

Experience South Africa

Depart Cairns 11 April at 10.45AM arrive Singapore 3.25PM – silk

Depart Singapore 12 April at 1.25AM arrive Johannesburg 6.10AM – Singapore airlines

Commence the following tour with Intrepid on the 12 April in Johannesburg and ending in Johannesburg on the 27 April

[Day 1: Johannesburg](#)

Sawubona! Welcome to South Africa. Your adventure begins with a welcome meeting at 6 pm where you'll meet your tour leader and fellow travellers. You can arrive at any time as there are no activities planned until this important meeting. Please ask the hotel reception where it will take place. If you arrive early, get out and explore this city characterised by remarkable contrasts. Perhaps visit the culturally rich areas of Newtown, Braamfontein or Maboneng. The eye-opening Apartheid Museum is well worth your time.

Accommodation

- Hotel (1 night)

Optional Activities

- Johannesburg - Jozi by Foot Urban Adventure - USD41
- Johannesburg - Cycle Soweto Urban Adventure - USD95

Meals Included

There are no meals included on this day.

Special Information

If you can't arrange a flight that will have you arrive in time for today's welcome meeting, you may wish to arrive a day early so you're able to attend. We'll be happy to book additional accommodation for you (subject to availability). If you're going to be late, please inform the hotel reception. We'll be collecting your insurance details and next of kin information at this meeting, so please have these on hand.

Please make sure that if you explore Johannesburg on your own that you get local advice as to where it is safe to walk, especially in the evening. The level of crime here may be higher than what you are used to.

[Day 2: Kruger National Park](#)

Travel between 11 and 12 hours to Kruger National Park. As you leave Johannesburg, you will be journeying through the Mpumalanga Province along the famous Panorama Route, including God's Window and Bourke's Luck Potholes. Your wildlife-spotting begins as soon as you enter Kruger – head straight into prime game viewing areas for a chance to spot some of the parks 500 bird species, 100 reptile species and 150 mammal species, including the African Big Five (lions, leopards, rhinos, elephants and Cape buffalo) and the endangered African wild dog. Arrive at your campground, which has shared facilities, hot and cold water, and optional upgrades (subject to availability).

Accommodation

- Camping (with facilities) (1 night)

Included Activities

- Kruger National Park - Overland Vehicle Game drive
- Panorama Route - Bourkes Luck Potholes
- Panorama Route - God's Window Viewpoint

Optional Activities

- Kruger National Park - Night game drive - ZAR240

Meals Included

- Breakfast
- Dinner

Special Information

On occasion, especially during the peak months of May, June, July & December we are unable to secure campsites within the Kruger National Park. In this instance we will camp at a backpackers outside the park.

The Kruger 4x4 game drives are offered as a pre-booked service which will guarantee you a place. If you would rather wait and try to get a better price by booking this locally on the ground, you are welcome to, however keep in mind that this is a popular activity and places are limited.

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Day 3: Kruger National Park

Rise early for a light breakfast of coffee and rusks before embarking on a morning game drive in the truck. Most of the day will be spent game viewing, birdwatching and stopping at various waterholes and viewpoints. Later on we take a night drive with the park guide for a chance to spot nocturnal animals and perhaps even a night-time predator or two – catch a lion or hyena out hunting, or an impala out in search of a late-night feed.

Accommodation

Camping (with facilities) (1 night)

Included Activities

Kruger National Park - Overland Vehicle Game drive

Optional Activities

Kruger National Park - Sunset 4x4 Game Drive (from price) - ZAR325

Meals Included

Breakfast

Lunch

Dinner

Special Information

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Day 4: Masebe Nature Reserve

Head out on one last game drive at Kruger National Park for a chance to spot any animals you may have missed yesterday, then settle into your overland vehicle for the seven-hour drive to Masebe Nature Reserve. Characterised by spectacular rock formations that weave between vegetation and rivers, Masebe's uniquely beautiful scenery separates it from other nature reserves and national parks in South Africa. The 4,500-hectare provincial park is also known for its excellent birding and wildlife viewing. Sables, nyala, giraffes, zebras and leopards are just some of the wildlife you may encounter here. Your camp tonight is located within the reserve, providing an extraordinarily tranquil experience.

Accommodation

Farmstay (1 night)

Meals Included

Breakfast

Lunch

Dinner

Day 5: Moremi Gorge

Begin the day by touring well-preserved, pre-historic rock art found at three sites across Masebe Nature Reserve. Hidden within caves in sandstone cliffs, these ancient paintings were created by the San people (Bushmen) thousands of years ago. While much about these paintings are shrouded in mystery, images of people and animals provide a unique glimpse into how the San lived. Then its back on the road as you travel towards Moremi Gorge. Located near Palapye, the drive should take about six hours. Your camp tonight is basic, with limited hot water in the winter.

