

# 16 DAY EXPERIENCE SOUTHERN AFRICA

## DESTINATIONS

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## TOUR ITINERARY

### DAY 1

Destination	Johannesburg
Meals included	
Hotel	Hotel, or similar

Sawubona! Welcome to South Africa. Your adventure begins with a welcome meeting at 6 pm where you'll meet your tour leader and fellow travellers. You can arrive at any time as there are no activities planned until this important meeting. If you arrive early, get out and explore this city characterised by remarkable contrasts. Perhaps visit the culturally rich areas of Newtown, Braamfontein or Maboneng. The eye-opening Apartheid Museum is well worth your time.

### DAY 2

Destination	Johannesburg 🚗 Greater Kruger National Park
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel	Campsite (with facilities), or similar

Depart Johannesburg, the 'City of Gold' and head off on an adventure of a lifetime. A truly unique African experience unfolds as you enter the Greater Kruger National Park ecosystem, arriving at your campsite in time for lunch (approximately 10 hours travel time including stops along the way). One of the largest game reserves in Southern Africa, Kruger National Park is home to over 500 bird species, 100 species of reptile and 150 mammal species, including the Big Five and the endangered African wild dog. Base camp for tonight is in the Guernsey Private Game Reserve on the edge of Kruger National park. Once settled perhaps take the optional night game drive into Kruger National Park.

### DAY 3

Destination	Greater Kruger National Park 🚗 Kruger National Park
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	Campsite (with facilities), or similar

Rise early for a light breakfast of coffee and rusks before embarking on a morning game drive through Kruger National Park in the overland vehicle. Most of the day will be spent game viewing, birdwatching and stopping at various waterholes and viewpoints. Later on, take a night drive with the park guide for a chance to spot nocturnal animals and perhaps even a night-time predator or two – catch a lion or hyena out hunting, or an impala out in search of a late-night feed. Your camp tonight will be within Kruger National Park. However, sometimes during peak seasons of June, July and December you'll camp at a nearby site, just outside the gate.

### DAY 4

Destination	Kruger National Park 🚗 Masebe Nature Reserve
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	Campsite (with facilities), or similar

Head out on one last game drive at Kruger National Park for a chance to spot any animals you may have missed yesterday, then settle into your overland vehicle for the 7-hour drive to Masebe Nature Reserve. Characterised by spectacular rock formations that weave between vegetation and rivers, Masebe's uniquely beautiful scenery separates it from other nature reserves and national parks in South Africa. The 4,500-hectare provincial park is also known for its excellent birding and wildlife viewing. Sables, nyala, giraffes, zebras and leopards are just some of the wildlife you may encounter here. Your camp tonight is located within the reserve, providing an extraordinarily tranquil experience.

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### DAY 5

Destination	Masebe Nature Reserve 🚗 Moremi Gorge
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel	Moremi Gorge Chalet, or similar

Begin the day by touring well-preserved, pre-historic rock art found at three sites across Masebe Nature Reserve. Hidden within caves in sandstone cliffs, these ancient paintings were created by the San people (Bushmen) thousands of years ago. While much about these paintings are shrouded in mystery, images of people and animals provide a unique glimpse into how the San lived. Then its back on the road as you travel towards Moremi Gorge. Located near Palapye, the drive will take approximately 6 hours. Settle into your camp on arrival.

### DAY 6

Destination	Moremi Gorge 🚗 Nata
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel	Nata Lodge, or similar

Journey from Palapye to Nata (approximately 6 hours). Your campsite is situated on the edge of the amazing Makgadikgadi Salt Pans, covering some 12,000 square kilometres, this is one of the largest salt flats in the world. On arrival, take a 3-hour excursion in an open vehicle to explore these seemingly endless plains. Surrounded by the Kalahari Desert, the pans are naturally dry and salty for a large part of the year. During this time the arid landscape has an eerie feel to it as heat mirages disorientate the senses. Then, after the rains hit, it become a grassy refuge for migratory birds and animals. Tonight, enjoy a good nights rest in a comfortable lodge.

