

African Safari



For **SINGLE ADVENTURERS 40 to 59 Years** Monday 2 to Friday 20 April 2012 (19 days)

South Africa • Namibia • Botswana • Zimbabwe

African Safari Overview

Starting in Cape Town and ending in Victoria Falls, this journey has it all: exciting wildlife, breath-taking scenery and an insight into the customs and cultures of Southern Africa's top countries!

You begin your journey in Cape Town with the majestic Table Mountain and then travel from Johannesburg through some of Botswana & Zimbabwe's finest National Parks finally ending at the spectacular Victoria Falls - a sight to behold. Alongside Cape Town and Victoria Falls, some of the highlights include Tuli Block, Khama Rhino Sanctuary and the Caprivi Strip. See giraffe, elephant, zebra, lion & wildebeest in the Moremi game reserve & Khwai area from your open 4x4 vehicle. Discover the Okavango Delta & enjoy spectacular bird and wild life on a boat cruise on the Chobe River. This tour combines the home comforts of lodge accommodation with an unforgettable safari experience!

Trip Highlights

- Cape Town & Surrounds Sightseeing
- Tuli Block
- Khama Rhino Sanctuary, Maun
- Game Drive in the Moremi National Park
- Khwai River Game Drive and Night Drive
- 2-day Okavango Delta experience including Mokoro excursion
- Tsodilo Hills
- Mahangu National Park
- Eastern Caprivi
- Game drive in Chobe National Park
- Sunset cruise on the Chobe River
- Victoria Falls

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

Trip Operator

This tour is provided exclusively for arendzvous travel & leisure by a leading tour operator in Southern and Eastern Africa.

You will be accompanied by a guide whose knowledge and passion for the 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.

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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

- 18 breakfasts
- 11 lunches
- 14 dinners including 2 highlight dinners
- Accommodation in lodges or at permanent tented camps
- All park entry fees
- English speaking professional driver-guide
- Private transport in fully kitted 4x4 safari vehicle with air conditioning
- Airport to hotel transfer, Capetown (with group flight) *

* flights must be booked with us to include this transfer

Not Included

- international flights
- optional activities
- meals not included on itinerary
- beverages
- items of a personal nature such as laundry, phone calls
- tips
- airport and departure taxes
- visa fees and processing
- travel insurance (which is mandatory for this tour)

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

Tour Prices

AUD	Twin Share	Single Room
Early Bird Price	\$5250	\$6140
Standard Price	\$5390	\$6290
Pre tour nights, Capetown Hotel	\$TBA	\$TBA
Airfares	not included in price	

Clothing List

- Walking Boots or shoes
- Spare pair of shoes as a back up
- Sandals or thongs
- Shorts / Trousers / T-Shirts
- Long sleeved shirts (for sun and mosquito protection)
- Sarong
- Jumpers - for evenings
- Underwear & socks
- Towel - small and compact preferable.
- Swimming costume & beach towel
- Hat - with good sun protection
- Rain jacket

About Us

At *arendzvous travel & leisure* we offer holiday groups for single travellers. All trips are age-matched so it's more likely 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 Safari 2012



Day 1: Cape Town, South Africa

For all arrivals on the nominated group flight, you will be met by a tour representative at the airport and transferred to your accommodation for the next 3 nights at the Lady Hamilton Hotel. The rest of the evening is at leisure.

Accommodation: Lady Hamilton Hotel, standard en-suite rooms
Meals: None included

Day 2: Cape Town, South Africa (BD)

Today you will be collected for a morning city orientation tour. This afternoon, you will have the opportunity to explore Table Mountain - weather depending (Cable car tickets at your own expense). Dinner will be at a local restaurant with the chance to taste some of Cape Town's finest seafood! You will be joined by your safari guide who will be joining you in Johannesburg on day 4.

Accommodation: Lady Hamilton Hotel, standard en-suite rooms
Meals: Breakfast at Lady Hamilton; Dinner at The Greek Fisherman

Day 3: Cape Town, South Africa (B)

Day 3 is spent exploring the Cape Peninsula. Visiting Hout Bay on the Atlantic coast before heading off to Cape Point for lunch (lunch at your own expense). In the afternoon we head back via the Penguin colony on the Indian Ocean and then end of the day having sundowners overlooking Cape Town.

