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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

PCR Testing / Requirements

All guests participating in this tour will be required to produce a **valid negative PCR test** or undertake a PCR test, prior to departure (regardless of vaccination status, for all countries visited on this tour).

- Nomad will not permit any antigen/antibody testing to be undertaken at any border crossing.
- All costs associated with PCR testing will be for the guests' own account.

South Africa (This tour begins in South Africa)

South Africa currently requires a valid PCR negative test no more than 72 hours from the date of test, upon arrival in South Africa.

- PCR tests will be arranged for guests in Cape Town as is the requirement for entry into Namibia
- Testing will be conducted at the DoubleTree by Hilton Cape Town on the morning of tour departure only at 07:00am.
- All guests will be charged the amount of ±R950 per person on the morning of departure for the cost of the PCR test. This must be paid by credit card directly to the company administering the PCR test. Please ensure your credit card is in working order.

Namibia (This tour crosses the border into Namibia on Day 2 of the itinerary)

Although Namibia requires the PCR test to be valid for 7 days from the date of test up to arrival in Namibia, the requirement is that Namibia needs to be the first port of entry. Therefore, all clients are required to undertake a test in Cape Town to participate in this tour in order to gain access into Namibia.

- All guests will be tested upon arrival in Windhoek (day 13), prior to participating in the walking City Tour.
- The cost of ±R1,200 per person is charged for the PCR test at the testing lab. This must be paid by credit card directly to the company administering the PCR test. Please ensure your credit card is in working order. (Namibian Dollars and South African Rand cash will be accepted).

Botswana (This tour crosses the border into Botswana on day 14 of the itinerary)

Botswana requires a valid PCR test of no more than 72 hours, which means all guests are required to complete the PCR testing in Windhoek, Namibia as stated above.

- All guests will be required to test in the town of Kasane (day 17). The test will be done onsite at our overnight accommodation by a certified company.
- The cost of the PCR test ±BWP950 (Botswana Pula) will be payable in cash or by credit card at the time of the test being administered. Please ensure your credit card is in working order or you have the correct cash in Botswana Pula currency.

Zambia (This tour has been re-routed to finish in the town of Livingstone and will cross the border on day 19 of the itinerary)

All guests entering Zambia are required to produce a negative PCR test valid no more than 72 hours. All guests will be taken to a PCR testing station in Kasane, prior to entering Zambia.

Due to the current restrictions entering Zimbabwe by road – no overnight is permitted prior to departure and therefore this tour will end in the town of Livingstone. All guests who have booked flights out of Victoria Falls Airport, will be permitted to transit into and through Zimbabwe and straight to the airport for their flights.

No testing support will be offered/arranged for guests upon arrival in Livingstone by Nomad, however, you can liaise with the front desk team at Victoria Falls Waterfront Lodge for further assistance, based on your exit date. Cost is ±USD100pp (this is payable in USD Dollar cash only). A private Doctor is called to the lodge and will do the test and all results will be uploaded to a site. Clients have to set an account set up on the below link <https://login.panabios.org/cas/login>. Private Doctors are able to get results within approximately 8 hours, however guarantee 24 hours. We strongly suggest that you liaise with the front desk as soon as you have check into the establishment.

Zimbabwe (Only applicable if flights have been booked out of Victoria Falls Airport – transit is permitted)

All guests entering Zimbabwe are required to produce a negative PCR test valid no more than 48 hours.

- On leaving Zimbabwe, you will be required to present a negative PCR test, issued no more than 48 hours prior to boarding your flight. This is a requirement by the Zimbabwean authorities.

Nomad does not take any responsibility for PCR testing results. Nomad is acting as a facilitator to assist our guests to help obtain a test and all tests are undertaken by independent laboratories. In the event of a positive test result being received by a guest – the guest will be asked to sign off of the tour and undertake self-isolation at his/her own expense. All arrangements of self-isolation will be made by the guest.

Due to additional measures put in place for PCR testing, it is possible that additional delays at border crossings will be experienced and that itinerary items will be offered earlier or later. We ask for your understanding as these delays are beyond our control.

Tour departure point

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

07:00am DoubleTree by Hilton Cape Town – Upper Eastside

31 Brickfield Road, Woodstock, Cape Town

Tel: +27 (0)21 404 0570, <https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/cptuedi-doubletree-cape-town-upper-eastside/>

Tour ending point

Victoria Falls Waterfront, Sichango Drive,

Livingstone, Zambia

Tel: +260 96 8320606 <https://www.thevictoriafallswaterfront.com/>

Maximum Number of Passengers

12 (All protocols and government regulations in terms of carrying capacity will be adhered to at the time of travel)

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. 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 as per the itinerary (your breakfast and dinner will be served in lodges and lunches will be a pre-packed snack pack to enjoy en-route) / 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, Zambia

Onward Travel

This tour can be linked with a number of our other routes, including our East Africa small group safaris in either Kenya or Tanzania. If you are interested to enhance your tour further, please [contact us](#) to receive a list of all the available options to suite your time frame and budget

Green Seats – Travel Responsibly in Africa

Nomad has a non-profit Trust that looks after the people, animals and places that we visit. We realise that a footprint is left where we travel and for this reason, the Nomad Africa Trust was established. Your donation to the Trust is called a “Green Seat”. If you would like to help Nomad making Africa Greener, simply choose the tick box during your booking process (or contact us afterwards to add it) and we will take care of the rest. The Nomad African Trust is responsible for the administration of the funds collected from the sale of the green seats and these funds are distributed to various projects as identified by the Trust.

