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## Johannesburg to Victoria Falls – 29 April 2020 – 15 May 2020

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***Johannesburg - Kruger National Park - Cape Town - Victoria Falls,  
Zimbabwe***

***17 Days / 16 Nights***

***Quoted by Debbie Kidson on 01 March 2019***

*Please note that we do NOT have availability as there hasn't been sufficient time to secure options (Kruger National Park has not opened sales as yet for May 2020). We will check this once they have accepted the quote. Should there be limited availability, we will check for alternatives and advise if there is any price change.*



## Introduction:

Accommodation	Destination	Duration
Southern Sun OR Tambo International Airport	Johannesburg	1 Night
Shishangeni Private Game Lodge	Kruger National Park	4 Nights
Holiday Inn Sandton	Johannesburg	2 Nights
Southern Sun Cape Sun	Cape Town	5 Nights
The Kingdom Hotel	Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe	4 Nights

### Key

B&B: Bed and Breakfast

D, B&B: Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

FB: Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Lunch

## Package Price:

	Twin/double room	Single room
20 – 24 Passengers	R82 950.00	R103 630.00
25 – 29 Passengers	R81 200.00	R101 870.00
30 – 34 Passengers	R80 050.00	R100 730.00
35 – 40 Passengers	R79 200.00	R99 800.00

Optional Helicopter flight over Victoria Falls: R2 330.00 per person (12-13 minutes)

## Included in the package price:

- Transport in a luxury 48 seater coach
- Driver and Tour Leader
- Fuel, Tolls, all Transport Permits & R50 million Passenger Liability
- Meals and Accommodation as indicated
- 1 x Full Day Game Drive Kruger National Park
- 3 x Afternoon Game Drive Kruger National Park
- 1 x Morning Guided Walk Kruger National Park
- 1 x Morning Game Drive Kruger National Park
- 4 x Kruger National Park Entry fees
- Full Day Soweto and Johannesburg City Tour
- Table Mountain Return Cable Car
- Full Day Cape Winelands Tour
- Full Day Cape Peninsular Tour
- Trip to Robben Island
- Guide tour of Victoria Falls
- Historical Bridge Tour and lunch at the Rain Forest Café
- Chobe National Park Day trip, including afternoon boat cruise
- Group airport transfers
- Flights Johannesburg/Cape Town/Vic Falls/Johannesburg



**Excluded from the package price:**

- All services except those listed above
- International flights (Sydney/Johannesburg/Sydney) plus airport taxes
- Visas
- Porterage, tips and gratuities
- All beverages
- Anything of personal nature

**Day 1: Southern Sun OR Tambo International Airport, Johannesburg****Johannesburg**

Johannesburg is one of Africa's biggest and most vibrant cities. It is the economic capital of Africa and the gateway to Southern Africa. Although not as famous as other South African destinations, there is plenty to do in Johannesburg and nearby Pretoria. The old city is a multi-cultural mixture of traditional medicine shops, Chinese restaurants, taxi ranks and ultra-modern skyscrapers. There are excellent museums, art galleries and organised tours of historical and political interest. The shopping is Southern Africa's best and the many restaurants cater for all tastes. The nearby Township of Soweto is Johannesburg's most popular tourist attraction.

**Day Itinerary**

Group airport pickup

**Overnight: Southern Sun OR Tambo International Airport**

Stylish, comfortable and conveniently located, it is no wonder that Southern Sun O.R. Tambo International Airport has become a favourite for business and leisure travellers seeking Johannesburg accommodation. The hotel lies just 500 metres from South Africa's busiest airport, which lies in the thriving city of Johannesburg. Nearby, a host of commercial headquarters, business facilities, restaurants, shops and local attractions are found, adding even further to the convenience of this prime location. Within the rest of the hotel, you can enjoy many other services and facilities designed at making your stay enjoyable. These include an outdoor pool, an on-site gym, fully equipped Business Centre, Caroline's Day Spa, complimentary airport shuttle and outstanding service. Dining can be enjoyed at the popular Bernoulli's Restaurant, or at one of the many nearby restaurants in the area.

