



SOUTHERN AFRICA
Cape Town to Vic Falls
Escorted Tour
24 days / 21 nights
from \$7499

Per person twin share including flights from Australia



Package Includes:

- Return economy airfares from Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide, Sydney & Perth to Cape Town and Victoria Falls Flying South African Airways.
- 21 nights accommodation in hotels/lodges/guesthouses/camps
- All transport on a fully equipped 25-seat expedition vehicle
- All 'included highlights' as mentioned in the itinerary
- 2 truck crew (driver/guide plus assistant/cook)
- Local guides for sightseeing tours and activities as per the itinerary
- Meals: 19 breakfasts, 11 lunches and 15 dinners

Included activity	Country
Rooibos Tour farm visit	South Africa
Guided desert walk with local expert	Namibia
Makgadigadi Pans excursion	Botswana
Chobe National Park boat cruise	Botswana
Chobe National Park game drive	Botswana

Excluded:

- Visa fees if required
- Airport transfers
- Activity Package, Okavango Delta upgrade and optional activities (see itinerary)
- Travel Insurance (compulsory, available on request)
- Meals not indicated in the itinerary
- Drinks, snacks and other personal expenses (e.g. laundry)
- Tips for guides & drivers
- Entrance fees and activities not mentioned in inclusions or itinerary
- Any other items not mentioned above
- Single supplement

About the Tour

This comprehensive 24-day tour covers the well worn route from Cape Town to Victoria Falls, crossing South Africa, Namibia and Botswana, and ending in Zimbabwe. It's a truly grand African safari. This is an 'accommodated' tour, staying in hotels and lodges rather than camping.

Leaving Cape Town, we head north through the Cederberg Mountain Region en route to Namibia. Crossing the border into Namibia our first stop is the Fish River Canyon where we take a scenic hike along the rim in order to gain some perspective as to just how large this natural phenomenon is. We continue to the Namib-Naukluft Park, which is one of Namibia's geographic gems and at 50,000km², is one of the largest parks in

Africa. There are massive sand dunes in the Sossusvlei desert area as well as the remarkable landscape.

Next we stop at Swakopmund the adventure capital of Namibia, where you can enjoy many fun options such as skydiving, sand boarding and quad biking. We continue on to the Etosha National Park, which boasts an amazing abundance of wildlife making it one of Southern Africa's finest and most important game reserves. We spend plenty of time wildlife viewing before moving onto Namibia's capital city Windhoek. After a short tour of the city we wave goodbye to Namibia and cross the border into Botswana.

Our first stop is at Ghanzi for a cultural evening of tribal song and dance from the San community. We then spend time exploring the Okavango Delta. The Okavango Delta is the world's largest inland delta, a labyrinth of lagoons, lakes and hidden channels covering 17,000km². We have a full day in this unique inland delta with nature walks and boat cruises on board Mokoro's, traditional boats used in the Delta. An upgrade is also available to fly into a lodge within the delta for a more in depth experience. We then visit Botswana's second largest wildlife reserve, the Chobe National Park, before crossing the border into Zimbabwe and our final destination the one and only Victoria Falls, crossroads of Africa.

Country(ies): Botswana , Namibia , South Africa & Zimbabwe

Tour type: Overland

Group size: Min: 4 | Max: 20

Accommodation: 2 to 4-star hotels, lodges & camps

Meals: Breakfasts - 19, Lunches - 11, Dinners – 15

Transport: Overland expedition vehicle, 4x4 safari jeeps & flight

Highlights: Cape Town, Orange River, Cederberg Region, Fish River Canyon, Giants Playground, Sesriem Canyon, Namib Desert, Dune 45, Swakopmund, Brandbert rock art, Etosha National Park, Okavango Delta, Chobe National Park, Victoria Falls

*Subject to confirmation from airlines & tour operator.
Booking conditions & cancellation fees apply.*

**Call Destination International on 1300 813 391
for enquiries & reservations.**

Tour Itinerary

Day 1: Depart Australia

Day 2: Arrive Cape Town – transfer to hotel for overnight accommodation

Day 3: Free day to Explore Cape Town – Today is a free day to explore Cape Town at leisure. Cape Town is a port city on South Africa's southwest coast, on a peninsula beneath the imposing Table Mountain. Slowly rotating cable cars climb to the mountain's flat top, from which there are sweeping views of the city, the busy harbor and boats heading for Robben Island, the notorious prison that once held Nelson Mandela, which is now a living museum.

