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

#### 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 Garden Court O.R. Tambo International Airport Hotel (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 <u>30 minutes before</u> the scheduled departure time. <u>07:00 am</u> 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>

#### Tour ending point

Bayete Guest Lodge, Stand 584 Manyika Road, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe Tel: + 263 832 847 321 <u>https://www.thebayetecollection.com/bayete-guest-lodge/</u>

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

12

#### 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

This tour combines two vehicle types and it is important that you familiarize yourself with the difference before booking this tour. Johannesburg – Cape Town: Max 12 passengers in our 12-seater mini bus (quantum style vehicle) Cape Town – Victoria Falls: Max 12 passengers in our 12-seater truck Meals as outlined in the tour itinerary / accommodation / qualified crew / transport in a 12-seater mini-van and 12-seater truck / included highlights as per the itinerary / entrance fees to National Parks.

#### What's excluded

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

# **Countries Visited**

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



#### Validity: 2025 Onward Travel

If you are interested to enhance your tour further, please <u>contact us</u> 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 – 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 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
	Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Route	Johannesburg to Nkambeni Reserve
Meals	Dinner

# Day 2 - 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
	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 3 - 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 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
	Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Included Highlight	Panorama Route - Bourke's Luck Potholes, Blyde River Canyon, God's Window
Meals	Breakfast, Dinner

# Day 4 – 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 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 <u>https://www.mantengalodge.com/</u>
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 5 – 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 <u>http://www.biggameparks.org/mlilwane/</u> OR Hlane Royal National Park
	https://biggameparks.org/properties/hlane-royal-national-park-1 OR Mbuluzi https://www.mbuluzi.com/ OR
	Mantenga Lodge <u>https://www.mantengalodge.com/</u>
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
Meals	Breakfast, Dinner
Optional Activity	Game Drives, Mountain Biking and Hiking

#### Day 6 – 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 <u>https://www.forestkzn.co.za/</u> OR Shonalanga <u>http://www.shonalanga.net</u>
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 7 - 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 <u>https://www.forestkzn.co.za/</u> OR Shonalanga <u>http://www.shonalanga.net</u>
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.
Meals	Breakfast
Included Highlights	Game Drive in Hluhluwe-Imfolozi National Park, St. Lucia Boat Cruise

#### Day 8 - 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
	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 9 - 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
	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
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# Day 10 - 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.

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

# Day 11 - Lesotho

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 <a href="https://www.malealealodge.com/">https://www.semonkonglodge.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.
Meals	Breakfast, Dinner
Pre-Bookable Optionals	Pony trekking / Village Tour (min numbers could apply to activities)
Included Highlight	Waterfall & Bushman Paintings activity with your Nomad guide

# Day 12 - 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.

Profcon Resort <a href="https://profconresort.co.za/">https://profconresort.co.za/</a> OR Camdeboo Cottages (no website available)
Accommodated: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom
Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Malealea to Graaff Reinet
Breakfast, Dinner
Lesotho: Vanrooyenshek, Tel: +27 51 583 1525, Open: 06h00-22h00.
South Africa: Vanrooyenshek, Tel: +27 51 583 1516, Open: 06h00-22h00

# Day 13 – 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 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
	Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Route	Graaff Reinet to Gqeberha / Great Addo area
Meals	Breakfast
Included Highlight	Valley of Desolation sunrise tour, afternoon game drive in Addo National Park (Nomad vehicle)

# Day 14 – 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
	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 15 - 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-suites Bathroom

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	Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Route	Gqeberha area / Great Addo area to Tsitsikamma
Meals	Breakfast, Dinner
Included Highlight	Stop in the surfing town of Jeffreys Bay

# Day 16 – 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 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-suites 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
<b>Optional Activity</b>	Woodcutters Journey tour, Treetop Canopy Tours, Bungee Jumping

#### Day 17 - 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 <u>https://dedenne.com/</u> OR De Zeekoe <u>https://www.dezeekoe.co.za/</u>
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	Tsitsikamma to Oudtshoorn
Meals	Breakfast, Dinner
Included Highlight	Cango Caves Basic Tour

# Day 18 – Oudtshoorn - Hermanus/Arniston

After breakfast, we depart Oudtshoorn, traveling through the picturesque Little Karoo and continuing our journey along the Garden Route. En route, we pass charming country towns and rolling farmlands before reaching Cape Agulhas, the southernmost tip of Africa, where the Atlantic and Indian Oceans meet. Take time to explore the rugged coastline and capture unforgettable photos at this iconic landmark. We continue our scenic drive, towards Hermanus, renowned for its spectacular whale-watching opportunities (seasonal June-November) and vibrant seaside atmosphere. Once we have settled into our accommodation, we enjoy a relaxing evening in this charming coastal town. In the evening, your guide will arrange an optional dinner out at a selected local restaurant, offering a wonderful opportunity to enjoy regional cuisine and great company.