### DAY 7

Destination	Nata 🚗 Victoria Falls
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	Permanent Tented Overland Camp, or similar

Travel on to Victoria Falls (approximately 4 hours), crossing the border into Zimbabwe in time to have lunch on the banks of the Zambezi. Continue to your permanent tent, set within a large rest camp. After settling in, you may want to set out on a highly recommended optional trip to visit Victoria Falls. Spanning about a mile wide and falling 108 metres into a narrow gorge below, the spray from the falls can sometimes be seen from kilometres away. In the dry season, the view of the falls is unobstructed by spray and it's possible to see little islets in the river below. Otherwise, a range of other activities are available through the local activity centre. After visiting the falls or enjoying a relaxing afternoon, meet up with your group for an included brewery tour and beer to say cheers to the journey so far.

### DAY 8

Destination	Victoria Falls
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	Permanent Tented Overland Camp, or similar

Today is a free day to enjoy the many activities on offer. If you are interested in an optional helicopter flight (12 minute or 25 minute rides), Zambezi Helicopter co CAA Zimbabwe is the only operator that meets Intrepid's safety requirements and that we endorse. Your leader can help you arrange this activity or recommend other activities to make the most of your free day.

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### DAY 9

Destination	Victoria Falls 🚗 Chobe National Park
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel	Campsite (with facilities), or similar

Travel to Chobe National Park in Botswana (approximately 3 hours) via the Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust, one of The Intrepid Foundation projects. Here you can learn about the rescue and rehabilitation of wildlife, human-wildlife conflict and their role in anti-poaching. There may also be a chance to meet any rescued or orphaned wildlife currently in their care.

Chobe, the first national park to be established in the country, is perhaps best known for its high concentration of elephants, which can often be seen swimming in the Chobe River. The river also attracts wallowing hippos, a variety of birdlife, and crocodiles which like to sun themselves by the water's edge. Cheetahs and lions also come down to drink. In the late afternoon you will embark on a scenic sunset cruise on the Chobe River – a relaxing way to spend the afternoon. Your camp, located outside of the park, has flush toilets, showers, intermittent WiFi and optional accommodation upgrades.

### DAY 10

Destination	Chobe National Park 🚗 Maun
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	Hotel, or similar

There's time for a morning game drive for those who would like to further explore this beautiful park (this is optional). As well as elephants, you might see some of Chobe's other noble creatures – from giraffe and zebra to impala and tsessebe. Then it's time to head to Maun (approximately 10–11 hours). This town is the gateway to one of the world's most famous and most complex ecosystems, the Okavango Delta.

### DAY 11

Destination	Maun 🚗 Okavango Delta
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	Bush Camp (no facilities), or similar

Travel into the unspoiled wilderness for an adventurous camping experience. The Okavango Delta is unlike anything in the world – a 16,000 square kilometre maze of wetlands made up of meandering waterways, green islands, lush plains and prolific wildlife. The delta is filled with a diversity of flora and fauna that includes hippos, crocodiles, elephants and big cats. But it's not the animals that are the main attraction – it's the incredible ecosystem. You'll explore the waterways by mokoro, a traditional dugout canoe navigated by friendly local 'polers'. You'll also spend some time exploring on foot with your experienced and knowledgeable guides. Camp on a remote island in the heart of the wild. Toilets will be dug and there are no showers. Hear the nocturnal creatures of the African bush come to life as the sun goes down.

### DAY 12

Destination	Okavango Delta
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	Bush Camp (no facilities), or similar

It's an early start this morning as you venture out for a sunrise walk, hoping to catch a glimpse of some elephants and

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perhaps the fascinating and rather noble-looking Cape buffalo. Return to camp to enjoy some breakfast and reflect on the morning's viewing with your fellow travellers. As it warms up, you'll have the rest of the day to relax. You might like to take a refreshing swim. There is also the option of an afternoon walk or another mokoro trip. You may notice that the mokoros of today are made with fibreglass but retain their original shape – this strikes a balance between tradition and sustainability.

