

A 14 Night Private Journey Through South Africa, Zimbabwe & Botswana



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Day 1

The Belmond Mount Nelson, Cape Town, South Africa



Cape Town is one of the world's most beautiful cities and a top international tourist destination. Large numbers of visitor's flock to Cape Town every year to experience this unique city with its fascinating history, stunning natural beauty, award winning wineries and relaxed lifestyle.

Arriving into Cape Town you will be met at the airport by your local driver and guide and transferred to your nearby hotel. Please note your international arrival flight is not included in your program cost.

Having arrived at your luxury hotel and checked in, you then have the remainder of the day to relax and unwind at your hotel, or perhaps venture out and explore your surroundings at your leisure.

Meals Included: None

Day 2

The Belmond Mount Nelson, Cape Town, South Africa



This morning you will meet your driver and guide in your hotel lobby and set off on an exploration of this incredible city. Today you will visit several of the Cape's top attractions, from the imposing Castle of Good Hope to the colorful cottages of the Bo Kaap, bustling Green Market Square, the South African Museum, the beautiful Company Gardens and plenty of other unique and important sites. However, a journey up Table Mountain is usually the highlight for most visitors to Cape Town and so this is where you will begin!

Having taken the revolving cable car all the way to the top, over 3000ft above the city, you are rewarded with spectacular views. Here you can take your time and enjoy this unique environment, a multitude of walking trails criss cross the top of the mountain each leading to a view more stunning than the last.

You will then continue on with your experienced and knowledgeable guide, and from the comfort of an air-conditioned vehicle, as you continue to learn all about the City of Cape Town and the central role it played in the creation of this wonderful country. Following your exciting morning of touring, your guide will be happy to drop you back at your hotel and say farewell, or if you prefer, simply continue to explore this amazing city independently for the remainder of your afternoon.

Day 3

The Belmond Mount Nelson, Cape Town, South Africa



This morning you will meet your guide and driver in your hotel lobby and embark on a full day tour of the stunning Cape Peninsula. This tour will take you around the entire Cape peninsula and show you the wonders of Cape Town - from the pristine beaches, to the spectacular sight of Cape Point, where the Atlantic and Indian oceans meet.

Situated along the Atlantic Seaboard, you will begin with the beaches of Clifton and Camps Bay, both of which have been awarded Blue Flag status. Boasting pristine white sand beaches and beautiful, clear waters these beaches are very popular with locals and visitors alike. You will then continue on to Hout Bay, a small fishing village that is often jokingly referred to as the 'Republic of Hout Bay' by Cape Town locals who see the small town as being an entirely separate entity. Here you will find a beautiful beach, delicious fresh seafood, bustling markets and plenty of restaurants that make this suburb a must-visit on any Cape tour.

You will then continue to Cape Point, a spectacular nature reserve that lies along the coast and is now one of the most famous landmarks in Cape Town, and for good reason. Situated on the very tip of the peninsula, with the Indian Ocean on one side and the Atlantic Ocean on the other, the area spans landscapes as diverse as rugged cliffs, lush fynbos and vast open spaces – no Cape Town tour is complete without a visit to Cape Point.

You will then make your way back to Cape Town via Simon's Town and its famous penguin colony. Simon's Town is the seat of the South African Navy and boasts a charming coastal town atmosphere and vibrant history. Here you will find a thriving harbor, a navy museum and plenty of other sights including Boulders Beach, one of the few places in the world you can walk among, and swim alongside penguins.

If time allows be sure to visit Kalk Bay, this quaint suburb runs along the Main Road, with the False Bay coastline running on one side, and the mountain on the other. Along the Main Road lies a host of veritable treasure troves, from antique shops to curio shops, bakeries, restaurants and plenty more.

Following your day of touring you will be dropped back at your hotel where you have the remainder of your day and evening at leisure.

Day 4

The Belmond Mount Nelson, Cape Town, South Africa



Today you have at leisure to continue exploring this vibrant city independently, or perhaps simply relax by the hotel pool or enjoy a spa treatment as you prepare for the next leg of your Africa adventure!