Accommodation: Lady Hamilton Hotel, standard en-suite rooms
Meals: Breakfast at Lady Hamilton;

Day 4: Cape Town to Johannesburg (B)

After breakfast at your hotel you will be met and transferred to Cape Town airport for your flight to Johannesburg (flights not included in tour price). You will then be collected from Johannesburg airport and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

Accommodation: T.B.A.
Meals: Breakfast at hotel

Day 5: Johannesburg to Tuli Block, Botswana (BLD)

An early morning departure from Safari Club in Johannesburg takes us via Pretoria, Potgietersrus and through the Limpopo Province into Botswana via the Platjan border post. We set up camp at Limpopo River Lodge, set in the area known as the Tuli Block. This thin strip of land in the south-east of Botswana, borders Zimbabwe to the north and South Africa to the south. It is one of the few areas of commercial farmland as it receives more rain than the rest of Botswana. The land in the extreme east is where the game reserves have been established with

huge herds of elephants and hundreds of colourful birds. We will head off for a game drive either in the evening of day 1 or the next morning, depending on the time of arrival. We will enjoy our evening meal prepared by our guide around the campfire before spending our first night in the African wilderness.

Accommodation: T.B.A
Meals: Breakfast at Safari Club, Lunch & Dinner prepared by guide

Day 6: Tuli Block to Khama Rhino Sanctuary, Botswana (BLD)

Our destination for the day is the Khama Rhino Sanctuary. The Khama Rhino Sanctuary Trust is a community based wildlife project, established in 1992 to assist in saving the vanishing white rhino, restore an area formerly teeming with wildlife to its previous natural state and provide economic benefits to the local Batswana community through tourism and the sustainable use of natural resources. We explore the sanctuary on an afternoon game drive in search of White Rhinos.

Accommodation: T.B.A
Meals: All prepared by guide

Day 7: Khama Rhino Sanctuary to Makgadikgadi Pans, Botswana (BLD)

After breakfast we head off for Maun, the gateway to the Okavango Delta and our accommodation for the night Thamlakane Lodge. Here we have the option of a scenic flight over the Delta (your own expense) or we can spend the afternoon relaxing next to the pool at our camp.

Accommodation: T.B.A
Meals: Breakfast & lunch prepared by the guide, Dinner at Thamlakane

Day 8: Maun and the Khwai River, Botswana (BLD)

Today we head onto a private concession in the Khwai area. Khwai is renowned for its large concentrations of mammals and it is not unusual to see many different types of wildlife during just one game drive. As a year round destination for wildlife, predators can regularly be seen in the area, rated as one of the most prolific in Botswana for viewing wildlife. The exceptional location of Khwai makes it a regular host to Elephant, Buffalo, Lion, Leopard, Cheetah and Wild Dogs. Birdlife can also be viewed in abundance with exceptional sightings of wildfowl and raptors.

Accommodation: Khwai Bedouin Camp -semi-permanent en-suite tents
Meals: All prepared by guide

Day 9: Khwai River, Botswana (BLD)

Today we spend game driving in the Khwai area. In our open 4x4 vehicle we will explore

the Khwai River region on a morning and afternoon game drive hopefully spotting a variety of game that frequent this region.

After dinner your guide will take you on a night drive, and you will hopefully be able to spot some rare nocturnal animals.

Accommodation: Khwai Bedouin Camp -semi-permanent en-suite tents
Meals: All prepared by guide

Day 10: Moremi Game Reserve, Botswana (BLD)

After having explored the Khwai area we now head into the famous Moremi game reserve known as one of the most beautiful and varied reserves in Africa with an unprecedented concentration of wildlife. The full day is spent in the unspoiled nature of the Moremi Game Reserve.

Accommodation: Khwai Bedouin Camp -semi-permanent en-suite tents
Meals: All prepared by guide

Day 11: Maun, Botswana (BLD)

After our game experiences we head back to Maun where clients can participate in optional activities (own account) or relax by the pool.

Accommodation: T.B.A
Meals: Breakfast & lunch prepared by guide, Dinner at Thamlakane Lodge

Days 12 & 13: Okavango Delta, Botswana (BLD) Day 12 (BLD) Day 13 (BLD)

Early in the morning we leave Maun and drive to the Western Delta and onto Etsha 13. From here we head into the largest inland delta in the world, another highlight of Botswana, the Okavango Delta. We will spend the next two nights listening to the sounds of the wilderness.

