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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 <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, https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/cptuedi-doubletree-cape-town-upper-eastside/

#### Tour ending point

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/

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

This tour combines two styles of our tours, being our standard group and our small group tour. Therefore, this tour operates on two vehicle types and it is important that you familiarize yourself with the difference before booking this tour.

Cape Town – Johannesburg: Max 20 passengers in our standard 20-seater truck

Johannesburg – Cape Town: Max 12 passengers in our 12-seater mini bus (quantum style vehicle)

#### 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

Meals as outlined in the itinerary, which are prepared and served at the Nomad truck (days 1 – 19) and Breakfast & dinner will be provided in the lodge where we stay (days 23-41) / accommodation / qualified crew / transport / 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. If you are booking the camping tour as a solo traveller, a portion of your tour will have a compulsory single supplement charge.

#### **Countries Visited**

South Africa, Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Eswatini, Lesotho

### **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.

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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 <a href="http://www.marcuskraal.co.za/index1.html">http://www.marcuskraal.co.za/index1.html</a>
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 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 <a href="http://www.felixunite.com/accommodation/cabanas">http://www.felixunite.com/accommodation/cabanas</a> 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 - 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. 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 the Fish River Canyon, 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 where we will overnight.

Accommodation Schutzenhaus Guesthouse <a href="http://www.schuetzenhaus-namibia.com/">http://www.schuetzenhaus-namibia.com/</a>

**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** Orange/Gariep River to Keetmanshoop

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included Highlights Scenic walk along the rim of Fish River Canyon

**Pre-Bookable Optional** Orange River Canoe Trip

### Day 4 - Quiver Tree Forest, Giants Playground, Namib-Naukluft National Park

Our morning 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. 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. We spend the next two nights on the doorstep of the dune fields and fall asleep to the unique calls of the elusive Barking Gecko.

Accommodation Hammerstein Lodge <a href="https://weltevredeguestfarm.com/">https://weltevredeguestfarm.com/</a> OR Weltevrede Guest Farm <a href="https://weltevredeguestfarm.com/">https://weltevredeguestfarm.com/</a>

OR Namib Desert Lodge <a href="https://store.gondwana-collection.com/accommodation/namib-desert-lodge">https://store.gondwana-collection.com/accommodation/namib-desert-lodge</a>

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 Area

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included Highlights Quiver Tree Forest, Giants Playground

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#### Day 5 - Namib-Naukluft National Park Area



Today is put aside for you to relax and recharge while taking in the landscapes of the desert. Optional activities such as self-guided walks from camp are available

Accommodation Hammerstein Lodge <a href="http://hammersteinlodge.com.na/">http://hammersteinlodge.com.na/</a> OR Weltevrede Guest Farm <a href="https://weltevredeguestfarm.com/">https://weltevredeguestfarm.com/</a>

OR Namib Desert Lodge <a href="https://store.gondwana-collection.com/accommodation/namib-desert-lodge">https://store.gondwana-collection.com/accommodation/namib-desert-lodge</a>

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

### 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://www.bushmansdesertcamp-sossus.com/ OR Solitaire Roadhouse

https://www.solitairenamibia.com/#roadhouse, 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 <a href="http://hausgarnison.com/">http://hausgarnison.com/</a> OR Amanpuri Travellers Lodge <a href="http://www.amanpurinamibia.com">http://hausgarnison.com/</a> OR Ocean

House https://daosa.com.na/ocean-house/

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** Namib Naukluft National Park to Swakopmund

Meals Breakfast, Lunch

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 <a href="http://hausgarnison.com/">http://hausgarnison.com/</a> OR Amanpuri Travellers Lodge <a href="http://www.amanpurinamibia.com">http://hausgarnison.com/</a> OR Ocean

House https://daosa.com.na/ocean-house/

**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

Pre-Bookable Optionals Swakopmund Quadbiking / Dolphin Catamaran Cruise / Living Dunes Tour / Sandwich Harbour Dune Drive / Skeleton

Coast Cape Cross / Spitzkoppe Adventure Drive (min numbers may apply to activities)

### Day 9 - Swakopmund to Brandberg

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 turn our attention to The Brandberg (Burning Mountains), which 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. We will make the ±2-hour return hike to visit the painting that is said to be around 2,000 years old. (Please be advised that this activity will take place either this evening or tomorrow morning early. The hike does traverse rough terrain along the gorge of the normally dry Tsisab River).