Day 5

Babylonstoren Farm Hotel, Wine Region, South Africa



This morning you will check out of your hotel and meet your driver in your hotel lobby. Together you will set off on an incredibly scenic drive as you make your way into the rolling winelands. Here you will arrive at your new home for the next 2 nights, the lovely Babylonstoren Farm Hotel, a 250-hectare working wine and fruit farm that dates back over 300 years.

Having checked in and taken some time to soak in your scenic surroundings you then have the remainder of your day today to spend as you wish. Your hotel has a number of exciting activities on offer, some complimentary and some that can be paid for locally.

The nearby town of Franschhoek is known as the 'Food and Wine Capital of South Africa' and for good reason. Although the list varies year-to-year, up to 8 of South Africa's 'Top 100' restaurants are based in Franschhoek! Despite its tiny size, the town boasts an incredible range of snug cafés and stylish restaurants with every style of food on offer. From traditional English pub food to classic bistro fare, superb wood-fired pizzas to sumptuous sushi, this gourmet dining town has it all.

As befits the town's Huguenot heritage, Franschhoek restaurants frequently feature French cuisine, alongside plenty of traditional and contemporary South African restaurants.

Some of the country's leading chefs create innumerable dishes using only the freshest produce from the valley, complimented by a host of delightful local wines. As well as the wonderful restaurants you will also find a number of art galleries, pottery studios and wine bars.

Day 6 Babylonstoren Farm Hotel, Wine Region, South Africa



This morning you will meet your wine guide and driver in your hotel lobby and embark on a full day winelands tour! It is difficult to choose the best feature of the Cape Winelands. The region produces some of the world's best wines as well as fantastic cheeses and olives, all coupled with a wealth of natural rustic beauty. Around every corner you will find vast estates shaded from the African sunshine by giant oak trees and towering mountains overlooking lush valleys.

On this full day tour, you will travel and explore the Cape Winelands' most popular route. You will visit the famous and renowned towns of Paarl, Stellenbosch and Franschhoek as you stop in for tastings at some of the region's best wineries. Look forward to a day filled with fine wines, great food and spectacular scenery!

Day 7

Lion Sands River Lodge, Sabi Sand Game Reserve, South Africa



This morning you will check out of your hotel and meet your driver for a drive back to Cape Town International Airport. Here you will board a short flight to Skukuza Airport where your Safari adventure begins! Please note this flight is not included in your program cost.

Arriving into the tiny Skukuza airport you will be met by your guide and transferred the short distance into the Sabi Sands Private Game Reserve. The Sabi Sands is without a doubt one of South Africa's premier private game viewing destination. It was here that the southern African safari began and today this famous reserve offers exceptional game viewing and equally exceptional accommodations. Two perennial rivers, the Sabi and the Sand flow through this Game Park, sustaining the diverse fauna and flora of the area. The success of leopard viewing within the Sabi Sands is legendary. Elephants, lion, rhino, buffalo, cheetah, giraffe, zebra and a vast variety of antelope and other species can also be closely observed in their natural environment.

Arriving at your lodge around lunchtime you will be shown to your luxury accommodation and given an orientation tour of this incredible property. The Manager of the lodge will explain a few precautions to take during your stay that will ensure your safety, as it is worth keeping in keep in mind despite your opulent surroundings you are in the middle of wild Africa! You will then enjoy a welcome lunch before having a few hours at leisure to relax and unpack. In the late afternoon you will enjoy a casual high tea in the main communal area of the lodge overlooking the wilderness before setting off on your first safari drive!

While on safari you will have the opportunity to join two safari drives every day. One in the early morning and then another that leaves in the late afternoon and returns shortly after dark. Please note you are in no way obligated to join both drives every day and if you would prefer to sleep in one morning and simply join the afternoon drive (or vice versa) you are of course welcome to do so. As the lodge is located in the middle of the game reserve you will enjoy fantastic game sightings from anywhere around the property including the communal areas or even often right from your bedroom.

