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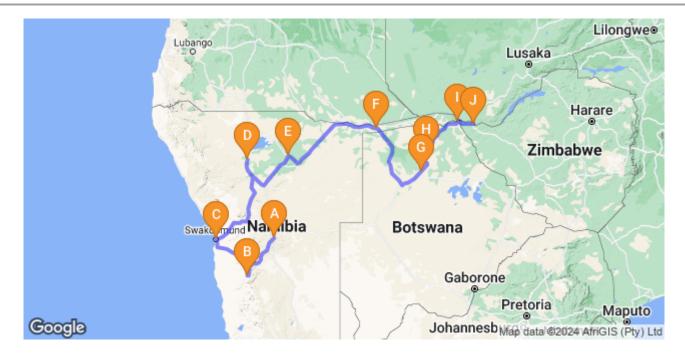








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Introduction

This 18 day Safari tour is in Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe and Zambia this is a comfort tour that brings you spectacular wildlife viewing in Namibia and Botswana along the watery channels of the Okavango Delta. You will also do a river cruise along the Chobe, and enjoy close encounters with hippo, giraffe, and many other animals that you might not have seen before. This exclusive tour makes a turn Zimbabwe's Victoria Falls town, where you can see one of the Seven Wonders of the World Mighty waterfalls.

Highlights:

- City tours
- Sundowner drives, Sossusvlei Excursion (Deadvlei, Dune 45, Big Daddy, Sesriem Canyon, Hiddenvlei,)
- Boat cruise
- Visit the Flamingo Lagoon
- Mokoro Excursion
- Safari Walks
- Visits to the Seal Colony
- Visit Victoria Falls
- Morning and Afternoon Game drives

<u>Review</u>

- •• DEPARTURE: This tour departs from Windhoek
- • COUNTRY ('S): Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe (VicFalls) and Zambia
- •• TOUR CODE: 18AC-WD-NAM-BOT-ZIM
- •• RETURN: To Victoria Falls Airport
- •• PASSENGERS: Minimum 1 Traveller and a Maximum of 24 Travelers per group
- •• STYLE: Lodging
- • MEALS: FB: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
- •• VEHICLE: 2-3: Double Cab 4x4/ SUV 4 7 guests: Toyota Quantum/Landcruiser with a purpose-built trailer

8-14 guests: Toyota Dyna truck (a modified safari vehicle) / Iveco Daily 24-Seater

Included

- Qualified Professional driver guide
- Vehicle and fuel
- Park entrance fees as per itinerary
- Passenger liability 15% VAT 2% tourism levy
- Airport transfers
- All Activities as Mentioned Included on itinerary.
- Accommodation with Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner
- 24/7 assistance locally

Excluded

- Expenses of personal nature
- Entrance fees not mentioned in the itinerary.
- Meals not mentioned.
- Drinks at lodges and on road
- Travel- and cancellation insurance
- Visa
- Optional excursions and activities
- Tips for tour guides
- International & National flights and airport taxes
- Items not mentioned in the itinerary

Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Duration
Arebbusch Travel Lodge or similar	Windhoek	FB	1 Night
Namib Desert Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia or similar	Sossusvlei	FB	2 Nights
Atlantic Villa or similar	Swakopmund	FB	2 Nights
Etosha Safari Camp Gondwana Collection Namibia or similar	Etosha South	FB	2 Nights
Minen Hotel or similar	Tsumeb	FB	1 Night
Shametu River Lodge or similar	Divundu	FB	1 Night
Thamalakane River Lodge or similar	Maun	FB	2 Nights
Khwai Expeditions Camp or similar	Khwai Community Area	FB	2 Nights
Kwalape Safari Lodge or similar	Kasane	FB	2 Nights
Shearwater Explorers Village or similar	Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe)	FB	2 Nights

Day 1: Arebbusch Travel Lodge, Windhoek (7.6km)

After your arrival at the Hosea Kutako International Airport approx. 45 km east of Windhoek, you will be welcomed by the car rental company and taken to Windhoek where you will take over your vehicle with all the necessary instructions and information. Afterwards you will drive to your accommodation where you are able to freshen up and rest. In the afternoon you will have time to do some shopping for the next couple of days during the drive you can also get to know historical buildings. In the evening you can go out for a relaxing dinner. We can recommend Joe's Beerhouse, Cape Town Fish Market or The Stellenbosch