Accommodation Brandberg White Lady Lodge <a href="https://www.brandbergwllodge.com">https://www.brandbergwllodge.com</a> OR Brandberg Rest Camp

https://www.brandbergrestcamp.com/ OR iGowati Country Hotel https://igowaticountryhotel.com/

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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 Swakopmund to Brandberg
Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included Highlight Brandberg Hike with your Nomad Guide

### Day 10 - Brandberg to Etosha National Park Area

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 prepare ourselves for our visit into the park the following day.

Accommodation Okaukuejo <a href="https://www.nwr.com.na/resorts/okaukuejo-resort">https://www.nwr.com.na/resorts/okaukuejo-resort</a> OR Taleni Etosha Village <a href="https://etosha-village.com/">https://etosha-village.com/</a>

OR Etosha Safari Camp https://store.gondwana-collection.com/accommodation/etosha-safari-camp OR

Omusati Lodge https://daosa.com.na/omusati-lodge/ OR Mondjila Safari Camp https://www.mondjilasafaricamp.com/

OR Eldorado <a href="https://www.etoshaaccommodation.com/">https://www.etoshaaccommodation.com/</a> \*\*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** Brandberg to Etosha National Park Area

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### Day 11 - Etosha National Park

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://www.nwr.com.na/resorts/okaukuejo-resort OR Taleni Etosha Village https://etosha-village.com/

OR Etosha Safari Camp https://store.gondwana-collection.com/accommodation/etosha-safari-camp OR

Omusati Lodge https://daosa.com.na/omusati-lodge/ OR Mondjila Safari Camp https://www.mondjilasafaricamp.com/

OR Eldorado <a href="https://www.etoshaaccommodation.com/">https://www.etoshaaccommodation.com/</a>
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

Pre-Bookable Optional Full day 4x4 safari in Etosha National Park (Nomad truck drive will be forfeited) (min numbers may apply to activities)

Included Highlight Full day game drive (in the Nomad truck)

#### Day 12 - Etosha National Park

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

Accommodation Kupferquelle resort <a href="https://www.kupferquelle.com/">https://www.kupferquelle.com/</a>
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 (in the Nomad truck)

# 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 <a href="http://www.mahangu.com.na/">http://www.mahangu.com.na/</a> OR Rainbow River Lodge <a href="https://www.rainbowriverlodgenamibia.com/">https://www.rainbowriverlodgenamibia.com/</a>

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.

**Facilities** Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom

**Camping:** Two per Room with en-suite bathroom

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Route Divundu to Maun
Meals Breakfast, Lunch
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. Accommodation in Khwai can best be described as a rustic style mobile fly camp. Your meru style tent is equipped with 2 single beds and adjoining en-suite amenities consisting of a bucket shower system and chemical toilet. 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 Khwai Tented Camp (no website available)

**Camping:** Campsite with Shared Ablutions

Route Maun to Khwai Conservation area
Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Pre-Bookable Optional 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 meru 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

https://elephantsandsbotswana.business.site/?utm\_source=gmb&utm\_medium=referral OR Eco Lodge

https://www.africanreservations.com/Eco-Lodge

**Facilities** Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom

Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions

 ${\it Please \ visit \ the \ website \ of \ the \ accommodation \ provider \ for \ a \ full \ list \ of \ the \ facilities \ offered.}$ 

**Route** Khwai Conservation Area to Nata (long day)

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included Highlight Salt Pans viewpoint (seasonal access dependant)

# Day 18 – Nata to Kasane - Chobe National Park

We 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 <a href="http://www.theberiversafaris.com">http://www.theberiversafaris.com</a> 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 Chobe National Park Boat Cruise

