



## 11 Day Northern Adventure

This trip begins in Johannesburg, South Africa and travels north through South Africa and Botswana ending in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe.

This trip departs from Johannesburg early on Wednesday morning. Should you wish to explore Johannesburg, ATC or your travel agent can assist you, in booking your activities as well as accommodation. However, costs due to earlier arrival, will be for your own account.

<b>Trip code:</b>	JV11
<b>Accommodation style:</b>	Camping
<b>Length of trip:</b>	11 Days
<b>Starts in:</b>	Johannesburg, South Africa
<b>Finishes in:</b>	Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe
<b>Pre-departure Meeting:</b>	Held at the Departure Point at 17h00, the day before your departure.
<b>Departure point:</b>	Mufasa Backpackers, 21 Fourth Road, Cloverdene, Benoni
<b>Check-In Time:</b>	07h00
<b>Departure Time:</b>	07h30
<b>Countries visited:</b>	South Africa, Botswana & Zimbabwe
<b>Local Payment:</b>	US\$ 590

### PLEASE NOTE:

This itinerary should be used as a guide only and may vary from day to day depending on road & weather conditions, political situations and group decisions.

All prices & Local Payments are subject to change.

Due to Tourism Laws in some of the countries we visit, there may be a truck and crew change during the trip. Your arrival transfer and pre-trip accommodation in a dorm bed is included in your trip price. Should you choose not to make use of these, or in the event that Africa Travel Co was not updated with your arrival details, no refund will be paid for services not used.

Please ensure you've received a copy of our pre-departure information document with information on what to expect on this overland safari.

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Heading to South Africa's famous Kruger National Park, where we go in search of the "big five" and many other wildlife species before crossing into Botswana, camping out in the Okavango Delta, and ending our adventure at the mighty Victoria Falls, one of the natural wonders of the world and a base for many optional adventure activities.

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### INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

Kruger National Park, Kruger National Park night game drive, Delta Excursion, Boat cruise on the Chobe River & Entrance to Victoria Falls

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## SOUTH AFRICA

With nine different provinces, 11 official languages and 3 capital cities, South Africa will most definitely make you stop in your tracks and go – WOW.

### DAY 1: Johannesburg to Nkambeni Camp (Lunch / Dinner)

Leaving Johannesburg, we head towards the Lowveld and our camp situated within the border of the famous Kruger National Park. On our way, we pass through the southern section of the picturesque Panorama Route – famous for its breathtaking vistas. Our camp for the next two nights is a short drive from the Kruger Park Gate and has some interesting local residents that include hippo, giraffe, zebra and impala.

**Included: Kruger National Park night game drive**

### DAY 2: Nkambeni Camp (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

Today we explore the amazing Kruger National Park. Covering 19 485 km<sup>2</sup> - 60 km wide and over 350 km long, this conservation area has more than 146 mammals, 500 bird, 114 reptile, 33 amphibian & 49 fish species. 23 000 different types of plants have been recorded. We spend the day driving around the park keeping an eye out for these.

**Included Activity: Game Drives in ATC vehicle**

### DAY 3: Nkambeni Camp to Blyde River Canyon Area (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

Today we leave the Lowveld and head on the long, scenic drive to Polokwane. Along the way we stop off at some of the best scenery in South Africa, including the ever striking Blyde River Canyon and God's Window. The many viewpoints of the Canyon, afford us excellent photo opportunities. Polokwane, capital of Limpopo, is the largest metropolitan complex in the north and a major economic centre. Its proximity to the neighbouring countries of Botswana, Zimbabwe, Mozambique and Swaziland, as well as its convenient distance from the Kruger National Park and Magoebaskloof, makes it a perfect gateway and good destination in itself. We set up our tents on the lush green grass of our campsite located outside of the city before enjoying a dip in the lovely swimming pool.

Please note that there is a small **entry fee** at each of these attractions that will need to be paid upon arrival. The money generated goes toward the support of the local communities. There are also many locals you sell their local crafts in this area.

### DAY 4: Blyde River Canon Area to Palapye (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

After a quick replenishing of our stocks we begin our journey north toward Botswana. The small town of Palapye is situated about halfway between Francistown and Gaborone (Botswana's Capitol). This popular 'stopover' town for those en route to South Africa, is well known for the Morupule Colliery coal mines which supplies Morupule Power Station, Botswana's principal domestic source of electricity.

