

# AFFORDABLE AFRICA

## South Africa, Zimbabwe, Botswana



13 day travel package including flights  
(standard accommodation)

Offering exceptional game viewing in South Africa and Botswana, plus a stay in cosmopolitan Cape Town and Victoria Falls, this trip covers the essentials of Southern Africa. You will enjoy game drives, guided bush walks and boat safaris in Botswana and South Africa. You visit the most iconic waterfall in the world at Victoria Falls and see the sights of Africa's most photogenic city; Cape Town.





#### Cost includes:

- return economy class flights on South African Airways, SA Airlink and SA Express from SYD/BNE/MEL - Perth - Johannesburg - Hoedspruit - Cape Town - Victoria Falls - Kasane - Johannesburg - Perth - SYD/MEL/BNE, including pre-paid taxes\*
- meet, greet and airport transfer services. Road transfers between hotels and lodges
- 10 nights' accommodation in 3 - 4 star hotels and game lodges
- breakfast daily, five lunches and six dinners
- alcoholic beverages (non-premium brands) at Chobe Bakwena
- Half-day Cape Town city tour, Zambezi River sunset cruise, guided tour of Victoria Falls, The Boma dinner
- game activities as hosted by game lodges in Chobe and Kruger
- game park fees and river rainforest conservancy fee
- entrance fees, excursions in itinerary

#### Cost excludes:

- visas and international and domestic airport taxes that cannot be pre-paid (clients pay direct if applicable)
- driver / guide gratuities
- personal travel, baggage and medical insurance
- drinks, dining rooms tips, telephone calls, laundry and any items of a personal nature

\* alternate airlines may be used

**Breakfast (B), Lunch (L), Dinner (D)**  
**Fully inclusive of all meals and local brand drinks (FI)**

#### Australia to Australia -return flights Sydney, Melbourne or Brisbane

**Accommodation:** standard

**Departs:** daily\*

Day 1: Fly Sydney / Melbourne / Brisbane to Perth, connect to Johannesburg

Day 2: South Africa, Makalali Private Game Reserve - Main Lodge (LD)

Day 3: South Africa, Makalali Private Game Reserve - Main Lodge (BLD)

Day 4: South Africa, Makalali Private Game Reserve - Main Lodge (BLD)

Day 5: South Africa, Cape Town - Protea Breakwater Lodge (B)

Day 6: South Africa, Cape Town - Protea Breakwater Lodge (B)

Day 7: South Africa, Cape Town - Protea Breakwater Lodge (B)

(Pre-book your optional excursions - own expense)

Day 8: Zimbabwe, Victoria Falls - Bayete Guest Lodge (B)

Day 9: Zimbabwe, Victoria Falls - Bayete Guest Lodge (BD)

(Pre-book your optional excursions - own expense)

Day 10: Botswana, Chobe - Chobe Bakwena (FI)

Day 11: Botswana, Chobe - Chobe Bakwena (FI)

Day 12: Fly Kasane to Johannesburg, connect on to Perth (B)

Day 13: Fly Perth to Sydney / Melbourne / Brisbane

**This private package is also available in our deluxe and luxury accommodation categories.**

\*Airtfares included are flying SAA and Virgin Australia. These are seasonal and prices may vary due to travel dates and availability on flights. Some blackout periods apply. Departure and arrival points are Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane. Alternate location prices are available on request.



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### Day 1: Sydney/Melbourne/Brisbane - Perth - Johannesburg

Your African adventure begins today. Your Virgin Australia flight departs the Sydney/Melbourne/Brisbane domestic terminal in the early evening and arrives in Perth in the mid-evening. At Perth you connect with your South African Airways flight SA281 departing at 11:50pm arriving into Johannesburg at 5:00am the following morning. (Flights are in economy class).

#### Please note:

You will be able to check in for both flights to Johannesburg at the Virgin Australia counter at Sydney/Melbourne/Brisbane domestic airports. Virgin Australia will issue both boarding passes in Sydney/Melbourne/Brisbane. You will need to complete passport control to depart Australia at Perth. There is only a short walk between the domestic terminal and international at Perth airport, where you proceed through passport control only. Your luggage will be checked through to Johannesburg from your original departure airport. Here you will clear customs and complete passport control as your initial entry point into South Africa, prior to checking in for your domestic flight.