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. The Cederberg 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 Cederberg, 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/
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	Cape Town to Citrusdal
Meals	Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Welcome Dinner at Marcuskraal

Day 2 - Namibia – 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 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. Crossing the border this afternoon we enter Namibia and settle in on the banks of the Gariep River.

Accommodation	Felix Unite Cabanas http://www.felixunite.com/accommodation/cabanas OR Bundi http://www.bundi.co.za/orangerivercanoeing.htm
Facilities	Two per room en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Clanwilliam 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 we depart the Orange River and head inland to our overnight stop where guests will get a chance to enjoy the Ais-Ais Hot Pools this evening

Accommodation	Ai Ais Resort http://www.nwr.com.na/index.php/resorts/ai-ais-hot-springs-spa
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	Orange/Gariep River to Fish River Canyon (Ai-Ais)
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Ais-Ais Hot Pools
Optional Activity	Half-day canoe trip

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

We rise early this morning and drive to the rim of the Fish River Canyon. We will have time to watch the morning sunrays filter through the canyon. After stretching our legs with a gentle walk along the rim of the canyon, 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	Two per room with en-suite bathrooms <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Fish River Canyon to Keetmanshoop
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlights	Scenic walk along the rim of Fish River Canyon / Visit to Quiver Tree Forest and Giants Playground

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.

Validity: 2021

Accommodation	Solitaire Lodge http://www.travel-weaver.com/Solitaire-Lodge.aspx OR Taleni Desert Quiver Camp https://www.desertquivercamp.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	Keetmanshoop to Namib Naukluft NP
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6 - Sossusvlei Dunes – Namib-Naukluft National Park

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. 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	Solitaire Lodge http://www.travel-weaver.com/Solitaire-Lodge.aspx OR Taleni Desert Quiver Camp https://www.desertquivercamp.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	Taleni to Naukluft Area
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Sesriem Canyon / Hike up Dune 45, 4x4 shuttle to Sossusvlei / Deadvlei

Day 7 - Swakopmund

Today we continue west and make our way to the coastal town of Swakopmund, where adventure and a dose of civilisation await. Our day in the desert ends as we join a local expert for an educational desert excursion before making our way across the Tropic of Capricorn and to the Atlantic coast. We make a brief stop at the Walvis Bay lagoon, hoping to catch a glimpse of the flamingo's that feed in the shallows. On arriving in Swakopmund we have the opportunity to book some of the many adventures on offer.

Accommodation	Swakopmund Plaza Hotel http://www.plaza.na/
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
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Guided desert walk with local expert

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	Swakopmund Plaza Hotel http://www.plaza.na/
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>
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Optional Activity	Dolphin cruise, Skydiving, sandboarding, Quad biking

Day 9 – Spitzkoppe to Brandberg

Leaving early, we make our way to the massive granite formations of Spitzkoppe which tower 700 metres above the desert plains below. The presence of rock art indicates their significance to the San people who lived here many years ago. We will enjoy a walk with our 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	Brandberg White Lady Lodge https://www.brandbergwllodge.com/home
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	Swakopmund to Brandberg (via Spitzkoppe)
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Visit and explore Spitzkoppe

Day 10 – Brandberg White Lady

The Brandberg (Burning Mountains) are regarded as the highest in Namibia and home to the famous White Lady, one of more than 45,000 rock paintings in the area. This morning we will make the 1-hour hike to visit the painting that is said to be around 2,000 years old. *(Please be advised that the hike does traverse rough terrain along the gorge of the normally dry Tsisab River).* After our exploration, our journey continues to the area of Kamanjab.

Accommodation	Melissa's Guesthouse https://www.melissaguesthouse.com
Facilities	Two per room with en-suite bathroom

Validity: 2021

Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.

Route	Brandberg to Kamanjab
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Brandberg White Lady hike

Day 11 – 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. This afternoon we reach the park and begin with our first game drive as we make our way to rest camp.

Accommodation	NWR: Okaukuejo https://www.nwr.com.na/resorts/okaukuejo-resort
Facilities	Two per room with en-suite bathroom Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Route	Kamanjab to Etosha National Park
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Afternoon game drive in the Nomad vehicle

Day 12 - 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.

