

SAFARI-CRUISE IN

Southern Africa

SOUTH-AFRICA • BOTSWANA • NAMIBIA • ZIMBABWE




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Welcome to the Edge of the World...

Southern Africa is home to monumental sites and majestic landscapes. Experience its splendours, natural beauty, and profound history on an exclusive safari and cruise with a once in-a-lifetime magical vacation.

You'll experience the refinement of our deluxe lodge and the elegance of our prestigious ship as we cross four countries—South Africa, Botswana, Namibia and Zimbabwe—in search of pulsating adventures, hidden paradises, and exceptional contact with nature.

Your days will begin with blue-toned dawns and end with fiery sunsets intertwined with visits to all the must-see sites in Johannesburg, Victoria Falls, Chobe National Park, and Lake Kariba.

Your programme 9-DAY / 8-NIGHT

D1 | JOHANNESBURG (South Africa)

Program depends on time of arrival. Discover Johannesburg and the Apartheid Museum. Night spent at the hotel.

D2 | JOHANNESBURG • KASANE ARRIVAL AT THE LODGE (South Africa-Botswana-Namibia)

Flight from Johannesburg to Kasane (Botswana). Transfer to CroisiEurope lodge by private boat. On the way, observation of different species of birds living in these flooded plains. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail. Night spent at the lodge.

D3 | CHOBE NATIONAL PARK (Namibia-Botswana)

Full-day safari in Jeeps to explore the Chobe National Park and sailing the Chobe river on a small private boat. Night spent at the lodge.

D4 | IMPALILA ISLAND (Namibia)

Visit authentic villages to discover the traditional Namibian houses, culture and customs. In the afternoon, free time at the lodge or join a tour on the Zambezi river on a small private boat. Your evening will end with a story from an Impalila islander, who will tell you about the traditions of the islanders. Night spent at the lodge.

D5 | LODGE • KASANE • LAKE KARIBA BOARDING THE SHIP

(Namibia-Botswana-Zimbabwe)

One last water safari in the Chobe National Park area. Flight from Kasane to Kariba on board private planes. Boarding the ship. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail. Sailing across Lake Kariba. With its 20 km / 12 mi length and 40 km / 24 mi width, the lake has flooded plains, hills and forests and its landscapes are now emblematic. Night spent on board.

D6 | LAKE KARIBA • SAILING ON THE GACHE-GACHE RIVER

(Zimbabwe)

Sunrise sailing through the rare and mysterious landscapes of Lake Kariba. Discover the Gache-Gache river and the species it shelters by private boat. Afternoon sailing in the direction of Changa. Night spent on board.

D7 | LAKE KARIBA • MATUSADONA NATIONAL PARK (Zimbabwe)

In the morning safari in Jeeps to discover the wildlife of Matusadona National Park. This wild territory is home to many species of animals such as elephants, hippos, crocodiles, buffaloes but also thousands of birds. Afternoon sailing on Lake Kariba. A round table will be the opportunity to learn more about the creation and inhabitants of the Lake. Night spent on board.

D8 | KARIBA • VICTORIA FALLS (Zimbabwe)

Sunrise sailing towards Kariba to disembark. En route to the airport discover the gigantic Kariba Dam which was created in 1955 to form Lake Kariba. Flight from Kariba to Victoria Falls on board private planes. Lunch cruise on the Zambezi River. In the afternoon, tour on foot of the Victoria Falls: their numerous views are among the most exceptional on the planet. Night spent at the hotel.

D9 | VICTORIA FALLS

Optional: early morning helicopter flight over Victoria Falls (must be reserved upon booking). End of services at the hotel.





