

Information guidelines

All information provided in this document is subject to change without prior notice. Please ensure that you have received the latest version of this dossier as we are continually striving to improve the standards and quality of our tours and itineraries are subject to change. Travel times and campsites can change depending on road or weather conditions, or any unforeseen circumstances. These are used as a guideline only. On our longer tours it is possible that your crew, truck and fellow travellers will change due to our unique tour linking system. There are a maximum of 24 participants travelling on this tour.

Partaking in an adventure tour in Africa involves covering hundreds if not thousands of kilometers in a truck, and our tours are as much about this journey as they are about the destinations we visit. Use your time in the truck to talk to your fellow travellers, play card games, have a drink, walk around, take note of the world passing by your window and make the most of this unique opportunity to step out of your comfort zone.

Some roads you travel on will be smooth and easy while others could take up to an hour to cover one kilometer. There is just no telling what could happen with road, weather, traffic and other conditions that may exist that will either increase or decrease the amount of time you spend on the road so take your watch off, put your iPad away, turn off your phone and just relax. An average day could take anything from 5 to 14 hours in the truck, it all depends on the day... and that's only an "average".

Did you receive your Pre Departure Information Booklet?

If not, please contact us and we will e-mail it to you - alternatively you can also download the document from our website at www.CheapAfricaTours.com or www.GoedkopeAfrikaReizen.nl

About this tour

Departure Point

This tour departs at 7.00 am from Amanpuri, Corner of Moses Garoeb Street & Anton Lubowski Street, Swakopmund, Namibia

Tel: +264 64 405587

Please ensure you arrive at the departure point **at least 30 minutes before** the scheduled departure time.

End Point

Victoria Falls Rainbow Hotel – 278 Parkway Drive, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe –
Tel: + 263 13 44583 / 42213-4 – <http://www.victoria-falls-rainbow-hotel.com>

Countries Visited

Namibia, Botswana & Zimbabwe

What's included

All meals which are prepared and served at the overland truck / accommodation / qualified crew / filtered water / transport in the overland truck / included highlights as per the itinerary / entrance fees to National Parks.

What's excluded

All items of a personal nature, alcohol, soft drinks, snacks, souvenirs, tips entrance fees associated with optional activities and optional activities (see list for an indication of prices).

Vehicle

Overland Truck

Climate

The African sun is very strong. Please use a factor 30 sunscreen and wear a hat. You should drink at least 3 litres of water per day to avoid dehydration. It can also get very cold during winter months on this route. Please see Pre Departure Booklet for detailed information.

Pre and Post Tour Accommodation

If you require accommodation before or after your tour we can arrange this for you. We can also arrange airport transfers. For more information, have a look on our website under "Hotels and Transfers"

Arrival/ Departure

Please be sure to arrive at least 1 day before your tour is due to depart. This will help avoid any unforeseen problems. We also highly recommend that you book your flights to depart at least one day after the tour officially ends.

I Want More

This tour will give you a good taste of what Southern Africa has in store for you. However, you can extend your adventure by adding more tour options... such as our 2 day transfer from Victoria Falls to Johannesburg or our 21 day East African Adventure (North), or shorter sections thereof.

Insurance (Compulsory)

All clients require adequate Medical Insurance. Activity providers can refuse participation of activities, if the correct valid Medical Insurance is not provided.

Currency and Banking

As your tour may pass through multiple countries, we have prepared information on the use of local and foreign currencies, ATMs and Credit Cards for each country. This information is available on our website under FAQ (frequently asked questions).

Health

Please inform us of any pre-existing conditions such as diabetes or asthma and any prescription medicine you may be taking. We also need to know about any food allergies or physical disabilities that you may have.

Vaccinations

A Yellow Fever Certificate might be required for this tour depending on your nationality. Please see the Pre-Departure Information booklet for detailed information on vaccinations in Africa.

Visas

As visa requirements vary considerably from country to country and nationality to nationality, please contact the various embassies or a visa service agent in your home country to re-check your visa requirements at least 4 weeks prior to travelling. Please note that visas are the responsibility of the traveller and that ShapShap Travel and its partners will not be held responsible for guests being denied entry should they not be in the possession of the relevant visas.

All travellers must be in possession of a valid onward/return air ticket or proof of other means of transport enabling the traveller to leave the country in which your adventure tour passes or terminates. You should also have proof of sufficient funds (e.g. credit card) to see you through your time in the country. Should the adventure tour you are joining be re-entering a country, be sure to have a multiple entry visa that enables you to re-enter the country.

In some cases visas are available on entry into a country and may be cheaper to do so, however for peace of mind and to speed up the border crossing process, ShapShap Travel will always advise you to get your visas prior to your trip if possible.

