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Cape Town to Victoria Falls - Camping Trip Notes

Ways to Travel: Guided Group, Tailormade Adventures

Destinations: Botswana, Namibia, South Africa, Zimbabwe

Programmes: Culture

Trip Code:

AZV

 **Leisurely / Moderate**

22 Days Flight Inclusive

20 Days Land only

16 Min age

Trip Overview

Cape Town to Victoria Falls is one of the world's great classic journeys. Starting from Cape Town, South Africa's most cosmopolitan city, this trip travels through Namibia's spectacular desert landscape, wildlife-rich game parks, one of the world's largest inland deltas in Botswana and finally to the mighty Victoria Falls on the border of Zimbabwe and Zambia. This is an adventure through the heart of southern Africa's dramatic scenery, with rich culture, diverse wildlife and the opportunity to partake in numerous activities along the way.

At a Glance

- 15 nights full-service camping, 2 nights lodge, 2 nights guesthouse
- Camping and lodge departures available
- Travel in a purpose-built overland truck
- Some long drives

Trip Highlights

- Cape Town, Africa's most exciting city
- Sossusvlei, the highest sand dunes in the world
- Etosha NP with its fantastic wildlife
- The Okavango Delta Panhandle and Chobe NP
- The mighty Victoria Falls

Is This Trip for You?

We run both Camping and Lodge/Hotel departures for this trip, both following a very similar itinerary.

Some of the camping departures (29 Apr, 30 Jun, 20 Oct, 10 Nov, 24 Nov, 15 Dec 2018 and all departures in 2019) are participatory camping departure. This means that you are expected to help out by putting up and taking down your own tent and camping gear and carry your own bags to/from the bus. The rest of the camping chores, however, such as cooking and cleaning are done by the crew. Other camping departures in 2017 and 2018 are fully supported, including the putting up and taking down of tents. This means that you can, of course, assist in putting up/taking down your own tent to help expedite setting up/taking down camp, but don't have to.

We will be camping everywhere except Swakopmund and Cape Town, in well-equipped campsites that are common to Southern Africa. Please note, however, that whilst camping in Africa is one of the best ways to experience this amazing continent, some people may find camping almost every night for 3 weeks quite tiring, especially considering the long distances covered on this trip.

Transport for all departures is in a specially modified safari vehicle. All vehicles carry a reference library, fridge and/or icebox. 80% of Namibian roads are good gravel roads. However, the road conditions are completely dependent on how they are being maintained at the time and on occasion conditions can be poor. This can have an impact on journey times as well as comfort, and can be punishing on the vehicles. Distances are long on some days as this 21 day trip is 5000km long, but it does take in an amazing variety of landscapes from desert to delta and wildlife with scenic views. Drive times below are only approximations and do vary with road conditions and the number of stops.

Legal Note: all group members joining this tour will be asked to sign an indemnity form at the start of the holiday. This indemnity form is a requirement of the South African Tourism Service Association which our local supplier is a member of. As a client of Exodus Travels Ltd, your rights under the Package Travel Regulations (1992) are unaffected, and Exodus remains liable for the actions of our sub-contractors.

Group

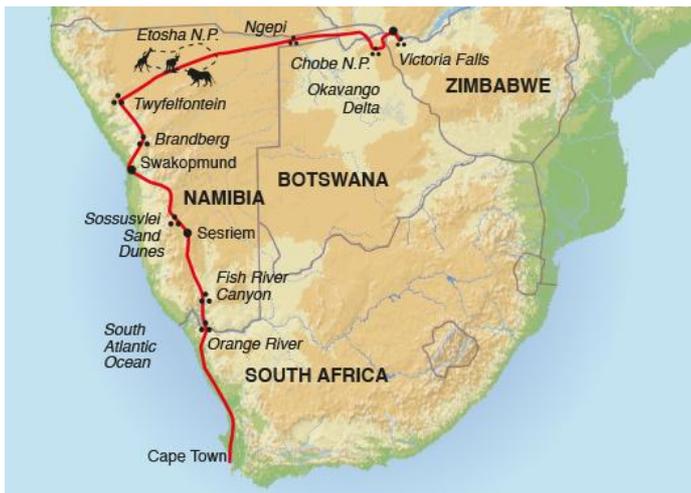
The trip is led by a leader/driver and a camp assistant.

Adult min age: 16

Min group size: 6

Max group size: 14

Itinerary



Land Only Itinerary

Day 1

Start Cape Town.