Extension possibilities

4-DAY / 4-NIGHT PRE-PROGRAMME

STAY AT THE CAPE PENINSULA

ALL EXCURSIONS INCLUDED:

- Ascent of Table Mountain
- Guided tour of Robben Island
- Tasting of South African wines at a reputable estate
- Discovery of the legendary Cape of Good Hope
- Observation of the penguin colony near Simon's Town

4-DAY / 3-NIGHT POST-PROGRAMME **NEW**

FROM ZIMBABWE TO SOUTH AFRICA on a luxury train

- A mythical experience aboard the legendary Rovos Rail through the magnificent scenery of the Zimbabwean and South African highlands, viewed from the observation cars of this Southern African Orient Express
- A safari in the Hwange National Park to discover a rich wildlife and landscapes ranging from sparse forest to grassy savannah
- A visit to Pretoria, a city that stands as a symbol of South African's considerable strides in the 20th century

Your discoveries

This safari-cruise takes you on an intimate journey into the heart of nature and up close to its fabulous treasures. In perfect harmony with its authentic environment and the splendid scenery of protected sites, it offers a permanent spectacle, both on land and on board. An enchanting and timeless voyage, far from the sound and the madness of the world.

CHOBE NATIONAL PARK

Chobe National Park, which covers almost 11,000 km² (4247 mi²) has some of the finest game viewings in Africa, including the largest concentration of elephants on the continent. Over 250 species within the animal kingdom roam this immense reserve due to a wide variety of habitats and rich plant life.



THE SAFARIS

Two types of safari experiences are offered:

- Water safaris on small crafts accommodating 16 passengers.
- Land safaris in open-air, four-wheel-drive vehicles. This provides the best conditions for taking photos.

The safaris are set up to delve into the hidden world of the nature and wildlife found within the various parks and waterways.

Sense the anticipation and awe rise as the vehicles and crafts move in closer to observe a herd of elephants, a pair of giraffes, a single crocodile, or a majestic African sea eagle.



LAKE KARIBA

Lake Kariba (5 400 km² / 2085 mi²) is a human-sculpted feat that contains 293 small islands and an impressive array of wildlife.

On its southern shores is the Matusadona Park, an area of great natural diversity, which was created as a result of "Operation Noah", which saved thousands of animals after a hydroelectric dam was built and the Zambezi Valley was flooded.

This non-hunting, protected area is home to rare specimens of giant crocodiles, as well as elephants, buffalos, hippos and many other species.



Lake Kariba

DID YOU KNOW?

The legend of the river god Nyaminyami haunts the tales told within the valley and along the river bends of the Zambezi River and Lake Kariba. He provided water and food for the tribespeople settled along the banks.

When the dam was built in the 1950s, tens of thousands of these tribespeople were forced to move elsewhere.

The dam was built over the rock where they believed Nyaminyami lived and anyone who came near this rock would be subject to his wrath. When several tragic events touched to construction of the dam, many locals attributed them to offenses against him.

Although many people still evoke his presence as a spirit, he is nowadays considered a protector of the lake and its inhabitants.



Lake Kariba Dam

Welcome aboard!

An "ALL INCLUSIVE" safari-cruise with full board throughout your stay with drinks "all inclusive" on board the ship and at the lodge.

On-site supervision with bilingual French/English guides, purser on the ship and CroisiEurope lodge manager at your disposal.



RV AFRICAN DREAM RV ZIMBABWEAN DREAM **NEW**

PREMIUM SHIPS • 8 CABINS

Our elegant, small-scale ships are the perfect place to observe the lush scenery and splendid wildlife along the banks of Lake Kariba. We welcome on board only 16 passengers per cruise, so be prepared to be pampered as never before.



Built in	RV African Dream : 2018 RV Zimbabwean Dream : 2020
Length	33 m/108 ft
Width	8 m/26 ft
Cabins	6 cabins of 183-sq.ft. (17m ²) with French balcony 2 cabins of 183-sq.ft. (17m ²) with small private terrace
Services	A nature and wildlife observation deck puts you in the heart of your surroundings. Binoculars available on the ship. An intimate outdoor lounge area, small pool and solarium are there to help you relax, catch some rays, and cool off. The lounge and restaurant have panoramic views so you don't miss a thing.
Activities	Books and board games.



