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CAPE TOWN TO VICTORIA FALLS SAFARI THROUGH SOUTH AFRICA, NAMIBIA, BOTSWANA & ZIMBABWE

Conducted 26 day tour

\$7,485 per person twin share

This price includes airport taxes and fuel levies

This price includes:

- ◆ Return air fares from Sydney into Cape Town and out of Victoria Falls with Qantas and British Airways (Comair).
- ◆ A 24 day overland tour with an experienced driver/guide of southern Africa from Cape Town to Victoria Falls, including 3 days in South Africa, 14 days in Namibia, 4 days in Botswana and 3 days in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe.
- ◆ All transport in a fully equipped air-conditioned 4x4 safari vehicle.
- ◆ Table Mountain and Boulders Beach in South Africa, game viewing in Etosha National Park in Namibia, the massive Fish River Canyon, canoeing on the Orange River and the Okavango Delta. Visit the largest breeding colony of Cape Fur Seals at Cape Cross, traditional village visits, the impressive Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe and a sunset cruise on the Chobe River.
- ◆ Most meals.



- ◆ Good accommodation.
- ◆ Park entrance fees.



If you do not have a travel partner, but wish to travel at twin share rates, we will try and assign you another traveller but it is not guaranteed. If you require a single room, there will be an additional charge of \$1470.

This is a small group safari with a maximum of 12 passengers.

Safari Tour departs Australia 6th July and returns 31st July 2017

We try harder to find you the best travel deal

Itinerary for Cape Town to Victoria Falls Safari – July 2017

Included meals are indicated as B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

06.07.17 Australia – Johannesburg - Cape Town, South Africa

Depart Melbourne at 7.30am on QF 412, arriving in Sydney at 8.55am.

Depart Brisbane at 7.30am on QF 507, arriving in Sydney at 9.05am.

All passengers depart Sydney at 10.50am on Qantas flight QF 63, arriving in Johannesburg at 5.00pm. Then depart Johannesburg at 7.00pm on flight BA 6407, arriving in Cape Town at 9.10pm (this flight is operated Comair).

On arrival in Cape Town we are met and transferred to our hotel for a three night stay.

Accommodation: The Townhouse Hotel or similar

07.07.17 Cape Town

(B) This morning we are collected and taken by cable car up the legendary Table Mountain for spectacular views of the ‘mother city’ and the surrounding peninsula. On our return to the city we will see the Company Gardens, Greenmarket Square, the SA Museum and the colourful Malay Quarter known as Bo-Kaap.

Accommodation: The Townhouse Hotel or similar

08.07.17 Cape Town

(B) We travel along the Atlantic Seaboard via Sea Point, Clifton and Camps Bay, stopping at a Maiden Cove look-out point before continuing to Hout Bay. We carry on over Chapman’s Peak, one of the world’s most breath-taking coastal drives to Cape Point and the Good Hope Nature Reserve. After lunch at a nearby restaurant, we travel onto Simon’s Town, a village with charming Victorian architecture, a naval base and a large penguin colony at the beautiful Boulders Beach.

Accommodation: The Townhouse Hotel or similar

09.07.17 Cape Town – Cedarberg Mountains, South Africa

(B/L/D) An early start takes us to the beach on the Atlantic Ocean to have a last look at Table Mountain across the bay. After lunch we head towards the Cedarberg Mountains, where we overnight in Clanwilliam, one of the ten oldest towns in the country. On arrival you can enjoy a local favourite of Rooibos tea tasting. Rooibos is indigenous to the Western Cape and has major nutritional and health benefits.

Accommodation: The Clanwilliam Lodge or similar

10.07.17 Cedarberg Mountains – Orange River, Namibia (approximately 500 kms)

(B/L/D) Travelling up the West Coast, we pass through some magnificent mountain ranges on our way to the Orange River, the natural border between South Africa and Namibia.

Accommodation: Felix Unite Camp Provenance or similar

11.07.17 Orange River

(B/L/D) Today we travel down the Orange River in a canoe. Put your feet up and relax as the currents take us downstream. Keep an eye out for the rapids!

Accommodation: Felix Unite Camp Provenance or similar

12.07.17 Orange River – Fish River Canyon (approximately 160 kms)

(B/L/D) Today we head to Ai-Ais, where thermal water with a temperature of approximately 60°C

gushes forth from the hot springs. In the Nama language, “Ai-Ais” means “burning water”. We then proceed to our accommodation which is situated close to the Fish River Canyon, the second largest canyon on earth, before enjoying another perfect African sunset along the edge of the canyon.