Included activities

• Visits to the historical buildings and the township of Katutura

Overnight: Arebbusch Travel Lodge

Windhoek

Situated in Central Namibia, the cosmopolitan city of Windhoek serves as the capital of the country. It is home to an international airport and a plethora of restaurants, shops, entertainment venues and accommodation options. The city is clean, safe and well-organised, with a colonial legacy that is reflected in its many German eateries and shops, and the widespread use of the German language. Windhoek has an interesting mix of historical architecture and modern buildings, many of which are worth a look, including the Alte Feste an old fort, the 1896 Christuskirche Christ Church, and the more contemporary Supreme Court.

Overnight: Arebbusch Travel Lodge

Located in Windhoek, Arebbusch Travel Lodge offers comfortable accommodation in a beautiful natural setting. Accommodation types include luxury accommodation, standard rooms, self-catering accommodation units, luxury tents and caravan/camping facilities. All units have private bathrooms, kitchenettes and barbeque amenities. Breakfast is included for standard rooms and small selfcatering chalets. Additional amenities include a swimming pool, a restaurant, a pizzeria, internet access and conference facilities.



Day 2: Namib Desert Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia, Sossusvlei (253.4km)

Today yourself drive journey starts to the Namib Desert. Cut across the width of the country from east to west via Maltahöhe and Büllsport (or take the more scenic route from Maltahöhe via the Tsaris Pass), and make your way to Namib Desert Lodge at the foot of a range of impressive 20-million-year-old fossilised dunes. Don't miss the afternoon drive to a pristine spot on the crest of a fossilised dune for a view of the awe-inspiring desert landscape.

Included activities

• Sunset Dune Drive

Overnight: Namib Desert Lodge

Sossusvlei

Located in the scenic Namib-Naukluft National Park, Sossusvlei is where you will find the iconic red sand dunes of the Namib. The clear blue skies contrast with the giant red dunes to make this one of the most scenic natural wonders of Africa and a photographer's heaven. This awe-inspiring destination is possibly Namibia's premier attraction, with its unique dunes rising to almost 400 metres - making them some of the highest in the world. These iconic dunes come alive in morning and evening light and draw photography enthusiasts from around the globe. Sossusvlei is home to a variety of desert wildlife including oryx, springbok, ostrich and a variety of reptiles. Visitors can climb 'Big Daddy', one of Sossusvlei's tallest dunes; explore Deadvlei, a white, salt, claypan dotted with ancient trees; or for the more extravagant, scenic flights and hot air ballooning are on offer, followed by a once-in-a-lifetime champagne breakfast amidst these majestic dunes.

Overnight: Namib Desert Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia View iBrochure

Set below striking fossilised dunes, the comfortable lodge provides a spectacular experience of ancient desert. 65 rooms, two swimming pools and a waterhole are surrounded by sandy splendour. Breathe in the grandeur on a sunset drive and feel the earth underfoot. Relax in the arms of the Namib.

Location: Approximately 60km north of Sesriem on the C19



Basis

FB: Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Day 3: Namib Desert Lodge Gondwana Collection Namibia, Sossusvlei

Leave early, to be at the Sesriem gate at sunrise to catch the cooler weather and magnificent morning light. Entrance fees can be paid at the office. Sesriem is the gateway to the famed star dunes of Sossusvlei, a further 60km into the desert. The road crosses over the Tsauchab riverbed, marked by lush camelthorn trees, and continues through a corridor of majestic dunes to the parking area. Park your car and catch a ride on the shuttle. A short walk leads to the vlei, where ancient skeletons of camelthorn trees reach heavenwards from the chalky pan. Dead Vlei is one of the most striking sites in Namibia and a photographer's dream. Be sure to wear closed shoes and take a small bottle of water with you – for your own comfort

on this incredible walk through the dunes. Sossusvlei is best appreciated from a height, so take a stroll a few paces up the dune. If you're feeling energetic, climb the adjacent Big Mama dune to best appreciate the beauty of the incredible otherworldly surroundings.

