

Cape Town to Johannesburg

5 week - Cape Town to Johannesburg

South Africa - Namibia - Botswana - Zimbabwe - Zambia



Journey from Cape Town to Johannesburg on this adventure covering highlights in South Africa, Namibia, Botswana and Zimbabwe. You will find a great combination of culture, majestic landscapes and breath taking game viewing!

Top Destinations visited on this tour

Cape Town - Cedarberg - Orange River - South Africa - Fish River Canyon - Sesriem - Swakopmund - Spitzkoppe - Kamanjab - Etosha National Park - Windhoek - Ghanzi - Maun - Okavango Delta - Gweta - Kasane - Victoria Falls - Lower Zambezi Valley - Lake Kariba - Chinhoyi - Chimanimani National Park - Great Zimbabwe Ruins - Matopos National Park - Bulawayo - Johannesburg

Tour Price

Price: ZAR 21600 + ZAR 7100
(ZAR 610 single supplement)

Local Payment: Local Payment is a portion of your total tour cost which is paid locally to your Crew, in cash, at the beginning of your tour.

Single Supplement: Should you book this tour as a solo traveler and are happy to share a room, a single supplement may not apply (depending on availability). If you wish to have a room to yourself or can not be paired up with another same-sex traveler you would need to pay the single supplement.

Tour Length: 33 days

Meals: 31 Breakfasts, 29 Lunches, 26 Dinners

Crew: 2 crew (including cook)

Vehicle: Overland Truck

Tour Code: CTJ33(2012)-13

Tour Itinerary



Day 1 : Cape Town to Cedarberg. This morning we make our way northward out of Cape Town, passing through the beautiful wine lands. We set camp tonight in the shadow of the Cedarberg Mountains.



Day 2 : Cedarberg to Orange River - South Africa. Today we journey to a region that is renowned for its wildflower display in the Spring, Namaqualand. We make a quick pit stop in Springbok for supplies before journeying on to the Orange River. Tonight we camp on its banks.



Day 3 : Orange River - South Africa to Fish River Canyon. An optional half day canoe trip on the calm Orange River is available here this morning. After enjoying lunch we border cross into Namibia. Our campsite is Hobas, which is only a short drive away from the Fish River Canyon.



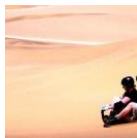
Day 4 : Fish River Canyon to Sesriem. We enter the Namib Naukluft Park and the oldest desert in the world today as we drive towards the dune fields of Sesriem and Sossusvlei. The stark but stunning landscape is worthy of some brilliant photos!



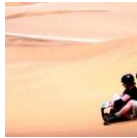
Day 5 : Sesriem to Sesriem (via Sossusvlei). An early start as we enter into the park and head for Dune 45. Clamber to the top for a stunning high-point view over the dunes. We continue to Sossusvlei and from here you will have your own free time to explore the vlei or the surrounding area. Stunning photographic opportunities are available in the dunes so bring those cameras!!



Day 6 : Sesriem to Swakopmund. A spectacular sunset awakens us this morning. We travel north towards Walvis Bay via some glorious desert passes, and make our way along the coast, before finally arriving in Namibia's prime adventure resort - Swakopmund.



Day 7 : Swakopmund. A leisure day today to get the feel of this quaint German town sandwiched between the edge of a massive dune field and the ocean. Take on some adventure activities or relax in a cafe on the beachfront.



Day 8 : Swakopmund to Spitzkoppe. Today we make our way to the ancient San bushman sacred site of Spitzkoppe. Explore the 1728m high formation and view the rock paintings before bush camping under the African stars.



Day 9 : Spitzkoppe to Kamanjab. After a last look at Spitzkoppe we head off to Kamanjab and visit the Himba people living there. The Himba are a pastoral people and we spend some time learning about their way of life in modern times.