Accommodation providers

Accommodation providers are subject to change without notice, the accommodation listed in this dossier is our preferred supplier, but sometimes due to availability, we are unable to make use of the property listed in this dossier. If we cannot use the accommodation provider as listed we will substitute another property of similar standards, however, en-suite facilities are not always guaranteed.

* Okavango Delta Excursion Upgrade - Accommodated

Included in the tour price is a full day excursion into the Okavango Delta. A 2-night package is available for purchase, should you wish to spend 2 nights in the Okavango Delta. A minimum number of 2 guests is required in order for the 2-night excursion to operate.

2-Night Excursion per person sharing: R15,460 per person

* Detailed description of the Okavango excursion can be found after the itinerary

Detailed itinerary

Day 1 – Swakopmund to Spitzkoppe to Brandberg

Leaving Swakopmund early, we make our way to the massive granite formations of Spitzkoppe which tower 700 metres above the desert plains below. The presence of rock art indicates their significance to the San people who lived here many years ago. We will enjoy a walk and have the opportunity to view some examples of the San's rock art before setting off for our overnight stop for the evening.

Accommodation	Brandberg White Lady https://www.brandbergwllodge.com/wmenu.php
Facilities	Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Route	Swakopmund to Brandberg (via Spitzkoppe)
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Visit and explore Spitzkoppe

Day 2 – Brandberg White Lady

The Brandberg (Burning Mountains) are regarded as the highest in Namibia and home to the famous White Lady, one of more than 45,000 rock paintings in the area. This morning we will make the 1-hour hike to visit the painting that is said to be around 2,000 years old. (Please be advised that the hike does traverse rough terrain along the gorge of the normally dry Tsisab River). After our exploration, our journey continues to the area of Kamanjab. For those who would like to visit an educational centre showcasing the lifestyle of the Himba Tribe, you will have the opportunity to book an optional excursion this afternoon.

Accommodation	Toko Lodge http://www.tokolodge.co/
Facilities	Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Route	Uis to Kamanjab
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Brandberg White Lady hike

Day 3 - Etosha National Park

Rising early this morning we drive to the Etosha National Park. Etosha is the venue for some of the most unique game viewing experiences in Africa. This afternoon we reach the park and begin with our first game drive (safari) as we make our way to the rest camp.

Accommodation	NWR: Okaukuejo or Halali http://www.nwr.com.na
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Facilities Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Route Kamanjab to Etosha National Park
Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight Afternoon game drive (safari) in overland truck

Day 4 - Etosha National Park

Our second day in Etosha allows for a full day to continue our exploration of the park. No day on safari is ever the same and the suspense before that special sighting is the motivation that keeps our eyes wide open. We explore the edges of Etosha Pan in search of the abundant wildlife that occurs in the park.

Accommodation NWR: Okaukuejo or Halali <http://www.nwr.com.na>
Facilities Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Route Etosha National Park
Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight Full day game drive (safari) in overland truck

Day 5 - Windhoek

It is an early rise as we take aim for Windhoek, the capital city of Namibia. Upon arrival in Windhoek, we will take a short walk through the city centre and have the opportunity to view some its better known landmarks. (Our accommodation for the night is situated halfway between the city and the airport).

Accommodation Heja Game Lodge <http://www.hejalodge.com>
Facilities Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom
Route Etosha National Park to Windhoek
Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight Walk through Windhoek with your guide

Day 6 - Botswana – Ghanzi

Today we travel east and make our way to neighbouring Botswana and the Kalahari Desert. Starkly different to the Namib Desert after which Namibia is named, the Kalahari is no less dramatic and covers over 900 000 square kilometres. The San people have long been associated with this harsh environment and this afternoon we will enjoy an informative guided walk with the San community. Tonight we enjoy a dance evening that provides an insight into their culture of song, dance and story-telling.

Accommodation Ghanzi Trail Blazers <http://ghanzitrailblazers.co.bw>
Facilities Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Route Windhoek to Ghanzi
Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight San Tribal dance in evening /
San Guided Walk (this activity could take place the next morning)
Border Post Namibia: Buitepos, Tel: +264 62 560401, Open: 07h00-24h00
Botswana: Mamanu, Tel: +267 (0) 659 2013/2064, Open: 07h00-24h00

Day 7 – Okavango Delta

This morning we rise early and head towards Maun, where upon arrival in Maun this afternoon, you will have the opportunity to go on an optional scenic flight over the Delta (time and weather

permitting). This evening our guide will prepare us on what to expect on our full day excursion into the Okavango Delta.

