

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 20 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".

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

This tour departs at 07:00 am from the Belvedere Estate, corner of George and Belvedere road, Glen Austin, Midrand, South Africa. Tel: 083 741 5240. www.belvedereestate.co.za

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

End Point

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

Countries Visited

South Africa, Mozambique, Eswatini (previously known as Swaziland)

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

All items of a personal nature, alcohol, soft drinks, snacks, souvenirs, tips entrance fees associated with optional activities 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 20 day South African Explorer (South) from Johannesburg to Cape Town. 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.

Detailed itinerary

Day 1 – Johannesburg, South Africa - the Kruger National Park

Leaving the city of Johannesburg behind us we make our way east through the coalfields of Mpumalanga. Our journey today follows in the footsteps of the old trade-routes to the Lowveld and the Kruger National Park. This afternoon there will be an opportunity to join an optional sundowner drive. Booking is essential and your guide can assist on departure this morning.

Accommodation	Nkambeni Reserve: http://www.nkambeni.com
Facilities	Accommodated: Permanent tent with en-suite bathroom Camping: Campsite with Shared ablutions
Route	Johannesburg to Kruger National Park
Meals	Lunch, Dinner
Optional Activity	Sundowner Drive (Subject to Availability)

Day 2 - Kruger National Park

Rising early this morning we enter the Kruger National Park to enjoy a full-day of game viewing (safari). The abundance of wildlife presents us with opportunities for excellent sightings, while the Kruger is also home to the famed members of Africa's Big-5. The game drive offers the excitement of experiencing the park from an open-sided 4x4 vehicle.

Accommodation	Nkambeni Reserve: http://www.nkambeni.com
Facilities	Accommodated: Permanent tent with en-suite bathroom Camping: Campsite with Shared ablutions
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Kruger Park Full-Day Game Drive (safari) in 4x4 Vehicles

Day 3 – Panorama Route

We set out a little later today and travel the short distance to the Panorama Route. Strung along the escarpment that divides the central plateau and low-lying bushveld of the Kruger, the sights of the Panorama Route offer us a day of scenic delights. We will visit the highlights of Bourke's Luck Potholes, the Three Rondavels and God's Window before returning to camp in the late afternoon. This evening there is a second opportunity for the optional Sundowner Drive.

Accommodation	Nkambeni Reserve: http://www.nkambeni.com
Facilities	Accommodated: Permanent tent with en-suite bathroom Camping: Campsite with Shared ablutions
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Panorama Route – Bourke's Luck Potholes, Three Rondavels and God's Window
Optional Activity	Sundowner Drive (Subject to Availability)

Day 4 – Maputo, Mozambique

With the beaches of the Indian Ocean beckoning we enter Mozambique and make our first stop in Maputo, the capital city offers a vibrant and eclectic mix of cultures. Maputo offers interesting and varied architecture and no visit to the city would be complete without a browse through a market. Tonight we eat out and get a chance to experience the night-life of this intriguing city.

Accommodation Southern Sun Maputo: <http://www.tsogosunhotels.com/hotels/maputo/>
Facilities **Accommodated:** Two per room with en-suite bathroom
Camping: Two per room with en-suite bathroom
Route Kruger National Park to Maputo
Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight Maputo Walking Tour
Border Post Mozambique: Lebombo, Tel: +258 2155 0010, Open: 06h00-18h00
South Africa: Komatipoort, Tel: +27 (013) 793-7201, Open: 06h00-18h00

Day 5 - Inhambane – Barra Beach

Setting out for the Inhambane District we travel the northern road along the coast. While it is a long day on the road there is much to see as we pass the many villages and plantations of coconuts, cashews and sugar cane. Our journey will bring us to the palm lined beaches for two days of relaxation and ocean fun.

Accommodation Bay View Lodge: <http://www.bayviewlodgemoz.com>
Facilities **Accommodated:** Two per room with en-suite bathroom
Camping: Two per room with shared ablutions (Group House)
Route Maputo to Inhambane
Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6 - Inhambane

With two days of beach time we have an opportunity to relax and enjoy the warm waters of the Indian Ocean, the more adventurous can sign up for a variety of optional activities. While the beaches at Barra are safe for swimming, the reefs on this stretch of coast offer excellent opportunities for diving or snorkelling.

Accommodation Bay View Lodge: <http://www.bayviewlodgemoz.com>
Facilities **Accommodated:** Two per room with en-suite bathroom
Camping: Two per room with shared ablutions (Group House)
Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Optional Activities Ocean Safaris, Quad Biking, Scuba Diving, Snorkelling and more

Day 7 - Inhambane

Today we make the short drive to Tofo to spend the day enjoying yet another of Mozambique's iconic beach destination. With safe swimming, a charming market and a number of popular beach bars, Tofo is perfect for a day's outing. A second day not only ensures that you have the opportunity to make the most of the activities on offer; it also allows us some flexibility to adapt to the weather.

