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Partaking in an adventure tour in Africa involves covering hundreds if not thousands of kilometres and our tours are as much about this journey as they are about the destinations we visit. Use your time during these drives to talk to your fellow travellers, have a drink and take note of the world passing by your window. Some roads you travel on will be smooth and easy while others could take up to an hour to cover 1 kilometre. There is just no telling what could happen with road, weather, traffic and other conditions that may exist that will either increase or decrease the amount of time you spend on the road so take your watch off, put your iPad away, turn off your phone and just relax. An average day could take anything from 5 to 14 hours, it all depends on the day... and that's only an "average"!

Please ensure that you have downloaded and read a copy of the PRE DEPARTURE INFORMATION 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.

<http://nomadtours.co.za/media/Pre-Departure-Information.pdf>

Activity Package

This is an optional payment that covers what we consider to be 'essential activities' on our tours. Ideally we would include all of these, but not everyone can afford this. This payment is 100% transparent and is listed below. The Activity Package must be pre-booked along with your tour booking. We cannot always guarantee availability of the activities if you only book on the morning of your tour departing.

If you are travelling as a single supplement guest and have and have purchased the single supplement, please note that the single supplement does not cover any Activity Package items which include accommodation. All items booked under the Activity Package are booked on a per person sharing basis and you will not be entitled to a single room during these activities.

Activity	Price
Wine tasting	R 70
Guided desert walk with local expert	R 370
Himba Tribe visit	R 450
Okavango Delta drive in excursion	R 5 040
Chobe National Park boat cruise	R 590
Chobe National Park game drive	R 590
Vic Falls National Park entry	R 540
Afternoon game drive Hwange National Park	R 1 300
Afternoon game drive Matopos National Park	R 1 420
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This itinerary has been written with the Activity Package items included. If you wish to participate in all the activities listed, you will need to purchase the Activity Package.

Maximum Number of Passengers

24

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 2199

If 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. As the activities on your tour can be moved to any day during your tour, we also highly recommend that you book your flights to depart the day after the tour officially ends.

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.

Your tour will be departing from the following location

07:00am from Nomad Adventure Tours, 39 Castle Street, (Corner Castle & Burg Streets), Cape Town, South Africa.

Tel: +27 (0) 82 578 2199, www.nomadtours.co.za

Please ensure you arrive at the departure point at least 30 minutes before the scheduled departure time.

Your tour will be ending at the following location

Belvedere Estate, 83 Belvedere Road, Glen Austin Midrand,

Tel: 083 741 5240– www.belvedereestate.co.za

What's included

Meals (Breakfast x 24 / Lunch x 22 / Dinner x 19) (unless otherwise specified, all meals are prepared and served at the Nomad truck) / accommodation / qualified crew / 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 / activity packages and optional activities.

Countries Visited

South Africa, Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe.

TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1 - South Africa – Cederberg Region

Leaving Cape Town this morning we make a last stop for a look back at Table Mountain from across Table Bay, picture taken we travel to the famous winelands region of the Western Cape and enjoy a wine tasting at one of the local wine farms. We will also make a stop at the well-known Spice Route, bordering the town of Paarl. The Spice Route is an estate that brings together a collection of flavours unique to the Cape Culture – including a beer garden, artworks studio, chocolate makers and coffee makers – to name just a few. 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 Campsite http://www.marcuskraal.co.za/index1.html
Facilities	Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Cape Town to Citrusdal
Included Highlight	Visit to the Spice Route
Activity Package	Wine tasting

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, 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 days travel.

Accommodation	Fiddlers Creek Campsite http://www.bushwhacked.co.za
Facilities	Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Citrusdal to Vioolsdrift
Included Highlight	Spring Wild Flowers (Seasonal July – September)

Day 3 - Namibia – Gariep (Orange) River – Fish River Canyon

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. Later this morning we cross the border into Namibia and travel onwards to the Fish River Canyon, one of the largest in the world. This afternoon we take a walk along the rim of the canyon and end our day with a memorable sunset on the canyon edge.

