

African Wilderness in Comfort



For **SINGLE ADVENTURERS 40 to 59 Years**
Monday 4 to Sunday 24 April 2011 (21 days)

South Africa • Namibia • Botswana • Zambia

African Wilderness

At the southern end of the African continent, the countries visited are packed with adventure, nature, culture and scenery. From Cape Town, the tour heads north passing through the Namaqualand region, and witness the Orange River plummet 56m at Augrabies Falls. Then, travel into the Kalahari, and spend a night in Kgalagadi National Park, before heading to the boundless Namib Desert, where you will marvel at Fish River Canyon and the wildlife of Etosha National Park. On to Botswana, in search of some of Africa's greatest wildlife experiences in the Moremi reserve and the Okavango River. The Victoria Falls are an inspiring backdrop to a multitude of adventurous options and a fitting end to this amazing tour.

Trip Grading

Although there is no commitment to extended walking on this journey we nonetheless want to keep the 'accent on the active'. We therefore advise that any physical training you complete before undertaking the trip will be to good effect. Although our day walks are optional there is no shortage of advantages of packing as much into your time in Southern Africa as possible. Whether this includes climbing the sandunes in Namibia or taking part in the adventure activities at Victoria Falls, the fitter you are the more this will enhance your experience. Active participation in camp set up and some chores are encouraged for this trip

Trip Operator

World Expeditions is the trip operator. Their extra attention to detail and seamless operations on the ground ensure that you will have a memorable experience in Africa. You will be accompanied by a guide whose knowledge and passion for wilderness and wildlife will add a unique dimension to your trip. Itineraries are well planned and include numerous visits to national parks. This itinerary offers the best value-for-money in southern Africa. The group size is small, never exceeding a maximum number of sixteen.

Fellow Passengers: Share your journey with other like-minded single travellers. Plus, we 'go the extra mile' and offer a pre-departure contact service to our group of guests (see *itinerary page for details*)

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Small group - limited places. Book early for a place.



TOP 5 REASONS TO BOOK

1. Age-matched holiday groups
2. Travel with like-minded singles
3. Tours provided by leading tour operators
4. Early bird savings with many tours
5. Room-mate matching option

Tour Inclusions

- 20 breakfasts
- 13 dinners
- 20 nights 2-3 star hotels & guest houses
- English speaking local guide
- First aid box
- Nature walk, Chobe River game
- Cruise and game drives as per itinerary
- Private transport in custom built expedition vehicles

Bookings close 22 December 2010

Not Included

- Airfares
- Optional activities
- Entrance into Victoria Falls National Park
- All lunches
- Dinners not on itinerary
- Bottled water
- Aerated & alcoholic drinks
- Items of a personal nature
- Tips
- Airport and departure taxes
- Visas & travel insurance

Trip Highlights

- Cape Town, Table Mountain & The Cape of Good Hope
- Scenic beauty of the Namaqualand Land
- Historic Hantam area of Calvinia
- Augrabies Fall National Park
- Game drives in the Kgalagadi
- Transfrontier Park
- Fish River Canyon
- Walking the giant sand duns of Sossusvlei and the Namibian Desert
- Visit to a traditional Himba village
- Games drives in Etosha National Park
- The Okavango River
- 2 nights at Victoria Falls
- Game viewing on the Chobe River

Tour Prices

Prices Per Person AUD	Twin Share	Single Room
Tour price	\$5220	\$6240
Pre Tour Hotel Cape Town . Includes breakfast & airport-hotel transfer on arrival	\$170	\$255

At least 1 pre-tour night will be required on arrival to Capetown. See itinerary for details.

Prices were correct at time of publishing but are subject to change should circumstances dictate.

About Us

At *arendezvous travel & leisure* we offer holiday groups for single travellers. All trips age-matched so there's more chance you'll share your journey with like-minded travellers.

Visiting destinations across Australia and around the globe, choose from short escapes to adventure trips and leisurely touring.

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Itinerary for African Wilderness in Comfort

Day PRE TOUR: Cape Town

Arrive to Cape Town, South Africa at least one day prior to tour start. The pre tour hotel stay is in addition to the tour price. As available, you can be room-mate matched to save with the twin share room price.

DAY 1: Cape Town 4 April 2011

Set against the majestic Table Mountain, Cape Town offers scenic, historic and cultural attractions. Depart from Breakwater Lodge at 08h00, for a full day peninsula tour. Driving along the Atlantic seaboard via Hout Bay and Chapman's Peak, we visit the Cape Point Nature Reserve, returning along the Indian Ocean coastline back to our well situated Waterfront hotel. A morning or afternoon cable car ascent up Table Mountain is included (weather dependent). Dinner can be enjoyed at the bustling Waterfront at your own expense. Overnight Breakwater Lodge (or similar). *Meals: NIL*

DAY 2: Calvinia (Hantam region)

Departing Cape Town we pass through the picturesque Namaqualand region arriving in the historic town of Calvinia, nestled on the foot of the Hantam Mountain range. Overnight Hantam Huis (or similar). *Meals: B*

DAY 3: Au-grabies Falls National Park

Leaving the Little Karoo we head north to the Au-grabies Falls National Park. We pass through a lush oasis area with an abundance of wine farms. Here the mighty Orange River plummets 56m into the gorge below. The local name for these majestic falls is 'Aukoerebis' or 'place of great noise'. We spend the afternoon enjoying the falls from its many viewpoints. Overnight Vergelegen Guest House (or similar accommodation). *Meals: B*

