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# Please ensure that you have downloaded and read a copy of the <u>PRE DEPARTURE INFORMATION</u> booklet as this document contains important information (e.g travel insurance, visas, your money, health etc) you need to know before you depart on tour

#### **Tour departure point**

Please ensure you arrive at the departure point at least 30 minutes before the scheduled departure time. **08:00am** DoubleTree by Hilton Cape Town – Upper Eastside, 31 Brickfield Road, Woodstock, Cape Town Tel: +27 (0)21 404 0570, <u>https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/cptuedi-doubletree-cape-town-upper-eastside/</u>

#### Tour ending point

Garden Court O.R. Tambo International Airport, 2 Hulley Road Isando Ext. 3, Kempton Park, Gauteng, South Africa Tel: <u>+27 (0)11 392 1062 https://www.southernsun.com/garden-court-or-tambo-international-airport</u>

#### **Maximum Number of Passengers**

20

#### After hours emergency contact

Our reservations staff are available to receive emergency calls. We would like to request that you respect this emergency number and use it only in the event of emergencies. Please only contact this number if, for example, you have missed your incoming flight, you cannot find your airport transfer or you are running late for your tour departure.

If calling from outside South Africa:0027 82 578 2199If calling within South Africa:082 578 2199

#### Arrival / Departure

Please be sure to arrive 1 day before your tour is due to depart. This will avoid any unforeseen problems. We also highly recommend that you book your flights to depart the day after the tour officially ends to allow for delays and changes.

#### Pre and Post Tour Accommodation

If you require accommodation before or after your tour we can arrange this for you. We can also arrange airport transfers – contact your travel agent or Nomad to make these bookings.

#### What's included

All meals which are prepared and served at the Nomad truck / accommodation / qualified crew / filtered water / transport in the Nomad truck / included highlights as per the itinerary / entrance fees to National Parks.

#### What's excluded

Items of a personal nature (snacks, alcohol, bottled water, soft drinks, tips) / entrance fees (associated with optional activities) / souvenirs

#### **Countries Visited**

South Africa, Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Eswatini, Mozambique

#### Green Seats - Travel Responsibly in Africa

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# **TOUR ITINERARY**

# Day 1 - South Africa – Cederberg Region

Leaving Cape Town we make a last stop for a look back at Table Mountain from across Table Bay. No road trip is complete without a stop at a traditional "Padstal", these small farm stalls dot the byways of South Africa and offer a variety of homemade treats and bakes. The Cedarberg region not only boasts spectacular mountains and orange farms, but it is also the home of the Rooibos bush. Indigenous to the mountain slopes of the Cedarberg, this herbal beverage has earned an international reputation as a healthy and refreshing alternative to regular tea. A dinner at our overnight stop offers an opportunity for us to get acquainted while enjoying some South African hospitality.

Accommodation	Marcuskraal http://www.marcuskraal.co.za/index1.html
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom
	Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
	Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Route	Cape Town to Citrusdal
Meals	Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Traditional Dinner

### Day 2 - Namaqualand – Gariep (Orange) River

Namaqualand presents us with our first experience of the Desert vistas that will accompany us in the days ahead. We continue our journey north and after a short stop for supplies in Springbok, we travel to our camp on the banks of the Orange River. If you are fortunate enough to be travelling in the spring months (July to September) you may encounter the wild flowers that have made this region famous. No matter the time of year though, the strange desert vistas offer a unique backdrop to this day's travel.

Accommodation	Felix Unite Cabanas http://www.felixunite.com/accommodation/cabanas OR Norotshama Resort
	https://www.norotshamaresort.com/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom
	Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
	Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Route	Citrusdal to Orange River
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Border Post	South Africa: Vioolsdrift, Tel: +27 (27) 277 618 760, Open 24 hours
	Namibia: Noordoewer, Tel: +264 (0) 63 297 122, Open 24 hours

# Day 3 - Namibia – Gariep (Orange) River

While the Orange River was named after the Dutch Royal House, in recent times it has been referred to by its original name of Gariep, which simply means "river" in the indigenous KhoeKhoe language. Beginning its journey in the mountains of Lesotho, the Orange River is the longest river in South Africa and offers a unique contrast to the desert landscapes along its banks. The best way to experience the river is by getting out on the water and this morning we have the opportunity to join an optional canoe trip on the river. Around midday (after lunch) we depart the Orange River and head inland to our overnight stop. At Ais Ais, you will have the opportunity to enjoy the mineral and sulphur rich hot springs.

