

Sarett Nature Center Safari to Southern Africa

Johannesburg - Sabi Sand Private Game Reserve - Chobe River Front - Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe - Hwange National Park

12 Days / 11 Nights

12 Persons

05 November 2018 - 16 November 2018



Land Cost Per Person: \$7485 based on minimum group of 12 travellers

International Airfare from Grand Rapids, per person: \$1498

Single Room Supplement: \$925

Overview

Accommodation	Destination	Arr.	Dep.	Nights	Basis	Room Type
OR Tambo International Airport [JNB]	Johannesburg	5 Nov	6 Nov	1	В&В	
Umkumbe Safari Lodge	Sabi Sand Private Game Reserve	6 Nov	8 Nov	2	FB+	
Bakwena Lodge	Chobe River Front	8 Nov	11 Nov	3	FI	
<u>Ilala Lodge</u>	Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe	11 Nov	13 Nov	2	В&В	
Somalisa Acacia Camp	Hwange National Park	13 Nov	16 Nov	3	FI	

Key

B&B: Bed and breakfast

FB+: Dinner, bed, breakfast, lunch and activities daily

FI: Fully inclusive

Day 1: OR Tambo International Airport [JNB], Johannesburg (Mon, 5 November)



Johannesburg is one of Africa's biggest and most vibrant cities. It is the economic capital of Africa and the gateway to Southern Africa. Although not as famous as other South African destinations, there is plenty to do in Johannesburg and nearby Pretoria. The old city is a multi-cultural mixture of traditional medicine shops, Chinese restaurants, taxi ranks and ultra modern skyscrapers. There are excellent museums, art galleries and organised tours of historical and

political interest. The shopping is Southern Africa's best and the many restaurants cater for all tastes. The nearby township of Soweto is Johannesburg's most popular tourist attraction.

Day Itinerary

On arrival to the Johannesburg Airport you walk across to the City Lodge ORT where you spend the night with breakfast included.

Overnight: OR Tambo International Airport [JNB]

OR Tambo International Airport is located in Johannesburg, South Africa. It is the main international hub for Southern Africa.

Included

Bed & Breakfast

Day 2: Umkumbe Safari Lodge, Sabi Sand Private Game Reserve (Tue, 6 November)



Adjacent to the Kruger National Park, the Sabi Sand Private Game Reserve is a private premier game viewing destination. It was the first ever private nature reserve established in South Africa. The landscape features 65 000 hectares of savannah-covered land interspersed with watering holes, dry river beds, lowveld woodlands, and the perennial Sabi and Sand rivers. This spectacular reserve offers exceptional game viewing opportunities with frequent sightings of the renowned Big Five as well as cheetah, zebra, giraffe, and a variety of antelope. Visitors can enjoy excellent wildlife viewing, dining under the stars, guided bush walks and enjoying a stay in some of South Africa's most luxurious safari lodges.

Day Itinerary

Walk across to the terminal where you board your flight to the Kruger Park. Here you are met and transferred to camp.

Accommodation is at Umkumbe Lodge with all meals and safari activities included.

Overnight: Umkumbe Safari Lodge

Umkumbe Safari Lodge is one of the most affordable lodges located in the heart of the Sabi Sand Private Game Reserve in the Greater Kruger. The reserve is about 65000 hectares and shares unfenced borders with the Kruger National Park.

Rooms have two single beds, en-suite bathrooms and private patios, while each is fitted with an air-conditioner. During the heat of summer guests can relax around the swimming pool, which overlooks the Sand River and the open wilderness.

Dining in a traditional boma around a roaring fire is one of the most enjoyable African bush experiences.

Umkumbe is in a prime position and there is almost always game to be seen from the deck and the main guest areas. Elephants, buffalo, antelope, baboons are regular visitors, while a pair of breeding fish eagles nests just in front of the lodge.







Included

Full Board and Activities

Day 3: Umkumbe Safari Lodge, Sabi Sand Private Game Reserve (Wed, 7 November)

Day Itinerary

Enjoy game drives with your ranger in the Sabi Sand Reserve

Accommodation is at Umkumbe Lodge with all meals and safari activities included.

Included

Full Board and Activities

Day 4: Bakwena Lodge, Chobe River Front (Thu, 8 November)



The Chobe River forms the northern boundary of the Chobe National Park, renowned for its diverse and abundant game viewing opportunities. This section of the park is best known for its dense concentration of wildlife including

elephant and hippo populations, but the waters attract all manner of game including large herds of buffalo and the lions that prey on them. A visit to this area guarantees close encounters with an array of African wildlife.

Day Itinerary

Transfer to the Nelspruit Airport you board your flight to Livingstone. Here you are met and transferred to Botswana and onward to camp.

Accommodation is at Chobe Bakwena Lodge with all meals, selected beverages and a variety of safari activities included.

This evening you enjoy a sunset cruise on the Chobe River.

