

# HIGHLIGHTS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

## South Africa, Zimbabwe, Botswana



11 day travel package  
(standard 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:**

- all meet, greet and airport transfer services, road transfers between hotels and lodges
- 10 nights' accommodation at 3 and 4 star hotels and game lodges
- breakfast daily in Cape Town and Victoria Falls
- all meals and local beverages at Bakwena Lodge (some exceptions apply)
- all meals at Makalali Private Game Reserve
- Cape Town city tour, Zambezi River sunset cruise, guided tour of Victoria Falls, The Boma dinner and cultural show
- game activities as hosted by game lodges
- 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
- driver / guide gratuities
- personal travel, baggage and medical insurance, drinks, 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:** standard

**Operates:** daily

**Product code:** HOSAST

#### **Itinerary overview:**

Day 1: South Africa, Makalali Game Reserve - Main Lodge

Day 2: South Africa, Makalali Game Reserve - Main Lodge

Day 3: South Africa, Makalali Game Reserve - Main Lodge

Day 4: South Africa, Cape Town - Protea Breakwater Lodge

Day 5: South Africa, Cape Town - Protea Breakwater Lodge

Day 6: South Africa, Cape Town - Protea Breakwater Lodge

Day 7: Zimbabwe, Victoria Falls - Bayete Guest Lodge

Day 8: Zimbabwe, Victoria Falls - Bayete Guest Lodge

Day 9: Botswana, Chobe - Bakwena Lodge

Day 10: Botswana, Chobe - Bakwena Lodge

Day 11: Botswana, Kasane

**This private package is also available in our deluxe and luxury 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 - standard

### Day 1: Makalali Private Game Reserve, Kruger region

On arrival at Hoedspruit airport (flight not included), you will be met and transferred to the lodge where you will enjoy lunch (dependant on arrival time). Your accommodation is at the popular Makalali Private Game Lodge, situated within the wildlife prolific Makalali Game Reserve. Only one hour from Hoedspruit, the reserve covers 26,000 hectares of savannah and riverine forest. The lodge includes the 'big five' (leopard, elephant, buffalo, rhino and lion), along with many antelope, hyena and much more.

After a rest and afternoon tea, you join your first game drive in the late afternoon. 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, you enjoy dinner at the open air boma or indoor dining room. **Makalali Main Lodge - standard suite (LD).**

### Makalali Private Game Lodge - Main Lodge

Makalali Main Lodge is a newly built game lodge comprising of 30 comfortably designed standard rooms all with en-suite bathrooms. The rooms are air-conditioned and feature luxurious interiors with classic leather and wood furnishings. Makalali Main Lodge has a central dining area where guests can enjoy an array of African cuisine. The outside boma is ideal for an evening under the African sky. The spa offers a variety of soothing treatments and the pool area offers the perfect place to unwind and take in the sounds of the African bush. Built for pure comfort in one of the area's biggest and best game reserves, Makalali Main Lodge is set to become a long term favourite amongst safari aficionados.

### Days 2 - 3: Makalali Private Game Reserve, Kruger region

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' (lion, leopard, buffalo, rhino, elephant) 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.

You return to the lodge late morning for breakfast. Your time is now at your leisure. There is a cooling pool with a large teak pool terrace to relax upon, a curio shop for some retail therapy and a friendly bar with numerous board games and books to enjoy. Main Lodge is home to an extensive wellness centre for those wishing to indulge themselves with a spa treatment. Additional activities, such as a visit to the Hoedspruit Centre for Endangered Species and Panorama Route tours can be booked at the lodge.