**Basis**

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

**Included**

Dinner at the Hotel

**Excluded**

Breakfast  
Lunch

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**Day 2: Shishangeni Private Game Lodge, Kruger National Park**

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**Kruger National Park**

Stretching over more than two million hectares, the Kruger National Park is one of the world's largest game reserves and a truly remarkable destination. Owing to its exceptional size, visitors are able to experience fantastic diversity – from changing scenery and ecosystems to an impressive array of animals, plant life and birdlife. The park is home to over 130 mammals and over 500 bird species. Visitors can look forward to learning about the area's prehistoric past, enjoying a host of accommodation options, and viewing abundant wildlife including the famed Big Five. The diversity sheer density of wildlife makes Kruger National Park an unforgettable and potentially life-changing experience.

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**Day Itinerary**

Travel to Kruger, evening Game Drive

**Overnight: Shishangeni Private Game Lodge**

Shishangeni Private Lodge is all about mixing business with pleasure. It's a legendary treasure amidst towering mountains and high-lying grasslands, 30km from Komatipoort on a 15000ha private concession in Kruger National Park, boasting with the most rewarding game-viewing on the continent, top-quality service and luxurious African styled chalets.

**Basis**

Full Board

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**Included**

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner at the Hotel / Lodge

**Day 3: Shishangeni Private Game Lodge, Kruger National Park**

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**Day Itinerary**

Full Day Game Drive in Kruger National Park

**Basis**

Full Board

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**Included**

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner at the Lodge

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**Day 4: Shishangeni Private Game Lodge, Kruger National Park**

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**Day Itinerary**

Morning Guided walk and Afternoon Game Drive

**Basis**

Full Board

**Included**

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner at the Lodge

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**Day 5: Shishangeni Private Game Lodge, Kruger National Park**

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**Day Itinerary**

Morning Game Drive and Afternoon Game Drive

**Basis**

Full Board

**Included**

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner at the Lodge

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**Day 6: Holiday Inn Sandton, Johannesburg**

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**Day Itinerary**

Travel Back to Johannesburg

**Overnight: Holiday Inn Sandton**

Holiday Inn Sandton, Rivonia Road is also central to the Sandton Convention Centre; Sandton City, one of the largest shopping centres in the southern hemisphere, and Nelson Mandela Square; which offers a diverse range of restaurants, shops, entertainment and vibrant nightlife. The Gauteng Train Station is a stone's throw away. Therefore this Sandton hotel offers the ideal base for the business and leisure traveller. Whether you're overnighing for business or leisure, or simply enjoying sundowner cocktails or dinner with friends, Holiday Inn Sandton, Rivonia Road provides a memorable experience catering for all your requirements!




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**Basis**

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

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**Included**

Buffet Breakfast at Cattle Baron  
Lunch allowance  
Dinner at the hotel

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**Day 7:        Holiday Inn Sandton, Johannesburg**


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**Day Itinerary**

Full Day Soweto and Johannesburg City Tour

**Basis**

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

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**Included**

Breakfast at the hotel  
Lunch allowance  
Dinner at the hotel

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**Day 8:        Southern Sun Cape Sun, Cape Town**


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**Cape Town**

Resting at the confluence of the Indian and Atlantic oceans, sandwiched between the slopes of the iconic Table Mountain and the glistening sapphire waters of Table Bay, the exceptionally scenic city of Cape Town is in a class of its own. Some cities boast rich culture, vibrant nightlife, a cosmopolitan atmosphere and extraordinary architecture, while others boast breath-taking landscapes and extraordinary natural wonders. Cape Town is lucky enough to be blessed with all of these attractions and so much more. With its bustling harbour, world-class beaches, top-notch vineyards, and its mountainous surroundings brimming with diverse flora and fauna, Cape Town consistently captivates the hearts of all who visit.