Accommodation	Hobas Campsite http://www.nwr.com
Facilities	Campsite Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Orange/Gariep River to Fish River Canyon
Included Highlight	Scenic walk along the rim of Fish River Canyon
Optional Activity	Half-day canoe trip
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 4 - 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	Sesriem campsite http://www.nwr.com
Facilities	Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Fish River Canyon to Namib Naukluft
Included Highlight	Sesriem Canyon

Day 5 - Sossusvlei Dunes – Namib-Naukluft National Park

Watching the sunrise over the red dunes is an iconic highlight of any trip to Namibia and this morning we rise before the sun to capture this magnificent moment. A brisk climb up Dune 45 offers us the perfect vantage point to marvel at the changing colours of the desert sunrise. 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 day in the desert continues this afternoon as we join a local expert for an educational desert

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excursion. 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	Desert Shelter Cha-re <i>no website available</i>
Facilities	Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Namib-Naukluft NP – Naukluft Area
Included Highlight	Sunrise hike up Dune 45, 4x4 shuttle to Sossusvlei / Deadvlei
Activity Package	Guided desert walk with local expert

Day 6 - Swakopmund

Today we continue west and make our way to the coastal town of Swakopmund, where adventure and a dose of civilisation await. Reluctantly we leave the Namib behind and after a stop to mark our crossing of the Tropic of Capricorn, we continue to the Atlantic coastline. We make a brief stop at the Walvis Bay lagoon, where we hope to catch a glimpse of the Flamingo's that feed in the shallows. Arriving in Swakopmund we will have the opportunity to book some of the many adventures on offer. We enjoy a dinner out at a local restaurant tonight.

Accommodation	Amampuri http://www.amanpurinamibia.com OR Haus Garnison http://hausgarnison.com/
Facilities	Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Naukluft Area to Swakopmund
Included Activity	Tropic of Capricorn, Walvis Bay Lagoon
Optional Activity	Dinner

Day 7 - 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	Amampuri http://www.amanpurinamibia.com OR Haus Garnison http://hausgarnison.com/
Facilities	Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Optional Activity	Dolphin cruise, Skydiving, sandboarding, Quad biking, Dinner

Day 8 – Spitzkoppe

The massive granite formations of Spitzkoppe tower 700 metres above the desert plains below and the presence of rock art indicates their significance to the San people who lived here many years ago. We will enjoy a walk with a local guide and have the opportunity to view some examples of the San's rock art before setting off for our overnight stop for the evening.

Accommodation	Khorixas Restcamp https://www.nwr.com.na/resorts/khorixas-camp
Facilities	Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Swakopmund to Khorixas (via Spitzkoppe)
Included Highlight	Visit and explore Spitzkoppe with a local guide

Day 9 - Himba Tribe

We continue north this morning and on our way we will visit a project that will introduce us to the Himba people of Northern Namibia. The semi-nomadic Himba Tribe are extremely susceptible to Western influence and have lost a large portion of their land to farmers, engineers, miners and many were displaced during the wars that raged between Namibia and Angola. The dwindling number of pastoralists that still exist in their natural environment are protected as far as possible by creating a "buffer zone", or an "educational tribe" where tourists who would like to get a better understanding of the way of the Himba, their lifestyle and their traditions, can do so without interfering with those still living in their natural environment. Visiting the Himba tribe can be a controversial topic that gets discussed at the camp fire, however not so much if the reason for visiting this particular tribe is understood beforehand. The income that this specific tribe generates from the visits goes towards the education of orphaned Himba children and assists the tribe in giving them a chance to learn about their own culture and heritage. There is a market at the end of your visit, this is a way for the women to establish a small income, used for their own private expenses, and it is up to you whether you'd like to purchase anything or not. We continue to our camp for the night and prepare for two magical days of game viewing in Etosha National Park.

Accommodation	Opuwo Country Lodge www.opuwolodge.com
Facilities	Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Spitzkoppe to Opuwo
Activity Package	Himba Tribe Visit

Day 10 - Etosha National Park

Rising early this morning we drive to the Etosha National Park. Etosha is the venue for some of the most unique game viewing experiences in Africa. Today we explore the edges of Etosha Pan in search of the abundant wildlife that occurs in the park. Our truck offers us an elevated platform and we will spend some time at the many waterholes dotted throughout the park.

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Accommodation	Okaukuejo OR Halali http://www.nwr.com.na
Facilities	Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Opuwo to Etosha National Park
Included Highlight	Afternoon game drive in Nomad truck

Day 11 - Etosha National Park

Our second day in Etosha allows another 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 will exit the park in the late afternoon and make our way to our accommodation outside the park.