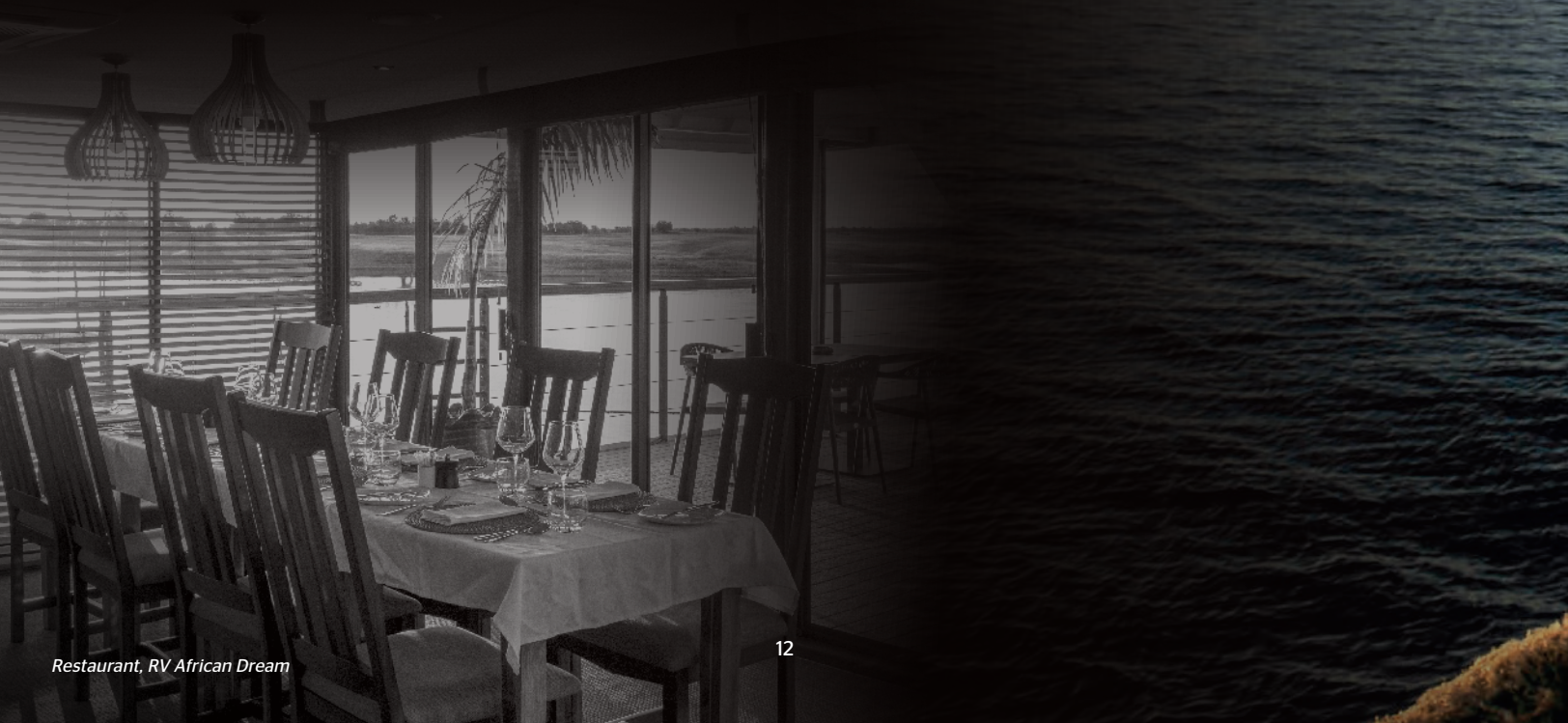
Upper deck with small pool



Terrace RV African Dream



Lounge/bar, RV African Dream



Restaurant, RV African Dream



Our lodges

Our luxury lodges are tucked away at the intersection of four different countries in a secluded area (Zimbabwe, Botswana, Namibia, and Zambia). The mighty rapids on the Zambezi River roar nearby. Each bungalow on our resort has a private pool for your total relaxation and discreet comfort. We pride ourselves in providing the finest hospitality possible to make your vacation everything you deserve.





