

CAPE TOWN TO VICTORIA FALLS 2021/2022: 20 Days | NACV - Accommodated (North)

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Please ensure that you have downloaded and read a copy of the PRE DEPARTURE INFORMATION booklet as this document contains important information (e.g travel insurance, visas, your money, health etc) you need to know before you depart on tour.

Tour departure point

Please ensure you arrive at the departure point at least 30 minutes before the scheduled eparture

07:00am 40 On Burg, 40 Burg Street CapeTown, South Africa. Tel: +27 (0)21 426 4338, <u>www.40onburg.co.za</u>

Tour ending point

Victoria Falls Rainbow Hotel, 278 Parkway Drive, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Tel: + 263 13 44583 / 42213-4 https://rtgafrica.com/victoria-falls-rainbow//

Maximum Number of Passengers

20

After hours emergency contact

Our reservations staff are available to receive emergency calls. We would like to request that you respect this emergency number and use it only in the event of emergencies. Please only contact this number if, for example, you have missed your incoming flight, you cannot find your airport transfer or you are running late for your tour departure.

If calling from outside South Africa: 0027 82 578 2199
If calling within South Africa: 082 578 2199

Arrival/Departure

Please be sure to arrive 1 day before your tour is due to depart. This will avoid any unforeseen problems. We also highly recommend that you book your flights to depart the day after the tour officially ends to allow for delays and changes.

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 – contact your travel agent to make these bookings.

40onBurg Hotel

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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

Items of a personal nature (snacks, alcohol, bottled water, soft drinks, tips) / entrance fees (associated with optional activities) / souvenirs

Countries Visited

South Africa, Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe

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Tour has a non-profit Trust that looks after the people, animals and places that we visit. We realise that a footprint is left where we travel and for this reason, the Africa Trust was established. Your donation to the Trust is called a "Green Seat". If you would like to help us making Africa Greener, simply choose the tick box during your booking process (or contact us afterwards to add it) and we will take care of the rest. The African Trust is responsible for the administration of the funds collected from the sale of the green seats and these funds are distributed to various projects as identified by the Trust.

TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1 - South Africa - Cederberg Region

Leaving Cape Town we make a last stop for a look back at Table Mountain from across Table Bay. No road trip is complete without a stop at a traditional "Padstal", these small farm stalls dot the byways of South Africa and offer a variety of homemade treats and bakes. The Cedarberg region not only boasts spectacular mountains and orange farms, but it is also the home of the Rooibos bush. Indigenous to the mountain slopes of the Cedarberg, this herbal beverage has earned an international reputation as a healthy and refreshing alternative to regular tea. A dinner at our overnight stop offers an opportunity for us to get acquainted while enjoying some South African hospitality.

Accommodation Marcuskraal http://www.marcuskraal.co.za/index1.html

Facilities Two per room with en-suite bathroom

Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.

Route Cape Town to Citrusdal

Meals Lunch, Dinner

Included Highlight Traditional Dinner

Day 2 - Namaqualand - Gariep (Orange) River

Namaqualand presents us with our first experience of the Desert vistas that will accompany us in the days ahead. We continue our journey north and after a short stop for supplies in Springbok, we travel to our camp on the banks of the Orange River. If you are fortunate enough to be travelling in the spring months (July to September) you may encounter the wild flowers that have made this region famous. No matter the time of year though, the strange desert vistas offer a unique backdrop to this day's travel.

Accommodation Felix Unite Cabanas

http://www.felixunite.com/accommodation/cabanas

OR

Bundi http://www.bundi.co.za/orangerivercanoeing.htm

Facilities Two per room with en-suite bathroom

Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.

Route Citrusdal to Orange River **Meals** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Border Post South Africa: Vioolsdrift, Tel: +27 (27) 277 618 760, Open 24 hours

Namibia: Noordoewer, Tel: +264 (0) 63 297 122, Open 24 hours

Day 3 - Namibia - Gariep (Orange) River

While the Orange River was named after the Dutch Royal House, in recent times it has been referred to by its original name of Gariep, which simply means "river" in the indigenous KhoeKhoe language. Beginning its journey in the mountains of Lesotho, the Orange River is the longest river in South Africa and offers a unique contrast to the desert landscapes along its banks. The best way to experience the river is by getting out on the water and this morning we have the opportunity to join an optional canoe trip on the river. Around midday (after lunch) we depart the Orange River and head inland to our overnight stop. At Ais Ais, you will have the opportunity to enjoy the mineral and sulphur rich hot springs.

Accommodation NWR: Ai Ais Resort http://www.nwr.com.na/index.php/resorts/ai-ais-

hotsprings-spa

Facilities Two per room with en-suite bathroom

Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.

