



## BEST OF AFRICA: SOUTH AFRICA, ZIMBABWE & BOTSWANA

***Your 15-night journey includes: 2 nights at a Deluxe hotel in Johannesburg; 3 nights at a luxury tented camp in Kruger National Park; 3 nights at The Wallow, Victoria Falls in Victoria Falls National Park; 3 nights at Iganyana Tented Camp in Hwange National Park; 3 nights at luxury safari resort in Chobe National Park***

They say that once you've experienced Africa, a piece of your heart remains there forever. With Best of Africa: South Africa, Zimbabwe & Botswana, you're sure to fall in love with the continent on this exciting adventure into three southern African countries, all rich in wildlife and culture.

Experience the thrill of finding big game in Kruger, Hwange, and Chobe National Parks by land, water, and on foot. But this is also a safari for interacting with local people and discovering tribal culture. Whether lunching with locals in South Africa's Soweto Township where Nelson Mandela lived or gathering by the campfire for legends and folklore enacted in story and dance, you'll come closer to a greater understanding of the rich tapestry of African culture. You'll even join a local Zimbabwean family for a home-cooked meal and rejoice in the song and dance of children during a school visit near UNESCO-listed Victoria Falls.

With the best accommodations, including three luxury safari camps, 24 included features and Cultural Discoveries, and a pre-extension to Pilanesberg Game Reserve, this truly is the African safari of a lifetime!

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# ADVENTURE HIGHLIGHTS

## VANTAGE-EXCLUSIVE CHOBE RIVER CRUISE



All aboard the triple-decker Chobe Explorer for a leisurely day cruising the Chobe river. Enjoy a barbecue lunch and

## PRIMARY SCHOOL VISIT



Meet the teachers and schoolchildren at Chinotimba Primary School, a Vantage Cares initiative in Victoria Falls

## NELSON MANDELA'S HOME



During a guided tour of Soweto Township, walk the street where Nobel Peace Prize laureates Nelson Mandela and Desmond Tutu both lived

## VICTORIA FALLS



Become awestruck at the power and splendor of the Victoria Falls UNESCO World Heritage Site; the world's largest sheet of falling water

## HOME-HOSTED MEAL



Enjoy sincere generosity and the biggest smiles in Africa during a home-cooked meal with a Zimbabwean family near Victoria Falls

## STORYTELLING AND DANCE



Sit around the campfire under starlit nights enjoying exuberant song and dance — you might even be invited to have a go!

## SAFARI GAME CRUISE



Cruise gently along the Chobe River with binoculars and cameras ready. Elephants, crocodiles, hippos, and birdlife guaranteed

## GAME DRIVES & WALKING SAFARIS



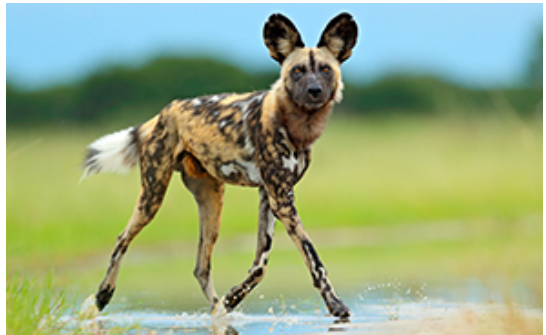
Professional safari guides show you Africa's big game from open safari vehicles and on walking safaris

## LOCAL SCHOOL AND MARKET VISITS



Meet children at a local school and chat with locals while bartering for beautiful African handicrafts at markets

## PAINTED DOGS



Learn about endangered African wild dogs from conservation experts, while visiting the Painted Dog Conservation Center in Hwange