Accommodation	Ai Ais Resort <u>http://www.nwr.com.na/index.php/resorts/ai-ais-hotsprings-spa</u> OR Canyon Roadhouse <u>https://store.gondwana-collection.com/accommodation/canyon-roadhouse</u> OR Hobas
	https://www.nwr.com.na/resorts/hobas-lodge/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom
	Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
	Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Route	Orange/Gariep River to Ai-Ais
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Ais-Ais Hot springs

#### Day 4 – Fish River Canyon, Quiver Tree Forest and Giants Playground

Having it's source in the eastern parts of the Naukluft Mountains, the Fish River Canyon is the longest river in Namibia and the largest Canyon in Africa. We will drive to the rim of the Fish River Canyon and have an opportunity to stretch our legs with a gentle walk along the rim of the canyon. Afterwards, we turn west and head for Keetmanshoop. Our afternoon will be spent meandering through the Quiver Tree Forest and The Giants Playground – named for the way in which the massive dolerite boulders have been placed on each other - creating rock formations and a series of mazes.

Accommodation	Schutzenhaus Guesthouse http://www.schuetzenhaus-namibia.com/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathrooms
	Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
	Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Route	Fish River Canyon to Keetmanshoop
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlights	Scenic walk along the rim of Fish River Canyon (could be previous day) / Visit to Quiver Tree Forest and Giants Playground



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### Day 5 - Namib-Naukluft National Park

Every overland journey has some long travelling days and today is one of those as we venture deeper into the Namib Desert. Our destination is the dune fields that cover the western reaches of the desert. Long dusty roads and sparsely populated farmlands offer us an insight into the vastness of rural Namibia. From the grasslands in the east to the red dunes of the west the slowly changing landscapes represents the many faces of this desert country. Tonight we camp on the doorstep of the dune fields and fall asleep to the unique calls of the elusive Barking Gecko.

Accommodation	Hammerstein Lodge http://hammersteinlodge.com/ OR Weltevrede Guest Farm https://weltevredeguestfarm.com/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom
	Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
	Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Route	Keetmanshoop to Namib Naukluft NP
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### Day 6 - Sossusvlei Dunes – Namib-Naukluft National Park

Today we will rise early for our drive to the Namib-Naukluft National Park. We will enter the park just after sunrise and travel through to the famous Dune 45. A brisk climb up Dune 45 offers us the perfect vantage point to marvel at the changing colours of the desert. Once satisfied we descend this famous dune and enjoy a hearty breakfast before catching a 4x4 transfer into Sossusvlei, here we will spend time on foot visiting the pans at Sossusvlei and Deadvlei. Our desert exploration concludes with a visit to the Sesriem Canyon. Tonight we empty the red sand from our shoes and spend the night under the magnificent desert stars, knowing that we have spent a full-day enjoying the wonders of this harsh land.

Accommodation	Boesman's Camp https://bushmans-desert-camp-self-catering.business.site/ OR Weltevrede Guest Farm
	https://weltevredeguestfarm.com/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom
	Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
	Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Hike up Dune 45, 4x4 shuttle to Sossusvlei / Deadvlei / Sesriem Canyon

# Day 7 - Swakopmund

On our final day in the desert, we have the privilege of joining a local expert for an enlightening desert excursion (this activity could take place the previous afternoon). While bidding a reluctant farewell to the Namib, we make a stop to commemorate our crossing of the Tropic of Capricorn. Having taken in the wonders of the Namib Desert we turn west and head into the sunset to our next destination, the bustling coastal town of Swakopmund where adventure awaits along with a welcome touch of civilization. Upon arriving in Swakopmund, we will be presented with the opportunity to book any number of thrilling adventures available. Tonight we'll enjoy a dinner out at a local restaurant.