Day 4: Exploring the Cederberg

After spending some time in the 'Mother City', we say goodbye to Cape Town as we head towards the Cederberg region of the Western Cape, blessed with towering mountain ranges, lush farmland and snaking rivers.

The Cederberg region is also the home of the Rooibos bush and we'll make our way to a Rooibos tea farm to enjoy a unique brew and learn about the Rooibos and Buchu plants which grow naturally in this mountainous area. Rooibos tea is a herbal drink which is known to be healthier and more refreshing option than regular tea.

We'll have dinner at our overnight accommodation in the Cederberg as we enjoy some South African hospitality.

Route: Cape Town to Citrusdal

Activity Package: Rooibos tea farm visit

OVERNIGHT:

Marcuskraal or similar

MEALS:

Dinner

EXTRAS:

Arrival airport transfer in Cape Town

Extra day in Cape Town - pre-tour

Activity Package - The Grand Southern Safari 2019

Day 5: Travel to the Namaqualand

After a peaceful evening in the Cederberg, we make our way north towards the desert vistas of the Namaqualand. We'll stop for some supplies in Springbok before we arrive at our campsite on the banks of the Orange River - South Africa's longest river.

Namaqualand is best visited during the spring months of July-September, as the wildflowers in the area begin to bloom - turning the arid land into a kaleidoscope of colour.

Route: Citrusdal to Orange River

OVERNIGHT:

Felix Unite Cabanas, Bundi or similar

MEALS:

Breakfast, Dinner

EXTRAS:

None

Day 6: **Orange River to Fish River Canyon**

The Orange River rises from the Drakensburg Mountains in Lesotho and flows westward through South Africa before flows into the Atlantic Ocean. Travellers from all over the world flock here every year to raft on its peaceful waters, which are generally free from wildlife such as crocodile and hippotamus.

You have an option to head out on a canoe trip this morning before we travel inland, crossing the border into Namibia towards the Fish River Canyon.

Route: Orange/Gariep River to Ai-Ais

Optional activity: River canoe adventure

OVERNIGHT:

Ai Ais Resort or similar

MEALS:

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

EXTRAS:

Options available while on tour

Day 7: **Exploring the Fish River Canyon**

We start our day early as we drive to the edge of the Fish River Canyon, as we watch the early morning African sun fill the canyon with light.

We'll spend some time exploring the canyon before we head west towards Keetmanshoop - where we'll trek through the Quiver Tree Forest and Giant's Playground - named after the towering dolerite boulders which have been placed atop one another, create unique rock formations.

Route: Fish River Canyon to Keetmanshoop

Included Highlights: Scenic walk along the rim of Fish River Canyon / Visit to Quiver Tree Forest and Giants Playground

OVERNIGHT:

Schutzenhaus Guesthouse or similar

MEALS:

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

EXTRAS:

None

Day 8: **The Namib Naukluft National Park**

We spent most of the day travelling as we make our way into the heart of the Namib desert, towards the dune fields which covers its western reaches. We'll get good insight into the vastness of rural Namibia, taking in the sights of its long sandy roads and sparse farmland.

We'll spend the night camping on the doorstep in the Namib Naukluft National Park, on the doorstep of its dune fields, as we drift off to the sounds of the desert.

Route: Keetmanshoop to Namib Naukluft NP

OVERNIGHT:

Namib Naukluft Habitat or Desert Camp

MEALS:

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

EXTRAS:

None

Day 9: **Climbing Dune 45**

Today we make our way to Dune 45, the most visited dune in the Sossusvlei area of the Namib Desert. Its name is derived from the fact that it's the 45th kilometre of road that connects the Sesriem Gate and Sossusvlei.

After climbing the dune, we'll have some breakfast before we hop into a 4x4 towards Sossusvlei, which we'll explore on foot. You'll get an opportunity to see salt and clay pans of Sossusvlei - with dead camel thorn trees one of few remnants in this parched area.

Included Highlight: Walk into Sesriem Canyon, Hike up Dune 45, 4x4 shuttle to Sossusvlei / Deadvlei

OVERNIGHT:

Namib Naukluft Habitat or Desert Camp

MEALS:

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

EXTRAS:

None

Day 10: **Exploring Swakopmund**

We make our way to Swakopmund today, which offers a perfect opportunity to escape the heat of the desert and to have a little adventure.

