

THE BEST OF AFRICA ZIMBABWE, BOTSWANA & SOUTH AFRICA January 9-25, 2020 \$8995.00 per person from Peoria

Visit Victoria Falls, Chobe National Park, Kruger National Park, Cape Town. Enjoy game drives, boat cruises and much more



To make a reservation on this special tour call Chet Tomczyk (309) 657-3227

ITINERARY

9 January 2020 (Thursday)

Depart Peoria by motor coach to Chicago, where you spend the night at a hotel near O'Hare Airport.

10 January 2020 (Friday)

Depart Chicago on United Airlines to Dulles Airport where you continue by a connecting flight on South African Airways to Johannesburg, South Africa.

11 January 2020 (Saturday)

Arrive Johannesburg, South Africa where you are met and transferred to a hotel near the airport.

12 January 2020 (Sunday)

Today you are transferred back to the airport where you board your flight to Victoria Falls, **Zimbabwe**. Upon arrival, you'll be transferred to Victoria Falls Safari Club

Sunset Cruise



The sunset cruise is geared to showcase a magnificent sunset while you sip a sundowner and enjoy some light snacks. It's an ideal way to watch the African landscape transform in beautiful hues. Cruising along the Zambezi River is an experience that creates lasting memories and includes sightings of hippo and crocodile and any other species that congregates on the banks to quench their thirst. Where there is water there is life and seeing a wild and untamed landscape from the comfort of a boat is a must do experience in this magical part of the world.

Accommodation at Victoria Falls Safari Club in a Club Room (2 nights) Includes:

Breakfast, A beverage station including a mini bar which is re-stocked daily with local beer, soft drinks, house wine, bottled water. Wi-Fi throughout The Safari Club. Same day laundry service. Afternoon teas and pastries served (15:30 - 16:30). Sundowner cocktails and canapés (17:30 - 18:30) and a head and shoulder or foot massage on the Club viewing deck daily (subject to availability of Spa staff) (15:30 - 16:30).



Located approximately 3km from Victoria Falls town centre and roughly 4km from the Victoria Falls rainforests, the Victoria Falls Safari Lodge offers a choice of 20 well-appointed rooms comprising 16 Club Rooms and 4 Club Suites. Situated on a private game reserve, the lodge offers adventure-seeking traveller's comfortable accommodation in well-appointed rooms with en-suite bathrooms and first-class service. The lodge offers on-site dining in the world-famous Boma restaurant where guests can enjoy a host of traditional scrumptious meals prepared by the resident chef. Other attractions include breakfast in the club lounge, butler service, complimentary cocktails and complimentary afternoon tea and pastries. Other hotel attractions include a private viewing deck, international electrical sockets and complimentary shuttle service to the Falls and into the town. Local attractions include white-water rafting, canoeing down the Zambezi River, bungee jumping, elephant riding and walking with the lions. Other attractions include day trip down the Zambezi, helicopter charters over the Falls and private game drives through the Zambezi National Park.

Enjoy dinner at the hotel

13 January 2020 (Monday)

Guided Tour of the Falls



A guided tour of the majestic Victoria Falls and encompassing nature reserves is an awe-inspiring experience. Known locally as Mosi-oa-Tunya (the smoke that thunders), tons of water plunge over a chasm that is nearly 2km wide falling just more than 100m to the Zambezi River below. The shower of spray and the thunderous sound of the water can be heard from miles around. The tour takes you to the best view points of this iconic waterfall, one of the seven wonders of the world, allowing you to soak up the powerful and enigmatic atmosphere of Victoria Falls.

Afternoon at leisure

Boma Dinner



Visitors to Victoria Falls can indulge in both a cultural as well as culinary experience when choosing to enjoy a boma dinner. The menu comprises a range of traditional Zimbabwean dishes complemented by a delicious barbeque buffet. The ambience is created by local Shangaan dancers and singers that provide entertainment during the meal — face painting is an optional extra! A traditional story teller adds that extra element of intrigue and drama to the evening. The sound of the drums reverberates through the stillness of the African night.

Transfer from Victoria Falls Safari Club to Chobe Bush Lodge with driver guider

Chobe National Park is undoubtedly one of the best safari destinations in the world. This land is famed for its gentle giants, the African elephant and is where you will find the largest concentration of them in Africa. The abundance of wildlife in this reserve is truly prolific and it's all centred around the Chobe River and in Africa, where there is water, there is life. The Chobe National Park also affords a unique way to experience the African wilds on a river safari. The river is populated with hippo and crocodile and an overwhelming amount of birdlife that has photographers from all over the world itching to get a shot of the many rare species. When on land, sightings of lion and leopard are commonplace. This is the ideal location for an authentic and soul-stirring safari adventure.

