



VICTORIA FALLS & BOTSWANA EXPLORER

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Tailor-Made Journeys, Suggested Itineraries, Luxury African Safaris



Africa, Zambia, Botswana



10 days from AU\$9,955 pp



Private

Journey Overview

On this exhilarating Southern African adventure, view stunning Victoria Falls and experience a thrilling safari in Botswana's pristine Chobe National Park and Okavango Delta. Accompanied by expert safari guides, you will seek out Africa's iconic wildlife including lion, leopard and elephant, and marvel at the incredible diversity of the lush Okavango Delta.

Journey Highlights

- View Botswana's unmatched wildlife in three ways: on game drives, guided bushwalks and scenic river safaris
- Explore alongside handpicked safari guides whose in-depth tracking skills lead to exceptional wildlife encounters
- Glide through the remarkably biodiverse Okavango Delta in a traditional dugout canoe
- Take a privately guided tour of thundering Victoria Falls, one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World
- Stay in exclusive and intimate camps in idyllic locations



Itinerary

Day 1: Johannesburg

Arrive in Johannesburg, where you are met and transferred to your hotel, a short walk from the terminal building.

InterContinental Johannesburg O.R. Tambo Airport

Day 2: Johannesburg - Livingstone

This morning make your own way back to the terminal and check-in for your flight to Livingstone, Zambia. On arrival you will be met and transferred to your beautiful lodge located on the banks of the Zambezi River in the Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park, only a short drive from the world-famous Victoria Falls.

Sanctuary Sussi & Chuma | Meals: BLD

Days 3-4: Livingstone

Your days are at leisure at Sussi & Chuma discovering the beauty of the Zambezi. Experience a guided tour of the Zambian side of Victoria Falls, a visit to Nakatindi village and the local school, a game drive in the Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park, walking safaris, canoeing, fishing, or an early morning or sunset cruise on the river. Visits across into Zimbabwe to the visit the Zimbabwean side of the falls are also included. There are also a range of activities available at additional cost including whitewater rafting, helicopter flights over the falls, or a visit to Livingstone Museum.

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Day 5: Livingstone - Chobe National Park

This morning continue to Chobe National Park in Botswana to settle into your lodge for unparalleled panoramic views across the islands and floodplains of the Chobe River. This afternoon, set out on a river cruise or game drive that includes the opportunity to see elephants — a staggering 120,000 live in the park — along with impala, buffalo and possibly lions. Return to the lodge to relax in the comforts of your luxury accommodations and enjoy a freshly prepared meal. Later, drift to sleep, serenaded by the sounds of Africa, beneath a blanket of stars.

Sanctuary Chobe Chilwero | Meals: BLD

Day 6: Chobe National Park

Set out on a game drive at sunrise to catch the animals at the start of their day, when they are most active. You may even glimpse a leopard returning from the hunt. Later, visit the park again for an afternoon drive or embark on a Chobe River safari cruise and watch for crocodiles and hippos, as well as elephants that come down to drink and play in the water. The park's beautiful wetlands also lure a wealth of birdlife to the region, and you may glimpse many of the 460 species that either live here or migrate through, including raptors, vultures and waterfowl. When you return to the lodge this evening, revel in the comforts of your luxury accommodations, gather for dinner and share stories of your day.

Sanctuary Chobe Chilwero / Meals: BLD

Day 7: Chobe National Park - Okavango Delta

Travel by light aircraft from Kasane into the heart of the Okavango Delta, the largest inland delta in the world. The afternoon is yours to enjoy at leisure with a choice of activities, such as a seasonal ride by mokoro (dugout canoe) on the delta or a nighttime game-viewing drive, made possible in this private concession.

Sanctuary Stanleys Camp / Meals: BLD

Day 8-9: Okavango Delta

Spend two full days exploring the Okavango Delta. Activities include morning and afternoon game drives on the grassy plains, mokoro excursions along the pristine waterways (seasonal), and guided safari walks in the company of an armed, expert guide, on the lookout for Africa's smaller denizens among the unique flora.

Sanctuary Stanleys Camp / Meals: BLD

Day 10: Okavango Delta - Maun - Depart Johannesburg

Following a morning game viewing activity, transfer to the airstrip for your onward flight to Maun, and then onto Johannesburg where your journey ends.

Meals: B

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Accommodation

Sanctuary Sussi & Chuma, Victoria Falls



Sanctuary Sussi & Chuma lodge is named after David Livingstone's faithful friends, Sussi and Chuma who carried his body all way back to England from where he died in Zambia. The lodge consists of 12 beautiful tree houses and two spacious two bedroom private houses, both of which take full advantage of their stunning river-bank setting.

Each of the 12 suites have a private viewing deck and boasts en suite facilities with air-conditioning, overhead fans, mosquito nets and all the little luxuries you would expect from a lodge of this calibre. The two bedroom Chuma houses are perfect for private use, ideal for families or small groups they are privately staffed and each with a private swimming pool.