Accommodation	Haus Garnison <u>http://hausgarnison.com/</u> OR Amanpuri Travellers Lodge <u>http://www.amanpurinamibia.com</u> OR
	Stay@Swakop <a href="http://www.stay-at-swakop.com/">http://www.swakopmund-plaza-hotel.com/</a> OR Swakopmund Plaza <a href="https://www.swakopmund-plaza-hotel.com/">https://www.swakopmund-plaza-hotel.com/</a>
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom
	<i>Camping:</i> Two per Room with en-suite bathroom
	Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Route	Namiba Naukluft National Park to Swakopmund
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Tropic of Capricorn, Guided desert walk with local expert (this activity could take place the day before in the
	afternoon), Local restaurant dinner

### Day 8 - Swakopmund

While for many it is the adrenaline fuelled adventures that will grab their attention, Swakopmund offers all that and more. Take the opportunity today to explore the town at your leisure, as there are a number of attractions for every taste. Not to be missed is the selection of famed coffee shops and bakeries that offer a delightful range of German inspired treats. Swakopmund offers all the conveniences of a small city and is the perfect launching pad for the journey through the northern reaches of the land.

Accommodation	Haus Garnison <u>http://hausgarnison.com/</u> OR Amanpuri Travellers Lodge <u>http://www.amanpurinamibia.com</u> OR
	Stay@Swakop <a href="http://www.stay-at-swakop.com/">https://www.swakopmund-plaza-hotel.com/</a> OR Swakopmund Plaza <a href="https://www.swakopmund-plaza-hotel.com/">https://www.swakopmund-plaza-hotel.com/</a>
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom
	Camping: Two per Room with en-suite bathroom
	Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Meals	Breakfast
<b>Optional Activity</b>	Dolphin cruise, Skydiving, sandboarding, Quad biking

#### Day 9 – Swakopmund to Khorixas

Our exploration of the desert continues with a trip up north, where the hot desert sands meet the cold waves of the Atlantic Ocean. We'll stop at seaside holiday town of Wlotskabaken for a photo opportunity before heading to the Lichen Fields for a viewing and talk by your guide on the Lichen Colonies. We then visit the renowned Seal Colony at Cape Cross, known as the largest in the world with over 200,000 Cape Fur Seals hugging the shore. Cape Cross marks the spot where the first European explorer set foot on the coast of Namibia in 1486, and was erected in honour of the then king of Portugal by explorer Diego Cao. (Please note that the Cape Cross Colony may be inaccessible at times which means that we will not be able to visit the seals.) The road then continues away from the coast and takes us towards the Khorixas area where we will explore the Twyfelfontein Rock Engravings and the Petrified Forest in the Kunene Region with a local guide.



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Route

Meals

Khorixas https://www.nwr.com.na/resorts/khorixas-camp OR iGowati Country Hotel https://igowaticountryhotel.com/ Facilities Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions Swakopmund to Khorixas (via Cape Cross) Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Included Highlight** Seal Colony at Cape Cross, Petrified Forest, Twyfelfontein Rock Engravings

# Day 10 – Khorixas to Etosha National Park

With vast salt pans, savanna and woodland, Etosha is one of Africa's finest game parks. At 18 000 sq km, it is one of the biggest Parks in Southern Africa. Etosha means "great white area", which refers to the large dried pan in the middle of the Park. We will spend the afternoon exploring the park in the Nomad Truck.

Accommodation	Okuakuejo https://www.nwr.com.na/resorts/okaukuejo-resort_OR Etosha Village https://etosha-village.com/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom
	Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
	Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Route	Khorixas to Etosha National Park
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Afternoon game drive in Nomad vehicle

# Day 11 - Etosha National Park

Our second day in Etosha allows for a full day to continue our exploration of the park. No day on safari is ever the same and the suspense before that special sighting is the motivation that keeps our eyes wide open. We explore the edges of the Etosha Pan in search of the abundant wildlife that occur in the park.

Accommodation	Okaukuejo https://nwr.com.na/resorts/okaukuejo-resort OR Etosha Village https://etosha-village.com/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom
	Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
	Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Route	Etosha National Park
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Full day game drive

# Day 12 - Etosha National Park

This morning is free for you to relax around camp. After lunch, we will board our truck and enjoy an afternoon game drive as we head towards our next overnight camp.

Accommodation	Namutoni https://nwr.com.na/resorts/namutoni-resort OR Halali https://www.nwr.com.na/resorts/halali-resort/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom
	Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
	Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Route	Etosha National Park
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Afternoon Game Drive

# Day 13 – Etosha to Divundu

We leave the white sands of Etosha behind and venture towards the Kavango River for our overnight stop in Divundu.