Accommodation: Canyon Roadhouse or similar

13.07.17 Fish River Canyon – Namib Naukluft National Park (approximately 600 kms)

(B/L/D) Moving inland we make our way towards the Namib Naukluft National Park.

Accommodation: Agama River Camp or similar

14.07.17 Namib Naukluft National Park

(B/L)

Today we have an early morning departure to visit the world’s highest sand dunes at Sossusvlei and Deadvlei, which can reach heights of over 300m and provide a fantastic photo opportunity. With luck, there may even be water in the vlei (lake). We also stop to view the Sesriem Canyon, which was carved millions of years ago by the Tsauchab River.

Accommodation: Agama River Camp or similar

15.07.17 Namib Naukluft National Park – Swakopmund (approximately 395 kms)

(B/L)

Today is spent driving through Namib Naukluft National Park on our way to Swakopmund. The Namib-Naukluft Desert is an ancient land with an ageless spirit. It is home to some of the rarest plant and animal species in the world. Sightings of flora and fauna on a Namibia safari are a very common. The animals of this harsh landscape include the Oryx, springbok and Hartmann’s Mountain Zebra. We can also see the Welwitschia Mirabilis, which is an odd looking desert shrub. We arrive into the charming coastal town of Swakopmund for a two night stay.

Accommodation: Hotel A la Mer or similar

16.07.17 Swakopmund

(B)

Today is at leisure. You may wish to partake in a few of the many optional activities that are offered.

Accommodation: Hotel A la Mer or similar

17.07.17 Swakopmund – Cape Cross Seal Colony and Twyfelfontein

(B/L/D)

Today we follow the barren Atlantic Coastline on our way to Cape Cross, the largest breeding place of the Cape Fur Seals. Leaving the cold Atlantic Coastline behind, we head inland across the desert plains to Twyfelfontein and view the ancient Bushmen paintings and engravings. Twyfelfontein was named a World Heritage site in 2007, the first in the country.

Accommodation: Twyfelfontein Country Lodge or similar

18.07.17 Twyfelfontein – Petrified Forest – Himba Village

(B/L/D)

On our journey today we stop at the Petrified Forest, a collection of fossilized trees which are estimated to be 250 million years old. We then head off towards Kamanjab, where we explore a Himba village in the afternoon. This will be a journey of culture exchange, learning and understanding the ways of the last traditional tribe in Namibia, the Ova-Himba.

Accommodation: Oppi Koppi Restcamp, Himba Village or similar

19.07.17 Kamanjab – Etosha National Park (approximately 270 kms)

(B/L/D)

After our cultural experience in Kamanjab, we head to Etosha National Park. Etosha Game Park was declared a National Park in 1907 and it is home to approximately 114 mammal species, 340 bird species, 110 reptile species, 16 amphibian species and surprisingly one

species of fish.

Accommodation: Okaukuejo Resort or similar

20.07.17 Etosha National Park

(B/L) The next two days are spent with game drives in the hopes of spotting some lion, leopard, elephant, rhino as well as cheetah, giraffe, zebra and the numerous different types of antelope the park has to offer. Our nights are spent at the flood lit waterholes encountering the park's various nocturnal animals as they come to drink.

Accommodation: Okaukuejo Resort or similar

21.07.17 Etosha National Park

(B/L) We have another opportunity to see Africa's amazing wildlife on the included game drive.

Accommodation: Namutoni Camp or similar

22.07.17 Etosha National Park – Kavango River

(B/L) Our journey continues east as we drive along the Caprivi Strip to the town of Rundu. We make our way to Kaisosi River Lodge and spend a relaxing afternoon at our lodge on the banks of the Kavango River. Optional activities such as a visit to the Mbunza Living Museum, a traditional cultural school and communal business for the local Kavango people, or a sunset cruise are available. Alternatively just relax by the pool with a sundowner listening to the sounds of Mother Nature.

Accommodation: Kaisosi River Lodge or similar

23.07.17 Kavango River – Okavango Delta, Botswana (approximately 370 kms)

(B/L/D) We leave Namibia for the western border of the Okavango Delta in Botswana. Unlike other deltas, the Okavango flows into the Kalahari Desert without reaching the coast, which makes it unique.

Accommodation: Guma Lagoon Camp or similar

24.07.17 Okavango Delta

(B/L/D) Today is spent exploring the network of water pathways floating through thick vegetation in mokoros (traditional dugout canoes), discovering a variety of birds and wildlife. We stop at a secluded island to take a 1½ hour guided walk hoping to see elephants, waterbuck or other animals living in this water-filled paradise.

Accommodation: Guma Lagoon Camp or similar

25.07.17 Okavango Delta – Caprivi, Namibia (approximately 350 kms)

(B/L/D) Leaving Botswana, we drive back to Namibia through the Caprivi Strip to our camp on the banks of the Kwando River. Enroute to camp we will go on a game drive to the Mahangu National Park which is rich in fauna and flora, having the chance of spotting game such as sable and roan, elephants, hippos, buffalos and antelopes. For bird watchers the Mahangu National Park offers more than 420 different bird species.

Accommodation: Camp Kwando or similar

26.07.17 Caprivi – Chobe National Park, Botswana

(B/L/D) This morning we head along the Caprivi Strip back into Botswana to Kasane, the gateway to the Chobe National Park. Chobe is the second largest national park in Botswana, covering 10,566 Square Kilometres. After settling in to our lodge, we will have the remainder of the day at leisure.

Accommodation: Chobe Safari Lodge or similar

27.07.17 Chobe National Park

(B) We rise early for a morning game drive in the Chobe National Park, which has one of the greatest concentrations of elephant found on the African continent. In the afternoon we go on a cruise on the Chobe River. This is an unforgettable experience and one of the best ways to view the wildlife and the spectacular sunset.

Accommodation: Chobe Safari Lodge or similar

28.07.17 Chobe National Park – Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

(B/L) We leave Botswana and drive to Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe. Our guide will take us on a tour of the mighty Victoria Falls, known by the local Kololo tribe as Mosi oa Tunya – “The Smoke That Thunders”. The rest of the day is at leisure, where you can take part in one of the many optional activities on offer.

Accommodation: A’Zambezi River Lodge or similar

29.07.17 Victoria Falls

(B) Today is at leisure in Victoria Falls.

Accommodation: A’Zambezi River Lodge or similar

30.07.17 Victoria Falls – Johannesburg - Sydney

(B) After a leisurely breakfast we are transferred to Victoria Falls Airport for our flights home. Depart Victoria Falls at 2.30pm on Comair flight BA 6284, arriving in Johannesburg, South Africa at 4.10pm.

Then depart Johannesburg at 7.10pm on Qantas flight QF 64, arriving in Sydney at 2.55pm the next day (31.07.17).

31.07.17 Sydney – Brisbane & Melbourne

Brisbane passengers depart Sydney at 5.00pm on QF 540, arriving in Brisbane at 6.30pm.

Melbourne passengers depart Sydney at 5.00pm on QF 453, arriving in Melbourne at 6.35pm.

Note: The safari tour price does not include a local ‘kitty’ payment of 2,200 South African Rand (approximately \$250) per person to cover the road expenses, park fees, local excursions and activities. This payment does not include tipping which is an additional expense.



Example of a typical 12-seater safari vehicle



Vehicle: The safari uses fully equipped Toyota Land Cruisers, 12-seater 4x4 safari vehicles or other appropriate vehicles with comfortable seating, large windows for game viewing, a music and PA system and air-conditioning. All luggage, besides hand luggage and photo equipment, is carried on the vehicle or trailer roof racks to ensure maximum comfort in the vehicle.

Travelling Times and Distances: All travelling times are affected by road conditions, border crossings, detours and weather conditions, therefore on certain days travelling times may be longer than anticipated especially where there is a lot of distance to be covered. Please keep in mind that the time it takes to travel 100 km in your home country is not equivalent to the time it takes to travel 100 km on African roads, therefore we encourage you to sit back and enjoy the spectacular scenery Africa has to offer. Where possible, additional stops will be made to ensure your travelling comfort at all times.

Local payment: A local payment is required on your safari and will be collected by your guide on the day of departure. The local payment is not included in the tour cost and is used to pay some of the day to day operational costs that are incurred while we are on the road. This amount cannot be pre-paid.

We try to prepay as many of the costs as possible however in some cases cash payment on arrival is the only option as some of the attractions we visit on safari only accept cash. Examples include park fees at most of the national parks, a few accommodation or camp sites, any local food markets we visit to stock up on fresh produce during the tour, as well as local guides.

The local payment also ensures that a portion of your tour cost actually goes directly to the countries you visit, thus benefiting local communities as well as contributing to conservation of the areas we visit. Essentially having a local payment means your tour price is a bit lower and gives you a more inclusive experience!

Spending money: Clients are advised to bring enough money to cover the purchase of curios, tips, alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks, water and additional entertainment. US Dollars, Pound Sterling, South African Rand and Botswana Pula are the most practical and convenient currencies.

Meals: Where included, most breakfasts and dinners will be enjoyed in the restaurants of the various accommodation establishments, however on certain nights the guide will provide an authentic meal for the group, which will be enjoyed together in the evening, often around a camp fire. Please advise us of any special dietary requirements in advance.

First Aid: Our guides are trained in basic first aid and the vehicle is equipped with a comprehensive medical aid kit. Preventative Malaria medication should be taken before the trip and throughout its duration, although it is advisable to consult a doctor prior to departure.

Luggage: The maximum baggage allowance is 15 kg. An overloaded vehicle is a danger to both the clients and the guide. This does not include photographic equipment and a small daypack. Please bring a backpack or soft barrel bag, not a suitcase. Don't bring too much clothing, as there are washing opportunities along the way. Please adhere to the allowance specified as space for luggage is limited.

Conditions for Macleay Valley Travel's Cape Town to Victoria Falls Safari

Deposits and Payments - A non-refundable deposit of \$1750 per person is payable within 7 days of booking for the standard tour. The balance is payable in full 8 weeks prior to departure.

Refunds and Cancellations - Cancellations after final payment will result in a refund limited to whatever we can recoup from the airline.

Airline Tickets - Please note that any changes made to airline tickets once they have been issued will likely incur high cancellation and/or reissue fees. These fees are typically set by the airline and are outside of our control.

Insurance - Adequate travel insurance is essential. We can arrange this for you if desired. Macleay Valley Travel offers Suresave Travel Insurance. Please note that we can only process your travel insurance when we have received full payment for the insurance and the signed Suresave Travel Insurance application form, located on the last page of the Suresave Travel Insurance information booklet. Until this time the travel insurance cannot be processed and will not be valid. Macleay Valley Travel will bear no responsibility for any consequences that may occur as a result of an incomplete insurance application.

Passports - All travellers require a current passport with at least 6 months left on it at the end of the tour. Non-Australian passport holders require a re-entry visa for Australia. Visas are not required for South Africa if travelling on an Australian passport. Visas are required for Zimbabwe and can be obtained upon arrival at a cost between \$30 - 55 USD per person. Please note that each passenger will require at least four blank pages in their passport to travel to South Africa on this tour.

Basic Tour Price and Taxes - Air taxes and fuel levies are included in the basic tour price if the tour is paid in full on or before the due date on the final invoice. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to charge for any increase in air taxes and fuel levies if the tour is not paid in full by the due date.

Breakaway Fee - All fully inclusive prices are based on group travel and any deviation from the set itinerary will incur a breakaway fee. The breakaway fee for most deviations including a post-tour extension on this tour is \$115 per person. Please inquire with our office for prices on any pre-tour extensions.

Not Included in the Cost - Travel insurance, visas and all items of a personal nature such as telephone calls, drinks, excess baggage, tips, meals (except those specified in the itinerary), etc. are not included in the cost. The tour price does not include a local 'kitty' payment of 2,200 South African Rand (approx \$250) per person to cover the road expenses, park fees, local excursions and activities. This payment does not include tipping which is an additional expense (suggested amount \$10USD per person per day for the driver/guide). Similarly, credit card payments can only be accepted if 2% is added to the price to help defray the heavy merchant fees charged to us by the credit card companies. There is a 3% surcharge for Diners Club.

Health and Fitness - Macleay Valley Travel recommends that the passenger is reasonably healthy and/or fit to participate in this tour. Our ground operator for this adventure safari has stipulated that passengers aged 65 – 80 will be required to have their doctor complete a medical assessment form which our operator will provide. Due to the demanding nature of this safari, our ground operator has stipulated that passengers over the age of 80 are not permitted to travel on this tour. Macleay Valley Travel only acts as an agent for our ground operator and therefore accepts no liability in regards to this age restriction. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to accept/decline or terminate a passenger's participation in the tour under certain circumstances.

Booking through other Agents - As we keep the cost of our tours as low as possible, there is insufficient margin for us to be able to pay commission to other travel agents, so some bookings can only be accepted if the client pays the other agent's commission.

Accreditation - Macleay Valley Travel is a fully accredited travel agency under the AFTA (Australian Federation of Travel Agents) ATAS - AFTA Travel Accreditation Scheme. As such, you are assured of a consumer focused and quality assured business, ensuring professional conduct and ethical business practices. We are happy for any prospective traveller with us to check us out with your local Consumer Affairs (Fair Trading) department.

Twin Share Bookings - If you do not have a travel partner, but wish to travel at twin share rates, we will try and assign you with another traveller but this is not guaranteed. We assign passengers by their gender, on a first come, first served basis and do not assign twin share passengers according to their age, profession, interests etc. There are risks with sharing a room with a person you do not know, and Macleay Valley Travel accepts no responsibility if you are incompatible with your assigned room mate. Additionally, if you are assigned a travelling companion to share with and they cancel off the tour prior to making the final payment, then you will either be required to pay the single room supplement or we will try our best to assign you with another twin share passenger, if one is available.

Limitation of Liability - As Macleay Valley Travel acts only as agent for the Airlines, Hotels, Coach Companies etc., providing accommodation, transportation and other services, Macleay Valley Travel shall not be liable or responsible for death or injury to any person or loss or damage to any property including baggage arising out of or connection with any transportation, accommodation or other services, or resulting directly or indirectly from acts of God, fire, breakdown in machinery or equipment, acts of Government or other authorities, de jure or defacto wars, whether declared or not, hostilities, civil disturbances, strikes, riots, thefts, epidemics, quarantines, medical or customs regulations, delays or cancellations caused by changes in schedules or itinerary, or over bookings or defaults or for any causes beyond Macleay Valley Travel's control or any loss or damage resulting from improper or insufficient passports, visas or other documents and neither Macleay Valley Travel, and its servants or employees shall be or become liable or responsible for any additional expenses or liability sustained or incurred by the tour member as a result of the foregoing causes. Additionally you must meet the entry requirements for each country you visit. Macleay Valley Travel will not be liable if you are denied entry to a country for any reason, including a past criminal history. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to decline bookings made for any group tour. Any tour booking confirmation is conditional, contingent on our view of the ability of a person to be able to participate in a tour without the likelihood of conflict between members of a tour whether perceived or actual.

Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to modify the itinerary or the accommodation if circumstances make this necessary, provided that the amended itinerary is of equal value or greater value than that of the original program.

MACLEAY VALLEY TRAVEL - BOOKING FORM

PLEASE PRINT DETAILS CLEARLY IN BLOCK LETTERS AND ALSO

A PHOTOCOPY OF YOUR PASSPORT MUST BE SENT WITH BOOKING FORM

Name of Tour : _____ Departure Date: _____

Passenger 1 (as written in passport) _____

Title: **Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss. Dr.** _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Passenger 2 (as written in passport) _____

Title: **Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss. Dr.** _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Postal Address: _____

_____ **PostCode** _____ **Email** _____

Telephone / Fax Number: _____ **Mobile** _____

Passport Number: _____ Expiry Date: _____

Passport Number: _____ Expiry Date: _____

Passport Nationality: _____

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(Passport must have 6 months validity from the time of tour completion)

Single room / Twin beds / Double bed: (Room type is subject to availability)

Circle which airport you wish to depart from: SYDNEY / MELBOURNE / BRISBANE

Any existing medical conditions? Passenger 1: _____ Passenger 2: _____

Special Dietary Needs – Passenger 1: _____ Passenger 2: _____

Optional Extensions: _____

Would you like to receive details of our travel insurance?: YES / NO (Please Circle)

In case of emergency, please notify :

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please return this sheet with your non-refundable deposit of \$1750 per person.

DECLARATION. I have read and understand fully the booking conditions and I accept them.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

A copy of passport is required to verify spelling of name; If this is not provided and the information we have for the airline is incorrect and ticket is issued, then the airline will charge a reissue fee.