Day 10 : Kamanjab to Etosha National Park. The jewel of Namibia's wildlife crown awaits - Etosha National Park. After a brief stop to check in we spend some time game driving through a small part of the park on our way to our camp.



Day 11 : Etosha National Park. We have a full day of game driving, making our way from east to west, across 150kms of the park. We relax this evening listening to the sounds of Africa. Floodlit waterholes allow us to get as close to the action as possible, and still be behind the fence!



Day 12 : Etosha National Park to Windhoek. We leave the wildlife to head to the capital city of Windhoek. You may wish to explore this city steeped in German atmosphere or choose to enjoy a flagon of ale at one of the local taverns.



Day 13 : Windhoek to Ghanzi. We cross into Botswana and enter the Kalahari region. The sand masses of the Kalahari were created by the erosion of soft stone formations. The wind shaped the sand ridges, which are so typical of the landscape of this area. We take a walk with the local Bushmen to learn fascinating bush skills.



Day 14 : Ghanzi to Maun. From Ghanzi we head to Maun which is the gateway to the Okavango Delta.



Day 15 : Maun to Okavango Delta. You have the opportunity to take a 3 day / 2 night excursion into the Delta. You travel in local transport and then in mokoros, the local dug out canoes, which are poled by local guides through the winding waterways. These local canoes are a perfect way to navigate this waterway wonder - the biggest inland Delta in the world. Your guides will select a place out in the bush to set up camp. An afternoon game walk will allow you to experience the Delta wilderness in all its glory.



Day 16 : Okavango Delta. Early morning and late afternoon game walks give you time in the middle of the day to relax, chill out and enjoy your surroundings. Why don't you have a go at poling your own mokoro? It is not as easy as it looks!



Day 17 : Okavango Delta to Gweta (via Maun). We are transferred out of the Delta to meet back up with our truck before a short drive takes us to our interesting overnight stop on the edge of the Makgadikgadi Pans National Park.



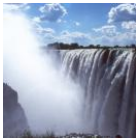
Day 18 : Gweta to Kasane. Our drive today takes us through and around the Makgadikgadi and Nxai Pans before we turn north towards the Chobe National Park. The afternoon can be spent on a scenic boat cruise on the Chobe River.



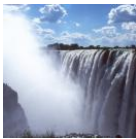
Day 19 : Kasane to Victoria Falls. After a hearty brunch we make our way into Zimbabwe and to Victoria Falls. Approx 1700 m wide and 100 m high, Victoria Falls is a memorable sight! Take part in one of the many adventure activities or relax by the pool.



Day 20 : Victoria Falls. Today you will have a chance to do a few of the optional activities on offer in this adventure paradise. The Falls can be seen from many viewing points in the Victoria Falls Park or from the Zambian side. You will have many photo opportunities. Bungee jumping enthusiasts can take the plunge from the Zambezi Bridge, which connects Zambia and Zimbabwe and the White water rafting is considered world class. Also, flights over the Vic Falls and the islands are available.



Day 21 : Victoria Falls. Another relaxing day in the town of Victoria Falls.



Day 22 : Victoria Falls to Lower Zambezi Valley. Crossing the railway bridge beside the Falls we exit Zimbabwe and enter Zambia. After a short stop in Livingstone there is a fairly long drive ahead to reach tonight's campsite.



Day 23 to 24 : Lower Zambezi Valley. An early start sees us packing light and jumping in our canoes on the mighty Zambezi for the next 2 days. Travelling downstream means little effort is required allowing time to check out the wildlife, birdlife and local hippo population. NB: In the case of extreme temperatures or very low water levels it will not be possible to canoe the river. In this case a 2 night houseboat excursion on Lake Kariba will be substituted.



Day 25 : Lower Zambezi Valley to Lake Kariba. Jumping off the canoes we head to Lake Kariba - the largest artificial lake in the world.



Day 26 : Lake Kariba to Chinhoyi. A short drive today as we travel to Chinhoyi. A chance to check out the caves!