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## 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 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> OR Bayete Guest Lodge

https://www.thebayetecollection.com/bayete-guest-lodge/ OR Phezulu

https://www.thebayetecollection.com/phezulu/

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 Kasane to Victoria Falls
Meals Breakfast, Lunch

Pre-Bookable Optional Chobe National Park Game Drive Optional Activity Victoria Falls National Park Entry

Border Post Botswana: Kazangula Road, Tel: +267 62 50320 / Open: 06h00-20h00

Zimbabwe: Kazangula Road, Open: 06h00-20h00

## Day 20 - Victoria Falls

**Facilities** 

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 <a href="http://explorersvillage.com/">http://explorersvillage.com/</a> OR Bayete Guest Lodge

https://www.thebayetecollection.com/bayete-guest-lodge/ OR Phezulu

https://www.thebayetecollection.com/phezulu/ OR Victoria Falls Rainbow Hotel

https://rtgafrica.com/victoria-falls-rainbow-hotel/

Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom

Camping: Two per room with en-suite bathroom

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Meals Breakfast

Pre-Bookable Optionals Historical Bridge Tour / Helicopter Flight over the Falls / Bungy Jumping / Bridge Swing / Simunye Theatre Show / Sunset

Boat Cruise / Guided Tour of the Falls / Chobe Day Trip (min numbers may apply to activities)

# 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

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 <a href="https://www.southernsun.com/garden-court-or-tambo-international-airport">www.southernsun.com/garden-court-or-tambo-international-airport</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.

**Route** Francistown to Johannesburg

Meals No meals included

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 – Greater Kruger National Park

Leaving the city of Johannesburg behind us we make our way east through the coalfields of Mpumalanga. Our journey today follows in the footsteps of the old trade-routes to the Lowveld and the Kruger National Park.

Accommodation Nkambeni Reserve <a href="http://www.nkambeni.com">http://www.umbhaba.co.za/</a> OR Hotel Numbi

https://www.hotelnumbi.co.za/ OR Timbavati safari lodge https://timbavatisafarilodge.com/

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Facilities Accommodated: Two per Permanent Tent with En-suite Bathroom

Camping: Two per Permanent Tent with En-suite Bathroom

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

**Route** Johannesburg to Nkambeni Reserve

Meals Breakfast, Dinner

### **Day 24 - 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 and the Kruger is also home to the famed members of Africa's Big-5. Truly the flagship of the South African national parks, Kruger is home to an impressive number of species: 336 trees, 49 fish, 34 amphibians, 114 reptiles, 507 birds and 147 mammals. Our Game drive through the park is in an open-sided 4x4 vehicle.

Accommodation Nkambeni Reserve http://www.nkambeni.com OR Umbhaba https://www.umbhaba.co.za/ OR Hotel Numbi

https://www.hotelnumbi.co.za/ OR Timbavati safari lodge https://timbavatisafarilodge.com/

**Facilities** Accommodated: Two per Permanent Tent with En-suite Bathroom

Camping: Two per Permanent Tent with En-suite Bathroom

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

Route Kruger National Park Meals Breakfast, Dinner

Included Highlight Kruger National Park 4x4 game drive

### Day 25 - Kruger National Park

While those who elect to do the optional morning walk will have an earlier start, 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.

Accommodation Nkambeni Reserve <a href="http://www.nkambeni.com">http://www.umbhaba.co.za/</a> OR Hotel Numbi

https://www.hotelnumbi.co.za/ OR Timbavati safari lodge https://timbavatisafarilodge.com/

Facilities Accommodated: Two per Permanent Tent with En-suite Bathroom

Camping: Two per Permanent Tent with En-suite Bathroom

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Included Highlight Panorama Route - Bourke's Luck Potholes, Blyde River Canyon, God's Window

Meals Breakfast, Dinner

### Day 26 - Kruger to Eswatini

We start the day early with some coffee and traditional rusks before setting off through Kruger on our way to Eswatini. Our vehicle offers an excellent platform for game viewing as we make our way south. We exit the southern end of the park and travel the short distance to Eswatini border, our route this afternoon winds through the mountains and forests of this landlocked kingdom. Our destination for today is the Ezulwini Valley just south of the capital Mbabane.

