

SOUTHERN AFRICA WILDLIFE SAFARI



16 - DAY WILDLIFE SAFARI

TO

NAMIBIA, VICTORIA FALLS & BOTSWANA

September 14 – 27, 2019

PROJECTED COST: \$10,500 PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

ALL INCLUSIVE FROM JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA



**THIS SAFARI WILL BE ESCORTED BY
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**WORLD DISCOVERY SAFARIS
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TRIP TO BE OPERATED:	September 13 – 27, 2019
NUMBER OF DAYS:	17 (15 in Southern Africa)
MINIMUM NUMBER OF PASSENGERS:	10
MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PASSENGERS:	16
DEPARTURE CITY:	Johannesburg, South Africa

PROJECTED COSTS: Based on 10 full fare participants, the projected cost for this safari from Johannesburg, South Africa is \$10,500 per person, double occupancy. The single supplement cost is \$1600 if and when available.

Safari costs include: Accommodations as specified in the itinerary in standard twin/double rooms/tents
Breakfasts lunches & dinners as indicated by B/L/D
Entrance fees to sites and reserves visited, however, Chobe N P charges a \$15 per person per day fee we cannot prepay.
Services of local English speaking safari guides at all locations
Transportation in Namibia in stretch 4x4 Land Cruisers with a max of 6 passengers per vehicle
Game viewing in Botswana in open safari vehicles
Transportation in Victoria Falls in a 15 passenger, air conditioned coach
Charter flights: Kasane / Xakanaka and Xakanaka / Maun
Local brand drinks in Botswana camps
Laundry in Botswana camps
One litre of bottled water per person, per day while on safari

Safari costs exclude: International air (to South Africa, from Johannesburg to Windhoek, Windhoek to Victoria Falls and from Maun to Johannesburg) and airport departure taxes.
Tips to camp staff, drivers, guides and rangers
Imported brand drinks in the Botswana camps
Kasane airport departure tax, currently \$12 per person
Chobe National Park fees of \$15 per person, per day and bed levy of \$1 per person per night
All bottled drinks in Namibia other than bottled water in the safari vehicles.
Items of a personal nature e.g. passport and visa fees, travel insurance, laundry, telephone calls, etc.
Excursions and activities other than those mentioned in the safari itinerary.

Although you may be departing from a gateway other than Atlanta, the following air itinerary (subject to change) is what we suggest you book for this safari:

SEPTEMBER 13 - DELTA AIR LINES ATLANTA, GA JOHANNESBURG 725P 4:50P +1
SEPTEMBER 15 - SOUTH AFRICAN AIRWAYS JOHANNESBURG WINDHOEK 930A 1030A
SEPTEMBER 22 - AIR NAMIBIA WINDHOEK VICTORIA FALLS 815A 1150A
SEPTEMBER 27 - SOUTH AFRICAN AIRWAYS MAUN JOHANNESBURG 200P 340P
SEPTEMBER 27 - DELTA AIR LINES JOHANNESBURG ATLANTA GA 820P 614A +1

Please note: The purchase of travel insurance that includes emergency sickness, medical expenses and medical evacuation is mandatory for participation in this travel program.

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About this safari: This wildlife safari is specifically designed to visit a variety of southern Africa’s wildlife habitats, each with its unique community of birds and mammals, scenic attractions, and cultural components. Etosha National Park, Damaraland, the Skeleton Coast, Victoria Falls, the Chobe River Valley and the Okavango Delta are all included in this 16 day safari program. Your means of transportation is in specially equipped 4-wheel drive safari vehicles with a guaranteed window seat and access to the roof hatch for all participants, and charter flights to and from Xakanaka Camp in the Okavango Delta.

Physical activities: The pace of this safari is “moderate” and should not be excessively demanding for most. Stays at most locations are of more than one night, which allows time to experience the place, relax and even sit out a game drive or two. On most days there are options for both morning and afternoon activities. On some mornings it may be advantageous to depart early and return to the safari lodge for breakfast. On other days you may choose to take lunch with you and spend the entire day out. The afternoon game drive usually begins about 3:00 PM and may last until dark.