Overnight: Bakwena Lodge

Bakwena Lodge is an intimate, privately owned eco-lodge on the banks of the Chobe River. Bakwena has a total of 15 chalets designed and decorated in a manner befitting our environment which offer a cool and comfortable escape. They offer an inclusive safari option in an area with some of the finest game viewing to be had. Chobe is well known for its predators and has the home of most of Botswana's estimated 200,000 elephants. Activities are naturally focused on the land and water based safaris. Bakwenas' excellent guides will endeavour to make your stay in Chobe a highlight of any safari. The lodges' eco-credentials include the natural swimming pool filtered entirely by plants, their employment policies, food choices, building methods and a host of otherwise unseen ways in which any negatives to the lodges surroundings or environment are addressed.







Included

Fully Inclusive Drinks (Local Brands) Included

Day 5: Bakwena Lodge, Chobe River Front (Fri, 9 November)

Day Itinerary

Enjoy a morning game drive in the Chobe with your ranger. In the afternoon you head out for your sunset cruise.

Accommodation is at Chobe Bakwena Lodge with all meals, selected beverages and safari activities included

Included

Fully Inclusive
Drinks (Local Brands) Included

Day 6: Bakwena Lodge, Chobe River Front (Sat, 10 November)

Enjoy another day of safari activities in Chobe.

Accommodation is at Chobe Bakwena Lodge with all meals, selected beverages and safari activities included.

Included

Fully Inclusive Drinks (Local Brands) Included

Day 7: Ilala Lodge, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe (Sun, 11 November)



Resting on the southern banks of the Zambezi River at the western end of the eponymous falls, this popular tourist town is compact enough to walk around and makes an ideal base for travellers exploring the seventh wonder of the world, the unfathomably vast Victoria Falls. About two thirds of the falls can be viewed from the Zimbabwean side and, while the falls are undoubtedly the star attraction, the area provides both adventure seekers and sightseers with plenty of opportunities to warrant a longer stay. Time permitting additional activities could include scenic flights over the falls in helicopters or micro lights, or bungee jumping off the Victoria Falls Bridge. The town itself offers some excellent restaurant options as well as an eclectic variety of African curios and authentic art sold by friendly Zimbabwean locals who are wonderfully welcoming and eager to help you enjoy your stay.

Day Itinerary

After your morning game drive you are transferred across the border to the Victoria Falls. Enjoy a little free time before dinner.

Accommodation is at Ilala Lodge with breakfast included.

Dinner tonight is at the Boma for a traditional meal with drumming and traditional entertainment.

Overnight: Ilala Lodge

The warmest of welcomes awaits you at Ilala Lodge Hotel. A gracefully distinguished ambiance. Attentive yet discrete service that always comes with a smile. The sublime surroundings of our boutique hotel will reawaken your senses while the power of the majestic Victoria Falls renews your spirit.

Relax in luxurious style. Listen to the meditative rhythm of the great Zambezi as you drift off to sleep. As morning comes, gently awake and lift your head to see the spray of the majestic Victoria Falls across the unspoiled horizon – and let your soul sigh.

Feel at ease in our elegant and spacious rooms with African Teak furniture, soft, crisp linen – all en-suite facilities, bathroom with separate shower, air conditioning, overhead fan, satellite TV, hair dryer, tea & coffee making facilities, free WiFi and a safe. The view from your room looks across the lawns to the National Parks

where elephant, warthog, impala or the occasional buffalo might be passing by or simply grazing on the lawn or in the tree line.







Included

Bed & Breakfast

Day 8: Ilala Lodge, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe (Mon, 12 November)

Day Itinerary

Enjoy a tour of the Falls with your guide as well as a sunset cruise on the Zambezi River which includes dinner.

Accommodation is at Ilala Lodge with breakfast included.

Included

Bed & Breakfast

Day 9: Somalisa Acacia Camp, Hwange National Park (Tue, 13 November)



Hwange National Park is Zimbabwe's biggest reserve, home to a profusion of wildlife, including giraffe, lion, zebra and approximately 40,000 elephants. It provides sanctuary for all the country's endangered species, including a population of wild dogs thought to be among the most sizeable surviving groups on the continent. Terrain ranges from desert dunes and savannah lands to rocky outcrops and sparse forests.

Day Itinerary

You are transferred to the Hwange where you stay at Somalisa Camp. Enjoy an afternoon safari with your ranger.

Accommodation at Somalisa Acacia Camp with all meals, selected beverages and safari activities included.

Overnight: Somalisa Acacia Camp

Somalisa Acacia has recently under gone a complete rebuild. Each tent includes gauze sliding doors, a glass wood-burner fireplace for the cold winter nights, and an overhead fan for the hot summer days, as well as en-suite bathroom facilities including flush toilets, an indoor and outdoor shower, as well as a copper slipper-style bathtub. All the simple but luxurious tents are on slightly raised decks, under the dappled canopy of a grove of Acacias on the western side of Somalisa.

