

20 Day Kruger National Park, Botswana & Zimbabwe Safari

AVG Travels – World Travel Experts!

Local Knowledge. Vacations of a Lifetime.

Discover the world with AVG Travels, where our team of destination experts combines local knowledge with a passion for adventure to offer you the vacation of a lifetime. At AVG, we not only provide an immersive travel experience, prioritize your comfort, safety, and enjoyment, but also showcase the beauty and cultural richness of stunning destinations.

Specialists in touring since 2015, AVG Travels, previously known as Asia Vacation Group, are proud to craft your itinerary and create memories that last a lifetime. Travel with confidence knowing your trip has been thoughtfully crafted by our experts with you personally in mind.

| | | |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| AVG Travels Trusted Partner Tour | Small Group Tour Max 12 Travellers | Naturalist Guides |
| Lake Kariba Cruise | 7-Day Change of Mind | |

Day by Day Itinerary

Victoria Falls, Chobe NP, Hwange NP, Lake Kariba, Matobo NP, Makgadikgadi Pans, Okavango Delta, Kruger NP

HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore the magnificent **Okavango Delta**, a UNESCO listed biosphere home to some of the world's most endangered species of large mammals
- Houseboat stay cruising **Lake Kariba** in Zimbabwe including game viewing, guided walks and boat trips
- Safari game drives through **Kruger National Park**
- Traditional **mokoro** experience floating in the waters of the Okavango Delta in dug-out canoes
- Morning game drive and sunset boat cruise in **Chobe National Park**
- Track white and black rhinos in **Matobo National Park**
- Visit the vast salt pans of the **Makgadikgadi** – one of the largest salt flats in the world
- Explore **Hwange National Park** with included game drives of the largest natural reserve in Zimbabwe
- Tour the mighty **Victoria Falls** with an expert guide

ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrive Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Welcome to Victoria Falls!

Upon arrival at Victoria Falls Airport (VFA), you'll be greeted and transferred to your hotel.

The remainder of the afternoon is yours to enjoy leisure activities in Victoria Falls and later this evening, at 6pm, you will gather with your guide and fellow travelers at the lodge for a pre-departure meeting.

Meals: n/a

Accommodation: Shearwater Explorers Village 3* or similar

Please note: When booking international flights, please ensure that your arrival date falls on Day 1 of the itinerary.

Day 2: Victoria Falls - Chobe National Park, Botswana

Following breakfast, your guide will lead you on a tour of Victoria Falls, revered by the local Kololo tribe as Mosi oa Tunya, meaning “the smoke that thunders.” We will then journey to Kasane in Botswana, the entry point to Chobe National Park. Chobe, the second largest national park in Botswana, spans 10,566 square kilometers and boasts one of Africa’s largest populations of elephants. The afternoon offers free time to engage in optional activities or unwind by the pool.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Cresta Mowana Safari Resort & Spa 4 * or similar

Day 3: Chobe National Park

Start your day with an exhilarating morning game drive through the expansive wilderness of Chobe National Park, known for its extraordinary diversity of wildlife. Traverse the park’s varied landscapes, from lush floodplains to dense woodlands, in search of iconic African animals such as elephants, buffalo herds, and predators like lions and leopards.

After your thrilling game drive, return to the lodge for a leisurely late breakfast and some relaxation time. This afternoon enjoy an afternoon boat cruise along the Chobe River giving you an opportunity to view the wildlife from a different perspective. As you glide along the tranquil waters, you’ll encounter a bustling ecosystem teeming with life. Watch in awe as elephants gather at the river’s edge to drink and bathe, while hippos wallow in the shallows and crocodiles bask on sun-drenched banks.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodation: Cresta Mowana Safari Resort & Spa 4* or similar

Day 4: Chobe National Park - Hwange National Park, Zimbabwe

Today, we cross the border into Zimbabwe, heading towards our lodge nestled in a private concession in the northwestern corner of Hwange National Park. Over the next two days, we’ll have ample opportunity to delve into this expansive wilderness through exhilarating game drives.

