



Southern Africa

South Africa > Zimbabwe > Botswana

March 31 – April 9, 2020

16 Traveler Limit

Trip Leader: Nelly Pinedo



Lion photographed by Tour Leader Nelly Pinedo during our 2019 trip.

Day 1 – Arrival Johannesburg | 31 March 2020

On arrival in Johannesburg, guests will connect onto their flight to Richards Bay on South African Airways (SAA1207) departing at 1:15pm and arriving at 2:20pm SAST (South Africa Standard Time). (Flight not included)

Arrive Richards Bay | 2:20pm

After arriving at Richards Bay Airport, the guests will be met by a Tourvest DMC Representative who will welcome the guests and assist them to their transfer vehicle. Guests will now transfer to their lodge located in the Thanda Private Reserve. Arrival time: 4:35pm

Thanda Private Reserve |

This private reserve in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa, provides an experience with sought after Elephant, Lion, Buffalo, Rhino and Leopard amongst the very entertaining Wild Dog, Cheetah, Hyena, Warthog and plains animals as well as an abundance of bird life.

Check In |

The guests will now check into their lodge. Lunch may be enjoyed dependant on time of arrival.

Thanda Tented Camp |

Within Thanda Tented Camp you will encounter minimal lighting and no artifice, with beautiful nature and jaw-dropping scenery enhanced by flickering firelight from the boma and warm paraffin lanterns to guide your feet along the walkway. This is the bush as nature intended: open, inviting, unconstrained. So if you're the kind of traveller who values the genuine over the glorified; reality over richness, this is where you want to be. You will encounter unparalleled closeness to the bush and its sounds; unspoilt views of the night's millions of stars; and absolute authenticity.

Dinner |

A delicious dinner will be served at the lodge.

Services Included |

Coach & guide services: All road transfers with an English-Speaking guid

Entrance fees included: None

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner (Excluding Beverages)

Overnight accommodation | Thanda Tented Camp | Luxury Tent | Full Board + 1 Safari Drive

Day 2 & 3 Thanda Game Reserve – 01 & 02 April 2020 |

Daily Activities |

A truly African experience goes beyond the five senses. It's felt. An early morning or late afternoon safari is the best way to absorb the sights, smells and sounds of Africa. Encounter the Big Five (lion, leopard, rhino, elephant and buffalo): the animals that inspire a long-lasting connection with the continent. And, once you've found them, go looking for Africa's other famous five – the Little Five (elephant shrew, rhino beetle, leopard tortoise, ant lion and buffalo weaver).

(Two Daily Safari Drives Included)



(Three Daily Meals Included)

Services Included |

Coach & guide services: None

Entrance fees included: 2 Safari Drives Daily

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Daily (Excluding Beverages)

Overnight accommodation | Thanda Tented or Safari Camp | Luxury Tent | Full Board + 2 Safari Drives Daily



South Africa is known as one of the worlds best locales for viewing Rhinos.
Photograph by Tour Leader Nelly Pinedo on Amazonia 2019 trip.

Day 4 – Thanda to Johannesburg via Richards Bay – 03 April 2020 |

Morning Safari Drive & Check Out |

Guests will enjoy their final safari drive before enjoying breakfast at the lodge and checking out.

Transfer | 11h00

After completing the checkout procedures, guests will transfer to the Richards Bay Airport (arrival time 12:35pm) for their onward flight back to Johannesburg on SAA1208 departing at 3:05 pm and arriving at 4:20 pm (Flight not included)

Arrive Johannesburg | 4:20 pm

On arrival at O.R. (Oliver Reginald) Tambo International Airport, the guests may board the complimentary Southern Sun O.R. (Oliver Reginald) Tambo International Airport Hotel shuttle to the hotel.

Services Included |

Coach & guide services: Transfer from lodge to airport

Entrance fees included: Morning Safari Drive

Meals Included: Breakfast

Overnight accommodation | Southern Sun O.R. (Oliver Reginald) Tambo International Airport Hotel | Standard rooms | Bed & Breakfast

Day 5 – Johannesburg to Chobe – 04 April 2020 |

Breakfast & Check Out | 09h00

Guests will enjoy breakfast at the hotel before checking out.

Transfer to Airport |

Afterwards, the guests will board the complimentary return shuttle service at 10:00 am from the hotel to the airport for their flight to Kasane on SA8306 departing at 11h45 and arriving at 1:30 pm (Flight not included).

Arrive Kasane | 1:30 pm

On arrival in Kasane, guests transfer to their lodge to check in. Transfer time is 5 minutes.

Chobe National Park |

Aptly and fondly known as 'The Land of The Giants', Chobe National Park in the north of beautiful Botswana is home to Africa's largest elephant population and comprises more than 10,000km² of rich ecosystems, diverse landscapes and an almost unparalleled abundance of wildlife and birdlife all centred around the stunning Chobe River, and in close proximity to a number of Southern Africa's other safari must-sees.