Those guests who have pre-purchased the * 2-night package – will board the flight into the Delta upon arrival in Maun and will re-join the group on the morning of day 9. Have a look at the Okavango Delta Excursion programme below this itinerary.

Accommodation	Sedia Riverside Lodge http://sedia-hotel.com/
Facilities	Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Route	Ghanzi to Maun
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Optional Activity	Okavango Delta scenic flight

Day 8 - Okavango Delta Excursion

The most rewarding and enjoyable way to explore and experience the beauty and serenity of this intricate system of lily covered channels and lagoons is by mokoro. Heading out early, we will be transferred by safari vehicle to the poling station (approximately 1 hour transfer) where we will meet the polers who will be escorting us into the Delta. The polers will steer us through the serene area of narrow, reed lined channels which open out onto beautiful lagoons. Reaching one of the many islands, a nature walk may be taken with your poler. After the walk, we return by mokoro through the channels back to the poling station. While the mokoro trail is not primarily a game viewing activity, a variety of game may be spotted in this pristine wilderness area, including elephant, giraffe, kudu, impala and zebra.

Accommodation	Sedia Riverside Lodge http://sedia-hotel.com/
Facilities	Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Route	Maun – poling station – Okavango Delta – Maun
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Okavango Delta Day Excursion

Day 9 – Nata

Leaving Maun behind us this morning we make our way towards the town of Nata. We will spend most of the day in our truck as we journey across the northern reaches of the Makgadikgadi Pans. On arrival at Nata Lodge, you have the opportunity to enjoy an optional afternoon guided game drive to the Makgadikgadi Pans, which forms the breeding ground for a host of water birds including pelicans and flamingo in their thousands.

Accommodation	Nata Lodge: http://underonebotswanasky.com/camps/nata-lodge.php
Facilities	Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Route	Maun to Nata
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Optional Activity	Makgadikgadi Salt Pans (Nata Sanctuary)

Day 10 – Chobe National Park

We rise early this morning as we continue north to our camp on the banks of the Chobe River. This afternoon is set aside for exploring the Chobe National Park. We begin our exploration with an optional game drive in 4x4 vehicles and our afternoon ends with a leisurely boat cruise which allows us an up close and personal experience with the many elephants that frequent the river in the afternoons.

Accommodation	Thebe River Safaris http://www.theberiversafaris.com
Facilities	Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Route	Nata to Kasane
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Chobe National Park boat cruise
Optional Activity	Chobe National Park Game Drive

Day 11 - Zimbabwe -Victoria Falls

With the memories of our wildlife encounters firmly etched in our minds, we cross the border into Zimbabwe this morning and travel the short distance to Victoria Falls. Today you will have the opportunity to visit the spectacular Victoria Falls at your leisure, also known by the local name of "Mosi-oa Tunya" (the smoke that thunders). While much of today is dedicated to viewing the mighty Zambezi River as it drops into the Batoka Gorge below, the bustling adventure town of Victoria Falls also offers a range of optional activities for those wanting a dose of adrenaline in the afternoon. For the more relaxed traveller there are craft markets and coffee shops on offer as well.

Accommodation	Victoria Falls Rainbow Hotel https://rtgafrika.com/victoria-falls-rainbow/
Facilities	Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom
Route	Kasane to Victoria Falls
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Optional Activity	Victoria Falls National Park Entry
Border Post	Botswana: Kazangula Road, Tel: +267 62 50320 / Open: 06h00-20h00 Zimbabwe: Kzangula Road, Open: 06h00-20h00

Day 12 - Victoria Falls

Your tour comes to an end after breakfast and with the many activities on offer in Victoria Falls, today is the perfect day for the adventure that most suites your style. Whether rafting the mighty Zambezi River or enjoying a flight over the Falls, this is your day to enjoy the many attractions on offer in Victoria Falls.

Accommodation	Own Arrangements/ Post tour accommodation can be booked through us.
Meals	Breakfast
Optional Activity	Zambezi Sunset Cruise, Bungee Jump, Helicopter Flights, White Water Rafting

Note: It is possible to book our 2 day Transfer to Johannesburg, camping or accommodated straight after this tour, as this is one of the cheapest ways to get from Victoria Falls to Johannesburg. Check out our website for more information.

* Optional Okavango Delta Excursion Upgrade

The cost of the optional Okavango Delta excursion upgrade package is not included in the tour price. The cost to participate in the 2-night excursion is R15460 per person. In order to ensure availability of this optional activity, we request that you pre-book and pre-pay this activity together with your tour purchase. Single supplement charges paid on the overland tour do not cover the Okavango Delta excursion and are not available at all during this excursion. Therefore please expect to share with a fellow guest for the duration of the Okavango Delta excursion.