Day 27 : Chinhoyi to Chimanimani National Park (via Harare). After the caves it is just a short drive from Chinhoyi to Harare where we will stock up the truck and have some lunch. After lunch the Chimanimani National Park awaits with its spectacular scenery and good hiking opportunities. If time allows there could be a hike to the Bridal Veil Falls on the cards.



Day 28 : Chimanimani National Park to Chimanimani National Park (via Chirinda Forest). It is possible to spend another full day hiking in the Chimanimani, or take a day trip to Zimbabwe's only rain forest on the Mozambique Border. Chirinda is the southernmost rain forest in Africa and home to some spectacular large mahogany trees. A short hike to 'the big tree' is a lovely outing and a fantastic spot for a picnic lunch.



Day 29 : Chimanimani National Park to Great Zimbabwe Ruins. Leaving the National Park today we head to the famous iron-age ruins of Great Zimbabwe. There is no mortar and yet some of the walls are up to 5 metres high and still standing after so many centuries.



Day 30 : Great Zimbabwe Ruins to Matopos National Park. Moving on to Bulawayo and the Matopos National Park. This afternoon we can explore San Bushman rock paintings and the next morning World's View and the site of Cecil John Rhodes' grave. Hopefully we will also see some Rhino here.



Day 31 : Matopos National Park. Today we head off into the Park and track Rhino on foot, game drive, see some bushman paintings and hang out with some local folks in their village.



Day 32 : Bulawayo to Musina. The Bulawayo Historical Museum is worth a visit before we head back into South Africa crossing the border at Beitbridge. Be prepared for a long crossing while we complete border formalities, before we arrive at our camp.



Day 33 : Johannesburg. After breakfast our tour comes to an end. What an adventure!

Included Highlights

These 4 highlight(s) are included in your tour cost.

- **Chobe Sunset Boat Cruise**
 - **Okavango Delta Mokoro Excursion**
 - **Sossusvlei Guided Walk**
 - **Victoria Falls National Park**
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Optional Highlights

These 14 highlight(s) are optional activities which you can do on your trip. We have supplied indicative prices so you can plan your spending money accordingly:

- **Chobe National Park Game Drive** - \$40
 - **Great Zimbabwe Ruins** - \$20
 - **Sossusvlei Scenic Flight** - \$350
 - **Swakopmund Quadbiking** - \$85
 - **Swakopmund Sandboarding** - \$65
 - **Swakopmund Sky Diving** - \$350
 - **Swakopmund Township Tour** - \$75
 - **Victoria Falls Bungee Jump** - \$105
 - **Victoria Falls Elephant Ride** - \$110
 - **Victoria Falls Helicopter Flight** - \$115
 - **Victoria Falls Scenic Flight** - \$75
 - **Walk with the Lions - Victoria Falls** - \$115
 - **Zambezi River Rafting & Boarding Combo** - \$140
 - **Zambezi River Sunset Dinner Cruise** - \$50
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Departure Dates

Start - End

06 Jun 2012 - 08 Jul 2012
04 Jul 2012 - 05 Aug 2012
01 Aug 2012 - 02 Sep 2012
29 Aug 2012 - 30 Sep 2012
26 Sep 2012 - 28 Oct 2012
24 Oct 2012 - 25 Nov 2012
21 Nov 2012 - 23 Dec 2012

Before and After Your Trip

Your pre-departure meeting starts at 07h30 in the morning on Day 1 at the 39 Castle Street, corner of Castle and Burg Street, Cape Town.

Your trip departs from the 39 Castle Street, corner of Castle and Burg Street, Cape Town at 08h00am. We suggest you get there 15 minutes before to avoid delays.

Your trip ends at/in Garden Court OR Tambo International 2 Hulley Road, Isando Ext.3 Kempton Park Gauteng South Africa Tel: +27 (0)11 392 1062 on arrival in Johannesburg. Please note end times are approximated.

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