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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 Comfort Tours [PRE DEPARTURE INFORMATION](#) booklet as this document contains important information (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 PheZulu Guest Lodge (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 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.

08:00 am PheZulu Guest Lodge, 557 Mopane St, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Tel: +263 832 847 321 <https://www.thebayetecollection.com/phezulu/>

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 <https://www.southernsun.com/garden-court-or-tambo-international-airport>

Maximum Number of Passengers

12

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

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.

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 tour itinerary / accommodation / qualified crew / transport in a 12-seater mini-van or bus / included highlights as per the itinerary / entrance fees to National Parks.

What's excluded

Items of a personal nature (snacks, alcohol, soft drinks, souvenirs, tips) / entrance fees (associated with optional activities)

Countries Visited

Zimbabwe, South Africa

Onward Travel

This tour can be linked with a number of our other routes, including East Africa and the Kruger National Park. If you are interested to enhance your tour further, please [contact us](#) to receive a list of all the available options to suite your time frame and budget.

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

The town of Victoria Falls is often referred to as the adventure capital of Zimbabwe. There are numerous optional activities on offer which can be pre-booked and enjoyed prior to your tour starting. We suggest you arrive a day or two earlier to explore and experience Victoria Falls.

Pre-Bookable Optionals Historical 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 1 - Victoria Falls to Hwange National Park

This morning, we depart the thundering majesty of Victoria Falls and head south toward Hwange National Park, Zimbabwe’s largest and most iconic wildlife reserve. After settling into our accommodation, we venture into Hwange National Park in the afternoon for our first game drive in open 4x4 safari vehicles. Known for its impressive elephant herds, lion prides, and wide-open landscapes dotted with acacia and teak trees, Hwange offers a spectacular introduction to Zimbabwe’s wild side. Keep an eye out for giraffe, buffalo, sable antelope, and, if you're lucky, one of the park’s elusive predators.

Accommodation Miombo Safari Camp <https://miombosafari.com>
Facilities **Accommodated:** Two per Permanent Tent with En-Suite Bathroom
Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Route Victoria Falls to Hwange National Park
Meals Dinner
Included Highlight Afternoon Hwange National Park game drive

Day 2 – Hwange National Park & Painted Dog Centre

Rise early with the sounds of the bush and enjoy a warm cup of coffee or tea before heading out on a morning game drive in Hwange National Park. Hwange’s diverse landscapes are home to more than 100 mammal species and nearly 400 birds. Keep your eyes peeled for elephants moving silently through the teak forests, kudu standing alert in the thickets, or a pride of lions resting after a night’s hunt. We return to our lodge late morning for a bit of relaxation during the heat of the day, before visiting the nearby Painted Dog Conservation Centre in the afternoon, a vital project dedicated to protecting one of Africa’s most endangered carnivores — the African wild dog, also known as the painted wolf. Here, you’ll learn about the threats facing these remarkable animals and the community-driven efforts to safeguard their future.

Accommodation Miombo Safari <https://miombosafari.com>
Facilities **Accommodated:** Two per Permanent Tent 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 Morning Hwange National Park game drive / Hwange Painted Dog Centre (this activity could take place previous day)

Day 3 – Matopos National Park

After breakfast, we depart Hwange and journey toward the mystical realm of Matobo Hills, also known as Matopos National Park — a UNESCO World Heritage Site renowned for its otherworldly rock formations, rich spiritual history, and diverse wildlife. Unlike the open plains of Hwange, Matopos offers a dramatically different environment: massive granite boulders balance precariously on each other, and ancient caves hide millennia-old San rock art. Matopos is one of the best places in Africa to track white and black rhino on foot (if conditions and park regulations allow).