Hwange National Park stands as one of Africa’s premier wildlife sanctuaries, renowned for its impressive populations of elephants, buffalo, and zebra. The park also boasts a significant concentration of giraffes and is a haven for various predators and endangered species, alongside a rich diversity of birdlife.

If time permits, you may choose to join an optional afternoon game drive within the concession upon arrival before we enjoy dinner at the at the lodge.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodation: Nantwich Lodge or similar 4* or similar

Day 5: Hwange National Park

Today, we embark on a full-day game drive in Zimbabwe’s Hwange National Park, renowned for its rich wildlife diversity. Home to abundant elephants, giraffes, buffaloes, zebras, predators, and endangered species, the park offers diverse landscapes from savannahs to dense forests. This immersive experience provides exceptional wildlife sightings and photographic opportunities, showcasing Africa’s natural beauty and the importance of conservation efforts in preserving this extraordinary ecosystem.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodation: Nantwich Lodge or similar 4* or similar

Day 6: Hwange National Park - Lake Kariba Cruise

Today, we journey to the Mlibizi area on Lake Kariba, where we’ll embark on a luxurious two-night houseboat excursion. Surrounded by mountains, Lake Kariba is a vast man-made reservoir renowned for its abundant wildlife and dramatic natural scenery shaped by sun, storms, and the elements. Our cruise will navigate between Mlibizi and the Msuna River, offering a sunset cruise with opportunities for game viewing. We’ll conclude the day with drinks and dinner aboard the houseboat, savoring the tranquil beauty of the lake under the evening sky.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodation: Sovereign Houseboat 4* or similar

Day 7: Lake Kariba Cruise

In the morning, we begin with early activities such as leisurely fishing, guided walks, or game viewing, tailored to your preference. Upon our return, brunch will be served as we cruise leisurely along the lake. Later, we’ll anchor at

one of the scenic islands with a sandy beach. Here, we'll enjoy the sunset over the lake, unwind around a campfire, and indulge in a beach barbecue beneath the starlit sky.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodation: Sovereign Houseboat 4* or similar

Day 8: Lake Kariba - Matobo National Park

Upon disembarking, we begin an early morning journey from Msuna to the magnificent Matobo Hills, a region of unparalleled natural beauty, rich tribal history, and dramatic rock formations. This national park holds UNESCO World Heritage status and is habitat to both white and black rhinoceros, as well as sable antelope. The area boasts prolific birdlife, including the highest concentration of black eagles worldwide. Once home to the San (Bushman) people, it also features the richest collection of rock art globally. Notably, it is where the Ndebele people buried their esteemed king, Mzilikazi, and where Cecil John Rhodes chose to be interred on the "Hill of the Benevolent Spirit," also known as "World's View," a name he bestowed upon it.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodation: Shashani Matobo Hills Lodge 4* or similar

Day 9: Matobo National Park

Today is dedicated to exploring this captivating national park. A standout experience includes tracking rhinos by both vehicle and foot, providing a remarkable opportunity. After our morning adventure, we enjoyed a picnic lunch amidst the park's picturesque landscapes. In the afternoon, we embark on a game drive, encountering the park's diverse wildlife and breathtaking scenery. The day concludes with a visit to Rhodes' grave, providing historical context to the area. Late this afternoon we return to the lodge in time for dinner.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodation: Shashani Matobo Hills Lodge 4* or similar

Day 10: Motobo National Park - Nata, Botswana

Leaving the captivating Matobo Hills behind, we traverse the savannas of southern Matebeleland on our journey to Botswana. In the afternoon, we explore the Nata Bird Sanctuary, offering splendid views of the Sowa Pan within the Greater Makgadikgadi Pans complex. Later in the afternoon, we reach our lodge, where we can relax and unwind after a day of scenic exploration and wildlife encounters.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodation: Nata Lodge 3* or similar

Please note: Access to the pans depends on road conditions, water levels, and time constraints.

