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The Southern African Grand Safari

*“Mokoro through the Okavango, the Smoke that Thunders, walking South
Luangwa, Etosha’s waterholes and Sabi Sand leopards”*

27

DAYS

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COUNTRIES

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WATER-BASED SAFARIS

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Overview

A twenty-seven day odyssey across the best of Southern Africa. It begins in the watery wilderness of the Okavango Delta, stands before Victoria Falls, walks among leopards in South Luangwa and drifts the Zambezi at sunset, crosses Namibia's Etosha, and culminates in South Africa with Big Five safaris in the Sabi Sand and the coastal beauty of the Garden Route.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Chief's Camp in the Moremi Game Reserve, on the finest game-viewing traverse in Southern Africa
- A sunrise hot-air balloon over the Delta
- A Zambezi sunset cruise along nine miles of private riverfront
- Night drives for leopard, in one of the highest-density leopard areas in Africa
- Etosha's waterholes, night drives and the historic Namutoni Fort
- A traditional mokoro through the Okavango's channels, poled and silent
- Victoria Falls — the largest sheet of falling water in the world — and a private Matetsi reserve
- Walking safaris in South Luangwa, the park that invented them
- A canoe safari on the Lower Zambezi
- Four nights of Sabi Sand leopards, then whales off Plettenberg Bay in season

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The Itinerary

01

GABORONE, BOTSWANA

Day 1 | Arrival in Gaborone

Land at Sir Seretse Khama International and transfer to the Protea by Marriott Masa Square in the centre of Botswana's capital. The afternoon is for acclimatising. If you would rather move, a short introduction to Gaborone takes in the Three Dikgosi Monument — a tribute to the three chiefs who travelled to London in 1895 to keep Botswana out of Rhodesian hands — and the National Museum. Dinner is Botswana-inspired, and a gentle way in.

- Protea by Marriott Gaborone Masa Square
- Dinner

02

OKAVANGO DELTA

Day 2 | Into the Okavango

A light aircraft north into the heart of the Okavango Delta, and the flight is the first revelation — a river that never reaches the sea, spread across the Kalahari in a fan of channels, islands and floodplain, and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Chief's Camp sits on a remote island in the Moremi Game Reserve, on a traverse widely held to offer the finest game viewing in Southern Africa. The first afternoon drive crosses the floodplains looking for elephant, lion, leopard, buffalo and, with luck, wild dog. Dinner is around a fire.

- Chief's Camp
- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

03

OKAVANGO DELTA

Day 3 | The Moremi Predator Capital

An early drive, because Moremi's predator density is the reason to be here and the mornings are when it shows. Lion, leopard and hyena, tracked by guides whose skill is the actual product. The plains hold huge herds of zebra, antelope and buffalo, which is what keeps the predators in business. The afternoon is a plunge pool on your deck and then a second drive, ending with a sundowner as the sky goes.

- Chief's Camp
- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

04

OKAVANGO DELTA

Day 4 | A Full Day in the Delta

A morning drive, then the afternoon is yours to choose. A scenic helicopter flight gives the best possible understanding of the Delta — the network of plains, lagoons and islands only makes sense from above. Alternatively: a massage at the camp spa, an extended drive, a photography-focused safari, or dedicated birding, since the Delta holds hundreds of resident and migrant species. The evening is a gourmet dinner under the African sky.

- Chief's Camp
- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

05

OKAVANGO DELTA

Day 5 | To the Waterways of Baines' Camp

A light aircraft to Sanctuary Baines' Camp, on a private concession bordering Moremi and a different face of the same Delta. The afternoon is a mokoro — a dugout canoe, poled from the stern, moving without a sound. You pass hippo and crocodile, watch elephant wading the shallows, and see the birdlife at water level. It is the classic way to experience the Delta and there is no substitute. A sundowner out on the water closes the day.

- Sanctuary Baines' Camp
- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

06

OKAVANGO DELTA

Day 6 | Land, Water & Night

The full Okavango day. A guided walking safari in the morning, at ground level, reading tracks and plants and the smaller creatures a vehicle misses entirely. A motorised safari boat in the afternoon, through the wider channels at a pace a mokoro cannot manage. Then a night drive with spotlights. The Delta after dark is a different place: leopard, civet, genet, bushbaby and nocturnal birds.

- Sanctuary Baines' Camp
- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

07

OKAVANGO DELTA

Day 7 | A Balloon Over the Delta

A sunrise hot-air balloon over the Delta, subject to season, weather and availability. Floating silently above it as it wakes — the channels catching first light, herds moving across the floodplain — is the finale the Botswana chapter deserves. A celebratory breakfast on landing, then an afternoon of doing very little: the pool, the spa, or the deck. A private Okavango farewell sundowner and dinner.