Accommodation	NWR: Okaukuejo https://www.nwr.com.na/resorts/okaukuejo-resort
Facilities	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, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Full day game drive in the Nomad vehicle

Day 13 - Windhoek

A last early morning game drive to the gate sees us wrap up our visit to Etosha and take aim for Windhoek, the capital city of Namibia. We will take a short walk through the city centre and have the opportunity to view some its better known landmarks.

Accommodation	Hotel Safari https://www.safarihotelsnamibia.com/
Facilities	Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Route	Etosha National Park to Windhoek
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Windhoek City Tour with your guide

Day 14 - Botswana – Ghanzi

Today we travel east 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. The San people have long been associated with this harsh environment and this tonight we enjoy a dance evening that provides an insight into their culture of song, dance and story-telling.

Accommodation	Tautona Lodge http://tautonalodge.com/
Facilities	Two per room with en-suite bathroom Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Route	Windhoek to Ghanzi
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	San Tribal dance in evening
Optional Activity	San Guided Walk (could take place the next morning)
Border Post	Namibia: Buitepos, Tel: +264 62 560401, Open: 07h00-24h00 Botswana: Mamanu, Tel: +267 (0) 659 2013/2064, Open: 07h00-24h00

Day 15 – Greater Moremi Game Reserve 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 for Maun today as there is limited time in Maun for re-packing and storing. Please pack lightly and only take what you need for the following two nights. This morning we rise early and make our way towards Maun, where upon arrival in Maun you 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 Greater Moremi Game Reserve Area in smaller safari type vehicles. This evening our guide will prepare us on what to expect for our mokoro excursion into the Okavango Delta and our game drive in Moremi Game Reserve.

Accommodation	South Gate Camp (no website available)
Facilities	Two per permanent tent with en-suite bathroom
Route	Ghanzi via Maun to Moremi South Gate
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Optional Activity	Okavango Delta scenic flight

Day 16 - Greater Moremi Game Reserve Area

Heading out early, we transfer by safari vehicle to the poling station, where we will meet the polers who will be escorting us into the Delta. The polers will steer us through the serene area of narrow, reed lined channels which open out onto beautiful lagoons. Reaching one of the many islands, a nature walk may be taken with your pole and after the walk, we return by mokoro through the channels back to the poling station. While the mokoro trail is not primarily a game viewing activity, a variety of game may be spotted in this pristine wilderness area, including elephant, giraffe, kudu, impala and zebra. After lunch, we will return to Moremi Game Reserve for our afternoon game drive which will be conducted in open 4x4 safari vehicles. The game viewing routes chosen during the afternoon by the professional guide may vary especially when high floods are experienced as certain roads may be closed or impassable.

Accommodation	South Gate Camp (no website available)
Facilities	Two per permanent tent with en-suite bathroom
Route	Moremi South Gate - poling station – Okavango Delta – Moremi South Gate
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Okavango Delta Morning Mokoro Excursion / Moremi Game Reserve Afternoon Game Drive

Day 17 – Savuti Game Reserve

The Savuti Game Reserve is a unique area bordered by the Okavango Delta to west and Chobe National Park to the east. Savuti is renowned as a big game area and known for having the largest concentrations of wildlife in Southern Africa. Today we will spend most of our day travelling through the Savuti Game Reserve in search of the species that roam the plains. 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 afternoon we arrive on the banks of the Chobe River and will be re-united with our Nomad truck in the town of Kasane.

Accommodation	Thebe River Safaris http://www.theberiversafaris.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	Moremi South Gate – via Savuti Game Reserve - Kasane
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Full Day Game Drive through Savuti Game Reserve in 4x4 safari vehicles

Day 18 – Chobe National Park

For those that opt to participate in the optional game drive in Chobe National Park, you will be collected early from camp and will venture out in open 4x4 safari type vehicles. You will return to camp 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 http://www.theberiversafaris.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>
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Chobe National Park Boat Cruise
Optional Activity	Chobe National Park Game Drive

Day 19 – Zambia - Livingstone

With the memories of our wildlife encounters firmly etched in our minds, we cross the border into Zambia this morning and travel the short distance to Livingstone. Today you 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).

Accommodation	Victoria Falls Waterfront https://theexplorerclubafrica.com/the-victoria-falls-waterfront/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room (Adventure Rooms) with en-suite bathroom Camping: <i>Pre-erected dome tent with camper bed</i> <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Kasane to Livingstone
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Optional Activity	Visit the Vic Falls, Zambezi Sunset Cruise, Bungee Jump, Helicopter Flights, White Water Rafting
Border Post	Botswana: Kazangula Road, Tel: +267 62 50320 / Open: 06h00-20h00 Zambia: Kazungula

Day 20 - Livingstone

Your tour comes to an end after breakfast and with the many activities on offer in Livingstone, 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	Own Arrangements / Post tour accommodation can be booked through Nomad.
Meals	Breakfast
Optional Activity	Visit the Vic Falls, Zambezi Sunset Cruise, Bungee Jump, Helicopter Flights, White Water Rafting