Day 11: Nata - Makgadikgadi Pans National Park - Gweta

We depart early for Planet Baobab near Gweta, starting an expedition to Ntwetwe Pan, a vast salt pan within the Makgadikgadi Pans. This lunar-like landscape features rocky outcrops, dunes, and islets along its western shore, home to desert-adapted species like bat-eared foxes, springbok, kori bustards, and meerkats. Through a habituation program, we observe these creatures up close, witnessing their social behaviors and adaptations.

After lunch, we visit a nearby village to experience modern African village life, guided by a local expert. We explore 'Sekolo,' the local primary school with outdoor classes, and the traditional Kgotla village court. Later, we stroll through a baobab grove, learning about their unique biology from our guide.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodation: Planet Baobab 4* or similar

Day 12: Gweta - Maun

Today, we journey to Maun, a vibrant safari hub and gateway to the Okavango Delta. Derived from the San word "maung," meaning "the place of short reeds," Maun offers a cultural glimpse into Botswana's indigenous heritage. The afternoon invites leisurely pursuits, whether lounging by the lodge pool or opting for an exhilarating optional scenic flight over the Okavango Delta, a UNESCO World Heritage Site renowned for its breathtaking natural beauty and wildlife.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodation: Planet Baobab 4* or similar

Day 13: Maun - Greater Moremi Area

Following breakfast, we drive to the mokoro station to embark on a unique adventure. Drifting in dug-out canoes through the dense vegetation of the Okavango Delta, we discover a diverse array of birds and wildlife. Unlike typical deltas, the Okavango flows inland to the Kalahari Desert without reaching the coast. After this memorable excursion and a satisfying lunch, we proceed to our camp located in a private concession within the Greater Moremi area. Settling in, we enjoy dinner before embarking on an exhilarating night game drive in the concession. This provides an excellent opportunity to encounter nocturnal animals rarely seen during daylight hours.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodation: Mankwe Tented Retreat 4* or similar

Day 14: Greater Moremi Area

Today, we venture into the renowned Moremi Game Reserve, celebrated as one of Africa's most stunning and diverse wildlife reserves. Renowned for its exceptional concentration of wildlife, Moremi offers a pristine natural environment teeming with an incredible variety of animals. Throughout the day, we experience the untouched landscapes of Moremi, exploring its vast expanses and encountering iconic African wildlife such as elephants, lions, leopards, and buffalo. The reserve's diverse habitats, from lush floodplains to dense forests and winding water channels, provide a perfect backdrop for observing these magnificent creatures in their natural habitat. Return to the lodge for a final dinner under the stars this evening.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodation: Mankwe Tented Retreat 4* or similar

Day 15: Greater Moremi - Maun - Johannesburg, South Africa

After breakfast, transfer to Maun airport for your included flight to Johannesburg. On arrival you will be met in the arrivals hall and shown to the complimentary shuttle service to your hotel conveniently located close to the airport. Spend the rest of the afternoon and evening at leisure.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Southern Sun O.R. Tambo International Airport 4* or similar

Day 16: Johannesburg - Kruger National Park

After breakfast, meet your driver in the hotel lobby at 9am for your road transfer to Kruger National Park. Your home for the next three nights is a beautiful eco lodge located in the town of Hazyview and just a 15 minute drive to the famous Kruger National Park gates.

This afternoon, venture into Kruger National Park on an open vehicle safari. Experience the thrill of encountering the Big Five—lion, elephant, buffalo, leopard, and rhinoceros—amidst stunning landscapes. Guided by knowledgeable rangers, witness Africa's diverse wildlife up close and immerse yourself in the natural wonders of this iconic reserve. Return to your lodge for dinner this evening.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Accommodation: Umbhaba Eco Lodge 4* or similar

Day 17: Kruger National Park

Today presents yet another chance to witness the awe-inspiring wildlife of Kruger National Park during a comprehensive full-day game drive. With a knowledgeable naturalist guide by your side, you're poised for an unforgettable experience aboard an open safari vehicle. From encountering iconic species like elephants and lions to observing the park's diverse birdlife, every moment promises to be filled with wonder and discovery. As the day concludes, we retreat to the lodge, where an authentic boma dinner awaits beneath the starlit sky, providing a perfect end to an exhilarating day immersed in South Africa's natural beauty.