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**Day Itinerary**

Flight to Cape Town

Afternoon at leisure

### Overnight: Southern Sun Cape Sun

From its undeniably idyllic location within the Cape Town CBD, this 32 floor city skyscraper offers the ideal base from which to explore the many attractions, from Cape Point to Cape Winelands. Business and leisure travellers alike are invited to experience a blend of elegance, traditional hospitality and world class facilities - all offered at this memorable Tsogo Sun hotel. At over 100 meters above sea level, guests can enjoy postcard-perfect views of Table Mountain and the iconic Robben Island. With plenty of amenities within the hotel itself, including conferencing, spa facilities, delicious dining and more - unwinding has never been easier. Should you wish to step outside of your tranquil oasis in the city, there are many things to see and do within the area ranging from Museums to Art galleries and restaurants. The Cape Sun offers complimentary WI-FI, a complimentary shuttle to and from the V&A Waterfront and is a mere 15 minutes away from the Cape Town Convention Centre - CTICC. Cape Town has a bustling night life in Long Street and is a walk away from Cape Town train Station and the MyCiti Busterminal.




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#### Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

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#### Included

Breakfast and Dinner at the hotel

Lunch allowance

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### Day 9: Southern Sun Cape Sun, Cape Town

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#### Day Itinerary

Morning Table Mountain visit, afternoon at leisure

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#### *Table Mountain*

Without a doubt it is Table Mountain that makes Cape Town the unique city it is. Rising up over 1000m above sea level, it is the icon that makes Cape Town instantly recognizable. It is a symbol, a playground, a spiritual retreat and a big draw card for tourists. So intertwined with the identity of Cape Town is Table Mountain that a visit to the city isn't complete without having walked or taken the cable car to the top.

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#### Basis

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

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**Included**

Breakfast and Dinner at the hotel  
Lunch allowance

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**Day 10: Southern Sun Cape Sun, Cape Town****Day Itinerary**

Full Day Winelands Tour

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***Stellenbosch Museum***

The Stellenbosch Museum currently comprises of four houses of historical interest and their gardens. Each of these beautiful homes represents a different period in the architectural development of Stellenbosch. The houses, their interiors and their gardens have been wonderfully restored, furnished, planted and decorated to illustrate the particular style and taste of the time. Houses in the museum complex include the Schreuderhuis, Blettermanhuis, Grosvenor House, and O.M. Berghuis. The museum is open to guests every day of the week.

***Franschhoek Motor Museum***

An astonishing collection of cars in the middle of world famous vineyards and race horses.

***Taal Monument***

Designed and erected in 1975, the Taal Monument is located on the slopes of Paarl Rock and pays tribute to the Afrikaans language. Made up of a series of lofty obelisks joined by sweeping curves, it is a beguiling structure that appears almost organic and is a striking complement to the solid granite mass of the mountain.

***Huguenot Museum***

This museum depicts the life of the French Huguenot's who settled in the Franschhoek valley. Mon-Sat: 09:00 - 17:00, Sun: 14:00 - 17:00, Closed on Good Friday and Christmas Day. Fees: R10 for adults, R5 for Students, R2 for children – includes Museum and Gardens. Tel: +27 21 8762532, Email: hugenoot@museum.co.za

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**Basis**

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

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**Included**

Breakfast and Dinner at the hotel  
Lunch allowance

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**Day 11: Southern Sun Cape Sun, Cape Town****Day Itinerary**

Full Day Cape Peninsular Tour

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***Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens***

On the lower slopes of Table Mountain, the beautiful Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens showcases some of the Cape's rich flora. Taking centre stage here is the unique 'fynbos' vegetation. Those who work up an appetite while exploring this garden paradise can visit the restaurant or tea room, which are fully stocked with delicious meals, yummy treats and refreshing beverages. In summer, Sunday music concerts provide sunset entertainment. Kirstenbosch is rated as the seventh best of its kind in the world.

