

HIGHLIGHTS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

South Africa, Zimbabwe, Botswana



11 day travel package
(luxury accommodation)

Offering exceptional game viewing in South Africa and Botswana, plus a stay in cosmopolitan Cape Town, this trip covers the essentials of Southern Africa. You will enjoy game activities such as game drives, guided bush walks and boat safaris in Botswana and South Africa. You visit the most iconic waterfall in the world at Victoria Falls and see the sights of Africa's most photogenic city; Cape Town.





Cost includes:

- meet, greet and airport transfer services, road transfers between hotels and lodges
- 10 nights' accommodation in 5 star hotels and game lodges
- meals as listed
- Cape Town city tour, Zambezi River sunset cruise, guided tour of Victoria Falls, boma dinner and show
- game activities as hosted by game lodges
- local beverages (some premium excluded) at Savanna Private Game Reserve and Ngoma Safari Lodge
- game park fees and river rainforest conservancy fee
- entrance fees, excursions in itinerary.

Cost excludes:

- visas and flights
- ticket to Table Mountain as weather dependant – we strongly suggest you pre-purchase this ticket
- 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, selected beverages and listed activities

Kruger to Kasane

Accommodation: luxury

Departs: daily

Product code: HOSALU

Day 1: South Africa, Kruger National Park - Savanna Private Reserve

Day 2: South Africa, Kruger National Park - Savanna Private Reserve

Day 3: South Africa, Kruger National Park - Savanna Private Reserve

Day 4: South Africa, Cape Town - Belmond Mount Nelson Hotel

Day 5: South Africa, Cape Town - Belmond Mount Nelson Hotel

Day 6: South Africa, Cape Town - Belmond Mount Nelson Hotel

Day 7: Zimbabwe, Victoria Falls - Victoria Falls Hotel

Day 8: Zimbabwe, Victoria Falls - Victoria Falls Hotel

Day 9: Botswana, Chobe - Ngoma Safari Lodge

Day 10: Botswana, Chobe - Ngoma Safari Lodge

Day 11: Botswana, Kasane airport - ends

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

Cruise the Chobe River

Add a river cruise on the Zambezi Queen or Chobe Princess to your stay.

Cruises range from two to four days in length. Explore Botswana's wildlife from the water for a unique perspective.

Highlights of Southern Africa - luxury

Day 1: Savanna Private Game Reserve, Greater Kruger National Park

On arrival at your Kruger airport you are met and transferred to the lodge. Enjoy time to relax and have lunch (arrival time dependent). Your accommodation is at one of our favourite lodges in Savanna Private Game Reserve, located within the wildlife prolific Sabi Sand Game Reserve.

Sabi Sand Game Reserve offers some of the best wildlife viewing in southern Africa. Teeming with wildlife, including the 'big five' (lion, leopard, buffalo, rhino, elephant) and various species of predatory cats, Sabi Sand is home to world-class game lodges which offer an unbelievable safari experience. Intersected by the Sabi and Sand rivers, the reserve offers an unparalleled variety of species.

You join your first game drive in the late afternoon. As a private game reserve, within the Kruger National Park, Savanna Private Game Reserve offers excellent game viewing. Your open-sided game vehicle is guided by your ranger, whilst a 'spotter' tracks animals from the front of the vehicle. This gives guests the best opportunity of viewing wildlife up-close. Upon your return to the lodge there is time to freshen-up before dinner in the open air boma, or indoor dining room. **Savanna Private Game Reserve - luxury suite (FI).**

Savanna Private Game Reserve

Savanna Private Game Reserve's 10,000 hectare concession in the Sabi Sand Game Reserve is open to the entire Kruger National Park, making 'big five' sightings so frequent that it is not unusual to see lion, leopard, elephant, buffalo and rhino in a single game drive. Savanna places a high value on its superior level of tracking. The lodge's rangers are experts in a variety of wildlife-oriented areas, such as photography and conservation.

Savanna has nine beautifully appointed suites. Seven of the nine suites offer an 'Out of Africa' style ambience, with canvas roofs and draped netting inner ceilings. The spacious bathrooms offer both indoor and outdoor showers and a claw foot bath. Each suite at Savanna Private Game Reserve features a private plunge pool with views to the surrounding landscaped gardens or waterhole. The communal areas at Savanna are stunning with African inspired decor and casual, comfy furnishings. A pool, surrounded by lounge chairs, attracts the local cheeky vervet monkeys and guests on a hot day. Food is a highlight with fine dining by candlelight, or barbeques African style in the boma around the campfire.

