GO AHEAD TOURS



# Botswana & Zimbabwe Wildlife Safari

12 days | 16 days with Cape Town extension

After an introduction to the continent at Victoria Falls, spend a week scanning the horizon for cheetah in Hwange National Park, tracking the elephant herds in Chobe, and gliding through the lush lagoons of the Okavango Delta. Journey from grasslands to woodlands, through waterways and byways, to experience Africa's incredible diversity on this small group Safari Tour.




## Your tour package includes

9 nights in handpicked hotels
9 breakfasts
6 lunches
7 dinners with beer or wine
5 game drives
Expert Tour Director & local guides
Private safari vans and Jeeps
2 on-tour flights

## Included highlights

Victoria Falls National Park
Expert-led anti-poaching talk
Rose of Charity community project
Hwange National Park
Chobe River wildlife cruise
Chobe National Park
Namibia community visit
Okavango Delta

## Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for at least 2 hours daily across moderately uneven terrain, including paved roads and unpaved trails, with some steep hills.

## Group size

8–18



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## **Overnight Flight** → 1 night

**Day 1: Travel day**
Board your overnight flight to Johannesburg today.

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## **Johannesburg** → 1 night

**Day 2: Arrival in Johannesburg**
Welcome to the South Africa! Settle in to your hotel this evening.

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## **Victoria Falls** → 2 nights

**Day 3: Flight to Victoria Falls & anti-poaching talk**
*Included meals: breakfast, welcome dinner*
Board a flight to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe this morning. Later, meet and interact with the seasoned anti-poaching activist during an informative talk.

- Hear how locals, international organizations, and indigenous communities work together to protect the wildlife
- Learn about the anti-poaching efforts in southern Africa, with a special focus on elephants and rhinos
- Ask the expert questions during the chat

Afterwards, get to know your fellow travelers at a welcome dinner.

**Day 4: Victoria Falls National Park**
*Included meals: breakfast, dinner*
Set out to experience the power and beauty of Victoria Falls firsthand.

- Discover the falls from multiple angles and learn about the area's flora and fauna
- Visit the Rose of Charity, an organization helping to transform the lives of impoverished children, their families, and their communities through education

Sit down for an included dinner this evening with your group.

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## **Hwange** → 2 nights

**Day 5: Transfer to Hwange National Park & game drive**
*Included meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner*
Travel to Hwange National Park, the largest game reserve in Zimbabwe. Enjoy an included lunch before setting out on a game drive.

- Ramble across sweeping landscapes during a short sunset drive though Hwange Conservancy in the late afternoon
- Keep watch for over 100 species of mammals and 400 species of birds that make their home in the park

Sit down for an included dinner this evening.

**Day 6: Hwange National Park game drives**
*Included meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner*
Embark on a full-day of game drives in Hwange National Park.

- Experience the diverse landscape of dense teak forest and open grassy plains with acacia as well as islands of mopane woodland and ilala palms
- Spot herds of buffalo, prides of lions, and a wealth of plains game
- Enjoy an included picnic lunch
- See elephants trudge along in herds
- Scan the landscape in search of giraffes

Sit down for an included dinner this evening.

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## **Chobe** → 2 nights

**Day 7: Hwange National Park game drive & transfer to Chobe National Park**
*Included meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner*
Get a chance to see more wildlife on an early morning game drive in Hwange National Park. Then, cross the border into Botswana and enter Chobe National Park, one of Africa's best off-the-beaten-path safari destinations.

- Enjoy an included lunch
- Take a peaceful late-afternoon wildlife cruise along the Chobe River
- Watch for elephants, crocodiles, and hippos who come to drink and bathe at sunset

Sit down for an included dinner this evening.

**Day 8: Impalila Island & Chobe National Park game drive**
*Included meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner*
Spend another day roaming among Chobe's exotic wildlife.

- Cross the border into Namibia to walk around the village on Impalila Island and visit with the community there
- Enjoy an included lunch
- Embark on a late afternoon game drive in Chobe National Park, which boasts Africa's highest concentration of elephants

Sit down for an included dinner this evening.

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## **Okavango Delta** → 2 nights

**Day 9: Chobe National Park game drive & flight to Okavango Delta**
*Included meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner*
Follow a local guide along the varied landscapes of Chobe on an early morning game drive before flying by chartered plane to Botswana's Okavango Delta.

- Enjoy an included lunch
- Explore the delta's serene surroundings by boat
- Glide along reed-fringed waterways to see wildlife from a different perspective

*Please note: The boating excursions are dependent upon water levels. If the water levels aren't high enough, the tours will be conducted in safari Jeeps.*
Sit down for an included dinner this evening.

**Day 10: Okavango Delta**
*Included meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner*
Begin your day floating along the delta's tranquil channels in your *mokoro,* a traditional canoe.

- Keep your eyes peeled for giraffe, lion, leopard, jackal, impala, red lechwe, and other denizens of the delta
- Traverse the region's rugged landscape on a guided bush walk
- Enjoy an included lunch
- Take to the water again on a motorized boat

*Please note: The boating excursions are dependent upon water levels. If the water levels aren't high enough, the tours will be conducted in safari Jeeps.*
Celebrate your adventures with your fellow travelers at a farewell dinner.