***Boulders Beach***

Boulders Beach in Simon's Town is ideal for kids as immense boulders shelter the cove from currents and large waves - but please always take care. It is a rare pleasure to swim with the penguins but don't touch or feed them. They might look cute and cuddly but their beaks are as sharp as razors and if they feel threatened they have no qualms about nipping the odd finger or nose.

***Hout Bay Harbour***

Hout Bay's active harbour serves a variety of fishing boats, charter boats and yachts. It is also the departure point for boat trips to the nearby Seal Island, home to a colony of around 6 000 Cape Fur Seals. The bustling port area also has a well-known seafood restaurant and a shop selling fresh fish.

***Chapman's Peak***

Chapman's Peak Drive winds its way between Noordhoek and Hout Bay. Situated on the Atlantic Coast, at the south- western tip of South Africa, it is one of the most spectacular marine drives anywhere in the world. The 9km route, with its 114 curves, skirts the rocky coastline of Chapman's Peak. The drive offers stunning 180° views with many areas along the route where you can stop and take in the scenery or sit down for a relaxing picnic.

***Cape Point Funicular***

The Flying Dutchman funicular takes visitors at Cape Point up to the lighthouse, where there is an outstanding view of the point and ocean. The funicular is named after a ghost ship whose destiny it is to sail the oceans forever. More information can be found at the museum.

**Basis**

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

**Included**

Breakfast and Dinner at the hotel  
Lunch allowance

**Day 12:      Southern Sun Cape Sun, Cape Town****Day Itinerary**

Morning Trip to Robben Island, afternoon at Leisure at the V&A Waterfront

***Robben Island***

An icon of struggle, freedom and hope made famous by Nelson Mandela's imprisonment here.

**Basis**

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

**Included**

Breakfast and Dinner at the hotel  
Lunch allowance

## Day 13: The Kingdom Hotel, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

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### Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Resting on the southern banks of the Zambezi River at the western end of the eponymous falls, this popular tourist town is compact enough to walk around and makes an ideal base for travellers exploring the seventh wonder of the world, the unfathomably vast Victoria Falls. About two-thirds of the falls can be viewed from the Zimbabwean side and, while the falls are undoubtedly the star attraction, the area provides both adventure seekers and sightseers with plenty of opportunities to warrant a longer stay. Popular activities include scenic flights over the falls in helicopters or microlights, bungee jumping off the Victoria Falls Bridge, white-water rafting (seasonal), and day trips to Chobe National Park. The town itself offers some excellent accommodation and restaurant options as well as an eclectic variety of African curios and authentic art sold by friendly Zimbabwean locals who are wonderfully welcoming and eager to help you enjoy your stay.

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### Day Itinerary

Flight to Victoria Falls. Group airport Pickup, Afternoon at leisure

### Overnight: The Kingdom Hotel

Quatermain's, The Rapid Pool, The Wild Thing and The Pit sound like titles of movies or books not quite suitable for all ages. They are in fact the names of the four bars in African Sun's closest hotel to the Victoria Falls, The Kingdom at Victoria Falls. This is a fun-filled resort hotel aimed unashamedly at the tourist who wants to take in the majesty and excitement of one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. Complete with its own food court offering a wide choice of relaxing or quick meals, suiting all ages, The Kingdom at Victoria Falls also offers three swimming pools and a toddlers pool, a children's play area and, for the ladies, planning a "night on the town" or a visit to the resort's spa and beauty parlour. The architecture draws on the ancient Kingdom of Munhumutapa, with great domes, pillars, and bridges over the many water features, The Kingdom's fun-filled atmosphere gives guests a unique blend of African tradition and Western leisure.



### Basis

Full Board

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**Included**

Buffet Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

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**Day 14: The Kingdom Hotel, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe**

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**Day Itinerary**

Guided Victoria Falls Tour, afternoon free for Optional Helicopter flight

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***Victoria Falls - The Falls***

One of the original natural wonders of the world, the Victoria Falls is breath-taking and not surprisingly a World Heritage Site. Known locally as 'The Smoke that Thunders' this spectacle is accessible from both Zambia and Zimbabwe. Unlike other waterfalls Victoria Falls has a natural catwalk across from the falls which provides for spectacular viewing.

