

# Cape Town to Victoria Falls Camping Safari

Trip Code: CKC

Version: CKC Cape Town to Vic Falls - Camping



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## HIGHLIGHTS

- Dusty elephants, wet hippos, bandy legged giraffe, wide-mouthed lions...witness Africa's finest wildlife
- See the sunrise at the dunes of Sossusvlei, hike up Dune 45 and camp at Spitzkoppe in Namibia

- Explore Cape Town, walk in the Cederberg, and experience the animals of Etosha and the Okavango
- Travel by mokoro canoe, meet the Kalahari Bushmen in Botswana and experience Victoria Falls

### AT A GLANCE

- 21 days sightseeing with safari game drives and short walks
- Join at Cape Town, End in Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe)

### ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

- 21 Breakfasts
- 16 Lunches
- 12 Dinners
- 14 nights Camping
- 3 nights Guesthouse
- 2 nights Wild Camp
- 2 nights Hotel

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## Introduction

Cape Town to Victoria Falls is one of the classic overland safari routes in Southern Africa, including the Namib Desert, Etosha NP and the Okavango Delta. With the variety of highlights over some 5500km of overland adventuring it is easy to see why this classic route is so popular. We begin in the cosmopolitan city of Cape Town with the familiar skyline of Table Mountain framing this beautiful city. Heading northwards we enter the raw and rugged terrain of the Cederberg Mountains before arriving at the dramatic land of contrasts, Namibia. From the sharp-rigged dunes of the Namib Desert to the spectacular wildlife, including the black rhino and elephants of Etosha National Park, Namibia provides one of the grandest and most diverse African experiences. Lion, zebra, giraffe and plains game are also in abundance in Etosha. Whilst Namibia may sound like a hard act to follow, Botswana can satisfy even the most experienced safari enthusiast. Exploring the waterways of the Okavango Delta by a traditional mokoro canoe allows us to get up close to the hippos and birdlife of this iconic waterland. Travelling via the famous Makgadikgadi Salt Pans we finish in Zimbabwe at the thunderous Victoria Falls to complete this astounding African overland adventure.

This is the sister trip to our exceptionally sought-after [Cape Town to Vic Falls Lodge](#) itinerary.

We also offer the 14 night [Namibia Highlights Safari Adventure Holiday](#) which follows the same route as this trip, through South Africa and Namibia, finishing at Windhoek.

If you would like further information on when to go to Southern Africa on safari and which trip suits you the best please refer to our detailed guide: [Which safari is right for you?](#)

### Is this holiday for you?

Everything in Africa is on a big scale, and to cover the ground necessary, your journey across Southern Africa includes several long drives accompanied by Africa's spectacular scenery. Such drives, including your game drives, can often be on dirt tracks, graded roads and also tar highways. The driving times are indicated on each day. These times do not include stops along the way. We ensure that regular comfort

breaks are taken, and stops try to be scheduled to visit interesting towns or sights.

Included in the itinerary are a variety of walks. These walks can be on paved surfaces, uneven sandy dunes or rocky terrain and are always accompanied by your experienced guide. Each walk is paced with time for your guide to interpret the environment around you. On some walks, it is vital to keep within the group in case of an animal encounter. When in the Okavango Delta we travel by mokoro canoe. These are traditional dug-out canoes and may require walking in the shallows to board at water level.

The majority of nights you will be camping, with the exception of 5 nights when in the towns, we are in guesthouses and hotels. Designated campsites have showers and some have a bar or swimming pool. 2 nights in the delta we wild camp. You will need to put your tent up, and help pack up the truck in the mornings. Most of the meals are prepared by the guides and it is good group etiquette to help with preparation and washing up on these days and this is usually done on rotation - it's all part of the adventure and when everyone puts in a little effort the trip runs smoothly. This journey is suitable for the adventure traveller looking to experience some of Africa's most special safari experiences.

# Itinerary

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## DAY 1

**Meet at Cape Town Airport. Transfers to the group hotel are provided. Rest of day at leisure.**

Your holiday starts at the hotel in Cape Town. Airport transfers to the group hotel are provided. Cape Town is one of the most picturesque cities in the world. This is a free day for you to explore the beauty of the Cape. You may wish to walk along the waterfront or admire the world-famous Table Mountain, or even take the Aerial Cableway to the top.

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**Accommodation**  
Hotel

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## DAY 2

**Cape Peninsula day: Hout Bay Beach, Cape Point Nature Reserve and African Penguin at Simon's Town.**

After breakfast and a welcome briefing from our guides, we set off to the Cape of Good Hope and explore the Cape Peninsula. This is a magnificent area which sticks out into the Atlantic and is covered in endemic fynbos and is home to picturesque bays, beaches, rolling green hills and valleys; the views are awe inspiring with dizzy heights and magnificent panoramas over the ocean. Our first stop is Hout Bay before we continue down to Cape Point Nature Reserve. Here the rugged rocks and sheer cliffs drop from 200m into the sea and is an area of rich and varied flora and fauna including baboon, zebra and 250 species of birds. We walk to the lighthouse, originally built in 1859 to help sailors navigate the treacherous waters. We also walk down to the Cape of Good Hope with nothing but water between here and Antarctica. Returning we drive through the towns of Muizenburg, Fish Hoek and of course Simon's Town. Here we stop to visit the famous Boulders Beach and spend some time watching the totally fabulous African Penguin colony which thrives here. They are a joy to watch their funny little walk and you can't help but falling a little in love with them! We then return to Cape Town where we have another evening to enjoy the town and dinner. What a fantastic first day!

