

MAGICAL SOUTHERN AFRICA

Johannesburg - Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe) - Cape Town - Sabi Sand Nature Reserve 13 Days / 12 Nights



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Introduction

Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Duration
InterContinental Johannesburg O.R. Tambo Airport	Johannesburg	В&В	1 Night
Victoria Falls River Lodge	Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe)	FI	3 Nights
Queen Victoria Hotel	Cape Town	B&B	4 Nights
Lion Sands River Lodge	Sabi Sand Nature Reserve	FI	4 Nights

Key

B&B: Bed and Key: Breakfast

FI: Fully Inclusive - Bed, All Meals, Fees and Activities

Price

Contact us for pricing. A good estimate is between \$1000 and \$1200 per person per day.

A 25% non-refundable deposit is required at time of booking.

Trip cancellation insurance is highly recommended. We like TravelEx.

Included

- Accommodation as specified
- Scheduled road transfers in Victoria Falls & Sabi Sands
- · Regional Air as specified

Excluded

- International Air
- Visas if required
- Gratuities
- Items of a personal nature

Day 1:

InterContinental Johannesburg O.R. Tambo Airport, Johannesburg

Day Itinerary

WELCOME TO MAGICAL AFRICA!!

On arrival into OR Tambo International Airport, you will be met off the plane and escorted through immigration and onto baggage claim.

Once you have retrieved your bags you will be met outside the arrival's hall and escorted to the conveniently located InterContinental OR Tambo Airport Hotel, your home for the evening.



Johannesburg is one of Africa's biggest and most vibrant cities. It is the economic capital of Africa and the gateway to Southern Africa. Although not as famous as other South African destinations, there is plenty to do in Johannesburg and nearby Pretoria. The old city is a multi-cultural mixture of traditional medicine shops, Chinese restaurants, taxi ranks and ultra modern skyscrapers. There are excellent museums, art galleries and organised tours of historical and political interest. The shopping is Southern Africa's best and the many restaurants cater for all tastes. The nearby township of Soweto is Johannesburg's most popular tourist attraction.

Overnight: InterContinental Johannesburg O.R. Tambo Airport

InterContinental Johannesburg O.R. Tambo Airport is a safe, easy walk from the international arrivals hall at Johannesburg's O.R. Tambo International Airport. We are perfectly located for business travellers and just a 14-minute train ride from the Sandton CBD. Enjoy unlimited complimentary Wi-Fi, quiet soundproofed rooms, quick check-in and a host of services designed to meet the needs of the modern business traveller.



Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 2: Victoria Falls River Lodge, Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe)

Day Itinerary

Today your journey to Zimbabwe begins - the home of the magic Victoria Falls.

You will make your own way to the check-in counter for your scheduled flight to Victoria Falls.

Airlink 4Z494 Johannesburg-Victoria Falls, departing at 1135, arrival at 1320.

On arrival, You will then be met by a lodge representative and transferred by road to Victoria Falls River Lodge, your home for the next 3 days. Transfer time +/-45minutes.



One of the original natural wonders of the world, the Victoria Falls is a World Heritage Site and an extremely popular tourism attraction. Known locally as 'The Smoke that Thunders' this spectacle is accessible from both Zambia and Zimbabwe and it is an ideal place to combine a game viewing and water sports. There is excellent fishing, a terrifying bungee jump and arguably the best commercial white water rafting in the world.

Overnight: Victoria Falls River Lodge View iBrochure

Victoria Falls River Lodge, on the banks of the mighty Zambezi River, boasts 2 Private Luxury Villas, 19 Luxury Tented Suites (each with a private deck and plunge pool), 6 secluded Island Treehouse Suites (sheltered amidst the treetops of the private Kandahar Island), spacious open-plan dining, lounge, and bar areas, an onsite fitness centre and the indulgent Toa Spa.

The first privately owned safari lodge to be built within the Zambezi National Park (Zimbabwe), the Lodge is ideally located for exploring Victoria Falls and combines the African Safari experience with one of the 7 Natural Wonders of the World – the iconic Victoria Falls – the spray of which can be seen in the distance!