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**Basis**

Full Board

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**Included**

Buffet Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

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**Day 15: The Kingdom Hotel, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe**

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**Day Itinerary**

Historical Bridge Tour and lunch at the Rain Forest Café

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**Basis**

Full Board

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**Included**

Buffet Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

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**Day 16: The Kingdom Hotel, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe**

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**Day Itinerary**

Chobe National Park Day trip, including afternoon boat cruise

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**Basis**

Full Board

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**Included**

Buffet Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

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**Day 17:      End of Itinerary**

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**Day Itinerary**

Group airport Drop off

Flight to Victoria Falls

**Basis**

Bed & Breakfast

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**Included**

Buffet Breakfast at the Hotel

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## Travel Information



This vast country is undoubtedly one of the most culturally and geographically diverse places on earth. Fondly known by locals as the 'Rainbow Nation', South Africa has 11 official languages and its multicultural inhabitants are influenced by a fascinating mix of cultures. Discover the gourmet restaurants, impressive art scene, vibrant nightlife and beautiful beaches of Cape Town; enjoy a local braai (barbecue) in the Soweto Township; browse the bustling Indian markets in Durban; or sample some of the world's finest wines at the myriad wine estates dotting the Cape Winelands. Some historical attractions to explore include the Zululand battlefields of KwaZulu-Natal, the Apartheid Museum in Johannesburg and Robben Island, just off the coast of Cape Town. Above all else, its remarkably untamed wilderness with its astonishing range of wildlife roaming freely across massive unfenced game reserves such as the world-famous Kruger National Park. With all of this variety on offer, it is little wonder that South Africa has fast become Africa's most popular tourist destination.

### ***Banking and Currency***

#### **Currency**

The currency is the Rand, which is divided into 100 cents. There are R200, R100, R50, R20 and R10 notes. Coins come in R5, R2, R1, 50c, 20c, 10c and 5c.

#### **Banking**

Banks are found in most towns, and are generally open from 09h00 to 15h30 on weekdays and 08h30 to 11h00 on Saturdays (Closed Sundays and Public Holidays). Most of them offer foreign exchange services - with cash, bank & credit cards as well as travellers cheques. You can also obtain cash from automatic teller machines (ATMs). Several international banks have branches in the main city centres. Always advise your bank that you are travelling outside of the country as they might block your purchases if they are not informed.

### ***Travel, Transport and Getting Around***

Travelling around South Africa is relatively easy by air, road and rail.

Principal air routes are serviced by SAA and British Airways, operated by Comair. There are 2 low-cost carriers on main routes, namely Kulula.com and Mango.

Facilitating travel around South Africa are 10 airports managed by the Airports Company South Africa (Acsa). In addition, there are some 90 regional airports, including the Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport in Nelspruit and the Skukuza Airport, offering access to the Kruger National Park.

An extensive tarred road system makes travelling in South Africa by vehicle convenient and easy. You will find gravel roads in rural areas though. Note:

- A valid international driver's licence is required.
- We drive on the left hand side of the road.
- Wearing seat belts is compulsory and cell phones can only be used 'hands free'.
- Speed limits are generally set at 120km on freeways, 100km on secondary roads and 60km in urban areas.
- Toll fees apply on certain national roads.
- Petrol stations are widespread.
- Most global car hire firms have branches in South Africa

Another means of getting around South Africa are luxury inter-city bus services such as Greyhound and Trans-Lux. Metrobus buses are available for in-city transport. Metered taxis must be ordered by telephone. There is a hop-on-hop-off bus in Cape Town and Johannesburg.

Our rail system includes the long-haul, inexpensive Shosholoza Meyl Metrorail trains. More luxurious options are the Blue Train, Premier Classe and the steam train Rovos Rail. There is also the new Gautrain rapid transit railway system in Gauteng Province which links Johannesburg, Pretoria, Ekurhuleni and OR Tambo International Airport.