Swakopmund's architecture resembles a small German town and its palm-lined streets, seaside promenades, restaurants, cafes, art galleries and museums offer plenty of options for travellers looking to have some fun after a long overland journey.

Route: Naukluft Area to Swakopmund

Included activity: Tropic of Capricorn, Walvis Bay Lagoon

Activity Package: Guided desert walk with local expert

OVERNIGHT:

Stay@Swakop, Haus Garrison or similar

MEALS:

Breakfast

EXTRAS:

Options available while on tour

Day 11: **Free time in Swakopmund**

If you're looking to do an activity that will satisfy your adrenaline rush, Swakopmund has a variety of activities to choose from - contact us and we can help arrange them for you. If you're looking to relax, spend some time exploring its selection of famed coffee shops and bakeries that offer a delightful range of German inspired treats.

Optional Activities: Dolphin cruise, Skydiving, sandboarding, quad biking, dinner
OVERNIGHT:

Stay@Swakop, Haus Garrison or similar

MEALS:

Breakfast

EXTRAS:

None

Day 12: **Swakopmund to Brandberg**

The tour starts as we head inland towards Khorixas, seeing the massive granite formations of Spitzkoppe which tower 700 metres over the desert and plains beneath them. We'll take a walk with a local guide to see some examples of rock art which demonstrate how significant this area and these formations were to the San people who lived here in the past. Finally we continue to our overnight stop for the evening.

Included highlight: Guided walk in Spitzkoppe

Route: Swakopmund to Brandberg (via Spitzkoppe) (250km)

OVERNIGHT:

Igowati, Khorixas Lodge or similar

MEALS:

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

EXTRAS:

None

Day 13: **Brandberg White Lady rock painting**

This morning we will take a hike of around 1 hour to the famous 'White Lady' rock painting, one of more than 45,000 rock paintings in the area. The terrain is rough and follows the gorge of the normally dry Tsisab River, with the Brandberg (Burning Mountains) which are regarded as the highest in Namibia, surrounding us.

Following our hike, we continue our journey to the Kamanjab area.

Included Highlight: Brandberg White Lady hike

Route: Brandberg to Kamanjab

OVERNIGHT:

Toko Lodge or similar

MEALS:

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

EXTRAS:

None

Day 14: **Etosha National Park**

We start early this morning and head to Etosha National Park, one of Africa's most famous destinations for game viewing with the sparse grasslands allowing great opportunities to see animals normally hidden in dense vegetation. We then have the

afternoon to explore the edges of Etosha Pan on a game drive on our expedition vehicle as we head to our accommodation for the night. The raised height of the vehicle helps with visibility and seeing some of the abundant wildlife in the park. We'll aim to stop at several waterholes during the way, where concentrations of game can often be seen.

Route: Kamanjab to Etosha National Park (200km)

Included Highlight: Afternoon game drive in the truck

OVERNIGHT:

Halali or similar

MEALS:

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

EXTRAS:

None

Day 15: **Etosha National Park**

We have a full day on safari in Etosha today, exploring different parts of the park on the truck and searching for animals and birds we may not have seen yesterday.

Included highlight: Full day game drive in the truck

OVERNIGHT:

Okaukuejo or similar

MEALS:

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

EXTRAS:

None

Day 16: **Windhoek**

We leave Etosha this morning and drive towards Windhoek, Namibia's capital city and also the cultural, social and economic centre of the country. On arrival in Windhoek we'll take a short walk through the city centre to see some of its best known landmarks. We'll then return to our accommodation for the night which is normally situated half way between the city centre and the airport.

Route: Etosha National Park to Windhoek (420km)

Included highlight: Walk through Windhoek with your guide

OVERNIGHT:

Heja Game Lodge or similar

MEALS:

Breakfast

EXTRAS:

Options available while on tour

Day 17: **Botswana, Ghanzi**

After an early start, we say goodbye to Namibia and travel east, crossing the Botswana border into the Kalahari Desert. While very different to the Namib Desert in Namibia, the Kalahari is still dramatic and covers nearly a million square kilometres. The San people have been associated with the harsh desert landscape here for centuries and this evening we experience some traditional tribal dancing from the local San community

that also provides an insight into the songs and story telling that form part of their culture.

