

# **Escorted by Tullie Seneca & Tanya Mourbey**



Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe - Hwange National Park - Chobe River Front - Gweta - Cape Town 16 Days / 15 Nights

23 May 2017 - 07 June 2017



## **Overview**

Accommodation	Destination	Arr.	Dep.	Nights	Basis
Overnight Travel	Adelaide to Victoria Falls	23 May	24 May	1	
A'Zambezi River Lodge	Victoria Falls	24 May	27 May	3	3 Breakfast & 2 Dinner's
Hwange Safari Lodge	Hwange National Park	27 May	30 May	3	Breakfast & Dinner
Cresta Mowana Safari	Chobe River Front	30 May	1 Jun	2	Breakfast & Dinner
Planet Baobab	Gweta	1 Jun	3 Jun	2	Breakfast & Dinner
The PortsWood Hotel	Cape Town	3 Jun	6 Jun	3	Breakfast only
Overnight Travel	Cape Town to Adelaide	6 Jun	7 Jun	1	

## Day 1: Overnight Travel (Tue, 23 May)

Depart Adelaide (23 May)

## (Wed, 24 May)

Arrive Victoria Falls (24 May)

## Day 2: A'Zambezi River Lodge, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe (Wed, 24 May)

## **Day Notes**

Meet and Greet at Vic Falls Airport

Sunset Cruise on the Zambezi River Including park fees

Overnight at A'Zambezi River Lodge Standard Room B&B

## Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

One of the original natural wonders of the world, the Victoria Falls is a World Heritage Site and an extremely popular tourism attraction. Known locally as 'The Smoke that Thunders' this spectacle is accessible from both Zambia and Zimbabwe and it is an ideal place to combine game viewing and water sports. There is the option to take a helicopter flight over the falls or walk with the lions experience.

## Overnight: A'Zambezi River Lodge

The immense beauty of the Zambezi has captured the hearts of explorers for over a century. A'Zambezi is famed for its African-style design, curvy lay-out, distinctive thatched roof and its perfect blending into the surrounding environment. Likewise, its accommodation follows the same theme, with thoughtfully decorated river-theme rooms in a variety of options.





#### **Activities**

Sundowner Cruise

### Sundowner Cruise

The Zambezi River cruise is a superb way to relax and enjoy the beauty of the River. You may have the opportunity to see a variety of game; including hippo, crocodile and elephant in their home environment, as well as enjoy the many different bird species.

The Sunset cruise is very popular 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.

### **Included**

Bed & Breakfast

## Day 3: A'Zambezi River Lodge, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe (Thu, 25 May)

## **Day Notes**

Tour of the Falls Including park fees

Outlook Café Dinner

Overnight at A'Zambezi River Lodge Standard Room B&B

#### **Activities**

Wild Horizons Tour of the Falls Zimbabwe
The Lookout Café Dinner

### Tour of the Falls Zimbabwe

The Victoria Falls – Now In Its 150 Millionth Fantastic Year - Reaches Its Zenith In About May each year. It's a truly awe-inspiring experience – the sight, the sound, the smell; the humbling feeling that here indeed is Nature's Supreme Masterpiece. No photograph can begin to depict the reality...and nothing prepares you for your first sight.

This tour is conducted in the morning and afternoon. En route, clients may be taken past the 'Big Tree' where they may stop and take photos. Clients will be accompanied through the Rainforest by one of our qualified Guides who will give a brief history of the Falls themselves as well as detailing the flora, fauna, bird & wildlife and other points of interest. Guides are also happy to assist clients with photographs whilst visiting this most spectacular of waterfalls. Raincoats are provided when needed.

#### Included

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

## Day 4: A'Zambezi River Lodge, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe (Fri, 26 May)

## **Day Notes**

Day at leisure in Victoria Falls

Dinner at the Boma

#### The Boma Restaurant

Described as an unforgettable African experience infused with Zimbabwean cuisine, spirited performances and traditional storytelling, The Boma – Dinner & Drum show has firmly established itself as a Victoria Falls highlight.

Partially open to the skies, The Boma specialises in a superb selection of Zimbabwean dishes. A four-course meal combines a choice of starters with a barbecue buffet. The adventurous are entitled with local delicacies such as mopani worms and potjiekos (hunter's game stew), whilst those wishing to enjoy beef, pork, fish and chicken or a variety of vegetarian meals are welcome to do so.

The sights and sounds of the evening are accentuated by a feast of nightly entertainment, incorporating traditional dancers, who captivate guests with their vibrant songs and dance. The acclaimed Zambezi Drumbeat provides a wonderful interactive drumming experience.