# YOUR PRICE INCLUDES

- **Purchase your airfare from Vantage** and your airport transfers, fuel surcharges, and government taxes and fees are included
- **Accommodations:** 14 nights at 4- and 5-star safari lodges and hotels
- **40 meals:** 14 breakfasts, 13 lunches, and 13 dinners
- **24 included features and Cultural Discoveries** — a value of \$1,800 per person!
- **All park entrance fees**
- **1 UNESCO World Heritage Site:** Victoria Falls
- **Complimentary Destination Manager** to assist with all your personal requests
- **Guaranteed small groups** — limited to only 24 travelers!
- **Gratuities for local guides and drivers**
- **A Vantage Adventure Leader** and driver-guides, experienced and English-speaking
- **All transportation on tour**
- **All transfers and baggage handling** when overseas, beginning with your first hotel
- **Vantage 5% Travel Reward**, received upon your return, to use toward your next Vantage journey

# SPECIAL INTEREST



## SAFARI HIGHLIGHTS

Nothing compares with the thrill of a safari, and your game drives and river cruises will be highlights of this African adventure. Here's a glimpse of what awaits you:

- Kruger National Park: Start your African safari with a game drive through the most famous national park in Africa, stopping for a picnic lunch. Complete your Kruger encounter with another early morning safari drive the next day
- Hwange National Park: Revel in morning, afternoon, and nighttime game drives within Hwange National Park and in our

game-rich private concession. You'll also experience the thrill of a walking safari in big game country, as well as a visit to the Painted Dog Conservation Center

- Chobe National Park: With one of the largest concentrations of wildlife in Africa, this park will fulfill your desire to see animals in great numbers as well as spectacular birdlife on three game drives and two riverboat cruises



## UNESCO & HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

Southern Africa's rich cultural history and the Victoria Falls UNESCO World Heritage Site are all revealed to you on this tour. Here's what you'll discover:

- Visit the former home of Nelson Mandela in South Africa's lively Soweto Township and feel moved at the Hector Pieterse Memorial and Museum, documenting the tragedies of anti-apartheid student uprisings in 1976
- Explore the widest curtain of falling water at magnificent Victoria Falls, a UNESCO World Heritage Site

- Hear the historic legacy of David Livingstone from a local Zimbabwean on an optional Zambezi River Cruise
- Add the highly recommended Cape Town extension and discover the world's smallest floral kingdom on Table Mountain, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the New Seven Wonders of Nature



## NATURE HIGHLIGHTS

Experience the thrill of big game safari on this adventure across South Africa, Zimbabwe, and Botswana, traveling through breathtaking scenery and untamed landscapes:

- Cruise quietly along the Chobe River with animals untroubled by our presence, seeing crocodiles, hippos, and elephants wading and swimming in the water
- Stay in two deluxe Vantage-exclusive tented camps for an immersive nature experience with a luxurious twist
- Admire the power and magnificence of Victoria Falls, UNESCO

World Heritage Site

- Spend time in nature — cruising the rivers, game viewing from vehicle and on foot, and dining under the star-filled Southern Hemisphere night sky



## WINE HIGHLIGHTS

The Cape Winelands are renowned, not only for their fine vintages, but for the jaw-dropping beauty of the scenery. Here's how you'll enjoy the fruits of this delightful mountainous region on a Cape Town extension tour:

- Visit the historic town of Stellenbosch, the birthplace of the Cape wine industry
  - Drive along pastoral scenic valleys of the Cape Winelands to Franschhoek (French Corner), where every wine estate has a French name and a wine tasting cellar
- Taste the Cape's unique vintages, like the South African signature variety Pinotage
  - Enjoy lunch at a celebrated wine estate, with fabulous views of the Franschhoek Valley
  - Buy some wine to take home or have it shipped



## PHOTOGRAPHY HIGHLIGHTS

The best time of day to take nature photographs is in the golden light of dawn and dusk. We'll be out and about on safari at those times for you to take precious photographs that will remind you of this trip forever. Here are some things to consider for the best photographic results:

