**7 Days, Johannesburg to Livingstone or reverse**

**One very popular African safari**

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Visiting 3 countries: South Africa, Zimbabwe, Zambia

The seven-day African Insight is a fantastic week-long safari between Johannesburg and Livingstone operated by Topdeck's African partner Acacia Africa. Spot wildlife in South Africa's famed Kruger National Park, visit either Botswana's Chobe National Park or Zimbabwe's Hwange National Park, and perhaps take a helicopter flight over the spectacular Victoria Falls in Zambia on this superb short safari. Get a true African Insight with Topdeck and Acacia!

**Please note**: As of Friday, 16th May 2014, all visitors staying at the Waterfront Resort in Livingstone are being charged a Zambian National Park fee of USD 10 per day for each day of their stay. The fee is not part of camping fees and is not payable to Topdeck/Acacia or to the Waterfront Resort, but instead is payable by you directly to the National Parks authorities at the Waterfront Resort.

For more information about the new fees, see [here](https://www.topdeck.travel/news/new-zambian-national-park-fee).

**This fee is NOT included in the pricing shown in our brochure or on our website.**

**Itinerary**

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* Day 1: **Johannesburg, South Africa to Greater Kruger**

From Johannesburg - South Africa’s commercial capital - we travel via the panoramic region of Mpumalanga with its beautiful scenery and dramatic escarpment views, to South Africa’s famed national park – the Kruger. Fences between the National Park and surrounding private reserves were removed several years ago to form the Greater Kruger, an area of some 24000 sq km. Wildlife is free to roam the whole enormous area and it has become incredibly diverse in both fauna and flora. From the dwarf mongoose to the ‘Big Five’, almost every major African mammal (over 145 species) is present. There is also prolific birdlife (over 500 species) and over 330 varieties of trees.  
  
We spend two nights within the Kruger area, enjoy Shangaan tribal dancing and singing on our first night and take a full day game drive in the National Park itself to spot as many animals as possible the next day!

* Day 2: **Greater Kruger to Kruger NP**

Hopefully we'll catch a glimpse of as much of Africa’s diverse wildlife as we can: lion, elephant, buffalo, giraffe are a pretty safe bet; spotting cheetah and leopard is a bit harder but they're definitely around. Make sure you have a list of the some of the many animals that you can tick off like wildlife bingo on a full day's game drive; you'll be the toast of the campsite after spotting an elusive honey badger. "Stop, what's that on the left, under the tree...?"

* Day 3: **Kruger NP to Tshipise**

Leaving the Greater Kruger we travel north through South Africa’s lush countryside to Tshipise, a town situated in the northern Limpopo province. Our campsite is located at Forever Resorts at the foot of one of Limpopo’s rolling koppies set adjacent the Honnet Nature Reserve. There are hot springs in the area which is surrounded by dense woodland comprising of Mopani, Red Bushwillow, Jakkalsbessie trees – and the third largest Baobab tree in South Africa.

* Day 4: **Tshipise to Antelope Park, Zimbabwe**

Leaving Tshipise, we cross the Limpopo River, the second largest in South Africa and an important water source for this arid region. The Limpopo also acts as a natural boundary between South Africa and its neighbours Botswana and Zimbabwe, before it flows through Mozambique to the Indian Ocean.   
  
Completing formalities at the Beitbridge border we drive through stunning landscapes and the town of Gweru to make camp at the Antelope Park private game-ranch. This is one the most successful private game reserves in southern Africa and home to numerous antelope, zebra and giraffe. There is the opportunity to try various (optional) activities including game drives and walks, elephant back riding, river cruise or horse riding.

* Day 5: **Antelope Park to Hwange NP**

From Antelope Park we make our way to the Hwange National Park. This is Zimbabwe’s largest and best known game reserve but which in the early 19th century was the royal hunting grounds of the Ndebele warrior-king Mzilikazi. In 1929 an area of over 14,600 sq kms was set aside as a National Park and is now particularly known for its elephant populations as well as over 100 mammal species, including the “Big 5"", giraffe, cheetah, gemsbok and the brown hyena. Hwange is also known for its population of Wild (Painted) Dog. If time allows this afternoon, we head out for a game drive and hope to glimpse the area’s wildlife before returning to our camp at dusk.  
  
NB: Due to the optional activities at Antelope Park and driving times, the game drive in Hwange National Park may be moved to the morning of day 6 before departing to Livingstone, Zambia.

* Day 6: **Hwange NP to Livingstone, Zambia**

Moving on from Hwange we continue north, pass through the town of Victoria Falls and cross into Zambia and travel the short distance to the Waterfront Resort campsite a few kilometres from Livingstone. Situated on the banks of the Zambezi River the Waterfront has a restaurant and small deck/terrace overlooking the river, and is a base and booking point for the numerous optional activities available in the area. Staff will give a full briefing on what can be booked (typically including rafting, canoeing, bungee, abseiling, gorge swinging, elephant and horse riding, scenic flights, river cruises). Choose your activity at leisure or else simply relax and enjoy the mighty Zambezi as it flows past your vantage point.   
  
But whatever you do, don't leave Africa without seeing the Victoria Falls themselves! A visit to the national park is included in your tour - be sure not to miss it - at over a mile wide and some 100 metres deep the Falls at high water form the largest curtain of falling water in the world with spray visible from 20 kilometres away (hence the local name Mosi au Tunya , or 'smoke that thunders'). At low water the Zambezi dries so much that it is possible to walk out onto the river bed itself!   
  
N.B: For the sake of practicality, meals in Livingstone/Victoria Falls area are restricted to breakfasts. This allows you to take on half or full day activities (some of which include lunch) without having to be back with the group at mealtimes. The Waterfront camp restaurant overlooks the Zambezi River and offers a selection of simple and reasonably priced meals and snacks throughout the day (allow US$15-$30 per meal). Relax and enjoy at your own leisure, or alternatively, take a taxi into Livingstone to try local fare.

* Day 7: **Livingstone**

Make the most of the breathtaking barren landscapes and diverse wildlife in front of you this morning, before your African adventure comes to an end shortly after breakfast. Or you may want to stay on longer, with which Topdeck can help you sort out post-trip accommodation to enjoy even more of Africa's adventure capital.