

All information provided in this tour dossier is subject to change without prior notice. Changes would always be in consideration of your safety first and a better quality experience where possible. Overnight accommodation stops can change without prior notification, depending on road or weather conditions or any unforeseen circumstances. While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the properties listed in this dossier, these are to be used as a guideline only. We recommend that you download the most up to date version of this tour dossier one week prior to your tour departure date, however, changes are possible within 7 days prior to your tour departure.

Partaking in an adventure tour in Africa involves covering hundreds if not thousands of kilometres and our tours are as much about this journey as they are about the destinations we visit. Use your time during these drives to talk to your fellow travellers, have a drink and take note of the world passing by your window. Some roads you travel on will be smooth and easy while others could take up to an hour to cover 1 kilometre. There is just no telling what could happen with road, weather, traffic and other conditions that may exist that will either increase or decrease the amount of time you spend on the road so take your watch off, put your iPad away, turn off your phone and just relax. An average day could take anything from 5 to 14 hours, it all depends on the day... and that's only an "average"!

Please ensure that you have downloaded and read a copy of the [PRE DEPARTURE INFORMATION](#) booklet as this document contains important information (e.g travel insurance, visas, your money, health etc) you need to know before you depart on tour

Pre-Tour Meet Up

Join us for an optional pre-tour meet up from 17:00 to 19:00 the evening before departure, in the reception area of the Garden Court O.R. Tambo International Airport Hotel (official departure point). It's a great chance to meet your fellow travellers and our crew, ask any questions about the tour, and complete any last-minute paperwork in a relaxed setting. Attending will help you feel more prepared and connected before the adventure ahead. If you can't make it due to prior commitments, don't worry—the morning meeting on departure day will still be available to finalize everything.

Tour departure point

Please ensure you arrive at the departure point at least 30 minutes before the scheduled departure time.

07:00 am Garden Court O.R. Tambo International Airport, 2 Hulley Road Isando Ext. 3, Kempton Park, Gauteng, South Africa

Tel: +27 (0)11 392 1062 <https://www.southernsun.com/garden-court-or-tambo-international-airport>

Tour ending point

Garden Court O.R. Tambo International Airport, 2 Hulley Road Isando Ext. 3, Kempton Park, Gauteng, South Africa

Tel: [+27 \(0\)11 392 1062](tel:+270113921062) <https://www.southernsun.com/garden-court-or-tambo-international-airport>

Maximum Number of Passengers

This tour combines two styles of our tours, being our standard group and our small group tour. Therefore, this tour operates on two vehicle types and it is important that you familiarize yourself with the difference before booking this tour.

Johannesburg – Victoria Falls - Johannesburg: Max 20 passengers in our standard 20-seater truck

Johannesburg – Kruger National Park: Max 12 passengers in our 12-seater mini bus (quantum style vehicle)

Pre and Post Tour Accommodation

If you require accommodation before or after your tour we can arrange this for you. We can also arrange airport transfers – contact your travel agent or Nomad to make these bookings.

After hours emergency contact

Our reservations staff are available to receive emergency calls. We would like to request that you respect this emergency number and use it only in the event of emergencies. Please only contact this number if, for example, you have missed your incoming flight, you cannot find your airport transfer or you are running late for your tour departure.

If calling from outside South Africa: 0027 82 578 2199

If calling within South Africa: 082 578 2199

Arrival / Departure

Please be sure to arrive 1 day before your tour is due to depart. This will avoid any unforeseen problems. We also highly recommend that you book your flights to depart the day after the tour officially ends to allow for delays and changes.

What's included

Meals as outlined in the itinerary, which are prepared and served at the Nomad truck (days 1 – 7). Breakfast & dinner will be provided in the lodge where we stay (days 11-14) / accommodation / qualified crew / transport / included highlights as per the itinerary / entrance fees to National Parks.

What's excluded

Items of a personal nature (snacks, alcohol, bottled water, soft drinks, tips) / entrance fees (associated with optional activities) / souvenirs. If you are booking the camping tour as a solo traveller, a portion of your tour will have a compulsory single supplement charge.

Countries Visited

South Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe

Green Seats – Travel Responsibly in Africa

Nomad has a non-profit Trust that looks after the people, animals and places that we visit. We realise that a footprint is left where we travel and for this reason, the Nomad Africa Trust was established. Your donation to the Trust is called a “Green Seat”. If you would like to help Nomad making Africa Greener, simply choose the tick box during your booking process (or contact us afterwards to add it) and we will take care of the rest. The Nomad African Trust is responsible for the administration of the funds collected from the sale of the green seats and these funds are distributed to various projects as identified by the Trust.