Those on the group flights will be taken to the hotel in Cape Town upon arrival. If you're not on the group flights we suggest you aim to arrive at the lodge in Cape Town by mid afternoon. If the weather is good this afternoon we may take the opportunity to go up Table Mountain via cable car (optional). Table Mountain is often the first image that springs to mind whenever one thinks of Cape Town - the views across the city on a clear day are incredible. If the weather is not good enough this will be a free afternoon, with the opportunity to explore the famous V & A Waterfront.

Sweetest Guest Houses or similar

Day 2

Visit Table Mountain; afternoon wine tour.

If we didn't make it up Table Mountain yesterday we will go this morning, driving first along the spectacular Chapman's Peak drive (please note, occasionally this drive is closed and we will have to go around it), via Houtbay. Alternatively, there may be time to visit Cape Point. In the afternoon we will visit a local wine farm - the area surrounding Cape Town is renowned for its wine and we will get a chance to sample some of the local produce. The order of activities in Cape Town is flexible as everything hinges around going up Table Mountain when the weather is best. Evening meals can be enjoyed at various restaurants on the beaches along the coast - Cape Town is a food and drink lover's paradise!

Sweetest Guest Houses or similar

Day 3

Drive to the Olifants River Valley

We leave Cape Town and travel through farmlands of citrus, maize, cattle and sheep as we start the journey towards Namibia. Our first stop is in the fertile Olifants River Valley, giving us a glimpse into the agricultural lifestyle of the Western Cape. (about 5hrs drive)

Highlanders Camp or similar

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 4

To Orange River; afternoon optional canoeing.

Today we drive to Orange River (5 hours + 1 hour border crossing), where Namibia's southern border meets South Africa. There is free time to relax this afternoon. Our camp for the night will be in a picturesque location on the riverbank. (450km, 6-7hrs)

Felix Unite Camp Site or similar

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 5

To Fish River Canyon, the 2nd largest in the world; afternoon walk.

In the morning we enjoy a canoe trip on the Orange River. It is not tough on the water and the trip gives us the chance to see the flora and fauna of the region as we drift by. We then take a short drive (3 hours) to the second largest canyon on earth - Fish River Canyon. The views from the canyon rim are spectacular and there is time for a short walk along it in the afternoon for superb sunset views. We spend the night nearby at Hobas. (180km, 2.5-3hrs plus 1hr border crossing)

Canyon Roadhouse Camp or similar

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6

To Sesriem in the Namib Desert.

A day's travel along the edge of the Namib-Naukluft Park to Sesriem where we camp for the night. (550km, 8.5-9hrs)

Sesriem Camp Site or similar

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 7

Full day exploring the highest sand dunes in the world at Sossusvlei.

We will spend the morning at the Sossusvlei dunes, one of the great sights of Africa. It's worth getting up before sunrise to watch the early morning light creep over the dunes before we climb some of the highest sand dunes in the world.

Alternatively, just enjoy the changing colours on the towering dunes from lower down as the sun rises. If we're lucky we may see gemsbok, ostrich or even black-backed jackals among the dunes, an irresistibly photogenic scene! In the afternoon we visit Sesriem Canyon before returning to our camp.

Sesriem Camp Site or similar

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 8

To the Germanic town of Swakopmund.

A long, spectacular drive through Namib-Naukluft Park to Swakopmund via Walvis Bay to see, in season (summer), flamingoes in their thousands. This national park, one of the largest in the world, is home to one of the driest and oldest deserts on earth. It contains some of the finest desert scenery in Africa, if not in the world, with towering jagged rock formations and incredible lunar landscapes. (300km, 4-5hrs)

Dunedin Star Hotel or similar

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 9

Free day to enjoy optional activities.

Swakopmund has invented itself as Namibia's adventure sports capital, and we have a full day in Swakopmund to enjoy some of the optional adventure activities on offer; go on a dolphin cruise or township tour or take a flight over the desert! Alternatively, explore the German-style town and visit some of the excellent cake shops for which Swakopmund is famous.

Dunedin Star Hotel or similar

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 10

To Twyfelfontein; visit Bushman paintings.

We leave the Atlantic coast behind and head inland towards Twyfelfontein. This area has the highest concentration of Bushman engravings, some dating back 6000 years. This afternoon we will have the opportunity to explore the area and see some of these fantastic Bushman rock paintings. (400km, 6-7hrs)

Aba Huab Camp site or similar

Day 11

To Etosha N.P.

We drive north to Etosha National Park where some of the world's best wildlife viewing can be found. We should arrive at Etosha, which means the 'Great White Place of Dry Water' in time to do a late afternoon game drive before reaching our rest camp where there will be a waterhole for game viewing at night. (300km, 4-5hrs)

Etosha NWR Camp Site or similar

Days 12-13

Two days game viewing in Etosha and enjoying the floodlit watering holes.

