Tree Countries

Johannesburg - Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe - Chobe River Front

7 Days / 6 Nights



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Overview

Accommodation	Destination	Nights	Basis	Room Type
Radisson Blu Sandton	Johannesburg	1	B&B	Standard Room
The Kingdom Hotel	Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe	3	B&B	Standard Room
Cresta Mowana Safari Resort & Spa	Chobe River Front	2	FB+	Standard Room

Key
B&B: Bed and breakfast
FB+: Dinner, bed, breakfast, lunch and activities daily

Included

1 Night Accommodation - Johannesburg
3 Night Accommodation - Victoria Falls
2 Night Accommodation - Chobe
Tours and Transfers
Porterage

Excluded

Scheduled international & domestic flights - unless specifically mentioned
Travel insurance (essential)
Visas if required (see notes below)
Items of a personal nature, gratuities, curios
Park & River usage fees
Immunization, inoculation & medication
All services, meals & drinks not specified above
Surcharge for early/late pickups for road transfers between 21:00 and 06:00 (unless flight arrival/departure times are given at time of quotation)

Day 1: Radisson Blu Sandton, Johannesburg



This vast country is undoubtedly one of the most culturally and geographically diverse places on earth. Fondly known by locals as the 'Rainbow Nation', South Africa has 11 official languages and its multicultural inhabitants are influenced by a fascinating mix of African, Asian and European cultures. Spend your days: discovering the gourmet restaurants, impressive art and nightlife scenes and fine beaches of Cape Town; enjoying a typical local braai (barbecue) in the Soweto township; browsing the bustling Indian markets in Durban; or sampling some of the world's finest wines at the myriad wine estates dotted around the picturesque Cape Winelands. Due to its rich and turbulent history there are plenty of historical attractions to explore including the Zululand battlefields of KwaZulu-Natal, the Apartheid Museum in Johannesburg and Robben Island, just off the coast of Cape Town. Above all else, South Africa's attraction lies in its remarkably untamed wilderness with its astonishing range of wildlife roaming freely across massive unfenced game reserves such as the world famous Kruger National Park. With all of this variety on offer, it is little wonder that South Africa has fast become Africa's most popular tourist destination.



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 in Johannesburg you are met by your local guide and taken on a City Orientation tour before going to your hotel.

Johannesburg Tour

Johannesburg Southern Africa's economic powerhouse and although it is the city of gold there are many attractions aside from mining. Much of the big business has moved from the old town but the fascinating stories and historical buildings remain. Major sites include the Carlton Centre (Africa's tallest building), the iconic Brixton Tower, Newtown, the Constitutional Court, the Nelson Mandela Bridge and the Origins Centre.





Overnight: Radisson Blu Sandton

Situated in Africa's richest square mile, Sandton, the brand new Radisson Blu Hotel Sandton, Johannesburg offers beautifully-appointed guest rooms matched with exceptional Yes I Can! service standards. With an enviable location in the heart of Sandton's business district and just a short distance from some of the continent's best shopping and golf, this luxury hotel makes the perfect base for both business and leisure travellers.





Included

Bed & Breakfast

Day 2: The Kingdom Hotel, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe



A nation of spectacular natural beauty, friendly people and rich culture, Zimbabwe's status as one of Africa's leading safari destinations was dampened for years by its political instability. But now that the country is transcending its strife and returning to a state of equilibrium, it is once again emerging as a vacation highlight of the continent. Victoria Falls – known to locals as 'The Smoke That Thunders' – is one of the seven natural wonders of the world and the sheer power of this massive body of water plunging into the Zambezi Gorge is awe-inspiring and unforgettable. Lake Kariba, with its game-rich shores and islands, is an idyllic safari spot featuring mind-blowing sunsets; Hwange National Park is known for its huge herds of elephants; and a kayak trip down the Zambezi through the Mana Pools National Park will appeal to the intrepid traveller, providing close encounters with crocodiles, hippos and a host of other wildlife.



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. Popular activities include scenic flights over the falls in helicopters or micro lights, bungee jumping off the Victoria Falls Bridge, white-water rafting (seasonal), and day trips to Chobe National Park. The town itself offers some excellent accommodation and 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

- This morning you transfer to Johannesburg Airport where you check in for your flight to Victoria Falls.
- On arrival at Victoria Falls you enjoy a town orientation tour before going to your hotel to check in.
- This afternoon you have a sunset cruise on the Zambezi River followed by dinner at the hotel.

Wild Horizons Sundowner Cruise

The Zambezi River cruise is a superb way to relax and enjoy the beauty of the River. You may have the opportunity to see a variety of game; including hippo, crocodile and elephant in their home environment, as well as enjoy the many different bird species!





