

SOUTH AFRICA SAFARI & VICTORIA FALLS



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South Africa Lodge Safari with Vic Falls & Flights

Duration: 11 days

Departs: Fridays in 2024

Stay: 7 nights in hotels, cabins or lodges & 2 nights tented lodge

Travel style: Escorted tour & flights from Australia

Booking code: SAKVF11M

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11 Days Johannesburg to Victoria Falls with Flights

About the holiday

Discover why travelling to South Africa is on so many bucket lists and ramp up the 'wow factor' even more with a thrilling extension to Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe!

Starting with flights to Johannesburg, begin your African adventure with a night to explore the City of Gold. The adventure gets an early start the next day as you set off on the scenic road to the northeast of the country.

The Mpumalanga area is one of great contrast, bordered in the west by the towering escarpment, with lush indigenous forests, crystal-clear streams and plunging waterfalls, and then falling away into the flat Lowveld bushveld, home to one of the richest diversities of fauna and flora in the world. Well-known private reserves and the famous Kruger National Park are located in this area and we'll spend time in both. Being privately owned reserves, enjoy the freedom to conduct open vehicle game drives and night drives on the property.

After chances to spot the 'Big Five', fly to Victoria Falls. Here you'll feel the thunder of the UNESCO World Heritage Site. There's time to explore the beautiful area independently or experience the romance of Africa with an optional Zambezi River Sundowner Cruise and full day safari in magnificent Chobe National Park.

Why you'll love this trip...

Discover the picturesque beauty, amazing wildlife & uniquely African experience
Stay in an exclusive bush lodge with open vehicle and night game drives
Drive the scenic Panorama Route & take a guided tour of Victoria Falls
Travel from Johannesburg to Victoria Falls, with all flights included

Travel dates

2024 - departs Fridays from Australia*

*Dates are subject to confirmation at time of booking. Price will vary depending on your travel date.

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Holiday Inclusions

- Return economy airfare from Australian capital cities to Johannesburg
- Internal return economy airfare from Johannesburg to Victoria Falls
- 1 night Johannesburg pre-tour at Signature Lux Hotel By ONOMO, Sandton
- 4 nights Kruger National Park Game Safari, round trip from Johannesburg (see below for safari details)
- 2 nights Johannesburg hotel at O R Tambo Airport
- 2 nights Pamusha Lodge Victoria Falls
- Victoria Falls walking tour
- Airport transfers as per the itinerary
- Breakfast daily

Included highlights:

- Historical Towns
- Private game reserve
- Exclusive bush lodge
- 'Big Five' game exploring
- Open vehicle game drive
- Night game drive
- Panorama route drive
- Blyde River Canyon
- 3 Rondawels
- Bourke's Luck Potholes
- God's Window
- Victoria Falls

***Subject to confirmation by airlines, hotels, tour company & local operators.
Cancellation fees & booking conditions apply.***

Package excludes:

Visa fees (where applicable)

Meals & sightseeing not specified in the inclusions or itinerary

Personal items, such as drinks, snacks, laundry, WiFi etc.

Gratuities for tour managers, guides & drivers

Travel insurance is essential

Prices are based on twin share, please contact us for single rates

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Itinerary:

DAY 1 - Depart for South Africa

Today board your flight from Australia to South Africa

DAY 2 - Arrive in Johannesburg

Arrive in Johannesburg and transfer to your downtown hotel. Remainder of day is free to explore at your leisure.

DAY 3 - Johannesburg - Bush Lodge

Departing from Johannesburg at 06h30, we set off on the scenic road to the north east of the country where we encounter beautiful natural scenery and many wild animals in natural parks and game reserves.

Lunch is enjoyed in the historic town of Haenertsburg, located on the edge of the escarpment with beautiful surrounding views. The road is filled with picturesque beauty, from mountain passes to the Acacia trees scattered across the African bushveld.

The next two nights we get cosy at our well-appointed Bush Lodge, situated in a private reserve within the greater Kruger National Park, where animals roam freely and unrestricted. This privately owned reserve allows us the freedom to explore the wilderness in search of a variety of animals in open game drive vehicles, day and night.

The tented lodge casually blends into the bush and offers comfortable beds, en-suite bathrooms, a refreshing splash pool and stunning views over the surrounding wilderness, including a water hole frequented by a variety of animals. Retire to bed with a symphony of sounds from the animal kingdom.

DAY 4 - Bush Lodge

After a peaceful night's rest we start with an early riser light breakfast of fresh coffee and rusks (a traditional South African biscuit), before embarking on our morning experience within this Big 5 area.

Guided by a qualified guide/Ranger we explore the wilderness, with heightened senses, always on the lookout for an animal encounter while discovering the smaller treasures often hidden from the eye.

Before the heat of the day sets in, we return to the lodge for a scrumptious brunch, after which it's time to relax around the lodge and enjoy the serenity of the surrounding wilderness. A nearby waterhole in front of the camp attracts a variety of wildlife that come to quench their thirst, displaying the pecking order ever so present. Unwind with a refreshing drink and game viewing from the swimming pool or from your deck.

With the heat subsiding in the late afternoon an open game drive is in order, which develops into an extensive night drive in search of nocturnal animals.

As dusk approaches we pull over and enjoy a sun-downer drink or two, while watching the magnificent sunset over the African bushveld.

DAY 5 - Panorama Route - Hazyview

Rising with the African sun, a hearty breakfast is enjoyed, before setting off to explore the highlights of the Panorama Route, famous for many natural wonders and viewing points. First stop will be to view the impressive Blyde River Canyon - the world's largest "green canyon", then on to Bourke's Luck Potholes where abundant gold was found and finally the breath-taking God's Window. (Weather Permitting)

An own-expense lunch is enjoyed, giving guests the opportunity to meet the locals.