We have two days to really enjoy this fabulous park with its mixed forest and grassland centred around a large salt pan. Etosha is home to a great variety and number of game, which is easy to find as the animals congregate at different times around the waterholes. There are waterholes next to the excellent campsites, and it is not uncommon for us to spend all night watching a gala performance of animals: wildebeest, zebra, impala, springbok, kudu, elephant, giraffe, lion and even rhino are all common sights here. Take plenty of patience and you will be rewarded by one of the greatest game spectacles in Southern Africa. Etosha is also a good place for birds, with plenty of waterbirds on the lakes and weaverbirds and hornbills in the trees. While in Etosha we move our camps (between Okaukuejo, Halali or Namutoni) but the itinerary is kept flexible depending on where the game is.

Etosha NWR Camp Site or similar

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 14

To the Okavango Delta Panhandle.

Long drive to the Okavango River at the panhandle of where the Delta begins. (650km, 8hrs)

Rainbow River Camp Site or similar

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 15

Mokoro (dugout canoe) ride on the Okavango River.

We take a mokoro (traditional dug-out canoe) ride from our camp on the Okavango River to a point lower down in the panhandle of the Delta. (Please note that in March/April, the river may be flooded and we may have to substitute our mokoros for a boat ride down river). The birdlife is prolific and, at certain times of the year, so is the game. Gliding through the waterways by mokoro is the ideal way to absorb the sheer peace and tranquillity of the place. The panhandle of the Delta is more open so it is good for game viewing and we are four times more likely to see hippo and crocodile in this area than lower down in the Delta. We also have the option of a village tour to meet the local community.

Rainbow River Camp Site or similar

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 16

To Chobe N.P.

Drive through the Caprivi Strip and into Botswana to Chobe National Park, home to huge numbers of elephant and hippo. (400km, 5.5-6hrs, border crossing 1hr)

Thebe Safari Camp Site or similar

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 17

Game drive and boat ride in Chobe N.P.

Today we have an early morning game drive in Chobe National Park and an afternoon boat ride on the Chobe River where it is possible to view huge herds of elephant coming down to drink as well as many other types of game. For bird lovers, the river provides a home for the majestic African Fish Eagle and a number of species of brightly coloured bee-eaters. The area surrounding the Chobe River typically has the highest concentration of wildlife within the park as animals congregate here, particularly in the dry season (April to October).

Thebe Safari Camp Site or similar

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 18

To Victoria Falls.

After a leisurely breakfast we drive to Victoria Falls, a small town on the Zimbabwean side of the glorious Victoria Falls (entrance own expense US\$ 30). The waterfall itself is majestic, the activities enthralling and the scenery of the Upper Zambezi beautiful. (100km, 1.5-2hrs plus border crossing 1-2hrs)

Victoria Falls Rest Camp or similar

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 19

Free day to enjoy optional activities and visit the falls.

Today you have a free day to enjoy the numerous activities on offer such as flights over the falls, white-water rafting, game viewing, or crossing into Zambia to see the falls from a different side (you will need a Zambian visa if you decide to cross over to see the falls on the other side).

Victoria Falls Rest Camp or similar

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 20

End Victoria Falls.

The trip ends today, those on the group flights will be taken to the airport.

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation

Camps, Lodges & Guesthouses



You will spend 15 nights camping, 2 nights in a lodge and 2 nights in a guesthouse. We stay in basic hotels/guesthouses whilst in Cape Town and Swakopmund. The accommodation we use in Cape Town is either situated in the centre of town or in the surrounding area of the V & A Waterfront. Because accommodation is very oversubscribed we cannot always guarantee a particular lodge or hotel, but in Cape Town we will stay within walking distance of restaurants and it'll be easy to catch a taxi ride to the V & A Waterfront. We will be camping in two-person tents throughout the rest of the safari. Camping is undeniably the best way to experience Africa and fixed campsites in South Africa and Namibia are particularly well cared for, clean, tidy and with facilities of a reasonable standard. Some of these campsites have swimming pools. It is possible that up to two nights are spent rough camping.

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All communal camping gear is provided, including spacious igloo tents, thick foam mattresses and folding stools. You will need to take your own sleeping bag. Wifi is available about half the time but not always very reliable. Single supplement available

Please note that due to the limited amount of accommodation within Etosha National Park, it may be necessary to sleep outside the park on some or all of the nights that we are there. This will not impact on the number of game drives that we have within the park.

Where a single supplement is available, paying for a single only guarantees a room for single use. It does not always mean a twin or double room will be provided for sole occupancy.