Overnight: The Kingdom Hotel

Quatermains, The Rapid Pool, The Wild Thing and The Pit sound like titles of movies or books not quite suitable for all ages. They are in fact the names of the four bars in African Sun's closest hotel to the Victoria Falls, The Kingdom at Victoria Falls. This is a fun-filled resort hotel aimed unashamedly at the tourist who wants to take in the majesty and excitement of one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World.

Complete with its own food court offering a wide choice of relaxing or quick meals, suiting all ages, The Kingdom at Victoria Falls also offers three swimming pools and a toddlers pool, a children's play area and, for the ladies, planning a "night on the town" or a visit to the resort's spa and beauty parlour.

The architecture draws on the ancient Kingdom of Munhumutapa, with great domes, pillars, and bridges over the many water features, The Kingdom's fun-filled atmosphere gives guests a unique blend of African tradition and Western leisure.





Included

Bed & Breakfast

Day 3: The Kingdom Hotel, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Day Itinerary

- Today you enjoy a full day of tour which includes a tour of the fall on the Zimbabwean side and a helicopter flight over the falls.
- This evening you have dinner at The Boma Restaurant.

Wild Horizons Tour of the Falls Zimbabwe

It's a truly awe-inspiring experience – the sight, the sound, the smell; the humbling feeling that here indeed is Nature's Supreme Masterpiece, The Victoira Falls. No photograph can begin to depict the reality...and nothing

prepares you for your first sight. This tour is conducted in the morning and afternoon. En route, you may be taken past the 'Big Tree before being accompanied through the Rain-forest by a guide who will give a brief history of the Falls themselves as well as detailing the flora, fauna, bird & wildlife and other points of interest. Guides are also happy to assist with photographs whilst visiting this most spectacular of waterfalls.





Wild Horizons Helicopter Flight (13 min)

The 13 minute and 28 minute flights depart regularly throughout the day and offer spectacular photographic opportunities. Guests are collected from their hotels 30 minutes prior to their flight departure time and are given a safety talk on arrival at the Helipad, near the Elephant Hills Inter-Continental Hotel.

After take-off on the 13 minute Flight of Angels, the helicopter turns out towards the Victoria Falls. The pilot will fly circuits over The Falls in both directions giving guests the best viewing and photographic opportunities. A trip up river and back over the Zambezi National Park completes your flight.

After take-off on the 28 minute 'Zambezi Spectacular', the helicopter flies over the Victoria Falls, continuing downstream over the Batoka Gorges. Heading back from the Batoka Gorges the flight takes you back over the Falls and the long island on the upper Zambezi towards the National Park, home to a wide variety of wildlife species and then back to the Helipad.





The Boma Restaurant

Described as an unforgettable African experience infused with Zimbabwean cuisine, spirited performances and traditional storytelling, The Boma – Dinner & Drum show has firmly established itself as a Victoria Falls highlight.

Partially open to the skies, The Boma specialises in a superb selection of Zimbabwean dishes. A four-course meal combines a choice of starters with a barbecue buffet. The adventurous are enticed with local delicacies such as Mopani worms and potjiekos (hunter's game stew), whilst those wishing to enjoy beef, pork, fish and chicken or a variety of vegetarian meals are welcome to do so.

The sights and sounds of the evening are accentuated by a feast of nightly entertainment, incorporating traditional dancers, who captivate guests with their vibrant songs and dance. The acclaimed Zambezi Drumbeat provides a wonderful interactive drumming experience.





Included
Bed & Breakfast

Day 4: The Kingdom Hotel, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Day Itinerary

- Today you have a full day of touring which include a tour of the falls on the Zambian side and a visit to Livingstone Island.
- This evening you have a Special Helipad Dinner

Wild Horizons Tour of the Falls Zambia

To discover how the Falls were formed and what local customs and traditions surround them it is well worth booking a Wild Horizons tour of the Falls. Described by the Kololo tribe living in the area in the 1800's as 'Mosi-oa-Tunya' - 'the Smoke that Thunders' and in more modern terms as 'the greatest known curtain of falling water', Victoria Falls are a spectacular sight of awe-inspiring beauty and grandeur on the Zambezi River, bordering Zambia and Zimbabwe. A path along the edge of the forest provides the visitor who is prepared to brave the tremendous spray with an unparalleled series of views of the Falls. One special vantage point is across the Knife edge bridge, where visitors can have the finest view of the Eastern Cataract and the Main Falls as well as the Boiling Pot where the river turns and heads down the Batoka Gorge.