Accommodation Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary <a href="http://www.biggameparks.org/mlilwane/">http://www.biggameparks.org/mlilwane/</a> OR Hlane Royal National Park

https://biggameparks.org/properties/hlane-royal-national-park-1 OR Mbuluzi https://www.mbuluzi.com/ OR Mantenga

Lodge <a href="https://www.mantengalodge.com/">https://www.mantengalodge.com/</a>

**Facilities** Accommodated: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom

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

Route Kruger to Mlilwane Meals Breakfast, Dinner

Included Activity Game Drive in Kruger National Park (in your Nomad vehicle)

Border Post South Africa: Jeppes Reef, Tel: + 27(0)13 781 0382, Open: 07h00-20h00

Eswatini: Matsamo, Tel: +268 323 2137, Open: 07h00-20h00

#### Day 27 - Eswatini

Officially known as the Kingdom of Eswatini, Eswatini is a landlocked country which means that it doesn't have a coastline and is completely surrounded by South Africa. Some key Swazi phrases to try include: Hello: "Sawubona" or Yes: "Yebo". Today you will have the opportunity to explore your surroundings.

Accommodation Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary http://www.biggameparks.org/mlilwane/ OR Hlane Royal National Park

https://biggameparks.org/properties/hlane-royal-national-park-1 OR Mbuluzi https://www.mbuluzi.com/ OR Mantenga

Lodge <a href="https://www.mantengalodge.com/">https://www.mantengalodge.com/</a>

**Facilities** Accommodated: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom

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Meals Breakfast, Dinner

Optional Activity Game Drives, Mountain Biking and Hiking

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#### Day 28 - Eswatini - St Lucia

We bid farewell to Eswatini and re-enter South Africa, continuing south into the reaches of Zululand, once the realm of the mighty King Shaka who united the Zulu clans.

Accommodation Forest Lodge <a href="https://www.forestkzn.co.za/">https://www.shonalanga.net</a>

**Facilities** Accommodated: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom

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

**Route** Eswatini to St. Lucia **Meals** Breakfast, Dinner

Border Post South Africa: Golela Border Post, Tel: +27(0)34 435 1070 Open: 07h00-22h00

Swaziland: Lavumisa Town Board, Tel: +268 20 790 93, Open: 07h00-22h00

### Day 29 - Hluhluwe – Umfolozi Game Reserve / iSimangaliso Wetland Park

We set out early this morning for a game drive in the nearby Hluhulwe-Imfolozi Game Reserve, one of the last strongholds of the endangered rhinoceros. While rhinoceros are the most famous of the parks inhabitants, the park also provides a home to many other species, including the Big-5 that we all hope to see. Returning to our lodging for a siesta, we freshen up for an afternoon boat cruise on St Lucia estuary.

Accommodation Forest Lodge https://www.forestkzn.co.za/ OR Shonalanga http://www.shonalanga.net

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

Included Highlights Game Drive in Hluhluwe-Imfolozi National Park, St. Lucia Boat Cruise

### Day 30 - Kwa Zulu Natal Coast - UKhahlamba Drakensberg Park

Running the length of the Kwazulu-Natal province, the Ukuhlamba Drakensberg Park is a UNESCO recognised world heritage site. Whether you go by the Zulu name uKhahlamba, meaning 'barrier of spears', or the Afrikaans name Drakensberge, meaning 'dragon mountains', these towering mountains will be our backdrop for the next two nights. On our way we make a stop to view the scenic Howick Falls and a visit to the nearby site that marked the capture of South Africa's most famous man, Nelson Mandela.

Accommodation Monks Cowl http://www.goodersonleisure.co.za/gooderson-monks-cowl-golf-resort

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 St. Lucia to Drakensberg
Meals Breakfast, Dinner

Included Highlight Visit to the Mandela Capture Site, visit Howick Falls

# Day 31 - UKhahlamba Drakensberg Park

We set out this morning for a lengthy hike. While we encourage everyone to make the most of the day in mountains, we may offer separate options depending on the activity level of the group. With a number of trails available we can ensure that we cater to every need, the most important aim is to ensure everyone enjoys this mountain paradise at their own pace.