Lounge Cascades Lodge



Bedroom Cascades Lodge



Terrace Cascades Lodge

CASCADES LODGE

Bungalows	<p>8 traditionally decorated, top-comfort bungalows with 80 m² of living space (861 sq. ft).</p> <p>They include a bedroom, a living area, and a large bathroom with shower and bathtub. They are equipped with a TV and DVD player, Wi-Fi, air conditioning, hairdryer, tea and coffee amenities and a mini-bar.</p> <p>To better accommodate our clients, each bungalow comes with a private swimming pool and a large adjoining terrace with deckchairs and an exterior shower.</p>
Services	<p>Restaurant, lounge and bar area, spacious and panoramic terrace with a view of the Zambezi River and laundry service (at extra charge). Wi-Fi connection.</p>
Activities	<p>Discover the culture, history and traditions of Southern Africa. Land and water safaris. Fishing equipment can be rented.</p>



KAZA LODGE **NEW**

Bungalows	<p>8 wooden top-comfort bungalows, all decorated in a refined ethnic style, with a thatched roof and private balcony.</p> <p>They are equipped with air conditioning, TV, a safe, Wi-Fi, a storage space, tea and coffee amenities, mini-bar, shower, bath and hairdryer in the bathroom.</p> <p>Each bungalow also has a private pool with exterior shower and a terrace with deckchairs.</p>
Services	<p>Restaurant, bar, lounge area built around a gigantic baobab. Several terraces and spacious outdoor spaces. Swimming pool with breathtaking views. Campfire. Wi-Fi connection. Laundry service (at extra charge).</p>
Activities	<p>Discover the culture, history and traditions of Southern Africa. Land and water safaris. Fishing equipment can be rented.</p>



SOUTH AFRICA



INFORMATION

Population : approximately 60 million

Area: 471,445 sq. mi. (1.22 million km²)

Capital: Pretoria

Official languages: Afrikaans, English, Ndebele, Northern Sotho, Sotho, Swazi, Tsonga, Tswana, Venda, Xhosa and Zulu.

Religions: Predominantly Protestant with smaller Catholic, Muslim, and Hindu populations.

CLIMATE

South African summers begin in October and end in March. Temperatures during this period range from 59°F (15°C) at night to 95°F (35°C) at the peak of day. Blooming begins in September and intensifies from December to March. In winter, which runs from April to September, count on temperatures varying from 32°F (0°C), or even less at night to 68°F (20°C) during the day. Although temperatures can vary depending on the region, the climate in southern Africa usually remains mild all year round.

GASTRONOMY

Traditional cuisine is a mix of Dutch, Cap Malay, and Indian cooking. The Cap Malay are known for a spiced meat dish called "bobotie" and stews called "bredie".

CURRENCY

The currency in South Africa is the rand. For the current exchange rates, please consult websites such as www.xe.com or <https://www1.oanda.com/lang/fr/currency/converter>.

Banks are readily available, and it is rather easy to exchange money if needed. Visa and MasterCard are accepted in most restaurants, stores, and hotels.

SHOPPING

South Africa is known for its diamonds and semi-precious stones. Other objects of interest include leather (buckskin, ostrich), pottery, and safari wear.

OPENING HOURS

Banks are generally open non-stop from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 pm, Monday to Friday. Some are open on Saturday mornings from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Post offices are usually open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. during the week and from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturday. Stores and boutiques are normally open from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday to Friday, and from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday. In tourist spots, stores tend to have longer opening hours, and can be open all weekend as well.

TELEPHONE / INTERNET

There is good network access in the city and along the main routes. Most hotels offer Wi-Fi access.