- Sanctuary Baines' Camp
- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

08

HARARE, ZIMBABWE

Day 8 | Botswana » Zimbabwe

A flight to Harare and a transfer to the Monomotapa Hotel. The afternoon is for recovering from the Botswana sector. If you have the energy, a short city experience takes in the National Heroes Acre, Harare Gardens or the craft markets. Dinner is Zimbabwean.

- Monomotapa Hotel
- Breakfast, Dinner

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VICTORIA FALLS

Day 9 | Into the Zambezi Wilderness

A flight to Victoria Falls and a transfer to Matetsi, set within a 136,000-acre private reserve with nine miles of its own Zambezi frontage. The afternoon drive works the Matetsi reserve, which holds enormous herds of elephant and buffalo alongside lion, leopard, wild dog and hyena. At sunset you board a boat on the private stretch of river. Elephant and hippo on the bank, the Zambezi going gold, and no other vessel in sight — the private frontage is the whole point.

- Matetsi Victoria Falls
- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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VICTORIA FALLS

Day 10 | The Smoke That Thunders

A morning drive through the private reserve and a guided walk for the smaller detail. The afternoon is Victoria Falls itself. Walking the viewpoints you feel the spray from a long way back — Mosi-oa-Tunya, the Smoke that Thunders, is the largest single sheet of falling water on Earth, and the noise is the part photographs cannot carry. Optional additions include a helicopter flight over the falls, which gives the scale, and cultural experiences in the town. Back to Matetsi for dinner.

- Matetsi Victoria Falls
- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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SOUTH LUANGWA, ZAMBIA

Day 11 | Into the Valley of the Leopard

A flight into Zambia and the South Luangwa National Park, one of the great wilderness areas in Africa and the place walking safaris were invented. Puku Ridge Camp sits in a productive part of the park and runs both vehicle and walking safaris. The first drive introduces a park renowned above all for leopard. The plains, woodland and river support lion, leopard, elephant, buffalo, hyena and wild dog.

- Puku Ridge Camp
- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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SOUTH LUANGWA, ZAMBIA

Day 12 | Walking, and a Night Safari

The day South Luangwa is famous for. A guided walking safari with an expert who teaches you to read the bush — tracks, droppings, plants and bird calls, and the way the whole system fits together. Walking is where the small things finally register. In the evening, a night drive. With a spotlight the park changes personnel entirely: leopard, hyena, African wild cat and everything else that waits for dark.

- Puku Ridge Camp
- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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SOUTH LUANGWA, ZAMBIA

Day 13 | Leopard Country

A dawn drive, then an afternoon built around photography. South Luangwa's leopard concentrations are genuinely exceptional and your guide will work to get you the light and the angle rather than just the sighting. A private bush dinner under the sky closes the South Luangwa chapter.

- Puku Ridge Camp
- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY BY DAY (CONTINUED)

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LOWER ZAMBEZI

Day 14 | To the Lower Zambezi

A flight to the Lower Zambezi National Park — a completely different safari environment, laid along the bank of the river with the Zambian escarpment behind. Royal Zambezi Lodge is intimate and family-owned, with three kilometres of unspoilt river frontage. The afternoon is a river safari, then a Zambezi sundowner cruise: elephant and hippo on the shoreline and the sun going down over the water.

- Royal Zambezi Lodge
- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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LOWER ZAMBEZI

Day 15 | By Land and Water

A canoe safari in the morning, which is the most intimate way to see this river — low, quiet, and closer to hippo than most people expect to get. A game drive in the national park in the afternoon. The lodge also runs walking safaris, fishing and birding, and the evening is yours to choose from: another walk, a cultural visit, or a private bush dinner.

- Royal Zambezi Lodge
- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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WINDHOEK, NAMIBIA

Day 16 | Zambia » Namibia

A flight to Windhoek and a transfer to the Hilton. The afternoon explores the centre: the Independence Memorial Museum, the historic Christ Church, and the Namibia Craft Centre for genuinely good local work. Dinner is Namibian, which is a stranger and better cuisine than most visitors expect.

- Hilton Windhoek
- Breakfast, Dinner

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ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK

Day 17 | Into Etosha

North to Etosha and Mokuti, which sits forty metres from the Von Lindequist Gate at the park's eastern edge. The first Etosha drive follows. The park is built around a salt pan visible from space, and the savannah around it supports a remarkable concentration of animals drawn to the waterholes — which is how game viewing works here. You do not find the animals; you sit at the water and they come.

- Mokuti Etosha
- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK

Day 18 | Waterholes & a Night Drive

An early drive deep into the park, spending real time at the waterholes — Okaukuejo in particular — watching the sequence of who drinks, who waits and who does not dare. The afternoon returns towards Mokuti, and the evening is a night game drive for hyena, jackal, honey badger and porcupine.

- Mokuti Etosha
- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK

Day 19 | Culture, Birds & Namutoni

The final Etosha day goes beyond the drive. Birding and a guided bush walk in the morning, reading the smaller details of a desert-edge ecosystem. The cultural component is a visit to an Oshiwambo community, arranged as a genuine exchange about daily life rather than a staged event. The afternoon visits Namutoni, the old German fort inside the park, and the evening is a farewell dinner at the lodge.