Accommodation Monks Cowl <a href="http://www.goodersonleisure.co.za/gooderson-monks-cowl-golf-resort">http://www.goodersonleisure.co.za/gooderson-monks-cowl-golf-resort</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, Dinner

Included Highlight Hike with your guide in Ukhahlamba-Drakensberg Park

#### Day 32 - Lesotho

Our journey today begins with a mountain pass as our route winds its way through the magnificent cliffs off the Golden Gate National Park before we enter Lesotho in the afternoon, we pass the capital city of Maseru as continue the climb to our base high amongst the mountain peaks.

Accommodation Malealea Lodge <a href="https://www.malealealodge.com/">https://www.semonkonglodge.com/</a> OR Semonkong <a href="https://www.semonkonglodge.com/">https://www.semonkonglodge.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.

**Route** Drakensberg to Malealea

Meals Breakfast, Dinner

Border Post South Africa: Maseru Bridge, Tel: +27 (0) 51 924 4300, Open: 24hrs

Lesotho: Maseru Bridge, Tel: +266 22 313 796, Open: 24hrs

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#### Day 33 - Lesotho

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The clean air of the mountains accompanies us this morning as we explore the surrounding area offers a unique and adventurous landscape to explore on foot and we will set out on the trail which is a couple of hours.

Accommodation Malealea Lodge https://www.malealealodge.com/ OR Semonkong https://www.semonkonglodge.com/

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, Dinner

Pre-Bookable Optionals
Included Highlight
Pony trekking / Village Tour (min numbers could apply to activities)
Waterfall & Bushman Paintings activity with your Nomad guide

### Day 34 - South Africa - Graaff Reinet

Returning to South Africa, we descend the mountains and take aim across the Great Karoo. The semi-arid Karoo represents the heartland of rural South Africa and presents a stark contrast to the mountains we leave behind. Our overnight stop is set in the historic town of Graaff-Reinet, the fourth oldest town in the country. We cross the mighty Orange (Gariep) River today as we journey through the vast countryside of the Karoo.

Accommodation Profcon Resort <a href="https://profconresort.co.za/">https://profconresort.co.za/</a> OR Camdeboo Cottages (no website available)

**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 Malealea to Graaff Reinet

Meals Breakfast, Dinner

Border Post Lesotho: Vanrooyenshek, Tel: +27 51 583 1525, Open: 06h00-22h00.

South Africa: Vanrooyenshek, Tel: +27 51 583 1516, Open: 06h00-22h00

## Day 35 - Gqeberha / Great Addo Area

This morning you will have the opportunity to join a sunrise excursion to the Valley of Desolation. This unique valley offers a panoramic view over the town and the wide open plains stretching out below. Setting course for the coast once again, we pass through the open plains of the Karoo and head to the famous Addo Elephant National Park where we will enjoy a half day game drive in our Nomad vehicle, in search of the famous elephants that call Addo home.

Accommodation Garden Court Kings Beach Hotel <a href="https://www.southernsun.com/garden-court-kings-beach">https://www.southernsun.com/garden-court-kings-beach</a> OR Chrislin African Lodge

https://www.chrislin.co.za/

**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** Graaff Reinet to Gqeberha / Greater Addo area

Meals Breakfast

Included Highlight Valley of Desolation sunrise tour, afternoon game drive in Addo National Park (Nomad vehicle)

# Day 36 – Gqeberha / Great Addo Area

We once again head into Addo Elephant National Park for our game drive. Recent expansion has seen Addo grow to become the third largest of South Africa's National Parks. The unique vegetation of Addo supports a wide variety of wildlife and we will spend the morning in search of the animals.

