All information provided in this tour dossier is subject to change without prior notice. Changes would always be in consideration of your safety first and a better quality experience where possible. Overnight <u>accommodation stops can change without prior notification</u>, depending on road or weather conditions or any unforeseen circumstances. While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the properties listed in this dossier, these are to be used as a <u>guideline only</u>. We recommend that you download the most up to date version of this tour dossier one week prior to your tour departure date, however, changes are possible within 7 days prior to your tour departure.

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 <u>30 minutes before</u> the scheduled departure time. <u>8.00am</u> Shearwater Explorers Village, Adam Stander Dr, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe Tel: +263 13 47362 <u>http://explorersvillage.com/</u>

#### **Tour ending point**

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

# **Maximum Number of Passengers**

20

#### 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.

### 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<br/>in the event of emergencies. Please only contact this number if, for example, you have missed your incoming flight, you cannot find your airport<br/>transfer or you are running late for your tour departure.If calling from outside South Africa:0027 82 578 2199If calling within South Africa:082 578 2199

# Arrival / Departure

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

# What's included

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

#### What's excluded

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

### **Countries Visited**

South Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe

# 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 - 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. Hwange is the largest of Zimbabwe's national parks and offers excellent opportunities for viewing the diversity of wildlife that calls the park home.

Accommodation	Hwange Main Camp <u>http://zimparks.org</u> OR Miombo Safari <u>https://miombosafari.com</u> OR Gwango Elephant 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	Victoria Falls to Hwange National Park
Meals	Lunch, Dinner
<b>Optional Activity</b>	Victoria Falls National Park Entry

### Day 2 – Hwange National Park

Home to the big-5, Hwange National Park also offers a wide variety of plains game and birdlife. We will spend the day game driving (in open 4x4 vehicles) through Hwange in search of the animals.

Accommodation	Hwange Main Camp <u>http://zimparks.org</u> OR Miombo Safari <u>https://miombosafari.com</u> OR Gwango Elephant 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	Hwange National Park
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Full day Hwange National Park game drive

# Day 3 – 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	Banff Lodge <a href="http://www.banfflodgehotel.com/">http://www.banfflodgehotel.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	Hwange National Park to Bulawayo to Matopos National Park
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Afternoon game drive in Matopos National Park

# Day 4 – 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 Facilities	Norma Jeans Lake View Resort <u>http://www.normajeanslakeview.com</u> Accommodated: Two per Room with En-Suite Bathroom
	Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
	Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Route	(Bulawayo) Matopos National Park to Great Zimbabwe Ruins (Masvingo)
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Visit to the Great Zimbabwe Ruins

# Day 5 – Mapesu Private Game Reserve

Leaving the sites of Zimbabwe behind we cross the Limpopo River and enter South Africa this afternoon.

Accommodation	Mapesu Wilderness Camp https://mapesu.com/accommodation-wilderness-tented-camp/ OR Thipise Forever Resorts
	https://www.forevertshipise.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	Great Zimbabwe Ruins (Masvingo) to Mapesu Private Game Reserve
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Border Post	Beitbridge Border Post +263 862 2303 / 2366 +27 (015) 530-0066 / 71 website: <u>http://www.zimra.co.zw</u>



# Day 6 - Johannesburg

This morning we take the highway south to Johannesburg, we arrive in Johannesburg in the late afternoon.

Accommodation Facilities	Garden Court OR Tambo International <u>www.southernsun.com/garden-court-or-tambo-international-airport</u> 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	Mapesu Private Game Reserve to Johannesburg
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch

### Day 7 – Johannesburg to Great Kruger National Park Area

Please note that during the next few days (while we are visiting Kruger National Park), the order of activities could change without prior notice and a degree of flexibility is needed. This is to allow for maximum game viewing opportunities and experiences. It is possible on certain departures that a different vehicle type could be used at either the start or the end of your tour. This means that on either day 7 (from Johannesburg to the Greater Kruger National Park) or day 10 (Kruger National Park to Johannesburg, your journey may be conducted in shuttle (minivan) vehicles to meet up with and/or depart from the Nomad truck in the Greater Kruger National Park. If your selected date involves such a shuttle, we will inform you accordingly.

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. We set up camp at our base for the next three nights and enjoy a lovely sundowner drive.

Accommodation	Nkambeni Reserve <u>http://www.nkambeni.com</u>
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per Permanent Tent with En-suite Bathroom
	Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
	Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Route	Johannesburg to Kruger National Park
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Sundowner Game Drive

## Day 8 – Kruger National Park

Rising early this morning we enter the Kruger National Park to enjoy a full-day of game viewing. The abundance of wildlife presents us with opportunities for excellent sightings, while the Kruger is also home to the famed members of Africa's Big-5. The game drive offers the excitement of experiencing the park from an open-sided 4x4 vehicle.

Accommodation	Nkambeni Reserve <u>http://www.nkambeni.com</u>
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per Permanent Tent with En-suite Bathroom
	Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
	Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Full-Day Kruger Park Game Drive in 4x4 Vehicles

### Day 9 – Panorama Route

This morning we will journey along the scenic Panorama Route where we will visit God's Window, Bourke's Luck Potholes and the Three Rondavels.

Accommodation	Nkambeni Reserve <u>http://www.nkambeni.com</u>
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per Permanent Tent with En-suite Bathroom
	Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
	Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	The Panorama Route - God's Window, Bourke's Luck Potholes and Three Rondavels

### Day 10 – Kruger National Park to Johannesburg

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

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