After lunch, afternoon tea and some time to relax, 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 buffet style in the open dining area. **Makalali Main Lodge - standard suite (BLD).**

### Day 4: Cape Town

You join your final early morning game drive, followed by breakfast. After check-out you will be transferred back to Hoedspruit airport (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, Victoria & Alfred Waterfront

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 rear of the vibrant Victoria and Alfred Waterfront. **Protea Breakwater Lodge - standard room (B).**

#### Protea Breakwater Lodge

Just minutes away from restaurants, theatres and shops, the Breakwater Lodge is a perfectly positioned Cape Town hotel at the rear of the V & A Waterfront. The hotel lies within easy reach of the best beaches, visitor hotspots and the airport, making it an ideal base during your stay in Cape Town. Once a 19th century prison, this hotel today provides comfortable and affordable accommodation in a spectacular setting that looks out over Cape Town's harbour and up to Table Mountain. The rooms are all comfortable and attractively furnished as well as being equipped with LCD televisions with an 11 channel DSTV package, mini-fridge and ensuite bathrooms. Facilities include a gym, spa treatment centre and secure parking. Protea Breakwater Lodge is great value for those on a budget who wish to stay on the vibrant V & A Waterfront.

#### Day 5: Cape Town

After an early breakfast you will be collected for 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. **Protea Breakwater Lodge - standard 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 where former prisoner, Nelson Mandela, was incarcerated, can be pre-booked. **Protea Breakwater Lodge - standard room (B).**

#### Day 7: Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

This morning you will be collected at 6.00 am and transferred to Cape Town airport for flight to Victoria Falls (flight not included). Upon arrival in Zimbabwe you will be met and transferred to your guest lodge. You will also receive a welcome letter which will reconfirm any pre-booked transfer and excursion pick up and drop off times.

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 you will be collected for an unforgettable Zambezi River sunset cruise. Look out for hippo, crocodile, elephant and sometimes even rhino, as well as many bird species. After the cruise you will be returned to your hotel. **Bayete Guest Lodge - deluxe room (B).**



## Highlights of Southern Africa - standard

### Bayete Guest Lodge

Family owned and managed, Bayete Guest Lodge offers comfortable and affordable accommodation amidst a lush tropical garden in the residential area of Victoria Falls, only two kilometres from the entrance to the Falls. Recently renovated the lodge offers 25 comfortable rooms and a thatched roof family cottage. Each air-conditioned room features mosquito netting draped beds, en suites and complimentary Wi-Fi. Their airy décor creates a relaxed ambience and a light filled atmosphere with many rooms featuring French Doors opening to the gardens. Central to the lodge is the large teardrop swimming pool, which is hugged by the Caldecott Dining Boma and the Ingwezi bar. Further facilities include a gym, television room and activity desk. This popular lodge appeals to travellers who prefer the intimacy and genuine hospitality of a guesthouse.

### Day 8: Victoria Falls

After breakfast you will be collected for 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 enjoy a traditional barbeque buffet at the Boma. Dinner is accompanied by a dance and drumming show as a fitting farewell to Zimbabwe. **Bayete Guest Lodge - deluxe room (BD).**

### Day 9: Kasane (Chobe National Park)

After breakfast and check-out you will be collected and 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 you driver will assist you.

At the lodge you will discuss the range of activities on offer. Activities include safaris in the style of the region; boat safaris, which allow you to view animals on the riverbanks of the Chobe River and 4WD game drives within Chobe National Park. For an additional cost village visits and bicycle tours in the Kasane region may be organised at Chobe Bakwena. This afternoon you set off on your first game viewing activity.

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

### Chobe Bakwena

Bakwena Lodge is an eco-luxury retreat on the banks of the Chobe River. Bakwena, from Setswana meaning 'people of the crocodile'; one of the largest tribes in Botswana; embraces the surrounding culture and country as inspiration for its style and hospitality. The lodge comprises 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.



Bakwena Lodge - riverview room





Each chalet offers a cool place to relax with its own raised deck, with day bed, overlooking the river. Each river 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 overlooking the river and inviting swimming pool are a social area to meet your fellow safari enthusiasts.

#### **Day 10: Kasane (Chobe National Park)**

During your stay at Bakwena enjoy two game activities per night's stay, which typically include 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 Bakwena Lodge - standard chalet (FI).**

#### **Day 11: Kasane airport**

After a morning game activity and breakfast, you will be transferred to Kasane airport to board your onward journey (flight not included) **(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 younger than six are unable to join game drives at these lodges. Children six to twelve years of age can join game drives at the discretion of the ranger.
- 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.
- As prices are calculated in foreign currencies it may become necessary to add a currency surcharge.
- 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.
- Please refer to our terms and conditions for amendments and cancellation policies if necessary.