Catering to a wide variety of tastes and preferences - from high-energy adventure enthusiasts to those seeking peace, relaxation, and tranquility; corporates; families; honeymooners; retirees embracing their golden years - Victoria Falls River Lodge offers something for everyone.



Basis

Fully Inclusive - Bed, All Meals, Fees and Activities All Local Brands (Spirits, Wine and Beers) Included

Included

Transfers (shared) from/to Victoria Falls Airport, all meals, local beverages, an optional daily transfer from camp (typically departing at 10h00 and returning at 15h00) to Victoria Falls town, a tour of the Falls (part of daily transfer to town) – the entry fee into the Rainforest is for guest's own account, transfers to/from National Park Gate / Jetty for 3rd party activities, two game activities – i.e. a choice of either a morning/afternoon game drive in the Zambezi National Park, and a sunrise/sunset river cruise – per person per day (subject to availability). Snacks and local

beverages are included on the game drives and/or the sunset river cruises, high tea, National Park Conservation Levy.

Excluded

All unspecified transfers, Rainforest entrance fee (unless otherwise stated), customs and Visa fees (where applicable), imported/premium brand beverages, shop purchases, spa treatments, additional unspecified game/other activities, all off-site activities, all other/unspecified extras.

Day 3-4: Victoria Falls River Lodge, Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe)

Day Itinerary

Day to enjoy the activities at the lodge

Activities

Morning and Afternoon Game Drives

Sunrise and Sunset River Cruise

Guided Tour of the Falls

Bird Watching

Fishing

Morning and Afternoon Game Drives

Join your Guide and head out in a game-viewer to explore the 150,000 acres that make up the Zambezi National Park.

Whether the opting to be the first to catch the 'bush telegraphs' early broadcast of the previous night's events - or preferring to take a leisurely break, from an afternoon of game spotting, to enjoy the phenomenal sunset with sundowners – a Victoria Falls River Lodge's safari experience promises to be memorable.

(Included in accommodation rate)

Kindly refer to the "Little Livingstone's Children's Activities" (Appendix C) for more information on activities specially developed for younger guests



Sunrise and Sunset River Cruise

A relaxing voyage on one of the Victoria Falls River Lodge luxury river cruisers is arguably one of the best ways on earth to soak in the magnificence of the iconic Zambezi River and its surrounds.

Watch as the world awakes and the sun's first rays skip and dance across the shimmering surface of the mighty Zambezi - a truly revitalising way to start any day!

Or, for the not-so-early-birds, sit back and let the gentle ebb and flow of the Zambezi lull and relax you. Join in on Mother Nature's Happiest Hour and sip on a sun-downer whilst viewing her creatures, big and small, coming to the water's edge to lap at its liquid life.

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Guided Tour of the Falls

There is not much that can compare to the heady fragrance of drenched earth and sun-kissed Rainforest foliage, the intense power of the wall of water – its deafening rumble coursing through your veins – or letting the cooling and constant spray of "the Smoke that Thunders" saturate the senses...

Join your passionate and knowledgeable Victoria Falls River Lodge Guide on a truly unforgettable tour of Victoria Falls and experience this Natural Wonder of the Word first hand.

With intimate knowledge of the local fauna and flora and other points of historical interest, coupled with advice on the best viewing spots (and an extra pair of hands to help get that 'full' family photo!), our Guides will happily assist wherever possible to help ensure that the memories created at this World Heritage Site will last a lifetime.

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Bird Watching

Victoria Falls River Lodge and the Zambezi National Park are a bird watcher's paradise.

In a comparatively small area around Victoria Falls, birding enthusiasts will be able to view a great diversity of birds within rain forest, riverine, gorge and savannah habitats.

Local species include Rock Pratincole, Schalow's Turaco, African Finfoot, Half Collared Kingfisher, Thick Billed Weaver, African Skimmer, Pels Fishing Owl, Collared Palm Thrush and Western Banded Snake Eagle (to name but a few).

Guests at Victoria Falls River Lodge seldom have to travel too far from their private decks however as the lush foliage around the lodge offers ample opportunity to enjoy many of the spectacular array of bird life that Zimbabwe has to offer.