The main lodge building features a spectacular raised bar/lounge deck, open air dining area, curio shop, swimming pool and lawns sweeping down to the water's edge. Resident wildlife, such as hippopotamus and elephant, are likely to wander through the grounds at any time. Guests may enjoy a wide variety of activities - early morning river cruises, afternoon game drives, a tour of the Victoria Falls or perhaps a visit to a local village are certain to enthrall.

Why we like it

- Sanctuary Sussi & Chuma is located on the banks of the Zambezi River a short from the magnificent Victoria Falls
- Activities included are game drives in the Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park, a local village tour, sundowner cruise on the river and a tour of the Victoria Falls
- A treatment room is available to experience spa treatments using products from the Africology line with a range of body therapies, body rituals and facial skin care
- The lodge has 12 tree houses and two spacious two bedroom private houses
- Children six years and older are welcome in the Sussi Tree houses. Children of all ages are welcome at the Chuma Houses.

Sanctuary Chobe Chilwero, Chobe National Park



Luxury and elegance combine at Sanctuary Chobe Chilwero. Set on an escarpment overlooking the Chobe River and flood plain it is at the northern tip of one of Botswana's most famous National Parks, home to perhaps Africa's greatest concentration of elephant. Chobe Chilwero - meaning high view - is the perfect base to start or end your Botswana holiday. The lodge also benefits from being within easy reach of the world-famous Victoria Falls.

The spa is the first on the Botswana safari circuit. Features include an indoor spa bath, Vichy showers, hydrotherapy, plunge pool, relaxation area and private treatment rooms - one of which is elevated in the treetops. Cuisine is taken seriously here and a large variety of superior wines, specially selected by experts, are stored in the lodge's own temperature-controlled wine cellar. Game drives with professional guides take place twice daily in open sided 4-wheel drive vehicles. Sunset cruises on the Chobe River are particularly spectacular. Birding safaris, fishing expeditions and exploring the endless tributaries of this mighty river are all highlights.

All 14 guest cottages have been individually designed to fit in with their topography and vegetation. Each is finished with mosaic floors, traditional fabrics and fitted with air-conditioning as well as ceiling fans. There is one honeymoon suite complete with private plunge pool and a private vehicle for all game viewing activities. Outside there is a shower, seating area and hammock set within a private secluded garden. The bathrooms are luxurious with a separate shower and beautiful Victorian style baths - the perfect place to relax after a busy day game viewing in the Chobe National Park. Children 5 years and under are not allowed on activities unless sole vehicle use is requested and is still subject to management discretion.

Why we like it

- Sanctuary Chobe Chilwero is a luxurious riverside retreat in the heart of the bush
- Activities included are morning and afternoon game drives and sundowner cruises
- The spa offers a range of spa and hydrotherapy treatments from both the Thalgo and Africology ranges
- Relax in the split level swimming pool after a morning game drive
- Enjoy cruises on the Chobe River in the double deck photographic safari boat with 360 degree swivel seats complete with a bar on the lower deck

Sanctuary Stanley's Camp, Okavango Delta



Set in an amphitheatre of ebony and sausage trees near the southern tip of Chief's Island, Sanctuary Stanley's Camp is situated on a 260,000 acre private concession, bordering the southern section of the famous Moremi Game Reserve. It is one of Botswana's smaller and more intimate camps, with a maximum capacity of sixteen guests experiencing the best of Africa's wildlife and the highest standards of service and accommodation.

The bush adjacent to Stanley's Camp is rich with excitement: game walks, day and night-time game drives and silent, gliding mokoro excursions (subject to water levels). You can track a wide variety of big-game species: giraffe, buffalo, lion and leopard are often encountered. A particular highlight here is the resident herd of elephant: wild, but habituated over the last fifteen years to share their natural world with you. There is the chance to join these graceful giants on walking safaris through the bush, sharing in their daily activities of bathing, foraging, feeding and play.

Accommodation consists of eight classic-styled safari tents, each with en suite facilities and a private balcony where you can relax from the comfort of your hammock in the African sunshine. The main building is raised on decking and offers extensive views over the surrounding floodplains. Dinner is served overlooking the game-filled plains, seasonally glazed with their life-giving flood of water. The finest cuisine is complemented by a carefully selected choice of South African wines.

Why we like it

- Sanctuary Stanley's Camp is traditional and colonial in style taking you back to when the pioneers were travelling
- Opportunity to walk with the elephants with the "Living with Elephants" project. This

activity is at an extra cost

- Eight classic styles safari tents each en suite with a private deck
- The area around the camp changes with the seasons - from lush green when the rain flows down from the Angolan highlands to dry savannah when the Kalahari Desert tightens its grip
- Children of all ages are welcome

Dates & Pricing

From \$9,955 per person twin share (low season) and from \$18,140 per person twin share (high season). Solo travellers on request.

As this Tailor Made Journey can be personalised to your specific requirements, it is not available for online booking. Depending on your preferred dates and arrangements, final pricing will vary.

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