Your Naturalist – Guides: This safari is accompanied by one or more professional driver / guides. These men are graduates of an extensive and on-going training program that includes courses in natural history, tourism and African culture & history. They are carefully selected for their knowledge, temperament and ability to communicate. In addition they have had several years of “on the job” training and have advanced to their current position because they have successfully guided numerous wildlife safaris and demonstrated their ability as charismatic and resourceful guides.

Accommodations: This safari makes use of exclusive wildlife lodges and tented camps. In addition to enhancing the “feel” of the traditional East Africa safari, the tented camp provides all of the comforts of the lodges but offer far less crowded conditions and more personalized services. We expect you to savor your experience in Namibia, Victoria Falls and Botswana for the rest of your life and believe the private tented camps offers the most intimate safari experience.





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DAY 1- FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 – DEPART U.S.

International air from and back to the U.S. has not been included in the cost of this safari.

DAY 2 – SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 – ARRIVE JOHANNESBURG

Following our arrival in Johannesburg we are met and transferred to the **Southern Sun or Tambo International Airport Hotel** for our first night in Africa. B/L/D

DAY 3 – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 - JOHANNESBURG / WINDHOEK

In the morning we board the scheduled flight to Windhoek, Namibia. (**Please note:** the cost for this scheduled flight is not included in the safari package) Following our arrival at Windhoek's International Airport, we meet our safari guides and transferred to the **Galton House**. After checking in we have the rest of the day to relax, settle into our charming accommodations or explore Windhoek's shops and craft market. We join our safari guide for dinner this evening. B/D

DAY 4 - MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 - WINDHOEK / SOUTH ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK BOUNDARY

After breakfast we drive north, through Otjiwarongo, to our accommodations at **Ongava Lodge**. En route we make a stop at the Okahandja Craft Market. Following our mid-afternoon arrival there should be time for a game drive in Etosha National Park. B/PL/D

DAY 5 – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 - SOUTHERN ETOSHA TO EAST ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK BOUNDARY

We spend the morning on a game drive in Etosha National Park before returning to Ongava Lodge for a late lunch. There is then time to relax by the swimming pool before we head out on an afternoon game drive. As an alternative we may depart with a picnic lunch and spend the entire day in the park. During dinner we should be able to watch the wildlife that comes to the camp's floodlit waterhole. B/L/D

DAY 6 – WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 - EAST ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK / DAMARALAND

Following an early breakfast we travel south to the market town of Outjo before heading west to **Camp Kipwe**, in the heart of Damaraland and our accommodations, for two nights at **Camp Kipwe**. En route we should be able to visit a local Himba encampment, one of the most traditional people of Namibia. During our visit we learn about the customs and traditions of this proud nation and gain an insight into their beliefs, way of life and everyday routine. We may also stop to admire the Twyfelfontein

rock engravings (recently declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site), Burnt Mountain and the Organ Pipes. (If we don't fit these into today's itinerary we will be able to visit them the next day) B/L/D

DAY 7 – THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 - DAMARALAND

After an early breakfast we depart on a 4x4 excursion along the ephemeral Aba Huab and Huab River valleys to explore this remarkable region and search for wildlife, including the elusive desert elephant. Damaraland is home to a variety of desert adapted wildlife and hidden treasures. Our guide will arrange a visit to Twyfelfontein and other nearby attractions if, on the previous day, we were unable to fit this in. Following our return to camp there may be time to take a nature walk with our guide. B/L/D

DAY 8 – FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 - DAMARALAND / SKELETON COAST / SWAKOMUND

Our drive today takes us into the Skeleton Coast National Park and along the coast to the Cape Cross Seal Reserve. During the breeding season some 200,000 Cape fur seals haul out onto this rocky peninsula creating a dramatic wildlife spectacle. After visiting the seal colony we continue to our accommodations at the **Strand Hotel** in the coastal town of Swakopmund. In the evening we join our safari guide for dinner at the Tug Restaurant, which specializes in fresh seafood. B/L/D