Included activities

Sossusvlei Excursion

Overnight: Namib Desert Lodge

Basis FB: Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Day 4: Atlantic Villa, Swakopmund (301.8km)

This morning we leave and make our way to the cooler coastal town of Swakopmund by the Atlantic Ocean at Solitair you can put fuel in. This town resembles a small German town with its architectural buildings, palm-lined streets, seaside promenades, restaurants, cafes, art galleries and museums.

Included activities

• Visit the Seal Colony (Cape Cross)

Overnight: Atlantic Villa

Swakopmund

Set along Namibia's spectacularly scenic coast, the seaside town of Swakopmund is known for its wide-open avenues, colonial architecture, and its surrounding otherworldly desert terrain. Founded in 1892 as the main harbour for German South-West Africa, Swakopmund is often described as being more German than Germany. Now a seaside resort town, Swakopmund is the capital of the Skeleton Coast tourism area and has plenty to keep visitors happy. The quirky mix of German and Namibian influences, adventure options, laid-back atmosphere and cool sea breeze make it a very popular Namibian destination. Visitors can look forward to a number of exciting activities including: quad biking, horse riding, paragliding, fishing, sightseeing and fascinating desert tours.

Overnight: Atlantic Villa View iBrochure

Exceeding your expectations! Situated within sight and sound of the mesmerizing Atlantic Ocean, a few minutes from the town centre in a prime area of Swakopmund, the Atlantic Villa offers elegantly appointed, luxurious accommodation in a quiet and relaxed atmosphere. The guesthouse provides modern conferencing facilities and spacious event venues.

Enjoying a relaxed few days of sun and sea has never been so great. At the Atlantic Villa Boutique Guesthouse, you'll soon feel pampered while relaxing with a mesmerising view of the Atlantic Ocean.



Basis

FB: Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Day 5: Atlantic Villa, Swakopmund

Clients have early breakfast and continue with their activities. Enjoying the cool breeze of the coastal town.

Included activities

• Sand boarding and Quad biking

Overnight: Atlantic Villa

Basis

FB: Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Day 6: Etosha Safari Camp Gondwana Collection Namibia, Etosha South (493.8km)

Have breakfast and depart to Etosha South Time for a safari! The animals are most active during early morning and late afternoon hours. You could book a safari with a guide through the lodge. However, we feel that Etosha is very suitable for self-drive first stop would be Okaukuejo where you pay your entry fee and I suggest you pop in at the local shop to purchase some drinks and snacks and most importantly, a map of Etosha which will show you all the waterholes along the way. Etosha has lions, giraffes, rhinos, zebras, springbok and elephants. This on top of many lesser and common plains herds, and abundant birds makes game viewing in Etosha.

Included activities

• Afternoon Game Drive

Overnight: Etosha Safari Camp

Etosha South

Located just south of the boundary of Etosha National Park in northwestern Namibia, Etosha South makes up the southern region of this wild paradise. The area is comprised of a collection of world class private game reserves. The national park can be accessed via the southern entrance at Andersson's Gate. Visitors can catch a glimpse of a variety of wildlife including: lion, giraffe, elephant, white and black rhino, and a multitude of plains game. Popular activities include: enjoying an open 4x4 safari with an expert guide, half day or full day drives with the option of a picnic lunch with wine on the full day game drive.

Overnight: Etosha Safari Camp Gondwana Collection Namibia View iBrochure

Tap toes to an African beat in the novel Oshebeena Bar and relax at this friendly Camp, 10 kilometres from Etosha National Park. 50 chalets, shaded by mopane trees, and a grassy campsite provide a comfortable home from which to explore the abundant animal kingdom. Legendary.

Location: 10 km south of Andersson Gate on the C 38 (Etosha National Park).



Day 7: Etosha Safari Camp Gondwana Collection Namibia, Etosha South

Have breakfast, the animals are most active during early morning and late afternoon hours. You could book a safari with a guide through the lodge.

Included activities

• Full Day Game Drive

Overnight: Etosha Safari Camp

Basis

FB: Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Day 8: Minen Hotel, Tsumeb (340.3km)

Clients will grab early breakfast and depart to Tsumeb which is the largest town in the Oshikoto region and the closest urban centre to the renowned Etosha National Park, has been dubbed Namibia's "gateway to the north". It is also known for the famous Tsumeb mine, and as having the greatest number of minerals in one place in the world. The region is rich in exquisite semi-precious gemstones which can be seen in their full glory at the Tsumeb Museum.