- Invest in a good quality, fast lens for your DSLR, with powerful zooming capabilities and good stability
- Compact cameras and mobile phones these days have powerful cameras, but they don't do well at full zoom or shooting animals

in the distance

- Be patient and wait for that great shot. A dark dot in the distance isn't going to make a great photo and only you will know what animal it was!
- Bring extra memory cards as you can get bitten by the photography bug, especially after expert advice on the included photographic cruise along the Chobe River

Everyone loves the professional photographic cruise on the Chobe in specially adapted boats, where you have use of long-lens cameras on swivel mounts and specialist tuition. You'll snap some amazing shots that you never thought possible. And, you get to take the memory card home with you, full of accomplished images that you took yourself.



## BIRDWATCHING HIGHLIGHTS

Our journey through southern Africa's top nature preserves and their numerous habitats provides some of the most brilliant birding opportunities in the world. With 500 recorded species in some areas alone, if you didn't start out as a birdwatcher, you'll probably be entranced by them by the end. Here's a sample of what to look out for:

- Kruger National Park: In addition to the Big Five animals, Kruger has a birding Big Six equivalent: Lappet-faced vulture, saddle-billed stork, martial eagle, kori bustard, Pel's fishing owl, and the southern ground hornbill. Count yourself extraordinarily fortunate if you see them all
- Hwange National Park: Hwange is a treasure trove of "lifers" for serious birders, such as African hobby, pearl-spotted owl, Cape griffon, and exquisitely colored carmine bee-eaters and crimson-breasted shrikes
- Chobe National Park: With varied terrain and a permanent water source, Chobe attracts all kinds of land and water birds, making birdwatching a constant pleasure. There are so many different herons, kingfishers, waders, raptors, and little tweeters that you won't know where to look. Twitchers should look out for African marsh harrier, Pel's fishing owl, half-collared kingfisher, and white-backed night heron



## ART & CULTURE HIGHLIGHTS

From storytelling under the stars and the history of Nelson Mandela to connecting with locals wherever we go, the splendor of African culture is on full display on this adventure. Here are a few highlights:

- Visit Nelson Mandela's former home in Soweto Township
- See the Hector Pieterse Memorial and Museum, the memorial to 12-year-old Hector Pieterse, shot and killed during an anti-apartheid march here on June 16, 1976 — now National Youth Day
- Barter at vibrant market stalls in Victoria Falls for traditional Shona stone sculptures and colorful arts and crafts
- Visit a Zimbabwean family home and eat a home-cooked meal with them, while sharing details about each other's lives
- The children of Chinotimba Primary School will touch your heart during a visit to this school supported by Vantage Cares
- In Hwange, we'll soak up the campfire atmosphere while listening to Shona and Ndebele tribal tales from a traditional storyteller



**SOLO TRAVEL HIGHLIGHTS** Your land adventure has been enhanced with special features catering to independent travelers, including:

- Solo-friendly social activities, including a Solo Connection mixer to get to know your fellow travelers
- Explore and make more intimate discoveries in a small group of just 24 or less like-minded travelers
- The services of a complimentary Destination Manager to enhance your adventure with added sightseeing excursions, hotel stays, restaurant reservations, and more

## CONCIERGE SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS

Customize your adventure in South Africa, Zimbabwe, and Botswana with these top Concierge suggestions:

- Shopping trips
- Extend your stay in Cape Town

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- Additional excursions in Cape Town and Victoria Falls
- Celebrate an anniversary or occasion with a special meal or event
- Extend accommodations due to early arrival or late departure

# JOHANNESBURG TO CHOBE NATIONAL PARK

DAY 1: Depart home for Johannesburg, South Africa

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DAY 2: Arrive in Johannesburg, one of Africa's most important cities  
*Hilton Sandton or similar*

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DAY 3: Tour Soweto and visit Nelson Mandela's former home  
*Hilton Sandton or similar*

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DAY 4: Fly to Kruger National Park, South Africa  
*Lions Rock Rapids Camp or similar*