Route: Windhoek to Ghanzi (500km)

Included highlight: San Tribal dance in the evening

OVERNIGHT:

Ghanzi Trail Blazers or similar

MEALS:

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

EXTRAS:

None

Day 18: To the Okavango Delta

We'll take a walk with local San guides this morning to learn how they use nature and their environment to survive in this harsh desert. We'll then drive to the outback town of Maun, known as the gateway to the Okavango Delta. Here you'll have the opportunity to take an optional scenic flight over the Delta (subject to arrival time and weather conditions). This evening we'll talk to our guide in preparation for our full day excursions into the Delta tomorrow.

An upgrade package is available which will fly into the Delta upon our arrival in Maun and then rejoin the group in the morning of Day 9. Luggage restrictions apply of 10kg luggage per person, no bottled water allowed. The airline requires the individual weight of all guests and their luggage prior to check-in to meet safety regulations for flight into and out of the Okavango Delta. Please take no offense to this as it is done for guests safety only.

Please contact us for more details of this Delta excursion

Route: Ghanzi to Maun (300km)

Included highlight: San guided walk

Optional activity: Okavango Delta scenic flight

Upgrade package: Okavango Delta Upgrade

OVERNIGHT:

Sedia Riverside Lodge or similar

MEALS:

Breakfast, Dinner

EXTRAS:

Okavango Delta Upgrade

Day 19: Okavango Delta Excursion

The Okavango has a strange and unique ecosystem with the annual rains in regions upriver on the Okavango River flowing down and into the delta where they fan out and create pools, streams and waterholes that vary hugely through the seasons. As a result, programs here are flexible to take account of the changing water levels.

One of the most rewarding and enjoyable ways to explore the waterways and lagoons is by mokoro. We'll leave Maun early and transfer by safari vehicle to the poling station (approx. 1 hour). Our polers will then steer us through serene reed-lined channels that open out into beautiful lagoons. A nature walk may be taken with your poler on one of

the many islands, before we return by mokoro through the channels to the poling station. Mokoro trips like this are not primarily game viewing activities but a variety of animals and birds may be spotted on the way, including elephants, zebra, kudu and impala.

Route: Maun – poling station – Okavango Delta - Maun

Included Highlight: Okavango Delta Day Excursion

OVERNIGHT:

Sedia Riverside Lodge or similar

MEALS:

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

EXTRAS:

Okavango Delta Upgrade



Day 20: Nata

We leave Maun this morning after re-joining any people in the group who chose the Delta upgrade package. Today's long drive carries us past the northern section of the Makgadigadi Pans en-route to Nata. Along the way we'll look out for examples of the iconic Baobab tree and look out over the pans as they extend to the South. If we're lucky, while we bisect the Nxai Pan and Makgadigadi National Park we may encounter some of the wildlife that make this huge protected area home.

If you add the Activity Package then a guided afternoon game drive is arranged to the Nata Sanctuary which is famous as the breeding ground for thousands of water birds, especially pelicans and flamingos.

Route: Maun to Nata (300km)

Activity Package: Makgadikgadi Salt Pans (Nata Sanctuary)

OVERNIGHT:

Nata Lodge or Pelican Lodge or similar

MEALS:

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

EXTRAS:

Activity Package - The Grand Southern Safari 2019

Day 21: **Chobe National Park**

It's another early start today for the drive north to the banks of the Chobe River. If you choose the Activity Package then we'll then spend the afternoon exploring the park on a game safari in 4x4 vehicles which allow us to get up close to some of the many elephants that the park is famous for. The elephants like to spend time in the river in the afternoons and we'll hope to see them enjoying themselves, splashing and washing. The day ends with a boat cruise looking out for hippos, buffalo and more elephants before dinner is served around the campfire.

Route: Nata to Kasane (300km)

Activity Package: Chobe National Park boat cruise, Chobe National Park Game Drive

OVERNIGHT:

Thebe River Lodge or similar

MEALS:

Breakfast, Dinner

EXTRAS:

Activity Package - The Grand Southern Safari 2019

Day 22: **Zimbabwe, Victoria Falls**

We leave Chobe and its elephants today and cross the border into Zimbabwe for the short drive to Victoria Falls. Plenty of time is allowed for visiting the spectacular falls and watching the mighty Zambezi River crash down into the Batoka Gorge, creating clouds of steam and spray that rise up into the air. However, the town of Victoria Falls is a hub for a wide range of adventurous activities and there is time available this afternoon to take advantage of some of these if you wish (eg. White water rafting, bungee jumps, river cruises or helicopter flights above the falls). If you'd like to take things a bit easier, the town has craft markets and plenty of shops and cafes to browse and relax in.