Accommodation Banff Lodge <http://www.banfflodgehotel.com/>
Facilities **Accommodated:** Two per Room with en-suite bathroom
Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Route Hwange National Park to Bulawayo to Matopos National Park
Meals Breakfast, Dinner
Included Highlight Afternoon game drive in Matopos National Park

Day 4 – Great Zimbabwe Ruins

After breakfast, we hit the road heading east toward one of Africa’s most significant historical landmarks — the majestic Great Zimbabwe Ruins. By early afternoon, we arrive at Great Zimbabwe, the ancient capital of the Kingdom of Zimbabwe and once a thriving trading centre between the 11th and 15th centuries. The stone structures — including the Great Enclosure, the Hill Complex, and the iconic conical tower — are marvels of dry stone architecture and steeped in myth and mystery. After exploring the ruins, we head just a few minutes away to our accommodation for the night.

Validity: 2027

Accommodation

Norma Jeans Lake View Resort (No website available)

Facilities

Accommodated: Two per Room with En-Suite Bathroom*Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.*

Route

(Bulawayo) Matopos National Park to Great Zimbabwe Ruins (Masvingo)

Meals

Breakfast, Dinner

Included Highlight

Visit to the Great Zimbabwe Ruins

Day 5 – Mapesu Private Game Reserve

This morning, we depart the historical heart of Zimbabwe and set our course southward toward the wild frontier of our overnight lodge, nestled near the Limpopo River in the Greater Mapungubwe Transfrontier Conservation Area. The journey takes us through remote, seldom-visited parts of Zimbabwe — a land of open skies and baobab-dotted hills. As we travel, the landscape shifts from highveld to lowveld, gradually giving way to the semi-arid bush that characterizes Zimbabwe's deep south. By late afternoon, we arrive at our accommodation - surrounded by mopane woodland, ancient sandstone formations, and the calls of wild birds echoing in the distance. Enjoy a relaxed dinner under the stars, with anticipation building for the wildlife encounters that await in this beautifully preserved corner of southern Africa.

Accommodation

Mapesu Wilderness Camp <https://mapesu.com/accommodation-wilderness-tented-camp/>

Facilities

Accommodated: Two per Permanent Tent with En-Suite Bathroom*Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.*

Route

Great Zimbabwe Ruins (Masvingo) to Mapesu Private Game Reserve

Meals

Breakfast, Dinner

Border Post

Zimbabwe: Beitbridge Border Post (24 hours)

South Africa: Beitbridge Border Post (24 hours)

Day 6 – Mapesu Private Game Reserve

We set off on a journey that blends ancient human expression with raw African wilderness. Our first stop is the Kaoya Rock Art Shelter, where San (Bushman) paintings dating back thousands of years adorn the sandstone walls. These vivid images of animals, hunters, and spiritual symbols offer a powerful glimpse into the beliefs and daily life of southern Africa's earliest inhabitants. In the afternoon, we participate in an unforgettable guided tracking experience in Mapesu Private Game Reserve. Walking through the private reserve, your guide and tracker will teach you how to read the bush — from fresh tracks and broken branches to calls in the distance — piecing together the movements of cheetah, rhino, or perhaps the wild dog.

Accommodation

Mapesu Wilderness Camp <https://mapesu.com/accommodation-wilderness-tented-camp/>

Facilities

Accommodated: Two per Permanent Tent with En-Suite Bathroom*Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.*

Route

Mapesu Private Game Reserve to Mapungubwe National Park

Meals

Breakfast, Dinner

Included Highlights

Morning Kaoya Rock Art Shelter / Afternoon Endangered Wildlife Tracking Experience

Day 7 – Phalaborwa – Kruger National Park

After an early breakfast, we make our way south toward the iconic Kruger National Park. Entering the park through one of its northern gates, we enjoy a scenic drive through Kruger's diverse landscapes, with the chance to spot the animals along the way. By late afternoon, we arrive at our lodge, located just outside the Phalaborwa Gate. After checking in and freshening up, we head out on an exciting sunset game drive, exploring the nearby private reserve. As the bush transforms under the golden hues of dusk, we search for nocturnal wildlife beginning to stir.