Returning from the evening game drive you will enjoy a splendid African inspired meal prepared by the lodges talented team of Chefs. After dinner you are welcome to either relax around the communal fire pit sipping your choice of beverage or retire to your room in preparation for the next day's early start.

Day 8

Lion Sands River Lodge, Sabi Sand Game Reserve, South Africa



This morning you will wake up just as the sun is rising above the horizon and make your way to the main area of the lodge. Here you will enjoy a selection of coffee, tea, fruit and light pastries before hopping on board your safari vehicle and continuing your exploration of this enormous game reserve. Note that on both your morning and evening game drives your guide will find a nice area to stop for a half hour where you will enjoy some light refreshments and a chance to stretch your legs.

Arriving back at the lodge mid-morning you will then enjoy a lavish brunch during which you can swap stories about that mornings game drive and decide on the plan for the remainder of the day.

Please chat with your guide if you have any specific interests that you would like to explore while on Safari. These could include interests such as birding or perhaps ask about the possibility of doing a nature walk during which you can get up close and personal with the fauna and flora that surrounds your lodge. Regardless of how you choose to spend your afternoon you will return to the lodge in the early evening and enjoy another wonderful dinner.

Day 09

Lion Sands River Lodge, Sabi Sand Game Reserve, South Africa



Today you have the option of either joining the safari activities on offer or simply relaxing by the pool and watching quickly as the prolific amount of wildlife that calls this area home passes silently through the bush in front of the lodge.

Day 10 Ilala Lodge Hotel, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe



This morning you will check out of your lodge and enjoy a short transfer back to Skukuza Airport. From here you will fly to the nearby Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport where you will pass through passport control and board your onward flight to Livingstone. Arriving into Livingstone Airport you will be met by your driver and together you will travel the short distance to your hotel. On route you will cross from Zambia into Zimbabwe. Please note these mornings flights are not included in your program cost.

It is here in Zimbabwe you will find one of the original natural wonders of the world, Victoria Falls. This incredible natural feature is both a World Heritage Site and an extremely popular tourism attraction. Known locally as 'The Smoke that Thunders' this spectacle is accessible from both Zambia and Zimbabwe and it is an ideal place to combine game viewing and other outdoor activities. The area provides excellent fishing, a terrifying bungee jump and arguably the best commercial white-water rafting in the world.

Arriving at the Ilala Lodge Hotel you will immediately be struck by the sublime surroundings of this boutique hotel. Located on the Zimbabwean side of the mighty Zambezi River, Ilala Lodge Hotel is geographically the closet hotel to the magnificent Victoria Falls and offers easy access to the town center.

At Ilala you have the option to explore the lush wilderness surrounding the town on a game drive, surf the rapids on a Zambezi River white-water rafting expedition, get your heart racing as you bungee jump off the Victoria Falls Bridge, or view the Falls from the exhilarating angle of Devil's Pools on the edge of the plunging water. You can also enjoy a legendary Zimbabwean sunset from the comfort of the elegant Ra-Ikane river cruiser. Please inquire at the hotel regarding which excursions are included and which would incur an additional fee.

Day 11 Ilala Lodge Hotel, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe



Today you have at leisure to enjoy this incredible area in any number of ways. Through your hotel you can book and enjoy a variety of exciting activities, some of which are complimentary and some of which would be paid for locally.

Why not get a bird's eye view of the Victoria Falls and Zambezi River on a 15 or 30-minute microlight flight? This memorable experience will provide some of the most stunning views of the falls imaginable and leave you with incredible memories long after you arrive safely back on solid ground. Another option that will allow you to see the Victoria Falls from the best possible angle – above, is via a short helicopter flight! United Air Charter offers 3 different flight options from their base at Baobab Ridge. The short flight circles the Falls and offers superb views over the gorges below. The longer flight skims over the Zambezi rapids, ascends over the Falls and finishes with game viewing over the Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park. The adventure flight in a Huey helicopter, flown with doors open at a lower level, skims over the African bush, deep down into the Batoka gorge and over the falls.

