

# Safari-Cruise Along the Zambezi

SOUTH-AFRICA • BOTSWANA • NAMIBIA • ZIMBABWE



  
**CroisiEurope  
Cruises**

— COLLECTION —



# Safari-Cruise

## IN SOUTHERN AFRICA



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 lodges and the elegance of our prestigious ships as we cross four countries—South Africa, Botswana, Namibia and Zimbabwe—in search of pulsating adventures, hidden paradises, and exceptional contact with nature.



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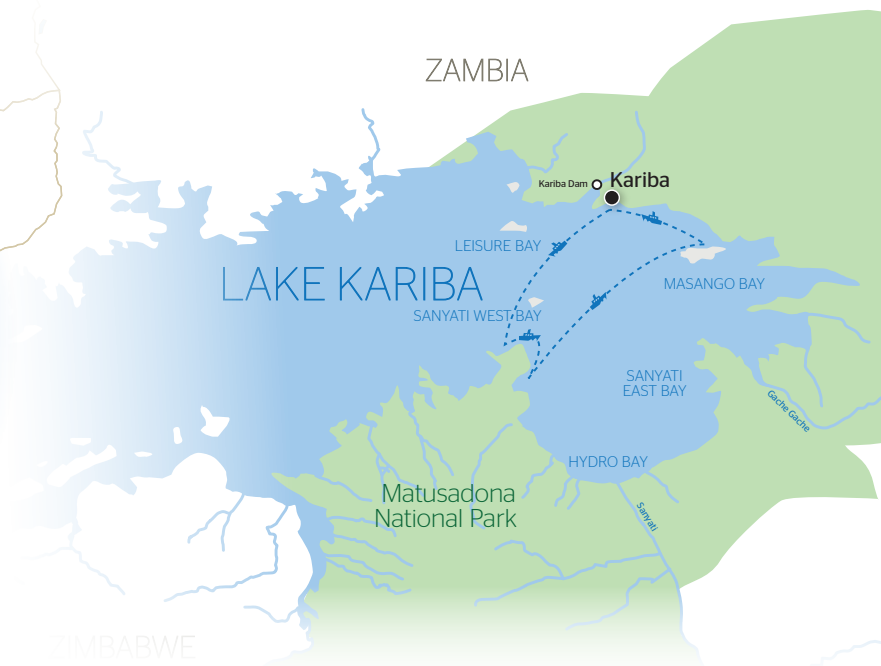
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# The Zambezi River and Lake Kariba

## YEAR-ROUND DEPARTURES



## CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

• *An exceptional cruise on Lake Kariba through its mystical landscapes: a magical place on the edge of the world in the heart of the animal kingdom*

### VISITS INCLUDED:

- *Land and water safaris in the most beautiful national parks: Chobe and Matusadona*
- *Discovery of local culture and traditions with the inhabitants of Namibian villages*
- *Victoria Falls, a wonder of the world to be contemplated on foot or from the air, by helicopter<sup>(1)</sup>, an exceptional experience*

Our ships and lodges are available on both FIT & Charter basis.



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1. LAKE KARIBA  
2. CASCADES SAFARI LODGE



VICTORIA FALLS

**9-DAY / 8-NIGHT PROGRAMME** REF. 11A\_PP / 11Z\_PP

**D1 | JOHANNESBURG (South Africa)**

We'll meet up at the hotel at 11:30 a.m. Transfer to downtown. Visit to the Apartheid Museum, recognised worldwide as the first museum dealing with the history of the 20<sup>th</sup> century in South Africa. Panoramic tour of the city. Welcome, installation, dinner and overnight 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 bird species living in these flooded plains. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail. Overnight 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. Overnight 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. Tonight, let your guide tell you all about the traditions of this particular island. Overnight at the lodge.

