

# CAPE TOWN TO VICTORIA FALLS

South Africa, Namibia, Botswana & Zimbabwe

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## 21 day small group tour (overland camping)

This epic camping tour starts with a visit to Cape Point Reserve, before crossing into Namibia where we visit Fish River Canyon, Sossusvlei in the Namib Desert and the wildlife-rich Etosha National Park. In Botswana meet the San bushmen and visit the salt pans of the Makgadikgadi. Then cruise along the waterways of the Okavango Delta in a dugout canoe. Finish on a high in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe.





## Fish River Canyon



### Cost includes:

- transport in an custom-built over-land truck with a maximum of 12 passengers
- services of two registered English-speaking guides
- 12 nights in self-erected domed tents with shared ablutions, 2 nights wilderness camping in self-erected dome tents with bucket shower and pit toilet, 4 nights in twin-share rooms with en-suites
- 20 x breakfasts, 16 x lunches, 12 x dinners
- entrance fees to national parks
- visits Cape Point Reserve, Fish River Canyon, Sossusvlei dunes, Sesriem Canyon, Swakopmund, Spitzkoppe, Cape Cross, Etosha National Park, Windhoek, Damara-land and San cave drawings, Kalahari, Okavango Delta, Makgadikgadi Pans, Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe side).

### Cost excludes:

- visas and international flights
- international airport taxes if applicable
- meals and drinks not listed
- dining rooms tips
- personal travel, baggage and medical insurance
- telephone bill, laundry and any items of a personal nature
- optional 4WD safaris and excursions.

**B - breakfast**

**L - lunch**

**D - dinner**

### Cape Town to Victoria Falls

**Accommodation:** self-erected dome tents with shared ablutions, wilderness camping and twin-share rooms at guesthouses / lodges

**Departs:** Thursdays

**Group size:** maximum of 12

**Product code:** SUCV21

### Itinerary overview:

Day 1: South Africa, Cape Town - Sweetest Guesthouse or similar

Day 2: Namibia, Cederberg - campsite

Day 3: Namibia, Gariep River - Felix Unite campsite or similar

Day 4: Namibia, Fish River Canyon - campsite

Day 5: Namibia, Namib Desert - campsite

Day 6: Namibia, Namib Desert - campsite

Day 7: Namibia, Swakopmund - Dunedin Star Guesthouse or similar

Day 8: Namibia, Swakopmund - Dunedin Star Guesthouse or similar

Day 9: Namibia, Spitzkop - campsite

Day 10: Namibia, Ugab Wilderness - campsite

Day 11: Namibia, Etosha National Park - campsite

Day 12: Namibia, Etosha National Park - campsite

Day 13: Namibia, Windhoek - Klein Windhoek Guest House or similar

Day 14: Namibia, Kalahari - Dqae Qare San Lodge campsite or similar

Day 15: Botswana, Maun - campsite

Day 16: Botswana, Okavango Delta - wilderness camping

Day 17: Botswana, Okavango Delta - wilderness camping

Day 18: Botswana, Makgadikgadi Pans - campsite

Day 19: Zimbabwe, Victoria Falls - Shearwater Explorers Camp or similar

Day 20: Zimbabwe, Victoria Falls - Shearwater Explorers Camp or similar

Day 21: Zimbabwe, Victoria Falls - ends

Pre-tour accommodation in Cape Town and post-tour accommodation in Victoria Falls can be arranged prior to departure on request.

## Cape Town to Victoria Falls - camping

### Day 1: Cape Town, South Africa

Cape Town is one of the most picturesque cities in the world, with the majestic Table Mountain providing its central focus. This morning after a tour briefing you depart Cape Town at 8:00 am to visit the African penguin colony in Boulders where you can walk amongst the penguins on raised boardwalks. Following your penguin encounter we continue on to Cape Point Nature Reserve, 7750 hectares of rich and varied flora and fauna located at the tip of the Cape Peninsular. Then we head to the beaches of Hout Bay for some relaxation. On return to Cape Town we sample some of the city's culinary wonders at a local restaurant in the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront (own expense). **Sweetest Guesthouses or similar - twin room with en-suite.**

### Sweetest Guesthouses

The guesthouses are individually decorated houses located near the popular V&A Waterfront. Tour group passengers may be spread among any of the houses, which are within easy walking distance of each other. The tour group will all enjoy breakfast in the same house. All rooms are twin with en suite facilities.