Accommodation	Mahangu http://www.mahangu.com.na/ OR Shametu River Lodge https://shameturiverlodge.com/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom
	Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
	Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Route	Etosha National Park to Divundu
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

# Day 14 – Divundu to Maun

Prior to departing for Maun, we enjoy a leisurely boat cruise on the beautiful Kavango River. We then cross the border into Botswana and head towards the gateway to the Okavango Delta, the town of Maun. We overnight in Maun before heading for our next adventure – The Okavango Delta.

Accommodation	Sedia https://sedia-hotel.com/ OR Island Safari Lodge https://www.islmaun.com/the-lodge/accommodation/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom
	Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
	Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Route	Divundu to Maun

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Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Morning Boat Cruise
Border Post	Namibia: Mohembo Tel:, Open: 07h00-24h00
	Botswana: Mohembo, Tel:, Open: 07h00-24h00

### Day 15 – Khwai Conservation Area

You will be separated from your Nomad truck for the next 2 nights and it is therefore important that you pack/gather your personal belongings which you may need, before we depart Maun. Please pack lightly and only take what you need for the following two nights. Today we make our way towards the Okavango Delta. Early risers will have the opportunity to go on an optional scenic flight over the Delta (time and weather permitting). After your optional flight, you will be collected from Maun and will be transferred to the Khwai Conservation area in smaller safari type vehicles. Our guide will prepare us on what to expect for our afternoon mokoro excursion into the Okavango Delta. (*Please note: It is possible that the mokoro activity could take place on an alternative day depending on the season*).

Accommodation Facilities	Khwai Tented Camp (no website available) Accommodated: Two per permanent tent with en-suite bathroom
	Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Route	Maun to Khwai Conservation area
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Optional Activity	Okavango Delta scenic flight
Included Highlight	Sunset Mokoro Excursion (could take place on an alternative day)

#### Day 16 – Moremi Game Reserve

Today is a full day game drive as we spend most of our day on safari in the Moremi Game Reserve in search of the species that roam the plains. Expect some bumpy roads as we traverse this wilderness area in our 4x4 vehicles. Offering habitats from wetland, open water to the grasslands and Savannah woodland, we hope to see as many species of fauna and flora possible. This evening we arrive back at Khwai to share and compare all the amazing sightings while on safari.

Accommodation	Khwai Tented Camp (no website available)
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per permanent tent with en-suite bathroom
	Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Route	Moremi Game Reserve
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Full Day Game Drive Moremi Game Reserve

# Day 17 – Khwai to Nata

Today's journey from Khwai to Nata passes the Botswanan salt pans. You will pack up camp and depart at first light on the open 4x4 safari vehicles before meeting the Nomad truck in Maun. The scenic drive from Maun to Nata showcases some of Botswana's breathtaking landscapes and the rich cultural heritage. Keep an eye open as there is always a chance of a wildlife encounter or two before reaching your overnight destination in Nata.

Accommodation	Nata Lodge <a href="https://underonebotswanasky.com/nata-lodge/">https://underonebotswanasky.com/nata-lodge/</a> OR Elephant Sands Lodge
Facilities	<b>Accommodated</b> : Two per room with en-suite bathroom <b>Camping:</b> Campsite with Shared Ablutions Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Route Meals	Khwai Conservation Area to Nata (long day) Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### Day 18 – Nata to Kasane - Chobe National Park

This morning, we enjoy a guided drive to the Nata pans, which forms the breeding ground for a host of water birds including pelicans and flamingo in their thousands (birds dependant on seasonal migratory patterns). We then journey from the Kalahari sands of Nata to Kasane and arrive in time for lunch and a quick siesta before we head out in the afternoon to explore the Chobe National Park from the river, enjoying a leisurely boat cruise which allows us an up close and personal experience with the many elephants that frequent the river in the afternoons.