Accommodation

Sefapane Lodge <https://www.sefapane.co.za/>

Facilities

Accommodated: Two per Room with En-Suite Bathroom*Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.*

Route

Mapesu Private Game Reserve to Phalaborwa

Meals

Breakfast, Dinner

Included Highlights

Drive through Kruger National with the Nomad vehicle / Sunset Safari Sefapane Lodge in 4x4 safari vehicles

Day 8 – Phalaborwa to Timbavati Area

We begin the day with a morning bush walk in the Phalaborwa area. This immersive experience offers a ground-level perspective of the bush — where every footprint, scent, and bird call tells a story. After the walk and a hearty breakfast, we travel southward toward the Timbavati region, a renowned conservation area that shares unfenced borders with Kruger, allowing wildlife to move freely. By mid-afternoon, we arrive at our overnight lodge, and shortly after check-in, we head out on a sunset game drive in the greater Timbavati/Greater Kruger area. With luck, this could be the day you spot the Big Five. We return to the lodge, where dinner and storytelling around the campfire complete another unforgettable day in the bush.

Accommodation

Timbavati Safari Lodge <https://timbavatisafarilodge.com/>

Facilities

Accommodated: Two per Room with En-Suite Bathroom*Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.*

Route

Phalaborwa to Timbavati Area

Meals

Breakfast, Dinner

Included Highlights

Morning Bushwalk (Sefapane lodge) / Sunset Game Drive in Greater Kruger Area in 4x4 safari vehicles

Day 9 – Panorama Route - Hazyview

After breakfast, we set off on a scenic drive along South Africa's famous Panorama Route — a day filled with dramatic landscapes, deep canyons, and cascading waterfalls. Our route takes us to iconic viewpoints such as God's Window, the remarkable rock formations at Bourke's Luck Potholes, and the sweeping vistas of the Three Rondavels overlooking the Blyde River Canyon. We pause along the way to explore the Lisbon or Berlin Falls and enjoy a relaxed lunch at a local spot. By late afternoon, we arrive at our lodge, nestled in the tranquil surrounds of Hazyview. Settle in, enjoy a quiet dinner, and prepare for the final stretch of your journey.

Accommodation	Umbhaba Eco Lodge https://www.umbhaba.co.za/ OR Nkambeni Reserve https://nkambeni.com/ OR Sanbonani Hotel Resort https://www.firstgroup-sa.co.za/sanbonani-resort
Facilities	Accommodated: 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	Timbavati Area to Greater Kruger National Park
Meals	Breakfast, Dinner
Included Highlights	Panorama Route - Bourke's Luck Potholes, Blyde River Canyon, God's Window

Day 10 – Kruger National Park

Today is all about the thrill of the wild as we embark on a full-day guided safari in Kruger National Park. Setting off early in an open 4x4 safari vehicle, we enter the park through one of the nearby gates and begin our search for the Big Five: lion, leopard, elephant, buffalo, and rhino. We will enjoy a break at one of the park's rest camps, with time to stretch, grab a bite to eat and take in the surroundings before continuing our game-viewing journey. By late afternoon, we return to our lodge, where you can relax and reflect on a day filled with incredible sightings and unforgettable moments in the African wild.

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Facilities	Accommodated: 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	Kruger National Park
Meals	Breakfast, Dinner
Included Highlights	Full day safari drive in open 4x4 vehicles in Kruger National Park

Day 11 – Johannesburg

After a final breakfast, we begin our return journey to Johannesburg. This relaxed drive offers time to reflect on the unforgettable experiences of the past days — from ancient rock art and dramatic escarpments to thrilling game drives and quiet moments in the bush. We arrive in **Johannesburg** by late afternoon or early evening, where your tour concludes.

Accommodation	Own Arrangements / Post tour accommodation can be booked through Nomad.
Route	Greater Kruger National Park to Johannesburg
Meals	Breakfast