



Africa's Wildlife

On Safari in Botswana, Zambia & Victoria Falls

A glimpse of a world primeval awaits on this singular safari to Botswana's Chobe National Park, where elephants preside over a bounty of wildlife; Zimbabwe's dazzling and powerful Victoria Falls; and Zambia's exceptional South Luangwa National Park, a remote jewel of an unspoiled and historic preserve.

**With an Post-Tour Extension:
Cape Town, South Africa**

Itinerary

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Africa's Wildlife Day-by-Day Itinerary

DAY 1: Depart U.S. for Johannesburg, South Africa

DAY 2: Arrive Johannesburg

Upon arrival we transfer to our hotel in the suburb of Rosebank, where our rooms will be ready for our early check-in. As guests' arrival times may vary greatly, we have no group activities planned.

Accommodations: 54 on Bath

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 3: Johannesburg/Soweto

We meet our fellow travelers today as we embark on a tour of the Soweto district of Johannesburg. Here we see the home of former Archbishop Desmond Tutu; visit Nelson Mandela's home, which is now a museum; and tour the moving Hector Pieterse Memorial and Museum, where we learn more about apartheid and the Soweto uprising of 1976. Then we hear fascinating stories from a local Sowetan who was present during the uprising, followed by lunch at a local restaurant. Tonight we enjoy a welcome dinner together.

Accommodations: 54 on Bath

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 4: Johannesburg/Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

We fly today to Victoria Falls and our lodge. This afternoon we see for ourselves the thundering falls, first "discovered" by David Livingstone and claimed for Queen Victoria in 1855. With its 300-foot-deep gorge and soaking spray, "Vic" Falls is a wonder of the natural world, straddling the border between Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Accommodations: Pioneers Lodge

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 5: Victoria Falls

This morning we embark on a game drive to spot the elusive – and critically endangered – black rhino. Late this afternoon we embark on a "Sundowner" dinner cruise on the Zambezi where we see wildlife on shore and in the water.

Accommodations: Pioneers Lodge

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 6: Victoria Falls

After a morning visit to Victoria Falls town and a local village, this afternoon is at leisure to relax at our lodge. Tonight we hear a fascinating guest speaker on “The Story of David Livingstone,” followed by dinner together.

Accommodations: Pioneers Lodge

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 7: Victoria Falls/Chobe National Park, Botswana

This morning we visit a nearby school then travel two hours by motorcoach to Botswana and Chobe National Park, boasting one of the largest concentrations of game in all of Africa. After settling in and enjoying lunch at our lodge, this afternoon we embark on a game-viewing boat safari on the Chobe River, where we may see hippo, crocs, and some of the park’s 450 species of birds (including the sacred ibis, carmine bee-eaters, fish eagles, and kingfishers). We dine tonight at our lodge.

Accommodations: Chobe Marina Lodge

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 8: Chobe National Park

Known for its diverse terrain that attracts an exceptional array of wildlife – including the world’s largest elephant population (some 120,000), along with zebra, lion, giraffe, impala, and buffalo – Chobe covers 4,517 square miles of protected parkland. We’ll see a portion of this natural wonder on our early morning game drive and this afternoon’s boat safari. And this evening perhaps we’ll see one of the sublime sunsets for which Chobe is known.

Accommodations: Chobe Marina Lodge

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 9: Chobe National Park

We’re settling into a comfortable routine, with early morning and late afternoon game drives. In between game-viewing activities, we’re at leisure to enjoy the amenities of our lodge on the banks of the Chobe River, adjacent to the park itself.

Accommodations: Chobe Marina Lodge

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 10: Chobe National Park/South Luangwa National Park, Zambia

This morning we board a plane for the flight to South Luangwa National Park. Here in one of Africa’s last stretches of pristine wilderness we have the chance to get closer to the animals than anywhere else. Late this afternoon we engage in some of the lodge’s game-viewing activities that include open-vehicle game drives and walking safaris, the latter of which originated in South Luangwa.

Accommodations: Mfuwe Lodge

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 11: South Luangwa National Park

From our lodge situated inside the 3,500-square-mile national park established in 1972 and just a short drive from the main entrance, we embark on morning and evening game viewing excursions today. Thanks to its remote location, South Luangwa was protected from mass tourism and today boasts one of Africa's highest concentrations of game. Among the fauna living here: lion, elephant, Cape buffalo, leopard, giraffe, zebra, hippos, wild dogs, and antelope. We also may catch some special sights, such as Zambia's Crawshay's zebras with their distinctive stripes, the elusive bushbuck, and the spiral-horned kudu. In addition, South Luangwa teems with almost 400 species of birds, including 39 birds of prey. When not out on safari, we visit a local school, and also see a borehole project which provides water for the community.

Accommodations: Mfuwe Lodge

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 12: South Luangwa National Park

We have another day to savor life in the bush and engage in morning and evening game viewing activities. Set amidst a grove of ebony and mahogany trees, our 18-chalet lodge overlooks two lagoons that attract a steady stream of crocodiles, hippos, giraffe, buffalo, antelope, and other animals, which we can watch from lodge's open deck. Tonight we celebrate our wildlife adventure at a farewell dinner.

Accommodations: Mfuwe Lodge

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 13: South Luangwa National Park/Lusaka/Depart for U.S.

We travel by light aircraft today to Lusaka, Zambia's capital, where we have hotel day rooms until our departure this evening for the airport and our overnight flight to the U.S.

Accommodations: Ciêla, Lusaka, a Tribute Portfolio Resort & Spa

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 14: Arrive U.S.

We arrive in the U.S. this morning and connect with our flights home.

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