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## **Camping with the Big Five**

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17 Tage Botswana & Südafrika & Simbabwe

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Es knackt, es raschelt und brummt, raunt und knistert, wispert, fiept und zwitschert, es plätschert und schmatzt in einer Tour. Nur wenn es hustet, bist du das, vor Aufregung. Die Wildparks in Botswana, Simbabwe und Südafrika aus dem Blickwinkel des Campers, da sind 17 Tage eigentlich zu wenig, aber für zartbesaitete Abenteurer beinahe schon zu viel.



## Included services:

- Abenteuerreise mit maximal 12 Teilnehmern
- Jede Reise findet statt (Ausnahmen markiert)
- Englisch sprechender einheimischer Guide in internationaler Reisegruppe
- Unterkunft: 1 x Hotel, 13 x Campingplatz, 2 x Buschcamp
- Transport: Safari-Truck, offenes 4x4-Safarifahrzeug, Boot, Mokoro
- Mahlzeiten: 15 x Frühstück, 13 x Picknick, 11 x Abendessen, Tee/Kaffee
- Aktivitäten laut Tagesprogramm
- Nationalparkgebühren & Eintrittsgelder
- 100 m² Regenwald 4 you (Jedem Gast schenken wir im Regenwald von Ecuador ein Grundstück, das Jahr für Jahr den CO<sub>2</sub>-Ausstoß seiner Reise kompensiert. Eingetragen auf seinen Namen und auf ewig seins.)
- Highlights: Die Big Five im Krüger-Nationalpark. Uralte Ruinen in »Great Zimbabwe«. Paradiese für Tiere: Matobo- und Hwangwe-Nationalpark. »Donnernder Rauch« an den Victoriafällen. Im Reich der Elefanten im Chobe-Nationalpark. Per Mokoro durch das Okavango-Delta. Auf der Suche nach den seltenen Nashörnern im Khama-Rhino-Schutzgebiet.
- Campingausrüstung (2-Personen-Zelte inkl. Isomatten, exkl. Schlafsack und Kissen)
- Rail&Fly inkludiert bei allen Buchungen mit Flug

## Day-to-day-Itinerary:

### Day 1

#### Arrival in Johannesburg

Sawubona! Welcome to South Africa. After your arrival, you will be transferred to your hotel in Johannesburg. Spend the day exploring the city and enjoy one night in a proper room, before we head out on safari tomorrow. Don't stay up all night as you will meet your group at 06:30 am tomorrow morning.

#### Included activities

- Airport transfer to the hotel in Johannesburg

**Travel time:** 30km / approx. ½ hr

**Accommodation:** Road Lodge Rivonia / Cnr Rivonia Rd & 10th Ave, Rivonia, Sandton, Johannesburg / <https://clhg.com/hotels/366/Road-Lodge-Rivonia>

#### Ideas for your stay in Johannesburg

- **Visit the Apartheid-Museum:** This museum gives an insight into the moving history of South Africa. Costs approx. 95 ZAR per person. [www.apartheidmuseum.org](http://www.apartheidmuseum.org)
- **Bike tour of Soweto:** A tour will take you into the heart of the township, where you will experience the warm hospitality of the locals. There are different tours to choose from. Costs approx. 660 ZAR per person for a 4 hour tour. [www.sowetobackpackers.com/activities/bicycle-tours](http://www.sowetobackpackers.com/activities/bicycle-tours)



## Day 2

### Kruger National Park

You will meet your group at 06:30 am at the hotel reception. After a short briefing we head north-east into the world famous Kruger National Park. We visit the remote and seldom visited northern part of the park from Letaba to Pafuri. We enjoy morning and afternoon game drives in our safari vehicle and hope to spot lions, elephants, rhinos and other animals in this icon of wildlife conservation.

#### Included activities

- Entrance to Kruger National Park
- Game drives in Kruger National Park

**Included meals:** Lunch, dinner

**Travel time:** 550 km / approx. 7 hrs

#### Meeting Point: Road Loge Rivonia at 6:30hrs

At the time of departure there will be a short meeting to discuss final tour arrangements and inform you about the day's activities. Please bring your tour vouchers and insurance policy. You will also be asked to fill out an indemnity form, which must be handed to your tour guide. This is also an ideal time to bring up anything that you are not sure of or that your guide should be aware of i.e. allergies, medical conditions etc.

**Accommodation:** Permanent campsite. You stay in a tent for 2 persons on a permanent campsite. The campsite has washrooms with showers and toilets. If you have booked a single-room, you will use the tent by yourself.

## Day 3

### Kruger National Park

Be prepared for a full day of safaris in Kruger National Park. We will explore the park on a full-day game drive and hope to spot all the Big 5. So keep your eyes and ears wide open to make sure we don't miss any wildlife.