Meals: **B**

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**Accommodation**  
Hotel

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**DAY 3****Drive to the Cederberg Mountains where we enjoy an afternoon walk.**

Leaving behind laid-back city life, we drive northwards to the Cederberg Massif which is a haven for walkers. It remains one of the most pristine areas in South Africa. The San and Khoi people that inhabited the area left behind a rich legacy of rock art of elephants and people painted on the rocks. The mountains glow red as the sun brings out the iron oxides colours of the rock. This afternoon we have a short walk to explore this raw and dramatic landscape, sculpted by the wind and rain. Depending on the local conditions we will walk for two to three hours to either a local viewpoint or waterfall. We return to our campsite to some of our first night skies. Approximate drive time: 3 - 4 hours.

Meals: **B L D**

**Accommodation**

Camping

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**DAY 4****Cross into Namibia and travel to the Gariep / Orange River.**

Arriving at the land-border with Namibia, we head to the welcoming banks of the Gariep River. Rising from the Drakensberg Mountains, the Gariep (also known as the Orange River), is the longest river in South Africa and never fails to impress! Well documented by explorers of a by-gone era, the Gariep River continues to provide a tranquil and picturesque refuge for travellers passing through. Our perfectly placed campsite is a wonderful place to relax and chill out for the remainder of the afternoon. We can swim or hire a canoe to paddle down the river (payable locally). This evening we enjoy a group dinner at our campsite. Approximate drive time: 7 hours.

Meals: **B L D**

**Accommodation**

Camping

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**DAY 5****Drive to Fish River Canyon for exploration of weird and wonderful rock formations.**

We leave for The Fish River Canyon, which is one of the most impressive natural sites in Southern Africa. With towering rock faces and deep ravines of up to 550m (making it the world's second largest canyon), we spend the morning driving to this geological wonderland, before heading into the canyon for the afternoon. Making our way, by vehicle, to one of the outstanding vantage points, we watch the dramatic change of colours as the sun plunges behind the canyon's rim. Approximate drive time: 4 hours.

Meals: **B L D**



**Accommodation**  
Camping

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## DAY 6

### The Namib Desert and the incredible dunes of Sossusvlei.

Moving through the ever changing landscapes we make our long drive north to the edge of the Namib-Naukluft National Park, the second largest game park in Africa (after the Central Kalahari), with a total area of just under 50000 km<sup>2</sup>. Here we find the iconic sharp-ridged Sossusvlei Dunes of the Namib Desert. Argued to be the highest dunes in the world, their ever changing colours make for wonderful photographic opportunities from sunrise to sunset! We arrive at our beautiful campsite and discover the true meaning of being 'star-struck' under African desert skies. Approximate drive time: 7-8 hours.

Meals: **B L D**



**Accommodation**  
Camping

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## DAY 7

### Explore Sossusvlei and Dune 45 in the Namib Desert, visit the Sesriem Canyon.

First thing this morning we have the opportunity to walk up Dune 45, it is absolutely stunning. Going down is a lot quicker and easier than going up! It also gives us a sense of scale and enormity as these dunes reach almost unbroken, from here to the Atlantic coast. Later we walk for around 3-4km to Dead Vlei (the place of the iconic Namibia photo). Time permitting we might be able to ascend the highest sand dune of the area - Big Daddy (325m). For those who do not want to walk, there are optional 4WD vehicles (operated on a shuttle service by the park and payable locally) that can drive you in to the bottom of the dunes. Walking in these dunes is a true experience and provides us with superb views up and down the Sesriem Canyon of the Tsauchab River. If we are lucky we may spot an ostrich or even a jackal. This afternoon we can visit the Sesriem Canyon, and it is a place of arid beauty. The dreamscape stretches from towering lunar rock formations through to a natural sphinx formation close to the canyon mouth. With ample time to catch the ever-changing colours of a Namib Desert sunset, we return to our camp site for a second night of desert skies.

Meals: **B L D**



**Accommodation**  
Camping

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**DAY 8****Drive to the laid back Atlantic coastal resort of Swakopmund.**

Leaving our desert tracks behind, we head for the coastal resort of Swakopmund. Along the way we drive on an interesting salt road for the nearby salt mines and pass by Walvis Bay for a stop to look at the splendid flamboyance of flamingos. Cool breezes, palm-lined streets and an ambiance reminiscent of a small German village, Swakopmund offers a distinct and refreshing Namibian experience for us to explore on our free day tomorrow. Approximate drive time: 5 hours.