Single supplement from \$553.50 AUD

Food & Transport

Eating & Drinking

All breakfasts, 10 lunches, 12 dinners

We suggest you allow about US\$150 for meals not included in the itinerary. Camp meals should be wholesome and plentiful, but do not expect cordon bleu cooking. Please note sometimes it is not easy to get fresh meat. However, the general standard of food is good and vegetarians are well catered for. Please notify Exodus of specific dietary requirements.

The water provided on this trip is safe and clean drinking water, normally coming from bore-holes. It is not bottled water, however. If you would rather have bottled water then this will be at your expense, though we would encourage you to make use of the safe drinking water provided as this helps diminish plastic consumption.

Transportation

The vehicle normally used for this trip is a specially modified safari truck. Seating is forward facing and the windows are large and easy to open. People are expected to move around to permit everyone a chance to have a window seat. There is plenty of legroom and packing space. All vehicles carry a reference library and icebox. The roads are generally excellent in South Africa with little traffic. Even the dirt roads are usually smooth and well maintained. Some of the areas we visit in Namibia are very remote and the roads are not always well maintained so it can be bumpy at times. There are four or five long driving days, but the scenery is breathtaking so this should not prove too much of a hardship. It can get cold on the truck in winter, so a warm, windproof jacket is recommended, though it is generally hot in summer.

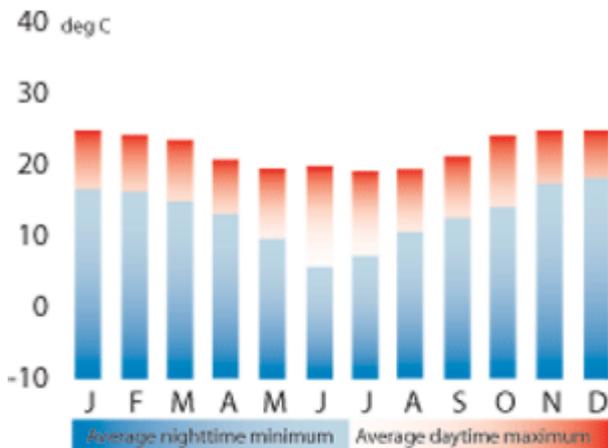
Weather & Seasonality

Weather Information

The Southern Hemisphere essentially has the opposite weather to the UK. The summer months of June, July and August, whilst clear and warm during the day, can drop down to single figures and even below freezing at night. Between September and May it is considerably warmer with the time between October and March being the hottest, getting up to the high 30s°C and sometimes above. However it is always a dry heat and the temperature does drop at night. The wet season is between November and February, but this is not a bad time to go, as it generally does not rain for very long.

Weather Charts

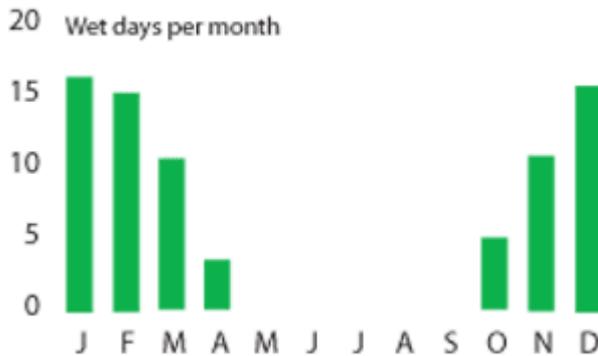
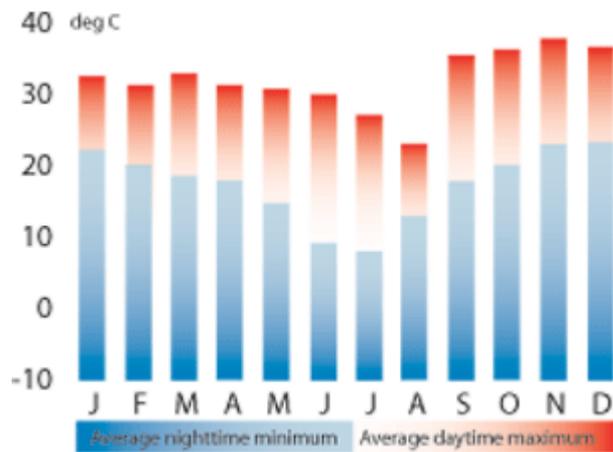
Cape Town



Wet days per month



Victoria Falls



Joining Instructions

Travelling flight inclusive from London: 22 Days

The group flight from London is an overnight flight departing the day before Day 1 of the itinerary.

Flights from London

We normally use the scheduled services of South African Airways (depending on availability). As flight timings and schedules change regularly we recommend you call one of our specialist sales staff or your agent to confirm up-to-date timings. Please note timings may change at a later date and cannot be confirmed until approximately two weeks before departure.