(Included in accommodation rate)

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Fishing

The Upper Zambezi is home to a wide variety of fish species and Victoria Falls River Lodge offers half-day guided fishing trips leaving directly from the Lodge. Tiger fishing is a highlight and a unique experience on this iconic river.

Fishing from the jetty is also an option.

(Optional activity - available at an additional charge. Kindly refer to Appendix A for further details)



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Day 5-8: Queen Victoria Hotel, Cape Town

Day Itinerary

Your journey to the next destination begins today. After breakfast and check-out you will be transferred back to Victoria Falls Airport for your scheduled flight to Cape Town.

Airlink 4Z391 Victoria Falls-Cape Town, departing at 1325, arrival at 1630.

On arrival you will make your own way to the V&A Waterfront and overnight at the beautiful Queen Victoria Hotel for the following 4 nights.



Cape Town is one of the world's most beautiful cities and a top international destination. Large numbers of tourists flock to Cape Town to enjoy this unique city with its fascinating history, interesting culture, natural beauty, award winning wines and laidback lifestyle. Whether you are a serious tourist or just want to lie on the beach and enjoy life, Cape Town will satisfy your needs.

Overnight: Queen Victoria Hotel View iBrochure

Queen Victoria Hotel is a luxuriously appointed, deluxe boutique hotel in the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront. The overall look does not only reflect the hotel's unique location but also encapsulates the luxurious style and attention to detail that defines small, luxury retreats around the world. The hotel has 35 luxurious rooms and suites, including a presidential suite with a generous terrace for all fresco entertaining.



Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 9: Lion Sands River Lodge, Sabi Sand Nature Reserve

Day Itinerary

Today your magical Safari adventure begins. After an early breakfast and check out you will make your way to Cape Town International Airport for your onward flight to Skukuza.

Airlink 4Z651, Cape Town-Skukuza, departing at 10h35, arriving at 13h05.

On arrival into Skukuza, you will be met by a Lodge representative and will be transferred to the magnificent LION SANDS RIVER LODGE, your home for the next 4 nights.

After arriving at the lodge, you will have time to freshen up before departing on the afternoon safari.

Typical afternoon schedule:

15:30 Gather for a decadent high tea

16:00 Depart

19:00 Arrive back at the lodge with time to freshen up before dinner

19:30 Dinner is served



The Sabi Sands is South Africa's premier private game viewing destination. It was here that the southern African safari began and today this famous reserve offers exceptional game viewing and equally exceptional accommodations. Two perennial rivers, the Sabi and the Sand flow through this Game Park, sustaining the diverse fauna and flora of the area. The success of leopard viewing within the Sabi Sands is legendary. Elephants, lion, rhino,

buffalo, cheetah, giraffe, zebra and a vast variety of antelope and other species can be closely observed in their natural environment.

Overnight: Lion Sands River Lodge View iBrochure

Lion Sands is a place that enriches one's soul and promises life-changing moments and opportunities that will leave you with memories of unforgettable experiences. It is an extraordinary gift passed down over generations and even for those of us who have known its sweeping landscapes since birth, it remains a place of overwhelming beauty and discovery. Our family is one of the most fortunate in the world to have the privilege of being the custodians of one of Africa's truly unspoiled wilderness areas. In the heart of the game-rich Sabi Sand Reserve, adjacent to the worldrenowned Kruger National Park, we have created an iconic destination, which is as close to perfection as any place in Africa can take you. At Lion Sands you have the opportunity to view spectacular wildlife whilst preserving the balance of our "bushveld", and the privilege of being in the company of people with an insatiable enthusiasm both for the bush and for the people who come out to visit us. River Lodge is the soul of Lion Sands and has been built on the banks of the Sabie River, positioned on a site with trees dating back 800 years. Facing due east, the lodge catches the sun as it rises over the Kruger National Park. Hosted by a family of staff that make it feel like home away from home, the lodge is about spirit, warmth and nature. Here you are invited to relax and experience African hospitality at its finest. The public areas at River Lodge offers guests the following: a private lounge and bar with fireplace, an outdoor safari lounge, 2 swimming pools (heated in winter), wooden viewing decks, a secluded bird hide, a magnificent River Deck built on the river, a conference room, Lalamuka Health Spa & gymnasium, curio shop & both an indoor and open-air (Boma) dining area.