## BOTSWANA

The size of this successful country can be compared to countries such as Kenya or France, and fairly smaller than Texas. Botswana is a landlocked country with borders such as South Africa, Namibia, Zambia and Zimbabwe which can all be crossed overland. For such a small country, it boasts an array of spectacular game viewing opportunities such as, hundreds of elephants splashing in the Chobe River and the Okavango Delta and its maze of lagoons.



#### **DAY 5: Palapye to Maun (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)**

Maun is the starting point for travel into the Delta and it is from here that we set off to explore the Okavango Delta. Tonight, we prepare our provisions and packs for our overnight night excursion. We suggest bringing along a smaller daypack on your trip as this can be used to pack the supplies needed for this short excursion. Your trip leader will brief you fully on what is needed, and what to expect prior to your trip to the Delta.

#### **OKAVANGO DELTA**

The Delta is a huge expanse of water, which has travelled from the Angolan highlands, spreading out to form the largest inland delta in the world. Studded with exotic islands, The Delta is renowned for its incredible variety of bird life and animals and is unique to Southern Africa.

All you have to do is sit back, relax and have your camera as you get guided through the dozens of mazes. The Okavango Delta is a bird lover's paradise enjoyed by all, best explored by foot and mokoro. With over 400 species of birds, 70 species of fish and an abundance of wildlife, your experience in the delta will leave you wanting to explore the whole of Africa.

#### **DAY 6: Maun to Okavango Delta (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)**

##### **Included Activity: Overnight Delta excursion**

Here we have the opportunity to take the included overnight excursion into the Delta. After an early rise, we pack our expedition vehicle and from Maun we drive north for a couple of hours to reach the mokoro poler's station. The Delta region is studded with many local villages where many families live in a traditional way. Some of the villages are very remote and can only be reached by the traditional mode of transport – the Mokoro. Mokoros are dugout canoes manoeuvred through the waterways by local guides who "pole" them through the reeds. At the Mokoro station, we meet our 'Polers' and pack our supplies before heading out into the waterways. After a couple of hours along the waterways, we arrive at our mobile tented camp situated in the heart of the Okavango.

On arrival, you will meet the local staff who will be your host during your stay. A brief introduction to the camp will show you your dome tent with twin beds and a **bush en-suite bathroom** – long drop toilet and a bucket shower. Relax in the tent with a cold drink or take a paddle in the Delta in a canoe. The activities at the camp include Mokoro trails and guided walking.

#### **DAY 7: Okavango Delta to Maun (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)**

After our Mokoro ride and vehicle transfer, we arrive back around lunch time and have the chance to complete our picture of the Okavango Delta by taking an optional scenic flight over The Delta (dependent on weather conditions & availability).

#### **DAY 8: Maun to Nata Region (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)**

We leave this beautiful part of Botswana behind us this morning as we depart to the lush campsite called Elephant Sands. The drive will take you through a very unpopulated landscape where the donkeys roam freely. Once we have arrived at our campsite you will have the option of partaking in a game drive or a bushwalk (time dependant). Your crew will provide you with more information.

##### **Optional Activity: Game Drive / Bush Walk**

#### **DAY 9: Nata Region to Kasane (Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)**



We travel north to the town of Kasane where we set up camp on the banks of the Chobe River. The Chobe River forms a border between Botswana and Namibia and Zambia and is the main water source to the Chobe National Park. Elephant, hippo and many bird species can be viewed from the campsite while we watch another glorious African sunset. Listen out for the resident hippos!

**Included Activity: Boat cruise on the Chobe River**

## ZIMBABWE

This landlocked country is situated in the southern part of Africa, between the mighty Zambezi and Limpopo Rivers. The word Zimbabwe is believed to have two meanings, 1) it is believed the word Zimbabwe is derived from dzimba-dza-mabwe, which means "large house of stone" in the Shona (Karanga Dialect) language. 2) It is also believed to be derived from the word dzimba-hwe which means venerated houses in the Zezuru dialect of Shona.