Accommodation	Thebe River Safaris <u>http://www.theberiversafaris.com</u> Or Kwalape Safari Lodge (no website available)
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom
	Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
	Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Route	Nata to Kasane
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Morning Pans excursion, Chobe National Park Boat Cruise

#### Day 19 - Zimbabwe -Victoria Falls

With the memories of our wildlife encounters firmly etched in our minds, we cross the border into Zimbabwe this morning and travel the short distance to Victoria Falls. Today you will have the opportunity to visit the spectacular Victoria Falls at your leisure, also known by the local name of "Mosi-oa Tunya" (the smoke that thunders). While much of today is dedicated to viewing the mighty Zambezi River as it drops into the Batoka Gorge

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below, the bustling adventure town of Victoria Falls also offers a range of optional activities for those wanting a dose of adrenaline in the afternoon. For the more relaxed traveller there are craft markets and coffee shops on offer as well.

Accommodation	Shearwater Explorers Village <a href="http://explorersvillage.com/">http://explorersvillage.com/</a>
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom
	Camping: Campsite (pre-erected dome tent with camper beds) with Shared Ablutions
	Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Route	Kasane to Victoria Falls
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch
<b>Optional Activity</b>	Victoria Falls National Park Entry
Border Post	Botswana: Kazangula Road, Tel: +267 62 50320 / Open: 06h00-20h00
	Zimbabwe: Kzangula Road, Open: 06h00-20h00

# Day 20 - Victoria Falls

With the many activities on offer in Victoria Falls, today is the perfect day for the adventure that most suites your style. Whether rafting the mighty Zambezi River or enjoying a flight over the Falls, this is your day to enjoy the many attractions on offer in Victoria Falls.

Accommodation	Shearwater Explorers Village <u>http://explorersvillage.com/</u> OR Victoria Falls Rainbow Hotel
	https://rtgafrica.com/victoria-falls-rainbow-hotel/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom
	Camping: Two per room with en-suite bathroom
	Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Meals	Breakfast
<b>Optional Activity</b>	Zambezi Sunset Cruise, Bungee Jump, Helicopter Flights, White Water Rafting

### Day 21 - Victoria Falls to Francistown

Departing Victoria Falls this morning, we cross into Botswana and travel south to Francistown in central Botswana. We reach our overnight stop on the outskirts of Francistown in the late afternoon.

Accommodation	Woodlands Lodge or similar <u>www.woodlandsbotswana.com</u> OR Diggers Inn <u>https://diggersinn.co.bw/</u>
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per Room with En-Suite Bathroom
	Camping: Two per Room with En-Suite Bathroom
	Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Route	Victoria Falls to Francistown
Meals	Breakfast, Dinner (pre-prepared frozen meal selection)
Border Post	Zimbabwe: Kazangula Road, Open: 06h00-18h00
	Botswana: Kazangula Road, +267 625-0320/1303, Open: 06h00-20h00

# Day 22 - Francistown to Johannesburg

Leaving early we continue to the border with South Africa and on to the city of Johannesburg, arriving in the late afternoon.

Accommodation	Garden Court OR Tambo International www.southernsun.com/garden-court-or-tambo-international-airport
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per Room with En-Suite Bathroom
	Camping: Two per Room with En-Suite Bathroom
	Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Route	Francistown to Johannesburg
Meals	Breakfast (continental selection)
Border Post	Botswana: Martinsdrift, Tel: +267 4940 254, Open: 08h00-18h00.
	South Africa: Groblersbrug, Tel: +27 (0) 14 767 1019, Open: 08h00-18h00.

# Day 23 – Johannesburg, City of Gold

Today you will have the day to enjoy various optional excursions in and around the city of Johannesburg, you can choose how you wish to spend the day. Optional day excursions can be requested at the time of booking your tour to secure availability.

Accommodation	Garden Court OR Tambo International www.southernsun.com/garden-court-or-tambo-international-airport
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per Room with En-Suite Bathroom
	Camping: Two per Room with En-Suite Bathroom
	Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Meals	Breakfast
<b>Optional Activities</b>	Full Day Tours: Soweto & Apartheid Museum, Sun City & Pilansberg, Soweto & Johannesburg, Cradle of Humankind

# Day 24 – Johannesburg - Eswatini

We depart Johannesburg and travel through scenic Mpumalanga until we reach Eswatini. Crossing into the country we enter Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary where we spend the next 2 nights.

