Itinerary

21 Day Southern Africa Safari: Cape Town to Victoria Falls

***IMPORTANT NOTE: Any extra nights, optional tours or other amendments, will not be visible on this itinerary.**

Day 1: Cape Town, South Africa

Welcome to Cape Town, one of the world's most picturesque cities, set beneath the iconic Table Mountain.

TOUR MEETING POINT: City Lodge V&A Waterfront, Dock Road & Alfred Street, Victoria & Alfred Waterfront, Cape Town, South Africa.

MEETING TIME: 8:00am for your tour briefing. Please arrive at least 15 minutes early.

IMPORTANT: Transfers to the tour meeting point are not included. Guests must make their own way to the hotel for the 8:00am briefing. Airport transfers can be arranged at an additional cost. Please contact MyHoliday2 in advance if you would like to add transfers or an extra night's accommodation before your tour. Additional charges apply and arrangements are subject to availability.

Following your morning briefing, travel via the scenic coastal route to Hout Bay Harbour before continuing to the stunning Cape Point Nature Reserve. Explore dramatic cliffs, sweeping ocean views, and the famous Cape of Good Hope.

Later, visit the charming penguin colony at Boulders Beach, where you can observe African penguins up close in their natural habitat.

Afterwards, return to the vibrant Victoria and Alfred Waterfront, where you may wish to enjoy lunch at your own expense while taking in the lively harbour atmosphere.

INCLUSIONS: Entrance fees to Boulders Beach Penguin Colony and Cape Point Nature Reserve

APPROXIMATE TRAVEL DISTANCE: 150km

APPROXIMATE TRAVEL TIME: 3 hours 30 minutes driving, full day with stops

MEALS: Nil

MEAL PREPARATION ASSISTANCE REQUIRED: Nil

OVERNIGHT: City Lodge V&A Waterfront, Cape Town

Day 2: Cape Town ~ Cederberg

Today, travel north into the spectacular Cederberg region, a vast wilderness known for its dramatic sandstone formations. Over time, wind and rain have shaped these towering rocks into unique and striking formations.

On arrival, explore this rugged landscape on foot with a guided walk through the Cederberg. Take in the natural beauty, fresh air, and wide open spaces that make this region so special.

After your walk, continue to your lodge where you can relax and enjoy the peaceful surroundings.

INCLUSIONS: Entrance fees and guided walk in the Cederberg

APPROXIMATE TRAVEL DISTANCE: 300km

APPROXIMATE TRAVEL TIME: 4 hours 30 minutes driving, approximately 8 hours 30 minutes including stops and walk

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

MEAL PREPARATION ASSISTANCE REQUIRED: Lunch and Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Highlanders Lodge, Cederberg

Day 3: Cederberg ~ Gariep River, Namibia

Today, journey into more arid landscapes as you travel towards the border and enter Namibia. As the scenery changes, enjoy wide open spaces and a sense of true remoteness.

Arrive at the peaceful Gariep River, which forms Namibia's southern border. This quiet river valley remains largely untouched by tourism, offering a relaxing and authentic experience.

Spend the afternoon at leisure. You may wish to swim in the calm waters or simply unwind and take in the tranquil surroundings.

APPROXIMATE TRAVEL DISTANCE: 430km

APPROXIMATE TRAVEL TIME: 7 hours driving, approximately 9 hours including border crossing

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

MEAL PREPARATION ASSISTANCE REQUIRED: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Felix Unite Provenance Camp, Gariep River

Day 4: Gariep River ~ Fish River Canyon

Today, travel deeper into southern Namibia to one of the country's most spectacular natural wonders, the Fish River Canyon. Carved over millions of years, this vast canyon is one of the largest in the world and offers breathtaking views from its dramatic lookout points.

Take time to admire the sheer scale and beauty of the canyon, with its rugged cliffs and winding river far below. Please note that viewing areas are exposed, so take care near edges and wear suitable footwear.

Later, continue to the unique Quiver Tree Forest near Keetmanshoop. Arrive in time to enjoy sunset among these striking and ancient trees, which are endemic to this region and create a truly memorable landscape, especially in the soft evening light.