### DAY 10: Chobe National Park to Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe) (Breakfast / Lunch)

This morning we continue to the border of Zimbabwe. Once we've completed border formalities, we have a short drive to the nearby Victoria Falls. Named after the famous World Heritage site and Water Falls, the town of Victoria Falls is situated on the Zambezi River and surrounded by the Victoria Falls National Park. Our campsite is conveniently situated, and within walking distance of the adventure booking agents, restaurants and shops.

A short walk down the main road takes you to the entry point to view the falls, which are situated between Zimbabwe and Zambia. Victoria Falls, or Mosi-oa-Tunya (the Smoke that Thunders), was named by David Livingstone on his explorations, and is one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World.

At 1700 m wide and around 100 m high, this is the world's largest sheet of falling water and a memorable sight on any African Safari! After our adventure activities briefing (see price guide at the end of this document for options), the afternoon is spent relaxing at the campsite, viewing the Victoria Falls, or exploring the many sights and delights of this town!

**Included Activity: Entrance to Victoria Falls**

### DAY 11: Victoria Falls (Breakfast)

After breakfast, we exchange addresses and part ways, having just experienced a trip of a lifetime! We suggest booking additional days after your trip to take advantage of the optional excursions available at Victoria Falls.

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## WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED?

International flights, Airport departure taxes, Departure transfer, Visas, Meals unless otherwise stated, Travel Insurance, Laundry, and Personal Items, sleeping bag, pillow, tips & bottled water.

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## Meals on tour





Meals and menus vary as food is purchased en-route, and is subject to produce that is available seasonally in the areas we travel through. As we support the local communities along the way, fresh produce is mostly purchased direct from the producer or local grower and therefore has an organic appearance. Our safari cooks are able to offer a wide variety of menus with the ingredients available, even if the produce on offer is not of the same selection as what you may be used to back home.

The breakfast spread consists of bread (toast when time allows), spreads and cereals with a hot breakfast every few days. Lunches are mostly prepared en-route with a supply of 'build your own' sandwich ingredients available. Dinners are cooked in the evenings on arrival at the campsite. A wide array of dinner menus is on offer during your safari, consisting of curries, stews, pastas, BBQ's and even roasts!

**Transport on tour**

Our overland vehicles are custom built converted trucks that have seating space for our passengers and a storage area for luggage and all trip equipment. The trucks seat between 27-30 passengers on our camping trips. Most seats are forward facing, though some models have a combination of forward, backward and some inward facing seats with tables. Vehicles have sliding glass windows, and the seating area is raised providing a great advantage for game viewing and photography. Seats are cushioned and there is storage space for personal items like cameras, snacks and day packs in the seating area.

**Participation on tour**

All of the tours operated by ATC are participation trips meaning that all passengers are expected to help out around camp. The crew members running the trip will set up a rota system that will be followed. One day you may be on cleaning duty, the next day you may be on cooking duty and so forth. This is not only to make the trip easier for all involved but also for you as the passengers to get to know one another while on trip.

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**OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES**

ZIMBABWE:	
Please ensure that you pay for activities in Victoria Falls with US\$ CASH	
Trip T-Shirt	30 US\$
<b>VICTORIA FALLS:</b>	
White Water Rafting-Full Day (low water)	150 US\$
River Boarding Combo Raft & Board (low water only)	190US\$
Canoeing on the Zambezi-Half Day/ Full Day	150 US\$
Bungee Jump (111m) – Solo Jump	160 US\$
Tandem Bridge Swing	240 US\$
Bungee, Bridge Swing, Bridge Slide COMBO	210 US\$
Helicopter Flight over the Falls 12-13 mins	150 US\$
Helicopter Flight over the Falls 25 mins	284 US\$
White Water Rafting-Full Day (low water)	150 US\$
River Boarding Combo Raft & Board (low water only)	190US\$
Canoeing on the Zambezi-Half Day/ Full Day	150 US\$



<b>BOTSWANA:</b>	
Okavango Delta Scenic Flight	Approximately 100 US\$
<b>SOUTH AFRICA:</b>	
Johannesburg City Tour	80 US\$
Soweto Tour - Joburg/ Pretoria	80 US\$

**PLEASE NOTE:** That this is not a full list of available activities. There are many more to choose from. Prices are approximate and can change at any given time. Only to be used as a guideline

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The staff and management look forward to welcoming you aboard and trust that you will enjoy your trip with us.

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