Accommodation at Chobe Bush Lodge in a Safari Room (2 Night Deluxe Package) on a Full Board plus 2 Activities basis

Includes: 2 Nights accommodation, 2 x breakfast, 2 x lunch, 2 x dinner, 2 x boat cruise, 2 x game drives and 3 day Park Fees.

Excludes: Beverages, laundry, telephone, other extras of personal nature, transfers and any services not specified.



Set in Kasane on the border of Botswana's beautiful and world-renowned Chobe National Park, Chobe Bush Lodge provides a range of accommodation options from 38 luxury rooms to standard rondavels and camping options. There are also four large family rooms available. The lodge is a mere 150m from the Chobe River and provides easy access into the game-filled park itself. This is the place to dive into a safari adventure with everything from game drives and boat cruises to fishing excursions, day trips to the famous Victoria Falls and more at your fingertips. It might be difficult to leave the grounds of the lodge itself with its swimming pool and surrounding deck, upmarket cocktail and Sedudu bars and health and beauty offerings. However, a sunset or dinner cruise on the Chobe River is highly recommended and game drives are almost compulsory... The largest concentration of elephants lives here, as do a host of other mammals and predators.

15 January 2020 (Wednesday)

Clients can either enjoy Game Drives or Boat Cruise

Game Drive



This game drive on a fully-equipped 4x4 vehicle through the game-rich Chobe National Park affords the opportunity to view the diversity of wildlife inhabiting the region. Guests can expect to see elephant, buffalo, leopard, lion, giraffe, kudu and hippo as well as an abundance of smaller wildlife. Guests are advised to dress comfortably and to bring a hat, camera and sunblock.

Boat Cruise



Cruising down the Chobe River is a fantastic way to view the abundance of wildlife in the region as they come down to the riverbank to drink. This tranquil journey takes approximately three hours from pick-up to drop-off at selected hotels. Guests can expect to see hippos, crocodiles, elephants, monitor lizards, antelope and much more. Depending on the number of guests, the boat is either a comfortable 40-seater cruiser or smaller aluminium speed boats. Guests are advised to bring hats, sunglasses, sunblock, comfortable clothing and cameras.

16 January 2020 (Thursday)

Transfer from Chobe Bush Lodge to Livingstone Airport in **Zambia**On arrival in Nelspruit Airport transfer with local guide & driver to Perry's Bridge Hollow

Hazyview is situated in the province of Mpumalanga and functions as a gateway-town to the Kruger National Park. It gets its name from the shimmering haze that sets over the landscape during the hot summer months. This small town is within a short driving distance from three entry gates into the Kruger National Park and the town developed because of this close proximity and today, has a renowned banana industry. Hazyview has some pretty good facilities geared towards the travellers who use the town as a



base camp for their safari and the atmosphere is quite electric with the anticipation of a safari in waiting. Hazyview has a good selection of restaurants, shops, accommodation and activities are legendary from zip-lining and river rafting to horse-riding and quad-biking.

Accommodation at Perry's Bridge Hollow in a Standard Room (1 night)

Includes: Dinner, Breakfast

Perry's Bridge Hollow Boutique Hotel is set in gorgeous manicured gardens in the lifestyle centre of Perry's Bridge Trading Post. It is colonial in style adding elements of old world grace and is minutes away from the legendary destination of the Kruger National Park as well as the Panorama Route. Kuka is a popular restaurant offering and is a place of vibrant colour and South African cuisine designed to tantalise the taste-buds. The Trading Post has a world of clothing boutiques, a deli, a curio shop, an interior decor store, a hairdressing salon and an information centre. For the kids, the Animal Farm, Playground and Skyways Trails keep them wildly entertained on their African adventure.

17 January 2020 (Friday)

After early morning breakfast transfer from Perry's Bridge Hollow to Kapama River Lodge

The Kruger National Park is situated in the South African provinces of Mpumalanga and Limpopo in the northeast of the country. The park is one of the largest game reserves in Africa: Approximately the same size of Wales or Israel. The Kruger is particularly special because of the access and opportunities it provides visitors: A wide road network makes self- drive very easy, but there are also guided activities on offer. Accommodation is varied and caters to both beer and champagne budgets. The headline act is of course the animals, with the Big 5 taking centre stage. There is however a huge supporting cast of more than 135 mammals and 500 varieties of bird. The sheer size of the Kruger



National Park ensures an ever- changing landscape as guests navigate the well- kept roads. Each new habitat brings with it its own resident animals, making game viewing a quickly acquired skill and a fun challenge.

