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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 Phezulu Guest Lodge (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 meeting on departure day will still be available to finalize everything. As your tour spends the day in the town of Victoria Falls on day 1, you are free to participate in the various activities available or explore the town.

## Tour departure point

17:00pm The Bayete Collection, Phezulu, Stand 584 Manyika Road, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe Tel: +263 832 847 321 https://www.thebayetecollection.com/phezulu/

### **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**

# **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 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.

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, bottled water, soft drinks, tips) / entrance fees (associated with optional activities / souvenirs and optional activities.

#### **Countries Visited**

Zimbabwe, Botswana, South Africa

# **Onward Travel**

This tour can be linked with a number of our other routes which cover East Africa, visiting highlights such as Zanzibar, Lake Malawi and 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.

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### 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

Today is your arrival day in the town of Victoria Falls, home to the spectacular Victoria Falls. The bustling adventure town of Victoria Falls also offers a range of optional activities for those wanting a dose of adrenaline. For the more relaxed traveller there are craft markets to explore and a delicious high tea is on offer at the Victoria Falls Hotel. You will meet your crew in the reception area of Shearwater at 17:00pm (if you have not already met the previous night). This evening, you have the option to join the group for an optional dinner at a local restaurant, where you can enjoy a meal and reflect on the day's adventures. Your guide will arrange a booking for those who wish to participate. (As we will depart Victoria Falls tomorrow morning, if you wish to participate in the many optional activities, we would advise that you plan to arrive in Victoria Falls a day or two earlier).

Accommodation Phezulu https://www.thebayetecollection.com/phezulu/ OR Bayete

https://www.thebayetecollection.com/bayete-guest-lodge/ OR Shearwater Explores Village

http://explorersvillage.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 No meals

**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 2 - Victoria Falls - Kasane - Chobe National Park

This morning, we depart Victoria Falls and travel the short distance to the Botswana border. Crossing into Botswana we will arrive at our accommodation in time to set up camp on the banks of the Chobe River, before heading out for our afternoon activity. In the afternoon we 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 OR Kwalape Safari Lodge https://kwalapesafarilodge.co.bw/

**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 Kasane Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner **Included Highlight** Chobe National Park Boat Cruise

**Border Post** Zimbabwe: Kazungula Road, Open: 06h00-20h00

Botswana: Kazungula Road, Tel: +267 62 50330, Open: 06h00-20h00

# Day 3 - Kasane to Nata

We leave the banks of the Chobe River, and head south into the Kalahari Desert. You'll notice the 'bushveld' change as you get closer to our overnight accommodation. This afternoon, we end our day with a bush walk, giving us the chance to get up close to nature. It's a wonderful opportunity to see animal tracks and other subtle signs of the wilderness that are often hidden from view on a safari vehicle.

Elephant Sands No website available OR Nata Lodge <a href="https://underonebotswanasky.com/nata-lodge/">https://underonebotswanasky.com/nata-lodge/</a> OR Planet Accommodation

Baobab <a href="https://planetbaobab.travel/">https://planetbaobab.travel/</a> OR Gweta Lodge <a href="https://gwetalodge.co.bw/">https://gwetalodge.co.bw/</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 Kasane to Nata Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Pre-Bookable Optional** Chobe National Park Game Drive / Afternoon Bush Walk

#### Day 4 - 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 camp today. 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. We make our way towards the Okavango Delta, stopping at the viewing point of the Salt Pans enroute (seasonal access dependant). You will be collected in Maun in open 4x4 safari vehicles and will be transferred to the Khwai Conservation area. 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 the following morning, depending on the season).

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**Accommodation** Khwai Tented Camp (no website available)

Facilities Accommodated: Two per meru tent with en-suite bathroom

Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions

**Route** Nata to Khwai Conservation Area

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included Highlight Salt Pans viewpoint / Sunset Mokoro Excursion (could take place the following morning)

#### Day 5 - 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 6 - Khwai to Maun

We will depart early this morning in our 4x4 safari vehicles and make our way back to Maun, where we will overnight.

Accommodation Cresta Maun https://www.crestahotels.com/hotels/botswana/cresta-maun OR Maun Lodge

https://maunlodge.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** Khwai to Maun **Meals** Breakfast, Lunch

# Day 7 – Maun to Palapye

It is possible to end this tour in Maun today and book an optional flight from Maun to Johannesburg. The last two days of the tour are focused on travel, with long scenic drives that allow you to relax and enjoy the journey at your own pace. These days are activity-free, offering a great opportunity to unwind, and reflect on the exciting adventures that were experienced.

Today we head south through the stark yet striking landscapes of the Central Kalahari desert. Our journey starts by skirting the southern end of the Makgadikgadi Pans National Park, so keep an eye out for an array of wildlife that moves between the watering holes. A notable point of interest on our route is the Orapa Diamond Mine, an imposing testament to Botswana's mineral wealth. This mine, which is a collaborative venture between De Beers and the Botswana government, is counted among the world's most extensive diamond mines. It serves as a critical economic pillar, contributing considerably to Botswana's GDP and export earnings. Along the way, you'll pass by several smaller towns and villages, offering glimpses into everyday life in Botswana before arriving in Papapye.

Accommodation Cresta Palapye <a href="https://www.crestahotels.com/hotels/botswana/cresta-botsalo">https://www.crestahotels.com/hotels/botswana/cresta-botsalo</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 Maun to Palapye
Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Pre-Bookable Optional Okavango Delta scenic flight (early morning before departing Maun)

### Day 8 - Palapye to Johannesburg

Leaving behind the town of Palapye, we travel through the Kalahari to the South African border. After completing border formalities we continue on through the North-West Province before our tour ends in Johannesburg.

Accommodation Own Arrangements / Post tour accommodation can be booked through Nomad.

**Route** Palapye to Johannesburg

Meals Breakfast

**Border Post** Botswana Pioneer Gate Tel: +267 533 3992, Open: 06h00 – 24h00

South Africa Skilpadshek Tel: +27 0800 00 7277, Open: 06h00 – 24h00

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