#### Included activities

- Game drives in Kruger National Park

**Included meals:** Breakfast, lunch, dinner

**Travel time:** Depending on game viewing

**Accommodation:** Permanent campsite.

#### Optional activities

- Night game drive 25 US-\$ p.p.



#### Day 4

##### Kruger National Park - Zimbabwe

Entering Zimbabwe at the Beitbridge border post, we travel to the town of Masvingo and the Great Zimbabwe Monuments. The well preserved ruins are some of the oldest and largest stone structures in Southern Africa and were built during the 11th to 14th centuries. We explore them on foot and wonder at the mysteries of these ancient stone structures and the civilization that built them.

##### Included activities

- Entrance to and guided tour of the Zimbabwe Ruins

**Included meals:** Breakfast, lunch, dinner

**Travel time:** 480 km / approx. 6 ½ hrs

**Accommodation:** Permanent campsite.

**Important note:** Although we have all the correct paperwork, the Beitbridge border crossing into Zimbabwe can take a long time. Plan ahead and take a book or music, so you are prepared, if things take longer than expected.

#### Day 5

##### Matobos National Park

Moving on to Bulawayo, we arrive in the late afternoon and set up our camp on the outskirts of the park, before enjoying a sundowner and an evening around the campfire.

##### Included activities

- Entrance to Matobos National Park

**Included meals:** Breakfast, lunch, dinner

**Travel time:** 340 km / approx. 5 hrs

**Accommodation:** Permanent campsite.



## Day 6

### Matobos National Park

This morning we head into Matobos National Park with a local guide to visit the core of the Matopos Hills, an area of granite koppies and wooded valleys. During our open vehicle game drive, we visit World's View and the historical site of Cecil John Rhodes' grave and discover the unusual rock formations that are characteristic of this area. As part of our visit we take a guided walk to track and hopefully find endangered white rhinos, as well as other wildlife, and marvel at bushman rock paintings.

#### Included activities

- Guided walk in Matobos National Park

**Included meals:** Breakfast, lunch, dinner

**Accommodation:** Permanent campsite.

## Day 7

### Hwange National Park

Today we head to Hwange Nationalpark. Named after a local Nhanzwa chief, Hwange National Park is the largest Park in Zimbabwe occupying roughly 14 650 square kilometres and is located in the north-west corner of the country. It is famous for its large elephant population, so it will probably not take long for the first one to cross our path. Our camp lies within the game management area that borders the park.

#### Included activities

- Entrance to Hwange National Park

**Included meals:** Breakfast, lunch, dinner

**Travel time:** 335 km / approx. 5 hrs

**Accommodation:** Permanent campsite.



### Day 8

#### Hwange National Park

If we didn't see all of the Big 5 yet, chances are high that we will complete them today. We explore the park with our local guide on a full day game drive in an open 4-WD game viewing vehicle. So keep your eyes wide open and enjoy the magnificent views.

#### Included activities

- Game drive in Hwange National Park

**Included meals:** Breakfast, lunch, dinner

**Travel time:** Depending on game viewing

**Accommodation:** Permanent campsite.

### Day 9

#### Hwange National Park - Victoria Falls

After breakfast we head back to civilisation. The small town of Victoria Falls will feel much bigger than it is after the past week we spend in the bush. We will stay here for two nights and make sure to take a peek at Victoria Falls. The spectacular footpath surrounding the falls leads us through tropical vegetation to the very edge of »Mosi oa Tunya« or »the smoke that thunders«.

#### Included activities

- Entrance fee to Victoria Falls and walk

**Included meals:** Breakfast

**Travel time:** 200 km / approx. 3 hrs

**Accommodation:** Permanent campsite.



### Day 10

#### A free day in Victoria Falls

Today is your chance to sleep in as the entire day is free. The way you want to spend your day is completely up to you. If you are looking for action, white-water rafting down the mighty Zambesi River might be for you. Alternatively, you can throw yourself off a cliff during a Bungee Jump or take a more comfortable option and look at the country from during a helicopter flight that locals refer to as »the flight of angels«. Ask your guide for more ideas.

**Included meals:** Breakfast

**Accommodation:** Permanent campsite.

#### Optional activities

- Rafting half day 170 US-\$
- Rafting full day 185 US-\$
- Flight - helicopter 15 min / 195 US-\$
- Flight - micro light 15 min / 185 US-\$
- Bungee Jumping 175 US-\$
- Canoe Zambesi half day 115 US-\$
- Zambezi sunset cruise 90 US-\$

### Day 11

#### Victoria Falls - Chobe National Park

We cross the border to Botswana in the morning and set up our camp in the small town of Kasane on the banks of the Chobe River. The river flows lazily along the northern boundary of the Chobe National Park and attracts some of the largest herds of elephants in Africa. A highlight of any trip to the Chobe is the afternoon game viewing sunset cruise, where we hope to see a large number of elephants and other wildlife as they quench their thirst at the end of the day.