The group will have lunch on arrival at Kapama River Lodge

Accommodation at Kapama River Lodge in a Spa Suite on a Full Board plus 2 Activities basis (3 nights)

Includes: All meals, teas & snacks, two daily safari activities with soft drinks and waters on these activities and round trip transfers from Eastgate Airport (HDS) on scheduled flights only.

Excludes: Conservation levy per person per day, all drinks, laundry, items of a personal nature and any other services not specified.

Combining an upmarket safari experience with luxury accommodation, the Kapama River Lodge is set on a bend of the Kapama River within the largest reserve in the Kruger National Park. A game-rich area, you can expect to see the Big 5 and more on daily game drives and guided bush walks. Even from the decks of this luxury lodge, game can be spotted at the nearby watering hole and along the dry riverbed. You can cool off in the beautiful swimming pool, relax in the spacious lounges and look forward to decadent bush dining in a variety of venues from the riverbed itself to the Pan-African cuisine of the Rhino Boma and the fresh seasonal dishes of the Siyatla Lounge. An excellent wine cellar provides fine wines to accompany meals.

Once the guests are settled into their rooms they will depart for afternoon game drive

PM Safari



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20 January 2019 (Monday)

After early morning game drive & breakfast transfer from Kapama River Lodge to Hoedspruit Airport for departure flight to **Cape Town**

On arrival in Cape Town transfer to Westin Cape Town with your local driver & guide

Cape Town is addictive and inspires discovery and has been voted as the best place in the world to visit by the prestigious New York Times. This vibrant multicultural city is a healthy mix of urban and convenient living, vibey day and night spots, nature and relaxation as well as the ocean and white sand beaches at your fingertips. Ride the revolving cable car to the sky on Table Mountain; shop at the V&A Waterfront, one of Africa's premier shopping destinations; stand on the edge of the world at Cape Point or delve into South Africa's past at Robben Island, the prison that once held one of the world's greatest heroes, Nelson Mandela. The "Mother City", the "Green City", the "Tavern of the Seas"...whatever name you give it, it stays beautiful and beckons to be explored—the more, the better.

Accommodation at Westin Cape Town in a Deluxe Room (4 nights)

Includes: Breakfast, WiFi and shuttle transfers to V&A Waterfront from hotel.

Excludes: Any services not specified.



The Westin Cape Town is a five star luxury hotel with a striking modern design that sets it apart. It is in the enviable location of Cape Town's foreshore and has been designed in such a way that in almost all the rooms and restaurants, there are floor to ceiling views over the city of Cape Town, the Waterfront, Table Mountain, Lions Head and the Harbour. The Westin Cape Town has a host of restaurants from Thirty7, a show kitchen that offers brasserie-style fare to the Westin Executive Club restaurant on the 19th floor. Apart from mouth-watering cuisine, there is an on-site spa, a state-of-the-art gym and a swimming pool to lounge at.

21 January 2019 (Tuesday)

Full Day Cape Peninsula Tour

Hout Bay Harbour



Step into the working harbour of Hout Bay at the end of Cape Town's Atlantic seaboard for an authentic fishing village experience from the colourful fishing boats moored on the dock to the range of fish markets, restaurants, street markets and shops set overlooking the bay. Indulge in fresh seafood, fabulous views, adventure activities and shopping experiences — everything from jewellery and maritime artefacts to seashells and more. The beach stretches from here to Chapman's Peak in the east.

Chapman's Peak (weather permitting)



Locals call this famous scenic drive that winds its way between Hout Bay and Noordhoek on Cape Town's stunning Atlantic Ocean coastline "Chappies". The toll route stretches nine kilometres along the coast taking over 100 curves in a road carved out by prisoners of war in the mid-1910s over a seven-year period. On the one side are towering cliffs and on the other a steep drop to the ocean. A favourite with visitors and locals alike for scenic hikes, cycles and drives, as well as picnicking.

Cape of Good Hope



The famous Cape of Good Hope nature reserve, a World Heritage site, is set at the end of Cape Town's south peninsula. Take a trip via funicular to the lighthouse at 286 metres above sea level (built to which warns ships they are approaching the feared "Cape of Storms"), stroll along the cliff paths or venture down the steep slopes to the stunning white-sand beaches below. The reserve is home to a variety of small wildlife and is a favoured picnicking, fishing (with a permit) and hiking destination with its rich plant biodiversity and inspiring landscapes.

Enjoy lunch at a restaurant



Seaforth Restaurant has possibly one of the best locations in the world, set on the white sands of Seaforth Beach and at the water's edge, it has ocean and mountain views that will have you spellbound. You'll also be able to see the quirky penguins waddling or swimming around. The layout of Seaforth features a main seating area, the gunroom enclosed deck area and an outside deck area, a few metres above the sea at high tide. Naturally, cuisine has a special focus on the delights of what the sea offers and there are a range of platters for all seafood tastes. Seaforth is well known for its delicious cocktail offering.

