

### Day 9 – Victoria Falls

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 scenic flight over the falls below, 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** Visit to the Victoria Falls, Bungee Jump, Gorge Swing, Sunset Cruise, Helicopter Flights, Boma Dinner Experience,  
<http://www.shearwatervictoriafalls.com>

**Please note:** It is possible to book our 2 day Transfer back to Johannesburg, Camping or Accommodated straight after this tour, as this is one of the cheapest ways to get from Victoria Falls to Johannesburg.

## \* Itinerary for the Okavango Delta excursion - Camping

**Please note that by participating in this upgrade, you will not be able to participate in the Moremi Game Drive activity package.**

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.

### Day 1 – Maun – Okavango Delta

Waking up in Maun this morning, you will be met by a representative who will transfer you by vehicle to the poling station. Once 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 (dugout canoe) and travel by the waterways to our overnight stop on one of the islands.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Afro Treks Safaris: <a href="http://www.afrotreksafaris.com/mokoro-3-days-2-night-trail-safari/">http://www.afrotreksafaris.com/mokoro-3-days-2-night-trail-safari/</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	Two per dome tent with rustic ablutions
<b>Route</b>	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.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Afro Treks Safaris: <a href="http://www.afrotreksafaris.com/mokoro-3-days-2-night-trail-safari/">http://www.afrotreksafaris.com/mokoro-3-days-2-night-trail-safari/</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	Two per dome tent with rustic ablutions
<b>Route</b>	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 and will continue on your itinerary as listed above.

## More optional activities which can be booked on this tour

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.

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Guideline</b>
2hrs Horseriding incl transfer (min 2 pax)	Botswana	From U\$ 80 to U\$ 100
Scenic Flight over Okavango Delta	Botswana	From U\$ 425 to U\$ 600
Tips for Polers	Botswana	Clients Discretion
Zambezi Sunset Cruise	Zimbabwe	From U\$ 90 to U\$ 100
Dinner Out Victoria Falls	Zimbabwe	From U\$ 20 to U\$ 50
Bungee Jump – Solo	Zimbabwe	From U\$ 155 to U\$ 175
Helicopter Flights	Zimbabwe	From U\$ 150 to U\$ 175
White Water Rafting	Zimbabwe	From U\$ 145 to U\$ 160
Entry to the Victoria Falls	Zimbabwe	From U\$ 35 - U\$ 45



## 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

### 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 its beautiful mountain and coastal views, however its cities also attract more than enough tourist attention.

In 2010, South Africa hosted the FIFA Soccer World Cup, putting on an incredible show and proving themselves as one of the world's leaders in the hospitality industry. Guests were made to feel welcome and encouraged to participate in local celebrations and enjoy the sights of each region; a factor which surely contributed to the Mother City of South Africa, Cape Town, being voted by TripAdvisor to be the most desired tourist destination in the world.

## **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 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 has a unique landscape, atmosphere, community and culture which set it apart from its fellow Southern African nations.

**Enjoy your adventure of a lifetime!**