If you are travelling on flights with via Johannesburg, please note that you will need to collect your baggage in Johannesburg, even if your bag has been checked all the way through to Cape Town (and even if you are told at Heathrow that you do not need to pick it up). After collecting the bag, you are required to clear customs, and you should then drop it off at the bag drop for the onward flight.

Travelling land only: 20 days starting in Cape Town and ending Victoria Falls

Your trip normally starts at our accommodation in Cape Town in the afternoon of Day 1 of the itinerary. Details of how to reach the start point are provided in the Final Joining Instructions - sent approximately two weeks before departure.

In the unlikely event of any of your luggage being misplaced or damaged, a Property Irregularity Report (PIR) must be filed with the appropriate airline if you subsequently wish to make a claim against the airline or on your travel insurance. This must be done at the airport where your baggage arrived, or should have arrived.

Regional Flights

The Flight Inclusive price is based on a London departure, but we are happy to tailor this to your local or regional airport. **Please ask about flights from local or regional airports. (/au/regionaldepartures)**

If booking regional flights other than with Exodus, you must allow a minimum connecting time (in addition to the international check-in time) of 1 hour at Gatwick, and 1.5 hours at Heathrow; this is longer than the official minimum, but baggage handling is known to be subject to delays.

Full joining instructions including local emergency numbers will be sent to you as part of our Final Joining Instructions. If you do not receive these at least a week before departure, or require them earlier please contact our office or your travel agent.

Transfers Details

Airport transfers are included for those on the group flights. Please note that transfers are not included for clients arriving on any other flight, even if Exodus has booked it.

If you require airport transfers, you may (by prior arrangement only) be able to join the group transfer. Transfers are arranged to coincide with the arrival time of the group flight - please check the group flight details 2 weeks before departure. If you do not take this transfer, or miss it, you must make your own way to the joining point at your own expense.

Location start: Cape Town

Location end: Victoria Falls

What to Take

Essential Equipment

Pillow and sleeping bag (3/4 season if travelling in our summer months) - N.B this is for camping departures only, lodge based departures do not need to take bedding with them.

Torch

Sun hat

Sun cream

Soft holdall

Good walking shoes

Clothes for hot and cool (sometimes cold) weather

At the time of writing the standard weight limit for hold baggage on the recommended international carrier for this trip is 20kg. We recommend packing only one piece of checked baggage.

As advice about luggage allowances for both hand and hold luggage is subject to change, we suggest you check the airline's website for the latest information prior to your departure.

Water Included

Plastic bottles are a big issue in many countries where recycling isn't yet widely available; they often end up in landfill sites or get burnt, both processes are harmful to the environment and we would like to reduce our impact here. For your trip we provide an alternative to single-use plastic bottles in order to reduce the amount of plastic used. This means that safe drinking water will be available throughout so all you need to do is bring a bottle to re-fill along the way. Please add this to your packing list!



Practical Information

Passport

Namibia

All nationalities require a full passport that must be valid for 6 months beyond the intended length of stay. It is your responsibility to have the correct personal documents and to obtain your own visa, if one is necessary, in accordance with the regulations of the country you are to visit. The information below is primarily for UK passport holders, and other nationalities should check with their travel agent or the relevant embassies. We are not responsible for the actions of local immigration and customs officials, whether at points of entry or otherwise, and any subsequent effects.

South Africa

All nationalities require a full passport that must be valid beyond the intended length of stay. It is your responsibility to have the correct personal documents and to obtain your own visa, if one is necessary, in accordance with the regulations of the country you are to visit. The information offered below is to help you with that process. We are not responsible for the actions of local immigration and customs officials, whether at points of entry or otherwise, and any subsequent effects.

Visa

Botswana

Currently British and Commonwealth and European passport holders do not require visas for Botswana.

If you are transiting through South Africa and are a non UK passport holder you may require a transit visa. Please check before travelling.

Please be aware that children under the age of 18 must provide a full birth certificate (a short one won't be accepted) as well as a valid passport. If the child is travelling with only one parent or with another adult, the missing parent (or parents) will have to provide an affidavit giving their consent for the child to travel. If flying via S. Africa you may have to pass immigration between flights and the same regulation is needed for entry into S. Africa.

Namibia

Visas for Namibia are not required for UK or Commonwealth passport holders. Other nationalities should check before travelling.