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DAY 5: Morning game drive with picnic breakfast inside Kruger National Park  
*Lions Rock Rapids Camp or similar*

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DAY 6: Round out your Kruger safari with an early morning game drive  
*Lions Rock Rapids Camp or similar*

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DAY 7: Fly to Livingstone and transfer to Victoria Falls  
*The Wallow, Victoria Falls or similar*

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DAY 8: Engage with local residents with a primary school visit and lunch with a local family, plus visit Victoria Falls  
*The Wallow, Victoria Falls or similar*

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DAY 9: Enjoy a Vantage-exclusive three-course bush dinner  
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DAY 10: Transfer to Iganyana Tented Camp in Hwange National Park  
*Iganyana Tented Camp or similar*

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DAY 11: Spot game on morning and afternoon safari drives; then, hear traditional tribal stories around the campfire  
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DAY 12: Enjoy an exciting last day in Hwange with a game drive and entertainment from an African dance troupe  
*Iganyana Tented Camp or similar*

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DAY 13: Travel to Botswana's Chobe National Park for an afternoon safari river cruise  
*Cresta Mowana Safari Resort - Spa or similar*

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DAY 16: Transfer to Kasane Airport and fly home

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**DAY 1:** Depart home for Johannesburg, South Africa

Leave your cares behind and travel to Johannesburg, South Africa, on an overnight flight, arriving on Day 2.

**DAY 2:** Arrive in Johannesburg, one of Africa's most important cities

Touch down in Joburg or Jozi, as it's affectionately known, South Africa's city of gold. A Vantage Representative will be at the airport to meet, greet, and escort you to your hotel in one of Joburg's leafy city suburbs. Rest and recover

from your journey for the rest of the day.

*Hilton Sandton or similar*

**DAY 3:** Tour Soweto and visit Nelson Mandela's former home

After breakfast, we head off on a guided bus tour of South Africa's largest township, Soweto. Known before as a shanty town, Soweto now has affluent neighborhoods. You'll sense the significance of the anti-apartheid struggle history as you walk along the only street in the world where two Nobel Peace Prize Laureates used to live: Nelson Mandela and Desmond Tutu.

Stop at the house in Vilakazi street where Nelson Mandela lived prior to his arrest. Walk around the Hector Pieterse Memorial and Museum, a poignant reminder of how this 12-year old boy was killed in the struggle against apartheid. Taste township hospitality with lunch at a vibrant Soweto restaurant. You may just be treated to a delightful singing performance by the proprietor of the restaurant, too!

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After lunch, it's back to the hotel for an afternoon of relaxation, admiring the magnificent views over the city of Johannesburg from the poolside.

We'll come together for a tour orientation before a Welcome Dinner.

Included Features:

- Morning Tour of Soweto
- Visit to Nelson Mandela's House
- Hector Pieterse Memorial and Museum visit

**Cultural Discovery:**

- Traditional local lunch in Soweto
- Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner  
*Hilton Sandton or similar*

**DAY 4:** Fly to Kruger National Park, South Africa

After breakfast at the hotel, it's time to head to our first safari camp beside Kruger National Park. We take a short transfer to the airport and a 50-minute flight, followed by a 1-hour road transfer to our idyllic tented safari camp on the banks of the Sabie River. This is our base for exploring Kruger National Park and its Big Five animals. The afternoon is yours to spend at leisure: explore the grounds, admiring the prolific birdlife, or sip a glass of fine South African wine beside the Sabie River while nibbling on macadamia nuts grown on this subtropical plantation. Dinner is at camp tonight.

Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner  
*Lions Rock Rapids Camp or similar*

**DAY 5:** Morning game drive with picnic breakfast inside Kruger National Park

Be sure to pack your binoculars and camera for your first game drive in Kruger National Park this morning. We'll drive slowly along routes known

for the best animal sightings in the hope of seeing lions and their prey — including antelopes, buffaloes, zebras, and giraffes — as well as elephants. And, if we're lucky, we may even spot rhinos and leopards to round out our first Big Five spotting.

