

THE FALLS AND CHOBE

Zimbabwe, Botswana



5 day travel package (standard accommodation)

Visit the most iconic waterfall in the world at Victoria Falls, motor along the calm waters of the Zambezi River and join a guided tour of Victoria Falls. Then cross the Botswanan border to enjoy excellent game viewing in Chobe National Park. View wildlife from the water on boat safaris, as well as on land by 4WD. This five day combination covers the highlights of Victoria Falls and Botswana's premier wildlife region.



Bakwena Lodge



Price includes:

- meet, greet and airport transfer services at Victoria Falls airport
- road transfer between Victoria Falls and Kasane, connecting to Bakwena Lodge
- road transfer Bakwena Lodge to Kasane airport
- 4 nights' accommodation in 3 - 4 star lodges
- meals as listed
- game activities as hosted by game lodge
- local beverages at Bakwena Lodge (premium drinks excluded)
- Zambezi River sunset cruise, guided tour of Victoria Falls
- game park fees, Victoria Falls National Park fee and river rainforest conservancy fee
- entrance fees, excursions in itinerary.

Price excludes:

- visas and flights
- international and domestic airport taxes that cannot be pre-paid (clients pay direct if applicable)
- driver / guide gratuities
- personal travel, baggage and medical insurance
- drinks (other than those listed), dining rooms tips, telephone calls, laundry and any items of a personal nature.

B - breakfast

L - lunch

D - dinner

FI - fully inclusive of all meals , local brand drinks and game activities

Victoria Falls to Kasane

Accommodation: standard

Departs: daily

Trip code: VCSTD1

Itinerary overview:

Day 1: Zimbabwe, Victoria Falls - The Kingdom Hotel

Day 2: Zimbabwe, Victoria Falls - The Kingdom Hotel

Day 3: Botswana, Chobe - Bakwena Lodge

Day 4: Botswana, Chobe - Bakwena Lodge

Day 5: Botswana, Maun - ends

This private package is also available in our deluxe and luxury accommodation categories.

Experience more of Southern Africa

Combine this package with our Splendid South Africa itinerary which visits Johannesburg, the Greater Kruger and Cape Town. Experience a tour of Soweto in Johannesburg, go on safari at a private game lodge in the Kruger region and explore the cosmopolitan city of Cape Town, with several popular day trips included.

The Falls and Chobe - standard

Day 1: Victoria Falls

On arrival at Victoria Falls airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel where you spend two nights. After check-in formalities at the lodge and some time at leisure, you board your Zambezi River sundowner cruise in the late afternoon. The Zambezi River cruise is a superb way to relax and enjoy the beauty of the river. You may have the opportunity to see a variety of game including hippo, Nile crocodile and elephant, and sometimes even rhino, as well as many different bird species. The cruise includes finger snacks, beer, wine, sparkling wine and soft drinks. The cruise offers great photo opportunities of Africa's spectacular sunsets.

Victoria Falls constitutes as one of the most spectacular natural wonders of the world. The local people call it 'Mosi-oa-Tunya' - the smoke that thunders and the falls are remarkable. There is a magic about them manifested in the towering column of spray when the river is high, the thunder of the falling water, the terrifying abyss and tranquil lagoons upstream in which hippo and deadly crocodiles lurk. Victoria Falls is 1708 metres wide, making it the largest curtain of water in the world. It drops between 90m and 107m into the Zambezi Gorge and an average of 550,000 cubic metres of water plummet over the edge every minute. Remarkably preserved in its natural state, Victoria Falls inspires visitors as much today as it did David Livingstone in the 1860s. The falls and the surrounding area has been declared a national park and a World Heritage Site, thus preserving the area from excessive commercialisation. **The Kingdom Hotel - standard room.**

The Kingdom Hotel

The Kingdom is a modern-day tribute to the ancient and alluring Africa. Great billowing domes, pillars and bridges built on a man-made lake, mark a style that belies the modern facilities within. The decor is full of character and forms part of the hotel's persona. This hotel is the closest hotel to the mighty Victoria Falls and is the perfect family destination. There are 294 rooms (70 with bunk beds), three restaurants, four swimming pools and four bars. Located only a few minutes' walk from Victoria Falls and the national park entrance, this popular hotel is perfect for travellers wanting convenience and good value.