Meals: **B L**



**Accommodation**  
Guesthouse

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**DAY 9****Free day to chill out or try out one of the many adventure activities Swakopmund has to offer.**

Arguably Namibia's premier holiday resort, the town of Swakopmund was founded in the last decade of the nineteenth century, as the principal deepwater port of German South West Africa. Today it is a rather unusual place, with a quaint and atmospheric feel, sandwiched as it is between the Namib Desert and the cold Atlantic Ocean. It is as if a piece of 1950's Bavaria has somehow been cast ashore on the harsh Skeleton Coast. Amongst the distinctly Germanic architecture, an eclectic community have made Swakopmund their own, from artists to world travellers and big-game fishermen to stately African tribesmen, all contribute to the distinct character. We spend the day at leisure in this wild and whacky port-town. There are lots of activities that can be arranged locally, such as boat trips in search of dolphins, or to visit a nearby seal colony, ocean canoe safari, dune-boarding and even scenic flights over the Namib and along the Skeleton Coast - these are entirely optional and payable directly. Alternatively, you may choose to take it easy, visit the Crystal Gallery, do a township tour or stroll along the beach.

Meals: **B**



**Accommodation**  
Guesthouse

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**DAY 10****Cape Cross Seal Reserve south of the Skeleton Coast and on to Spitzkoppe.**

Leaving Swakopmund we travel north along the arid coast just south of the famous Skeleton Coast of Namibia. We stop at the Cape Cross Seal Reserve, the world's largest breeding colony of Cape Fur Seals. Our adventure then continues as we drive to the enchanting lunar looking site of Spitzkoppe. The granite dome peak of 1784m, is impressive with its majestic wild beauty rising from the surrounding flat terrain

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demonstrating some very old volcanic activity. The light is stunning during sun rise and sun set illuminating the plains and rock into pinks, reds and warm ochre colours. Speak to any guide who knows this region and camping in Spitzkoppe is always the highlight. Camping here, away from the light pollution, allows us to star gaze until we have seen countless shooting stars and pointed out many constellations of the southern hemisphere. Approximate drive time: 3-4 hours.

Meals: **B L D**



**Accommodation**  
Camping

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## DAY 11

### **Drive into Damaraland, the Brandberg Massif and see the San Bush rock art.**

Emerging from our tents in the pleasant cool of the morning we make ready for the day. Whilst our breakfast is cooking around camp, in the trees, you might see some rosy faced lovebirds, or a hornbill ready for a tasty insect for their breakfast. We then head into the area of Damaraland we see the ever-changing landscape of Namibia. We get a real taste of a prehistorical land in the area which has ruggedly beautiful, untamed, stark plains, petrified forests and peaks of the Brandberg Massif. The name Brandberg means 'fire mountain' which refers to the glowing red colour of the rocks, seen at sunset. With a dense concentration of San Bush art, dating back several thousand years, we walk with a local guide to see some of these. Along this route we may see evidence of wildlife through leopard tracks in the sand and Acacia trees destroyed by passing elephants. Approximate drive time: 2-3 hours.

Meals: **B L D**



**Accommodation**  
Camping

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## DAY 12

### **Drive through the wilds of Northern Namibia to the sublime wildlife of Etosha National Park.**

We set off this morning with our goal of the Etosha National Park. This is Big Game country. Four of the Big 5 are found here: lion, elephant, leopard and a healthy population of black rhino. Just the buffalo are missing. The central feature of the Park is the Etosha Pan, a 6000 square kilometre salt-flat, which can manifest itself either as a parched white desert or as a lush green land of plenty according to the season. Many of the rare animal species manage to survive here, such as the black rhino, the roan antelope and black-faced impala, which we may be fortunate to see on our afternoon game drive into the park. Etosha is, without doubt, Africa's most distinct National Park. Approximate drive time: 5 - 6 hours.

Meals: **B L D**





**Accommodation**  
Camping

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### DAY 13

#### **Day of safari game drives across the pans and waterholes of Etosha National Park.**

During infrequent flooding, the pan attracts thousands of flamingos and other wading birds, although the water is so mineral-rich that it is undrinkable. The key to life here is the occurrence of underground springs which form waterholes on the edge of the pan. Together with the savannah grassland that they nourish, these springs enable more than 110 species of mammals to exist in an otherwise hostile environment. One of the highlights in dry season will be the chance to view big cats and game gathering at one of the many waterholes. The rainy season at Etosha extends from November into March and April. This is a season of plenty, when grazing animals and their predators are widespread across the park as they seek out better grazing. Regardless of the season, your experienced leader, will endeavour to seek out the best of Etosha's wildlife during your game drives.

Meals: **B L D**

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**Accommodation**  
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### DAY 14

#### **Drive to Namibia's cosmopolitan city of Windhoek. Free afternoon.**

Located in a basin between the Khomas Highlands and Eros Mountains, Windhoek's charm is its fusion of African and European cultures. With a cosmopolitan atmosphere, we drive from African bush into the heart of a Germanic colonial era. More of a town than a bustling capital city, Windhoek's friendly centre, makes for easy exploration. On arrival we have the opportunity to spend some time seeking out souvenirs, or to simply admire the city's Neo-Baroque cathedral spires and colonial architecture. We have dinner together at a local restaurant. Windhoek is a wonderful city break within this safari adventure. Approximate drive time: 7 hours.