- Mokuti Etosha
- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA

Day 20 | Namibia » Cape Town

A flight to Cape Town and a transfer to The Silo, built into the elevator tower of the 1924 grain silo above the Zeitz MOCAA museum at the V&A Waterfront. The afternoon is the Waterfront and, if you want it, the museum below your feet — the largest collection of contemporary African art on the continent. Dinner is fine dining, in a city that does it as well as anywhere.

- The Silo Hotel
- Breakfast, Dinner

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SABI SAND

Day 21 | The Final Safari Begins

A flight northeast to the Sabi Sand and a transfer to Sabi Sabi River Lodge, at the confluence of the Sabi and Sand rivers where the water draws game year-round. The Sabi Sand is known globally for big-cat density and above all for leopard, which here are habituated enough that sightings run long and close rather than fleeting. The first drive, and a sundowner in the bush.

- Sabi Sabi River Lodge
- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY BY DAY (CONTINUED)

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SABI SAND

Day 22 | Big Five Country

An early drive with a guide and a tracker working as a pair, which is the arrangement that makes Sabi Sand sightings what they are. All of the Big Five are here and the trackers are extremely good at the elusive ones. The afternoon is the pool or the Amani Spa, and the evening is a second drive followed by an outdoor bush dinner.

- Sabi Sabi River Lodge
- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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SABI SAND

Day 23 | Walking Safari & Wellness

A guided walking safari in the morning, at ground level with a trained guide, learning to read the ecosystem rather than simply look at it. The afternoon is the Amani Spa, with treatments drawn from African traditions. The evening drive is a night safari, and the reserve after dark is a different reserve.

- Sabi Sabi River Lodge
- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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SABI SAND

Day 24 | The Final Big Five Day

The last full safari day, and a dawn drive dedicated to whatever is still outstanding — lion, leopard, elephant, rhino or buffalo. A relaxed afternoon at the lodge, then a grand farewell: a private sundowner followed by a bush dinner, and the end of twenty-four days of African wilderness.

- Sabi Sabi River Lodge
- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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PLETTENBERG BAY

Day 25 | Sabi Sand » the Garden Route

A flight back to Cape Town, where your private driver meets you for the scenic road journey along the Garden Route to Plettenberg Bay. Check in at The Plettenberg, a five-star property on a rocky headland above the Indian Ocean. The afternoon is the beach — Lookout Beach, or the Robberg peninsula — and dinner is oceanfront.

- The Plettenberg
- Breakfast, Dinner

DAY BY DAY (CONTINUED)

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PLETTENBERG BAY

Day 26 | Whales, Beaches & Farewell

A whale-watching excursion in the morning, when the season allows. Southern Right whales arrive from around June and stay through November, with the peak in August and September, and dolphins and seals are present year-round. The afternoon is the beach or the town, and then the drive back to Cape Town and a final night at The Silo, with Table Mountain in the window.

- The Silo Hotel
- Breakfast, Dinner

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PLETTENBERG BAY

Day 27 | Departure

Breakfast at The Silo and, depending on your flight, a final morning at the V&A Waterfront. Your private driver takes you to Cape Town International Airport.

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- Breakfast

INVESTMENT

Pricing & Inclusions

PER PERSON SHARING

\$55,200

SINGLE TRAVELLER SUPPLEMENT

On Request

Pricing is an estimate subject to confirmation based on season, room category, and final accommodation selection.

SEASONAL PRICING

Nov – Mar	BEST VALUE	\$52,400
Green season, newborn game, exceptional birding		
Jun – Oct	PEAK SEASON	\$64,900
Dry season, concentrated game, whales in Plett		
Apr – May	SHOULDER SEASON	\$57,800
Delta flood at its peak, thinning bush		

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- » All internal and regional flights, including light-aircraft transfers between camps
- » 26 nights accommodation across ten properties
- » Fully inclusive stays at all safari camps — meals, select drinks and scheduled activities
- » Twice-daily game drives throughout, plus night drives where permitted
- » Traditional mokoro excursion and motorised boat safari in the Okavango Delta
- » Guided walking safaris in Botswana, Zambia and South Africa
- » Sunrise hot-air balloon flight over the Delta, subject to season and conditions
- » Victoria Falls guided visit and entry
- » Zambezi sunset cruise from Matetsi's private riverfront
- » Night game drives in South Luangwa and Etosha
- » Canoe safari on the Lower Zambezi

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- International flights into Gaborone and out of Cape Town
- Yellow Fever vaccination where required, and malaria prophylaxis
- Optional helicopter flights over the Delta and Victoria Falls
- Premium imported wines and spirits
- Gratuities for guides, trackers, polers and camp staff
- Items of a personal nature

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