TOUR ITINERARY

It is possible to join this tour in Maun on day 2 by booking an optional flight from Johannesburg to Maun. The first two days of the tour are focused on travel, with long scenic drives that allow you to relax and enjoy the journey at your own pace. These days are activity-free, offering a great opportunity to settle in, unwind, and prepare for the exciting adventures that lie ahead. Joining in Maun ensures you'll be fully refreshed and ready to dive into the heart of the tour with the group.

Day 1 – Johannesburg to Palapye

Leaving behind the city of Johannesburg, we travel through the North-West Province to the Botswana border. After completing border formalities we continue on the Trans-Kalahari highway to our overnight stop.

Accommodation	Cresta Palapye https://www.crestahotels.com/hotels/botswana/cresta-botsalo
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom Camping: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Johannesburg to Palapye
Meals	Lunch, Dinner
Border Post	Botswana Pioneer Gate Tel: +267 533 3992, Open: 06h00 – 24h00 South Africa Skilpadshek Tel: +27 0800 00 7277, Open: 06h00 – 24h00

Day 2 – Palapye to Maun

Today we head north through the stark yet striking landscapes of the Central Kalahari desert towards the gateway of the Okavango Delta. Along the way, you'll pass by several smaller towns and villages, offering glimpses into everyday life in Botswana. A notable point of interest on our route is the Orapa Diamond Mine, an imposing testament to Botswana's mineral wealth. This mine, which is a collaborative venture between De Beers and the Botswana government, is counted among the world's most extensive diamond mines. It serves as a critical economic pillar, contributing considerably to Botswana's GDP and export earnings. Beyond Orapa, our journey skirts the southern end of the Makgadikgadi Pans National Park before reaching our overnight destination in Maun, so keep an eye out for an array of wildlife that moves between the watering holes.

Accommodation	Cresta Maun https://www.crestahotels.com/hotels/botswana/cresta-maun OR Maun Lodge https://maunlodge.com/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom Camping: Two per room with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Palapye to Maun
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch

Day 3 – Khwai Conservation Area

You will be separated from your Nomad truck for the next 2 nights and it is therefore important that you pack/gather your personal belongings which you may need, before we depart for Maun today as there is limited time in Maun for re-packing and storing. Please pack lightly and only take what you need for the following two nights. Accommodation in Khwai can best be described as a rustic style mobile fly camp. Your meru style tent is equipped with 2 single beds and adjoining en-suite amenities consisting of a bucket shower system and chemical toilet. Today we make our way towards the Okavango Delta. Early risers will have the opportunity to go on an optional scenic flight over the Delta (time and weather permitting). After your optional flight, you will be collected from Maun and will be transferred to the Khwai Conservation area in smaller safari type vehicles. Our guide will prepare us on what to expect for our afternoon mokoro excursion into the Okavango Delta. *(Please note: It is possible that the mokoro activity could take place the following morning, depending on the season).*

Accommodation	Khwai Tented Camp (no website available)
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per meru tent with en-suite bathroom Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Route	Maun to Khwai Conservation area
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Pre-Bookable Optional	Okavango Delta scenic flight
Included Highlight	Sunset Mokoro Excursion (could take place the following morning)

Day 4 – Moremi Game Reserve

Today is a full day game drive as we spend most of our day on safari in the Moremi Game Reserve in search of the species that roam the plains. Expect some bumpy roads as we traverse this wilderness area in our 4x4 vehicles. Offering habitats from wetland, open water to the grasslands and Savannah woodland, we hope to see as many species of fauna and flora possible. This evening we arrive back at Khwai to share and compare all the amazing sightings while on safari.

Accommodation	Khwai Tented Camp (no website available)
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per meru tent with en-suite bathroom Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Route	Moremi Game Reserve
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Full Day Game Drive Moremi Game Drive

Day 5 – Khwai to Nata

Today's journey from Khwai to Nata passes the Botswanan salt pans. You will pack up camp and depart at first light on the open 4x4 safari vehicles before meeting the Nomad truck in Maun. The scenic drive from Maun to Nata showcases some of Botswana's breathtaking landscapes and the rich cultural heritage. Keep an eye open as there is always a chance of a wildlife encounter or two before reaching your overnight destination near Nata.