Other vantage points include the Falls bridge and the Lookout Tree which commands a panoramic view across the Main Falls. Different times of the year will provide completely different experiences of the Falls region. Peak flood season is around March and April and the full power of the falls can be experienced in all its glory. As the floods abate the view of the falls gets better and better through the year, but at it's lowest, around November and December the Falls become little rivulets running over the edge and in some places along the 1,7km width no water falls at all.

Please note: During this time, it is recommended guests book a tour of the falls on the Zimbabwean side.





Livingstone Island Tour

Dr. David Livingstone was paddled in a dug out canoe through swift rapids towards the roar and rising cloud of mist suspended above a cliff over which the whole of the Zambezi River plunged. The Makololo paddlers skilfully landed him on 'Goat Island' (now Livingstone Island) right on the lip of the chasm. A few steps through the small rainforest and, on the 16th November 1855, he gazed upon one of the most spectacular sights in the world – 'Mosi-oa-Tunya' (The Smoke that Thunders) which he named after his Queen as The Victoria Falls.

Today visitors are picked up in a twin engine boat with powerful motors and a skilled skipper re-traces Livingstone's approach to the island to witness the very best view of the Falls there is. All visits to the island are during the 'low water' season, which usually begins in mid July and goes through to the end of January.

Included

Bed & Breakfast

Day 5: Cresta Mowana Safari Resort & Spa, Chobe River Front



Despite recent and surprisingly rapid modernization, Botswana's cities provide little in the way of tourist attractions. However, what the cities lack in excitement, the surrounding wilderness areas more than make up for in outstanding natural beauty. The country's primary tourist draw card is undoubtedly the vast red expanse of the Kalahari desert and its remarkably beautiful Okavango Delta - the largest inland delta in the world provide a haven for an abundance of African wildlife. Other highlights include the impressive Makgadikgadi salt pans where visitors are privy to massive zebra migrations during the flood season; the Savuti plains which host large prides of lions; and the Tsodilo Hills where 4500 rock paintings form a unique record of human settlement over many millennia.



The Chobe River forms the northern boundary of the Chobe National Park, renowned for its reliable and diverse game viewing. Safaris are conducted both by boat and on land. This section of the park is best known for its elephant and hippo populations but the waters attract all manner of game including large herds of buffalo and the lions that prey on them.

Day Itinerary

- This morning you are collected from your hotel and transferred across the border to your lodge in Botswana.

Chobe National Park Game Viewing

The Chobe National Park in Botswana is only a 1¾-hour drive from Victoria Falls. It is one of the greatest game reserves in southern Africa, famous for its elephant numbers. The Chobe River and Caprivi flood plains provide a haven for huge herds of buffalo, elephant, zebra, wildebeest and impala which are followed closely by lions, hyenas and leopards and the bird life is exceptional.





Overnight: Cresta Mowana Safari Resort & Spa

Cresta Mowana Safari Resort & Spa is located on the banks of the mighty Chobe River. In the tranquil surroundings, guests can experience authentic African comfort, spacious accommodations and delectable cuisine. Take full advantage of a wealth of wildlife and embark upon an exhilarating game drive in the Chobe National Park. The national park is famed for it's large elephant herds, and has some of the largest concentrations of game on the African continent.

For a more laid back holiday, tackle 9 holes on the popular golf course, or simply interact with the spectacular, natural surrounds on a slow walk along the river. Guests can also enjoy bird watching from the Mokoro, or a leisurely canoe trail on the waters of the Chobe. The onsite spa offers an opportunity for relaxation and recuperation with a range of treatments. The resort also features air conditioned guest accommodations, decorated in an Afro-centric style that adds to the natural ambiance.





Included

Full Board and Activities

Day 6: Cresta Mowana Safari Resort & Spa, Chobe River Front

Day Itinerary

- You continue your stay at the lodge and enjoy some of the game activities on offer including a River Safari

Chobe River Cruise

Chobe National Park is well known for it's large herds of elephant that frequent the Chobe River on a daily basis. In the dry season an estimate of up to 85000 elephants can be dispersed within the Chobe National Park, where the majority of them can be found along the river. Apart from the herds of elephants, the park has lion, leopard, buffalo and a whole host of antelope like sable, puku, kudu, eland, roan and many others which guests can also get to see. The river is filled with big pods of hippos and some of the biggest crocodiles in Africa.

The chance of seeing wildlife on the islands and riverbanks is very high, as is the likelihood of seeing large numbers of bird species, crocodiles and other wildlife. Elephant, buffalo, giraffe and hippo are common sightings, with sable, leopard and numerous antelope also being regulars.





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Day 7: Departure

Day Itinerary

- After a final morning game drive you are transferred to Livingstone Airport in time to check in for your flight to Johannesburg.
- On arrival in Johannesburg you connect with your onward flight.

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