### ***Food, Drink and Cuisine Advice***

Standards of hygiene in relation to food health and safety in South Africa, are generally high in hotels, restaurants, pubs and nightspots. Tap water in South Africa is safe to drink and cook with when taken from taps in urban areas. Not all tap water in rural areas is safe for consumption, so take precautions if necessary.

It is safe to eat fresh fruit, vegetables and salads, and put ice in your drinks. South Africa's fish, meat and chicken are of excellent quality, so there is no need to limit yourself when enjoying the local cuisine.

Restaurants are subject to South Africa's food safety control legislation, which is implemented by local government. Regulations include certification and regular inspections by health inspectors to ensure hygienic standards are maintained.

Street food is not as common in South Africa as it is in other countries, although vendors selling traditional snacks and meals can be found in city centres and townships. Food safety in such instances cannot always be guaranteed.

### ***Climate and Weather***

South African temperatures, which are measured in centigrade, average at highs of 28°C to average lows of 8°C in the summer months while winter temperatures range from 1°C at night to around 18°C in the day. Average annual rainfall is on the low side at under 500mm a year, making the country somewhat dry. Much of the rain falls in the Western Cape in the winter, differing from the rest of the country, which experiences summer rainfall. On the plus side, the South African climate boasts more than its fair share of sunshine, recording an average of 8.5 hours a day.

### ***Clothing and Dress Recommendations***

#### **Summer**

Bring clothes that are cool, light and comfortable because summer temperatures can get well into the 30 - 40 degree Celsius range in some areas. Also bring an umbrella or raincoat during summer as this is when most of the country gets its rain, but don't forget a swimming costume (bathing suit).

#### **Winter**

The winters are generally mild, comparing favourably with European summers. But there are days when temperatures dive, especially in high-lying areas such as the Drakensberg, so be prepared with jerseys and jackets. Cape Town gets its rain during the winter season so it's advisable to bring rain gear along.

## General

Always bring a hat, sunglasses and sunblock as the sun can be strong even in the winter months.

Walking shoes are a good idea all year-round, with warm socks in the winter.

If you are doing business in the country, business attire (suit and tie) is generally called for in the corporate sector, but media for example generally dress more casually.

For game viewing, a couple of neutral-toned items will be useful, but there's no need to go overboard. A good pair of walking shoes is also advisable.

For the evening, if you are dining at an upmarket restaurant or seeing a show, smart-casual attire is recommended.

## *Electricity and Plug Standards*

Current is 220/240 volts at 50 cycles per second. A three-point round-pin adapter plug should be brought for your electrical appliances - such adapters are also available at major airports.



A nation of spectacular natural beauty, friendly people and rich culture, Zimbabwe's status as one of Africa's leading safari destinations was dampened for years by its political instability. But now that the country is transcending its strife and returning to a state of equilibrium, it is once again emerging as a vacation highlight of the continent. Victoria Falls – known to locals as 'The Smoke That Thunders' – is one of the seven natural wonders of the world and the sheer power of this massive body of water plunging into the Zambezi Gorge is awe-inspiring and unforgettable. Lake Kariba, with its game-rich shores and islands, is an idyllic safari spot featuring mind-blowing sunsets; Hwange National Park is known for its huge herds of elephants; and a kayak trip down the Zambezi through the Mana Pools National Park will appeal to the intrepid traveller, providing close encounters with crocodiles, hippos and a host of other wildlife.

## *Banking and Currency*

### **Currency**

Zimbabwe uses US\$ as well as its own unit of currency, the Zimbabwe Bond Dollar. It is advised to carry small denominations of change with you, however it is best to pay for as much as possible outside of the country. US\$ work best and are widely accepted in supermarkets, and for curios, accommodation, activities and gratuities. South African Rand and Euros are only accepted in some places in Victoria Falls. Do not plan on being able to use cash machines in Zimbabwe to draw money. Before leaving home please exchange all the money that you will need for your trip, plus extra, into US\$. Most of this should be in 1, 5, 10 and 20 denominations because change is not always available. In an emergency you can try Barclays Bank, Stanbic Bank or Standard Chartered Bank as they will infrequently accept foreign debit cards for withdrawing cash.