Included Activities

• Visit to Museum

Overnight: Minen Hotel

Tsumeb

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Overnight: Minen Hotel

The Minen Hotel, a well situated garden hotel in the heart of Tsumeb. Famous around the country and even further afield for the natural atmosphere, wild garden, traditional German cuisine and excellent hospitality.

Our 100 year-old oasis in the north of Namibia is the perfect stop-over for travellers to Namibia's famous Etosha National Park and the Caprivi, or simply just for a few quiet days away from home.



Basis FB: Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Day 9: Shametu River Lodge, Divundu (522.7km)

Early Breakfast and then depart to The Okavango River .A visit to the Mahango Game Reserve Park, where, apart from animals, we will see huge baobabs. Today's episode is not too long and we should be there in the early afternoon. The whole road leads through Caprivi and the area of the Bwabata National Park. The route is decorated with road signs "beware of elephants". This is the route of the largest population of elephants migrating from Chobe to Zambezi.

Included Activities

• Afternoon Game Drive

Overnight: Shametu River Lodge

Divundu

Set roughly 200 kilometres east of Rundu on the southeastern banks of the great Okavango River, the small village of Divundu is a wonderful destination from which to explore the river, game parks and national reserves of the area. Visitors can enjoy fishing or bird watching boat safaris, or visit the Mahango Game Park, which is home to herds of elephant as well as hippo, buffalo, giraffes, antelope, and many other animals. The spectacular Popa Falls, a dramatic series of cascades - are a popular must-see attraction. Divundu is also the perfect base for adventures in Botswana and the Okavango Delta.

Overnight: Shametu River Lodge

Shametu River Lodge offers luxurious solitude on the edge of the Okavango river with magnificent views of the unique Popa Falls. The lodge offers 18 luxury thatched chalets and 4 luxury tented chalets. Each is equipped with modern amenities, including en-suite bathrooms, mosquito nets, coffee stations and lounge areas. Guests can enjoy delicious meals at the on-site restaurant or have imported coffee and scrumptious cakes at the coffee shop. Guests can take part in activities such as Mokoro boat trips, sunset cruises or game drives into the Mahango National Park or the Bwabwata National Park.



Day 10: Thamalakane River Lodge, Maun (440.2km)

Guests will grab early Breakfast and then depart to Maun. After checking in and freshening up they will go for their activity.

Included activities

• Afternoon game drive

Overnight: Thamalakane River Lodge

Maun

Set on the banks of the beautiful Thamalakane River in northern Botswana, Maun is the third-largest town in this spectacularly scenic southern African country. Maun is the starting point for most expeditions into the Okavango Delta and as a result, has developed into a bustling metropolis that is considered Botswana's tourism capital. Area attractions include a renowned riverboat that offers cruises up and down the Thamalakane River; the forest groves of the Maun Game Reserve; and Moremi Game Reserve, home to hippos, lions and rhinos. Maun also serves as the jumpingoff point for many safaris and air charters as well as offering private 4x4 rentals. Don't miss the opportunity to visit the Nhabe Museum exhibiting the local history, art and culture of the Ngamiland region.

Overnight: Thamalakane River Lodge

Thamalakane River Lodge is ideally located an easy 20-minute drive from Maun Airport en route to the famous Moremi Game Reserve. It is a secluded haven of tranquility nestled in a grove of mature riverine trees on the bank of the Thamalakane River. The rambling lodge has an idyllic setting and is committed to service excellence.

Character en-suite stone chalets, are positioned in the shade of the riverine forest, overlooking the river. All chalets and common areas have terraces that take advantage of the serene 180 degree view of the riverbanks lined with fluttering reeds visited by an ever changing array of water fowl and birds.

It is a delightful place to come home to after a day spent exploring.



Basis

FB: Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Day 11: Thamalakane River Lodge, Maun

Clients will grab early Breakfast and then go on the game drive. And will be back around lunch and after lunch have free time.

Included activity

• Mokoro Excursion (for 2 hours)

Overnight: Thamalakane River Lodge

Day 12: Khwai Expeditions Camp, Khwai Community Area (106.1km)

After breakfast the clients will depart to Khwai Guest House situated in the Moremi. Throughout the drive to Khwai clients will have the opportunity to see and take pictures of animals rooming freely. The Khwai area of the Okavango lies along the northern boundary of the Moremi Game Reserve. This is an unfenced boundary allowing wildlife to move freely between the woodlands in the wet season when water is plentiful and back to permanent rivers and lagoons in the dry season.

