



## 20 day Cape to Vic Falls

### Day 1 South Africa – Cederberg Mountain Region

We depart Cape Town heading north for the Cederberg Mountain region. Cederberg is well known as one of the main Rooibos Tea growing areas in South Africa and is also home to beautiful wildflowers in October. On this first afternoon we spend some time learning about tour life, the vehicle and equipment.

Meals: Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Camp: Geckos Backpackers Lodge

Facilities: Drinkable water, hot showers, good ablutions, bar, ping pong table, river to swim in

Route: Cape Town to Citrusdal.  $\pm 200$  km

Travel time:  $\pm 5$  hrs

### Day 2 Namaqualand – Orange/Gariep River

We travel north through Namaqualand and head for the Orange/Gariep River. The Western Cape is soon left behind and we spend most of the afternoon travelling through the Northern Cape Province of South Africa. The night is spent on the banks of the Orange/Gariep River around the campfire, getting to know one another. The Orange/Gariep River forms the border of South Africa and Namibia and is used widely for agricultural irrigation in this arid area.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Camp: Fiddlers Creek

Facilities: Water not drinkable, bar, hot showers, good ablutions

Route: Citrusdal to Orange/Gariep River.  $\pm 570$  km

Travel time:  $\pm 10$  hrs

### **Day 3 Namibia – Orange/Gariep River – Fish River Canyon**

Choose between a relaxing morning on the riverbank or the half-day canoe adventure. After lunch we travel north to the Fish River Canyon, the second largest canyon in the world. The Fish River is the longest river in Namibia at 650 km in length. The Fish River Canyon is situated along the lower reaches of this seasonal river. The Fish River Canyon is 161 km in length and runs from Seeheim to Ai-Ais. Optional Activities:

Orange River Half Day Canoe Adventure.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Camp: Hobas Campsite

Facilities: Drinkable water, small kiosk, with hot (sometimes) showers and a small swimming pool

Route: Gariep/Orange River to Fish River Canyon ±180 km

Travel time: ±3-4 hrs and a border crossing

### **Day 4 Namib-Naukluft National Park**

From the canyon we continue on into the remote Namibian hinterland. We arrive at camp in the afternoon and have time to go for a walk in to the smaller Sesriem Canyon.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Camp: Sesriem campsite

Facilities: Drinkable water, bar, swimming pool, hot showers, good ablutions, public phone and shop

Route: Fish River Canyon to Namib-Naukluft Park. ±560 km

Travel time: ±10 hrs

### **Day 5 Sossusvlei Dunes - Namib-Naukluft National Park**

Taking advantage of the cooler temperatures we depart at dawn and drive into the Namib-Naukluft National Park where we will hike up

Dune 45 to gain a different perspective of the desert. After this you have the option to take a guided hike with fellow group members into

Sossusvlei. Optional Activities: Guided walk with Local Expert.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Camp: Solitaire Campsite

Facilities: Drinkable water, hot showers, good ablutions, reservoir to swim in

Route: Sesriem to Solitaire. ±100 km

Travel time: ±2 hrs

### **Day 6/7 Swakopmund**

A dramatic drive through the arid Namib-Naukluft, crossing the Tropic of Capricorn sees us arrive at Walvis Bay. We make a stop to view the

flamingos (if we are lucky) before we head towards the seaside resort town of Swakopmund. Day 6 dinner is not included. The group usually

goes out for a dinner at a local restaurant. After the meal you can go out to one of the local clubs. If you do, one of the guides will go with

you. Day 7 is left free for each individual to pursue their own interests including many adventure activities. Optional Activities: Quadbiking,

Sandboarding, Sky Diving, Scenic Flights, Fishing etc.

**Day 6:**

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Hostel (Dorm room): Dunes Lodge

Facilities: Drinkable water, hot showers, indoor swimming pool, cash bar, laundry service

Route: Solitaire to Swakopmund. ±300 km

Travel time: ±4-5 hrs (including Walvis Bay)

Optional Activities: Dinner

**Day 7:**

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Hostel (Dorm room): Dunes Lodge

Facilities: Drinkable water, hot showers, indoor swimming pool, cash bar, laundry service

Optional Activities: Quad Biking, Sandboarding, Sky diving, Scenic flights, Fishing.

**Day 8 Spitzkoppe**

We leave all the trappings of modern life behind us and drive inland to the mysterious Spitzkoppe, a sacred site of the San people. We have the chance to climb the boulders and rock formations and will camp in the wild for the night. Optional Activities: Guided hike with locals to view San rock art.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Bush Camp: Spitzkoppe Community Campsite

Facilities: No facilities. This is bushcamping.

Route: Swakopmund to Spitzkoppe. ±170 km

Travel time: ±3-4 hrs

**Day 9 Himba Tribes**

After some early morning exploration we head inland again and drive north towards Kamanjab. Tomorrow we will meet the Himba people.

Encountering a totally different way of life is a moving experience for many people.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Camp: Himba Camp

Facilities: Bush shower, toilets

Route: Spitzkoppe to Kamanjab. ±340 km

Travel time: ±5- 6 hrs

**Day 10/11 Etosha National Park**

An early rise sees us on our way to meet the local Himba people. After spending some time with them we head off to Etosha National Park and some of the most unique game viewing experiences in Africa. We spend our days visiting the abundant water holes for some excellent game photography.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Camp: Okaukuejo, Halali or Namutoni

Facilities: Drinkable water, good ablutions, bar, shop, postbox, swimming pool and waterholes at all campsites

Route: Kamanjab to Etosha NP. ±220 km

Travel time: ±3-4 hrs

Activities: When you are not doing game drives, you can relax at the water hole or swimming pool.