Accommodation	Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary <u>http://biggameparks.org/properties/mlilwane-wildlife-sanctuary-2</u>
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per hut with en-suite bathroom



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Route Meals Border

	Camping: Campsite with shared ablutions
	Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
	Johannesburg to Eswatini
	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
r Post	South Africa: Oshoek, Tel: +27 (0) 17 882 0138/9, Open: 07h00-22h00
	Eswatini: Ngwenya, Tel: Not Available, Open: 07h00-22h00

# Day 25 - Eswatini

An interwoven network of 9 trails traverse Mlilwane and this morning you will have the opportunity to explore these trails with your guide. After enjoying lunch the afternoon will be spent at leisure. Mlilwane offers an array of activities and adventures in the Ezulwini Valley.

Accommodation	Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary <u>http://biggameparks.org/properties/mlilwane-wildlife-sanctuary-2</u>
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per hut with en-suite bathroom
	Camping: Campsite with shared ablutions
	Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Morning walk with Nomad guide

# Day 26 – Eswatini

We depart Mlilwane and head to another great reserve, Hlane Game Reserve. Our stay in Eswatini presents us with an opportunity to enjoy a game drive through the reserve.

Accommodation	Hlane game reserve <a href="http://www.biggameparks.org/hlane">http://www.biggameparks.org/hlane</a> OR Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary
	http://biggameparks.org/properties/mlilwane-wildlife-sanctuary-2
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom
	Camping: Campsite with shared ablutions
	Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Route	Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary to Hlane Game Reserve
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Rhino Game Drive in Hlane Game Reserve

# Day 27 – Xai Xai, Mozambique

With the beaches of the Indian Ocean beckoning we enter Mozambique and make our first stop near the town of Xai Xai, arriving in the late afternoon we have time for a walk on the beach or a sundowner say 'Hello!' to the Indian Ocean and the pristine beaches of Mozambique.

Accommodation Facilities	Go Wild Resort <u>http://www.gowildresort.co.za</u> <b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room in a shared bungalow with shared ablutions <b>Camping:</b> Two per room in a shared bungalow with shared ablutions
	Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Route	Eswatini to Xai Xai
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Border Post	Mozambique: Namaacha, Tel: not available, Open: 07h00-20h00
	Eswatini: Lomahasha, Tel: +268 323 6026, Open: 07h00-20h00

# Day 28 – Vilanculos

This morning we travel north to our next stop, the costal town of Vilanculos, which is renowned for its idyllic white sandy beaches and azure waters. It's the gateway to the greater Bazaruto Archipelago, offering fantastic snorkeling, diving, and fishing opportunities. With vibrant local culture, diverse marine life, and picturesque dhow safaris, Vilanculos epitomizes tropical serenity and adventure.

Accommodation Facilities	Sailaway Safaris <u>https://www.sailaway.co.za/</u> Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom
	Camping: Campsite with shared ablutions
	Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Route	Xai Xai to Vilanculos
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

# Day 29 – Vilanculos – Magaruque Island Tour

We board a traditional dhow this morning and set sail to the island of Magaruque. We spend the day exploring the island, snorkelling and enjoying the beaches of this island paradise. Be sure to keep your sunblock handy as today is filled with sun, sea, sand and exploration. We return in the afternoon and enjoy a well-earned night of rest.

Accommodation	Sailaway Safaris <u>https://www.sailaway.co.za/</u>
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom
	Camping: Campsite with shared ablutions
	Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Magaruque Island Tour with dhow (Full Day)



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# Day 30 - Inhambane - Barra Beach

Our journey takes us to the palm lined beaches of the Inhambane District for two days of relaxation and ocean fun. We travel back south along the coast, passing the many villages and plantations of coconuts, cashews and sugar cane. Inhambane is a historic city, steeped in Portuguese colonial charm. Known for its rustling palm trees and tranquil beaches, the city offers a delightful blend of African and colonial architecture. It's a gateway to diving hotspots like Tofo Beach, renowned for its whale shark and manta ray sightings.

Accommodation	Bay View Lodge <a href="http://www.bayviewlodgemoz.com">http://www.bayviewlodgemoz.com</a>
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom
	Camping: Two per room with shared ablutions (Group House)
	Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Route	Vilanculos to Inhambane
Included Highlight	Neptune's Dinner
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### Day 31 - Inhambane

With two days of beach time we have an opportunity to relax and enjoy the warm waters of the Indian Ocean, the more adventurous can sign up for a variety of optional activities. While the beaches at Barra are safe for swimming, the reefs on this stretch of coast offer excellent opportunities for diving or snorkelling.