Accommodation	Sachsenheim Guest Farm (no website available)
Facilities	Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Included Highlight	Full day game drive in Nomad truck

Day 12 - Windhoek

We rise early and take aim for Windhoek, the capital city of Namibia. Today we make a brief stop at the craft markets of Okahandja before arriving in Windhoek in the afternoon. We will take a short walk through the city centre and have the opportunity to view some of its better known landmarks. Tonight we have the chance to eat at Windhoek's most famous eatery, Joe's Beer House has gained an international reputation for its venison dishes and quirky atmosphere.

Accommodation	Heja Game Lodge http://www.hejalodge.com OR Hotel Safari https://www.safarihotelsnamibia.com/safari-court-hotel/
Facilities	Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Sachsenheim Guest Farm to Windhoek
Included Highlight	Craft market stop en-route, walk through Windhoek with your guide
Optional Activity	Dinner

Day 13 - Botswana – Ghanzi

Today we travel east and make our way to neighbouring Botswana and the Kalahari Desert. Starkly different to the Namib Desert after which Namibia is named, the Kalahari is no less dramatic and covers over 900 000 square kilometres. This afternoon there is an option of a guided walk with your San hosts, this is an opportunity to learn more about the San culture and interaction with their Desert environment. The San people have long been associated with this harsh environment and tonight we enjoy a dance evening that provides an insight into their culture of song, dance and story-telling.

Accommodation	Ghanzi Trail Blazers http://ghanzitrailblazers.co.bw
Facilities	Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Windhoek to Ghanzi
Included Highlight	San Tribal dance in evening
Border Post	Namibia: Buitepos, Tel: +264 62 560401, Open: 07h00-24h00 Botswana: Mamanu, Tel: +267 (0) 659 2013/2064, Open: 07h00-24h00

Day 14 – Okavango Delta

This morning we rise early, heading towards Etsha and the Okavango Delta. On arrival in Etsha this afternoon, we transfer by 4x4 to our waterside camp where we spend the next 2 nights in these tranquil surrounds. This unique and unusual ecosystem sees the annual flood waters of the Okavango River fan out into the sands of the Kalahari Basin. The seasonality of the flood waters lends the Delta its ever changing character. While water levels may fluctuate the tranquillity of this wilderness area remains constant.

Accommodation	Nguma Island Lodge or similar. (Okavango Delta Excursion)
Facilities	Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Route	Ghanzi – Okavango Delta
Activity Package	Okavango Delta Excursion

Please be advised that clients who have not selected the Okavango Delta Activity Package will remain in Maun at the base camp with the truck for the next 2 nights. Meals are provided by the base camp and optional activities are available.

Day 15 - Okavango Delta

While the programme of activities is flexible to accommodate the seasonal changes, today you will have the opportunity to enjoy a traditional mokoro ride and nature walks. The Okavango Delta is not only a natural wonder, but represents one of the last great wilderness areas in the world today.

Accommodation	Camp: Nguma Island Lodge (Okavango Delta Excursion)
Facilities	Campsite with Shared Ablutions

Day 16 – Maun

Leaving the Delta behind us this morning we make our way to the outback town of Maun where we will spend the night. This afternoon you may have the opportunity to participate in an optional scenic flight over the Okavango Delta (weather permitting).

Accommodation	Camp: Sedia Riverfront Hotel http://www.sedia-hotel.com/
Facilities	Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Okavango Delta to Maun
Optional Activity	Scenic flight over the Okavango Delta

Day 17 – Nata

Our journey today takes us across the northern reaches of the Makgadigadi Pans, the road to Nata is lined with majestic examples of the iconic Baobab tree. While we will pause to experience a finger of the pan on our journey from Maun, those who would like to can join an optional excursion to the Pans this afternoon.

Accommodation	Nata Lodge http://underonebotswana.com/camps/nata-lodge.php
Facilities	Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Maun to Nata

Day 18 – Chobe National Park

We rise early this morning as we continue north to our camp on the banks of the Chobe River. This afternoon is set aside for exploring the Chobe National Park. We begin our exploration in 4x4 vehicles, which allows us an up close and personal experience with the many elephants that frequent the river in the afternoons. The afternoon ends with a leisurely boat cruise and a meal served around the campfire.