Meals: **B L**

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**Accommodation**  
Guesthouse

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### DAY 15

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## Cross the border into Botswana to meet the San Bushmen in the Kalahari.

Departing from the dreamland of Namibia we cross into the beauty of Botswana and head for the heart of the Kalahari. A desolate but mesmerising landscape, the territory of the Bushmen spans across most of Southern Africa with significant differences across each of the tribes. Hosted in traditional grass huts, it is possible we learn of Kalahari culture during the course of the evening. Approximate drive time: 7 hours.

Meals: **B L D**



**Accommodation**  
Camping

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### DAY 16

## Head to the Okavango gateway town of Maun. Free time in the afternoon.

Before leaving the bushland we take a cool morning walk with the San Bushmen and learn more of their ancient and fascinating way of life. Bidding farewell to our San hosts, we drive onwards to the Okavango gateway town of Maun, where there is the opportunity to have free time in Maun. You may prefer to relax and take a dip in the pool or explore this capital town of Ngamiland. Alternatively there is the option to take a light aircraft flight over the Okavango Delta (payable locally). Maun has a wonderful laid back atmosphere and also provides a chance to participate in a spot of shopping for local handi-crafts, as we prepare to depart for the delta region of Botswana. Approximate drive time: 7 hours.

Meals: **B L**



**Accommodation**  
Camping

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### DAY 17

## Travel into the Okavango for mokoro canoe trips and walking safaris.

Transferring into our open 4WD vehicles, we will drive for approximately 2 hours into the Okavango Delta. Every year, over 11,000 cubic kilometres of water flows from the Angolan Highlands into the Delta, making it the world's largest inland Delta. Okavango's diversity stretches across 10,000 square miles and provides one the finest arenas to experience Botswana's wild side. We meet our local guides with their mokoros, traditional dug-out canoes, at the water's edge and we complete our journey on the river being poled along with the chance to spot the wildlife of the river. Around midday we arrive at our wilderness camp and in the late afternoon we continue our exploration on foot. Before the walk our guides will give a safety briefing. We may encounter elephants or even lions on the walk and it is important to listen to the briefing and to follow the instructions of the guides. After possible encounters with the local wildlife, we return to our wilderness camp. We aim to leave no trace and the camp here is simple consisting of the tents and a pit latrine. After the traditional African 'sundowner' we prepare

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dinner and settle down for a night in the Delta accompanied by the soundtrack of croaking frogs. Approximate transfer time: 2 hours.

Meals: **B L D**



**Accommodation**  
Wild Camp

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## DAY 18

### Full day exploring the UNESCO wonder wetland of the Okavango Delta.

The best time of the day in Africa is the early morning and with the sounds of the dawn chorus all around us we set out in the relative cool on a nature walk to explore this wonderful wetland. Returning to our camp for a well deserved brunch we have time to relax during the heat of the day and perhaps take a swim in the clear waters. We head out again into the Delta where we can enjoy another beautiful sunset before returning to camp or we may take another walk. Back at camp there will be an opportunity to take a bucket shower before dinner and spending our second night surrounded by the nocturnal murmurs of the Okavango.

Meals: **B L D**



**Accommodation**  
Wild Camp

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## DAY 19

### The Makgadikgadi Salt Pans.

Driving out of the Delta we may be lucky enough to encounter some wildlife en-route before preparing for another dramatic change of scenery. The shimmering salt pans of Makgadikgadi (pronounced ma-h'adee-h'adee), provide a glorious illusion of an endless plain. During the wet season when the pans transform into a valuable refuge of grassland, great herds of wildebeest and flamingos flock here in their thousands. However, in the dry season the expansive landscape transforms into a desolate and empty flat space from horizon to horizon, an eerily gigantic place to explore and appreciate. Although very little flora exists within the pans, Baobab trees thrive in this environment and have become very useful landmarks when navigating across this barren land. Approximate drive time: 4 hours.

Meals: **B L**



**Accommodation**  
Camping

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**DAY 20****Cross the border to the thundering experience of Victoria Falls.**

Heading for our fourth and final country, we cross the border into Zimbabwe and listen out for next and final calling point! Most likely to hear the mighty Victoria Falls before seeing it, the falls span 2km and plunge 108m into the gorge below. Exploring the 'Smoke that Thunders' can almost be a deafening experience! Approaching our vantage point on foot we have excellent views of Victoria Falls in her full glory, including the iconic Victoria Falls Bridge, commissioned by Cecil John Rhodes in 1900, which spans this immense gorge. With ample time to explore the falls we stay at a nearby campsite with bar and swimming pool adjacent to the town of Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. Approximate drive time: 5 hours. \*Please note, depending on season, water levels of the falls will vary (late November to early April is the wet season, with the remainder of the year being dry).