## Banking

Banks in Zimbabwe are open for business Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 08h00 to 15h00, on Wednesdays from 08h00 to 13h00 and Saturdays from 08h00 to 11h30. They are closed on Sundays and Public Holidays.

Only VISA and MasterCard are accepted in Zimbabwe, however it should be noted that very limited facilities will have credit card machines, and the connection is not always reliable so it is advisable to carry cash as back up.

## *Travel, Transport and Getting Around*

Taxis are safe and reliable, and can be booked through your hotel front desk. Taxis in cities travel within a 40km radius of the city. Always take a taxi at night.

Major airlines fly into Victoria Falls, Harare and Bulawayo. Charter flights are available to most attractions and camps.

Zimbabwe has a good road infrastructure, by African standards, although potholed. Between major towns, there are frequent road blocks. Traffic drives on the left side of the road.

If you are driving yourself around Zimbabwe, be sure to check on fuel availability in advance. If you are covering long distances within the country, ensure you carry extra fuel in 5 or 10lt metal containers in case of emergency. Fuel is generally available, but supply can fluctuate. Fuel is only available for cash.

## *Food, Drink and Cuisine Advice*

Zimbabwe's native cuisine is based on sadza, a cooked porridge made from ground maize which is normally be accompanied by some tasty relish, perhaps made of meat and tomatoes, or dried fish. Safari camps will often prepare sadza if requested, and it is almost always available in small restaurants in the towns.

Camps, hotels and lodges that cater to overseas typically serve a variety international fare, and the quality of food prepared in the most remote bush camps is usually excellent.

If you are driving yourself around and plan to cook, then get most of your supplies in main towns. There are a number of South African shopping chains operating in Zimbabwe which will generally have all that you will need.

Water in the main towns is usually purified. The locals drink it, and are used to the relatively innocuous bugs that it may harbour. If you are in the country for a long time, then it may be worth acclimatising yourself to it. However, if you are in Zimbabwe for just a short period of time, then try to drink only bottled, boiled, or treated water available in towns and from all camps, lodges and hotels.

## *Climate and Weather*

In Zimbabwe, the rains come principally in **December, January, February** and **March**; the further north you are, the earlier the precipitation arrives and the later it leaves. Zimbabwe's higher eastern areas usually receive more rainfall than the lower-lying western ones.

By **April** and **May** most of the rain is gone, leaving a verdant setting, which is starting to dry out. Especially in more southerly and higher locations, the night-time temperatures start to drop.

The nights in **June, July** and **August** become much cooler, so don't forget to bring some warmer clothes, in case you want to spend an evening outside; the days are still clear and warm. For Zimbabwe, this is the start of the 'peak season'— days are often cloudless and game sightings continually increase.

Into **September** and **October** the temperatures rise once again: Zimbabwe's lower-lying rift valley – Mana Pools – can get very hot in October. During this time, you'll see some fantastic game, as the Zimbabwe's wildlife concentrates around the limited water sources.

**November** is unpredictable; it can be hot and dry, it can also see the season's first rainfalls – and in this respect it's a very interesting month, as on successive days, you can see both weather patterns.

### ***Clothing and Dress Recommendations***

When in Zimbabwe the cardinal rule is to wear casual, comfortable clothes during the day as temperatures can get very hot. It is advisable to wear light loose fitting clothing, such as cotton or linen, as they are cool and easy to wash. Warmer clothes are advised for the evenings and rainwear for the wet season.

A brimmed hat and sunglasses are a good idea year round. Long sleeved shirts and long trousers will also guard against the scorching sun rays. It is recommended you wear light shoes, especially if your itinerary entails a lot of walking.

For safaris, please remember to wear appropriate clothing and shoes. Earth colour clothes, such as browns, greens and tans are advisable.