#### Included activities

- Entrance to Chobe National Park
- Sunset cruise on Chobe River

**Included meals:** Breakfast, lunch, dinner

**Travel time:** 85 km / approx. 1 hr

**Accommodation:** Permanent campsite.





### Day 12

#### Chobe National Park - Gweta

This morning there is time for an optional game drive in Chobe National Park, if you are keen. Later on we heading south through the Kasane Forest Reserve and make our way to Gweta. Here we sleep with our tents nestled at the base of ancient baobab trees.

**Included meals:** Breakfast, lunch

**Travel time:** 415 km / approx. 5 ½ hrs

**Accommodation:** Permanent campsite.

#### Optional activities

- Game drive in Chobe National Park 2 hr / 70 US-\$ per person
- Scenic flight 15 min / 150 US-\$ per person

### Day 13

#### Gweta - Okavango Delta

After an early start, we depart for Maun, where we will then transfer into the delta by open 4-WD game viewing vehicle. Our local guides will take us deep into the heart of the Okavango Delta on mokoros (dugout canoes). Being gently poled through the network of channels is an experience not to be missed. The delta forms as rain water from the Angolan highlands flows out over the flat Kalahari Desert sands, forming a delicate, green oasis for birds and wildlife. We will camp wild on remote islands in this amazing environment.

#### Included activities

- Entrance to Okavango Delta
- Mokoro expeditions

**Included meals:** Breakfast, lunch, dinner

**Travel time:** 200 km / approx. 4 hrs plus 2 hrs on a 4-wheel drive

**Accommodation:** Bush camp. You stay in a tent for 2 persons right in the bush. In Africa you call this kind of accomodation »bush camp«. Your guide pits up a bush-shower and a bush-toilet, so that you still have some comfort in the wilderness. If you have booked a single-room, you will use the tent by yourself.



#### Day 14

##### Okavango Delta

In the morning and afternoon we enjoy bush walks and go on mokoro expeditions. During the heat of the day, you can relax or go swimming in the clear waters of the Delta. Our local guides will share their lifestyle and culture with us, so you definitely won't get bored.

##### Included activities

- Guided walking safari
- Mokoro expeditions

**Included meals:** Breakfast, lunch, dinner

**Accommodation:** Bush camp.

#### Day 15

##### Okavango Delta - Maun

In the morning we explore the Delta on foot again. Then our local tour guides on mokoros lead us back to our vehicle. Be prepared for another shock, once we get back to the town of Maun in the late afternoon. After the peaceful days in the Delta, you have the opportunity for an optional game flight over the Okavango, which will reveal what it looks like from above.

##### Included activities

- Game walk in the morning
- Mokoro expedition

**Included meals:** Breakfast, lunch

**Travel time:** Approx. 2 hrs on a 4-wheel drive

**Accommodation:** Permanent campsite.

##### Optional activities

- Scenic flight over the Okavango Delta 1hr / 145 US-\$ per person



### Day 16

#### Maun - Khama Rhino Sanctuary

The last day of our African adventure has begun. Heading south from Maun, we drive through the wide open spaces of the Kalahari Desert on our way to the Khama Rhino Sanctuary. This is a community based wildlife project that was established in 1992 to assist in saving the vanishing rhino, restore an area formerly teeming with wildlife to its previous natural state and to provide economic benefits to the local Batswana community through tourism and the sustainable use of natural resources. We hope to spot some of the elusive rhino on an afternoon game drive.

#### Included activities

- Entrance to Khama Rhino Sanctuary
- Afternoon game drive

**Included meals:** Breakfast, lunch, dinner

**Travel time:** 450 km / approx. 6 ½ hrs

**Accommodation:** Permanent campsite.

#### Optional activities

- Night game drive in open game viewing vehicle (price on request)

### Day 17

#### Khama Rhino Sanctuary - Johannesburg and departure

Crossing back into South Africa we make our way to Johannesburg, where the tour ends in the late afternoon. Let the country whizz past you on the bus and take in the final views of Africa, before you board the plane that takes you home.

#### Included activities

- Transfer to Johannesburg Airport (for flights leaving after 20:00 o'clock)

**Included meals:** Breakfast

**Travel time:** 630 km / approx. 7 ½ hrs

**Please note:** Today we offer a free drop off at Johannesburg airport at +/-17:00pm, so you can book your flight out after **20:00pm**.

## Accommodation on your trip:



During the trip you might stay in the following camps. Please note that, depending on availabilities, these may vary from departure to departure.