Route: Kasane to Victoria Falls (100km)

Optional activities: Visit to the falls, Bungee Jump, Gorge Swing, Sunset Cruise,

Helicopter Flights, Boma Dinner Experience

OVERNIGHT:

Victoria Falls Rainbow Hotel or similar

MEALS:

Breakfast

EXTRAS:

Options available while on tour

Day 23: **Victoria Falls**

Although your tour officially ends after breakfast, many people will spend the day doing some safaris, white water rafting, taking a helicopter ride over the falls or relaxing after

viewing the waterfall. Vic Falls offers many exciting activities so we recommend you add a post-tour night here.

Note: It is possible to book a 2 day Journey to Johannesburg, either Camping or Accommodated straight after this tour, as this is one of the cheapest ways to get from Victoria Falls to Johannesburg. Please contact us for more information. Our Big 5 Encounters tour from Johannesburg then also fits well after this trip, providing some great safaris in Kruger National Park.

Optional Activity: Visit to the falls, Bungee Jump, Gorge Swing, Sunset Cruise, Helicopter Flights, Boma Dinner Experience

OVERNIGHT:

N/A

MEALS:

Breakfast

EXTRAS:

Options available while on tour

Extra day in Victoria Falls - post-tour

Departure airport transfer in Victoria Falls

Day 24: **Arrive Home**

Prepare for your tour:

These options are available while you are on the tour from local activity providers who your booking will be with. Prices are given as a guide and are subject to change.

Country	Area	Activity	Price Range
South Africa	Gariiep/Orange River	Half Day Canoe Trip	R250 to R300
Namibia	Swakopmund	Dolphin Cruise (4/5 hours)	R550 to R650
Namibia	Swakopmund	Dinner at local restaurant	R80 to R150
Namibia	Swakopmund	Quad biking (2 Hours)	R600 to R700
Namibia	Swakopmund	Sandboarding	R350 to R550
Namibia	Swakopmund	Sky Diving	R2300 to R2600
Namibia	Windhoek	Dinner at local restaurant	R80 to R150
Botswana	Ghanzi	Bushmen Walk	BWP80 to BWP90
Botswana	Okavango	Tips for Polers - Per Day Per Person	\$6 to \$10 (discretion)
Botswana	Okavango	3 hour photographic boat safari	from \$120
Botswana	Chobe	Chobe National Park Game Drive	\$40 to \$45
Zimbabwe	Victoria Falls	Bungee Jump - solo	\$145 to \$165
Zimbabwe	Victoria Falls	Helicopter Flight	\$150 to \$170

Zimbabwe	Victoria Falls	Dinner at local restaurant	\$20 to \$50
Zimbabwe	Victoria Falls	Full day White Water Rafting (High water)	\$150 to \$160
Zimbabwe	Victoria Falls	Zambezi Sunset Cruise	\$50 to \$70

1. Accommodation

The accommodation on this tour is designed to bridge the gap between a basic camping tour and an expensive lodge holiday. So, we use good quality hotels, lodges and camps rated at the local 2 to 4-star level, the majority of it en-suite. In some places more basic properties or permanent safari tents may be used. We aim always to use accommodation that is in keeping with the local area so there is a good variety. Local star ratings may vary slightly from international standards. Accommodation is based on twin or double en-suite rooms, chalets, bungalows or safari tents. All couples will be given a private double room. Friends booking together will also share a room. Single travellers will need to pay the additional single room supplement. At some of the places we stay basic camping is also available but your tour is based on proper accommodation throughout.

Note - Accommodation providers are subject to change without notice. The properties listed are our preferred options, but sometimes due to availability or other issues with the property, we may substitute another property of similar standards.

Note - Single rooms are not generally available for the Okavagano Delta excursion due to the size of the property visited. Instead, accommodation here is on a twin-share basis.