### Day 2: Makalali Private Game Reserve, Kruger region

On arrival at Johannesburg airport you complete passport control, and customs, and check-in for your flight to the Kruger. On arrival at Hoedspruit airport, in the Kruger region, you are met and transferred to the lodge where you will enjoy lunch (dependant on arrival time). Your accommodation is at the popular Makalali Private Game Lodge, situated within the wildlife prolific Makalali Game Reserve. Only one hour from Hoedspruit, the reserve covers 26,000 hectares of savannah and riverine forest. Makalali represents a piece of Africa as it used to be, with the northern Drakensberg mountains in the distance and Kruger National Park to the east. As part of the Greater Kruger area, vast herds of buffalo, elephant and grazers are resident on the reserve, along with plenty of predators.

After a rest and afternoon tea, you join your first game drive in the late afternoon. As a private game reserve close to the Kruger National Park, Makalali offers the chance to see the 'big five' and more. Your open sided game vehicle is guided by your ranger, whilst a 'spotter' tracks animals from the front of the vehicle. This gives guests the best opportunity of viewing wildlife up-close. Upon your return to the lodge, you enjoy dinner at the open air boma or indoor dining room. **Makalali Main Lodge - standard suite (LD).**

#### Makalali Private Game Lodge - Main Lodge

Makalali Main Lodge is a newly built game lodge comprising of 30 comfortably designed standard rooms all with en-suite bathrooms. The rooms are air-conditioned and feature luxurious interiors with classic leather and wood furnishings. Makalali Main Lodge has a central dining area where guests can enjoy an array of African cuisine. The outside boma is ideal for an evening under the African sky. The spa offers a variety of soothing treatments and the pool area offers the perfect place to unwind and take in the sounds of the African bush. Built for pure comfort in one of the area's biggest and best game reserves Makalali Main Lodge is set to become a long term favourite amongst safari aficionados.

### Days 3 - 4: Makalali Private Game Reserve, Kruger region

Each day begins with a wake-up call at 5.00 am before you meet for tea and coffee at 5.30 am. After a cuppa you head out on your morning game drive. The fresh morning air in your face as you travel on an open 4WD with the prospect of seeing the 'big five' (lion, leopard, buffalo, rhino, elephant) is an exhilarating experience. Animals are often most active at this time of day and spotting wildlife is guaranteed. Experienced rangers and trackers will share their knowledge of the African bush with you as you enjoy a range of animal sightings.





#### Days 3 - 4: continued

You return to the lodge late morning for breakfast. Your time is now at your leisure. There is a cooling pool with a large teak pool terrace to relax upon, a curio shop for some retail therapy and a friendly bar with numerous board games and books to enjoy. Main Lodge is home to an extensive wellness centre for those wishing to indulge themselves with a spa treatment. Additional activities such as visits to the Hoedspruit Centre for Endangered Species and Panorama Route tours can be booked at the lodge.

After lunch, afternoon tea and some time to relax, you set off again at around 4.00 pm for another game drive to experience wildlife at dusk. This is your opportunity to view the interaction between animals as they search for food. Once back at the lodge, dinner is served buffet style in the open dining area. **Makalali Main Lodge - standard suite (BLD).**

#### Day 5: Cape Town

Join your final early morning game drive, followed by breakfast, then depart the Kruger. Transfer to Hoedspruit airport to board your economy class flight to Cape Town. On arrival at Cape Town airport you will be met by our representative and assisted to the transfer vehicle, before being driven to your hotel. Cape Town is one of the world's most picturesque tourist destinations and is a city offering a mix of attractions. Situated amidst majestic mountains and surrounded by pristine white beaches, the city is truly very beautiful. Often called the 'cosmopolitan hub of Africa', Cape Town is home to a rich cultural and historical heritage, vibrant restaurants, scenic cruises and world-class, affordable shopping. Your accommodation is located at the vibrant Victoria and Alfred Waterfront. **Protea Hotel Breakwater Lodge (B).**