Meals: **B****Accommodation**  
Camping**DAY 21****Free day to explore Vic Falls or book an optional activity.**

The settlement of Victoria Falls began in 1901 and became the principal town from which to explore the falls. You may choose to meander through the handicraft markets for a last minute souvenir, or simply relax within the campsite gardens and pool. If you are feeling a little more adventurous or wish to see the falls from a different angle, you may wish to consider one of the extra activities that are available to book and payable locally. These include white water rafting or half-day canoeing the Zambezi. Whatever you chose you'll have a fabulous last day on this incredible journey through Southern Africa.

Meals: **B****Accommodation**  
Camping**DAY 22****Departure day. Victoria Falls Zimbabwe.**

Your holiday ends after breakfast in Victoria Falls. Depending on your flight time you may have time to have one last glimpse of the falls or enjoy the last of the African sun by the pool. Airport transfers can be arranged on request.

Meals: **B**

# Holiday Information

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## What's Included

- Two professional and qualified guides
- Airport transfer on day 1 of the Land Only itinerary
- All accommodation as described
- Meals as described in the Meal Plan
- National Park entrance fees
- All activities/excursions mentioned except where specified as 'optional'

## What's not Included

- Travel Insurance
- Visas (if applicable)
- Airport transfer on day 22 of the Land Only itinerary
- Some meals as detailed in the Meal Plan
- Any additional activities/excursions indicated as optional
- Tips for local staff
- Miscellaneous personal expenses - drinks and souvenirs etc

## Joining Arrangements & Transfers

The group will meet at the group hotel in Cape Town.

On arrival transfers are provided on arrival from Cape Town Airport to the group hotel.

The holidays ends in Victoria Falls. On departure transfers are not included, but possible to either Livingstone Airport or Victoria Falls Airport. We can provide private transfers at an additional cost. Taxis are also available and are often cheaper.

Hotel contact details and an emergency number will be provided with your booking confirmation.

## Meal Plan

21 breakfasts, 16 lunches and 12 dinners are included. Non-included meals are in Cape Town, Swakopmund, Windhoek, Maun, Makgadikgadi, and Victoria Falls where we try out local restaurants. We recommend you budget £10 - 15 for each of these lunches and dinners.

## Food & Water

Water from the taps may not be drinkable in all locations on this trip - please check with your guide. We recommend taking water purification tablets and a reusable bottle with a filter such as [Water-to-Go](#), which can both be used to help make safe other water sources. Please note that we do not encourage the purchase of single use plastic bottles.

The majority of the meals are provided. Breakfast will be cereals and yoghurt, with coffee, tea, toast and the occasional cooked breakfast. Lunch will typically be picnic style - cold meats, cheese, salads, bread, rolls and fruit. Dinner will be potjies (traditional stews), braais (barbecue), stir fries, pasta dishes, curries etc. Very often cooking will be on an open fire. Fresh produce will be used wherever possible and fruit squash, tea and coffee will be served with breakfast and dinner. Most of the meals are prepared by the guides and it is good group etiquette to help with preparation and washing up on these days and this is usually done on rotation. Some meals are taken at the accommodation or in local restaurants. Special dietary requirements (vegetarian or allergies) can usually be catered for, but it is essential that this information is received on booking. There is one cool box available for the group to put your own drinks in. Stops at supermarkets are regular to pick up supplies such as alcohol and soft drinks.

## Accommodation

12 nights on safari we stay at designated campsites in national parks and towns. Formal campsites have hot and cold showers, laundry facilities & telephones. Some of them even have a swimming pool.

2 nights we wild camp, without fences in the Okavango. On these nights the crew will erect a bucket shower (with hot water off the fire) and a pit latrine (with seat!).

We have 5 nights guesthouse and 2 nights lodge accommodation, with twin bedrooms with en suite facilities or at the lodge 2 rooms share 1 bathroom. All accommodation is subject to change without prior warning.

The tents are comfortable (2.2 x 2.2 x 1.8 meters) and putting them up or down takes only 5 minutes. We supply mattresses, which are about 5 cm thick, warm and comfortable. The camp chairs have a backrest and we use regular plates, cups and cutlery.

If you are travelling by yourself, you will be paired up with another single client of the same sex. A limited number of single rooms and tents are available for a supplementary cost. If you are planning on extending your holiday additional nights at the group accommodation are available on request.

### SAFARI TRUCKS

Years of safari experience have been put into the design of the trucks. They are built to comply with the latest South African transport and safety regulations. Your comfort is catered for with individual seats (with safety belts), ample legroom and large vertical sliding windows for unobstructed viewing and photography. They have 12 forward facing seats (the roof rack and a trailer is used for equipment and baggage). The trucks either have pull-out steps or a single rung of steps and grab handles to climb on/off the vehicles.