Please ensure you have a one full blank page in your passport. If you are transiting through South Africa and are a non UK passport holder you may require a transit visa. Please check before travelling. Please note that if flying via South Africa you will probably have to pass immigration there. New regulations, as of the 1 Oct 2014, mean that children under 18 will have to have an unabridged birth certificate showing the names of both parents. If the child is travelling with only one parent they will need to have an affidavit from the other parent, of no more than 3 months, confirming the child can travel with the other parent; a court order granting full legal guardianship of the child; or a death certificate of the deceased parent.

South Africa

British passport holders and most European and Commonwealth Passport holders do not require a visa to travel to South Africa.

Please note that all travellers to South Africa who do require a visa are required to have a minimum of 2 blank consecutive pages in their passport i.e. a left hand page and a right hand page to enable an entry visa to be issued.

Please note that new regulations from the 1 June 2015 mean that any child under 18 travelling to South Africa needs to be in possession of an unabridged birth certificate with the names of both parents.

If a child under 18 is only travelling with a single parent, they will also have to have an affidavit, no less than 3 months old, from the absent parent confirming the child can travel with the other parent; a court order granting full legal guardianship of the child; or a death certificate of the deceased parent.

Zimbabwe

Most nationalities, including British require a visa to visit Zimbabwe. This can be obtained from the Zimbabwean Embassy in London but it is a lot easier to get it on arrival in Zimbabwe.

The current charge for a single entry visit visa issued on arrival in Zimbabwe is £35.00 or US\$55.00, although this could change. If you have not obtained a visa before travelling, you should bring enough cash with you to pay for your visa on arrival. You should ensure you have small notes as immigration officers may not be able to provide change.

If you plan on visiting Zambia as well then there is the UNIVISA (a shared visa for Zimbabwe and Zambia) that will allow you multiple entries into Zimbabwe.

Please note that if flying via South Africa you will probably have to pass immigration there. New regulations, as of the 1 Oct 2014, mean that children under 18 will have to have an unabridged birth certificate showing the names of both parents. If the child is travelling with only one parent they will need to have an affidavit from the other parent, of no more than 3 months, confirming the child can travel with the other parent; a court order granting full legal guardianship of the child; or a death certificate of the deceased parent.

Visa regulations can change without notice: please check the current regulations in good time to obtain a visa if one is required.

Vaccination

Botswana

Vaccination against Yellow Fever is necessary if you are coming from a country with Yellow Fever, and you must bring a valid certificate of vaccination. Recommended vaccinations are: Polio, Tetanus, Diphtheria, Typhoid, Hepatitis A. Malaria prophylaxis is essential and we suggest that you seek advice from your GP or travel health clinic about which malaria tablets to take.

Namibia

There are no mandatory vaccination requirements.

Recommended vaccinations are: Polio, Tetanus, Diphtheria, Typhoid, Hepatitis A.

Malaria prophylaxis is essential and we suggest that you seek advice from your GP or travel health clinic about which malaria tablets to take.

South Africa

There are no mandatory vaccination requirements.

Recommended vaccinations are: Polio, Tetanus, Diphtheria, Typhoid, Hepatitis A.

Malaria prophylaxis is essential if travelling in the greater Kruger area and we suggest that you seek advice from your GP or travel health clinic about which malaria tablets to take. The rest of South Africa, including the Garden Route, has a low risk of Malaria.

Dengue fever is a known risk in places visited. It is a tropical viral disease spread by daytime biting mosquitoes. There is currently no vaccine or prophylaxis available for Dengue, and therefore the best form of prevention is to avoid being bitten. We recommend you take the usual precautions to avoid mosquito bites.

Zimbabwe

There are no mandatory vaccination requirements. Recommended vaccinations are: Polio, Tetanus, Typhoid, Hepatitis A. Malaria prophylaxis is essential and we suggest that you seek advice from your GP or travel health clinic about which malaria tablets to take.

Travel health can often be something people forget about before going away, but a little preparation and knowledge can go a long way to help you stay fit and healthy while abroad.

The above information can change at short notice; as we are not qualified to answer all your questions about travel health we strongly recommend you contact your Medical Professional or a Travel Health Clinic at least 8 weeks prior to departure for up-to-date information. Please note: vaccinations that are routinely recommended to residents of the UK, North America or Australasia are not considered to form part of the travel health advice, and you should ensure these are kept up to date where necessary.

For additional information please visit: <https://travelhealthpro.org.uk/countries> (<https://travelhealthpro.org.uk/countries>)

Malaria prophylaxis is essential on this trip, and we suggest that you seek advice from your GP or travel health clinic about which malaria tablets to take.

Bilharzia is known to occur in some of the lakes or rivers visited on this itinerary, we therefore advise all to take advice from your guide or leader locally before venturing for a swim.

Insurance - are you adequately covered?