Being on safari at Savanna Private Game Reserve is a communal affair. Guests are greeted by staff for pre-dinner drinks and are seated at a long, decorated table for meals, creating an ambience which reflects safaris as they were in days gone by. Savanna's managers are well respected in the safari business in the Kruger region. Their experience inspires all guests, which makes a safari at Savanna the perfect safari. Abundant wildlife viewing, incredibly knowledgeable staff, and a few surprises, such as bush dinners and cocktails, make Savanna Private Game Reserve one the best overall safari lodges in South Africa.

Days 2 - 3: Savanna Private Game Reserve, Greater Kruger National Park

Each day begins with a wake-up call at 5.00 am before you meet for tea and coffee at 5.30 am. After a cuppa you head out on your morning game drive. The fresh morning air in your face as you travel on an open 4WD with the prospect of seeing the 'big five' is an exhilarating experience. Animals are often most active at this time of day and spotting wildlife is guaranteed. Experienced rangers and trackers will share their knowledge of the African bush with you as you enjoy a range of animal sightings.





Days 2 - 3: continued

You return to the lodge late morning for breakfast. Your time now is at leisure. There is a cooling pool, with a sandstone pool terrace to relax upon, a curio shop for some retail therapy and a friendly bar, with numerous board games and books to enjoy. For those who enjoy active pursuits, a well equipped gym is available. A visit to the local village is also offered as an optional activity.

After a late lunch, you set off again at around 4.00 pm for another game drive to experience wildlife at dusk. This is your opportunity to view the interaction between animals as they search for food. Once back at the lodge, dinner is served a-la-carte or in the outdoor Boma. **Savanna Private Game Reserve - luxury suite (FI).**

Day 4: Cape Town

You join your final early morning game drive, prior to breakfast, and depart the Kruger. Transfer to Skukuza airport to board your flight to Cape Town (flight not included). On arrival at Cape Town airport you will be met by our representative and assisted to the transfer vehicle, before being driven to your hotel.

Cape Town is one of the world's most picturesque tourist destinations and is a city offering a mix of attractions. Situated amidst majestic mountains and surrounded by pristine white beaches, the city is truly very beautiful. Often called the 'cosmopolitan hub of Africa', Cape Town is home to a rich cultural and historical heritage, vibrant restaurants, scenic cruises and world-class, affordable shopping. Your accommodation is located at the famous Mount Nelson Hotel, in the shadow of Table Mountain. **Belmond Mount Nelson - deluxe room (B).**

Belmond Mount Nelson

Long regarded as one of the city's top five-star hotels, the colonial Belmond Mount Nelson is a Capetonian icon. Located at the foot of Table Mountain and near trendy Kloof Street, guests have the ideal central base from which to discover the city. The hotel features two heated outdoor swimming pools and landscaped grounds. The rooms combine understated charm with modern luxury. Most rooms offer a balcony, while all enjoy a large en suite bathroom with separate shower and bath. The hotel also offers cottages throughout the spacious grounds, which are popular with honeymooners. The contemporary Planet Bar and Restaurant offers a true South African gastronomic experience, and the Oasis Bistro offers guests a lunch menu overlooking the gardens. This stunning property will certainly be a highlight of any trip to South Africa.

Day 5: Cape Town

After breakfast you depart on a guided half day tour of the city. Highlights of the tour include: a visit to the top of Table Mountain on the cableway where the various flora and fauna will be explained (the cableway ticket is not included as the mountain visit is weather permitting); the Malay Quarter, city centre, Company Gardens and, time permitting, the Castle of Good Hope. Your afternoon and evening are free to explore this fascinating city. **Belmond Mount Nelson - deluxe room (B).**

Day 6: Cape Town

Today is at leisure. Suggested excursions such as a day in the Cape Winelands, a visit to the Cape of Good Hope at Cape Point Reserve, or a poignant visit to Robben Island, the former prison where Nelson Mandela was incarcerated, can be pre-booked. **Belmond Mount Nelson - deluxe room (B).**

Day 7: Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

This morning you transfer to Cape Town airport for your flight to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe (flight not included). Upon arrival into Zimbabwe you will receive a welcome letter which will reconfirm any pre-booked transfer and excursion pick up and drop off times.

Highlights of Southern Africa - luxury

Victoria Falls is one of the most spectacular natural wonders in the world. There is a magic about the falls 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. The falls are 1,708 metres wide, making it the largest curtain of water in the world. Remarkably preserved in its natural state, Victoria Falls inspires visitors as much today as it did David Livingstone in the 1860s.