There are roof hatches for excellent 'open' views and an integral cab and passenger compartment so contact with the driver is easy. Each truck also has large packing compartments, a built in kitchen, freezer, interior lights and a gas stove (to minimise use of wood and destruction of forest areas). There is usually a bank of plug sockets in the vehicles. These plugs are the South African 3 round pin or 2 round pin with a hexagonal base.

Where road conditions allow, such as South Africa, Namibia and parts of Botswana we may also use minibuses. On 5% of tours we may use minibuses with 12 seats and air conditioning (with trailer for equipment and baggage). The safaris often have several long days of travel providing for a beautiful journey on the way to exciting and varied destinations.

For the transfers into the Okavango Delta we use open 4WD vehicles.

## Group Leader & Support Staff

Group leaders are the key to any successful safari. On this adventure safari, you will travel with two qualified and experienced, registered field guides (FGASA). Two guides as crew, not a guide and a driver, adds up to an informative and interesting small group holiday. Our guides have a passion for Africa, her people and wildlife, and they love nothing more than sharing their knowledge with you.

## Spending Money

We estimate that a total of around £400-500 per person (or equivalent in euros/dollars) should be allowed for personal spending. This amount should be sufficient to cover non-included meals and miscellaneous expenses, including tips to local staff. If you are intending to buy expensive souvenirs, considerable quantities of soft drinks / beer or undertake additional activities or excursions, you should budget accordingly (credit cards can be useful in this respect). There will be the opportunity to change money into local currency on arrival at the airport (which we advise you to do) and your local leader will advise further places to change money en-route and at borders. Additionally, you will be able to get currency from bank ATMs in many of the towns that we will visit.

Many small traders will accept US\$, Euro or GBP. Your notes should be clean and undamaged. And please avoid USD\$100 and old issue 'small head' US\$ notes as they might not be accepted.

There are many optional activities which you can take part in on this holiday. Some of these are: Table Mountain Cableway \$35; Robben Island Cruise \$30 (depending on arrival time); canoeing on the Orange River \$20; Dune Boarding \$42; half-day rafting \$170, half-day canoeing the Zambezi \$115. All optional activities should be booked on arrival with your leader and paid for locally. All prices are approximate in USD\$ and are subject to change without notice. All optional activities taken outside the KE holiday are at your own risk.

## Guidance on Tipping

Your tour leader also works extremely hard to ensure that your holiday runs smoothly and that you are happy. We suggest that a tip of £2-5 per client per day for your tour leader is reasonable. When it comes to tipping the guides that we sometimes use for various activities (e.g. game walks, polers in the Okavango Delta etc) we suggest that a tip of £1-3 per client per ½ day activity, or the local currency equivalent, is acceptable. As in all cases with tipping, the final decision of the amount tipped is up to the individual. It is up to you to decide if you thought the service was poor, or exceptional, and the amount tipped should reflect that. The amounts quoted above are guidelines for you to get an idea of what to tip.

## Baggage Allowance

For this holiday you should take one piece of luggage and a daypack. Your baggage will travel in the gear compartment of the truck with the group, and there is a finite amount of space. Please keep the weight of your main luggage to 12kg. You should bring a soft bag as these are more suitable to pack in the vehicle. For the 2 nights wild camping in the Okavango Delta you will take only what you need for these 2 nights and your main bag with remain in Maun.

## Group Size & Holiday Status

For each holiday there is a minimum number of participants required to enable it to go ahead. Once the minimum number is reached, the trip status will change from 'Available' to 'Guaranteed to run'. You can check the trip status for each departure in the 'Dates and Prices' table. Other than in exceptional circumstances, we will not cancel a trip once it has achieved this guaranteed to run status so you are free to proceed with your international flight booking and other travel arrangements.



## **Group Members**

We sell this holiday in conjunction with our local operator in Southern Africa. This enables us to gather together sufficient numbers of like-minded adventurers to get the holiday up and running quickly. For this holiday the minimum age is 12 yrs, however it is unusual to have people under 16yrs.

## **South Africa Indemnity Form**

As a member of the South African Tourism Service Association, our ground agent in South Africa may require you to complete an indemnity form at the start of your holiday, which you will need your insurance details for. As a client of KE Adventure Travel, your rights under the Package Travel and Linked Travel Arrangement Regulations (2018) are unaffected and KE Adventure Travel will remain liable for the actions of our suppliers.

# General Information

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## Passport & Visas

The information that we provide is for UK passport holders. A passport with 6 months remaining validity at the end of your stay is generally required, and you should have at least 2 blank pages for each country that you visit.

**It is your responsibility to ensure that you have the correct travel documents and visas for your holiday.**

Please ensure that you check for the latest advice before travel. For the most up to date information on entry requirements, please visit the [UK Government website](#).

A KAZA UNIVISA for Zimbabwe and Zambia is cheaper than purchasing the two visas for Zambia and Zimbabwe separately. The visa is valid for 30 days as long as you remain within Zimbabwe and Zambia. It is also valid for day trips to Botswana crossing over the Kazangula borders. It will not be valid if you overnight in Botswana.