### Day 2: Cederberg, South Africa - ± 250 km, 3½ + hours driving, excluding stops for sightseeing

From Cape Town you head north to the rugged landscape of Cederberg. This area is a massive rock wilderness with giant sandstone boulders that have been sculpted by wind and rain into bizarre and artistic shapes. We explore the rugged landscape of the area on foot before relaxing in chalets for the evening. **Campsite - good ablution facilities with hot showers (BLD).**

### Day 3: Gariep River, Namibia - ± 500 km, 7 + hours driving, excluding stops for sightseeing and border crossing

We make our way into more arid landscapes. On entering Namibia we stay at a lodge on the Gariep River, the natural land border between South Africa and Namibia. Namibia's southern border river flows quietly and peacefully and the river valley is hardly affected by tourism. The riverbed is sandy, the water clean and clear. There is free time for swimming and relaxing, or you can venture down the river in canoes (own expense). **Campsite - good ablution facilities with hot showers, restaurant and bar (BLD).**

### Day 4: Fish River Canyon - ± 300 km, 4 + hours driving, excluding stops for sightseeing

Fish River Canyon, situated along the lower reaches of the Fish River, is one of the most impressive natural beauties in the southern part of Namibia. With its depth of up to 550 metres, the Fish River Canyon is the second largest canyon in the world. We make our way to the canyon and in the afternoon watch a spectacular sunset over the canyon's rim. **Campsite - good ablution facilities with hot showers, swimming pool and shop (BLD).**

### Days 5 - 6: Namib Desert - ± 550 km, 7½ + hours driving, excluding stops for sightseeing & lunch

The parched Namib Desert has endless orange dunes blown into sharp ridges by the sand-shifting wind at Sossusvlei, forming a gateway into the Namib Desert. We will walk to Sossusvlei, explore Sesriem Canyon and from the comfort of our lodge outside the national park, watch dramatic sunsets over the world's highest sand dunes. **Campsite - good ablution facilities with hot showers and shop (BLD).**

### Day 7: Swakopmund - ± 350 km, 5 + hours driving, excluding stops for sightseeing and a gravel road

We hit the coast at Swakopmund, a popular seaside resort with a slightly nostalgic atmosphere, characterized by numerous colonial buildings. Founded by the Germans in 1892 their colonial influence is still evident today.







The town has a selection of excellent coffee shops, restaurants and bars, as well as many arts and crafts shops selling curios. There are fine beaches to walk along as well as a great museum, aquarium and galleries to visit. **Dunedin Star Guest House - twin room with en suite and restaurant (BL).**

#### Day 8: Swakopmund

Today is free to explore the town. Swakopmund is known as the adventure activity capital of Namibia. We spend today enjoying optional activities such as quad bike riding on sand dunes and kayaking in the bay. **Dunedin Star Guest House - twin room with en suite (B).**

#### Day 9: Spitzkoppe - ± 250 km, 3½ + hours driving, excluding several stops for sightseeing, Cape Cross and lunch

Our first stop today is a real unexpected treat. Over 50,000 cape fur seals call Cape Cross home. We spend time watching them play, fight and interact on the beach and in the cold waters of the Atlantic. Our journey covers some beautiful desert landscapes as we move. **Campsite - basic ablution facilities (BLD).**

#### Day 10: Ugab wilderness - ± 200 km, 2½ + hours driving, excluding stops for sightseeing and lunch

Leaving the pans of Etosha behind we drive south west to the harsh landscapes for which Namibia is so famous. Namibia is a land of great contrasts and Damaraland demonstrates this with stark plains and ancient valleys leading to rocky outcrops and the soaring peaks of the Brandberg Massif Mountains. The Ugab wilderness is one of the most scenic areas in Namibia, a huge, untamed, ruggedly beautiful region. Here there are prehistoric water courses with open plains and grassland, massive granite koppies and deep gorges. Animals such as the desert elephant have adapted to survive the harshness of the sun-blistered, almost waterless desert spaces. We visit ancient bushman art with your guide. **Campsite - good ablution facilities with hot showers and swimming pool (BLD).**

#### Days 11 - 12: Etosha National Park - ± 400 km, 5½ + hours driving, excluding game drive, day 12 is a full day game drive in the park

We continue north to the salt pans of Etosha. Once a vast lake fed by the Kunene River, the pan that is Etosha National Park dried up thousands of years ago when the river waters chose a new course. Covering 20,000 square kilometres, Etosha is Namibia's premier nature and wildlife reserve offering big game park. We take game drives in our own vehicle around the huge pan to find elephant, herds of antelope and lions around the waterholes. Here you stay at a lodge on the outskirts of the national park. **National Park campsite - good ablution facilities with hot showers, swimming pool, restaurant, bar and shop (BLD).**

#### Day 13: Windhoek - ± 400 km, 5 + hours driving, excluding stops for sightseeing

Namibia's friendly capital, beautifully situated in a valley, combines the architecture of a modern city with numerous buildings in the style of the German colonial era. The charm of the city of Windhoek lies in its harmonious blend of African and European cultures and the friendliness of its people. We visit the cosmopolitan capital and enjoy a restaurant meal (own expense). **Klein Windhoek Guest House - twin room with en-suite, swimming pool, restaurant and bar (BL).**

#### Klein Windhoek Guest House

The guesthouse is situated in one of Windhoek's best suburbs in a quiet area next to the Klein Windhoek Riverbed. Guest have access to the fully licensed Riverview Restaurant, a swimming pool and free Wi-Fi. All rooms have en suite bathrooms.