It is a condition of joining any of our holidays that you must be fully insured against medical and personal accident risks (to include repatriation costs and air ambulance or helicopter rescue services where appropriate). On arrival in destination for your trip, you will be asked to present details to your leader or local representative of your policy.

If you are resident in the UK we strongly recommend the **Exodus travel insurance policy (/au/insurance)**, this is specifically designed to cover all activities on your trip. If arranging your own policy please ensure that you are covered for all activities that are part of the trip, optional activities that you intend to take part in and/or on high altitude itineraries, that you are covered up to the maximum altitude of the trip.

Local Time

Botswana's Timezone: Africa/Gaborone CAT (GMT +02:00)

Namibia's Timezone: Africa/Windhoek CAT (GMT +02:00)

South Africa's Timezone: Africa/Johannesburg SAST (GMT +02:00)

Zimbabwe's Timezone: Africa/Harare CAT (GMT +02:00)

Electricity

Botswana's Electricity: 230 Volts. Plug types D,G & M; establishments can often take UK plugs and/or the large South African round pin plugs.

Namibia's Electricity: 220 Volts. Plug types D & M; establishments often take the large 3 round pin plugs as used in South Africa.

South Africa's Electricity: South Africa uses unusual plugs with large round pins (the old UK plugs) which are generally not found on universal adaptors. It may be possible to find S. African adaptors at airports (such as Heathrow) or in S. Africa. An increasing number of properties also have European style and, to a lesser degree, British style plugs.

Zimbabwe's Electricity: Zimbabwe has two types of sockets, the most common being the same as the one used in the UK, the other being one with large round pins (also used in South Africa).

Whilst there are inverters on the trucks to charge electrical equipment please remember that there may be a queue for using them and they are not as reliable as normal plugs. We therefore recommend you make use of the charging facilities at the campsites and/or lodges we use.

Money

Botswana's Currency

The national currency of Botswana is the Botswana Pula (BWP), with an exchange rate at the time of publication (June 2017) of approximately 13 to the GBP, 10.2 to the USD, 7.7 to the CAD, 11.4 to the EUR, 7.7 to the AUD and 7.4 to the NZD.

Namibia's Currency

The national currency of Namibia is the Namibian Dollar (NAD), with an exchange rate at the time of publication (June 2017) of approximately 16.6 to the GBP, 13 to the USD, 9.9 to the CAD, 14.6 to the EUR, 9.9 to the AUD and 9.5 to the NZD.

South Africa's Currency

The national currency of South Africa is the South African Rand (ZAR), with an exchange rate at the time of publication (September 2017) of approximately 18 to the GBP, 13.5 to the USD, 10.9 to the CAD, 16 to the EUR, 10.6 to the AUD and 9.8 to the NZD.

Zimbabwe's Currency

The national currency of Zimbabwe the US Dollar (USD). The exchange rate at the time of writing (June 2017) is 1USD = 0.78GBP, 0.90EUR, 1.32AUD, 1.38NZD, 1.32CAD.

Zimbabwe uses the US Dollar as it's legal currency though South African Rand is also widely accepted. It is possible to change money in Zimbabwe at Harare airport, however we recommend you get your US Dollars before travelling to Zimbabwe for ease and because the country has had problems of cash shortages.

Try to bring small USD notes as these can be hard to come by in Zimbabwe.

ATM Availability

Credit cards are widely accepted, and there are cash machines in the main towns, but you should not rely on this for all your money.

Extra Expenses & Spending Money

There is a US\$25 departure tax when you fly out of Victoria Falls.

We recommend you allow between £5-10 (US\$10-15) per day for drinks, souvenirs and incidentals.

Many optional activities are available, and a few of these are listed below. Please note that some of these activities involve an element of risk. These are approximate prices and are subject to change.

Optional Excursions

ACTIVITIES IN NAMIBIA:

Deadvlei N\$ 150

Dolphin Cruise N\$ 660

Flight over Sossousvlei N\$ 3500

Ocean fishing N\$ 1500

Township Tour N\$ 500

Desert Night drive (Day 3) N\$ 220

Etosha late-afternoon game drive N\$660

ACTIVITIES IN VICTORIA FALLS: (US\$ rates are approximate) White water rafting US\$150

Sunset Cruise US \$75

Victoria Falls entry on Zimbabwean side US \$30

The cable car at Table Mountain is approx. £20. You can pre-purchase cable-car tickets online at

<http://www.tablemountain.net/content/page/rates> (<http://www.tablemountain.net/content/page/rates>) - they are valid for 7 days from the chosen date.

Tipping

Tipping is obviously entirely optional but we recommend approximately ZAR750 for the leader and crew. You may also want to tip some of the local guides in places such as Chobe, the Okavango and Twyfelfontein.



