



Southern Africa & Okavango Delta



Tour Length: 16 Days



Tour Departs: Your preferred dates

Embark on the Journey of a Lifetime.

Discover the heart of Africa on an unforgettable safari that blends the rich diversity of South Africa with the pristine wilderness of Botswana's Okavango Delta. From the iconic Madikwe Game Reserve to the lush waterways of the Delta, this journey offers extraordinary encounters with Africa's Big Five, breathtaking landscapes, and the warmth of local hospitality.

Each day brings new adventures—whether it's game drives across vast plains, sunset cruises along meandering rivers, or tranquil evenings under star-filled skies. This is more than a holiday—it's an immersion into nature's grandest theatre.

Highlights

The tour is full of daily highlights but some of the more prominent highlights include:

- Madikwe Game Reserve
- Impodimo Game Lodge
- Victoria Falls
- River Safari
- Xakanaxa Camp in Okavango Delta
- Xugana Island and Lagoon

Tour Costs Per Person

This is an independent non-escorted package.

Package price and dates are subject to availability.

We can customise this to your requirements.

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Tour Costs

Inclusions

- Game Drives
- All Park fees
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner
- At the safari lodge drinks included

Exclusions

- International Airfares
- Laundry
- Premium Brand drinks
- Gratuities
- Personal items

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Tour Itinerary

16 Days

Day 1 | Auckland - Johannesburg

Make your way to the Auckland International Airport and check in for your flight to Johannesburg via Sydney.

On arrival at Johannesburg OR Tambo Airport, you will clear customs & immigration and then be met by a representative holding a printed board with your name on it. They will guide you to your hotel located walking distance from the terminal.

1 night accommodation at Intercontinental Hotel in a Deluxe Room including breakfast

Day 2 | Johannesburg – Madikwe Game Reserve

(B,L,D)

After breakfast, you will make your own way on foot to the Johannesburg International Airport to check in for your Federal Air flight to Madikwe.

On arrival at the Madikwe East Airstrip, a representative from Impodimo Game Lodge will meet you and transfer you to the lodge for check in.

4 nights at Impodimo Game Lodge in a Luxury Suite.

Set on a rocky ridge overlooking magnificent vistas, Impodimo Game Lodge provides the ideal retreat to escape the busy world. This 5-star luxury game lodge offers everything the visitor could want to experience in the bush, from indulgent cuisine to the excitement of dawn and dusk game drives escorted by a professional ranger in the Madikwe Game Reserve. Its spectacular setting at the source of a natural spring elevated above the views of the park coupled with riverine serenity, make the perfect recipe for a spectacular stay.

Carved from the hillside, 8 Luxury suites provide intimate accommodation at Impodimo Game lodge. Suites at the lodge are spacious in design and have been carefully positioned to ensure complete privacy. Each luxury suite features Luxurious King-sized beds, full en-suite bathrooms with in-door and outdoor showers. Guests enjoy the suite's large private decks where you can absorb the sights and sounds and smells of the bush.

Day 3 - 5 | Madikwe Game Reserve

(B,L,D)

Enjoy twice daily safari activities during your stay at Impodimo.

Rise in the morning to an African dawn and enjoy an early morning game drive with your dedicated professional ranger and tracker. Relax as your knowledgeable ranger guides you through the bush on a custom made open 4x4, for the most authentic safari experience. In the afternoon, when the heat of the African sun has diminished and the shadows are longer, head out on a sundowner safari to watch the sun set on the bushveld paradise and go in search of the more nocturnal creatures that now rule the bush.

What happens when you can't get enough game viewing on your game drive? You spend your time in our amazing Elephant hide of course. Our underground hide is situated mere meters away from the lodge's waterhole with non-stop action from Elephants rolling in the mud to terrapins poking their heads out from the water.

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Day 6 | Madikwe - Johannesburg

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After breakfast, you will be transferred to the Madikwe East Airstrip in time to board your departing flight. Your departure time will be advised by the lodge.

On arrival in Johannesburg, a representative of Federal Air will transfer you from the Federal Air departure lounge to Johannesburg Airport where you will board the hotel shuttle service to your accommodation.

1 night at Peermont D'Oreale Grand Hotel in a Classic Room including breakfast.

Day 7 | Johannesburg – Victoria Falls

(B)

After breakfast, take the hotel shuttle back to Johannesburg International Airport in time to check in for your departing flight.

On arrival in Victoria Falls a representative from Old Drift Lodge will meet you and transfer you to the lodge for check-in. 3 nights at Old Drift Lodge in a Tented Suite.