Day 2: Victoria Falls

This morning you will take your guided tour of the Zimbabwe side of the Falls. Walkways allow you to stroll amongst the Falls themselves. Lookout spots offer impressive views of Batoka Gorge and the rushing white-water of the Zambezi River. Further along the path is Knife Edge Bridge, which offers a unique panorama depending on the time of year. Your guide will keep you entertained with stories of local tribal history and the escapades of early explorers, as well as an account of the flora and fauna. The afternoon is at leisure to try one of the many excursions on offer in the area, simply relax or perhaps enjoy the famous high tea at the iconic Victoria Falls Hotel nearby. **The Kingdom Hotel - standard room (B).**

Day 3: Chobe National Park

This morning after breakfast you meet your transfer driver at reception and transfer to Botswana. This usually takes around two hours depending on the road conditions and the number of travellers at the border. Your driver will assist you with the border crossing, which is very simple. At Kasane airport you will meet your Bakwena Lodge driver who will transfer you to your lodge nearby.

At the lodge you will discuss the activities available. These are usually safaris in the style of the region; boat safaris, which allow you to view animals on the riverbanks and 4WD game drives within the national park. This afternoon you set off on your first safari game viewing activity.





After the game activity you return to the lodge for a starlit dinner. **Bakwena Lodge - standard room (FI).**

Bakwena Lodge

Bakwena Lodge is a mid-sized, eco-luxury retreat on the banks of the Chobe River. The lodge comprises of ten rondavel-style chalets, two of which are two-bedroom family units, a romantic honeymoon suite and five new treetop chalets, built three metres above the ground on stilts. Each chalet offers a cool place to relax with its own raised deck and day bed overlooking the river. Each chalet has an interior bathroom opening onto an outside garden with an outside shower. The main entertainment area with its lounge, restaurant and Rain Tree bar overlooks the river. There's also an inviting swimming pool and a social area where you can chat with your fellow safari enthusiasts. Activities include your choice of game drives or river cruises in Chobe National Park, cultural village visits on foot, or on the lodge's complimentary bicycles. This all-inclusive lodge offers great value in a region which is typically expensive.

Day 4: Chobe National Park

Today you have a full day on safari in the Chobe region. This typically includes a river safari on the Chobe River and a 4WD game drive in Chobe National Park. A river cruise offers unique game viewing and bird sightings on the river and riverbank. Whereas a game drive includes up-close sightings in Botswana's premier game park from the comfort of an open sided safari vehicle.

Chobe National Park has about 100,000 elephant, one of the biggest concentrations in Africa. It is also notable for huge herds of buffalo and zebras, lechwe, Chobe bushbuck and puku antelope. Where there are buffalo, lions are never far away and there is a good chance of seeing large prides here who hunt after dusk. Hyena and leopard also hunt at night, while cheetahs are diurnal predators. Chobe is rich in bird life with the Pel's fishing owl a favourite, along with the strangely beaked African skimmer and African fish eagles. **Bakwena Lodge - standard room (FI).**

Day 5: Kasane

If time permits enjoy a final game activity this morning, followed by breakfast. After check-out transfer by road from the lodge to Kasane airport for your onward arrangements. **(B).**

Passenger information:

- This pre-prepared travel itinerary is a travel package, it is not a fully guided group tour throughout. There are shared service day tours and shared service game drives included within the itinerary.
- *This is Africa*, and our travel partners, may have to re-route the itinerary or change the accommodation in rare cases of non-availability.
- The sequence of activities and activities hosted by game lodges may vary to those listed in the itinerary due to availability, seasonal variations and water-levels.
- Times mentioned within the itinerary are estimated only and can be affected by local conditions.
- It is the responsibility of the client to have all necessary documentation, including visas and inoculation certificates relating to this package.
- Prices may vary when booking seasons overlap. Bookings over Christmas, New Year and Easter incur holiday supplements.
- As prices are calculated in foreign currencies it may become necessary to add a currency surcharge.
- Prices for flights, airport taxes, park fees and government taxes may change without prior notice. This is beyond our control and any increase levied will be passed on.