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24-DAY CAPE TOWN – JOHANNESBURG VIA VICTORIA FALLS DETAILED ITINERARY

HIGHLIGHTS

- Table Mountain
- Orange River Canoe Trip
- Dune Climbing
- Victoria Falls National Park
- Chobe National Park
- Namib Desert
- Matobo National Park
- Okavango Delta
- Desert Night Drive
- Rhino Tracking On Foot
- Etosha National Park
- 4x4 Trip to Sossusvlei

OPTIONAL

- Okavango Game Flight
- Quad Biking
- Bungee Jumping
- White Water Rafting
- Sky Diving
- Elephant Back Safari
- Marine Wildlife Boat Trip

From the dynamic city of Cape Town, to the scorched deserts of Namibia and the wildlife sanctuaries of Botswana and Zimbabwe, this tour endeavours to show the highlights of the region. On a journey of contrasts, we will canoe the Orange River, climb giant sand dunes, game drive in some of Africa's best-known parks, and view the mighty Victoria Falls.

We cover a great deal of distance on some remote and rough roads, and clients must be prepared for this but the natural wonders that we encounter more than compensate for any discomfort - for those who truly seek adventure.

Detailed Itinerary - 2012

DAY 1-2: CAPE TOWN

We all meet at the DRIFTERS CAPE TOWN LODGE 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, the Stellenbosch winelands and numerous other sights. Our exact program will be dependent on the weather. Overnight at DRIFTERS LODGE on the beachfront for the two nights. (Lunches and both evening meals are for your own expense).

DAY 3: WEST COAST

We leave the Mother City behind us, and after a visit to Blouberg Strand for a last view of Table Mountain from across the bay, then travel north through the "Swartland" and then 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. We camp the night.

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 Richtersvelt 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.

DAY 6: FISH RIVER CANYON

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 move on to camp.
Cape Town Waterfront

DAY 7-8: NAMIB DESERT

Leaving the Canyon behind us, we continue north into the true Namib Desert, with its continually shifting barchan dunes and barren landscapes. The next two nights are spent at the DRIFTERS DESERT CAMP situated on our private game reserve. This camp is spectacularly situated against a rock outcrop between the stark mountains and the red dune-lands. During our stay here we will conduct guided walks and drives including a night drive within the reserve.

DAY 9: SOSSUSVLEI - SWAKOPMUND

After an early 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 4x4 vehicle. After climbing the dunes for the spectacular view from the summit, we return to our vehicle, and continue on to the seaside town of Swakopmund where we will spend two nights at the DRIFTERS SWAKOPMUND LODGE.

DAY 10: SWAKOPMUND

The DRIFTERS LODGE 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.

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, where after we 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 NATIONAL PARK

For an incredible wildlife experience, today we enter the Etosha National Park, and after setting up camp we 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 across the park to camp the night. One night we dine at a camp restaurant (own expense).

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 at Ngepi.

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.

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 CAMP where we relax for the afternoon at the swimming pool. Camp the night.

DAY 18: NATA

After a morning mekoro trip and short transfer, we leave this unspoiled wilderness and return to the DRIFTERS MAUN CAMP to freshen up before continuing through the Makgadikgadi salt pans to the oasis like camp of Nata.

DAY 19: KASANE - VICTORIA FALLS

Travelling 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 then cross the border and drive the short distance to the DRIFTERS VICTORIA FALLS LODGE where we spend the following two nights in comfort. One night enjoy a braai and experience traditional dancing around the pool.

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 both lunches will be at your own expense.)

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.

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 to track rhino through the bush on foot. Tonight our camp is situated amongst the precariously balancing boulders that this area is known for.

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.

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. We arrive at the DRIFTERS JOHANNESBURG LODGE in the late afternoon.

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The DRIFTERS 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.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Should it be necessary to avoid Zimbabwe for whatever reason, we will simply deviate to Botswana for this portion of the tour. A sleeping bag, towel and pillow are required for this tour. This tour covers vast distance and is not for the faint-hearted. A valid passport is required. Seasonal Malaria precautions are advised and are locally obtainable. All countries on this tour accept the Rand. During winter the temperature can drop very low at night, clients should be prepared for this. Our price includes transport, food (no food kitty), coffee, tea, fruit juice at breakfast, a professional guide, group equipment, accommodation, permits and park entry fees, Vic Falls Entry. The price does not include restaurant meals, tips, curios, visas, optional excursions and alcohol and soft drinks. Before departure clients will be required to enter into an agreement agreeing to our booking conditions and general information. Clients are required to have their own comprehensive personal travel insurance.