Upstream of the iconic Victoria Falls in the Zambezi National Park lies a pristine piece of land on the banks of the Zambezi River. Nestled within this wild paradise is Old Drift Lodge, a place frequented by elephant, buffalo, zebra, giraffe, lion and many other animals. The untouched natural beauty of the park is sprawled over 56,000 breath taking hectares. The main lodge area boast 360 degree views, north facing onto the Zambezi & south facing onto a water hole. Only 4.5 kilometres from the town of Victoria Falls, Old Drift Lodge is the closest lodge within the National Park to Victoria Falls.

The spacious canvas en-suite rooms all have a private lounge, indoor and outdoor showers, plunge pool and an outdoor bath overlooking the Zambezi.

Day 8 & 9 | Victoria Falls

(B,L,D)

Activities at Old Drift Lodge are carefully curated to provide a well-rounded safari experience that combines the excitement of wildlife encounters, the natural beauty of the Victoria Falls area, and the serenity of the African bush. Guests can tailor their stay to suit their interests and create memories that will last a lifetime. These activities are included in your Old Drift Lodge Stay.

Tour of the Falls

Victoria Falls, often referred to as "The Smoke that Thunders", is one of the world's most famous and spectacular waterfalls.

Game Drives

Embark on an exhilarating journey through untamed beauty of Victoria Falls, where the raw power of nature meets the thrill of adventure.

Lookout Café

The Lookout Café at Victoria Falls is a captivating and enchanting culinary haven nestled on the edge of the breathtaking Batoka Gorge.

River Safari

The Victoria Falls River Safari offers an exhilarating and immersive experience along the majestic Zambezi River, providing visitors with a unique opportunity to explore the abundant wildlife and captivating landscapes of the Victoria Falls region.

Day 8 & 9 | Victoria Falls (cont.)

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Walking Safari

Embark on an unforgettable adventure into the heart of nature's majesty with a walking safari at Victoria Falls

River side sundowners

The Riverside Sundowners in Victoria Falls offer a breathtaking and unforgettable experience that perfectly captures the magic of the natural wonder.

Day 10 | Victoria Falls - Okavango Delta

(B,L,D)

This morning you will be transferred across the border to Ksane Airport, Botswana in time to board your departing flight to the breath-taking Okavango Delta. Old Drift Lodge will advise you of your departure time and flight time.

3 nights at Xakanaxa Camp in a Safari Tent.

Boasting one of the finest locations in the Moremi, Xakanaxa Camp ((pronounced Ka-ka-na-ka) lies on a pretty stretch of the reed fringed banks of the Khwai River, in the beating heart of the Okavango. Xakanaka Camp is a stylish but authentic camp with a homely atmosphere, it is an old favourite for many who return time and again to this special camp. The main buildings extend over the Khwai River on raised platforms to maximise the views over the surrounding lagoons and islands. Xakanaxa Camp comprises of an elegant lounge containing a library, dining room, expansive sundeck, plunge pool and sala with day bed as well as a fire-deck set under the giant Jackal berry trees.

The 12 rooms are true to the authentic safari experience being all canvas – though very comfortable with all the comforts you could wish – and each features a private deck with loungers and ensuite bathroom.

Day 11 & 12 | Okavango Delta

(B,L,D)

The ancient riverine forests, open savannah, serpentine channels and seasonal floodplains that surround the camp make for a varied habitat of exceptional fauna and flora. The camp is one of the few offering a year-round land and water game-viewing experience, in open 4x4 vehicles or powerboats.

The diverse habitat ensures prolific sightings of elephant, buffalo, hyena, giraffe, hippo, wildebeest, kudu, lechwe, lion and leopard, among many others. Birding is spectacular, especially in the spring and summer months when the migrants are breeding.

Day 13 | Okavango Delta

(B,L,D)

After breakfast you will be transferred back to the airstrip for your departing flight on to the next camp. Xakanaxa Camp will advise you of the departure time and flight times.

3 nights at Xugana Island Lodge in a Chalet.

Xugana Lagoon is widely accepted as being the most spectacular permanent water site in the entire Okavango Delta, overlooking the most spectacular permanent water site in the entire Okavango Delta, overlooking a permanent deep-water lagoon. Xugana Island Lodge is situated on a rich private concession and takes full advantage of this magnificent site offering a classic water safari experience. Xugana Island Lodge lies on the beautiful and game rich Shinde concession in the eastern Okavango.

Day 14 & 15 | Okavango Delta

(B,L,D)

Exploring the Delta by motorboat or canoe (mokoro), combined with walking on surrounding islands in the concession, gives guests the chance to experience a classic Okavango Delta safari. Bird-watching opportunities at Xugana Island Lodge are outstanding, and fishing for bream and tiger fish is also offered as an activity at the lodge.

Day 16 | Okavango Delta - Home

(B)

This morning you will be transferred across the border to Ksane Airport, Botswana in time to board your departing flight. After breakfast you will be transferred back to the airstrip for your departing flight. Xugana Island Lodge will advise you of the departure time and flight times.

Depart Xugana Island. Times to be confirmed during your stay.



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