#### Protea Hotel Breakwater Lodge

Just a minute away from restaurants, theatres and shops, the Breakwater Lodge, one of the finest hotels operated by Protea Hotels, is a perfectly positioned Cape Town hotel on the V&A Waterfront. The hotel lies within easy reach of the best beaches, visitor hotspots and the airport, making it an ideal base during your stay in Cape Town. Once a 19th century prison, this fine hotel today provides comfortable and affordable accommodation in a spectacular setting that looks out over Cape Town's harbour. The rooms are all comfortable, welcoming and attractively furnished as well as being equipped with 22 inch LCD television and tea and coffee making facilities.

#### Day 6: Cape Town

After breakfast you depart on a guided half day tour of the city. Highlights of the tour include: a visit to the top of Table Mountain on the cableway where the various flora and fauna will be explained (the cableway ticket is not included as the mountain visit is weather permitting); the Malay Quarter, city centre, Company Gardens and, time permitting, the Castle of Good Hope. Your afternoon and evening are free to explore this fascinating city. **Protea Hotel Breakwater Lodge (B).**

#### Day 7: Cape Town

Today is at leisure. Suggested excursions, such as a day in the Cape Winelands, a visit to the Cape of Good Hope at Cape Point Reserve, or a poignant visit to Robben Island, the former prison where Nelson Mandela was incarcerated, can be pre-booked to assure availability. **Protea Hotel Breakwater Lodge (B).**

#### Day 8: Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

This morning you transfer to Cape Town airport for your economy class flight to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. Upon arrival into Zimbabwe you will receive a welcome letter which will reconfirm any pre-booked transfer and excursion pick up and drop off times.



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### Day 8: continued

Victoria Falls is one of the most spectacular natural wonders in the world. There is a magic about the falls manifested in the towering column of spray when the river is high, the thunder of the falling water, the terrifying abyss and tranquil lagoons upstream in which hippo and deadly crocodiles lurk. The falls are 1,708 metres wide, making it the largest curtain of water in the world. Remarkably preserved in its natural state, Victoria Falls inspires visitors as much today as it did David Livingstone in the 1860s.

In the late afternoon enjoy an unforgettable Zambezi River sunset cruise, look out for hippo, crocodile, elephant and sometimes even rhino, as well as many bird species. Your accommodation is at a popular guesthouse lodge. The lodge's restaurant, swimming pool and bar offer a pleasant place to enjoy your first evening in Victoria Falls.

**Bayete Guest Lodge - deluxe room (B).**

### Bayete Guest Lodge

Bayete Guest Lodge Victoria Falls offers comfortable and affordable accommodation in the heart of the Victoria Falls residential area. Newly renovated, Bayete Guest Lodge is a family run lodge that offers 25 rooms that are set in a lush tropical garden. Central to the lodge is the large teardrop swimming pool, which is hugged by the Caldecott Dining Boma and the Ingwezi Tavern. The Ingwezi Tavern, steeped in history and character, is central to the communal area where guests are able to gather, have refreshments and socialize. The lodge's room all feature mosquito netting draped beds, private en-suites and air conditioning. The airy décor creates a relaxed ambience and light filled atmosphere. This friendly lodge is great value for this region. Its friendly staff make it a favourite amongst travellers who enjoy gaining inside knowledge from the locals and its ground make it a haven of peace after a day's adventure.

### Day 9: Victoria Falls

After breakfast enjoy an informative guided tour of Victoria Falls. You will be accompanied through the rainforest by a qualified guide who will give a brief history of the falls and detail the flora and fauna.

This afternoon is free to join one or two of the many optional excursions that this region offers. Choose from a vast selection of adventures ranging from: elephant interactions, white water rafting, scenic flights over the falls and high tea at the famous Victoria Falls Hotel.