**D5 | KASANE • LAKE KARIBA • BOARDING THE SHIP (Namibia - Botswana - Zimbabwe)**

One last water safari in the Chobe National Park area. Flight from Kasane to Kariba. Boarding the ship. Introduction of the crew and welcome cocktail. Sailing across Lake Kariba. With its 200 km/140 mi length and 40 km/25 mi width, the lake flooded flatlands, hills and forests alike, creating unique and emblematic landscapes. Overnight on board.

**D6 | LAKE KARIBA • SAILING TO SPURWING ISLAND (Zimbabwe)**

Sailing through the rare and mysterious landscapes of Lake Kariba. Discover the small waterways going into the Matusadona National Park on a small private boat. Sailing in the direction of Palm Bay. Set out on a small private boat to admire the sunset. Overnight 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. Overnight 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. 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. Overnight at the hotel.

**D9 | VICTORIA FALLS**

Optional: early morning helicopter flight<sup>(1)</sup> over Victoria Falls (must be reserved upon booking). End of services at the hotel.

(1) Optional excursion. Subject to favourable weather conditions and to reservation at time of booking.



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# The Cape Peninsula

COMPLETE YOUR STAY IN SOUTH AFRICA



TABLE MOUNTAIN



THE CAPE OF GOOD HOPE



## HIGHLIGHTS

- *A hotel ideally located in the popular Water Front district*

### VISITS INCLUDED:

- *A funicular ascent of spectacular Table Mountain<sup>(2)</sup> overlooking the city*
- *Tasting of South African wines*
- *Cape of Good Hope, the southernmost point of the African continent*
- *A visit to Robben Island prison<sup>(2)</sup>, a powerful immersion in the history of South Africa and apartheid*

## 4-DAY / 4-NIGHT PRE-PROGRAMME REF. 14F\_PP / 14Z\_PP

### D1 | CAPE TOWN (South Africa)

Passengers are welcome to check in to their 4-star hotel LS starting from 3:00 p.m.<sup>(1)</sup>. After settling into your room, enjoy dinner on your own before spending the night at the hotel.

### D2 | CAPE TOWN

Panoramic tour of the city. Cape Town is a meticulously preserved city with modern towers in the center, cobblestone streets and a bounty of historical monuments. We'll then take the Table Mountain cable car<sup>(2)</sup> to soak up the 360-degree views of Table Bay and the nearby peaks of the surrounding mountains (if the weather allows it). We'll have dinner and spend the night at the hotel.

### D3 | ROBBERN ISLAND • GROOT CONSTANTIA WINE ESTATE

During the first part of our day, we'll visit a place that needs no introduction with regards to its significance in South Africa's and indeed the world's history: Robben Island. We'll have a guided tour of the island and its cells. We'll return to Cape Town for lunch on the waterfront. Afterwards, we'll visit the Groot Constantia estate, considered the oldest vineyard in South Africa. We'll visit the cellar followed by a tasting\*. We'll have dinner and spend the night at the hotel.

### D4 | THE CAPE OF GOOD HOPE

Today, we'll set out for the legendary Cape of Good Hope. We'll ride along Chapman's Peak Drive, located on the Atlantic coast of the southwestern tip of South Africa. The narrow stretch of land, dotted with beautiful valleys, bays and beaches, contains a mix of extraordinarily diverse and unique fauna and flora. We'll take the famous Flying Dutchman funicular to the summit to see the old lighthouse and relish the panoramic views. We'll have lunch before discovering the penguin colony near Simon's Town. Once called Jackass Penguins, they are famous for their hilarious braying call. We'll have dinner and spend the night at the hotel.

### D5 | CAPE TOWN • JOHANNESBURG

You'll be transferred to the airport and fly to Johannesburg to join up with the rest of the safari-cruise group.

Possibility of making the stay as a complete package including: the "Cape Peninsula" extended stay + safari-cruise + extended stay "From Victoria Falls to Pretoria by luxury train" REF. 21A\_PP, contact us.

(1) Please make sure your travel agency is aware of the arrival times of your flight.

(2) Depend on suitable weather conditions.

\* Alcohol can be dangerous to your health. Please drink in moderation.