2. What to take

LUGGAGE ALLOWANCES: Most international airlines restrict you to between 20kg and 23kg per person of luggage to go in the hold of the plane. Domestic flights often have smaller allowances around 15kg. As airline rules vary we recommend that you take no more than 20kg of luggage if your tour just includes international flights, and no more than 15kg if there are any domestic flights included in your itinerary. Please ask us for details if you are unsure about luggage allowances on your tour. Any excess baggage fees will be your responsibility to cover. Most airlines allow between 5kg and 10kg for hand luggage so we suggest that you take no more than 5kg unless you have confirmed that your airline(s) will allow more than this.

OVERLAND AND SAFARI TOURS: Please keep in mind that these are adventure tours in an adventure vehicle (truck or 4x4) and luggage should not include any solid Samsonite style suitcases. On our accommodated overland tours most of our trucks have lockers for the luggage (locker sizes: 37,5 cm high, 32 cm wide, 80 cm deep). Only a soft bag will fit in these lockers. A suitcase is far more difficult to store and make secure in our vehicle and this is part of the reason we ask for a backpack or tote bag to be used as your luggage. The other reason is that you need to walk from the truck to the accommodation and often over sand or uneven terrain. Your luggage on our

Overland tours is limited to ONE backpack and ONE daypack weighing no more than 20kg. As a general rule, if you cannot lift your own luggage - you've got too much stuff! Most people make the mistake of bringing too many clothes. A quick reminder - suitcases are not suitable on our overland tours – especially huge Samsonite-style cases! Small wheeled cases are OK for safari tours.

SUGGESTED PACKING LIST: Kit for all weather conditions including: • 2/3 shorts/skirts • 1 jacket/anorak • Tracksuit/pullover • 2 pairs of long pants/jeans • 2 pairs of walking shoes/boots/trainers • 1 pair of sandals • 3 or 4 T-shirts/short sleeve shirts or sundresses • 2/3 Long Sleeve Shirts • Smart casual change of clothes • Swimwear • Underwear & socks • Sun Hat – preferably that covers the back of your neck. • Raincoat • Kikoi/sarong

Your clothing should be easy to wash and dry and should preferably not need ironing. Avoid synthetics, which can be very uncomfortable in hot weather. Many people underestimate how cold Africa can be – remember that jersey/jacket! There are also nights that are warm but you must still wear clothes that cover arms and legs from mosquitoes. Take a set of casual but smart clothes for the occasional evening out in a restaurant or club. If you wear glasses (or contacts) it is also advisable to bring a spare pair.

While on wildlife safaris it is important to wear dull coloured clothing - olive, mushroom, brown, khaki, stone are ideal.

You should avoid white (stands out too much), black or blue (attracts tsetse flies), and camouflage (illegal in many countries for civilians)

Additional Items: • Towel & facecloth • Baby wipes/ Wet Wipes • Personal toiletries • Sleeping bag • Torch & enough spare batteries • Camera & spare batteries and memory cards • Water bottle. (A 2-litre Coke bottle works well...) • Penknife • Insect and Mosquito repellent • Suntan lotion, sun block & after sun lotion • Sunglasses • Watch • Biodegradable laundry detergent • Passport (plus a copy of your passport & visas) • Extra passport photos • Vaccination certificate • Money • Travel plug • Neck pillow • Small sewing kit • Plastic bags • Clothes line and pegs • Small scrubbing brush • a small padlock for your luggage locker in the truck • Small basic First Aid kit (painkillers, band aids, after-sun lotion, eye drops, anti-diarrhoea tablets etc.)

DAY PACKS: Please check the itinerary for your specific tour if you will need a little daypack. For example on our Cape Town to Vic Falls overland tour you will need a smaller bag, big enough to bring basic equipment (toiletries and clothes) for 2 nights. The daypack is for your Okavango Delta Excursion, where you cannot bring your entire luggage.

3. Meals on Overland tours

Due to the nature of the overland trip, the majority of your meals will be cooked by our cook and eaten beside the vehicle. Meals will not normally be eaten within the accommodation. The reason we run our trips in this way is that we feel it fits in better

with this type of trip and it also helps to keep our prices competitive with other companies offering similar tours.

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. They do 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 in the itinerary 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!