This evening your dine at your lodge's The Boma. You enjoy a buffet barbeque dinner, featuring both local and international dishes. The Boma is a fitting final dinner in Victoria Falls. **Bayete Guest Lodge - deluxe room (BD).**

### Day 10: Kasane (Chobe National Park)

After breakfast and check-out you are transferred to the border with Botswana and then on to your Chobe lodge. This transfer takes approximately two hours and includes a border procedure where your driver will assist you. At the lodge you will discuss the activities available. These are usually safaris in the style of the region, such as boat safaris, which allow you to view animals on the riverbanks, and 4WD game drives within the national park.

This afternoon set off on your first game viewing activity. Chobe National Park has about 80,000 elephant, one of the biggest concentrations in Africa. It is also notable for huge herds of buffalo and zebras, lechwe, Chobe bush-buck and puku antelope. Where there are buffalo, lions are never far away and there is a good chance of seeing large prides here who hunt after dusk. Hyena and leopard also hunt at night, while cheetahs are diurnal predators.



On safari at Bakwena



#### Day 10: continued

Chobe is rich in bird life with the Pel's fishing owl a favourite, along with the strangely beaked African skimmer and African fish eagles. Return to the lodge for dinner. **Chobe Bakwena Lodge - standard chalet (FI).**

#### Chobe Bakwena Lodge

Surrounded by the Chobe National Park and forest reserve, Bakwena Lodge is an eco-luxury retreat on the banks of the Chobe River. Bakwena, from Setswana meaning 'people of the crocodile'; one of the largest tribes in Botswana; embraces the surrounding culture and country as inspiration for its style and hospitality. The lodge comprises ten rondavel style chalets, two of which are family units, all situated under the shady canopy of Acacia trees. Each chalet offers a cool place to relax with its own raised deck, with day bed, overlooking the river. Each chalet has an interior bathroom opening onto an outside garden with an outside shower. The main entertainment area with its lounge, restaurant and Rain Tree bar overlooking the river and inviting swimming pool are a social area to meet your fellow safari enthusiasts. Activities include game drives or river cruises in the Chobe, fishing trips, bird watching, nature walks, and cultural tours and visiting Impalila Island with its giant baobabs.

#### Day 11: Kasane, (Chobe National Park)

Today you have two game activities which typically include a river safari on the Chobe River and a 4WD game drive in Chobe National Park. A river cruise offers unique game viewing and bird sightings on the river and riverbank. Whereas a game drive includes up-close sightings in Botswana's premier game park from the comfort of an open sided safari vehicle. **Chobe Bakwena Lodge - standard chalet (FI).**

#### Day 12: Kasane to Johannesburg, connect onto Perth

After a final game activity and breakfast you are transferred to Kasane airport for your flight to Johannesburg. You remain in transit at Johannesburg airport between flights, then board your overnight flight to Perth **(B)**. (Flights are in economy class).

#### Day 13: Perth to Sydney/Melbourne/Brisbane

Your flight arrives in Perth around midday on day 13. In Perth you clear Australian passport control and customs, then proceed to check-in for your Virgin Australia flight to the east coast (for passengers from Sydney, Melbourne or Brisbane). (Flights are in economy class).

#### Passenger information:

- This pre-prepared travel itinerary is a travel package. It is not a fully guided group tour throughout. There are shared service shuttles, day tours, and game drives included within the itinerary.
- The operator may have to re-route the itinerary or change the accommodation in cases of non-availability.
- Although no minimum age restrictions apply at any of the included properties, children under the age of seven may be restricted to private vehicle game activities, which will be at an additional cost.
- Flights are subject to availability. Airfares from alternate cities within Australia are on request. Your full name, as it appears in your passport, must be supplied upon booking. Full payment for the flight portion of this package may be required upon confirmation. Terms and conditions imposed by the airline will apply.
- Bookings over Christmas, New Year and Easter incur holiday supplements.
- As prices are calculated using foreign currencies it may become necessary to add a currency surcharge.
- Prices for flights, airport taxes, park fees and government taxes may be changed without prior notice. This is beyond our control and any increase levied will be passed on.