Chobe Safari Main Lodge |

Chobe Safari Main Lodge, on the banks of the Chobe River in Botswana, is the best destination for serious wildlife viewers. Situated in Kasane, Chobe Safari Lodge is close to where the borders of four African countries meet - Botswana, Zimbabwe, Namibia and



Zambia. If you are planning to visit the Chobe area, the majestic Victoria Falls or the Caprivi region, then Chobe Safari Lodge is the ideal choice of accommodation.

Lunch |

Dependent on the time of arrival, the guests may enjoy lunch at the lodge.

Afternoon Safari Drive |

Safari drives in the Chobe National Park offer excellent wildlife viewing opportunities. If you allow yourself adequate time here you will probably see nearly all the major species: giraffe, elephant, zebra, impala, tsessebe, roan, sable, wildebeest, kudu, buffalo, waterbuck, warthog, eland and accompanying predators including lion, hyena, jackal, bat-eared fox and possibly even cheetah and wild dog.

Dinner |

A delicious dinner is enjoyed back at the lodge.

Services Included |

Coach & guide services: Transfer from Kasane to lodge

Entrance fees included: Afternoon Safari Drive

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner (Excluding Beverages)

Overnight accommodation | Chobe Safari Main Lodge | Standard rooms | Full Board + Safari Drive

Day 6 – Chobe National Park – 05 April 2020 |

Morning Safari Drive |

Along with many species of wildlife, Chobe National Park boasts the largest concentration of elephant in Africa, and our safari drives, and boat cruises offer visitors the opportunity to witness this amazing spectacle. Due to our physical location we are also in the position to offer you a variety of other activities.

Meals |

Guests will enjoy breakfast and lunch at the lodge.

Afternoon Boat Cruise |

Take to the waters of the Chobe River. Chobe National Park is well-known for its large herds of elephant that frequent the Chobe River on a daily basis. In the dry season an estimate of up to 85,000 elephants can be dispersed within the Chobe National Park, where the majority of them can be found along the river. Apart from the herds of elephants, Chobe also has lots more to offer. The Park has lion, leopard, buffalo and a whole host of antelope like sable, puku, kudu, eland, roan and many others which you can get to see. The river is filled with big pods of hippos and some of the biggest crocodiles in Africa. The chance of seeing wildlife on the islands and riverbanks is very high as is the likelihood of seeing large numbers of bird species, crocodiles and other wildlife. Elephant, buffalo, giraffe and hippo are common sightings with sable, leopard and numerous antelope also being regulars on guests check lists.

Dinner |

A delicious dinner will be served back at the lodge after the boat cruise.

Services Included |

Coach & guide services: Transfers to activities

Entrance fees included: Morning Safari Drive and Afternoon Boat Cruise including Park Fees

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner (Excluding Beverages)

Overnight accommodation | Chobe Safari Main Lodge | Standard rooms | Full Board + Safari Activities



Day 7 – Chobe National Park – 06 April 2020

Morning Safari Drive |

Chobe Safari drives are the number one activity to experience while visiting Kasane and the Chobe National Park. Chobe Safari Drives are offered in custom built 4x4 safari vehicles. These vehicles have open sides which offer exceptional views for the guests. All safari drives are conducted by qualified guides all registered with the Botswana guiding council. The local experience and knowledge offer a great insight to animals and their behaviour.

Meals |

Guests will enjoy breakfast and lunch at the lodge.

Afternoon Safari Drive |

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Dinner |

A delicious dinner is enjoyed back at the lodge.

Services Included |

Coach & guide services: Transfers to activities

Entrance fees included: Morning and Afternoon Safari Drives including Park Fees

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner (Excluding Beverages)

Elephants in Chobe National Park. Taken during our 2019 trip.



Overnight accommodation | Chobe Safari Main Lodge | Standard rooms | Full Board + Safari Activities

Day 8 – Chobe to Victoria Falls – 07 April 2020 |

Check Out & Transfer | 10h30

After the morning Safari drive and breakfast, guests will complete check out formalities and will transfer at 10h30 from Chobe Safari Main Lodge to Victoria Falls. Transfer time is 75 minutes.

Check In | 12h30

The guests will now check into their hotel.

Batonka Guest Lodge |

Batonka Guest Lodge is an upmarket boutique guest lodge and simply put is just beautiful. It really is in a class of its own in this price range and also holds onto a standard of service that is rare to find these days. This eco-friendly lodge, which opened its doors in June of 2016 is located in the residential suburbs just 2.5 kilometres from the Victoria Falls entrance. Being new it has all the up-to-date mod cons. The large central area encompasses the reception, curio shop, lounge and indoor dining room as well as a very large outside terrace which overlooks the gardens and swimming pool.

Lunch |

After the guests have checked in, they may enjoy lunch at the hotel.

Leisure |

Guests may spend the day at leisure and relax before departing on an Afternoon Sunset Cruise on the Zambezi River.