Accommodation	Thebe River Safaris http://www.theberiversafaris.com
Facilities	Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Nata to Kasane
Activity Package	Chobe National Park Game Drive, 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 in Zimbabwe this morning and travel the short distance to Victoria Falls. Today we visit the spectacular Victoria Falls, 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 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. Tonight we enjoy an optional dinner out, your guide will assist you to decide on the many options available.

Accommodation	Victoria Falls Rainbow Hotel http://www.victoria-falls-rainbow-hotel.com
Facilities	Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Kasane to Victoria Falls
Activity Package	Vic Falls National Park Entry
Optional Activity	Dinner
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 suits 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	Victoria Falls Rainbow Hotel http://www.victoria-falls-rainbow-hotel.com
Facilities	Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Optional Activity	Zambezi Sunset Cruise, Bungee Jump, Helicopter Flights, White Water Rafting

Day 21 - Victoria Falls to Hwange National Park

This morning we leave the rumble and adventure of Victoria Falls behind us as we make the journey south to Hwange National Park. After lunch we spend the afternoon exploring Hwange National Park in open game-viewing vehicles. Hwange is the largest of Zimbabwe’s national parks and offers excellent opportunities for viewing the diversity of wildlife that calls the park home. We return to camp this evening and enjoy dinner around our campfire. **Please note that it is possible that your crew and truck will change today. Please report to the hotel reception to meet your crew for your 07:00 departure.*

Accommodation	Gwango http://www.gwango.com or Hwange Main Camp http://zimparcs.org
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Facilities Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.

Route Victoria Falls to Hwange National Park
Activity Package Afternoon Game Drive in Hwange National Park

Day 22 - Hwange National Park to Matopos National Park

After breakfast we continue south towards Bulawayo, the second largest city in Zimbabwe. Our afternoon will be spent exploring the Matopos National Park with a local guide. The park received recognition as a UNESCO natural World Heritage Site in 2003 and includes an intensive protection zone that is home to both Black and White Rhinoceros. Named after the Ndebele word "Matobo", whose meaning "bald heads" refers to the rounded granite hills that surround it. We return to Bulawayo and our overnight stop for the night.

Accommodation Traveller's Guest House <http://www.travellerszim.net>
Facilities Two per Room with Shared Ablutions
Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.

Route Hwange National Park to Matopos National Park
Activity Package Afternoon game drive in Matopos National Park

Day 23 - Great Zimbabwe Ruins

Our journey today takes us to Masvingo and the Great Zimbabwe Ruins. This afternoon we will enjoy a guided walking tour of this historic site. Dating back to the Late Iron Age, this UNESCO World Heritage Site was once the capital of the Kingdom of Zimbabwe. We take time this afternoon to marvel at the intricate stone work and experience the heritage of this monument to early Zimbabwean civilisation.

Accommodation Norma Jeans Lake View Resort <http://www.normajeanslakeview.com>
Facilities Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.

Route Matopos National Park to Great Zimbabwe Ruins
Included Highlight Visit to the Great Zimbabwe Ruins

Day 24 - Tshipise

Leaving the sites of Zimbabwe behind we cross the Limpopo River and enter South Africa this afternoon. Our overnight stop allows us an opportunity to end the day with a swim in the hot springs of Tshipise.

Accommodation Forever Tshipise Resort <http://www.forevertshipise.co.za>
Facilities Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.

Route Great Zimbabwe Ruins to Tshipise
Included Highlight Hot Springs Tshipise
Border Post Beitbridge Border Post +263 862 2303 / 2366 +27 (015) 530-0066 / 71 website: <http://www.zimra.co.zw>

Day 25 - Johannesburg

This morning we take the highway south to Johannesburg, we arrive at Belvedere Estate in the late afternoon and all travellers are invited to join us for a traditional meal tonight, this can be booked with your guide on the day before arrival. Many great tales are shared and tonight presents an opportunity to join fellow travellers in celebrating the many wonders of African travel.

Accommodation Own Arrangements / Post tour accommodation can be booked through Nomad.
Route Tshipise to Johannesburg
Optional Activity Traditional meal at Belvedere Estate

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