Route Orange/Gariep River to Ai-Ais
Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight Ais-Ais Hot springs

Day 4 - Fish River Canyon, Quiver Tree Forest and Giants Playground

We rise early this morning and drive to the rim of the Fish River Canyon. We will have time to watch the morning sunrays filter through the canyon. After stretching our legs with a gentle walk along the rim of the canyon, we turn west and head for Keetmanshoop. Our afternoon will be spent meandering through the Quiver Tree Forest and The Giants Playground – named for the way in which the massive dolerite boulders have been placed on each other - creating rock formations and a series of mazes.

Accommodation Schutzenhaus Guesthouse http://www.schuetzenhaus-namibia.com/

Facilities Two per room with en-suite bathrooms

Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.

Route Fish River Canyon to Keetmanshoop

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included Highlights Scenic walk along the rim of Fish River Canyon / Visit to Quiver Tree

Forest and Giants Playground

Day 5 - Namib-Naukluft National Park

Every overland journey has some long travelling days and today is one of those as we venture deeper into the Namib Desert. Our destination is the dune fields that cover the western reaches of the desert. Long dusty roads and sparsely populated farmlands offer us an insight into the vastness of rural Namibia. From the grasslands in the east to the red dunes of the west the slowly changing landscapes represents the many faces of this desert country. Tonight we camp on the doorstep of the dune fields and fall asleep to the unique calls of the elusive Barking Gecko.

Accommodation Namib Naukluft Soft Adventure Camp http://www.namib-naukluft-lodge.com/

OR Desert Camp http://desertcamp.com/ OR Boesman Camp (no website available)

Facilities Two per room with en-suite bathroom

Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.

Route Keetmanshoop to Namib Naukluft NP

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6 - Sossusvlei Dunes - Namib-Naukluft National Park

Today we will rise early for our drive to the Namib-Naukluft National Park. We will enter the park just after sunrise and travel through to the famous Dune 45. A brisk climb up Dune 45 offers us the perfect vantage point to marvel at the changing colours of the desert. Once satisfied we descend this famous dune and enjoy a hearty breakfast before catching a 4x4 transfer into Sossusvlei, here we will spend time on foot visiting the pans at Sossusvlei and Deadvlei. Tonight we empty the red sand from our shoes and spend the night under the magnificent desert stars, knowing that we have spent a full-day enjoying the wonders of this harsh land.

Accommodation Namib Naukluft Soft Adventure Camp http://www.namib-naukluft-lodge.com/

OR Desert Camp http://desertcamp.com/ OR Boesman Camp (no website available)

Facilities Two per room with en-suite bathroom

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Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included Highlight Sesriem Canyon / Hike up Dune 45, 4x4 shuttle to Sossusvlei /

Deadvlei

Day 7 - Swakopmund

Our final day in the desert comes to an end as we join a local expert for an educational desert excursion. Reluctantly we leave the Namib behind and after a stop to mark our crossing of the Tropic of Capricorn, we continue to the Atlantic coastline. We make our way to the coastal town of Swakopmund, where adventure and a dose of civilisation await. We make a brief stop at the Walvis Bay lagoon, where we hope to catch a glimpse of the flamingo's that feed in the shallows. Arriving in Swakopmund we will have the opportunity to book some of the many adventures on offer.

Accommodation Stay@Swakop http://www.stay-at-swakop.com/

Facilities Two per room with en-suite bathroom

Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.

Route Naukluft Area to Swakopmund **Meals** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included Highlight Walvis Bay Lagoon, Tropic of Capricorn, Guided desert walk with local

expert

Day 8 - Swakopmund

While for many it is the adrenaline fuelled adventures that will grab their attention, Swakopmund offers all that and more. Take the opportunity today to explore the town at your leisure, as there are a number of attractions for every taste. Not to be missed is the selection of famed coffee shops and bakeries that offer a delightful range of German inspired treats. Swakopmund offers all the conveniences of a small city and is the perfect launching pad for the journey through the northern reaches of the land.

Accommodation Stay@Swakop http://www.stay-at-swakop.com/

Facilities Two per room with en-suite bathroom

Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Optional Activity Dolphin cruise, Skydiving, sandboarding, Quad biking

Day 9 - Spitzkoppe to Brandberg

Leaving 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 with a local guide 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 Lodge

https://www.brandbergwllodge.com/home

Facilities Two per room with en-suite bathroom

Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.

Route Swakopmund to Brandberg (via Spitzkoppe)

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included Highlight Visit and explore Spitzkoppe with a local guide

Day 10 - 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 ±2-hour return 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 Melissa's Guesthouse https://www.melissasguesthouse.com/

Facilities Two per room with en-suite bathroom

Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the

facilities offered.

Route Brandberg to Kamanjab
Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight Brandberg White Lady hike

Day 11 - 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 as we make our way to the rest camp.

