

24 Day Cape Town to Johannesburg via Vic Falls Itinerary

DAY 1 – 2: CAPE TOWN

We all meet at the GREENFIRE LODGE CAPE TOWN at 13h00 to spend the afternoon exploring and visiting the sights. We have one-and-a-half days here, in which time we will hike Table Mountain, visit Cape Point, the Waterfront, Hout Bay, a wine farm, and numerous other sights. Our exact program will depend on the weather. Overnight at the GREENFIRE LODGE on the beachfront for the two nights (lunches and dinners own expense). **B ; B**

DAY 3: WEST COAST

We leave the Mother City behind us, and after a last view of Table Mountain from across the bay we travel north through the “Swartland” and along the West Coast into Namaqualand. In the early spring this usually barren area comes to life with the blooming of numerous desert adapted flower species. Overnight on the coast. **B D**

DAY 4 – 5: ORANGE RIVER

Today we cross the border into Namibia, then travel the short distance to our base camp on the banks of the Orange River from where we begin our canoe adventure. Once we have packed all of our gear into our two-man canoes, we set off into the wilderness. The Orange River creates an awesome spectacle, a green ribbon winding its way through the desert and towering mountains of the Richtersveld National Park. We will spend one night camping on the banks, under the desert skies, and will then return to our base camp and vehicle to camp the next night in relative comfort. **B L D ; B L D**

DAY 6: FISH RIVER CANYON – NAMIB

Today we head directly to the Fish River Canyon, the second largest of its kind in the world. After visiting the viewpoints and exploring the lip of the Canyon, we continue into the true Namib to set up camp at the GREENFIRE DESERT CAMP. **B L D**

DAY 7: NAMIB DESERT

The GREENFIRE DESERT CAMP is situated on our private Nature Reserve within the Namibrand Nature Reserve and is home to numerous species of desert adapted fauna

and flora. The camp is spectacularly built against a rock outcrop between the stark mountains and the red dune-fields. During our stay here we will conduct guided walks and drives including a night drive within the reserve – allowing us to observe animals at close range. **B L D**

DAY 8: SOSSUSVLEI

A relaxed start, we travel directly to the dune fields of Sossusvlei. The last part of our journey to the dunes will be through the thick sand and for this we use an open 4 x 4 vehicle. After climbing the dunes for the spectacular view from the summit, we return to our vehicle and then continue to the quirky trading post of Solitaire where we will camp the night. **B L D**

DAY 9: SOLITAIRE – SWAKOPMUND

A short journey today, we cross the Kuiseb Canyon and the Naukluft Park toward the seaside town of Swakopmund where we will spend two nights at the GREENFIRE LODGE SWAKOPMUND. **B L D**

DAY 10: SWAKOPMUND

The GREENFIRE LODGE SWAKOPMUND provides the ideal location for exploring the town of Swakopmund with its beaches, markets, curio shops and huge variety of adventure options that include quad biking, sky diving, horse riding, dune boarding, and many more. The nightlife of Swakopmund is also worth experiencing. Tonight we enjoy a restaurant meal (own expense) **B**

DAY 11: BRANDBERG

Today we head north up the Skeleton Coast to the seal colony of Cape Cross before venturing back inland. We travel through the desert to visit the Bushman rock paintings at Brandberg, we then set up camp and spend the night at the foot of the mountain. We hope to see the rare desert elephants on this day. **B L D**

DAY 12 – 13: ETOSHA

For an incredible wildlife experience, today we enter the Etosha National Park, and after setting up camp, enjoy an extensive afternoon game drive. We return to camp to spend the evening game viewing at the floodlit waterhole. Continuing through the reserve, we game drive across the Park to camp the night. One night we dine at a camp restaurant (own expense). **B L D ; B L**

DAY 14: CAPRIVI

Leaving the harsh desert landscapes behind us, we travel north to the lush Caprivi area. Tonight we will camp on the banks of the mighty Okavango River. **B L D**

DAY 15 – 16: OKAVANGO DELTA

A short drive today to the Pan Handle, from where we will enjoy a motor-boat trip into the heart of the Okavango Delta. Once in the Delta we continue by Mekoro – the traditional dugout canoe to our remote camp. This is truly nature's wonderland and a huge variety of wildlife will be witnessed in its natural state. We will spend 2 nights camping wild and exploring this remote paradise. **B L D ; B L D**

DAY 17: MAUN

This morning we enjoy a mekoro and boat transfer across the Pan-Handle and back to the vehicle. Then, traveling through the Kalahari we make our way to Maun and on to the DRIFTERS MAUN LODGE where we relax for the afternoon at the swimming pool. **B L D**

DAY 18: NATA

After a relaxing morning, we leave the DRIFTERS MAUN LODGE and continue our journey through the Makgadikgadi Salt Pans to the oasis-like camp of Nata. **B L D**

DAY 19: KASANE – VICTORIA FALLS

Traveling north through the Chobe forest reserves, we head for the border town of Kasane from where we will venture into the renowned Chobe National Park in search of the large concentrations of animals that this area is known for. Late this afternoon we cross the border and drive the short distance to the GREENFIRE LODGE VICTORIA FALLS where we spend the following nights in comfort. One night enjoy a “braai” and experience traditional dancing around the pool. **B L D**

DAY 20: VICTORIA FALLS

This morning we awake to the “Adventure Capital of Africa” – Victoria Falls. We will have a full day here, giving us ample time to explore the Falls and to participate in the multitude of activities on offer, white water rafting, bungi jumping, aircraft flips etc. (An evening's meal and lunch will be at your own expense.) **B**

DAY 21: HWANGE

After some free time in the town, it's back to the wilderness. We travel the short distance to Hwange, well known as one of Africa's best conservation areas. After an

extensive open vehicle drive/walk, we camp at a remote camp overlooking a waterhole teeming with game. **B L D**

DAY 22: BULAWAYO – MATOBO

Today we travel south to the wide streets of Bulawayo – Zimbabwe’s second largest city. We then continue to the Matobo area where, in the afternoon, we enjoy a tour into the National Park to view animals and track rhino through the bush on foot. Tonight our camp is situated amongst the precariously balancing boulders that this area is known for. **B L D**

DAY 23: MACHETE

Continuing south today, we cross the border back into South Africa and to our bushcamp situated on a private game reserve within the Limpopo valley. **B L D**

DAY 24: JOHANNESBURG

This morning we conduct a short walk to view the magnificent bushman paintings surrounding our camp before making the journey to Johannesburg. The tour ends at the GREENFIRE LODGE JOHANNESBURG in the late afternoon. **B**

The day by day descriptions published are intended as a rough guideline only. Adventure travel by nature is unpredictable, weather patterns, game migrations, road conditions and a multitude of other factors may necessitate itinerary changes that ultimately are for the client’s benefit. It is essential that clients are flexible and open minded in this regard.