Accommodation	Elephant Sands No website available OR Nata Lodge https://underonebotswanasky.com/nata-lodge/ OR Planet Baobab https://planetbaobab.travel/ OR Gweta Lodge https://gwetalodge.co.bw/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Khwai Conservation Area to Nata (long day ±6-8 hours)
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Salt Pans viewpoint (seasonal access dependant)

Day 6 – Nata to Kasane - Chobe National Park

This morning, we start our day early with a bush walk, giving us the chance to get up close to nature. It's a wonderful opportunity to see animal tracks and other subtle signs of the wilderness that are often hidden from view on a safari vehicle. Walk completed, we journey from Kalahari sands of Nata to Kasane and arrive in time for lunch and a quick siesta before we head out in the afternoon to explore the Chobe National Park from the river, enjoying a leisurely boat cruise which allows us an up close and personal experience with the many elephants that frequent the river in the afternoons.

Accommodation	Thebe River Safaris http://www.theberiversafaris.com OR Kwalape Safari Lodge https://kwalapesafarilodge.co.bw/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Nata to Kasane
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Morning Bush Walk / Chobe National Park Boat Cruise

Day 7 - Zimbabwe -Victoria Falls

With the memories of our wildlife encounters firmly etched in our minds, we cross the border into Zimbabwe this morning and travel the short distance to Victoria Falls. Today you will have the opportunity to visit the spectacular Victoria Falls at your leisure, also known by the local name of "Mosi-oa Tunya" (the smoke that thunders). While much of today is dedicated to viewing the mighty Zambezi River as it drops into the Batoka Gorge below, the bustling adventure town of Victoria Falls also offers a range of optional activities for those wanting a dose of adrenaline in the afternoon. For the more relaxed traveller there are craft markets and coffee shops on offer as well. This evening, you have the option to join the group for an optional dinner at a local restaurant, where you can enjoy a meal and reflect on the day's adventures. Your guide will arrange a booking for those who wish to participate.

Accommodation	Phezulu https://www.thebayetecollection.com/phezulu/ OR Bayete https://www.thebayetecollection.com/bayete-guest-lodge/ OR Shearwater Explores Village http://explorersvillage.com/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom Camping: Two per room with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Kasane to Victoria Falls
Meals	Breakfast
Pre-Bookable Optional	Chobe National Park Game Drive
Border Post	Botswana: Kazungula Road, Tel: +267 62 50320 / Open: 06h00-20h00 Zimbabwe: Kazungula Road, Open: 06h00-20h00

Day 8 - Victoria Falls

Today is the perfect day for the adventure that most suites your style. Whether rafting the mighty Zambezi River or enjoying a flight over the Falls, this is your day to enjoy the many attractions on offer in Victoria Falls.

Accommodation	Phezulu https://www.thebayetecollection.com/phezulu/ OR Bayete https://www.thebayetecollection.com/bayete-guest-lodge/ OR Shearwater Explores Village http://explorersvillage.com/
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Validity: 2025

Facilities**Accommodated:** Two per room with en-suite bathroom**Camping:** Two per room with en-suite bathroom*Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.***Meals**

Breakfast

Pre-Bookable OptionalsHistorical Bridge Tour / Helicopter Flight over the Falls / Bungy Jumping / Bridge Swing / Simunye Theatre Show / Sunset Boat Cruise / Guided Tour of the Falls / Chobe Day Trip (*min numbers may apply to activities*)**Day 9 - Victoria Falls to Francistown**

The next 2-days are long days which will be spent driving in the truck and is considered as a transfer and not operated as a tour. No information is provided from your driver and/or tour leader while we drive from Victoria Falls to Johannesburg. If you would like to spend an additional night in Victoria Falls and purchase a flight to Johannesburg, to connect with your next tour, please reach out to our sales team to discuss the options available.

Departing Victoria Falls this morning, we cross into Botswana and travel south to Francistown in central Botswana. We reach our overnight stop on the outskirts of Francistown in the late afternoon.