# Victoria Falls to Pretoria

EXPLORE SOUTHERN AFRICA ON BOARD A LUXURY TRAIN, THE ROVOS RAIL



ROVOS RAIL, LUXURY TRAIN



DELUXE SUITE



## HIGHLIGHTS

*Explore Southern Africa on board the legendary Rovos Rail, traveling across the grand decor of the high plains in Zimbabwe and South Africa*

### VISITS INCLUDED:

- *A safari in Hwange National Park to discover its rich wildlife*
- *The discovery of Matobo National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site*
- *Visit Pretoria, symbol of the great advances made by South Africa in the 20<sup>th</sup> century.*
- *Top-of-the-range services and quality aboard this rolling palace*

Possibility of making the stay as a complete package including: the "Cape Peninsula" extended stay + safari-cruise + extended stay "From Victoria Falls to Pretoria by luxury train" REF. 21A\_PP, contact us.

## 5-DAY / 4-NIGHT POST-PROGRAMME REF. 15A\_PP

### D9 | VICTORIA FALLS

After the safari cruise, lunch at the hotel. Guided tour of Victoria Falls Bridge. Learn about the history of the bridge and set off on a stroll across its walkways for some impressive views. Transfer to the Victoria Falls train station, where you'll settle comfortably in your suite as the train sets out for a 932-mile trip (1,500 km). Enjoy dinner in the Dining Car and the night on board as the train begins its travels towards southern Zimbabwe.

### D10 | HWANGE NATIONAL PARK (Zimbabwe)

Morning dedicated to exploring Hwange National Park in four-wheel-drive vehicles, a unique opportunity to see the impressive "Big Five": lions, African buffalos, leopards, rhinoceroses, and elephants. The train resumes its itinerary as lunch is served on board. During the afternoon, you'll travel along one of the world's longest straight stretches of railroad - 71 miles (114 km). Dinner and overnight on board.

### D11 | MATOBO NATIONAL PARK (Zimbabwe)

Enjoy a morning in the Matobo National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site since 2003. You will discover caves once inhabited by hunter-gatherer peoples, with their rock paintings, as well as spectacular granite hills. Lunch will be served on board as the train passes through landscapes dotted with baobab trees. The afternoon is free on board as the stunning scenes of Zimbabwean nature unfold. Dinner and overnight on board.

### D12 | RELAXING DAY ON BOARD (Zimbabwe / South Africa)

Sit back and enjoy the scenery from the Observation Car as the train crosses the border and the Limpopo river before arriving in Musina, South Africa. Lunch on board. We'll cross the Tropic of Capricorn, the southern-most latitude where the sun appears directly overhead at noon during the December solstice. Tea will be served in the lounge as the train continues its journey through the spa town of Warmbaths, then on to the town of Nylstroom. The golden plains of the Highveld, home to zebras and antelopes, round off this epic journey. Dinner and overnight on board.

### D13 | PRETORIA • JOHANNESBURG

Enjoy one last breakfast on board before disembarking. Visit the Rovos Rail museum to see its antique rail collection. Transfer to Pretoria city center, nicknamed "Jacaranda City" for its streets lined with jacarandas, tropical trees known for their magnificent mauve blossoms. Discover its famous Union Building, home to the South African presidential offices. The building has been the site of many important events, including Nelson Mandela's inauguration. We'll have lunch in the city. You'll be transferred to the airport in Johannesburg. End of our services at the airport or Tambo airport around 5:00 pm.

# Discoveries



LAKE KARIBA DAM



LAND SAFARI



## 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 the 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*

*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 km<sup>2</sup> (4247 mi<sup>2</sup>) 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 (5400 km<sup>2</sup>/2085 mi<sup>2</sup>) 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.