### DAY 13

Destination	Okavango Delta 🚗 Maun
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel	Hotel, or similar

After taking down your camp, it's time to return the mokoro to the poling station and board the vehicle once again. Travel back to Maun (approximately 2–3 hours). Though this town is best known as a stepping stone to the delta, it's worth a stroll around. Perhaps check out the Nhaba Museum if you feel curious and have time.

### DAY 14

Destination	Maun 🚗 Khama Rhino Sanctuary
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	Campsite (with facilities), or similar

Travel to the Khama Rhino Sanctuary (approximately 9–10 hours). Situated on the edge of the Kalahari Desert, the Khama Rhino Sanctuary is a conversion of a former hunting area into a conservation project. Built to protect Botswana's only remaining populations of both black and white rhinos, the sanctuary is also home to other wildlife including zebras, giraffes, leopards, ostriches and wildebeest, all of which can be seen around the many natural waterholes. Visiting this project benefits local communities and contributes to the protection of the highly endangered white rhinoceros. In the evening you'll head out on a dusk game drive to see the rhinos (this will be replaced by a dawn game drive if the group arrives at the sanctuary too late). Your camp tonight has shared facilities and optional upgrades.

### DAY 15

Destination	Khama Rhino Sanctuary 🚗 Soweto
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel	Soweto Guesthouse, or similar

Cross the border into South Africa and travel on to Soweto, which is located in the Johannesburg area (approximately 10–11 hours). Johannesburg is a sprawling city of remarkable contrasts. As you come into town you'll likely see opulent mansions alongside tin-roof shacks, and verdant city parks alongside the concrete. About half of Jo'burg's 3 million residents live in Soweto and its surrounding areas. Enjoy a relaxing evening upon arrival.

### DAY 16

Destination	Soweto (Johannesburg)
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Accommodation	N/A

Take to the streets of Soweto on a bicycle and learn about the Soweto uprising and the resistance against apartheid. It's interesting to see how the community has changed and developed into what it is today. You'll also visit a former migrant workers' hostel and stop at many other local landmarks. Your cycling adventure should finish up at around 3

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pm today. With no further activities planned, your trip comes to an end at this point. No accommodation is provided for tonight, but this can be arranged when you book this trip. If you are departing, it's best to book a flight for 8 pm or later.

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### Inclusions

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 15 nights accommodation
- All Transportation
- Meals: 15 breakfasts, 8 lunches, 11 dinners as per itinerary
- Group size: maximum 16
- 1 English speaking tour leader – Will accompany the group throughout
- All accommodation as listed
- All entrance fees to the sites listed (except optionals)
- All activities listed in the itinerary unless a paid optional
- Comfortable, dedicated private transportation throughout
- 24/7 customer service and your own Dedicated Support Agent

### Fine Print

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### OPTIONAL TOURS

To enhance your journey, we are offering guests a choice of the following optional activities:

- Kruger National Park - Sunset 4x4 Game Drive (from price) - ZAR325 (Day 3)
- Victoria Falls - Entrance & Visit - USD35 (Day 7)
- Victoria Falls - Sunset Cruise - USD50 (Day 7)
- Victoria Falls - Helicopter flight (12 mins) - USD165 (Day 8)
- Victoria Falls - Flying fox - USD50 (Day 8)
- Victoria Falls - Gorge swing - USD103 (Day 8)
- Victoria Falls - Canoe trail (full day) - USD185 (Day 8)
- Victoria Falls - Village & township tour - USD61 (Day 8)
- Victoria Falls - Helicopter flight (25 mins) - USD299 (Day 8)
- Chobe National Park - Open Safari Vehicle Morning Game Drive - BWP410 (Day 10)
- Okavango Delta - Helicopter Scenic Flight - From USD150 - USD450 (Day 13)
- Okavango Delta - Plane Scenic Flight - From USD75 - USD390 (Day 13)
- Johannesburg - Art Gallery - ZAR60 (Day 16)
- Johannesburg - Gold Reef City And Heritage Mine Tour - ZAR360 (Day 16)
- Johannesburg - Museum Africa - ZAR40 (Day 16)
- Johannesburg - Apartheid Museum - ZAR100 (Day 16)

*Costs are per person.*

The optional tours and shore excursions can only be purchased on-tour with your guide or the ship staff, and are payable in local currency. Optional tours are subject to conditions such as traffic, weather and sightseeing schedules, as well as minimum numbers.

