



Nature Guide Training



Original Wisdom

South Africa, Zimbabwe and Botswana - Victoria Falls – the 3 African Countries Adventure Eco-Tourism Tour

Synopsis: This multi-national tour explores the adventure tourism sector in three different countries, using South Africa as a platform to launch the journey. Seeing lodges, experiencing wildlife and safari experiences, visiting the town of Victoria Falls to see one of the seven natural wonders of the world and experience the associated tourism – markets, white water rafting, river cruises, guest lodges and traditional dance and meals. A journey overland to the neighbouring country of Botswana adds an epic vehicle and boat-based safari experience to the trip.



Summarized itinerary

Day 1 - Johannesburg, South Africa – Soweto day trip – guest lodge

Day 2 - Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe – settle into our guest lodge – traditional meals and dancing in the evening

Day 3 – Chobe National Park, Botswana – wildlife safari - river cruise – return to Victoria Falls

Day 4 - Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe - We visit the world-famous Victoria falls – one of the seven natural wonders of the world – free time in the town markets - dinner at lodge

Day 5 - Zimbabwe - Victoria Falls - Rafting the white waters of the mighty Zambesi River- dinner is a traditional braai at our lodge

Day 6 - Zimbabwe to South Africa - Today we will journey back to South Africa, and the city of Johannesburg - dinner and review of program at the lodge

Day 7 - South Africa and homeward departure – tour of guest lodge – meal at lodge before flights home

Detailed itinerary of the trip

Day 1

Today we will land in Johannesburg, and transfer to our accommodation in the city of Johannesburg. Once we have enjoyed a chance to refresh ourselves in the morning and a good breakfast, we will head out for a tour to the Township of Soweto and enjoy a tour of this politically important city.

This huge township is very famous in terms of recent South African Apartheid history, and we will be visiting the Hector Pietersen Museum and Nelson Mandela's home amongst other highlights, with a local Soweto Resident as our guide - giving us a thorough insight into this dark chapter of South Africa's history! Our lunch is at our own cost on Vilakazi street, the only street in the world where two Nobel Peace Prize winners lived side by side! Then we will travel back to our lodge for a good rest and a sumptuous dinner and a good night's sleep.



Day 2

We will wake up at leisure, and have a good home cooked buffet breakfast before preparing for our flights to Victoria Falls in northern Zimbabwe. We will arrive at the Victoria Falls airport and transfer to our accommodations. Here will settle into the lodge, and enjoy some free time, taking a little look behind the scenes, and looking into the running of the establishment before heading into town to explore the tourism scene in this popular border town. This evening will bear witness to another fantastic event, having a dinner in a world famous traditional restaurant! Dancing, drumming, face painting, an amazing array of traditional and western food and many other delights will be the order of the evening. Then, we shall transfer back to our lodge for a restful evening.

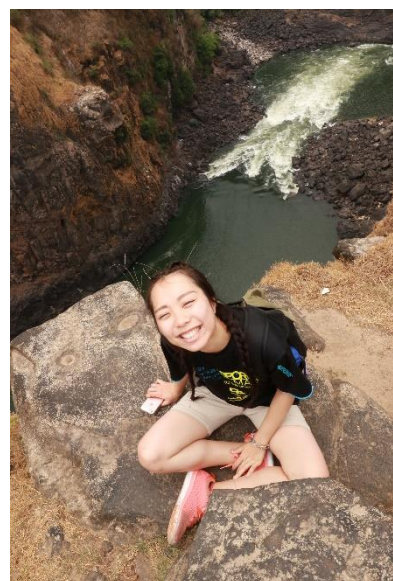
Day 3

Today we will be collected for a trip into the neighbouring country of Botswana, to the world-renowned elephant haven of Chobe National park. After crossing the border into Botswana, the day will be spent along the river viewing some of the many thousands of elephants, and other wildlife such as lion, buffalo and various antelope and giraffe. We will then take a boat cruise along the mighty river, traversing the border between Namibia and Botswana. Looking at the animals and birds from a totally different perspective. Our lunch will be on a platform in the river, with hippo and crocodiles all around us, whilst we enjoy a delicious braai (or barbeque) in safety. In the mid-afternoon we will commence our journey 'home' to Zimbabwe, where we will return to camp in the evening for dinner in the lodge.

Day 4

Today we will wake up and enjoy breakfast in the lodge, before we visit the world-famous Victoria falls – one of the wonders of the world. We will be dropped off at the Mosi-Oa-Tunya National Park, near the town, and explore this scenery and sights on foot, showered by the spray of millions of gallons of water dropping over the oblivion of the falls. This incredible experience is a sight which was shared in the past by such great travellers as David Livingstone.

After we have thoroughly explored the walkways of the park we will walk up the hill into the town itself. Here lunch will be in town, at your own cost and leisure, as you explore the restaurants, brewery, bars and markets and other sights and sounds of this tourism orientated town. It is a wonderful place



to acquire souvenirs from the local craftsmen, and learn a little bit about how the African barter system works. In the evening we shall have supper at the lodge.

Day 5

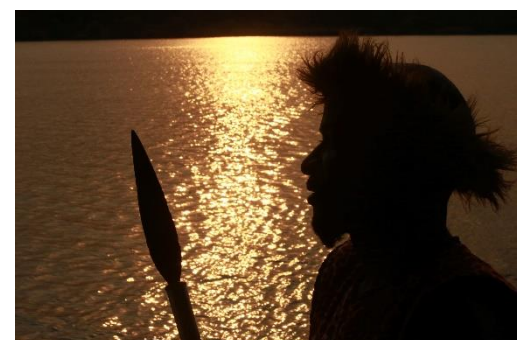
Today after an early breakfast we will head out for an incredible adventure, rafting the white waters of the mighty Zambesi River. We start with coffee and tea in the rafting office, and then head out to complete our training and safety briefings. We are then issued our equipment, and will proceed to climb down the stairs and ladders into the gorge. This will be a whole day of action, encountering such amazingly powerful rapids as to make this the official number two rafting experience on earth! Aquatic obstacles such as 'Oblivion', the "Terminator" and the "Three Ugly Sisters" will add to this amazing experience exponentially! Once we are done, we will exit the gorge for a good braai lunch and some cold drinks. Our supper will be at the lodge, and I expect we will be totally exhausted!

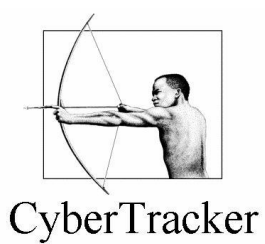
Day 6

Today we will prepare for the journey back to South Africa, and the city of Johannesburg, flying from Victoria Falls quite early in the day, via Harare, the capital city of Zimbabwe. The experience of travelling African airports is ever a useful one for the student traveller, and by the time we get to Johannesburg for our transfer to our lodge, we should be ready for some relaxation time and a chance to recover from a hectic few days of action. Dinner will be in the lodge.

Day 7

This morning we will rise at leisure, meeting for some breakfast. We will do a late morning discussion with our resident lodge management, about the day to day running of the establishment in the heart of one of Africa's most modern cities. As a transient lodge, the aspect of guest turnover is very important, as well as the message of how to take the steps towards success. Then, after a pleasant lunch it will be time for us to enjoy the pool and other facilities of the lodge, hopefully getting a taste of hot South African weather, before heading home. We shall then schedule our departures to OR Tambo International Airport, and the evenings journey back to our countries of origin...





Please note that this is an approximate itinerary and locations, lodgings and activities will vary slightly upon booking, dependent upon time of year, availability and budgets.