3. Transport

This tour is run in conjunction with our local partners in South Africa. You will travel in one of their specially designed overland trucks throughout this tour, giving you a great vantage point from which to enjoy the scenery and incredible wildlife. Our professional and knowledgeable local guides will help to make your experience unforgettable and fun. The maximum number of people on this tour is 20 (the trucks have 25 seats)

The vehicles we use are amongst some of the finest on the road. However, do not forget the nature of an adventure tour. This is not a bus trip. Nor do we provide up-market tours. These are still tours aimed at the adventurous traveller. Though the vehicles are comfortable with large windows and great visibility, there are no onboard toilets or air-conditioning.

Each expedition vehicle is fitted with the following:

Freezers to keep food fresh in the African heat.

Individual seats with seat belts and ample leg-room

Overhead luggage racks.

Lockers for your backpacks (~35 cm square, 80cm deep)

A safe for your valuables.

A well-stocked first aid kit is on hand for emergencies.

Reading material (fiction & field guides), games and recreational gear to keep you well entertained.

I-pod/MP3 points
Charging facilities for cameras, batteries etc
PA System
Kitchen and stove
Water tank
Cooler boxes
Table for food preparation
Hand-dishwashing facilities

Partaking in an adventure tour in Africa involves covering hundreds if not thousands of kilometres 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 1 kilometre. 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 driving day could take anything from 5 to 14 hours in the truck, it all depends on the day.

The tour itinerary shows an indication of the 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 overland adventures are not for you.

Some game safaris are carried out using 4x4 jeeps/safari vehicles - see your tour itinerary for details. These may be open-roofed or enclosed. You must not leave the vehicle or lean out through windows without express permission from the guide.

4 Activity Package and Local Options

On all our Overland tours we strive to strike a balance between including plenty of meals, tours and activities and being accessible and affordable.

The main tour price covers all your accommodation, transport, most meals and a range of tours and activities. We then offer an additional 'Activity Package' which includes a range of activities and tours which we consider to be strongly recommended to make the most of the destinations you will be visiting. Our itineraries are written with this optional activity package included, with notes on each day of the itinerary where this applies. While you can book these activities while you are on the tour, they are then subject to availability and if you know you would like to do them, we strongly recommend that you book and pay for the package in advance. You can do this any time before arrival.

Note: You may find that sometimes there is a difference between the price of our Activity Package and the price that you may pay locally. This can happen for several reasons; we set an annual rate while many of our suppliers have seasonal pricing; suppliers may charge in various different currencies, and we need to fix long term exchange rates; and finally sometimes we may need to estimate prices where suppliers have not yet released them when our rates are published.

For those who want to have a more in depth lodge experience of the Okavango Delta in Botswana, we also offer a Delta Upgrade. This leaves the main tour on the day you arrive in Maun, flies into the Delta, and then spends 2 nights in a deluxe lodge with a package of safari activities included. You then fly back to Maun to rejoin the main group. This upgrade requires booking in advance to secure availability on the flights and in the lodge. Cost is \$1499 per person.

In addition, there are further Locally Available Options on this tour. These have been chosen to give you more of a taste of what is available in the region and sometimes to offer an adrenaline rush during a relatively sedate tour. All these local options are offered and operated by professional local activity providers and Encounters Travel is not responsible for your booking or time while taking any of these options. Prices for these options are given on our website, but please bear in mind that are given as a guide only and may vary seasonally and can change from time to time. Availability is subject to seasonal daylight hours and our time-keeping that day.



DESTINATION INTERNATIONAL HOLIDAYS BOOKING CONDITIONS

Please read this information prior to making your reservation

BROCHURE VALIDITY

The information presented in our brochure is correct to the best of our knowledge, but is subject to change without notice. Changes can occur with respect to prices, itineraries, duration of holidays, service standards, tour content, airfares and schedules. This is out of our control. Please ensure you advise details of your requirements at the time of booking.

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX (GST)

The Australian GST does not apply to international travel. Any service fees, courier, cancellation and amendment fees are subject to GST. You will be charged GST where applicable.

DEPOSIT

A deposit is required to confirm your booking (varies depending on package booked). Receipt of deposit will be taken as an understanding by Destination International Holidays that the customer has checked their confirmed travel arrangements and has read and agreed to the terms and conditions.

FINAL PAYMENT

Payment in full must be made no less than 90 days before travel, unless required earlier by any supplier.