Included Activity

• Moremi Game Drive (Afternoon)

Overnight: Khwai Expeditions Camp

Khwai Community Area

The Khwai area of the Okavango lies along the northern boundary of the Moremi Game Reserve. Khwai Community Area has unfenced boundaries allowing wildlife to move freely between the woodlands in the wet season when water is plentiful and back to permanent rivers and lagoons in the dry season. The Khwai area offers the same wildlife experience as the Moremi Game Reserve with the added advantage of being a private concession, which means the ability to do walking safaris and night drives. Don't miss the opportunity to soak up beautiful views of the scenic landscape and spot an array of wildlife.

Overnight: Khwai Expeditions Camp View iBrochure

Perfectly Located between the Moremi Game Reserve and the Chobe National Park, Khwai Expeditions Camp is a home to some of the most diverse habitats including riverine woodlands, mopane woodland, open savannah & lagoons. Wide open vistas, fresh air, spectacular sunrises and golden sunsets capture your senses, connecting you to the beauty that is the African wilderness. Experience the serenity and peaceful ambience of your surroundings and absorb what comes naturally in Khwai. Our luxury rooms have a lovely picturesque view of the lagoon giving you endless breathtaking visuals of the landscape around you, complimenting an unforgettable safari experience.



Basis

FB: Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Day 13: Khwai Expeditions Camp, Khwai Community Area

Guests will have breakfast and then can watch ladies weaving baskets in the village and observe carpenters at work, as well as visit the local curio shop where all the baskets and woodcarvings are available for sale.

Included activity

• Walking safaris and night drives

Overnight: Khwai Expeditions Camp

Basis

FB: Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Day 14: Kwalape Safari Lodge, Kasane (261.3km)

Cross the border into Botswana. A boat tour is a must, watch the elephants swim. Chobe is easy to explore with your own vehicle but you could also book a game drive via the lodge in an open safari vehicle.

Included activities

• sunset cruise down the Chobe River and visiting a local village

Overnight: Kwalape Safari Lodge

Kasane

Tucked away in the northeastern corner of Botswana, on the banks of the famous Chobe River, the scenic little town of Kasane rests on the doorstep of the spectacular Chobe National Park. There are no boundary fences separating the village from the park and game such as elephant and hippo are often spotted roaming around the town. If on the lookout for elusive game, pay a visit to the Sedudu Valley Road, where large dead trees provide temporary homes for leopards. Within Kasane, an ancient baobab tree stands on display, once serving as a local prison. Visitors can look forward to a multitude of activities including: enjoying a game drive through the park, taking a sunset cruise down the Chobe River, visiting a local village or jumping on a day trip to the breathtaking Victoria Falls.

Overnight: Kwalape Safari Lodge

Situated in Chobe, Northern Botswana, Kwalape Lodge offers the perfect base to discover the wonders of Chobe National Park and Chobe-Zambezi River, with its vast elephant herds and wildlife populations. While staying at the lodge, guests can partake in activities including Chobe River Cruises, games drives and day trips to the magnificent Victoria Falls.

The lodge offers various accommodation types which include en-suite chalets, safari tents, family rooms and a campsite with a shared ablution. All of the chalets are equipped with Wi-Fi, air-conditioning, a minibar and Wi-Fi. Guests can look forward to indulging in mouth-watering cuisine at the restaurant, refreshing drinks from the bar, and cooling down in the swimming pool during their stay.



Basis

FB: Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Day 15: Kwalape Safari Lodge, Kasane

You wake up get breakfast continue with the activities suitable for 4×4 experienced drivers. Enjoy the Botswana wilderness and camp inside the National Park.

Included activities

• Visit the Chobe National Park.

Overnight: Kwalape Safari Lodge

Basis

FB: Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Day 16: Shearwater Explorers Village, Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe) (87.4km)

You wake up early get breakfast than depart to Victoria Falls crossing the border. It is the largest water Fall in the world Resting on the southern banks of the Zambezi River at the western end of the eponymous falls, this popular tourist town is compact enough to walk around and makes an ideal base for travellers exploring the seventh wonder of the world, it will be a long drive so make sure you get all necessary needs for the road.