- Day 1 Road Lodge Rivonia
- Day 2 Camping SanParks Krüger Letaba
- Day 3 Camping SanParks Krüger Punda Maria
- Day 4 Camping Great Zimbabwe
- Day 5 Camping Granite Ridge Farmhouse
- Day 6 Camping Granite Ridge Farmhouse
- Day 7 Camping Miombo Safari Camp
- Day 8 Camping Miombo Safari Camp
- Day 9 Camping Victoria Falls Rest Camp
- Day 10 Camping Victoria Falls Rest Camp
- Day 11 Camping Thebe River Safaris
- Day 12 Camping Planet Baobab
- Day 13 Camping Planet Okavango Delta
- Day 14 Camping Planet Okavango Delta
- Day 15 Camping Audi Camp
- Day 16 Camping Khama Rhino Sanctuary

## Important notes

- Please note that while most of the departures are guaranteed, there are certain dates that require a minimum number of participants to run this tour. If the minimum number cannot be reached, it may be necessary to cancel a departure. We will inform you at least 30 days prior to departure to let you know, if the tour goes ahead or not.
- A local payment of 300 US-\$ per person is required on this safari and this will be collected by your tour leader at the welcome meeting on day 1. The local payment forms part of your overall tour cost, and must be taken into consideration when booking your safari. It will be used by your tour leaders to pay for some of the operational costs incurred on safari that can only be paid in cash (such as petrol, food and local guides).
- An essential part of your safari is participation. From putting up your tent to packing the truck in the morning – it's all part of your adventure. Your tour leaders will do all the meal preparation but we do ask you to help (on rotation) with the washing up. Please note that although we have all the correct paperwork, the Beitbridge border crossing into Zimbabwe can take a long time, which can make for a particularly long day.
- Anyone who is generally active and in good health should enjoy this trip.
- For 13 nights on safari we stay at designated permanent campsites in national parks, on private land and in



towns. Campsite facilities are generally very good but in places can be basic. There are hot and cold showers, restaurants, washing facilities and telephones available at most of the campsites. Some camps have simple reed enclosures for showers but do have flush toilets! We supply all the camping equipment with the exception of your sleeping bag and pillow. The dome tents we use are 2.2 x 2.2 x 1.8 meters and putting them up or down takes only 5 minutes. Tents have built-in insect nets. We supply mattresses, which are about 5 cm thick, warm and comfortable.

- For 2 nights while in the Okavango Delta we camp wild without fences. Bush camps have no facilities; we will need to take our own water and all equipment. On these nights the crew will erect a bucket shower (with hot water off the fire) and a pit latrine (with seat!). Wild camping can be very enjoyable but please remember that we leave no trace of our stay and take all rubbish away with us.
- The distance and travel times quoted above are an estimate only and do not include stops for lunch or sightseeing.
- We use custom-built trucks with 12 forward facing seats; or (on 10% of tours) Mercedes Sprinter minibuses with 12 forward facing seats and air conditioning. For the game drives in Matobos, Hwange, Chobe and the transfer into the Okavango we use open 4WD vehicles with local guides.
- Single supplements are limited to two per trip. Please let us know, if you would like to book a single, so that we can check the availability.
- Visas are the responsibility of the individual traveller. Entry requirements can change at any time, so it's important that you check for the latest information. Please visit the relevant consular website of the country or countries you're visiting for detailed and up-to-date visa information specific to your nationality. Visas can take several weeks to process, so familiarise yourself with any requirements as soon as you have booked your trip to allow for processing time and costs.
- This is a shared tour. That means that tour operators from all over the world book their guests onto this tour. So you will be travelling in an international group.
- We suggest you bring between 10€ and 30€ per day depending on what you want to do in the way of optional activities, curio shopping and tour guide tips.

## Preishinweise:

- zzgl. Local Payment vor Ort: 300 US-\$
- Einzelzimmerzuschlag: 199 € (auf Anfrage)
- Flug Frankfurt – Johannesburg und zurück: ab 799 €
- Rail & Fly innerhalb Deutschlands (2. Klasse): inkludiert bei Flugbuchung über YOLO
- Flughafentransfer in Johannesburg: Der Hintransfer ist inkludiert, der Rücktransfer ist für Abflüge nach 20 Uhr am letzten Tag ebenfalls inkludiert (Falls du eine Anschlussübernachtung gebucht hast, kannst du einen Extra Transfer buchen. Kosten: 35 € pro Person).
- Vor- bzw. Anschlussübernachtung in der Road Lodge Rivonia in Johannesburg exkl. Frühstück: 35 € p.P. im Doppelzimmer, 70 € p.P. im Einzelzimmer
- Bitte beachten: Bei Vor- und Anschlussübernachtung ist ein halbes Doppelzimmer nicht buchbar.
- Ein Schlafsack kann mitgebracht oder vor Ort gemietet werden (1 € pro Tag). Bitte buche diesen mindestens 4 Wochen vor Abreise.



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Änderungen und Irrtümer vorbehalten

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