In the late afternoon enjoy an unforgettable Zambezi River sunset cruise. Look out for hippo, crocodile, elephant and sometimes even rhino as well as many bird species. Your accommodation is at the stunning Victoria Falls Hotel. The hotel's restaurant, swimming pool and bar offer a pleasant place to enjoy your first evening in Victoria Falls. **Victoria Falls Hotel - deluxe central room (B).**

Victoria Falls Hotel

A historic icon built in 1904 to accommodate the first tourists to the falls, The Victoria Falls Hotel is well renowned for its colonial charm and character, along with its exceptional service. Former guests include the Queen of England, many royal families, famous actors and several billionaires.

The property's 161 rooms, which were refurbished in 2012, retain its colonial elegance and style, with a club wing, built in the old stables, including a cachet of special treats. The hotel's Edwardian architecture and manicured, tropical grounds depict its grandeur. Enormous portraits of former guests, colonial generals and early explorers, adorn the walls of numerous lounge rooms, bars, sports room and entrance halls. The immense terrace and pool area offers the perfect vantage point for gazing across towards the spray from the falls and it is here that nightly barbeque buffets and cultural evenings are held. Traditional high tea at the hotel is a must, with guests and visitors transported back to an era when travellers arrived with a dozen travel trunks and a range of servants. As a member of the Leading Hotels of the World, this hotel deserves its reputation as one of Africa's most treasured hotels. A stay at The Victoria Falls Hotel should not be missed.

Day 8: Victoria Falls

After breakfast enjoy an informative guided tour of Victoria Falls. You will be accompanied through the rainforest by a qualified guide who will give a brief history of the falls and detail the flora and fauna.

This afternoon is free to join one or two of the many optional excursions that this region offers. Choose from a vast selection of adventures ranging from white water rafting and scenic flights over the Falls, to high tea at the famous Victoria Falls Hotel.

This evening you dine at The Boma. You enjoy a buffet dinner, whilst being entertained with traditional drumming and dancing. Guest involvement is optional! **Victoria Falls Hotel - deluxe central room (BD).**

Day 9: Chobe National Park

After breakfast and check-out you are transferred to the border with Botswana and then on to your Chobe lodge. This transfer takes approximately two hours and includes a border procedure where your driver will assist you. 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 set off on your first game viewing activity. After the game drive you return to the lodge for a starlit dinner.

Ngoma Safari Lodge - suite (FI).





Ngoma Safari Lodge

This secluded lodge, located on an escarpment in the Chobe Forest, offers game activities in the undisturbed west of the Chobe region. The six private suites and two triple suites are spread out across the escarpment. Each spacious suite has large picture windows affording views over the flood plains below. A private plunge pool, surrounded by a thatched wall for extra privacy, provides a secluded reprieve from the heat. The communal areas include a lounge area, dining room, bar, game viewing deck, pool deck and a communal pool.

Guided walks, game drives and boat safaris are all conducted by the lodge's very professional rangers. This five star lodge provides a quiet refuge for those seeking a tranquil safari. The emphasis at Ngoma is very much on indulging its guests. Treats abound at this lodge which provides guests with a very high standard of service.

Day 10: 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 over 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. **Ngoma Safari Lodge - suite (FI).**

Day 11: Kasane airport - ends

After a morning game activity and breakfast you transfer to Kasane airport for your onward arrangements **(B)**.

Important information

- It is the responsibility of the client to be at the departure point at the time assigned by the operator. On completion of the package, flights must be booked taking into consideration the time recommended by the operator.
- Transfers may be in a sedan, minibus or coach.
- It is the responsibility of the client to have all necessary documentation, including visas and inoculation certificates relating to this tour.
- At times the sequence or inclusion of activities may vary due to local conditions, arrival and departure times, opening hours or non-availability.
- Children of all ages travelling with their family are welcome when booking the Savanna Suite, however, children under the age of eight years are not permitted at the main lodge. Children eight to twelve years of age may join game drives at the ranger's discretion.
- Children ten years and above are welcome at Ngoma Safari Lodge. Children ten to twelve years of age may join game drives at the ranger's discretion.
- Prices may vary when booking seasons overlap. Bookings over Christmas, New Year and Easter incur holiday supplements. Please ask for a date-specific quote for travel during these dates.
- Prices for park fees and applicable government taxes and levies may be changed without prior notice. Any change is beyond our control and any increase will be passed on to the client.
- As prices are calculated in foreign currencies it may become necessary to add a currency surcharge.
- Please refer to our terms and conditions for amendments and cancellation policies if necessary.