Optional Activity	Price
2-Night Okavango Delta excursion upgrade	R 15460
	R 15460

The accommodated Okavango Delta upgrade excursion is operated with **a combination of small charter planes and in 4x4 safari vehicles**. The overland truck and crew (and fellow guests who have not purchased the upgrade) will be based in Maun and you will be separated from the group for the 2 nights. You will be required to pack an overnight bag for your excursion – please ensure your valuables and luggage which you are not taking is locked in your locker in the overland truck.

Mopiri Camp, which means “little island “ in the local Bayei language, is hidden away on the north western side of the Okavango Delta and offers the perfect water based camp experience. The camp is situated approximately 280kms from Maun and at certain times of the year when the waterways are in flood, access to camp will be by boat to / from the landing strip. Long winding board walks between the main area and the rooms offer guests privacy and the opportunity to stretch their legs and explore the island. Mopiri camp’s main area consists of a large dining room with a separate lounge area. There is a large deck overlooking the lagoon and a fire pit perfect for stargazing. The swimming pool is positioned with views over the floodplain. All meals are included during your stay in the Okavango Delta.

* Itinerary for the Okavango Delta excursion

Day 1 – Maun – Okavango Delta

Upon arrival in Maun this afternoon your overland guide will drop you off at the Maun airport to board your flight into the Okavango Delta and upon landing you are met by a representative of the lodge and will be transferred to the camp.

You are requested to pack a small overnight bag to take with on this excursion as luggage restrictions apply on the small charter flight into the Okavango Delta. During your time in the Okavango Delta, your overland crew will remain behind in Maun.

Accommodation Mopiri Camp. <http://www.mopiricamp.com/>
OR Nguma <http://www.ngumalodge.com/lodgings.html>

Facilities Two per permanent tent including en-suite facilities

Route Maun into the Okavango Delta

Day 2 – Okavango Delta

We rise early, enjoying a continental breakfast at the lodge before heading out on a full day trip through the waterways, which will include a nature walk and mokoro trip with lunch on one of the islands. We will return to camp in the afternoon before settling in for the night.

Accommodation Mopiri Camp. <http://www.mopiricamp.com/>
OR Nguma <http://www.ngumalodge.com/lodgings.html>

Facilities Two per permanent tent including en-suite facilities

Route Maun into the Okavango Delta

Day 3 – Okavango Delta to Maun

After a leisurely breakfast you will be returned to the airstrip for your flight back to Maun. Upon arrival in Maun, you will be waiting for you at the airport, being re-united with your fellow travellers and overland truck.

There are more optional activities being created every day – we have listed only the most popular. If there is something specific you would like to do then speak to your guide as they will be able to assist you if possible.

More optional activities which can be booked on this tour

Country	Area	Activity	Rate Guideline
Botswana	Chobe National park	Game Drive	BWP400 -600
Botswana	Maun	1 Hour scenic flight (min 4 pax)	USD80 - USD200
Namibia	Swakopmund	Quadbiking or Sandboarding	R650 - R750
Namibia	Swakopmund	Skydiving	R2500 - R2800
Namibia	Swakopmund	Dolphin Cruise (incl transfer & light lunch)	R850 - R950
Zimbabwe	Victoria Falls	Full Day white water rafting or Bungee Jump	USD150 - USD170
Zimbabwe	Victoria Falls	Helicopter Flights (Min 3 clients)	USD160 - USD180
Zimbabwe	Victoria Falls	Zambezi Sunset Cruise (incl transfers)	USD40-USD70

More about this tour

MEALS ON TOUR

Breakfast: As breakfast is served very early in the morning, it is a simple but filling breakfast: Tea and coffee, breads and spreads, cereals, yoghurts, fruits and on occasion, when there is time for a later breakfast, guides will serve a hot breakfast of scrambled eggs, porridge, bacon or beans.

Lunch: Lunch is generally served at a picnic spot next to the road en route to a destination. As the guides only have approximately 45 minutes to get everyone off the truck, prepare lunch and then get everyone back on the truck again, lunches consist of sandwiches and salads (rice salad, pasta salad, tuna salad and green salad) which are quick and easy to prepare but which are quite filling. Guides have meal plans which they should stick to, to ensure that there is variety on a day to day basis.

Dinner: This is when the guides get time to prepare a delicious meal and they focus on a substantial protein, vegetable and carbohydrate dinner. We serve traditional cuisine consisting of braais (BBQ), potjie (stew), bobotie (mince), spaghetti and fish and chicken dishes. All meals that are included as per the dossier are prepared at the full service adventure truck. This is a unique adventure in itself where you get to dine under the stars with your new found friends and experience the real sights and sounds of Africa!