BOTSWANA



INFORMATION

Population : approximately 2,3 million

Area: 224,610 sq. mi. (581,730 km²)

Capital: Gaborone

Official languages: English, although Setswana is widely spoken across the country.

Religions: Predominantly Protestant. Approximately 20% of citizens espouse no religion.

CLIMATE

Botswana has a semi-arid, subtropical climate. It's dry and cool in the winter (May to October), and very hot and rainy in the summer (between November and April). The maximum temperatures can reach as high as 95°F (35°C) during the day and 50° F (10°C) at night.

GASTRONOMY

Traditional food varies from region to region and tribe to tribe, but the national dish of Botswana is called Seswaa.

CURRENCY

The currency in Botswana is the pula. For the current exchange rates, please consult websites such as www.xe.com or <https://www1.oanda.com/lang/fr/currency/converter>. Major credit cards are accepted only in certain establishments.

SHOPPING

Basketry, fabric, and animal statues are the most predominant items for sale to tourists.

TELEPHONE / INTERNET

The cell phone networks are very good in the cities. On the other hand, the Chobe National Park area has poor reception and connection to the Internet will be almost impossible.



NAMIBIA



INFORMATION

Population : approximately 2,5 million

Area: 318,772 sq. mi. (824,270 km²)

Capitale: Windhoek

Official language: English

In addition to English, there are over eight other officially recognized languages and three officially recognized regional languages.

Religion: Predominantly Protestant (50% Lutheran), with approximately 15% of the population holding indigenous beliefs.

CLIMATE

Namibia has three seasons:

- A hot, dry season (first part of the summer) from October to December.
- A hot, wet season (blooming season) from January to April
- And a cold, dry season (winter) from May to September

GASTRONOMY

Meat is very important in Namibian cooking. Kapana, for instance, is a street food loved all over the country. The meat is cooked to perfection over a grill, and then dipped in a box of chili powder and salt. It is also served with a delicious salsa-type sauce that is made of tomatoes, onions, chilies, vinegar, and oil.

CURRENCY

The official currency is the Namibian dollar, but the South African rand is accepted in some areas as well. For the current exchange rates, please consult websites such as www.xe.com or <https://www1.oanda.com/lang/fr/currency/converter>.

SHOPPING

Tourist items for sale include statues, basketry, and handmade wood and leather objects.

TELEPHONE / INTERNET

Like Botswana, cell phone networks are readily available in the cities. The Caprivi Strip, on the other hand, has little to no cell phone or Internet service available.



ZIMBABWE



INFORMATION

Population : approximately 15 million

Area: 150,872 sq. mi. (390 580 km²)

Capital: Harare

Official languages: Zimbabwe has 16 official languages, including English.

Religion: Predominantly Christian, with 11% of the population following ethnic religions.

CLIMATE

Winter is from May to October. Days are dry and sunny with temperatures between 68° and 77° F (20/25°C). Nevertheless, temperatures can drop considerably at night, reaching 41° F (5°C) at times. Summer is from November to April. Temperatures during the day are hot, 86° to 95° F (30/35°C), and the air is muggy and humid. At night, temperatures can cool off to 57° F (14°C). Thunderstorms are frequent in the late afternoons. The blooming season is from November to March.

GASTRONOMY

One of the essentials is sadza, a kind of polenta. The most common vegetables are corn, squash, beans and peanuts. Rice is mostly eaten in the city. For carnivores: tsunga (a kind of stew), grilled beef or goat, sausages and game.

CURRENCY

Zimbabwe's official currency is the RTGS (real time gross settlement) dollar. Initial exchange rate: 1 € = 1,05 US\$ et 1 US\$ = 0,95 €⁽¹⁾. Payment by credit or debit card is not widespread.

SHOPPING

Handmade items of interest for sale are jewelry, sculptures, basketry, fabric, pottery, and leather goods. As a side note, Zimbabwean artists are well known for their contemporary works.

TELEPHONE / INTERNET

Wi-Fi is available in luxury hotels, although the network remains weak.

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