Accommodation

Camping (with facilities) (1 night)

Included Activities

Masebe Nature Reserve – Rock Art Walk

Meals Included

Breakfast

Dinner

Day 6: Nata

Journey from Palapye to Nata (approximately 6 hours). Your campsite is situated on the edge of the amazing Makgadikgadi Salt Pans, one of the largest salt flats in the world (covering some 12,000 square kilometres). On arrival take a three-hour excursion in an open vehicle to explore these seemingly endless plains. Surrounded by the Kalahari Desert, the pans are naturally dry and salty for a large part of the year. During this time the arid landscape has an eerie feel to it as heat mirages disorientate the senses. Then, after the rains hit, it become a grassy refuge for migratory birds and animals. Facilities at your camp include a restaurant, swimming pool, gift shop, ATM and bar/lounge area. Upgrades are also possible.

Accommodation

Camping (with facilities) (1 night)

Included Activities

Nata - Pan Excursion

Meals Included

Breakfast

Dinner

Day 7: Victoria Falls

Travel on to Victoria Falls (approximately 4 hours), crossing the border into Zimbabwe in time to have lunch on the banks of the Zambezi. Continue to your camp, which has flush toilets, Wi-Fi and upgrades available. After settling in, you may want to set out on a highly recommended optional trip to Victoria Falls. Spanning about a mile wide and falling 108 metres into a narrow gorge below, the spray from the falls can sometimes be seen from kilometres away. In the dry season, the view of the falls is unobstructed by spray and it's possible to see little islets in the river below. Otherwise, a range of other activities are available through the local activity centre. Please keep in mind that we have not risk assessed all activities and only those listed in our trip notes are recommended. It is against company policy for leaders to facilitate the booking of any activities that have not been risk assessed or do not adhere to our company's Responsible Travel policy and ethos. This includes organising transport to and from these activities in our vehicles.

Victoria Falls entrance fee is not included in the price of the trip as it is mandatory for tour groups with pre-purchased tickets to have a local guide escort. We feel that seeing these waterfalls for the first time should be an uninterrupted sensory experience.

Accommodation

Camping (with facilities) (1 night)

Optional Activities

Victoria Falls - Entrance & Visit - USD35

Victoria Falls - Sunset Cruise - USD57

Meals Included

Breakfast

Special Information

You may notice businesses offering an optional 'Walk with the Lions' experience. We ask all Intrepid travellers to avoid this activity as it is contrary to our Responsible Travel policy. While wildlife viewing is a big part of many of our itineraries, we strive to only view animals in their natural habitats and to do so with the greatest level of respect. The lion walking industry directly contributes to the captive breeding and canned hunting of lions.

Read more about animal welfare and our 'Born to Live Wild' pledge here:

<http://www.intrepidtravel.com/animal-welfare>

Day 8: Victoria Falls

Today is a free day to enjoy the many activities on offer. If you are interested in an optional helicopter flight (12 minute or 25 minute rides), Zambezi Helicopter co CAA Zimbabwe is the only operator that meets Intrepid's safety requirements and that we endorse. Your leader can help you arrange this activity or recommend other activities to make the most of your free day.

Accommodation

Camping (with facilities) (1 night)

Optional Activities

Victoria Falls - Helicopter flight (12 mins) - USD175

Victoria Falls - Flying fox - USD50

Victoria Falls - Gorge swing - USD110

Victoria Falls - Canoe trail (full day) - USD185

Victoria Falls - Village & township tour - USD50

Victoria Falls - Helicopter flight (25 mins) - USD334

Meals Included

Breakfast

Special Information

As this is a combination trip, the composition of your group may change at this location. There will be a group meeting to discuss the next stage of your itinerary and meet your new fellow travelers.

Day 9: Chobe National Park

Travel to Chobe National Park in Botswana (approximately 3 hours) via the Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust, one of The Intrepid Foundation projects. Here you can learn about the rescue and rehabilitation of wildlife, human-wildlife conflict and their role in anti-poaching. There may also be a chance to meet any rescued or orphaned wildlife currently in their care.

Chobe, the first national park to be established in the country, is perhaps best known for its high concentration of elephants, which can often be seen swimming in the Chobe River. The river also attracts wallowing hippos, a variety of birdlife, and crocodiles which like to sun themselves by the water's edge. Cheetahs and lions also come down to drink. In the late afternoon you will embark on a scenic sunset cruise on the Chobe River – a relaxing way to spend the afternoon. Your camp, located outside of the park, has flush toilets, showers, intermittent WiFi and optional accommodation upgrades.

Accommodation

Camping (with facilities) (1 night)

Included Activities

Chobe National Park - River cruise

Victoria Falls - Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust Visit

Meals Included

Breakfast

Dinner

Day 10: Maun

There's time for a morning game drive for those who would like to further explore this beautiful park (this is optional). As well as elephants, you might see some of Chobe's other noble creatures – from giraffe and zebra to impala and tsessebe. Then it's time to head to Maun (approximately 10–11 hours). This town is the gateway to one of the world's most famous and most complex ecosystems, the Okavango Delta. Arrive, stretch your legs and set up camp on the outskirts of town at a simple campsite. Here there are shared facilities, WiFi and optional accommodation upgrades.