# Welcome aboard our ships

RV AFRICAN DREAM • RV ZIMBABWEAN DREAM

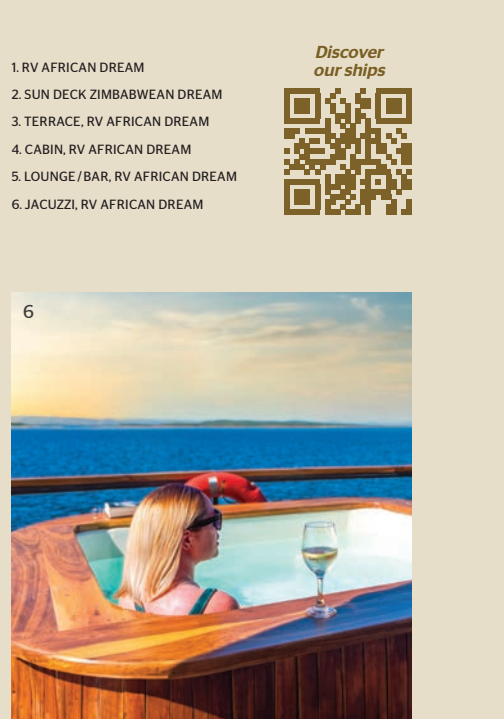
*The African Dream, built in 2018, and the Zimbabwean Dream, built in 2020, are magnificent settings for a dream safari cruise in Southern Africa. Intimate, elegant and welcoming 16 privileged passengers on board, our ships ply the waters of magnificent Lake Kariba, in perfect harmony with the splendid landscapes they traverse, making them an ideal vantage point from which to contemplate the luxuriant nature and wildlife.*





Combining elegance and exoticism, comfort and refinement, both of these luxury cruise ships, measure 33 m / 108 ft long and 8 m / 26 ft wide, and can accommodate 16 passengers, in 8 cabins with a size of 17 m<sup>2</sup> / 183ft<sup>2</sup>. Of all cabins, 6 are with a French balcony and 2 with a private terrace.

Situated on the upper deck are a small pool, the restaurant and lounge / bar where telescopes are available for wildlife and flora watching. The sun deck remains the ideal place to relax and admire Southern Africa's magnificent sites, which are among the most beautiful in the world.



1. RV AFRICAN DREAM
2. SUN DECK ZIMBABWEAN DREAM
3. TERRACE, RV AFRICAN DREAM
4. CABIN, RV AFRICAN DREAM
5. LOUNGE / BAR, RV AFRICAN DREAM
6. JACUZZI, RV AFRICAN DREAM