Accommodation NWR: Halali https://nwr.com.na/resorts/halali-resort

Facilities Two per room with en-suite bathroom

Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.

Route Kamanjab to Etosha National Park

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included Highlight Afternoon game drive in overland truck

Day 12 - 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 the Etosha Pan in search of the abundant wildlife that occur in the park.

Accommodation NWR: Okaukuejo https://nwr.com.na/resorts/okaukuejo-resort

Facilities Two per room with en-suite bathroom

Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.

Route Etosha National Park

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included Highlight Full day game drive in overland truck

Day 13 - 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 of its better known landmarks. (Our accommodation for the night is situated halfway between the city and the airport).

AccommodationHeja Game Lodge http://www.hejalodge.comFacilitiesTwo per Room with en-suite bathroom

Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.

Route Etosha National Park to Windhoek

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included Highlight Walk through Windhoek with your guide

Day 14 - Botswana - Ghanzi

Today we travel east 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 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 Two per room with en-suite bathroom

Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.

Route Windhoek to Ghanzi

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included Highlight San Tribal dance in evening

Optional Activity San Guided Walk (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 15 - Greater Moremi Game Reserve Area

You will be separated from your overland truck for the next 2 nights and it is therefore important that you pack/gather your personal belongings which you may need, before we depart for Maun today as there is limited time in Maun for re-packing and storing. Please pack lightly and only take what you need for the following two nights. This morning we rise early and make our way towards Maun, where upon arrival in Maun you will have the opportunity to go on an optional scenic flight over the Delta (time and weather permitting). After your optional flight, you will be collected from

Maun and will be transferred to the Greater Moremi Game Reserve Area in smaller safari type vehicles. This evening our guide will prepare us on what to expect for our mokoro excursion into the Okavango Delta and our game drive in Moremi Game Reserve.

Accommodation South Gate Camp (no website available)

Facilities Two per permanent tent with en-suite bathroom

Route Ghanzi via Maun to Moremi South Gate

MealsBreakfast, Lunch, DinnerOptional ActivityOkavango Delta scenic flight

Day 16 - Greater Moremi Game Reserve Area

Heading out early, we transfer by safari vehicle, to the poling station, 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 pole and 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. After lunch, we will return to Moremi Game Reserve for our afternoon game drive which will be conducted in open 4x4 safari vehicles. The game viewing routes chosen during the afternoon by the professional guide may vary especially when high floods are experienced as certain roads may be closed or impassable.

Accommodation South Gate Camp (no website available)

Facilities Two per permanent tent with en-suite bathroom

Route Moremi South Gate - poling station - Okavango Delta - Moremi South

Gate

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included Highlight Okavango Delta Morning Mokoro Excursion / Moremi Game Reserve

Afternoon Game Drive

Day 17 - Savuti Game Reserve

The Savuti Game Reserve is a unique area bordered by the Okavango Delta to west and Chobe National Park to the east. Savuti is renowned as a big game area and known for having the largest concentrations of wildlife in Southern Africa. Today we will spend most of our day travelling through the Savuti Game Reserve in search of the species that roam the plains. Offering habitats from wetland, open water to the grasslands and Savannah woodland, we hope to see as many species of fauna and flora possible. This afternoon we arrive on the banks of the Chobe River and will be re-united with our overland truck in the town of Kasane.

Accommodation Thebe River Safaris http://www.theberiversafaris.com

Facilities Two per room with en-suite bathroom

Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.

Route Moremi South Gate – via Savuti Game Reserve - Kasane

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included Highlight Full Day Game Drive through Savuti Game Reserve in 4x4 safari vehicles

Day 18 - Chobe National Park

For those that opt to participate in the optional game drive in Chobe National Park, you will be collected early from camp and will venture out in open 4x4 safari type vehicles. You will return to camp in time for lunch and a quick siesta before we head out in the afternoon to explore the Chobe National Park from the river, enjoying 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 Two per room with en-suite bathroom

Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.

Route Nata to Kasane

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included Highlight Chobe National Park Boat Cruise **Optional Activity** Chobe National Park Game Drive

Day 19 - 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 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://rtgafrica.com/victoria-falls-

<u>rainbow/</u>

Facilities Two per room with en-suite bathroom

Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.

Route Kasane to Victoria Falls **Meals** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Optional Activity Visit the Vic Falls, Zambezi Sunset Cruise, Bungee Jump, Helicopter

Flights, White Water Rafting

Border Post Botswana: Kazangula Road, Tel: +267 62 50320 / Open: 06h00-20h00

Zimbabwe: Kzangula Road, Open: 06h00-20h00

Day 20 - 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

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Meals Breakfast

Optional Activity Visit the Vic Falls, Zambezi Sunset Cruise, Bungee Jump, Helicopter

Flights, White Water Rafting

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