#### Included

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

## Day 5: Hwange Safari Lodge, Hwange National Park (Sat, 27 May)

#### **Day Notes**

Morning road transfer to Hwange Safari Lodge

## **Hwange National Park**

Hwange National Park is Zimbabwe's biggest reserve, home to a profusion of wildlife, including giraffe, lion, zebra and approximately 40 000 elephants. It provides sanctuary for all the country's endangered species, including a population of wild dogs thought to be among the most sizeable surviving groups on the continent. Terrain ranges from desert dunes and savannah lands to rocky outcrops and sparse forests, and visitors have the choice of game drives, guided walks or horseback safaris as a means of experiencing the park and its creatures.

## Overnight: Hwange Safari Lodge

Hwange Safari Lodge caters for a diverse range of individuals and groups from the lone adventurer to couples, families and tour groups. It offers comfort, modern conveniences and the opportunity to experience the real African wild. Guests soon learn that this is the home of the wildlife they have come to see but that they, and the Lodge, are guests of the real owners of the land, the elephants, rhino, lions and giraffes.





## Included

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

## Day 6: Hwange Safari Lodge, Hwange National Park (Sun, 28 May)

### **Day Notes**

Full day game drive in Hwange National Park

#### **Activities**

**Hwange Game Drives** 

## Included

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

## Day 7: Hwange Safari Lodge, Hwange National Park (Mon, 29 May)

### **Day Notes**

Morning Game Drive in Hwange National Park

Afternoon visit to Wild Dog Conservation Centre

#### **Activities**

**Hwange Game Drives** 

#### Included

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

## Day 8: Cresta Mowana Safari Resort & Spa, Chobe (Tue, 30 May)

### **Day Notes**

Road transfer to Chobe National Park

Afternoon Sunset Cruise

#### **Chobe River Front**

The Chobe River forms the northern boundary of the Chobe National Park, renowned for its reliable and diverse game viewing. Safaris are conducted both by boat and on land. This section of the park is best known for its elephant and hippo populations but the waters attract all manner of game including large herds of buffalo and the lions that prey on them.

## Overnight: Cresta Mowana Safari Resort & Spa

Cresta Mowana Safari Resort & Spa is located on the banks of the mighty Chobe River. In the tranquil surroundings, guests can experience authentic African comfort, spacious accommodations and delectable cuisine. Take full advantage of a wealth of wildlife and embark upon an exhilarating game drive in the Chobe National Park. The national park is famed for it's large elephant herds, and has some of the largest concentrations of game on the African continent.

For a more laid back holiday, tackle 9 holes on the popular golf course, or simply interact with the spectacular, natural surrounds on a slow walk along the river. Guests can also enjoy bird watching from the Mokoro, or a leisurely canoe trail on the waters of the Chobe. The onsite spa offers an opportunity for relaxation and recuperation with a range of treatments. The resort also features air conditioned guest accommodations, decorated in an Afro-centric style that adds to the natural ambiance.





### **Activities**

**Chobe River Cruise** 

#### Chobe River Cruise

Chobe National Park is well known for it's large herds of elephant that frequent the Chobe River on a daily basis. In the dry season an estimate of up to 85000 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, the park has lion, leopard, buffalo and a whole host of antelope like sable, puku, kudu, eland, roan and many others which guests can also 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.

#### Included

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

## Day 9: Cresta Mowana Safari Resort & Spa, Chobe River Front (Wed, 31 May)

### **Day Notes**

Morning game drive in the park and afternoon cruise

#### **Activities**

Chobe National Park Game Viewing

## Chobe National Park Game Viewing

The Chobe National Park in Botswana is only a 1¾-hour drive from Victoria Falls. It is one of the greatest game reserves in southern Africa, famous for its elephant numbers. The Chobe River and Caprivi flood plains provide a haven for huge herds of buffalo, elephant, zebra, wildebeest and impala which are followed closely by lions, hyenas and leopards and the bird life is exceptional.

## Included

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

## Day 10: Planet Baobab, Gweta (Thu, 1 June)

### **Day Notes**

Morning game drive then transfer to the airport for short flight to Maun.

On arrival met and transferred to Planet Baobab

Afternoon sundowner drinks on the pans

### Gweta

Known as the gateway to the Makgadikgadi Pans, the tiny old Botswanan village of Gweta is a pleasant place to stay while exploring the vast salt pans. Take a guided walk or quad bike ride through Gweta's surrounds and discover

flint-head spears and other artifacts abandoned by the area's early Stone Age inhabitants. Experience a barbecue under the star-studded African sky while sipping on traditional, organic sorghum beer or a creamy baobab milkshake. If a unique and interesting getaway is what you are after, Gweta won't fail to impress.

## **Overnight: Planet Baobab**

Situated close to the village of Gweta, 290 km from Francistown and 200km from Maun. Planet Baobab combines style with comfort while remaining true to its African inspiration. Traditionally styled, beautifully painted Kalanga Huts with en-suite bathrooms. The Africantastic 'shebeen' style central mess features a tasty bar menu, and when it heats up, cool off in the biggest coolest pool in the Kalahari.