Another option for those feeling adventurous would be either a half or full day Zambezi Rafting experience! Acclaimed as the best one-day white water run in the world, the river is also recognized as one of the top ten paddling rivers in the world. Your knowledgeable and experienced guides will ensure you have both an enjoyable and safe day on the river. The days adventure is captured on video and film and the trip even includes a riverside picnic lunch.

Another awesome way to see the Falls is from the bottom of the gorge. Swimming in the rock pools below the Falls, surrounded by the massive black basaltic rock towering up above you and the water cascading down, seemingly out of the sky, is certainly one of the most breathtaking experiences you will ever have. This activity is a perfect combination with white water rafting.

Day 12 andBeyond Xaranna Okavango Delta Camp, Botswana



This morning you will check out of your hotel and bid the falls goodbye. You will then be met by your driver and transferred to Kasane Airport, crossing the border into Botswana along the way. At Kasane you will board your light aircraft and enjoy a scenic flight over the wilderness landing at a small dirt airstrip only a few minutes from your luxury lodge. Please note this flight is not included in your program cost.

At the airstrip you will be met by your local guide and together drive the short distance to your new home for the next three nights, the incredible Xaranna Camp. Located in the middle of the largest expanse of sand on earth the Okavango Delta is one of Africa's most amazing, sensitive and complex environments supporting a spectacle of wilderness and wildlife. Unique as one of the world's few inland deltas, the placid waters and lush indigenous forests offer a safe haven for innumerable bird and wildlife species. One can experience this magical world of islands and waterways from the land, air and water. Highlights include the elusive Sitatunga antelope which has found refuge in this pristine wetland ecosystem, while birds such as the African fish eagle, Pel's fishing owl and many others provide a spectacular display. Having checked in to your lodge and taken some time to get settled you will then set off on your afternoon game drive. Game viewing in the Okavango Delta is remote and secluded, with very few vehicles sharing the private concession. Sensitive off-road driving practices allow guests to get up close to the area's exceptional wildlife. Afternoon drives usually continue into the night, allowing for an opportunity to see the many animals that are more active once the sun goes down, including leopard and serval. Lion frequently hunt at night and there is always a chance of stumbling across a pride feeding on a kill.

Your lodges professionally trained guide will ask you about your favorite wildlife and will do their best to ensure that your preferences are met, whether it is tracking a particular species or spending more time enjoying each sighting, getting to know the habits of the animals. They will also tell you about the vegetation of the region and will explain the behavior of the animals that you come across. In some cases, the guides will be able to identify individual animals and let you know about their history and habits.

Following your evening drive, you will return to your lodge to be met by a delicious feast often set up under the stars, weather permitting.

Day 13 andBeyond Xaranna Okavango Delta Camp, Botswana



While safari drives are an ideal way to explore your surroundings there are numerous other options available to experience the Okavango Delta, including via motorized boats. These boat safaris allow you to cover more ground and to truly immerse yourself in the surrounding landscape. Boating is offered seasonally as it depends totally on the water levels in the Okavango Delta.

The Okavango Delta is also well known for its Mokoro safaris. These local canoe type boats take you through the maze-like channels and shallow lagoons of the Delta. As mokoros are not motorized, they allow you to glide silently through the channels. You will see many animals that feed on the grass and reeds on the palm islands such as lechwe, sitatunga, elephant, hippo and crocodile.

For the more adventurous, and at additional cost, it is possible to experience an aerial view of the Okavango Delta as you soar in a helicopter above a vast maze of both permanent and fleeting waterways and floodplains that occupy an otherwise sandy corner of Botswana.

Another option is to immerse yourself in the unique landscape of the Okavango Delta on a half or full day horseback safari. A horseback safari explores this magnificent habitat, providing you with the opportunity to venture up close to the Delta's spectacular wildlife and bird species. Horses and tack are of the highest quality and safari guides are armed to ensure your safety at all times.

Day 14 andBeyond Xaranna Okavango Delta Camp, Botswana



Today you have at leisure to enjoy as you wish. Join one, or both of the safari drives that go out today or perhaps enjoy a quiet day at the lodge watching a parade of animals slowly wander past your lodge.