DAY 4-5: Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park

Leaving Au-grabies Falls National Park we head north into the Kalahari and the magnificent Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park. Covering over 3,6 million hectares this is one of the largest reserves in Africa. Due to sparse vegetation in the area excellent predator sightings are common including that of the famous black maned Lion. Overnight Kgalagadi Restcamp chalets (or similar) *Meals: B*

DAY 6-7 Fish River Canyon

Leaving the Kalahari region we head west and enter Namibia arriving at our lodge situated in a scenically beautiful area. The following morning is free to relax and in the afternoon we visit the Fish River Canyon, which is one of the largest and most awe inspiring canyons in the world. Overnight Vogelstrausskluft Country Lodge (or similar accommodation). *Meals: B,D*

DAY 8-9 Sesriem

Our journey takes us north through ever changing scenery to our accommodation located on the edge of the Namib Desert. The following morning is an early departure

for Sossusvlei, stopping in the dune belt to witness the changing colours of the world's highest sand dunes. We undertake a 5km walk to Sossusvlei and Deadvlei. In the afternoon we enjoy a short hike through the Sesriem Canyon. Overnight Desert Camp (or similar accommodation). *Meals: B,D*

DAY 10-11: Swakopmund

We reach the coast at Walvis Bay and enjoy lunch while viewing the many flamingos feeding. We arrive in Swakopmund and spend the afternoon and following day exploring this German colonial town or booking one of the numerous optional excursions (own expense). Activities available include sandboarding, quad biking, skydiving, kayaking, hot air ballooning or scenic flights over the vast Namib Desert. Overnight Swakopmund Boutique Hotel (or similar accommodation). *Meals: B*

DAY 12: Damaraland/ Twyfelfontein

We drive inland through the Damaraland region with its vast and rugged terrain. Its mountain ranges are intercepted by wide gravel plains, which run into sandy, vegetated riverbeds and hot, dry valleys. We visit the Twyfelfontein area for walks to the Bushmen paintings/ rock engravings as well as the Organ Pipes. Our lodge is located on top of a mountain with spectacular views of the surrounding area. Overnight Ugab Terrace Lodge (or similar accommodation). *Meals: B,D*

DAY 13: Himba Visit/Etosh National Park

In the morning we visit the Himba tribe, a semi-nomadic tribe, living in scattered settlements throughout the region. They are characterised by their proud yet friendly stature and the women are noted for their unusual beauty, enhanced by intricate hairstyles and traditional dress. A few hours are spent learning more about these fascinating people. After our visit we proceed to Etosha National Park where we enjoy our first game drive. Overnight Etosha Restcamp Chalets (or similar) *Meals: B,D*

DAY 14: Etosha National Park

This Park is one of the most important reserves and game sanctuaries in Africa with thousands of wild animals such as blue wildebeest, springbok, zebra, kudu, giraffe, cheetah, leopard, lion and elephant making this area their home. The day is spent on game drive through the Park from the Western to the Eastern side of the Park. Overnight Halali Restcamp inside Etosha National Park (or similar accommodation). *Meals: B,D*

DAY 15-16: Okavango River

We enter the Caprivi Strip where we spend the night set amongst the lush vegetation overlooking the Okavango River. Enjoy sunset on the deck or a swim in the famous "river pool". The following day is free for optional excursions (own account) such as bird walks,

game drives, mokoro excursions*. Overnight Ngepi Camp (or similar accommodation).

**Please note that World Expeditions has not included the canoe trip as an option in this package, and strongly advises against participation on the canoe trip because of safety concerns - the proximity on the river to dangerous wildlife, particularly the hippopotamus. If you chose to undertake this with other local contractors, you do so against our advice and entirely at your own risk. Meals: B,D*

DAY 17-18: Chobe River

Crossing into Botswana via the Chobe National Park we overnight on the banks of the Chobe River. Chobe is famous for its beautiful scenery, magnificent sunsets and abundance of wildlife and birdlife. We relax on a sunset game-viewing cruise on the Chobe River. Optional Game Drive (own account). Overnight Chobe Safari Lodge (or similar accommodation). *Meals: B,D*

DAY 19-20: Livingstone /Victoria Falls

We travel across the Zambian border to Livingstone to view Victoria Falls - without doubt one of the greatest and most spectacular sights in Africa. Days are spent at leisure to browse the markets, to experience the optional activities including white water rafting, bungi jumping, microlighting/ airplane or helicopter flights over the Falls, rhino walks, elephant back safaris, and to visit the Falls (own expense). Overnight Protea Hotel Livingstone (or similar accommodation). *Meals: B*

DAY 21: Tour ends in Livingstone 24 April 2011

Tour ends after breakfast. Flights today for your onward journey home or as otherwise arranged. *Meals: B*

By its very nature adventure travel involves an element of the unexpected. In remote and developing countries do not expect standards you are used to at home. Remote areas are sometimes unpredictable and itineraries may be altered. To get the most out of your adventure it is important that you are flexible, positive and eager to take on all the challenges that arise. If you are uncertain about your suitability please request advice.

PRE-DEPARTURE CONTACT SERVICE

With your permission, we share your first name, state and email (or other preferred contact method) with the rest of the travellers on your tour from *arendezvous travel & leisure*. This provides the opportunity to get in touch with others in the group prior to travel.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Full terms and conditions are available on the holiday website. Information was correct at the time of publishing however some details may change without notice. The tour operator is World Expeditions Lic No. 2TA 001418

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