Discover  
our ships

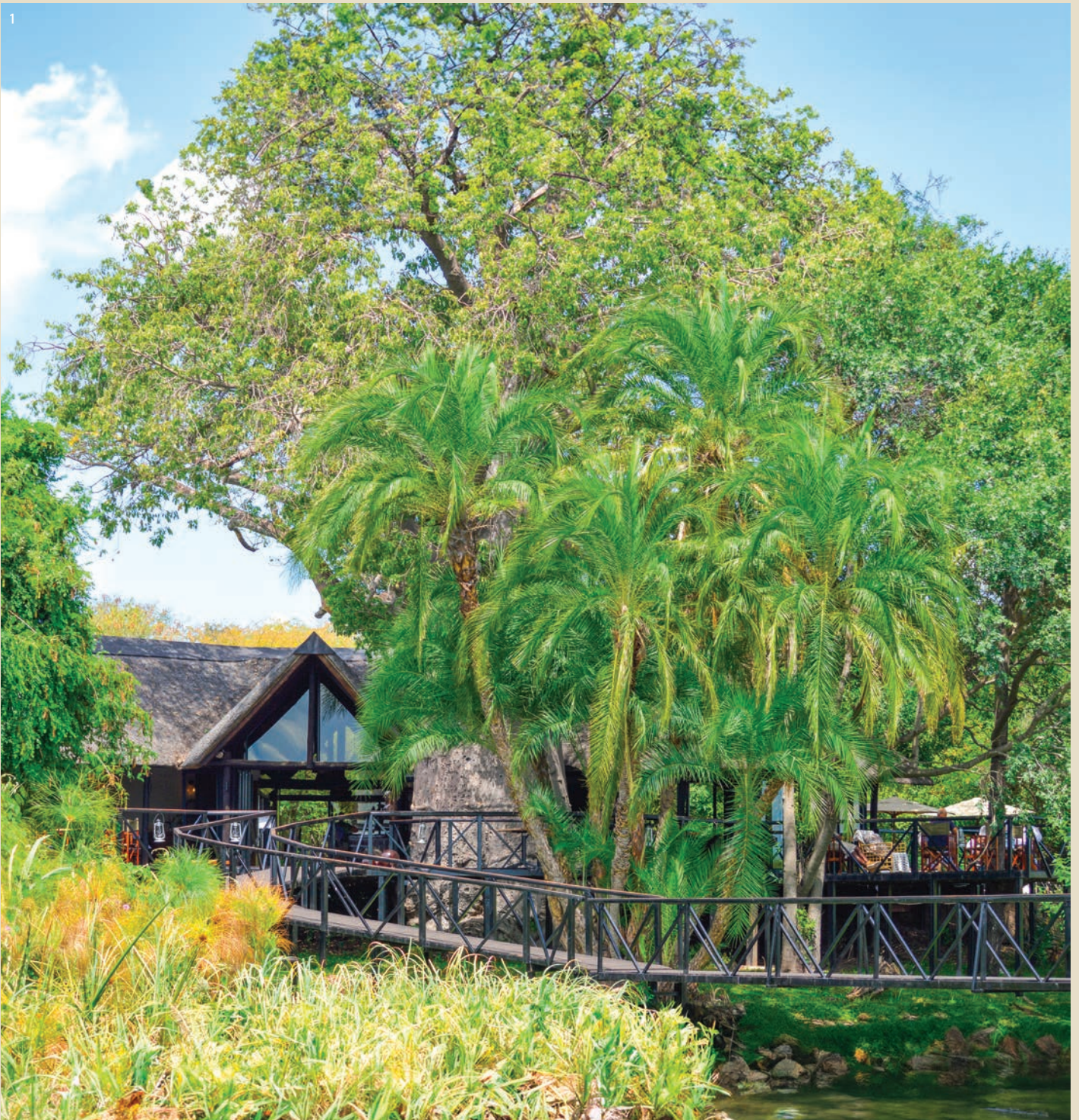


# Our lodges

CASCADES SAFARI LODGE • KAZA SAFARI LODGE

*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.*





**CASCADES SAFARI LODGE**

Located in the heart of nature on an island, this top-of-the-range lodge with its ethnic decor and refined safari ambience guarantees absolute peace and quiet.

**KAZA SAFARI LODGE**

A luxury lodge nestled in the heart of nature, intimate and authentic for a true African experience!



- 1. KAZA SAFARI LODGE
- 2. PRIVATE POOL, KAZA SAFARI LODGE
- 3. TERRASSE, CASCADES SAFARI LODGE
- 4. BEDROOM, CASCADES SAFARI LODGE
- 5. PISCINE CASCADE SAFARI LODGE



# Practical information



## South Africa

### INFORMATION

**Population** : approximately 60 million

**Area**: 471,445 sq. mi. (1.22 million km<sup>2</sup>)

**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](http://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 p.m. 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 km<sup>2</sup>)

**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](http://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 km<sup>2</sup>)

**Capital:** Windhoek

**Official languages:** English

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

**Religions:** 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](http://www.xe.com) or <https://www1.oanda.com/lang/en/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 km<sup>2</sup>)

**Capital:** Harare

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

**Religions:** 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

The local currency is the RTGS dollar. Initial exchange rate : 10 RTGS = 4 USD and 1 USD = 2,50 RTGS The RTGS dollar sign is \$, which can cause some confusion. As the US dollar is also accepted in some businesses, you should check before making a transaction whether the quoted price is in US or RTGS dollars. 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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