Day 15 Depart Africa



This morning you will check out of your luxury lodge and together with your guide make your way back to the small airstrip near your lodge. Here you will board a short flight to Maun where you will pass through passport control and join your onward flight to Johannesburg. In Johannesburg you will meet your onward flight home. Please note today's flights are not included in your program cost.

Accommodation

The Belmond Mount Nelson, Cape Town, South Africa (4 Nights)

The Belmond Mount Nelson Hotel is a timeless and authentic resort hotel located in the heart of Cape Town. With a unique legacy of service excellence based on traditional Cape hospitality, the hotel remains a destination of choice. The hotel's convenient location makes it easy for guests to explore the city center and its surrounds, including some of South Africa's best beaches. The garden estate setting is an urban sanctuary, complete with two heated swimming pools, rolling lawns, a palm lined avenue and secluded rose gardens.



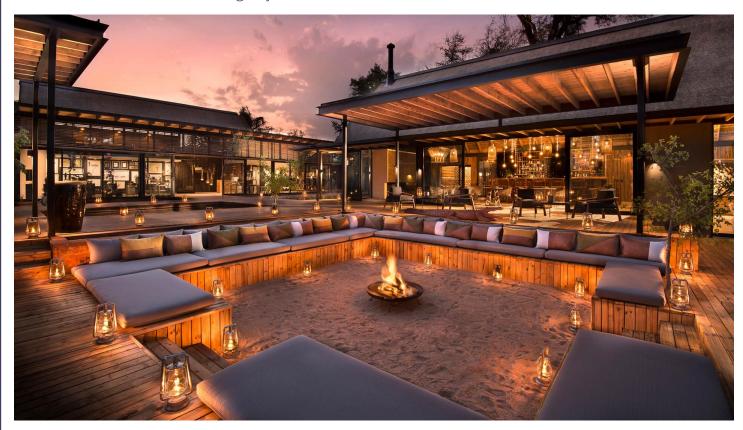
Babylonstoren Farm Hotel, Wine Region, South Africa (2 Nights)

Babylonstoren Farm Hotel is a 250-hectare working wine and fruit farm that dates back over 300 years. The Hotel is located in a quiet corner of the Cape that is surrounded by majestic mountains on three sides and where the local fynbos is home to many wild creatures. The days are intentionally unscripted at Babylonstoren, and for hotel guests, there is a great deal to do. In addition to exploring the over 200 hectares of farm, guests are invited to take part in the harvesting of fruit in the orchards or the pruning of the vines. Whatever the season, the garden is an ever-changing tapestry of fruit and vegetable plantings. Perfectly located in the heart of the wine region Babylonstoren is the ideal base from which to explore.



Lion Sands River Lodge, Sabi Sand Private Game Reserve, South Africa (3 Nights)

Lion Sands is a place that enriches one's soul and promises life-changing moments and opportunities. In the heart of the game rich Sabi Sand Reserve, adjacent to the world-renowned Kruger National Park, the lodge has created an iconic destination, one as close to perfection as any place in Africa can be. River Lodge is the soul of Lion Sands and has been built on the banks of the Sabie River, positioned on a site with ancient trees dating back 800 years. Facing due east, the lodge catches the sun as it rises over the Kruger National Park. Hosted by a family of staff that make it feel like home away from home, the lodge is about spirit, warmth and nature. Here you are invited to relax and experience African hospitality at its finest, all the while enjoying some of the best wildlife viewing anywhere on the continent.