INCLUSIONS: Entrance fees to Fish River Canyon viewpoint and Quiver Tree Forest

APPROXIMATE TRAVEL DISTANCE: 340km

APPROXIMATE TRAVEL TIME: 5 hours driving, approximately 7 hours 30 minutes including stops and sightseeing

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

MEAL PREPARATION ASSISTANCE REQUIRED: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Quivertree Forest Rest Camp, Keetmanshoop

Day 5: Fish River Canyon ~ Namib Desert

Today, journey into the heart of the iconic Namib Desert, home to some of the world's tallest sand dunes. As you travel, take in endless orange landscapes shaped by wind into sharp ridges and sweeping dunes.

Arrive at your lodge and enjoy time to relax before taking in a spectacular desert sunset over the dunes.

APPROXIMATE TRAVEL DISTANCE: 480km

APPROXIMATE TRAVEL TIME: 7 hours driving, approximately 8 hours 30 minutes including stops

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

MEAL PREPARATION ASSISTANCE REQUIRED: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Desert Camp, Namib Desert

Day 6: Sossusvlei & Sesriem Canyon

Today, explore the stunning landscapes of the Namib Desert. Visit the famous Sossusvlei, where towering red dunes create one of Namibia's most iconic scenes.

Enjoy a guided walk into Sossusvlei with your guide, taking in the vast scale and beauty of the desert. For those who prefer not to walk, an optional 4WD transfer is available at own expense.

Later, visit Sesriem Canyon, a natural gorge carved by the Tsauchab River, offering a unique perspective of the desert terrain.

Please note that desert conditions can be hot and dry, so comfortable walking shoes, sun protection and water are essential. Early starts may be required to avoid the midday heat.

INCLUSIONS: Entrance fees to Sesriem Canyon and Naukluft National Park

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

MEAL PREPARATION ASSISTANCE REQUIRED: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Desert Camp, Namib Desert

Day 7: Namib Desert ~ Swakopmund

Today, travel from the desert to the coast as you make your way to the seaside town of Swakopmund. Along the way, pass through ever changing landscapes from desert plains to coastal scenery.

On arrival, enjoy time to explore this charming town known for its German colonial architecture and relaxed atmosphere. Swakopmund sits between the Atlantic Ocean and the Namib Desert, creating a unique setting.

This evening, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant at your own expense.

APPROXIMATE TRAVEL DISTANCE: 360km

APPROXIMATE TRAVEL TIME: 5 hours 30 minutes driving, approximately 8 hours including stops on rough gravel roads

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch

MEAL PREPARATION ASSISTANCE REQUIRED: Breakfast and Lunch

OVERNIGHT: Hotel Pension a la Mer or Prost Hotel, Swakopmund

Day 8: Swakopmund

Today is at leisure to enjoy Swakopmund at your own pace. You may wish to explore the town's shops, cafés, and coastal walks, or simply relax by the ocean.

For those seeking adventure, Swakopmund is known as Namibia's activity hub. Optional experiences include sand boarding, skydiving, ocean kayaking, scenic flights, and more, all at own expense.

You may also see unique desert plants such as Welwitschia and Quiver Trees in the surrounding areas.

MEALS: Breakfast

MEAL PREPARATION ASSISTANCE REQUIRED: Nil

OVERNIGHT: Hotel Pension a la Mer or Prost Hotel, Swakopmund

Day 9: Swakopmund ~ Damaraland

Today, travel north into the remote and rugged region of Damaraland, one of Namibia's most striking landscapes. Along the way, journey through vast plains and dry riverbeds framed by distant mountain ranges.

Stop at the Cape Cross Seal Colony, where thousands of Cape fur seals gather along the coastline. Witness this lively colony and observe the seals in their natural environment.

Continue inland towards Damaraland, where ancient valleys and rocky outcrops lead to the impressive Brandberg Massif, Namibia's highest mountain.

Visit San Rock Art sites, offering insight into the rich cultural history of the region and the traditions of its early inhabitants.

INCLUSIONS: Entrance fees to Cape Cross Seal Colony and San Rock Art

APPROXIMATE TRAVEL DISTANCE: 330km

APPROXIMATE TRAVEL TIME: 5 hours driving, approximately 6 hours including stops

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

MEAL PREPARATION ASSISTANCE REQUIRED: Lunch and Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Brandberg White Lady Lodge, Damaraland

Day 10: Damaraland ~ Etosha National Park

Today, journey towards Etosha National Park, one of Africa's premier wildlife destinations. Travel through changing landscapes as you make your way to the edge of the park.

