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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

Pre-Tour Meet Up

Join us for an optional pre-tour meet up from 17:00 to 19:00 the evening before departure, in the reception area of the Shearwater Explorers Village (official departure point). It's a great chance to meet your fellow travellers and our crew, ask any questions about the tour, and complete any last-minute paperwork in a relaxed setting. Attending will help you feel more prepared and connected before the adventure ahead. If you can't make it due to prior commitments, don't worry—the morning meeting on departure day will still be available to finalize everything

Tour departure point

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

8.00am Shearwater Explorers Village, Adam Stander Dr, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Tel: +263 13 47362 <http://explorersvillage.com/>

Tour ending point

Garden Court O.R. Tambo International Airport, 2 Hulley Road Isando Ext. 3, Kempton Park, Gauteng, South Africa

Tel: +27 (0)11 392 1062 <https://www.southernsun.com/garden-court-or-tambo-international-airport>

Maximum Number of Passengers

20

After hours emergency contact

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

If calling from outside South Africa: 0027 82 578 2199

If calling within South Africa:

082 578 2199

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.

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

Meals as outlined in the itinerary, 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, soft drinks) / entrance fees (associated with optional activities / souvenirs / tips

Countries Visited

Zimbabwe, South Africa

Onward Travel

This tour can be linked with a number of our other routes, including East Africa and the Kruger National Park. 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

The town of Victoria Falls is often referred to as the adventure capital of Zimbabwe. There are numerous optional activities on offer which can be pre-booked and enjoyed prior to your tour starting. We suggest you arrive a day or two earlier to explore and experience Victoria Falls.

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 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 <http://zimparcs.org> OR Miombo Safari <https://miombosafari.com> 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

Included Highlight Hwange Painted Dog Centre

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 Miombo Safari <https://miombosafari.com> OR Hwange Main Camp <http://zimparcs.org> 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 <http://www.banfflodgehotel.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 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 Clevers Lakeview Resort - Masvingo <https://clevershotelsandresorts.com/business-units/clevers-lakeview-resort/>

Facilities **Accommodated:** Two per Room with En-Suite Bathroom
Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.

Route (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 <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
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: http://www.zimra.co.zw

Day 6 - Johannesburg

This morning we take the highway south to Johannesburg, we arrive in Johannesburg in the late afternoon were your tour ends upon arrival.

Accommodation	Own Arrangements / Post tour accommodation can be booked through Nomad.
Route	Mapesu Private Game Reserve to Johannesburg
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch