

Botswana, Victoria Falls & Soweto Tour

Factbox	
Prices start from :	£ 5,855
Travel between :	09 Aug 24 and 09 Aug 24
Board Basis :	As per Itinerary
Duration :	9 nights
Book by :	30 Apr 24
Includes :	Flights from London Heathrow with British Airways 8 x Breakfast 5 x Lunches 5 x Dinners Selected drinks at Camp Kuzuma, Chobe and Mogotho Safari Lodge, Khwai River Transfers as specified in the itinerary Charter flight from Kasane to Khwai Airstrip Services of an English-speaking driver guide on the excursions specified Activities and excursions as mentioned Park entrance and river usage fees unless otherwise stipulated Scheduled - Journey to Freedom - Full Day 15-minute complimentary back, neck and shoulder massage



Detailed Itinerary

**Highlights:** Victoria Falls - Botswana Chobe - Botswana Khwai Safari & Mokoro Trip - Johannesburg Soweto

**Other Departures:** Glasgow - £5989pp, Edinburgh - £5985pp, Manchester - £5895pp, Belfast - £6089pp, Newcastle - £5985pp, Birmingham - £5709pp, Norwich - £5709pp, Bristol - £5545pp

**Itinerary:**

**Day 1: Victoria Falls - Zimbabwe.**

On arrival at Victoria Falls Airport, you will be met and transferred by road to your accommodation where you will spend the next two nights. This afternoon you will have the opportunity to relax while on a sunset cruise on the mighty Zambezi River.

Sunset Cruise  
Enjoy a brief history of the river with a cocktail in hand as you set out on the Sunset Cruise.  
Snack on delicacies from the high tea selection, as well as other delectable snacks, and be treated to any of the thirst-quenching beverages from the fully-stocked bar, while you take in the wild Zambezi. Transfers included.

The warmest of welcomes awaits you at Ilala Lodge Hotel.  
A gracefully distinguished ambience. Attentive yet discrete service that always comes with a smile.  
The sublime surroundings of our boutique hotel will reawaken your senses while the power of the majestic Victoria Falls renews your spirit.  
The view from your room looks across the lawns to the National Parks where elephants, Warthog, impala or the occasional buffalo might be passing by or simply grazing on the lawn or in the tree line.  
Ilala Lodge also has a spa, where you can spoil yourself after that long safari!  
Overnight: Ilala Lodge Hotel.  
Meals: Breakfast.

**Day 2: Victoria Falls - Zimbabwe.**

This morning you will be taken on a guided tour of the mighty Victoria Falls, one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World.  
The rest of the afternoon is at your leisure to explore the town or participate in the various optional activities available.  
Guided Tour of the Falls (Zimbabwe)  
A view of Victoria Falls is something you will never forget and the best way to see it is on a guided tour.  
Discover how the Falls were formed and what local customs and traditions surround them.  
These tours are extremely informative and end with a visit to the local arts and crafts centre.  
Optional Activities,  
Popular optional activities on offer in Victoria Falls include a scenic Helicopter Flight, Flying Fox (Cable Slide), Gorge Swing, Bungee Jumping, Zip Lining, Bridge Slide as well as the Canopy Tour.  
Pre-booking is recommended to avoid disappointment.  
All activities are subject to availability and may require a minimum amount of passengers to operate.  
Overnight: Ilala Lodge Hotel.  
Meals: Breakfast.

**Day 3: Botswana - Chobe Safari.**

After breakfast, you will road transfer to Kasane, Botswana.  
Here you will enjoy lunch before you depart for your cruise on the Chobe River.  
After this, you will be transferred to Camp Kuzuma, situated in the Chobe region of Botswana.  
You will have the opportunity to either relax on your private deck or at the pool area, before an afternoon game drive on our concession.

Hideaways Camp Kuzuma - Botswana - Kazuma Forest Reserve.  
The main lodge area is home to an open plan bar, lounge and dining area and the area extends onto a large wooden deck, with a swimming pool that overlooks a floodlit waterhole that is frequently visited by an abundance of wildlife.  
WiFi is available in the main area.  
This impressive landscape stretches over thousands of hectares and features expansive grassland, natural pans and Mopane tree forests.  
It is home to abundant wildlife and provides an ideal habitat for wildebeest, buffalo, antelope, sable, giraffe, zebra, lion and leopard.  
Numerous herds of elephants also frequent this reserve as it is idyllically positioned in an elephant corridor.  
The nearby Kazuma Pans attract many birds making it a bird-watching paradise boasting over 380 different species.  
Visitors can enjoy a variety of activities including fishing trips and sunrise or sunset game drives.  
Our aim at Camp Kuzuma is to tread the earth lightly and minimize our carbon footprint.  
We operate completely off the grid using 100% renewable solar energy systems, with power being generated by solar panels.  
Overnight: Camp Kuzuma.  
Meals: Fully Inclusive - Bed, All Meals, Fees and Activities, All Drinks (excl Premium Brands) Included.

**Day 4: Botswana - Chobe Safari.**

Today is spent on game drives on our 11,000-hectare concession.

Chobe, being the second largest national park in Botswana covering 10,566 square km, has one of the greatest concentrations of elephants found on the African continent.

Besides the breeding herds of elephants, one can also find wildebeest,

buffalo, antelope, sable, giraffe, zebra, lion and leopard in the expansive grassland, natural pans and Mopane tree forests.

Overnight: Camp Kuzuma.