AccommodationWoodlands Lodge or similar www.woodlandsbotswana.com OR Diggers Inn <https://diggersinn.co.bw/>**Facilities****Accommodated:** Two per Room with En-Suite Bathroom**Camping:** Two per Room with En-Suite Bathroom*Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.***Route**

Victoria Falls to Francistown

Meals

No meals included

Border Post

Zimbabwe: Kazangula Road, Open: 06h00-18h00

Botswana: Kazangula Road, +267 625-0320/1303, Open: 06h00-20h00

Day 10 - Francistown to Johannesburg

Leaving early we continue to the border with South Africa and on to the city of Johannesburg. We arrive in the late afternoon, where you will have the opportunity to join an optional meet up between 17:00 to 19:00, in the reception area of the Garden Court O.R. Tambo International Airport Hotel. It's a great chance to meet your fellow travellers and our crew (as your crew may change for your next leg of the tour), ask any questions about the tour, and complete any last-minute paperwork in a relaxed setting. Attending will help you feel more prepared and connected before the adventure ahead. If you can't make it due to prior commitments, don't worry—the morning meeting on departure day will still be available to finalize everything.

AccommodationGarden Court OR Tambo International www.southernsun.com/garden-court-or-tambo-international-airport**Facilities****Accommodated:** Two per Room with En-Suite Bathroom**Camping:** Two per Room with En-Suite Bathroom*Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.***Route**

Francistown to Johannesburg

Meals

No meals included

Border Post

Botswana: Martinsdrift, Tel: +267 4940 254, Open: 08h00-18h00.

South Africa: Groblersbrug, Tel: +27 (0) 14 767 1019, Open: 08h00-18h00

Please note that during the next few days (while we are visiting Kruger National Park), the order of activities could change without prior notice and a degree of flexibility is needed. This is to allow for maximum game viewing opportunities and experiences. It is possible on certain departures your journey may be conducted by a 3rd party shuttle service to meet up with and/or depart from the Nomad vehicle in the Greater Kruger National Park. If your selected date involves such a shuttle, we will inform you accordingly.

Day 11 – Johannesburg to Great Kruger National Park Area

Leaving the city of Johannesburg behind us we make our way east through the coalfields of Mpumalanga. Our journey today follows in the footsteps of the old trade-routes to the Lowveld and the Kruger National Park. We set up camp at our base for the next three nights.

AccommodationNkambeni Reserve <https://nkambeni.com/> OR Umbhaba <https://www.umbhaba.co.za/> OR Hotel Numbi <https://www.hotelnumbi.co.za/> OR Timbavati Safari Lodge <https://timbavatisafarilodge.com/>**Facilities****Accommodated:** Two per Permanent Tent or Room with En-suite Bathroom**Camping:** Two per Permanent Tent or Room with En-suite Bathroom*Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.***Route**

Johannesburg to Kruger National Park

Meals

Breakfast, Dinner

Day 12 – Kruger National Park

Rising early this morning we enter the Kruger National Park to enjoy a full-day of game viewing. The abundance of wildlife presents us with opportunities for excellent sightings, while the Kruger is also home to the famed members of Africa's Big-5. The game drive offers the excitement of experiencing the park from an open-sided 4x4 vehicle.

AccommodationNkambeni Reserve <https://nkambeni.com/> OR Umbhaba <https://www.umbhaba.co.za/> OR Hotel Numbi <https://www.hotelnumbi.co.za/> OR Timbavati Safari Lodge <https://timbavatisafarilodge.com/>**Facilities****Accommodated:** Two per Permanent Tent or Room with En-suite Bathroom**Camping:** Two per Permanent Tent or Room with En-suite Bathroom

Validity: 2025

*Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.***Meals**

Breakfast, Dinner

Included Highlight

Full-Day Kruger Park Game Drive in 4x4 vehicles

Day 13 – Panorama Route

This morning we will journey along the scenic Panorama Route where we will visit God's Window, Bourke's Luck Potholes and the Three Rondavels.

Accommodation

Nkambeni Reserve <https://nkambeni.com/> OR Umbhaba <https://www.umbhaba.co.za/> OR Hotel Numbi <https://www.hotelnumbi.co.za/> OR Timbavati Safari Lodge <https://timbavatisafarilodge.com/>

Facilities**Accommodated:** Two per Permanent Tent or Room with En-suite Bathroom**Camping:** Two per Permanent Tent or Room with En-suite Bathroom*Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.***Meals**

Breakfast, Dinner

Included Highlight

The Panorama Route - God's Window, Bourke's Luck Potholes and Three Rondavels

Day 14 – Kruger National Park to Johannesburg

We enjoy our last drive through the park before setting off for Johannesburg. We arrive in the late afternoon where your tour ends upon arrival.

Accommodation

Own Arrangements / Post tour accommodation can be booked through Nomad.

Route

Kruger Park to Johannesburg

Meals

Breakfast

Included Highlight

Morning Game Drive in your Nomad vehicle