Accommodation	Bay View Lodge <a href="http://www.bayviewlodgemoz.com">http://www.bayviewlodgemoz.com</a>
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom
	Camping: Two per room with shared ablutions (Group House)
	Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Optional Activities</b>	Ocean Safaris, Quad Biking, Scuba Diving, Snorkelling and more

#### Day 32 - Inhambane

Today we make the short drive to Tofo to spend the day enjoying yet another of Mozambique's iconic beach destination. With safe swimming, a charming market and a number of popular beach bars, Tofo is perfect for a day's outing. A second day not only ensures that you have the opportunity to make the most of the activities on offer; it also allows us some flexibility to adapt to the weather.

Accommodation Facilities	Bay View Lodge <a href="http://www.bayviewlodgemoz.com">http://www.bayviewlodgemoz.com</a> Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom
	Camping: Two per room with shared ablutions (Group House)
	Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Visit to Tofo
Optional Activity	Ocean Safaris, Quad Biking, Scuba Diving, Snorkelling and more

#### Day 33 – Maputo

With the beaches of the Indian Ocean behind us, we enter Maputo, the capital city offers a vibrant and eclectic mix of cultures. Maputo offers interesting and varied architecture and no visit to the city would be complete without a browse through a market.

Accommodation Facilities	Southern Sun Maputo <a href="http://www.tsogosunhotels.com/hotels/maputo/">http://www.tsogosunhotels.com/hotels/maputo/</a> Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom
	Camping: Two per room with en-suite bathroom
	Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Route	Inhambane to Maputo
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Maputo Walking Tour with Nomad Guide

#### Day 34 – Mozambique to Kruger National Park, South Africa

Shaking the sand from our shoes, we pack up and depart Mozambique for the sounds of the bush of Kruger National Park. This evening we will enjoy a sunset game drive through the Nkambeni reserve.

Accommodation	Nkambeni Reserve <u>http://www.nkambeni.com</u>
Facilities	Accommodated: Permanent tent with en-suite bathroom
	Camping: Campsite with Shared ablutions
	Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Route	Maputo to Kruger National Park
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Sunset Game Drive
Border	Mozambique: Lebombo, Tel: +258 2155 0010, Open: 06h00-18h00
	South Africa: Komatipoort, Tel: +27 (013) 793-7201, Open: 06h00-18h00



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### Day 35 - Kruger National Park

Rising early this morning we enter the Kruger National Park to enjoy a full-day of game viewing. The abundance of wildlife presents us with opportunities for excellent sightings, while the Kruger is also home to the famed members of Africa's Big-5. The game drive offers the excitement of experiencing the park from an open-sided 4x4 vehicle. Returning to camp this afternoon, and after a short break, there will be an opportunity to join an optional sundowner drive. Booking is essential and your guide can assist on departure this morning.

Accommodation	Nkambeni Reserve <u>http://www.nkambeni.com</u>
Facilities	Accommodated: Permanent tent with en-suite bathroom
	Camping: Campsite with Shared ablutions
	Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Optional Activity	Sundowner Drive (Subject to Availability)
Included Highlight	Kruger Park Full-Day Game Drive in 4x4 Vehicles

### Day 36– Panorama Route

We set out a little later today and travel the short distance to the Panorama Route. Strung along the escarpment that divides the central plateau and low-lying bushveld of the Kruger, the sights of the Panorama Route offer us a day of scenic delights. We will visit the highlights of Bourke's Luck Potholes, the Three Rondavels and God's Window before returning to camp in the late afternoon. This evening there is an opportunity for the optional Sundowner Drive.

Accommodation	Nkambeni Reserve <u>http://www.nkambeni.com</u>
Facilities	Accommodated: Permanent tent with en-suite bathroom
	Camping: Campsite with Shared ablutions
	Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Panorama Route – Bourke's Luck Potholes, Three Rondavels and God's Window
<b>Optional Activity</b>	Sundowner Drive (Subject to Availability)

### Day 37 – Johannesburg

We enjoy our last drive through the park before setting off for Johannesburg. We arrive in Johannesburg in the late afternoon, where your tour ends upon arrival.

Accommodation	Own Arrangements / Post tour accommodation can be booked through Nomad.
Route	Greater Kruger National Park to Johannesburg
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch
Included Highlight	Morning Game Drive in Nomad Truck