DAY 9 - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 - SWAKOMUND / WINDHOEK

After an early breakfast we drive to Walvis Bay for a cruise in the outer lagoon and harbour. This is an ideal way to see Cape fur seals, heaviside and bottlenose dolphins, pelicans, flamingos and a wide variety of other sea birds. We may also see whales, leatherback turtles and sunfish. After returning to the jetty we travel back to Windhoek, stopping, to visit the Okahandja woodcarvers craft market for some last minute shopping. Following our arrival we check into the **Galton Guest House**. Our dinner this evening may be at Galton's excellent in-house restaurant or at another of Windhoek's popular restaurants. B/L/D

DAY 10 – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 – WINDHOEK / VICTORIA FALLS

In the morning we transfer to the Windhoek International Airport and check in for our flight to Victoria Falls. (**Please note:** the cost for this scheduled flight is not included in the safari package). After clearing immigration and customs we transfer to the elegant and historic **Victoria Falls Hotel**. After checking into our accommodations we join a local guide for a 2 hour walking tour of the Falls. Here the entire Zambezi River suddenly plunges some 300 feet into a narrow gorge which is over a mile in length. At high water, some 160 million gallons of water pour over these falls every second, sending a spray of mist upward 1,300 feet and giving the falls their local name, "Mosi-ao-Tunya," meaning "the smoke that thunders." Although much has been written about Victoria Falls, words cannot adequately describe this natural wonder; Victoria Falls has to be experienced. B/D

DAYS 11 & 12 - MONDAY AND TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 & 24 - VICTORIA FALLS, ZIMBABWE / ELEPHANT VALLEY LODGE (BOTSWANA)

In the morning we transfer, by motor coach, into Botswana and our accommodations, for two nights, at **Elephant Valley Lodge**. Botswana has placed a strong emphasis on its "high price – low impact" policy in order to successfully preserve its fragile eco-systems and rich wildlife. This makes the country a highly sought after, truly African, wildlife experience, living up to its status as the "Gem of Africa". B/L/D

Please note: Park entrance fees (@ \$15 and a bed levy of \$1.00 per person per day) must be paid direct.

DAYS 13 & 14 – WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25 & 26 – ELEPHANT VALLEY LODGE / KASANE AIRPORT / CAMP XAKANAKA

In the morning we transfer to the Kasane airport and board the charter flight to the Xakanaka airstrip on a private concession in the north-eastern section of the Okavango Delta, adjacent to the famed Moremi Game Reserve. The camp's 12 tented safari suites are raised above the ground on individual wooden decks and includes an entrance atrium, separate en-suite bathroom with a shower, wash basin and separate bedroom area. Facilities, at the camp, include a secluded swimming pool and sundeck, an elevated viewing platform with scenic views over the Xakanaxa Lagoon and a thatched boma where guests can enjoy brunch or afternoon tea. The location is excellent for birding. Activities at Camp Xakanaka include morning and afternoon game drives and motorized boat excursions. All meals, local brand drinks, two scheduled safari activities daily, park fees and laundry are included. B/L/D

Please note: Soft sided luggage for the charter flight is limited to 20 kg (44 lbs.) per person, including hand luggage and camera equipment. For safety reasons, passengers weighting more than 220 lbs. must purchase an additional seat on charter flights. The Kasane Airport tax is currently \$12.00 per person and subject to change without prior notice.

DAY 15 – FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 – XAKANAKA AIRSTRIP/ MAUN AIRPORT / JOHANNESBURG / DEPART FOR U.S.

Following breakfast we board our charter flight to Maun. Here we check in for our international flight to Johannesburg. Later in the afternoon we board our return flight to the U.S. B

(Please note: the cost for these scheduled, international flights are not included in the safari package)

DAY 16 – SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 - ARRIVE U.S.

We return to our homes with many fond memories of our wildlife safari in Southern Africa.

B = Breakfast; L = Lunch; PL = Picnic Lunch; D = Dinner

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