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# The Four Country Classic (Trip Code: IAS VCA E20) 20 day Victoria Falls to Cape Town Accommodated Adventure

This trip begins in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe and travels south through Botswana and into Namibia before finishing in Cape Town, South Africa.

**Departure Point:** Victoria Falls

Check-In Time: 08h00 on day 2

**Departure Time:** To be advised at check in

End Point: Cape Town.

Pre-Departure Meeting: Briefing held at check in

## Included in the tour price:

Itinerary as specified, fully equipped safari vehicle, services of trip leader and driver, all accommodation as specified above, all catering equipment and scheduled National Park entrance fees. Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D), No Meal (NM) where specified. Meals not shown will be to the clients account. Occasionally breakfast and lunch may be combined into a brunch where necessary e.g. mornings with early game drives.

#### Excluded in the tour price:

International airfares, arrival and departure transfers, travel and medical insurance, personal spending money, visas, passports, vaccinations, personal taxes (including departure and border taxes) all optional activities, unscheduled or optional National Parks / Reserves entrance fees, gratuities, restaurant meals and all other items of a personal nature. All drinks, even on days with full board basis.

#### **Please Note:**

This itinerary should be used as a guide only and may vary from day to day depending on road & weather conditions, political situations and group decisions.

All prices are subject to change without prior notice.

Due to Tourism Laws in some of the countries we visit, there may be a truck and crew change during the trip.

On some departures this Itinerary may run in reverse.

## Victoria Falls to Cape Town

Your journey begins at the famous town of Victoria Falls that lies adjacent to the world heritage site, and the majestic waterfalls that give it their name. From here we head into the wildlife rich Botswana and the Chobe National Park, before heading further south to navigate the winding streams and isolated lagoons of the Okavango Delta. Next it's off to Namibia's capital Windhoek before heading north for the Waterberg Plateau, and enjoying some game viewing in Etosha's "Great White Place". The coastline introduces the quaint town of Swakopmund and the Namib Desert the giant sand dunes and desolate landscapes. Finally end off in Cape Town, Africa's southern gateway where you can gaze at the spectacle that

greeted the early explorers from the famous Table Mountain. This trip offers breathtaking sights and cultural interaction and combines these into an unforgettable holiday experience.

#### DAY 1 - Victoria Falls

Victoria Falls town is situated in the Victoria Falls National Park that borders the Zambezi River. The Victoria Waterfalls are fed by the Zambezi River that forms the natural border between Zimbabwe & Zambia. The waterfall is one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the world and is listed as a world heritage site. Our time here is at leisure to explore the captivating Victoria Falls & surrounding Rainforest, take a sun downer cruise or enjoy a variety of other adventure activities (own expense). Our lodge is located just outside the centre of the town. (NM)

\*Please note that there are no more opportunities to withdraw foreign currency in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. Clients are requested to take cash only into Zimbabwe as credit cards and travellers cheques cannot be processed.

## DAY 2 - Chobe National Park - Kasane (90 km)

We leave Victoria Falls and head for the riverside town of Kasane. On arrival we will transfer to the Chobe Mobile team who will take us on our adventure into the Chobe National Park. This excursion includes game drives within the park, the popular Chobe River cruise, and the rare experience to overnight within the African wilderness. The Chobe National Park is famous for its vast herds of elephant. Many have sighted elephant, hippo, crocodile, and an impressive array of birds and plains game. (B / D) TENTED CAMP

## **DAY 3 - Nata / Gweta (300 km)**

After breakfast we head onto a morning game drive before heading back to Kasane and travelling south to the town of Nata. Situated 10 km from Nata Town, our lodge has a large swimming pool, curio shop and restaurant. The birdlife in this area is particularly spectacular, due to the nearby Makgadikgadi Pans and Nata Sanctuary (please note that some trips may overnight at Gweta. We prepare for the following days to come and are briefed by our guides on what to expect on our trip to the Delta. We recommend packing a small overnight bag (daypack) with necessary clothes for 2 days. (B) LODGE

## DAYS 4 & 5 - (Maun) Okavango Delta (360 km)

This morning we head to Maun where after meeting the mobile team, we will be transferred to the Okavango Delta region. The mobile tented camp is located in the heart of the Delta region and offers breathtaking views of the surrounding bush area. We participate in a game walks and "mokoro" safaris to better explore the surrounding wildlife. Please note that mokoro safaris are seasonal and will depend on water levels in the Okavango Delta. (B / L / D) MOBILE TENTED CAMP – Please note that accommodation is in Dome Tents with padded bed rolls/mats