Accommodation	Windsor Hotel https://www.windsorhotel.co.za/ OR Aniston Spa Hotel https://www.arnistonhotel.com/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per Room with En-suites 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	Cape Agulhas (Southernmost tip of the African continent)

#### Day 19 – The Cape Whale Coast Route

This morning we have time to stroll along the Cliff Path (boardwalk) in Hermanus, offering panoramic ocean views and if you're lucky, a glimpse of the southern right whales (seasonal June – November). We depart Hermanus and drive along the beautiful Cape Whale Coast which is a pristine stretch on the South African coastline, stopping at one of the largest breeding colonies of African Penguins, Stony Point Nature Reserve. If time permits, we may take a scenic detour through a section of the renowned Cape Winelands, where we'll get the opportunity to stop, stretch our legs and grab a bite to eat for lunch (optional). Your tour comes to an end upon arrival in the city centre of Cape Town.

Accommodation	DoubleTree by Hilton Cape Town – Upper Eastside <u>https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/cptuedi-doubletree-cape-</u> town-upper-eastside/
Facilities	<b>Accommodated</b> : Two per room with en-suite bathroom Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Route	Hermanus to Cape Town
Meals	Breakfast
Included Highlight	Stroll along the Hermanus boardwalks, Stony Point Penguin Colony

#### Day 20 - 23 – Cape Town, South Africa

The next four days are set aside for you to explore and discover the sights and sounds of Cape Town. Various optional day trips are available including a tour of the winelands, the Peninsula or Table Mountain. The V&A Waterfront offers visitors a great variety of shops, boat cruises and

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restaurants. If you require some suggestion or assistance in booking optional activities, please contact us.

Accommodation	DoubleTree by Hilton Cape Town – Upper Eastside <u>https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/cptuedi-doubletree-cape-</u>
	town-upper-eastside/
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.
Meals	Breakfast

#### Day 24 - 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
	Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Route	Cape Town to Citrusdal
Meals	Breakfast, Dinner
Included Highlight	Traditional Dinner

#### Day 25 - 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 http://www.felixunite.com/accommodation/cabanas OR Norotshama Resort
	https://www.norotshamaresort.com/
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	Citrusdal to Orange River
Meals	Breakfast, 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 26 - 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 (after lunch) we depart the Orange River and head inland to our overnight stop. At Ais Ais, you will have the opportunity to enjoy the mineral and sulphur rich hot springs.

Accommodation	Ai Ais Resort <u>http://www.nwr.com.na/index.php/resorts/ai-ais-hotsprings-spa</u> OR Canyon Roadhouse
	https://store.gondwana-collection.com/accommodation/canyon-roadhouse OR Hobas
	https://www.nwr.com.na/resorts/hobas-lodge/
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	Orange/Gariep River to Ai-Ais
Meals	Breakfast, Dinner
Pre-Bookable Optional	Orange River Canoe Trip
Included Highlight	Ais-Ais Hot springs

#### Day 27 – Fish River Canyon, Quiver Tree Forest and Giants Playground

Having it's source in the eastern parts of the Naukluft Mountains, the Fish River Canyon is 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. 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 <u>http://www.schuetzenhaus-namibia.com/</u>	
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathrooms	
	Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.	
Route	Fish River Canyon to Keetmanshoop	
Meals	Breakfast, Dinner	



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Scenic walk along the rim of Fish River Canyon (could be previous day) / Visit to Quiver Tree Forest and Giants Playground

# Day 28 - 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.

Accommodation	Taleni Desert Quiver Camp https://www.desertquivercamp.com/ OR Taleni Desert Camp	
	https://www.desertcamp.com/ OR Solitaire Roadhouse https://www.solitairenamibia.com/#roadhouse OR Namib	
	Naukluft Lodge <a href="http://www.namib-naukluft-lodge.com/namibnaukluftlodge.html">http://www.namib-naukluft-lodge.com/namibnaukluftlodge.html</a> OR Soft Adventure Camp	
	http://www.namib-naukluft-lodge.com/softadventurecamp.html	
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	Keetmanshoop to Namib Naukluft NP	
Meals	Breakfast, Dinner	