Accommodation Garden Court Kings Beach Hotel https://www.southernsun.com/garden-court-kings-beach OR Chrislin African Lodge

https://www.chrislin.co.za/

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

Included Highlight Morning game drive in Addo National Park (in the Nomad vehicle)

#### Day 37 - Tsitsikamma National Park

Setting out early this morning we make a brief visit to the surfing mecca of Jeffreys Bay. Most famous for its waves this little town is also home to a small Surfing Museum. We then turn west to the Tsitsikamma region where we set up for the next two nights and where the wonders of the Garden Route await.

Accommodation Tsitsikamma Village Inn http://www.tsitsikammavillageinn.co.za/ OR Storms River Lodge

https://www.stormsriverguestlodge.co.za/ OR Storms River Village Lodge https://www.stormsrivervillagelodge.com/

**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** Gqeberha / Greater Addo area to Tsitsikamma

Meals Breakfast, Dinner

Included Highlight Stop in the surfing town of Jeffreys Bay

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#### Day 38 - Tsitsikamma National Park



Tsitsikamma National Park is one of South Africa's premier marine reserves and this morning we set out to explore the rugged coastline on foot. Our hike along the Waterfall Trail sees us cover the first section of the world renowned Otter Trail. This is not an easy hike and those who prefer a more leisurely option can make use of the boardwalks to the Storms River Mouth. We return after our hike and you will have the opportunity to book the Woodcutters Journey in the afternoon – experiencing the uniqueness of the Tsitsikamma biome and learning about the history of the area and its indigenous fauna & flora.

Accommodation Tsitsikamma Village Inn <a href="http://www.tsitsikammavillageinn.co.za/">http://www.tsitsikammavillageinn.co.za/</a> OR Storms River Lodge

https://www.stormsriverguestlodge.co.za/ OR Storms River Village Lodge https://www.stormsrivervillagelodge.com/

**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

Included Highlight Tsitsikamma National Park entrance to hike with your Nomad Guide
Optional Activity Woodcutters Journey tour, Treetop Canopy Tours, Bungee Jumping,

### Day 39 - Oudtshoorn

After a stop in the town of Knysna, we make our way inland, crossing the Outeniqua Mountains and descend to the town of Oudtshoorn. We head to the famous Cango caves to enjoy a guided tour where we marvel at the astonishing formations that have formed in these impressive limestone caves.

Accommodation De Denne Country Guest House <a href="https://dedenne.com/">https://dedenne.com/</a> OR De Zeekoe <a href="https://www.dezeekoe.co.za/">https://dedenne.com/</a> OR De Zeekoe <a href="https://www.dezeekoe.co.za/">https://www.dezeekoe.co.za/</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.

**Route** Tsitsikamma to Oudtshoorn

Meals Breakfast, Dinner
Included Highlight Cango Caves Basic Tour

### Day 40 – Route 62 – Hermanus/Arniston

Today we follow a section of the scenic Route 62, stopping to experience some of the many farm stalls on the way. One of the more quirky highlights today is Ronnie's Sex Shop, not a sex shop at all, but a rather interesting country pub! After passing through some quaint Overberg villages, we reach the southernmost tip of the African continent, where the Atlantic and Indian oceans meet, Cape Agulhas.

Accommodation Windsor Hotel <a href="https://www.windsorhotel.co.za/">https://www.windsorhotel.co.za/</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.

**Route** Oudtshoorn to Hermanus

Meals Breakfast

Included Highlight Stop at Ronnie's Sex Shop, Cape Agulhas (Southernmost tip of the African continent)

### Day 41 – The Cape Whale Coast Route

This morning we have time to stroll along the boardwalk in Hermanus in search of the southern right whales that frequent the shores in the months of July to November before we drive along the beautiful Cape Whale Coast which is a pristine stretch on the South African coastline. Next we stop at the largest breeding colony of African Penguins, Stony Point Nature Reserve, before travelling along the coast to the city centre of Cape Town. Your tour comes to an end upon arrival in the city centre of Cape Town.

Accommodation Own arrangements
Route Hermanus to Cape Town

Meals Breakfast

Included Highlight Stroll along the Hermanus boardwalks, Stony Point Penguin Colony