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## Overnight Flight → 1 night

**Day 11: Morning boating excursion, flight to Cape Town & departure**
*Included meals: breakfast*
Get one last glimpse of Africa's wild landscapes on a boating excursion. Then, transfer to Maun and board a flight to Cape Town, South Africa to connect to your overnight flight home.
*Please note: The boating excursions are dependent upon water levels. If the water levels aren't high enough, the tours will be conducted in safari Jeeps.*

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## Arrive Home

**Day 12: Arrival at home**
Arrive home today.

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## + Cape Town extension

From the top of Table Mountain to Cape Point at the tip of the African continent, Cape Town is, in a word, impressive. Fly to South Africa to discover this magnificent metropolis and its stunning surroundings with local guides in the lead.

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## Cape Town → 4 nights

**Day 11: Flight to Cape Town**
*Included meals: breakfast*
Fly from Maun to the jewel of southern Africa: Cape Town.

**Day 12: Sightseeing tour of Cape Town**
*Included meals: breakfast*
Join your Tour Director for a tour of Cape Town, a beautiful and culturally rich city.

- Take a cable car ride up Table Mountain and soak in panoramic views of the city below *(weather permitting)*
- See Signal Hill and the Castle of Good Hope
- Catch glimpses of City Hall and the Houses of Parliament as you drive through the city
- Take a walking tour of the Bo-Kaap area, home to Cape Malay culture and some of the city's most vibrant architecture
- Visit the District Six Museum to learn about the diverse communities that were forcibly removed under apartheid
- See how the people working at the museum are helping to rebuild the communities and strengthen the rich cultures in District Six and beyond

*Please note: On some departures, the optional excursion will be offered in the morning and the sightseeing tour will take place in the afternoon. In the event of inclement weather, the visit to Table Mountain will be moved to day 13 or 14. In the unlikely event of poor weather both days, Table Mountain will be replaced with a visit to Signal Hill.*
Spend a free afternoon in Cape Town or add an excursion.
+ Robben Island

**Day 13: Sightseeing tour of the Cape Peninsula & choir performance**
*Included meals: breakfast*
Spend the day exploring the Cape Peninsula.

- Drive along the Atlantic seaboard, passing the Clifton and Camp's Bay beaches
- Visit the Cape of Good Hope and the lighthouse at Cape Point to soak in beautiful views of where the Atlantic and Indian oceans meet
- Visit Boulders Beach, a protected marine habitat for the endangered African penguin
- Learn how your visit helps support the Southern African Foundation for the Conservation of Coastal Birds, a local NGO

As you travel back to Cape Town, stop to enjoy a performance by the Major Voices South African Choir.

- Listen to the talented group sing a cappella, Isicathamiya, Afro-gospel, and jazz music
- Watch as they dance along to the songs
- Hear about the group's mission to give youth community members an opportunity to be involved in music and the arts

**Day 14: Free day in Cape Town**
*Included meals: breakfast*
Enjoy a free day in Cape Town or add an excursion.
This evening, enjoy a farewell drink as you celebrate your trip with your fellow group members.
+ Cape Winelands Tasting & Lunch

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## Overnight Flight → 1 night

**Day 15: Departure**
*Included meals: breakfast*
This afternoon, transfer to the airport for your overnight flight home.

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## Arrive Home

**Day 16: Arrive home**
Arrive home today.

# Customize your experience

Customize your tour by adding excursion options. Excursions offered on the same day will occur at different times, so there's no need to choose. Save $10 when you book your excursion up to three days before your tour departs.* Excursions requiring advance reservation only list this discounted price. Call or go online to customize your tour: **goaheadtours.ca/BZB | 1-800-754-5066**

## Extension excursion options

**Day 12: Robben Island**
$119CAD (4 hours, departs in the afternoon)
Today, board a ferry to Robben Island—an enduring reminder of apartheid and South Africa's struggle for freedom. First fortified in the 17th century and used as a jail until 1996, this UNESCO-recognized site imprisoned Nelson Mandela and other political activists and dissidents. There, you'll set off on a tour, guided by a former political prisoner. You'll see the cell where Mandela was held for 18 years, and learn more about the Nobel laureate's life and work. Afterward, take the ferry back to the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront and enjoy free time in the area before ending your outing.
Please note: This excursion is weather-dependent. In case of inclement weather, it will take place on the afternoon of day 4. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 20 days prior to departure.

**Day 14: Cape Winelands Tasting & Lunch**
$129CAD/$139CAD* (6 hours, departs in the morning with lunch)
Leave the city behind for a sensational day in the Cape Winelands—a trio of valleys and the largest winemaking region in South Africa. Depart Cape Town, driving through mountainous, tree-lined terrain, en route to a vineyard in the Stellenbosch Region. Here, you'll get a taste of some of the area's finest vintages—like pinotage, a distinctly South African varietal first created and cultivated in the country. Then, continue to another estate for a second tasting, accompanied by a light lunch. Relax and soak in the scenery, then make your way back to Cape Town.

*Optional excursions may be purchased up to three days prior to departure or while on tour. Pre-purchased optional excursions cannot be canceled within three days prior to departure or while on tour. Select optional excursions require advance booking and cannot be purchased or canceled after the advanced reservation deadline. GAT accepts payment by cash, Visa or MasterCard for optional excursions purchased on tour. Additional fees may apply for optional excursions purchased on tour. Excursions require a minimum number of participants to operate. Details and prices are subject to change. Due to seasonal hours of operation and availability, some excursions may not operate. If this occurs, you will be refunded any payments made for that excursion post-tour. Learn more at goaheadtours.ca/terms