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At Exodus we believe in the power of Responsible Travel.

Every time we travel, we are part of a global movement that creates jobs, builds more sustainable societies, encourages cultural understanding and safeguards common natural and cultural heritage. To learn more about what Responsible Travel means to Exodus [click here \(/au/responsible-travel\)](#)...

Exodus Community

Join the Exodus online community

Don't forget to visit the Community area on our website. You can view the range of Exodus videos and podcasts, read trip write-ups which have featured in the national media and take advantage of some special deals on travel gear and equipment.

In the Community Travel Forum you'll find the Departure Lounge where you can discuss your trip with fellow travellers before you depart. When you get back from your holiday remember to upload your images to the relevant trip page on our website. This helps other people see what our holidays are really like and you'll be entered automatically into our monthly photo competition.

To make full use of the **Community (/au/community)** you'll need to join My Exodus. It's free, registration is simple and easy, so what are you waiting for?

Important Information

On all guided trips

Although our leaders are well trained to deal with different capabilities, if they have any concerns about someone's ability to safely partake in an activity, or their impact on other people's enjoyment, we authorise them to take necessary action which, in some circumstances, may involve asking someone to miss that activity.

Although rarely enforced, by booking this trip you agree to section 16 of our Booking Conditions which clearly states that our leaders have the authority to do this. In these circumstances we will ensure anyone sitting out is safely provided for and offered alternative options where possible. Refunds will not be provided for activities missed and customers may be liable for additional costs incurred.

On all trips

In booking this trip you should be confident in your ability to participate in all activities described in these Trip Notes. If you have any doubt about your suitability you should call the Exodus office and ask to speak to one of the experts on this itinerary.

In an emergency, please contact our 24 hour out of hours service on +44 (0) 844 326 7041.

Every time that you travel abroad you should take the time to read the warnings in the **essential information (/au/about-exodus/essential-information)** in the brochure.

Full joining instructions including local emergency numbers, and details of how to reach the start point, will be sent to you approximately 2 to 3 weeks prior to departure. If you do not receive these at least a week before departure, or require them earlier please contact our office or your travel agent.

The information in these Trip Notes is given in good faith. Where differences exist between the Trip Notes and our current brochure or website, the Trip Notes supersede the brochure and website. All holidays can be subject to unexpected changes; in order to enjoy them you should be prepared to be flexible where necessary. Occasionally, as stated in our brochure, it may not be possible to follow the itinerary as planned. This may be for a variety of reasons - climatic, political, physical or other. In these circumstances we will make the best possible alternative arrangements that maintain the integrity of the original itinerary.

As fuel prices, airport taxes and exchange rates fluctuate, and airlines manage their rates to match demand, it is proving harder than ever to guarantee our Flight Inclusive prices. Although we endeavour to keep our website as accurate as possible, daily fluctuations mean that our Flight Inclusive price may be out of date. For accurate prices we recommend that you contact one of our Travel Experts, or your Travel Agent.

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The Foreign & Commonwealth Office and the NHS have up-to-date advice on staying safe and healthy abroad. For more on security, local laws, plus passport and visa information, see <https://travelaware.campaign.gov.uk/> (<https://travelaware.campaign.gov.uk/>)

Keep informed of current travel health news by visiting <https://travelhealthpro.org.uk/> (<https://travelhealthpro.org.uk/>)

Advice can change so check regularly for updates.

For all latest travel information about your holiday, please visit our **Travel Safety Advice (/au/travel-safety-advice)** page.



How to Book

1. Check availability

Go online to check availability, or contact us by phone or email.

2. Secure your place

You can provisionally hold a place on this trip, usually for between three and seven days.

3. Complete your booking and payment

When you're ready to book, go to www.exodus.co.uk ([/au/homepage](#)) for online booking, book over the phone or you can complete a booking form (available online or on request by calling us). We accept all major credit and debit cards, or you can pay by cheque. Book with confidence: Exodus is fully licensed and bonded as a tour operator. We hold Air Traffic Organisers Licence (ATOL) number 2582 issued and bonded with the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA). We are also bonded to the International Air Transport Association (IATA) and we are members of the Federation of Tour Operators (FTO) and ABTA - The Travel Association. This means you can book your Exodus holiday with confidence, as all monies paid to us for your trip are fully protected.

TRIP NOTE VALIDITY

These Trip Notes are valid from the "Current as" date on page one. They will occasionally be updated post booking and pre-departure; if there are any updates that significantly impact the inclusions or itinerary bookers will be written to separately. All customers will also receive a link to the most up-to-date version of the Trip Notes with their Final Joining Instructions pre-travel.

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