It's available at the international airports in Lusaka and Livingstone and at the land borders at Livingstone (Zimbabwe border) and Kazungula (Botswana border). You can also apply online. It costs US\$50 and it is valid for 30 days.

**Please note:** The Government of Zambia recently announced the removal of all visa fees for British passport holders. However implementation of the policy has not yet been confirmed and British nationals may still be charged \$25 on arrival. This may affect your decision to purchase a Kaza Univisa.

UK nationals do not normally need a visa to enter Botswana for stays of up to 90 days.

### Travelling with children under 18yrs - Botswana

Parents travelling with children under 18 years will be asked to show the child's full unabridged birth certificate. If the child is travelling with one parent, with another adult or unaccompanied, the parent or parents who aren't present will need to provide an affidavit giving their consent for the child to travel. Please note that they are very strict and they do not accept photocopies of birth certificates or short versions. This is also applicable if you are transiting through Botswana. For further details please see FCO website <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/botswana/entry-requirements>

### Visa South Africa

UK and USA passport holders do not require a visa for short stays. You must have 2 blank pages in your passport.

Rules on **travelling with children under 18 years** have been relaxed. Visa exempt children entering South Africa only need passports, and not birth certificates as previously required. This applies if the child is travelling with both parents, one parent or an adult who is not a biological parent, and school groups. There are some different requirements for unaccompanied children, and children who do not have UK passports or visa exempt passports. For full details please see the FCDO website.

### Visa Zimbabwe

A visa is required. This is obtained on arrival and is \$55 single entry and \$70 for double. Payment must be in cash and you should take small denomination notes for this.

**Important Note:** Please check your itinerary and your arrival/departure flights. If your accommodation and flights are from a different side of the falls you may need both a Zambian and a Zimbabwe visa. The town of Victoria Falls is in Zimbabwe, and the town of Livingstone is in Zambia.

Additionally If you visit the falls (on the border) and wish to cross the bridge to the other side you will require a visa for both countries.

### **Visa Namibia**

UK and USA passport holders do not require a visa for short stays. You should carry a photocopy of your passport with you at all times when in Namibia for identification.

### **Travelling with children under 18yrs - Namibia**

Parents travelling with children under 18 years will be asked to show the child's full unabridged birth certificate. If the child is travelling with one parent, with another adult or unaccompanied, the parent or parents who aren't present will need to provide an affidavit giving their consent for the child to travel. Please note that they are very strict and they do not accept photocopies of birth certificates or short versions. This is also applicable if you are transiting through Namibia. For further details please see FCDO website.

## **Health & Vaccinations**

If you have a severe allergy please inform the KE office before you travel. We will do all we can to help, but we cannot guarantee an allergy free environment on KE trips. You will need to carry your own treatment for the allergy with you, as 'adrenaline auto-injectors' are not carried as standard by KE leaders and staff. You should inform your leader on arrival of your allergy, and let them know where you keep your adrenaline pen.

## **VACCINATIONS**

You should contact your doctor or travel clinic to check whether you specific require any vaccinations or other preventive measures. You should be up to date with routine courses and boosters as recommended in the UK e.g. diphtheria-tetanus-polio and measles-mumps-rubella), along with hepatitis A and typhoid. Malarial prophylaxis are required. A certificate of yellow fever vaccination is required if travelling from countries with risk of yellow fever transmission and for travellers having transited for more than 12 hrs through an airport of a country with risk of yellow fever transmission. On holidays to more remote areas you should also have a dentist check up. A good online resource is [Travel Health Pro](#).

## **Currency**

The unit of currency in South Africa is the South African Rand.

The unit of currency in Botswana is the Pula.

The unit of currency in Zimbabwe is the Zimbabwe Gold (ZiG). There is currently a shortage of available cash at the banks and ATM's in Zimbabwe. US Dollars are still widely used, so exchange your currency in advance, or use credit cards where possible, as these are widely accepted also.

The unit of currency in Namibia is the Namibian Dollar. The Namibian and the the Southern African Rand have the same value, and the Rand is accepted everywhere in Namibia.

## Climate

South Africa: The southern tip of the continent has various regions with different climates. May to August can be cool to very cold (in mountains) and days are pleasant and sunny in the north. The Cape can have rain at this time. September to April is pleasant, warm to hot with thunder showers in the north. January to early March light showers to heavy rains may occur throughout the country.

Namibia: Namibia is largely a desert environment with hot clear days from September to April. May to August can be very cold at night but pleasant and sunny during the day. Rains are infrequent but most likely in January to March. The coast is subject to heavy morning fogs throughout the year and cooler weather in the winter months.

Botswana: This Central region of Southern Africa is subtropical and generally warm and mild / humid. October and November are hot, day and night. November to April is the hottest time of the year with chances of showers to heavy rains later in the seas on. May to September is cool and dry.

## Travel Aware

As a reputable tour operator, KE supports the British Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office's '[Travel Aware](#)' campaign to enable British citizens to prepare for their journeys overseas. The 'Travel Aware' website provides a single, authoritative source of advice for all kinds of travellers and we recommend that before travel, all KE clients visit the official UK Government website at [travelaware.campaign.gov.uk](http://travelaware.campaign.gov.uk) and read the FCDO Travel Advice for their chosen destination. North Americans can also check out the U.S. Department of State website: [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) for essential travel advice and tips.