### EXCLUSIONS

- Return International Airfares
- Transfers
- Visas (if applicable)
- Travel insurance (compulsory)
- Tipping
- Anything not mentioned in the itinerary
- Optional activities
- Personal expenses

### WHAT CLIMATE TO EXPECT

Click [HERE](#) for more information on the weather in xx.

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### HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

#### Deposit & Payments

- Book now and secure your package with only a \$440 deposit per person.
- Pay a 2nd instalment of \$1655 per person within 28 days.
- You will then be invoiced for final payment 90 days prior to departure.

#### Booking Process

- Select the purple 'Reserve Your Seat' tab to begin your booking (you must 'Sign Up' first by entering your email and creating a password)
- Then select the purple 'Book now' tab of the tour you have selected
- Select your Departure Date, Departure City, Number of Passengers, Room Configuration, any Upgrade Options, and enter any Special Requests
- Click the purple 'Proceed to Secure Checkout' tab
- Enter your credit card or PayPal details to secure your deposit/payment. You may also pay via BPAY (not available within 70 days of departure)
- Once your order is complete, you will be prompted to complete a Booking Form so that we can fulfil your booking
- Your booking is confirmed once your Booking Form is submitted and you can begin the countdown to your Inspiring Vacation!
- You will then be allocated and contacted by one of our Dedicated Support Agent's (within 48 hours) who will support you right up until you return from your journey

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

#### Fitness Requirements

While the tour itinerary should give you some guidance and overview to the expected requirements, a basic level of fitness will be required. If you have any concerns please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.

As a general rule, portage is not included, therefore at all times you are expected to handle your own luggage where help may not be available.

#### Tipping

A friendly reminder that tipping is not included in your package. While tipping is not customary, it's of great significance to the people who will take care of you during your travels, inspires excellent service, and is an entrenched feature of the tourism industry across many destinations.

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You may also consider tipping your tour leader and driver for outstanding service throughout your trip. Remember, a tip is not compulsory and should only be given when you receive excellent service.

### **Accommodation**

The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard. Bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only. All efforts will be made to meet your preferences, however, any changes are beyond our control.

### **Single Supplement**

A single supplement is available on all nights of this trip from an extra \$561, subject to availability.

### **Triple Share**

Not available.

### **Travel Insurance**

Travel insurance is required to protect yourself against the unexpected.

We have partnered with nib to offer our customers competitive rates for their travel insurance. You can book comprehensive or budget cover simply by clicking [HERE](#) to arrange your policy.

### **Visa & Passport information**

It is the traveller's responsibility to ensure they have a valid passport. The passport must be valid for a minimum of six months from the intended date of your return.

Please note that these details are subject to change without notice. We recommend visiting <https://smartraveller.gov.au> for up to date information in terms of entry requirements.

### **Tour Documentation**

Final documentation, including e-tickets and hotel details, will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.

### **Group Size**

Maximum 16 people.

### **Children**

Children must be 15 years old or over and share a room with parents at all times. Children are charged the same price as adults.

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### Tour Length

The total length of the tour in days includes time spent in flight and is subject to change, depending on the flight schedule. Please refer to the day-by-day itinerary for the time spent in your destination(s).<sup>2</sup> This is a combination trip made up of two shorter trips. This means the composition of your group may change in Victoria Falls as some group members leave and new ones join you.

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This trip includes a mixture camping and other accommodation. While camping, tents, sleeping mats and sleeping bags will be provided and set up for you by our crew.

This trip finishes in Soweto on Day 16 after our cycle adventure. Please don't book any international flights until after 8 pm this evening.