Accommodation Bay View Lodge: <http://www.bayviewlodgemoz.com>
Facilities **Accommodated:** Two per room with en-suite bathroom
Camping: Two per room with shared ablutions (Group House)
Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight Visit to Tofo
Optional Activity Ocean Safaris, Quad Biking, Scuba Diving, Snorkelling and more

Day 8 – Vilanculos

This morning we make a stop in Inhambane where you will have the opportunity to explore the market and the historic streets of this former slave trading port. This 11th century city is surrounded by magnificent beaches and numerous coconut palms. This city was also well known as a major centre for ivory trade, as well as for whaling. Inhambane is located on a bay and you will have the chance to rest and have a drink at one of the many sidewalk cafes. After spending time in Inhambane, we travel north to our next stop at Vilanculos.

Accommodation	Golden Sands Apartments: http://www.solresortsonline.com
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom Camping: (Group House) Shared ablutions
Route	Inhambane to Vilanculos
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Explore Inhambane on foot (self-guided walk)

Day 9 - Bazaruto Excursion

We board a traditional dhow this morning and set sail to the islands of the Bazaruto Archipelago, one of the largest Marine reserves in Southern Africa. We spend the day exploring the islands, snorkelling and enjoying the beaches of this island paradise. Be sure to keep your sunblock handy as today is filled with sun, sea, sand and exploration. We return in the afternoon and enjoy a well-earned night of rest.

Accommodation	Golden Sands Apartments: http://www.solresortsonline.com
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom Camping: (Group House) Shared ablutions
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Bazaruto Island day excursion (full day)

Day 10 - Xai Xai District

Well rested we set course for the Xai-Xai district, arriving in the late afternoon we have time for a walk on the beach or a sundowner to bid farewell to the Indian Ocean and the pristine beaches of Mozambique.

Accommodation	Sunset Beach Lodge: http://www.sunsetbeachlodge.com/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom Camping: Shared ablutions
Route	Vilanculos to Xai Xai District
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 11 – Hlane Game Reserve, Eswatini (Swaziland)

We set out early this morning as we journey via Maputo and cross the border into Eswatini.

Accommodation	Hlane game reserve: http://www.biggameparks.org/hlane
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom Camping: Campsite with shared ablutions
Route	Xai Xai to Eswatini

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Border Post Mozambique: Namaacha, Tel: not available, Open: 07h00-20h00
Eswatini: Lomahasha, Tel: +268 323 6026, Open: 07h00-20h00

Day 12 Eswatini

Our stay in Eswatini presents us with an opportunity to enjoy a morning game drive (safari) in Hlane Game Reserve, after which we depart Hlane and head to another great reserve of Eswatini, Mlilwane.

Accommodation Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary:
<http://biggameparks.org/properties/mlilwane-wildlife-sanctuary-2>

Facilities **Accommodated:** Two per hut with en-suite bathroom
Camping: Campsite with shared ablutions

Route Hlane Game Reserve to Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included Highlight Rhino Game Drive in Hlane Game Reserve

Day 13 – Eswatini

An interwoven network of 9 trails traverse Mlilwane and this morning you will have the opportunity to explore these trails with your guide. After enjoying lunch the afternoon will be spent at leisure. Mlilwane offers an array of activities and adventures in the Ezulwini Valley.

Accommodation Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary:
<http://biggameparks.org/properties/mlilwane-wildlife-sanctuary-2>

Facilities **Accommodated:** Two per hut with en-suite bathroom
Camping: Campsite with shared ablutions

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included Highlight Morning walk with overland guide

Day 14 – Johannesburg, South Africa

Our final road trip takes us back to Johannesburg as we reflect on the wildlife and beaches that have filled our days. We arrive at Belvedere Estate in the late afternoon and all travellers are invited to join us for a traditional meal tonight. This can be booked with your guide on the day before arrival. Many great tales are shared and tonight is for celebrating the many wonders of African travel.

Accommodation Own Arrangements/ Post tour accommodation can be booked through us.

Route Mlilwane to Johannesburg

Meals Breakfast, Lunch

Optional Activity Traditional meal at Belvedere Estate

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	Rate Guideline
South Africa	Greater Kruger	Morning Bush Walk incl Conservations fees	R1050 - R1150
South Africa	Greater Kruger	Evening Game Drive incl Conservation fees	R980 - R1080
South Africa	Orange River	Half day canoe adventure	R300 - R400
Mozambique	Barra	Ocean safari & snorkeling (Min 6 clients) or Snorkelling	MTS2000 - MTS2500

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!