# Day 29 - 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	n Taleni Desert Quiver Camp <u>https://www.desertquivercamp.com/</u> OR Taleni Desert Camp	
	https://www.desertcamp.com/ OR Solitaire Roadhouse https://www.solitairenamibia.com/#roadhouse OR Namib	
	Naukluft Lodge <a href="http://www.namib-naukluft-lodge.com/namibnaukluftlodge.html">http://www.namib-naukluft-lodge.com/namibnaukluftlodge.html</a> OR Soft Adventure Camp	
	http://www.namib-naukluft-lodge.com/softadventurecamp.html	
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.	
Meals	Breakfast, Dinner	
Included Highlight	Hike up Dune 45, 4x4 shuttle to Sossusvlei / Deadvlei / Sesriem Canyon	

#### Day 30 – 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	Stay@Swakop <u>http://www.stay-at-swakop.com/</u> OR Swakopmund Plaza <u>https://www.swakopmund-plaza-hotel.com/</u>	
Facilities	<i>Accommodated:</i> 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	
Included Highlight	Tropic of Capricorn, Guided desert walk with local expert, Local restaurant dinner	

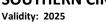
# Day 31 - Swakopmund

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	Stay@Swakop http://www.stay-at-swakop.com/_OR Swakopmund Plaza https://www.swakopmund-plaza-hotel.com/_	
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.	
Meals	Breakfast	
Pre-Bookable Optionals	Swakopmund Quadbiking / Dolphin Catamaran Cruise / Living Dunes Tour / Sandwich Harbour Dune Drive / Skeleton Coast Cape Cross / Spitzkoppe Adventure Drive ( <i>min numbers may apply to activities</i> )	

# Day 32 – 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 <u>https://www.brandbergwllodge.com</u> OR Brandberg Rest Camp https://www.brandbergrestcamp.com/ OR iGowati Country Hotel https://igowaticountryhotel.com/	
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom	
Facilities		
Route	Swakopmund to Brandberg	
Meals	Breakfast, Dinner	
Included Highlight	Brandberg Hike with your Nomad Guide	

#### Day 33 – 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 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 https://www.etoshaaccommodation.com/	
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	Brandberg to Etosha National Park Area	
Meals	Breakfast, Dinner	

#### Day 34 - 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 <u>https://daosa.com.na/omusati-lodge/_</u> OR_Mondjila Safari Camp <u>https://www.mondjilasafaricamp.com/</u> OR	
	Eldorado https://www.etoshaaccommodation.com/	
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	Etosha National Park	
Meals	Breakfast, Dinner	
Included Highlight	Full day game drive (in the Nomad truck)	
Pre-Bookable Optional	Full day 4x4 safari in Etosha National Park (Nomad truck drive will be forfeited) (min numbers may apply to activities)	

# Day 35 - Etosha National Park

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

Accommodation	Kupferquelle Resort <u>https://www.kupferquelle.com/</u>	
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	Etosha National Park	
Meals	Breakfast, Dinner	
Included Highlight	Afternoon Game Drive (in the Nomad truck)	

#### Day 36 – 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 http://www.mahangu.com.na/ OR Rainbow River Lodge https://www.rainbowriverlodgenamibia.com/
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	Etosha National Park to Divundu
Meals	Breakfast, Dinner

# Day 37 – 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.

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

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**Included Highlight** 

Route

Meals

Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom
Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Divundu to Maun
Breakfast
Morning Boat Cruise
Namibia: Mohembo Tel:, Open: 07h00-24h00
Botswana: Mohembo, Tel:, Open: 07h00-24h00

# Day 38 – 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. 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)
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per permanent tent with en-suite bathroom
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 39 – 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 permanent tent with en-suite bathroom
Route	Moremi Game Reserve
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Full Day Game Drive Moremi Game Reserve

# Day 40 - 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 <u>https://underonebotswanasky.com/nata-lodge/</u> 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
	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, Dinner
Included Highlight	Salt Pans viewpoint (seasonal access dependant)

# Day 41 – 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.

Breakfast, Dinner	

# Day 42 - 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

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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. 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.

Accommodation	Phezulu Guest Lodge <u>https://www.thebayetecollection.com/phezulu/</u> OR Bayete Guest Lodge <u>https://www.thebayetecollection.com/bayete-guest-lodge/</u> OR Nkosi Guest Lodge
	https://www.thebayetecollection.com/nkosi/
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	Kasane to Victoria Falls
Meals	Breakfast
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 43 - Victoria Falls

Your tour comes to an end after breakfast and 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	Own Arrangements / Post tour accommodation can be booked through Nomad.
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)

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