### **Day 12/13 Northern Namibia**

After an early morning game drive we set off towards Rundu on the Kavango River. In the evening we can enjoy a sunset cruise. The next day we visit the local Ovambo villages. There are a number of different optional activities to take part in; alternatively a relaxing day by the river is always popular. Optional Activities: Kavango River Cruise, Traditional Dancing, Horse Riding.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Camp: Nkwazi Lodge

Facilities: Water not drinkable. Good ablutions, bar and swimming pool

Route: Etosha to Rundu. ±430 km

Travel time: ±5-6 hrs

### **Day 14/15/16 Botswana - Okavango Delta**

Another early day! Our journey takes us from Rundu, through the Muhembo border, towards Shakawe. Those of us who decide to join the Delta Excursion will leave the truck behind and make our way to the base camp. From here we will enter the Delta the following day by using local transport, including mokoros (dugout canoes). Your guides will provide you with a briefing about the next few days' activities, the environment and the community run tourism operation. If you remain behind then you spend the next few days relaxing at camp. Optional Activities: Okavango Delta Excursion.

#### **Delta Day 1**

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Camp: Guma Etsha 13

Facilities: Hot showers, good ablutions, bar.

Route: Rundu to Etsha. ±320 km

Travel time: ±4-5 hrs, plus a border crossing on this day.

#### **Delta Day 2**

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Camp: Bush camp

Facilities: No facilities – bush camping

#### **Delta Day 3**

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Camp: Guma Etsha 13

Facilities: Hot showers, good ablutions and a bar.

### **Day 17 Namibia - Caprivi National Park**

The Delta is left behind as we pass through the Caprivi National Park in Namibia, camping under the stars on the banks of the Zambezi River.

The Caprivi National Park is home to 450 animal species. Animals travel freely across the border with Botswana where the Chobe National Park lies. We spend the night relaxing next to this mighty river.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Camp: Zambezi Lodge

Facilities: Hot showers, good ablutions, and bar.

Route: Delta to Katima Mulilo. ±450 km

Travel time: ±5-7 hrs, plus a border crossing on this day

### **Day 18 Botswana - Chobe National Park**

We re-cross the border into Botswana and head towards Kasane, where we camp on the banks of the Chobe River. The afternoon can be

spent Game viewing on an optional boat cruise, in the renowned Chobe NP. This is an excellent opportunity to view some of Africa's spectacular wildlife. Optional Activities: Chobe Game Drive and/or Boat Cruise.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Camp: Thebe River Safaris

Facilities: Drinkable water (except when the river is in flood), hot showers, good ablutions, bar and swimming pool

Route: Katima Mulilo to Kasane. ±130 km

Travel time: ±3-4 hrs plus a border crossing

### **Day 19 Zimbabwe - Victoria Falls**

Arriving early at our final destination of Victoria Falls, we have time to plan the next day's adventure activities and those who want to can

visit the Falls. The popular optional sunset cruise includes dinner and drinks.

Optional Activities: Zambezi Sunset Cruise, Victoria Falls National Park Entry Fee

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Hostel: Savanna Lodge

Facilities: Drinkable water, hot showers, good ablutions, bar, swimming pool

Route: Kasane to Vic Falls. ±100 km

Travel time: ±2 hrs plus border crossing

### **Day 20 Victoria Falls**

Most people will spend the day White Water Rafting, a not-to-be-missed experience of a lifetime! Vic Falls offers many exciting alternatives.

Optional Activities: White Water Rafting, Bungee Jump, Elephant Excursion, Dinner out, Entry fee to Vic Falls.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Own Arrangements

NB – It is possible to book our NTVJ transfer to Johannesburg (2-days) straight after this tour, as this is one of the cheapest ways to get from Victoria Falls to Johannesburg.

## Tour dates:

Departs: 30-Sep-2007 Returns: 19-Oct-2007	AVAILABLE
Departs: 03-Oct-2007 Returns: 22-Oct-2007	AVAILABLE
Departs: 07-Oct-2007 Returns: 26-Oct-2007	FULLY BOOKED
Departs: 14-Oct-2007 Returns: 02-Nov-2007	AVAILABLE
Departs: 17-Oct-2007 Returns: 05-Nov-2007	AVAILABLE
Departs: 21-Oct-2007 Returns: 09-Nov-2007	AVAILABLE
Departs: 28-Oct-2007 Returns: 16-Nov-2007	ON REQUEST
Departs: 31-Oct-2007 Returns: 19-Nov-2007	AVAILABLE
Departs: 04-Nov-2007 Returns: 23-Nov-2007	ON REQUEST
Departs: 11-Nov-2007 Returns: 30-Nov-2007	AVAILABLE
Departs: 14-Nov-2007 Returns: 03-Dec-2007	AVAILABLE
Departs: 18-Nov-2007 Returns: 07-Dec-2007	FULLY BOOKED
Departs: 25-Nov-2007 Returns: 14-Dec-2007	AVAILABLE
Departs: 28-Nov-2007 Returns: 17-Dec-2007	AVAILABLE
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