

South Africa, Botswana & Namibia Luxury Safari

Please note that all of the itineraries listed in our web site are actual private tour itineraries we have prepared for clients over the past 12-18 months. By the very nature of what we do, each private tour itinerary is custom, exclusive and unique unto itself. Our over-riding goal is to create lifelong memories that you and your family will forever carry deep within your hearts.

Overview

For this tour, you will start in Cape Town, which we consider to be the most picturesque city in all of Africa, due to its fusion of astonishing physical beauty and eclectic 21st-century urban lifestyle. Cape Town’s iconic Table Mountain serves as a dramatic backdrop for this ethnically diverse city. An impromptu Zulu dance, the cobble-stoned streets of the Muslim Bo Kaap community, and Dutch architecture are just some cultural immersions that await you. After a taste of both urban and natural landscapes, you will journey to the Okavango Delta in Botswana, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. With a meticulously constructed conservation program, the Okavango Delta is perhaps the best region in Africa to see the likes of African bush elephants, black and white rhinos, spotted hyenas, and African wild dog to name a few! You will cap your tour off in Namibia, an excellent juxtaposition to Botswana, having the oldest desert on the planet. With such an expansive landscape, Namibia is a kaleidoscope of environments from the white salt pans of Etosha National Park, to the red dunes of Sossusvlei, and the isolated beaches of the Skeleton Coast.

Best Travel Time: [Spring](#) [Summer](#) [Fall](#) [Winter](#)

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each room decorated with Cape Dutch antiques and man-made fabrics. We particularly enjoyed the library with its warm, open fireplace, nice 45-foot outdoor pool and a very lovely spa (with panoramic views!).

Accommodations: Cape Grace Hotel

Day 3

Cape Point Peninsula Private Tour

Following breakfast at Cape Grace, you will be met by your local guide and driver for a full-day tour of Cape Point, located on the south-western tip of the African continent. Notwithstanding our many world travels, we feel Cape Point offers some of the most spectacular ocean/mountain sceneries in the world. Traveling through the Cape of Good Hope Reserve you may see zebras, elands, bonteboks, and jackass penguins. As you travel back to Cape Town via Simon's Town, you may opt to stop at the National Botanic Garden, recently voted one of the top ten gardens in the world (by curators of Kew Gardens in London!).

For families we recommend local township biking tours through Khayelitsha or Masiphumelele or a day of hiking at Lion's Head.

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch

Accommodations: Cape Grace Hotel

Day 4

Robben Island & Table Mountain Excursion

Your day will begin with a 25-minute ride from the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront to the world UNESCO site of Robben Island, which served as a prison for 450 years. You will then tour the Atlantic seaboard along Camp's Bay to Table Mountain. A cable car ride to the summit of Table Mountain will lead you to a spectacular view of Cape Town.

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch

Accommodations: Cape Grace Hotel

Day 5

Private Transfer Cape Town/Franschhoek

With its deep, rich Dutch legacy and strong French influence, the Franschhoek Winelands area is widely regarded as one of the world's foremost areas for food and wine.

Le Quartier Français Hotel

Our friends in Cape Town really love this place. Le Quartier will give you a quiet, luxurious contrast to the hustle and bustle of Cape Town. With only seventeen total rooms (suites) and located in Franschhoek, the gourmet capital of South Africa, we have no doubt you will enjoy your two-night stay here. This is a bucolic, beautiful setting. Golf courses and other sporting facilities are close by and the area has an abundance of vineyards, wine cellars, galleries, and country shops — not to mention exquisite forests and valleys. The hotel will gladly pack a superb picnic basket should you wish to make a day of exploring the area.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Le Quartier Français Hotel

Day 6

Franschhoek Winelands Private Excursion

Today, you will have a full-day of discretionary use of your local guide and driver to explore the Winelands area. Among our favorite stops are Vergelegen Estate and its historic manor house; the picturesque historic town of Stellenbosch; Aura Estates, home of hand-crafted, award-winning Forest Hill cheeses; and Le Quartier Français, a quiet and exclusive boutique hotel, winery, and wellness spa! Please note, if interested, an overnight stay at Le Quartier Français Hotel can be arranged this evening.