#### DAY 6-Maun

After our morning activity, we head back to Maun to explore what this town has to offer. This afternoon we take part in a scenic flight over the Okavango Delta to view wildlife from the skies. Tonight's accommodation is on the outskirts of Maun. Although it is a small town, Maun has several shops, good communications facilities (internet) and banks. (B) LODGE / CHALET

## DAY 7- Namibia, Gobabis (580 km)

Today we bid farewell to Botswana and head west into Namibia. After border formalities, we head to the frontier town of Gobabis, where we will spend our first night in this spectacular country. Our lodge for tonight is popular as it houses an animal sanctuary where we get our first taste of some Namibian wildlife, up close. (B / L) CHALET

## DAY 8- Windhoek (200)

Namibia's capital is rather small but has many places of historical interest. We have the afternoon at leisure to visit the local museums or haggle at the street side markets. There are also many shops for those in need of a bit of retail therapy! Today we may greet some new travellers joining the group from here. (B) LODGE

### DAY 9 - Waterberg Plateau National Park (180 km)

This morning we bid farewell to some of our fellow travellers who are ending their holiday here, and head north to the breathtaking Waterberg Plateau National Park. Historically significant as the site of the war between the Colonial Germans and the Herero Tribe, the area has now become a haven for many endangered species. It is renowned for its incredible rock formations and nature walks. Our afternoon here is at leisure and you are free to partake in these walks or the optional game drives and guided hikes. (B) CHALETS

#### DAY 10 & 11 - Etosha National Park & surrounding area (300 km)

We head further north to explore the Etosha National Park by game driving with our vehicle along the many winding tracks. Etosha National Park is dominated by shimmering white saltpans and arid bush vegetation. On our drives, we search for the wide variety of wild animals that make this National Park their home - you have a chance to see the African elephant, as well as black rhino, lion, leopard and many more. Dependant on the season, we will spend either the first or the last night within Etosha (the second is spent at a lodge in the greater Etosha area. (B; B) CHALETS / LODGE

#### DAY 12 & 13- Swakopmund (500 km)

Leaving the Etosha region, we head south and cross the barren coastal belt to the Atlantic Ocean and the delightful Bavarian style town of Swakopmund. Along the way, we may catch a glimpse of the awesome granite Spitzkoppe scenery. The mountains and granite mounds provided a home to the San people (Bushmen) for thousands of years. Swakopmund is situated snugly between sea and desert and offers great beaches, deep-sea fishing, quadbiking, dune-boarding, flights over the desert, plus an array of shops, bars and restaurants. Here you are free to explore at your leisure or partake in the many optional activities. This is also a chance to catch up on logistical matters such as laundry, banking and communication (internet facilities). (B / L; B) LODGE

### DAYS 14 & 15 - The Namib Naukluft National Park (350 km)

After breakfast we head inland, once again crossing the barren coastal belt and head south toward the Namib Naukluft National Park and the giant sand dunes of Sossusvlei. This is one of the world's oldest deserts, offering over 130 million years of natural wonder, and some of the highest sand dunes in the world! On Day 15 we leave early in the morning and enter the National Park. We climb Dune 45 for stunning views of the surrounding dunes, after which we proceed to Sossusvlei and the 2x4 parking area. From here it is an approximate 5 km walk to the vlei where you are free to explore. Alternatively, there is an option to partake in a guided desert walk to learn more about this area and the creatures that survive here. Stunning photographic opportunities are available in the dunes. On our return to the lodge we will stop off at the Sesriem Canyon. (B / L; B) LODGE

#### DAY 16 -Aus (350 km)

We depart from the breath taking views of the Namib Naukluft National Park and travel further south to the Aus region where we have the possibility of seeing the famed wild desert horses. Our lodge offers spectacular views over the surrounding area and the rare opportunity to experience the surrounding solitude. (B / L) LODGE

#### DAY 17 -Namibia, Fish River Canyon (300 km)

Travelling further south we reach the Fish River Canyon, where we partake in an optional walk along the Canyon rim. The canyon is one of the most awesome sights in Africa, and second in size only to the Grand Canyon of America. After viewing the Canyon, we head to our lodge, nestled between the local scenery. (B / L) LODGE

## DAYS 18 – South Africa, Lamberts Bay (650 km)

After an early rise, we travel via the barren Richtersveld region before crossing the border and bidding a fond farewell to Namibia. South Africa's Namaqualand region is known for its spectacular display of spring flowers (September), when the masses of wild flowers bloom, turning the entire region into a yellow, red and orange maze. The West Coast region also displays sprawling vistas and further south, massive boulder outcrops – truly beautiful scenery. (B/L) HOTEL