Meals: Fully Inclusive - Bed, All Meals, Fees and Activities, All Drinks (excl Premium Brands) Included.

**Day 5: Botswana - Khwai River.**

After breakfast, you will road transfer to Kasane Airport for your charter flight to Khwai Airstrip.

Upon arrival, you will be met and transferred by road to Mogotlho Safari Lodge where you will spend the next three nights.

The afternoon is yours to spend at leisure, either relaxing next to the pool at the lodge or to partake in an afternoon game drive on our concession. Khwai River.

Situated on the banks of the Khwai River near the famous Okavango swamp, the village of Khwai is set in the North-West District of Botswana.

The village fringes the magnificent Moremi Game Reserve which is known for its incredible array of wildlife.

Khwai provides an excellent base from which to explore the spectacularly scenic surrounding area.

It is to be home to some of Botswana's most beautiful landscapes which feature vast grass plains, a patchwork of lagoons, shallow pans and lush woodland forests.

Visitors can look forward to spotting a fantastic variety of wildlife, learning about the San community and enjoying a wide selection of ecotourism activities.

Commonly spotted wildlife species include lion, leopard, elephant, cheetah, hippo, wild dog and buffalo.

The Mogotlho Safari Lodge takes it from the Camel thorn trees that grow along the banks of the Khwai River.

The lodge's large thatch-roofed dining and lounge area leads out onto an elevated viewing deck overlooking the riverbank.

Overnight: Hideaways Mogotlho, Khwai River.

Meals: Fully Inclusive - Bed, All Meals, Fees and Activities, All Drinks (excl Premium Brands) Included.

**Day 6: Botswana - Khwai River.**

Today we have the opportunity for game drives and bush walks (bush walks are seasonal) on our private concession.

A cultural tour can also be arranged with the community from Mababe.

Mogotlho celebrates and supports local culture and history and is proud to be in partnership with the community.

Overnight: Hideaways Mogotlho, Khwai River.

Meals: Fully Inclusive - Bed, All Meals, Fees and Activities, All Drinks (excl Premium Brands) Included.

**Day 7: Botswana - Mokoro Trip.**

Today we have a Mokoro excursion planned.

Float through the thick vegetation of the various channels of the lower part of the Okavango Delta in mokoros (dug-out canoes).

Discover the myriad of species of this pristine wilderness area and end your African adventure on a high.

Overnight: Hideaways Mogotlho, Khwai River.

Meals: Fully Inclusive - Bed, All Meals, Fees and Activities, All Drinks (excl Premium Brands) Included.

**Day 8: Safari Departure - Johannesburg.**

Our safari ends after breakfast.

You will be transferred by road to Maun Airport in time for your departure flight.

There is an option to upgrade your transfer by Helicopter, where you may have the opportunity for wildlife viewing on your way to Maun Airport.

Helicopter transfers are operated at wildlife viewing height for potential sightings throughout the flight.

Meals: Breakfast.

Arrival Hotel Complimentary ShuttleTransfer.

Overnight: African Rock Hotel & Spa.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner.

15-minute complimentary back, neck and shoulder massage,

**Day 9: Johannesburg - Scheduled - Journey to Freedom - Full Day.**

Departs between 08h30 and 09h10. Many South Africans gave much, and some gave all, to achieve a truly democratic South Africa.

Come join us on this full-day tour which shares some of the journey, pain and struggle of those heroes; witness the places, and experience the diverse museums where these momentous, tumultuous years have been so well documented.

Your day begins at the Kliptown Open Air Museum where delegates met in 1955 to adopt the Freedom Charter,

now the cornerstone of the Bill of Rights and the South African Constitution.

The next significant stop is the fascinating Regina Mundi Church, the site of so many of the underground meetings of the then-banned political parties.

Standing in here, you can feel the tension, picture the intensity, the strain on the faces of those unthinkably brave souls,

committed at any cost to changing the way of life of a nation.

Your next stop is the Hector Pieterse Museum, where you start to unravel the cause of the devastating riots, before travelling past Mandela House,

where you have the option of visiting this small museum (own account). Lunch in Soweto at a local restaurant.

Then continue your journey driving past the affluent suburb of Diepkloof,

which is in stark contrast to the lower-income areas seen earlier in the day, en route to the iconic Apartheid Museum.

This is an interactive voyage of discovery, one which takes you from the dark days of whites-only privilege, through to Nelson Mandela's historic release.

The Apartheid Museum is a multimedia experience, with documentary film snippets, texts,

sound clips and live accounts, recapturing life in the dark days of South Africa.

It's a fascinating tour, filled with tales of bravery and sadness, but ultimately, it's a story with the right ending.

Your experience highlights:

Kliptown Open Air Museum Regina Mundi Church Hector Pieterse Museum Mandela House (own account)

Lunch in Soweto at a local restaurant (own account) Diepkloof Apartheid Museum

Tours depart from central locations - pick up and drop off locations outside these zones are at an additional surcharge each way.

Johannesburg - Central Rosebank or Sandton Hotel only

Overnight: African Rock Hotel & Spa.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner.

15-minute complimentary back, neck and shoulder massage,

**Day 10: Depart Johannesburg.**

Airport to Hotel Complimentary Shuttle Transfer.  
Meals: Breakfast.

**Excludes.**

- Optional Activities
- Imported and premium brand drinks
- Personal expenses such as gratuities, telephone calls, curios etc.