Activities on offer all year round include: guided bush walks; traditional cattle post and village visits; incredibly friendly habituated Meerkats; expeditions to Nxai Pan.

During the dry season (25th April to 31st October) activities include quad biking on the saltpans; a sleep out under the magnificent Makgadikgadi night sky.





#### **Activities**

**Baines Baobab** 

### Included

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

## Day 11: Planet Baobab, Gweta (Fri, 2 June)

## **Day Notes**

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#### Included

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

## Day 12: The PortsWood Hotel, Cape Town (Sat, 3 June)

### **Day Notes**

Transfer to the airport for flight to Via Johannesburg to Cape Town

On arrival transfer to the Portswood Hotel for 3 nights

## **Cape Town**

Resting at the confluence of the Indian and Atlantic Ocean, sandwiched between the slopes of the iconic Table Mountain and the glistening sapphire waters of Table Bay, the exceptionally scenic city of Cape Town is in a class of its own. Some cities boast rich culture, vibrant nightlife, a cosmopolitan atmosphere and extraordinary architecture, while others boast breath-taking landscapes and extraordinary natural wonders. Cape Town, is lucky enough to be blessed with all of these attractions and so much more. With its bustling harbour, world-class beaches, top-notch vineyards, and its mountainous surroundings brimming with diverse flora and fauna, Cape Town consistently captivates the hearts of all who visit.

## **Overnight: The PortsWood Hotel**

The PortsWood is part of Cape Town's colonial history. The restaurant and lobby are built over the original well and holding cells for prisoners en-route to Robben Island some 300 years ago. Today the PortsWood is famous for its uniquely personal approach to service - catering to the international travellers every need and anticipating their every desire. Rich in South Africa's unique culture, the PortsWood is a must for any traveller.





#### Included

Bed & Breakfast

## Day 13: The PortsWood Hotel, Cape Town (Sun, 4 June)

### **Activities**

Table Mountain Cableway
Cape Town City Tour Full Day

## Table Mountain Cableway

A trip up Table Mountain is quite rightly one of the first things a tourist wants to do when arriving in Cape Town. Once on the top, a 1000m above the city below, you are rewarded with spectacular 360 views. Take your time and enjoy this unique environment, go for a walk or have a bite to eat at the restaurant with arguably one of the best views possible.

## Cape Town City Tour Full Day

On a clear day from the summit of Table Mountain you get spectacular views of the City, its Waterfront, Camps Bay, the majestic Hottentots Holland Mountains to the East and the mountains of the Cape Peninsula all the way down to Cape Point to the south.

The Table Mountain cableway, a must for all visitors to the Cape, boasts revolving floors, giving passengers a 360 degree view. After descending the mountain, you will depart on a tour of the "Mother City" taking in Signal Hill – where the Noon Day Gun is fired at midday, every day except Sunday – through the colourful Bo-Kaap or Cape Malay Quarter, past the Grand Parade, City Hall and the Castle of Good Hope and South African Cultural History Museum.

### Included

Bed & Breakfast

## Day 14: The PortsWood Hotel, Cape Town (Mon, 5 June)

### **Activities**

Robben Island

### Robben Island

An icon of struggle, freedom and hope made famous by Nelson Mandela's imprisonment here.

### Included

Bed & Breakfast

## Day 15: Overnight Travel (Tue, 6 June)

## **Day Notes**

Morning at leisure and transfer to the airport for your departure flight.

**Depart Cape Town** 

## (Wed, 7 June)

Arrive Adelaide

## Cost:

## \$9,850 per person twin share

## \$11,470 per person single share

### **Includes:**

- All international and domestic flights including taxes
- 13 nights' accommodation with meals as stated on itinerary
- Activities as stated on itinerary
- Travel insurance (subject to change with age and pre-existing loadings)

### **Excludes:**

- Vaccinations (see your doctor for advice as to which vaccinations are required)
- Visa's on arrival in Zimbabwe (Single Entry USD30 subject to change)
- Items of a personal nature
- Tipping
- Meals & drinks not listed on the itinerary

## **Payments:**

Deposit of \$1500 per person due within 7 days of booking. Second deposit of \$2000 per person is due by 18<sup>th</sup> of November, 2016. Final payment is due 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2017.

### **Cancellation Fees:**

Deposit non-refundable.

Cancellation between 180-91 days prior to departure loss of 30%.

Cancellation between 90-0 days prior to departure loss of 100%.

#### **Amendments:**

A fee of at least \$150 may apply to any change made to your booking once confirmed.

## **Group Pricing:**

Group departure is subject to a minimum of 16 passengers, prices are subject to increase if minimum numbers are not met. Pricing subject to change with changes to airline taxes and currency surcharges until final payment has been made, all price increases are the responsibility of the traveller.

#### **Bookings:**

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