## Cape Town to Victoria Falls - camping

### Day 14: Kalahari, Botswana - ± 550 km, 7½ + hours driving, excluding border formalities, stops for sight-seeing and lunch

This morning we leave Namibia and cross the border into Botswana. We take a walk with the local San bushmen to learn about their ancient way of life and fascinating bush skills. You stay overnight in grass huts in the heart of the Kalahari. **Campsite - good ablution facilities with hot showers, swimming pool in old quarry (BLD).**

### Day 15: Maun - ± 300 km, 4½ + hours driving

Today we head to Maun, the gateway to the Okavango Delta. Maun originated as a cattle outpost but it has evolved into the capital of Botswana's tourist industry. Your lodge for tonight is situated on the banks of the Thamalakane River. After settling in there is time to relax this afternoon at the swimming pool. **Campsite - good ablution facilities with hot showers, swimming pool and bar (BL).**

### Days 16 - 17: Okavango Delta - Okavango transfer ± 3 hours each way

We enter the waterways of the Okavango Delta on a 4WD transfer. The Okavango Delta is the only inland delta in the world. Instead of flowing into the sea, the annual flood of fresh water spreads over 15,000sq km of the Kalahari sand in a maze of lagoons and channels. We journey deep into the Okavango Delta in mokoros, or dugout canoes. In the Delta you have two nights at a tented camp enjoying game walks, swimming and birdlife in this pristine wilderness area. **Wild camping - basic facilities with pit toilet and bucket shower (BLD).**

### Day 18: Makgadikgadi Pans - ± 370 km, 6 + hours driving, excluding stops for sightseeing + 2 hour 4WD transfer out of Delta

This morning you farewell the wet wilderness of the Delta and head towards the shimmering, dry salt pans of Makgadikgadi. The pans are massive, about the size of Switzerland, and most of the time appear as a glaring white, endless plain. When the rain comes a dramatic change takes place as the pans come to life with frantically feeding water birds and great herds of zebra, wildebeest and springbok. **Campsite - good ablution facilities with hot showers, swimming pool, restaurant and bar (BL).**

### Days 19 - 20: Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe - ± 400 km, 5 + hours driving, excluding border formalities and stops

Magnificent Victoria Falls is one of the seven natural wonders of the world. David Livingstone first sighted the Falls in 1885 and named them after his Queen. The scene he encountered was a mile-wide (1.6 km) sheer basalt fault line over which the mighty Zambezi tumbled to a depth of 100m, creating a cloud of spray. Our days are spent relaxing or participating in a myriad of optional excursions (own expense). **Shearwater Explorers Camp or similar - twin room with en-suite, swimming pool, restaurant and bar (B).**

### Shearwater Explorers Camp

Explorers Village offers the modern pioneer a perfect haven from which to investigate Victoria Falls. Having operated activities in the Victoria Falls area for over 30 years, Shearwater has built the Explorers Village merely 400 m from the Victoria Falls, 100 m from the epicentre of the Vic Falls town with its craft and curio markets and bohemian cafes. Comprising of 42 private chalets with en suites and serviced dome tents, the village represents value accommodation at its finest - clean, cool, relaxing, elegant, excellent traditional food, ice cold drinks, a pool to cool off at the end of a day's adventure and exceptionally friendly hosts ready to welcome you and guide you through your Vic Falls experience.







### Day 21: Victoria Falls

Today your tour ends this morning after breakfast. **(B).**

#### Important information:

- It is the responsibility of the client to be at the tour departure point at the time assigned by the tour operator. On completion of the tour, flights must be booked taking into consideration the time recommended by the tour operator.
- The tour operator may re-route the itinerary or change campsites and accommodation in rare cases of non-availability, or if local conditions restrict accessibility.
- The tour operator has the right to use an alternative or replacement vehicle if necessary.
- There is no air-conditioning or toilet onboard the overland truck. Convenience stops are made along the way at regular intervals.
- A mattress is provided, however passengers must bring their own sleeping bag, pillow and towel.
- Meals are prepared by the crew with assistance from passengers on washing-up duties.
- Suitcases are unsuitable for overland safaris due to limited space. We recommend luggage packed in inexpensive barrel style bags or soft sided bags not exceeding 12kgs.
- This tour includes some long days of road travel which are necessary in order to visit all the listed regions.
- Prices for flights, airport taxes, park fees and applicable government taxes and levies may be changed without prior notice. Any change is beyond our control and any increase levied will be passed on.
- As prices are calculated in foreign currencies it may become necessary to add a currency surcharge.
- A single supplement is not compulsory if you are happy to share with a fellow passenger of the same gender, however a single supplement does apply if you want your own tent / room.
- Some participation is required on tour with camp chores, eg taking turns to assist with washing-up duties, putting up and taking down your tent and loading your bags into the vehicle.
- Children between 12 – 17 years are accepted on this tour but they must be accompanied by an adult. Children under 12 years of age are not permitted on some activities.
- Passengers over 65 years are required to supply a medical certificate stating they are fit and healthy to join an adventure travel group.