Unlike other deltas, it flows into the Kalahari Desert without reaching the coast, which makes it unique. We will float in Mokoros through the thick vegetation of the Delta discovering a variety of birds and wildlife and will stop at a secluded island to take a 1½ hour guided walk hoping to spot elephants, waterbuck or other animals living in this water filled paradise.

Accommodation: Guma Lagoon Camp permanent en-suite tents
Meals: All prepared by guide

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Day 14: Tsodilo Hills & Mahangu, Namibia (BLD)

Today we leave the lush verdant wetlands of the Delta, Botswana and enter Namibia. En route we visit the Tsodilo Hills and take a short walk to view the rock paintings. We then make our way to Mahangu Lodge. Enjoy an afternoon game drive in Mahangu National Park which lies on the western banks of the Okavango River and is one of Namibia's most captivating and species-rich conservation areas. Main features of the Mahangu are enormous baobab trees, flood plains with large herds of elephant, buffalo and red lechwe.

Accommodation: Mahangu Safari Lodge, en-suite chalets

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch prepared by guide, Dinner at Mahangu Lodge

Days 15 & 16: Mahangu National Park to Chobe National Park, Botswana (BD) (BD)

After a night spent at Mahangu Safari Lodge we continue our journey through the Caprivi Strip, crossing the border to Botswana until we reach our destination at Chobe Safari Lodge.

Start your morning of Day 12 with a hopefully spectacular game drive in Chobe National Park. You will return to the lodge for lunch, where you can relax until our boat cruise on the Chobe River starts around 3pm. Here we can watch elephants, hippos, crocodiles and a variety of birds and more without having to reach for our binoculars - You'll be close enough for close-up photographs.

Chobe River Lodge, Botswana

Accommodation: Chobe Safari Lodge, en-suite rooms

Meals:

Day 15: Breakfast at Mahangu lodge, Dinner at Chobe Safari Lodge

Day 16: Breakfast & dinner at Chobe Safari Lodge

Day 17: Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe (BL)

A mid-morning departure takes you from Chobe to Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe. In the afternoon we explore the Victoria Falls on a guided tour.

Accommodation: Lokuthula Lodges, Chalets with shared bathrooms

Meals: Day 17: Breakfast at Chobe Safari Lodge, Lunch prepared by guide.

Day 18: Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe (BD)

Today is a day for leisure or to partake in optional activities like white water rafting, Bungee jumping etc. (at your own expense). The group we meet tonight for the final group dinner at The Boma - a truly African experience! The Boma restaurant specialises in a superb selection of traditional Zimbabwean dishes. Adventurous palettes are enticed with local delicacies such as warthog steaks and game stews.

Accommodation: Lokuthula Lodges, Chalets with shared bathrooms

Meals: Day 18: Guide prepares breakfast, Dinner at The Boma

Day 19: Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe (B)

Today your safari comes to an end. For your onward journey a taxi to the airport is by your own arrangement.

TRAVEL MEDICAL INFORMATION

Vaccinations: There are no statutory vaccinations for South Africa, Botswana and Zimbabwe. You should contact your doctor or a travel medical specialist for all details regarding vaccination requirements.

The following is advice from *The Travel Doctor* website. As a minimum all your travellers should be up-to-date with their routine, "background" vaccinations:

- Tetanus and Diphtheria, and a tetanus booster in the last 10 years.
- Pertussis, (whooping cough) is now often combined with tetanus and diphtheria.
- Polio, which only requires a single booster in adult life.
- Measles, Mumps and Rubella (German Measles)
- Chicken pox, (varicella), is preventable by vaccination.
- Influenza is now considered a routine vaccination, and travellers should have an annual influenza vaccination.

For further helpful information visit *The Travel Doctor* website. The site includes information about the following and other diseases: Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Typhoid, Rabies, Cholera.

Malaria: We strongly urge you to take anti-malarial medication. You need to consult your doctor before leaving home and well in advance of your travel date. Malaria is a dangerous disease, but if you take your anti-malarials, your chances of getting it are extremely slim. Malaria is transmitted by mosquitoes carrying the disease and as the insects are more active at night, it is recommended that all travelers wear long-sleeved trousers and sleeves at night time; sleep under mosquito netting where possible and take along mosquito repellent.

Image: Chobe River Lodge, Botswana



Image: Khwai Bedouin Camp



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