Accommodation

Camping (with facilities) (1 night)

Meals Included

Breakfast

Lunch

Dinner

Day 11: Okavango Delta

Travel into the unspoiled wilderness for an adventurous camping experience. The Okavango Delta is unlike anything in the world – a 16,000 square kilometre maze of wetlands made up of meandering waterways, green islands, lush plains and prolific wildlife. The delta is filled with a diversity of flora and fauna that includes hippos, crocodiles, elephants and big cats. But it's not the animals that are the main attraction – it's the incredible ecosystem. You'll explore the waterways by mokoro, a traditional dugout canoe navigated by friendly local 'polers'. You'll also spend some time exploring on foot with your experienced and knowledgeable guides. Camp on a remote island in the heart of

the wild. Toilets will be dug and there are no showers. Hear the nocturnal creatures of the African bush come to life as the sun goes down.

Accommodation

Bush camp (no facilities) (1 night)

Included Activities

Okavango Delta - Mokoro safari

Meals Included

Breakfast

Lunch

Dinner

Day 12: Okavango Delta

It's an early start this morning as you venture out for a sunrise walk, hoping to catch a glimpse of some elephants and perhaps the fascinating and rather noble-looking Cape buffalo. Return to camp to enjoy some breakfast and reflect on the morning's viewing with your fellow travellers. As it warms up, you'll have the rest of the day to relax. You might like to take a refreshing swim. There is also the option of an afternoon walk or another mokoro trip. You may notice that the mokoros of today are made with fibreglass but retain their original shape – this strikes a balance between tradition and sustainability.

Accommodation

Bush camp (no facilities) (1 night)

Included Activities

Okavango Delta - Sunrise Walk

Meals Included

Breakfast

Lunch

Dinner

Day 13: Maun

After taking down your camp, it's time to return the mokoro to the poling station and board the vehicle once again. Travel back to Maun (approximately 2–3 hours). Though this town is best known as a stepping stone to the delta, it's worth a stroll around. Perhaps check out the Nhabe Museum if you feel curious and have time. Tonight you will camp on the outskirts of town at a simple site which has shared facilities.

Accommodation

Camping (with facilities) (1 night)

Included Activities

Okavango Delta - Mokoro safari

Optional Activities

Okavango Delta - Helicopter Scenic Flight - From USD150 - USD450

Okavango Delta - Plane Scenic Flight - From USD75 - USD390

Meals Included

Breakfast

Dinner

Special Information

The price of the optional scenic flights will vary depending on the number of travellers that participate.

Day 14: Khama Rhino Sanctuary

Travel to the Khama Rhino Sanctuary (approximately 9–10 hours). Situated on the edge of the Kalahari Desert, the Khama Rhino Sanctuary is a conversion of a former hunting area into a conservation project. Built to protect Botswana's only remaining populations of both black and white rhinos, the sanctuary is also home to other wildlife including zebras, giraffes, leopards, ostriches and wildebeest, all of which can be seen around the many natural waterholes. Visiting this project benefits local communities and contributes to the protection of the highly endangered white rhinoceros. In the evening you'll head out on a dusk game drive to see the rhinos (this will be replaced by a dawn game drive if the group arrives at the sanctuary too late). Your camp tonight has shared facilities and optional upgrades.

Accommodation

Camping (with facilities) (1 night)

Included Activities

Khama Rhino Sanctuary - 4x4 Game drive

Meals Included

Breakfast

Lunch

Dinner

Day 15: Soweto/Johannesburg

Cross the border into South Africa and travel on to Soweto, which is located in the Johannesburg area (approximately 10–11 hours). Johannesburg is a sprawling city of remarkable contrasts. As you come into town you'll likely see opulent mansions alongside tin-roof shacks, and verdant city parks alongside the concrete. About half of Jo'burg's 3 million residents live in Soweto and its surrounding areas. Enjoy a relaxing evening upon arrival.

Accommodation

Guesthouse (1 night)

Meals Included

Breakfast

Lunch

Day 16: Soweto

Take to the streets of Soweto on a bicycle and learn about the Soweto uprising and the resistance against apartheid. It's interesting to see how the community has changed and developed into what it is today. You'll also visit a former migrant workers' hostel and stop at many other local landmarks. Your cycling adventure should finish up at around 3 pm today. With no further activities planned, your trip comes to an end at this point. No accommodation is provided for tonight, but this can be arranged when you book this trip. If you are departing, it's best to book a flight for 8 pm or later.

Accommodation: Vhavenda Hills Johannesburg IN: 27 April OUT: 28 April

Depart Johannesburg 28 April at 1.45PM arrive Singapore 29 April at 6.10AM – Singapore airlines

Depart Singapore 29 April at 8.45AM arrive Cairns 5.15PM – Silk air

Cost per person \$5,710*pp and includes the following:

- Airfares
- Airport taxes
- 16-day tour including breakfast daily, 8 lunches, 11 dinners and sightseeing as per itinerary
- Extra night in Johannesburg