Afternoon Sunset Cruise |

The Zambezi Sunset cruise is a superb way to relax and enjoy the Spectacular beauty of the Zambezi River. Clients may have the opportunity to see a variety of wildlife; including hippo, crocodile, and elephant as well as enjoy the many different bird species. The Zambezi Sunset cruise is one of our most popular activities and includes finger snacks, beer, wine, local spirits and soft drinks. There are great photo opportunities against often-spectacular African sunsets. Flocks of birds skim the waterline as the sun sets behind the African skyline.

**Return to hotel |**

Afterwards, guests will return to their hotels to spend the rest of the evening at leisure.

Dinner |

The guests will enjoy a lovely dinner at the hotel

Services Included |

Coach & guide services: Transfer from Chobe to Victoria Falls Hotel with English speaking driver

Entrance fees included: Morning Safari Drive & Afternoon Sunset Cruise including Park Fees

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner (Excluding beverages)

Overnight accommodation | The Batonka Guest Lodge | Standard rooms | Half Board Basis

Day 9 – Victoria Falls – 08 April 2020

Breakfast |

This morning, guests will enjoy a delicious breakfast at the hotel before departing on a tour of Victoria Falls

Tour of The Falls |

The Mosi-oa-Tunya / Victoria Falls UNESCO site is not just a World Heritage Site; it is also one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. The term Mosi-oa-Tunya literally translates to “The Smoke that Thunders”. This waterfall has earned its recognition despite the fact that it isn’t the widest or the highest waterfall in the world. It earns the recognition based on the combined width of the waterfall, which produces the largest sheet of falling water.

Lunch |

Guests will enjoy lunch at The LookOut Café.

The Lookout Café |

The Lookout Café offers fresh, tasty daytime dining and a spectacular view. It is perched 120m above the turbulent rapids of the Zambezi River, overhanging a giant chasm of the Batonka Gorge, just down from the iconic Victoria Falls Bridge which forms part of its spectacular backdrop. The semi open-air café, apart from offering undoubtedly the best view in Victoria Falls, offers a range of refreshing beverages as well as a lively cocktail menu.

Return to lodge | 3:00 pm

Afterwards, guests will return to their lodge to spend the rest of the evening at leisure.

Farewell Dinner |

The guests will enjoy a lovely dinner at The Boma – Place of Eating.

The Boma – Place of Eating |

This is not just another ethnic restaurant, but a unique cultural experience. Excellent cuisine, including a variety of meats and traditional Zimbabwean dishes, is accompanied by entertainment throughout your meal from traditional dancers, the Sangoma (story teller) and a local fortune teller who is available for fortune telling. The Boma nestles in a Gusu Forest and is partly open to the spectacular African night skies. A feast of nightly entertainment incorporates Shangaan dancers and singers and a local fortune teller. Guests are welcomed with a traditional greeting in Shona and Ndebele, the local languages. They are invited to take part in a hand washing ceremony before sampling traditional beer and snacks, as a prelude to dinner. After dinner, guests are invited to wile away the evening with the restaurant’s very own Sangoma – a traditional storyteller to learn more about the country’s folklore, culture, and heritage.

Services Included |

Coach & guide services: Return transfers to Victoria Falls with English speaking driver

Entrance fees included: Victoria Falls Tour

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Show (Excluding beverages)

Overnight accommodation | The Batonka Guest Lodge | Standard rooms | Half Board Basis



Day 10 – Victoria Falls – 09 April 2020 |

Breakfast |

This morning, guests will enjoy a delicious breakfast at the hotel before checking out.

Check Out & Transfer | 11h00

Afterwards, complete check out procedures and transfer to the Victoria Falls Airport for your onward flight home. Transfer time to airport is 20 minutes. (Flight not included)

DEPART |

Services Included |

Coach & guide services: Transfer from lodge to the airport with an English speaking driver

Entrance fees included: None

Meals Included: Breakfast

END OF SERVICES



Spectacular aerial view of Victoria Falls - One of the 7 Natural Wonders of the World - taken by traveller Michele Semin on a helicopter tour during our Southern Africa trip last year.

**Additional Information:****Cost**

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\$4,390 per person (double occupancy) For a single room + \$800

Does NOT include international air flights

Does NOT include internal air flights within Africa (Approximate cost USD \$600-\$850) (

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Includes:

Meet and greet services

- Accommodation in standard rooms at hotels, lodges and camps, unless otherwise indicated in the itinerary.
- Meals as indicated in itinerary.
- Entrance fees as mentioned in the itinerary.
- Porterage for one reasonably sized piece of luggage per person per point.

All excursions listed in the itinerary

Services of an English-speaking driver and guides

All accommodations

All park fees and government taxes

Cost Excludes:

Flights

Visas

Tips

Drinks and dining rooms tips, porterage, personal travel and baggage insurance

Telephone bill, laundry and any items of a personal nature

Medical, evacuation, or travel insurance

Travel Insurance

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