



## 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".

### **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 the Belvedere Estate, corner of 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**

All meals which are prepared and served at the overland truck / accommodation / qualified crew / filtered water / transport in the overland truck / included highlights as per the itinerary / entrance fees to National Parks.

## **What's excluded**

Items of a personal nature (snacks, alcohol, bottled water, soft drinks, tips, souvenirs, etc) / entrance fees associated with optional activities / and optional activities.

## **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.

## 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.

### **\* Okavango Delta Excursion Upgrade - Accommodated**

Included in the tour price is a full day excursion into the Okavango Delta.

A 2-night package is available for purchase, should you wish to spend 2 nights in the Okavango Delta. A minimum number of 2 guests is required in order for the 2-night excursion to operate.

2-Night Excursion per person sharing: **ZAR15,460 per person**

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

# 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: <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>Meals</b>	Lunch, Dinner
<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 (Bushmen). 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: <a href="http://www.dqae.org">www.dqae.org</a> OR Ghanzi Trail Blazers: <a href="http://ghanzitrailblazers.co.bw">http://ghanzitrailblazers.co.bw</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>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<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> OR Sitatunga: <a href="https://www.deltarain.com/sitatunga-camp-2/">https://www.deltarain.com/sitatunga-camp-2/</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
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## 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 viewing activity (wildlife viewing), a variety of game may be encountered in this pristine wilderness area including elephant, giraffe, kudu, impala and zebra.

**Please note:** Those guests who have pre-purchased the 2-night upgrade package – will be **flown** into the Delta this morning and will re-join the group on the morning of day 6. Scroll down to view the details of the Okavango Delta upgrade... shown after day 9.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Sedia Riverside Lodge or similar: <a href="http://sedia-hotel.com/">http://sedia-hotel.com/</a> OR Sitatunga: <a href="https://www.deltarain.com/sitatunga-camp-2/">https://www.deltarain.com/sitatunga-camp-2/</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per Room with En-Suite Bathroom <b>Camping:</b> Campsite with Shared Ablutions
<b>Route</b>	Maun – Okavango Delta – Maun
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Okavango Delta Full Day Excursion
<b>Optional Activity</b>	2-Night Okavango Delta Excursion

## Day 5 – Maun (Moremi Game Reserve)

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 purchased the 2-Night Okavango Delta excursion will not participate in the Moremi Game Reserve game drive.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Sedia Riverside Lodge or similar: <a href="http://sedia-hotel.com/">http://sedia-hotel.com/</a> OR Sitatunga: <a href="https://www.deltarain.com/sitatunga-camp-2/">https://www.deltarain.com/sitatunga-camp-2/</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per Room with En-Suite Bathroom <b>Camping:</b> Campsite with Shared Ablutions
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Moremi Game Reserve full day excursion

## Day 6 – Nata

Leaving Maun behind us this morning 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. On arrival at our destination in Nata, you have the opportunity to enjoy an optional afternoon guided game drive (safari) to the Makgadikgadi Pans, which forms the breeding ground for a host of water birds including pelicans and flamingo in their thousands.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Pelican Lodge: <a href="http://www.pelicanlodge.co.bw/">http://www.pelicanlodge.co.bw/</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per Room with En-Suite Bathroom <b>Camping:</b> Campsite with Shared Ablutions
<b>Route</b>	Maun to Nata
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Optional Activity</b>	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 with an optional game drive (safari) in 4x4 vehicles and our afternoon ends with a leisurely boat cruise which allows us an up close and personal experience with the many elephants that frequent the river in the afternoons.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Thebe River Safaris <a href="http://www.theberiversafaris.com">http://www.theberiversafaris.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>	Nata to Kasane
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Chobe National Park Boat Cruise
<b>Optional Activity</b>	Chobe National Park Game Drive (safari)

### 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.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Victoria Falls Rainbow Hotel: <a href="https://rtgafrika.com/victoria-falls-rainbow/">https://rtgafrika.com/victoria-falls-rainbow/</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom <b>Camping:</b> Two per Room with En-Suite Bathroom
<b>Route</b>	Kasane to Victoria Falls
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Optional Activity</b>	Visit to the Victoria Falls, Bungee Jump, Gorge Swing, Sunset Cruise, Helicopter Flights, Boma Dinner Experience
<b>Border Post</b>	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.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Own Arrangements / Post tour accommodation can be booked through us
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast
<b>Optional Activity</b>	Visit to the Victoria Falls, Bungee Jump, Gorge Swing, Sunset Cruise, Helicopter Flights, Boma Dinner Experience

**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: Okavango Delta excursion - Accommodated

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

The accommodated Okavango Delta upgrade excursion is operated with a combination of **small charter planes** and in **4x4 safari vehicles**. 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.

Mopiri Camp, which means “little island “ in the local Bayei language, is hidden away on the north western side of the Okavango Delta and offers the perfect water based camp experience. The camp is situated approximately 280kms from Maun and at certain times of the year when the waterways are in flood, access to camp will be by boat to / from the landing strip. Long winding board walks between the main area and the rooms offer guests privacy and the opportunity to stretch their legs and explore island.

Mopiri camp's main area consists of a large dining room with a separate lounge area. There is a large deck overlooking the lagoon and a fire pit perfect for stargazing. The swimming pool is positioned with views over the floodplain. All meals are included during your stay in the Okavango Delta.

### Day 1 – Maun – Okavango Delta

Waking up in Maun, you will be collected from your accommodation by a representative and taken to the Maun airport to board your flight into the Okavango Delta. Upon landing you are met by a representative of the lodge and will be transferred to the camp. Once you have checked in to your accommodation, a high tea is served at camp and this is followed by a boat trip and a short island walk. It could be that depending on the season, your island walk may not be possible and you will enjoy a boat cruise on the barge with sundowners.

**Accommodation** Mopiri Camp: <http://www.mopiricamp.com/>  
**Facilities** Two per permanent tent including en-suite facilities  
**Route** Maun into the Okavango Delta

### Day 2 – Okavango Delta

We rise early, enjoying a continental breakfast at the lodge before heading out on a full day trip through the waterways, which will include a boat safari, nature walk, mokoro trip and lunch on one of the islands. We will return to camp in the afternoon for high tea before settling in for the night.

**Accommodation** Mopiri Camp: <http://www.mopiricamp.com/>  
**Facilities** Two per permanent tent including en-suite facilities  
**Route** Maun into the Okavango Delta



### Day 3 – Okavango Delta to Maun

After a leisurely breakfast you will be returned to the airstrip for your flight back to Maun. Upon arrival in Maun, your overland guide will be waiting for you at the airport, being 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.

Country	Area	Activity	Rate Guideline
Botswana	Chobe National park	Game Drive	BWP400 -600
Botswana	Maun	1 Hour scenic flight (min 4 pax)	USD80 - USD200
Zimbabwe	Victoria Falls	Full Day white water rafting or Bungee Jump	USD150 - USD170
Zimbabwe	Victoria Falls	Helicopter Flights (Min 3 clients )	USD160 - USD180
Zimbabwe	Victoria Falls	Zambezi Sunset Cruise (incl transfers)	USD40-USD70

## 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!

# Enjoy your adventure of a lifetime!