Boulders Beach (Penguins)



The sheltered Simon's Town beach of Boulders Beach is the home of an endangered land-based colony of African penguins (over 2 000 of them), as well as a favourite swimming and beach destination for locals and international travellers, particularly children. One can walk between the three pristine and sheltered beaches on boardwalks, which also link to the penguin-viewing area offering fantastic sightings of these unique and endearing animals in their natural habitat.

Kirstenbosch Gardens

Explore the diverse beauty of Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden, which is set up against Cape Town's iconic Table Mountain looking onto the city. There are plenty of spaces to picnic among the rich and varied displays of southern Africa's plant life (more than 7 000 species are planted out) and a restaurant on site. It is the first botanical garden to be included within a natural World Heritage site. Paths are set out throughout the garden allowing visitors to easily wander past the natural displays.

22 January 2020 (Wednesday)

Full Day Winelands



There could be no better way to spend a day than indulging in a Cape Winelands experience packed with historic and modern architecture, fabulous cuisine, and, of course, world-class wines. The tour heads to the country's principal wine routes of Paarl, Stellenbosch and Franschhoek – all of them with fascinating histories and their unique offerings. Traversing stunning landscapes, this full-day experience stops along the way for wine tasting at prestigious estates. South Africa is known for its quality white, reds, blends, and bubblies!

23 January 2020 (Thursday)

Leisure Day to enjoy Cape Town on your own for shopping, sightseeing and enjoying the beautiful setting.

24 January 2020(Friday)

Transfer from Westin Cape Town to Cape Town Airport for international departure flight to Johannesburg where you connect to the flight to Dulles.

25 January 2020 (Saturday)

Morning arrival in Dulles. After you clear Customs, you continue by a connecting flight to Chicago. You will then motor coach back to Peoria

INCLUDED FREATURES:

Round trip motor coach transportation from Peoria to O'Hare Airport

Round trip air transportation on United & South African Airlines from Chicago to South Africa.

Inter-Africa air transportation as stated in the itinerary.

Hotel accommodations as follows:

1 night - Chicago near the airport

1 night - Johannesburg, South Africa

2 nights – Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

2 nights - Chobe, Botswana

1 night - Hazyview, South Africa

3 nights - Kapama near Kruger, South Africa

4 nights - Cape Town, South Africa

Daily meals as listed on the itinerary

Entrance fees to sightseeing venues as described

Activities and game drives as listed on the itinerary

Porterage of one suitcase per person at airports and hotels.

Current airline taxes and fuel surcharges subject to change.

Not included: Optional Trip Protection Plan, visa fee for Zimbabwe (currently \$55.00 per person, gratuities to guides, drivers and lodge staff, beverages when mentioned as optional.

Passports must be valid for 6 months past the end of the trip and must have at least 7 blank visa pages.

TOUR CONDITIONS

TOUR DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT: Reservations are accepted by Checks only.

ARRANGEMENTS: The tour price is based on the current rate of exchange, tariff rates and air fares in effect 3/1/2019. In the event of an increase in foreign currency, airline fuel surcharges, airport taxes and fees, your final invoices will reflect such increases.

TRIP PROTECTION PLAN: You will have the opportunity to purchase an insurance policy to cover you should you have to cancel for a medical reason. In the event you elect **not** to purchase the trip cancellation insurance, penalties will be implemented according to the terms below.

CANCELLATION: \$200.00 per person administration fee if written notification is received 100 days or more prior to departure date. Between 100-61 days prior to departure, \$500.00 per person penalty will apply. After that date the following will apply to cover the considerable penalties of the different suppliers. 50% of the land rate and, if greater, any other expenses incurred on behalf of the passenger. For air portion, the regulation of the carrier will apply.

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INTERNATIONAL AIRLINE TRAVEL: One piece of checked luggage is allowed on the tour. Its combined total measurement (length+width+height) cannot exceed 62 inches and 50 lbs. You are also allowed one carry-on per person which must be able to fit under the seat in front of you with a total measurement of 45 inches. All special

requests that we receive for particular seating arrangement (must be noted on your reservation form as you sign up for the tour) are forwarded to the airline involved. However, we regret in this time of mass travel and computerized seating reservations; we cannot guarantee or be responsible in the event that your request is not honored by the airline. Should you wish to deviate from the package tour by changing your departure and/or return dates of travel, there will be a service charge of \$100.00 per person, plus the additional cost of the change in air fare.

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