KE treat the safety and security of all clients as the most important aspect of any trip we organise. We would not run any trip that we did not consider reasonably safe. Should the FCDO advise against travel for any reason, we will contact everyone booked to travel to discuss the situation. We receive regular updates directly from the FCDO and are in constant touch with our contacts on the ground. If you have any questions about government travel advice, please call our office.

## Single Use Plastic

KE do not encourage the use of single use plastic items. We are ensuring that our agents all over the world are working together to reduce the problem and educate those around them. We are leading by example in our KE office by reducing our plastic use.

## Travel Insurance

It is an essential condition of joining a holiday with KE Adventure Travel that you have a valid travel insurance policy to cover the cost of medical treatment and to protect the value of your holiday in the event of cancellation. When taking out insurance please ensure the policy you choose covers you for the activities and altitude included in your itinerary.

For appropriate insurance cover we recommend Campbell Irvine Direct. Please go to our [Travel Insurance](#) page for further information and to get a quote.

## Explore International

This holiday is part of our Explore International range. Participants on these trips can book through KE or through one of our international partners. This helps us to gather together sufficient numbers of like-minded adventurers to get your holiday up and running quickly. Led by an English-speaking guide, the cosmopolitan nature of these groups can be an important part of the experience!

# Equipment Information

## Equipment List

Please try to keep the weight of your baggage to a minimum. See the 'baggage allowance' section for further details.

### You should bring the following items:

- Lightweight walking shoes or trainers
- Sandals
- Socks and underwear
- Long lightweight trousers
- Shorts
- Lightweight waterproof jacket & trousers
- T-shirts
- Casual shirts with sleeves
- Fleece jacket or warm jumper
- Sunhat with wide brim
- Sunglasses
- Buff/scarf for dusty days
- Small towel/Travel towel
- Daypack 20-25 litres
- Sleeping bag\*. Comfort rating 0 degrees C (Jun-Sep) and thinner sleeping can be used during the rest of the year.
- Headtorch and spare batteries
- Sun protection (including total bloc for lips, nose etc.)
- Water bottles 1 litre (x2) (we encourage re-filling water bottles rather than single use plastic)
- Water purification tablets
- Washbag and toiletries (biodegradable soap is preferred)
- Antibacterial handwash
- Insect repellent
- Basic First Aid Kit including: antiseptic cream, throat lozenges, diarrhoea treatment (Imodium), painkillers, plasters and blister treatment, re-hydration salts (Dioralite), anti-nausea tablets and antihistamine cream/tablets.

### The following items are optional:

- Light cotton dress or sarong

- Swimwear
- Pen-knife (remember to pack sharp objects in hold baggage)
- Repair kit (eg. needle, thread, duct tape)
- A selection of dry bags for daypack/kit bag
- Camera
- Binoculars (highly recommended)
- Reusable cloth bag for shopping (to avoid plastic bags)

## Notes:

Please be aware that in the Southern African the winter months, June-September, the nights can be cold with an average of between 0-5 degrees Celsius in some places, and the days can be warm between 20-30 degrees Celsius.

Bright bold colours and white are not suitable for game viewing or bush wear as they attract insects and the attention of animals. Please do not bring camouflage or military style clothes as they can cause problems with local authorities.

Please dress appropriately for border crossings, village and market visits - ie: no bare feet, no bare chests, no bikinis and no hats. A few restaurants are also not keen on T-shirts and jeans either.

Tents have mosquito netting on the windows and doors. Sleeping mattresses of 5cm thick are provided.

\*It is possible to hire a sleeping bag for this holiday.

## Cotswold Outdoor



Many of the Equipment items listed above are available from [Cotswold Outdoor](#) - our '**Official Recommended Outdoor Retailer**'. When you book a holiday with KE you will receive 12.5% discount voucher from Cotswold Outdoor and other retailers. [>> Find out more](#)

## Land Only Information

The LAND ONLY dates and prices are for the itinerary joining in Cape Town Johannesburg. Airport transfers are provided on arrival. This itinerary ends in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe.

## Flight Inclusive Information

The FLIGHT INCLUSIVE dates and prices are based on UK flights from London to Cape Town, and returning from Victoria Falls.

Outbound flights will depart from the UK in the evening, arriving the next day (day 1 of the Land Only itinerary). Return flights will depart Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe in the afternoon on the last day of the itinerary, arriving in the UK the following morning.

# Why Choose KE

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## Why KE

Our KE itinerary travels into southern Botswana visiting the San Bushman, a truly exceptional experience. Cultural exchanges are just as important as the incredible wildlife and diverse scenery in Southern Africa. Michelle at the KE office has recently returned from Namibia and can give you first hand tips, hints and stories!

**Please Note** This document was downloaded on 09/11/2024 and the trip is subject to change