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner

Accommodation: Umbhaba Eco Lodge 4* or similar

Day 18: Greater Kruger Area

Today is at leisure to relax.

Alternately, you may wish to take an optional full day safari to further experience the wonder of Kruger National Park or enjoy a full day exploring the incredible Panorama Route and Blyde River Canyon – the world's largest green canyon.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Southern Sun O.R. Tambo International Airport 4* or similar

Day 19: Kruger National Park - Johannesburg

Enjoy breakfast before starting the return journey to Johannesburg.

Arrive in Johannesburg at OR Tambo International Airport (JNB) and check into your hotel for the night.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Southern Sun Sandton 4* or similar

Day 20: Depart Johannesburg

Your African adventure comes to an end after breakfast at the hotel.

At the appropriate time, take the hotel's complimentary shuttle back to the airport in time for your flight home.

Meals: Breakfast

INCLUSIONS

- **Small group with no more than 12 persons**
- One afternoon and one full day game drive in Kruger National Park in open vehicles
- Explore the Okavango Delta, a UNESCO listed biosphere
- Traditional mokoro (canoe) ride in the Moremi Game Reserve
- Two night houseboat stay on Lake Kariba
- Morning game drives and sunset game cruise in Chobe National Park
- Rhino tracking in Matobo National Park
- Salt pans visit of the Makgadikgadi National Park
- Hwange National Park full day game drive
- Victoria Falls tour (Zimbabwe side)
- 18 nights in hand-picked 3 & 4-star boutique lodges, camps and hotels all with private facilities including a 2 night houseboat stay on Lake Kariba
- Daily breakfast, 9 lunches & 13 dinners
- Internal flights from Maun to Kruger National Park
- Arrival & departure transfers on the first and last day of your tour
- Fully escorted by English-speaking naturalist guides (days 1 – 15)
- Independent Kruger National Park stay (days 15 – 19)
- All park & conservation fees

EXCLUSIONS

- International airfares
- Visas
- Travel insurance
- Tipping
- Anything not mentioned in the itinerary
- Optional activities
- Personal expenses

DEPARTURE DATES: PRICE IS QUOTED IN \$ PER PERSON

| DEPART AU | RETURN DATE | PRICE | NOTE | RESERVE YOUR SEAT |
|-----------|-------------|-------|------|-------------------|
| | | | | |

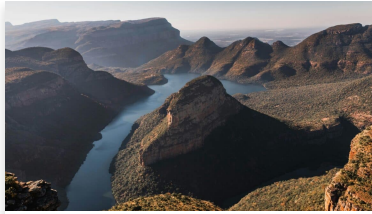
| DEPART AU | RETURN DATE | PRICE | NOTE | RESERVE YOUR SEAT |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Friday 14 Mar 2025 | Wednesday 02 Apr 2025 | \$12,499 | | Book |
| Monday 21 Apr 2025 | Saturday 10 May 2025 | \$12,799 | | Book |
| Wednesday 14 May 2025 | Monday 02 Jun 2025 | \$12,799 | | Book |
| Monday 19 May 2025 | Saturday 07 Jun 2025 | \$12,999 | | Book |
| Monday 02 Jun 2025 | Saturday 21 Jun 2025 | \$12,999 | | Book |
| Monday 16 Jun 2025 | Saturday 05 Jul 2025 | \$12,999 | GUARANTEED DEPARTURE  | Book |
| Friday 04 Jul 2025 | Wednesday 23 Jul 2025 | \$12,999 | GUARANTEED DEPARTURE  | Book |
| Friday 18 Jul 2025 | Wednesday 06 Aug 2025 | \$12,999 | | Book |
| Tuesday 05 Aug 2025 | Sunday 24 Aug 2025 | \$12,999 | GUARANTEED DEPARTURE  | Book |
| Wednesday 20 Aug 2025 | Monday 08 Sep 2025 | \$12,999 | | Book |
| Wednesday 03 Sep 2025 | Monday 22 Sep 2025 | \$12,999 | GUARANTEED DEPARTURE  | Book |
| Wednesday 24 Sep 2025 | Monday 13 Oct 2025 | \$12,999 | | Book |
| Thursday 02 Oct 2025 | Tuesday 21 Oct 2025 | \$12,799 | GUARANTEED DEPARTURE  | Book |
| Thursday 23 Oct 2025 | Tuesday 11 Nov 2025 | \$12,799 | | Book |
| Thursday 30 Oct 2025 | Tuesday 18 Nov 2025 | \$12,499 | | Book |
| Thursday 20 Nov 2025 | Tuesday 09 Dec 2025 | \$12,499 | | Book |