Mid-afternoon we make our way to the tranquil Greenfire Lodge Hazyview, a log cabin built spectacularly on stilts in the indigenous forest on the banks of the impressive Sabie River or "Fearful" river as dubbed by the locals.

Time permitting, guests are able to do a nature walk on the property and the adjoining coffee farm and enjoy the mysterious forest. We spend two nights here.

DAY 6 - Kruger National Park

Waking with the birds, we depart the lodge at sunrise and travel a short distance to enter a different area of the Kruger National Park for a full day of game viewing.

Driving slowly through this iconic national park the size of Israel or Wales, we search for the many animals that inhabit this area.

From the high vantage point and comfort of our well-equipped vehicle, our expert guide will take time to explain the behaviour of the many animals we see in this fascinating environment.

Most of the day will be spent game viewing, while stopping at various designated sites to stretch our legs and to enjoy an own-expense lunch at one of the rest camps in the park. Late this afternoon we exit the park and return to the comfort of our Greenfire Lodge Hazyview.

DAY 7 - Johannesburg

After a relaxed breakfast, we depart Hazyview and make our way back to Johannesburg using the route originally pioneered by the early gold diggers. The tour will conclude late afternoon, on arrival at the hotel at Johannesburg O R Tambo Airport.

DAY 8 - Flight to Victoria Falls

Transfer to the airport for your morning flight to Victoria Falls,* in Zimbabwe, named a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Here, you can still encounter herds of buffalo and elephant on their way to the Zambezi River. Experience the romance of Africa on the optional Zambezi River Sundowner Cruise. Relax onboard as you look for hippos, elephants and buffalo that come to drink at the end of the day at the water's edge. Afterward, return to the hotel. Tonight, attend the optional Boma Dinner & Drum Show, an unforgettable dinner experience featuring dance performances, lively songs, and an interactive drumming show

**Flights to Victoria Falls will arrive and depart into Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe or Livingstone, Zambia. The Livingstone airport is a 30-minute drive to the hotel in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe*

Optional: Zambezi River Sundowner Cruise

Optional: The Boma Dinner & Drum Show

Overnight: Victoria Falls

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 9 - Victoria Falls

Today is yours to discover this beautiful area independently, or join the optional Full Day Chobe Safari. Embark on a morning game viewing cruise along the Chobe River, famous for its elephant and lion populations. After lunch, enjoy an afternoon game drive in Chobe National Park, home to one of the largest game concentrations in Africa. Tonight, attend a reception and say goodbye to your Tour Manager

Optional: Full Day Chobe Safari

Overnight: Victoria Falls

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 10 - Depart Victoria Falls

This morning, take a guided tour of Victoria Falls, one of the "Seven Natural Wonders of the World." The walking safari takes you through the rainforest to view the Cataracts, Livingstone's statue and a wide variety of birds and plants. Return to the hotel before transferring to the airport in Zimbabwe. Fly to Johannesburg and overnight at the airport hotel.

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 11 - Depart South Africa

Check out of the hotel this morning and make your way to the airport for your flights home to Australia. We hope you have had an amazing African journey!

Please note: The day-by-day descriptions published are intended as a rough guideline only. Adventure travel by nature is unpredictable - weather patterns, game migrations, road conditions, river levels and a multitude of other factors may necessitate itinerary changes that ultimately are for the client's benefit.

Due to the nature of the tours, the accommodation options are subject to change/ can vary at any time. The Tour Operator will always try their utmost best to stick to the information provided and would find similar accommodation in the area if needs be. Please do understand if changes have to be made on tour and it is essential that clients are flexible and open minded in this regard.

Kruger safari tour notes:

Pre-Departure Information for the Kruger Tour

This tour is fully accommodated and all Linen and towels are supplied. Seasonal Malaria precautions may be advisable and are locally obtainable. Game viewing on foot is difficult, so we also place importance on some of the smaller aspects of the bush. It can get very hot so suitable precautions against sunburn should be taken.

Our price includes all transport, food, accommodation, walks, game drives, entry fees and permits, group equipment and a professional guide. The price does not include alcohol, bottled water and soft drinks, curios, tips and meals whilst in transit to and from Johannesburg. Before departure, clients will be required to enter into an agreement and indemnity pertaining to the booking conditions and general information.

It is compulsory for clients to have their own comprehensive personal travel insurance that includes cover for (but not limited to) any medical emergencies as well as Covid 19-related cancellations or deviations prior or during the tour.

Departure Point

The 5-day Kruger Park tour departs from the Signature Lux Hotel, 135 West St, Sandton, 2146 at 06h30 on the first tour day (Sunday) and ends back on the last day (Thursday) at around 17h00 till late. Guests not staying at the Signature Lux Hotel must arrive at the Hotel at 06h00.

Please note that we strongly advise against flying out on the day that the tour ends. The tour operator will not be held responsible for missed flights on this day. We generally travel long distances and late arrivals are common.

Accommodation on Tour

Please note that linen will be provided for the duration of your Kruger tour and there is no need to bring along a sleeping bag or pillow.

- Batteries can be charged from a 220 volt source pre-tour departure in Johannesburg, on most nights at the lodges and every day on the truck while the truck is driving from a 12 V inverter.
- Currency exchange opportunities: Arrival at Johannesburg Airport
- Limited Laundry facilities: Available post tour from the JHB Lodge if you are staying an extra day
- Internet facilities: Pre night in Johannesburg

On Safari

Please keep in mind that flexibility and an open mind will greatly contribute to an enjoyable safari. We are travelling in developing countries, therefore please do not expect the punctuality that you may have come to expect at home. Things do not always run according to plan, however we do endeavour to run according to the itinerary as best as possible.

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