Ilala Lodge, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe (2 Nights)

Ilala Lodge Hotel is a charming family-run hotel that offers luxury and comfort in the heart of Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. Nestled in attractive gardens, the well-appointed hotel is a mere eightminute walk from Victoria Falls, one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. Ilala Lodge Hotel is ideally located making it is very easy for guests to access all the historical sites, restaurants and activities available in the surrounding area. The friendly and attentive staff of this welcoming hotel will make sure that your visit is perfect in every way.



andBeyond Xaranna Okavango Delta Camp, Botswana (3 Nights)

andBeyond Xaranna Okavango Delta Camp enjoys luxurious solitude on its own Delta island within a 272000 hectare (672 125 acres) exclusive wildlife concession. Taking its inspiration from the water lily, Xaranna is a delightful camp with just nine ensuite safari tents that combine canvas and bleached timber. The overall atmosphere of the camp is cool, light and airy, in keeping with the gentle beauty of its environment. The safari tents are organic in design and delicately decorated in shades of khaki and soft lily pink. Each tent boasts an outdoor private plunge pool, indoor bathtub, and alfresco shower. The guest areas are all carefully positioned to maximize the sweeping views out across the channels, with classic Delta tree-line silhouettes.



Regional Light Aircraft Flights

Please note your itinerary requires light aircraft flights on to which normal hard sided suitcases are not allowed. Please pack your clothing and other items into a soft sided duffel style travel bag (no larger than 24 inches long and 15 inches wide) that can be easily stored along with other travellers' bags in the small luggage compartments on board.

All Exeter Safari Company clients receive a complimentary specially designed travel duffel bag that matches these specifications exactly.

Please also note there is a strict 15KG (33lbs) weight limit for your luggage. You may bring a small backpack (or similar) into the main cabin. It is also worth noting these flight schedules are quite flexible and you should not expect to arrive or depart exactly as outlined in your itinerary. Often your flight will stop on route to your destination to pick up or drop off guests from other lodges.



Included In Your Journey

- Accommodation as specified in the itinerary
- Meals, drinks and laundry as specified
- Private/Scheduled transfers as specified in the itinerary
- Scheduled sightseeing and excursions as specified in the itinerary
- Scheduled game viewing activities as specified in the itinerary
- National parks, concession and landing fees where applicable
- Domestic departure tax, fuel and safety levies from airports and airstrips

Not Included in Your Journey

- Meals, drinks and laundry not specified in the itinerary
- International and Regional flights
- Premium brand drinks, champagne, cognacs, cellar wines and cigars.
- Gratuities and any items of a personal nature
- Sightseeing and excursions not specified in the itinerary
- Flights and transfers not specified in the itinerary
- National parks and concession fees not specified in the itinerary
- Travel Insurance

Estimated Cost of the Program

Estimated cost of the Program based on two clients traveling together sharing one double occupancy room throughout:

Classic Program: Includes more basic accommodation than that mentioned in the Program above: **\$8,825 per person**.

Luxury Program: Includes the accommodation mentioned in the Program above (or equivalent): **\$12,585 per person**.

Premium Program: Includes more luxurious accommodation than that mentioned in the Program above: **\$19,980 per person.**

Please note due to the bespoke nature of our itineraries, combined with profound seasonal variations in accommodation costs and availability, the above pricing estimates should be used only as a guide. An exact cost can be provided once exact dates and logistics have been discussed.

Booking Conditions

Payments

A non-refundable deposit of 30% of the total program cost is required to secure the arrangements. The balance of payment is then due 60 days prior to departure. The tour price includes planning, handling and operational charges. Rates are quoted in US Dollars.

Insurance

Travel Insurance is always recommended to protect your investment.

Cancellations

Written cancellations received more than 60 days prior to departure will incur a 30% forfeit of the total trip cost. Written cancellations received less than 60 days prior to departure are subject to a 100% forfeit of the tour cost.

Safari Vehicle Etiquette

Please note that while on safari, unless specifically stated, your safari vehicle may host other travellers from your lodge.

Rerouted, Cancelled or Delayed Flights that Affect your Itinerary

Should any commercial or regional flights, private charters or air shuttles be cancelled, delayed or rerouted for any reason and this affects your itinerary, the Exeter Safari Company cannot be held responsible for the loss of connecting services or for new services that need to be booked because of this rerouting, cancellation or delay. This is valid for both flights that have or have not been issued by the Exeter Safari Company.

These include, but are not limited to:

- Accommodation: Lost or any additional accommodation required.
- Transport: Unused or new transfers.
- Flights: Unused connecting flights or new flights.
- Guides: Not utilized or new services to hire guides.



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