OPTIONAL TOURS



Full Day Kruger National Park Safari

\$190



Full Day Panorama Route including Blyde River Canyon

\$395

FINE PRINT

FLIGHT INFORMATION

This is a **land package** only.

If you would like to add airfares to your booking, please select the departure city where we have the economy return flights add-on for your selection. If you would like to book the business class or premium class, please contact us anytime and our ticketing expert would assist you. Currently we use Emirates Airlines or similar.

Flight requests, amendments or preferences

We understand customers may wish to request changes to their included airfares. If you wish to fly with a certain airline, land at a certain time or change your flight in other ways we will gladly provide you with a personalized quote tailored to your specific requirements.

We would be more than happy to provide you with a quote for the following requests:

Airline Preferences – You may wish to fly with a particular airline

Cabin Preferences – These include upgrading to premium economy or business class

Extensions (start and end cities must remain the same) – You may request to extend your stay pre or post tour.

Meal Requests – You may request a specific meal for dietary requirements.

Seat Requests – If you would like to request particular seating. However please note, not all airlines allow the selection of pre-purchased seat arrangements.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Physical Requirements

A reasonable level of fitness is required. There is very little walking as the majority of touring will be on a 4X4 safari vehicle. You must be able to comfortably navigate and get on and off a raised 4X4 vehicles, mini vans, boats and canoes. You will also be travelling off road so this is not recommended if you have any back conditions that could be aggravated on bumpy roads. Please disclose any physical conditions at the time of booking to assess suitability for the tour.

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.

Accommodation

We make use of mid-range typical African standard lodge accommodation. Accommodation is situated either in national parks, on the banks of a river, or in other places of interest. The accommodation will be a mix of lodges, chalets and tented camps all with private en-suite bathrooms.

Tipping

\$10-15 per day

Group Size

Minimum: 2

Maximum: 12

Visa & Passport Information

It is the traveler's responsibility to ensure they have a valid passport. The passport must be valid for a minimum of six months from the intended date of return and must have more than 2 blank pages.

A visa is not required for travel to South Africa or Botswana for stays up to 90 days total within a 12-month period for Australian, New Zealand or US passport holders.

A visa is required to enter Zimbabwe for Australian, New Zealand or US passport holders. This tour requires a **multi-entry** visa and can be obtained on arrival at VFA airport at a cost of USD55 (subject to change). We strongly advise visitors to have cash in USD for their visas as credit card machines often do not work due to network problems. We do NOT recommend obtaining an e-visa as this will cause lengthy delays in both applying and verifying the application on arrival.

IMPORTANT

Please note that visa information can change at any time without notice and it is recommended you contact the nearest high commission/embassy or consulate of that country for the latest details.

Children

Children under the age of 15 years will not be permitted to travel on this tour.

HOW TO EXTEND YOUR STAY

You can enhance your holiday by arriving or departing before or after the tour. On this tour you can pay extra for arriving early or extension your trip.

Pre tour accommodation Victoria Falls including breakfast & arrival transfer – **AUD\$410** per room, per night for double/twin/single.

Post tour accommodation Southern Sun O.R. Tambo International Airport including breakfast & departure transfer – **AUD\$230** per room, per night for double/twin/single.

AVG Travels

Australia Call: 1800 229 339

New Zealand Call: 0800 220 920

US Call: 1 888 440 6001