Included activities

• visits to Victoria Fall

Optional activities

• white water rafting, bungee jumping and kayaking,

Overnight: Shearwater Explorers Village

Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe)

Victoria Falls is one of the world's most impressive waterfalls. It is set on the magnificent Zambezi River which creates the border between Zambia and Zimbabwe. These spectacular falls can be easily visited and viewed from the Zimbabwean side. Considered to be the world's widest waterfalls, Victoria Falls measures an impressive 1708 metres in width. The small town of Victoria Falls, which lies adjacent to the waterfalls, serves as a great base from which to explore the many attractions this area of Zimbabwe has to offer. The surrounding area provides a wide range of adrenalin-filled activities for adventure lovers. Visitors can look forward to an array of wonderful activities including: scenic flights, micro lighting, white water rafting, bungee jumping, kayaking, and once-in-a-lifetime expeditions into the incredible Chobe National Park.

Overnight: Shearwater Explorers Village View iBrochure

Shearwater Explorers Village is a lodge located in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, close to Victoria Falls and Curio Shops and Creature World. Surrounded by indigenous vegetation and wildlife, the accommodation features a range of standard and deluxe rooms as well as camping facilities. Rooms are equipped with air conditioning, a mosquito net, an en-suite bathroom and Wi-Fi. The camp facilities feature communal ablutions, showers and a kitchen area. Guests may enjoy a tasty meal and refreshing drink at the on-site restaurant.



Day 17: Shearwater Explorers Village, Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe)

Have breakfast, here you will have a full day to do the activities you did not get time to do yesterday.

Overnight: Shearwater Explorers Village

Basis

FB: Full Board - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

Day 18: End of Itinerary (21.4km)

Have breakfast and drive towards the airport and fly home.

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Travel Information



Located in southwestern Africa, Namibia boasts a well-developed infrastructure, some of the best tourist facilities in Africa, and an impressive list of breathtaking natural wonders. Visitors can explore the capital of Windhoek and discover the lovely coastal town of Swakopmund boasting remnants of the country's German influence, reflected in the architecture, culture, cuisine and the annual Oktoberfest celebrations. To properly appreciate this extraordinary country, you will have to venture out of the cities to explore the remarkable natural landscapes Namibia has to offer. These include: the impressive Fish River Canyon; the vast Etosha National Park teeming with abundant wildlife, such as lions, desert-adapted elephants and the Hartmann's Mountain Zebra; the hauntingly beautiful Kalahari Desert; and of course the Namib Desert stretching for over 2000 km along the magnificent Atlantic Coast. Namibia is an ideal destination for travellers seeking an unforgettable African experience in a uniquely beautiful untamed wilderness.



Situated in the southern reaches of Africa, Botswana is renowned for its pristine wilderness areas characterised by deep lagoons, wetlands, lush palms, rugged hills and desert plains. The country's primary tourist drawcard is undoubtedly the vast red expanse of the Kalahari Desert and its remarkably beautiful Okavango Delta, the largest inland delta in the world. These natural wonders provide a tranquil haven for an abundance of African wildlife to thrive. Other highlights include the impressive Makgadikgadi Salt Pans, where visitors are privy to massive zebra migrations during the flood season; the Savuti plains, which host a significant pride of lions; and the Tsodilo Hills, where 4500 rock paintings form a unique record of human settlement over many millennia.



A nation of spectacular natural beauty, friendly people and rich culture, Zimbabwe's status as one of Africa's leading safari destinations was dampened for years by its political instability. But now that the country is transcending its strife and returning to a state of equilibrium, it is once again emerging as a vacation highlight of the continent. Victoria Falls – known to locals as 'The Smoke That Thunders' – is one of the seven natural wonders of the world and the sheer power of this massive body of water plunging into the Zambezi Gorge is awe-inspiring and unforgettable. Lake Kariba, with its game-rich shores and islands, is an idyllic safari spot featuring mindblowing sunsets; Hwange National Park is known for its huge herds of elephants; and a kayak trip down the Zambezi through the Mana Pools National Park will appeal to the intrepid traveller, providing close encounters with crocodiles, hippos and a host of other wildlife.