In the afternoon, enjoy your first game drive in Etosha. This vast salt pan attracts a wide range of wildlife, including elephants, lions, and large herds of antelope gathering at waterholes.

Keep your camera ready as you search for wildlife across the open plains and surrounding bush.

INCLUSIONS: Entrance fees to Etosha National Park and game drives

APPROXIMATE TRAVEL DISTANCE: 540km

APPROXIMATE TRAVEL TIME: 7 hours 30 minutes driving, approximately 9 hours 30 minutes including stops and game drive

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

MEAL PREPARATION ASSISTANCE REQUIRED: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Tarentaal Guest Farm, Etosha Region

Day 11: Etosha National Park

Today, enjoy a full day exploring Etosha National Park with game drives in search of wildlife. The park's waterholes provide excellent opportunities to spot animals in their natural habitat.

Look out for elephants, lions, giraffes, zebras, and a variety of antelope species. Birdlife is also abundant, especially around the water sources.

Etosha's unique landscape, centred around a vast salt pan, creates incredible viewing opportunities and unforgettable safari moments.

INCLUSIONS: Full day game drive in Etosha National Park

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

MEAL PREPARATION ASSISTANCE REQUIRED: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Tarentaal Guest Farm, Etosha Region

Day 12: Etosha National Park ~ Windhoek

Today, travel south to Namibia's capital city, Windhoek. Enjoy a comfortable drive along good quality roads, with a stop along the way to browse local markets and pick up souvenirs.

Arrive in Windhoek, a charming city set in a valley and known for its blend of African and European influences. The city features a mix of modern buildings and German colonial architecture.

This evening, enjoy time at leisure and the opportunity to dine at a local restaurant at your own expense.

APPROXIMATE TRAVEL DISTANCE: 410km

APPROXIMATE TRAVEL TIME: 5 hours driving, approximately 6 hours including stops

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch

MEAL PREPARATION ASSISTANCE REQUIRED: Breakfast and Lunch

OVERNIGHT: Terra Africa Guesthouse, Windhoek

Day 13: Windhoek ~ Kalahari, Botswana

Today, depart Namibia and cross into Botswana as you journey towards the vast Kalahari region. Enjoy a scenic drive through open landscapes as you make your way to your accommodation in the heart of the desert.

On arrival, experience a guided nature walk with local San Bushmen. Learn about their traditional bush skills, survival techniques, and deep connection to the land.

This cultural experience offers a unique insight into one of the world's oldest living cultures.

INCLUSIONS: Nature walk with local San Bushmen

APPROXIMATE TRAVEL DISTANCE: 530km

APPROXIMATE TRAVEL TIME: 6 hours 30 minutes driving, approximately 7 hours 30 minutes including border crossing

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

MEAL PREPARATION ASSISTANCE REQUIRED: Lunch and Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Ghanzi Trail Blazers, Kalahari

Day 14: Kalahari ~ Okavango Delta

Today, travel deeper into Botswana as you make your way to the incredible Okavango Delta, one of the world's most unique ecosystems. This inland delta spreads across vast plains, creating a network of lagoons, channels, and islands.

Arrive at your lodge overlooking a permanent lagoon and take in the peaceful surroundings of this pristine wilderness area.

APPROXIMATE TRAVEL DISTANCE: 400km

APPROXIMATE TRAVEL TIME: 5 hours 30 minutes driving, approximately 6 hours 30 minutes on rough roads

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

MEAL PREPARATION ASSISTANCE REQUIRED: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Guma Lagoon, Okavango Delta

Day 15: Okavango Delta

Today, explore the Okavango Delta with included activities that showcase this remarkable environment. Enjoy a guided game walk, offering the chance to experience the Delta up close.

Later, glide through the waterways on a traditional mokoro canoe, a peaceful way to observe wildlife and birdlife in this unique setting.

The Delta is home to a wide variety of animals and bird species, making it a highlight of your African journey.