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch

Accommodations: Le Quartier Français Hotel

Day 7

Private Transfer Franschhoek/Cape Town + Fly Cape Town/Maun/Okavango Delta

Following breakfast at Le Quartier Français, you will be privately transferred to the Cape Town International Airport for your flight to Maun. Upon arrival in Maun, Botswana, you will be assisted by a camp representative to your onward light aircraft flight from Maun to Chief's Camp.

Sanctuary Chief's Camp

Chief's Camp is yet another example of the many luxury safari camps to choose from in the predator-rich Okavango Delta. Set in the Moremi Game Reserve, Chief's Camp is made up of 101,500 sq. feet of luxury bush pavilions and one suite, all with private decks with plunge pools, as well as indoor and outdoor showers (using the outdoor showers in this remote, pristine environment is truly exhilarating!) We particularly like the pavilion's polished teakwood floors, insect-proof netted windows and colorful batik fabrics. Other amenities include a new spa treatment room, a small pool, and picturesque dining area/observation deck. Based on the Chief's location overlooking a large lagoon on the northwest tip of Chief's Island, many mokoro (canoe/boat) game excursions are a continuing fun activity in the summer! Chief's extraordinary location and wildlife-rich Moremi Island allows for game-viewing to include all of the "Big 5" (African lions, elephants, Cape buffalo, and rhino) hence, our choice as a prime family safari site. Chief's renovation includes 10 luxury bush pavilions (in effect like small cottages), all with private terrace plunge pools, 462 sq. feet!

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodations: Sanctuary Chief's Camp

Days 8 – 11

Morning & Afternoon Wildlife Drives

Expert guides will share their extensive wildlife knowledge while providing you with the awe-inspiring opportunity to view roaming lions, antelope, zebras, buffalo, and wild dogs. You will even get to enjoy a scenic helicopter ride over the Moremi Game Reserve.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodations: Sanctuary Chief's Camp

Day 12

Fly Okavango Delta/Maun/Windhoek

Following breakfast and, time permitting, one last wildlife drive at Chief's camp, a camp representative will

transfer you to your light aircraft flight to Maun. Upon arrival in Maun, you will connect to your onward flight to Windhoek, Namibia. Upon arrival, you will be privately transferred to Hotel Heinitzburg for your forced overnight stay.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Hotel Heinitzburg

Day 13

Fly Windhoek/Skeleton Coast

Today you will fly from Windhoek to the Skeleton Coast via a light aircraft. Upon arrival, a camp representative will transfer you to Hoanib Skeleton Coast Camp.

Hoanib Skeleton Coast Camp

Similar to the relatively small Bisate Lodge in Rwanda, availability at the luxury 7-suite Hoanib Camp on the Skeleton Coast of Namibia is limited and must be requested at least one year in advance. Set in a private concession area, the stark desert landscape here us an otherworldly contrast from Zambia and Rwanda. It is truly a wonderful experience to see elephants, lions, giraffe, and hyena roaming the dunes of this arid environment. Another big plus is its relatively short distance from Namibia's shoreline, dotted with Cape fur seal colonies! Based on the area's limited rainfall, Hoanib Camp is a year-round destination, although the local guides feel March to May offers the most idyllic conditions for lush, game-viewing. With no Wi-Fi here, this is a place where you're temporarily off the grid!

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodations: Hoanib Skeleton Coast Camp

Days 14 – 15

Skeleton Coast Wildlife Drives & Excursions

While here, you may visit the shoreline, where you will see seals and sea lions, shipwrecks overtaken by the desert coast, and various flora and fauna. Witnessing these specialized desert animals, including elephant herds, lions, giraffe, antelope, and brown hyena, is a special experience. With almost uninhabitable conditions for humans here, you will have the opportunity to see life where only the hardiest species live.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodations: Hoanib Skeleton Coast Camp

Day 16

Fly Skeleton Coast/Windhoek/Cape Town/Home

Today you will leave this remote location, flying on a light aircraft from the Skeleton Coast to Windhoek, where you will connect to your flight to Cape Town and onward home.

Meals: Breakfast