PRICES

All prices for our tours are advised in Australian Dollars (\$AUD). They are based on airfares, schedules and tariffs at the time of printing. Destination International Holidays reserves the right to vary the cost of the tour, taxes and airline prices if necessary by reason of currency fluctuation, cost increase, or airfare increase. All prices are subject to confirmation from local tour operators. Once full payment has been received by Destination International no surcharges in respect to currency fluctuations will be applied.

ITINERARY CHANGES

Destination International Holidays reserves the right to amend the itinerary for reasons such as service requirements, road or weather conditions or unforeseen circumstances. Where a change is of a significant nature, it will be advised to our customers in writing. Destination International Holidays reserves the right to substitute hotels, lodges, inns and camps with properties of similar standard

AMENDMENT FEES

Any deviation to packages advertised or quotes will incur a fee of \$150 per person.

Should you need to alter your confirmed reservations, there will be an automatic fee charged of \$150 per amendment or transaction, plus any new arrangements made. Additionally, there may be cancellation fees levied by the tour operator or fees may be applicable where arrangements have been pre-purchased.

In addition, we charge

- \$50 per person for all airline seat reservations and baggage charges plus any airline fees.
- \$100 per person for all Tourist visa processing plus the cost for the visa fee.
- \$75 per person to reissue any travel documents lost in the mail.
- \$100 per person to process insurance claims when travel insurance has not been purchased from this office.

CANCELLATIONS

Cancellation fees will be levied relative to the amount of notice given as follows:

Days' Notice	90 or more	75-90	65-75	65-1
	Loss of Deposit and 50% loss of fare	75%	85%	100%

The above are Destination International Holidays cancellation fees. Airlines and Tour Operators may have additional fees. Transfer of a confirmed booking to another tour or departure date is deemed a cancellation of the original booking. There will be no refund for cancellation of unused services on or after commencement date. Please note that employees of any overseas suppliers are not authorised by Destination International Holidays to make any undertakings to our clients in respect of refunds or other matters.

ACCOMMODATION

There will be variations in the size, standard and presentation of rooms and facilities within the one hotel. This is beyond the control of Destination International Holidays.

CLAIMS

If you encounter any problems on your holiday, you should try and solve it directly with the supplier whilst overseas. If it is not possible to do so please do so in writing within 30 days of completing your Destination International Holidays arrangements.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

You must be insured for the duration of your trip. You need comprehensive travel insurance to cover cancellation, health requirements, luggage and additional expenses. Insurance policies rarely cover for loss of cash.

PASSPORT, VISA & VACCINATIONS

You must familiarise yourself with any visa and health requirements that may be applicable in the countries you are visiting. You are responsible for all entry/exit health and any other documents required by laws, regulations, orders, demands or requirements of countries visited or transited. Please note that passport and visa requirements are not the responsibility of Destination International Holidays. We will not be held liable for any loss or expense due to the failure to comply with the above. We recommend that you be in possession of a passport valid for at least 6 months beyond your intended stay overseas.

CONSULAR ADVICE

Official travel advice issued by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade is available by calling 1300 555 135 or visiting their web site www.dfat.gov.au. You must review this information both prior to making your booking and prior to departure.

TOUR CONDITIONS

Destination International Holidays does not itself provide carriage services, accommodation, transport or tours. Destination International Holidays acts as an agent for the "Service Providers"). All products and services provided by Service Providers are provided on those Service Providers own terms and conditions which may include limitations and exclusions of liability. All bookings with Destination International Holidays and all tickets, vouchers, receipts, coupons, exchange orders and other like documents issued to the client, are subject to each Service Providers terms and conditions governing the provision of products and services to be provided by that Service provider. Destination International Holidays shall not be liable for any acts, omissions or defaults whether negligent or otherwise, of any Service Providers. Destination International Holidays shall not be liable (whether in contract, tort or otherwise) for any injury, illness, death, loss, damage, expense, delay or inconvenience resulting directly or indirectly from circumstances outside of Destination International Holidays control, including acts of nature, war, civil disturbances, strikes, floods, acts of government or authorities, breakdowns, accidents, disease, quarantine, terrorism, medical or customs regulations, and alterations, cancellations or delays concerning itineraries, timetables or accommodation.

CONTRACT

The contract between Destination International Holidays is governed by the laws of the State of Victoria. By booking with Destination International Holidays the client agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions referred to in our brochure.