INCLUSIONS: Entrance to Okavango Delta, game walk and mokoro excursion

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

MEAL PREPARATION ASSISTANCE REQUIRED: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Guma Lagoon, Okavango Delta

Day 16: Okavango Delta ~ Maun

Today, travel around the Okavango Delta as you make your way to the town of Maun, the gateway to Botswana's wilderness areas. Enjoy scenic views along the route as you pass through rural landscapes and local villages.

On arrival, the afternoon is at leisure. You may choose to relax at your lodge or take part in an optional scenic flight over the Okavango Delta for a unique aerial perspective at own expense.

This evening, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant at your own expense.

APPROXIMATE TRAVEL DISTANCE: 320km

APPROXIMATE TRAVEL TIME: 4 hours 30 minutes driving, approximately 5 hours 30 minutes including stops on mixed road conditions

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch

MEAL PREPARATION ASSISTANCE REQUIRED: Breakfast and Lunch

OVERNIGHT: Sedia Hotel, Maun

Day 17: Maun ~ Makgadikgadi Pans

Today, travel east to the vast Makgadikgadi Pans, one of the largest salt flats in the world. Stretching as far as the eye can see, these shimmering white plains create a truly surreal landscape.

In the dry season, the pans appear as endless open space. However, after rainfall, the area transforms into a haven for wildlife and birdlife, attracting herds of zebra, wildebeest, and flocks of water birds.

Take in the unique beauty and quiet atmosphere of this remarkable region.

INCLUSIONS: Entrance fees to Makgadikgadi Pans

APPROXIMATE TRAVEL DISTANCE: 360km

APPROXIMATE TRAVEL TIME: 5 hours 30 minutes driving, approximately 6 hours including stops

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch

MEAL PREPARATION ASSISTANCE REQUIRED: Lunch

OVERNIGHT: Nata Lodge, Makgadikgadi Pans

Day 18: Makgadikgadi Pans ~ Chobe National Park

Today, travel north to Chobe National Park, one of Botswana's most famous wildlife areas. Known for its large populations of elephant and buffalo, Chobe offers incredible game viewing opportunities.

Arrive and settle into your lodge before enjoying the rest of the day at leisure. You may wish to relax or take in views of the surrounding wilderness.

APPROXIMATE TRAVEL DISTANCE: 320km

APPROXIMATE TRAVEL TIME: 4 hours driving, approximately 4 hours 30 minutes including stops

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch

MEAL PREPARATION ASSISTANCE REQUIRED: Breakfast and Lunch

OVERNIGHT: Thebe River Safaris, Chobe Region

Day 19: Chobe National Park

Today, experience the highlights of Chobe National Park with a full day of wildlife viewing. Begin with a morning game drive in search of elephants, buffalo, lions, and other wildlife.

Later, enjoy a relaxing river cruise along the Chobe River, offering a different perspective and excellent opportunities to see animals and birdlife up close. Lunch will be served during the cruise.

This combination of land and water activities provides a well rounded safari experience.

INCLUSIONS: Chobe National Park entrance fees, morning game drive and full day river cruise

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

MEAL PREPARATION ASSISTANCE REQUIRED: Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Thebe River Safaris, Chobe Region

Day 20: Chobe ~ Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Today, cross into Zimbabwe and travel to the spectacular Victoria Falls, one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. Although the distance is short, border formalities may take some time.

On arrival, visit Victoria Falls and witness the mighty Zambezi River plunging over a dramatic 100 metre drop. The sheer power and scale of the falls create an unforgettable experience, with mist rising high into the air.

The remainder of the day is at leisure. You may choose to explore the area or take part in optional activities such as scenic flights, sunset cruises, or white water rafting at your own expense.

INCLUSIONS: Entrance fees to Victoria Falls

APPROXIMATE TRAVEL DISTANCE: 100km

APPROXIMATE TRAVEL TIME: 2 hours driving, approximately 3 hours including border crossing

MEALS: Breakfast

MEAL PREPARATION ASSISTANCE REQUIRED: Nil

OVERNIGHT: Shearwater Explorers Village, Victoria Falls

Day 21: Depart Victoria Falls

Your tour concludes this morning after breakfast. You may wish to extend your stay or continue exploring Victoria Falls and its many activities at your own pace.

MEALS: Breakfast

MEAL PREPARATION ASSISTANCE REQUIRED: Nil