The camp enjoys its own private views of a small water hole, frequented by large herds of big game including buffalo, elephant, kudu, zebra, giraffe and lion. A small splash pool allows you to cool off during the heat of the day.







Included

Fully Inclusive
Drinks (Local Brands) Included

Day 10: Somalisa Acacia Camp, Hwange National Park (Wed, 14 November)

Day Itinerary

Enjoy game drives in the Hwange Reserve as well as on the private concession. Activities could include game drives, walking excursions with the camp's professional guides.

Accommodation at Somalisa Acacia Camp with all meals, selected beverages and safari activities included.

Included

Fully Inclusive
Drinks (Local Brands) Included

Day 11: Somalisa Acacia Camp, Hwange National Park (Thu, 15 November)

Day Itinerary

On safari

Accommodation at Somalisa Acacia Camp with all meals, selected beverages and safari activities included.

Included

Fully Inclusive Drinks (Local Brands) Included

Day 12: Departure (Fri, 16 November)

You are transferred to the Victoria Falls Airport for your flight to Johannesburg where your safari ends. Make connection in Johannesburg this evening for your flight home.

International Flights being held for the group by airfare partner, Exito Travel

DATE:	DEPARTURE:	ARRIVAL:	FLIGHT:	SEAT(S):
Sun, Nov 04	1:40 PM	3:43 PM	Delta Air Lines	
2018	Grand Rapids, MI	Atlanta, GA	Flt # 751 X Economy	
Sun, Nov 04	6:15 PM	4:35 PM (+ 1 day)	Delta Air Lines	
2018	Atlanta, GA	Johannesburg-Tambo, South Africa	Flt # 200 X Economy	
Fri, Nov 16	8:55 PM	6:45 AM (+ 1 day)	Delta Air Lines	
2018	Johannesburg-Tambo, South Africa	Atlanta, GA	Flt # 201 X Economy	
Sat, Nov 17	10:50 AM	12:41 PM	Delta Air Lines	
2018	Atlanta, GA	Grand Rapids, MI	Flt # 1367 X Economy	

Fare Quote Per Passenger:

Base Fare: \$992.00 Tax/Fees: \$505.84

Total: \$1497.84 - Based on January 15, 2018 tax levels.

Terms and Conditions

Journeys International Terms and Conditions

BOOKING AND PAYMENT: We require a \$2000 per person deposit in order to confirm your participation on the trip. The balance is due 10 weeks prior to departure August 27th, 2018. Please confirm your participation with Dianne Braybrook and a special link will be emailed to you to officially sign you up for the trip. Space is limited.

A second deposit of \$1000 per person is due June 26, 2018. Group Airfare payment is due July 26, 2018. (see Airfare notes).

LAND CANCELLATION POLICY: Should you cancel your trip 10 weeks or more prior to departure, your deposit is non-refundable plus any non-refundable airline cancellation fees. Should you cancel within 10 weeks prior to departure, 100% cancellation fees apply.

<u>AIRFARE Notes, Terms and Cancellations:</u> Group flights are being held for 12 participants by our air travel partner, Exito Travel as noted above. Your participation in these flights must be determined by **June 26, 2018** and payment for all fights must be received by **July 26, 2018**. Once ticketed, the tickets are non-refundable and limited changes may be possible for a fee of \$500. Unused tickets are void and have no value towards future travel.

Flights within Southern Africa are non-refundable and have no value towards future travel.

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HEALTH PRECAUTIONS If you will be visiting malaria areas we advise that you take prophylactics. Please consult your doctor before leaving home. Visit the travel clinic website to read more on what precautions and immunizations are necessary for travel in Africa: http://www.travelclinic.co.za/ Malaria areas are: Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda, Malawi, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, northern Namibia, northern Botswana and the low-lying eastern part of South Africa, north of Richards Bay (especially in summer between October and April).

PASSPORTS You must be in possession of a passport valid for at least 6 months after your return date in order to enter the country. The passport must also contain at least SIX unused pages when presenting the passport for endorsements in Africa. Additional pages will be necessary if you are also travelling to other countries during your trip.

LUGGAGE The luggage weight limit on your internal flights may be as little as 15kg per person, please check with your consultant on the weight limit for your routing.

CURRENCY If you are travelling to most African countries, the currency of choice is US Dollars. All vendors, restaurants and attractions accept payment in US Dollars. Most hotels accept credit cards, VISA AND MASTERCARD (for settling extras). South Africa and Namibia charge in South African Rands. Please make sure to take dollars in small denominations. And make especially sure that you carry NEW dollar bills (issued after the year 2006) Older notes are not accepted in US Dollar-based countries in Africa. Most vendors (especially in Botswana) do not accept AMEX cards.

VISAS: Visas are required for Zimbabwe and Zambia but a multi-country visa can be obtain on arrival at the border for \$50. Visas are not required for Botswana and South Africa if you are a U.S. Citizen. Additional Pre-Departure information will be sent after sign up.