### DAY 19 -Cape Town (250 km)

This morning we visit a rare breeding colony of the Cape Gannet before heading past the West Coast National Park and down to Cape Town. This afternoon is we have time at leisure to begin exploring this vibrant city and all it has to offer – take a trip up Table Mountain, or visit the nearby V&A Waterfront, the choice is yours. (B) LODGE

#### DAY 20 - Cape Town

After breakfast we part ways, having just experienced a trip of a lifetime. (B)

Today can be spent at leisure in Cape Town to enjoy the many optional attractions and activities available in this magnificent city. Sample the sights and sounds of this magical city at the Southern tip of the African continent. Optional activities include trips to Robben Island, Cape Point Nature Reserve and Boulders Beach Penguin Colony, Table Mountain National Reserve, Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens and the many wine estates of Paarl, Franschoek and Stellenbosch.

Into Africa Safari can book airport transfers and additional accommodation through our central reservations office. Please notify us at the time of booking if you wish to make use of this service.

Please note: While it is our intention to adhere to the itinerary described above, there is a certain amount of flexibility built into the itinerary and on occasion it may be necessary, or desirable to make alterations. You will be advised of any amendments or changes in the itinerary during your pre-departure meeting on day 1.

## **OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS**

Below is a selection of Optional Excursions available on this trip.

Please Note

- these prices are approximate and are subject to change
- where activities occur away from your base, there may be an additional transfer cost.

SOUTH AFRICA:		
CAPE TOWN		
For activities based in/around Cape Town, please plan extra days prior to		
the trip departure		
Wine Routes	75 US\$	
Cape Point half day tour	75 US\$	
Whale watching (seasonal)	75 US\$	
Table Mountain	25 US\$	
Robben Island	35 US\$	
Shark Cage Diving	200-300 US\$	
Township Tour	60 US\$	
NAMBIA:		
Sossusvlei Desert Walk 2-3 Hrs (Min 8)	35 US\$	
SWAKOPMUND ACTIVITIES:		
Quad Biking – 1Hr/2 Hr	50 US\$ / N\$85 US\$	
Sand Boarding – Lie Down/ Stand Up	45 US\$ / 60 US\$	
Township Tour	70 US\$	
Tandem Skydive	(Weather Permitting) 320 US\$	
Horse Riding (2Hrs)	65 US\$	
Fishing	145 US\$	
Dolphin Cruise	75 US\$	
Kayaking	90 US\$	
Paragliding	(Weather Permitting) 135 US\$	
Scenic Flight (various)	(Weather Permitting) As per Operator	
Hot Air Ballooning	(Weather Permitting) 420 US\$	
WINDHOEK ACTIVITIES:		
Windhoek Open Top Bus City Tour	30 US\$	
ZIMBABWE:		
For activities based in/around Victoria Falls, please plan extra days prior		
to the trip departure		
Please ensure that you pay for activities in Victoria Falls with Cash or		
Traveler's Cheque's Only		
Victoria Falls National Park Entry (viewing	30 US\$	
the Falls)		
Trip T-Shirt	25 US\$	
VICTORIA FALLS:		
White Water Rafting-Full Day	*110 US\$	
River Boarding combo Raft & Board	140 US\$	
Canoeing on the Zambezi-Half Day/ Full	*90 US\$ / 105 US\$ + plus 10 US\$ park	
Day	fees	
Half Day Adrenaline - George	*105 US\$	
Swing,ZipLine & Flying Fox		

Full Day Adrenaline - As above + Abseil &	140 US\$
Rap Jump	
Bungee Jump (111m)	105 US\$
Tandem Bungee Jump	145 US\$
Elephant Back Safari	*110 US\$
Walk with Lions	*115 US\$
Micro Light over the Falls-15mins	120 US\$
Micro Light over the Falls-30mins	230 US\$
Helicopter Flight over the Falls 12 mins	*115 US\$
Helicopter Flight over the Falls 19 – 25	175 – 220 US\$
mins	
Zambezi Sunset Cruise	45 US\$
Horse Safaris - 2Hr Novice / 3Hr	65 US\$ / 75 US\$
Experienced	
Hwange NP (2 Night 3 Day Safari)	450 US\$
Chobe Botswana – Full Day	170 US\$
*Combo Deals	2 Activities 220 US\$

<sup>\*\*</sup>Please note that all accommodation & activities in Victoria Falls must be paid for in US\$ cash (GBP & ZAR also accepted at a lower rate).

The staff and management look forward to welcoming you aboard and trust that you will enjoy your trip with Into Africa Safari.

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