### ***Electricity and Plug Standards***

Current is 220/240 volts at 50 cycles per second. Both square and round plugs are used.

## **Terms and Conditions:**

### **Additional remarks**

We may have to reroute the itinerary or accommodate in similar lodges in case of non-availability.

Prices for domestic flights, airport taxes or park fees may be changed without prior notice. This is beyond our control and any increase levied will be passed to you.

Single Supplements are subject to accommodation availability.

Travel and Medical Insurance is compulsory on all our tours.

We trust that our quote will meet your expectation. Please feel free to contact us should you have any further enquiries.

### **BOOKING TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

#### **JURISDICTION AND LAW:**

This Contract shall be interpreted according to the laws of Republic of South Africa.

#### **TRANSIT:**

No clients will be allowed on any transit

#### **PRICE INCREASE:**

Thompsons Holidays reserves the right to increase prices for fuel and government taxes should we be subjected to unforeseen increases.

#### **FUEL SURCHARGE:**

Should the fuel price increase more than 10% from the current rate then we would need to adjust the price accordingly which could lead to an increase in rate.

**VALIDITY OF QUOTATION:**

This quotation is valid from 01 March 2019 through to 01 April 2019 for travel in 2020 and is subject to the availability of our vehicles and accommodation. This quotation is not valid for tours commencing in 2021 due to annual price increases.

**ACCEPTANCE OF QUOTATION:**

On acceptance of this quotation, we require the final written confirmation of the date of travel. Should we still be able to accommodate this within our vehicle schedule, we will revert with availability no later than 1 (one) week after you signed acceptance of this quotation. A non-refundable deposit of 30% of the full tour cost will be payable on confirmation in order to secure the vehicle.

**CHANGES AND ALTERATIONS:**

Once a quotation has been confirmed, any changes that are made thereafter will be charged a R500.00 administration fee per change. This does not include Pre and post accommodation requirements.

**ACCOMMODATION:**

**This quotation is subject to availability at the time of confirmation.** Once we receive your confirmation we will go ahead and make bookings with the establishments included in the quotation. In case of non-availability an alternative accommodation of the same standard will be sourced and communicated to you in a booking update. Should the quoted accommodation not be available then the quoted price may change according to what is available.

**South African National Parks:**

**If more than 10 units are booked, South African National Parks requires 50% deposit of itinerary payable 120 days after reservation is made longer than 6 months of arrival date. Final payment of 50% before 45 days of arrival date. 50% deposit of itinerary is payable 14 days after reservation is made within 6 months of arrival date. Final payment of 50% before 31 days of arrival date. A reservation made within the 30 day prior to arrival day period is payable within 24 hours.**

**CANCELLATION POLICY**

120 – 61 x days prior to travel: 30% of basic tour fare due

60 – 46 x days prior to travel: 50% of basic tour fare due

45 - 0 x days prior to travel: 100% of basic tour fare due

**ALTERATION TO ITINERARY:**

Unforeseen circumstances including but not limited to war, mechanical breakdowns, weather, riots and other unforeseen reasons beyond the control of the Company may cause delays or alterations to the tour. The Company shall not be held liable in any way for any of these possible occurrences or any consequences, which may arise as a result of these. Although every effort is made to adhere to the itinerary, we reserve the right to occasionally change routes as due to changing conditions. We reserve the right to alter itineraries after departure if it is in the Client's interest to do so.

**BAGGAGE:**

Luggage will be restricted to a maximum of 23kgs per person.

**INFORMATION:**

If we are responsible for making the accommodation bookings then we require updates on passenger numbers as follows:

Update at: 8-Weeks, 6-Weeks and 4-Weeks prior to date of travel.

A final rooming list is to be sent 4-Weeks prior to departure unless alternative dates are agreed by prior arrangement.

Thereafter all changes to accommodation must be cleared before any changes can be confirmed.

**BANK FEES:**

You are responsible for covering your bank charges.

We trust that our quote will meet your expectation. Please feel free to contact us should you have any further enquiries.

Quote Accepted:

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Date:

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