Basis

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Included

All meals, teas/coffees, minibar in room, all soft drinks, selection of beers, spirits and house wines, selected snacks, two game drives daily with FGASA accredited field guide and tracker, game drive refreshments and snacks, specified inclusive safari activities, Skukuza airport transfers and wi-fi Specialist Activities included: Game drives, bush walks; hippo experience, stargazing, wildlife lectures, bush breakfasts, picnic lunches and bush dinners, Mack & Madi Kids's Adventure Explorers experiences.

Excluded

Laundry, premium brand beers, spirits, cellar wines and champagnes, cigars and cigarettes, all flights and transfers not specified, gratuities, telephone calls, MORE Gallery purchases, spa treatments, Sabi Sand Game Reserve and Kruger National Park entrance fees and any other expences of a personal nature Specialist Activities

excluded: Treehouse experiences; private open safari vehicle hire, local community experiences (with More Community Trust), helicopter flights, golf, exclusive bush breakfasts and dinners.

Day 10-12: Lion Sands River Lodge, Sabi Sand Nature Reserve

Day Itinerary

Typical day at the lodge:

05:30 - Wakeup call

Your day starts as dawn breaks over the African bushveld. After your early morning wake-up call by one of our guides, coffee, tea & rusks are served in the main lodge overlooking the riverbed. Shortly after, you will depart in your open game vehicle with your experienced Guides who will share their extensive knowledge of the bush with you. This is your opportunity to let them know your interests so they can share them with you.

06:00 - Game drive.

After an exhilarating hunt for tracks to see what the animals have been up to during the night, and tracking down whatever you find, you will stop somewhere out in the bush for a coffee and tea break. It's time to stretch your legs, indulge in our ranger's coffee and delicious snacks.

09:00 - Return from morning game drive

Arriving back at camp, it's time for a sumptuous breakfast. This is your time to unwind, reflect on the morning's sightings and if you're feeling up to it, you can walk off your breakfast with a bush walk with one of our guides.

09:30 - Breakfast

11:00 - Morning bush walk (at lodge discretion)

Bush Walks are pre-arranged and are on offer to suit your interests and fitness levels. Walks allow guests a better chance to see some of the smaller creatures of the bush as well as an opportunity to learn more about the flora and fauna of the region and to have a chance to follow tracks in more detail. During your walk, our guide and tracker are armed so you will be in safe hands as you explore the Big Five wilderness on foot.

The rest of the day is spent at your discretion for other activities that we offer, with a delicious lunch being served around 1.30 pm, feel free to laze by the pool or enquire about one of our wellness experiences to fully ease you into relaxation.

13:00 - Lunch

The afternoon game drive is preceded by high tea and extends into the evening to view seldom seen nocturnal species by torchlight. Once again, you will break somewhere out in the bush, in a remote, scenic spot to watch the iconic Africa sunset, where Sundowners and snacks will be offered to guests whilst you once again stretch your legs and absorb the evening sounds of the African bush.

16::00 - Tea / Coffee on camp deck, followed by game drive

19:30 - Return from game drive

As you return to camp after an exhilarating day, you'll be ushered to your dinner table and presented with a gourmet 3-course dinner. This will either take place in the boma, bush or lodge - guests can socialise with a cognac, single malt or cigar around the campfire or lounge before retiring to bed in lieu of another day's adventure at LION SANDS.

20:00 - Dinner

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Excluded

Compulsory Conservation levy (Wildlife and habitat management and security - anti-poaching) and entrance fees to the Sabi Sabi Game Reserve will be included in quotations and bookings.

Day 13:

End of Itinerary

Day Itinerary

Today you must leave this magical paradise of the African continent, and return home. You will surely be leaving with ever-lasting memories that you will one day toast to with your loved ones.

After last morning activities and breakfast, you will be transferred back to Skukuza Airport and board your onward flights.

Airlink 4Z651, Skukuza-Johannesburg, departing at 14h35, arriving at 15h40.

END OF SERVICES

SEE YOU AGAIN SOON!!