With nearly 500 species of birds, you can start the process of selecting your favorite. Will it be a majestic bateleur eagle soaring above the floodplain, or smaller colorful little bee-eaters or lilac-breasted rollers, often perching by the roadside?

There will be time to stretch your legs at a scenic spot inside the park and eat a picnic breakfast. Then, return to the camp for a tranquil afternoon at leisure and dinner.

**Included Feature:**

- Morning game drive in Kruger National Park with picnic breakfast
- Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner  
*Lions Rock Rapids Camp or similar*

**DAY 6:** Round out your Kruger safari with an early morning game drive

As the lions in the park are naturally night owls, we'll want to catch them in action as early as possible. We will have an early morning continental breakfast in Kruger Park while predators are still at large. It's the best time of the day for seeing game activity! Our eagle-eyed rangers will seek out the animals while we are still waking up!

We'll be leaving the park in time to be at our safari camp for lunch.

After such an early morning, you can catch up on rest during an afternoon at leisure. Tonight, we

enjoy an evening meal at our South African safari camp.

**Included Feature:**

- Morning game drive in Kruger Park with a picnic breakfast

Destination Enhancement: Customize your journey when you add an optional on-tour experience. Board a special cultural cruise on the Zambezi River, sip sundowner cocktails, and watch the sun set over this timeless waterway.

Learn more

Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner  
*Lions Rock Rapids Camp or similar*

**DAY 7:** Fly to Livingstone and transfer to Victoria Falls

This morning we'll check out and drive to Kruger Airport for a short flight to Livingstone, in Zambia. From here, we'll transfer by road across the famous Victoria Falls bridge and through the border into Zimbabwe.

Enjoy lunch at the Lookout Café before heading to The Wallow, Victoria Falls safari lodge, our home for the next three nights. You can relax at the lodge this afternoon, while observing the far-off mist rising up from the torrent of water falling over Victoria Falls.

Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner  
*The Wallow, Victoria Falls or similar*

**DAY 8:** Engage with local residents with a primary school visit and lunch with a local family, plus visit Victoria Falls

We'll start the day with a visit to Victoria Falls Craft Market after breakfast, followed by a visit to the Chinotimba Primary School. Through your patronage, Vantage Cares — our philanthropic arm — positively affects the lives of these children. These joyful youngsters often show

their appreciation with vivacious songs and dance. Many guests have cited this experience as the highlight of the trip.

Following the primary school visit you will be treated to an authentic Zimbabwean meal hosted by a local family in their own home, a heartfelt encounter that will truly enrich your trip. Any gifts you bring along are always most welcome, such as canned peaches, coloring books and crayons, or anything else. After lunch, we'll head to Victoria Falls National Park for a guided visit. Highlights of the park include the Main Falls, Devil's Cataract, and Rainbow Falls. Afterward, we will return to the lodge where you will have time to relax before dinner.

**Included Feature:**

- Guided walk to Victoria Falls viewpoints

**Cultural Discovery:**

- Interact with traders at Victoria Falls Craft Market and barter for gifts
- Chinotimba Primary School visit
- Enjoy lunch and conversation with a Zimbabwean family in their own home

Destination Enhancement: Customize your journey when you add an optional on-tour experience. See the Zambezi River from a new perspective with a choice of two optional helicopter tours. Learn more

Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner  
*The Wallow, Victoria Falls or similar*

**DAY 9:** Enjoy a Vantage-exclusive three-course bush dinner

Following breakfast at the lodge, you'll have the day at your leisure to spend as you wish. Tonight, our final evening at The Wallow, we'll gather for a Vantage-exclusive safari cocktail

party, then head out to a secret location in the bush, where a three-course bush dinner awaits under a glittering night sky. If you hear drumming emanating from the darkness, it just might be the music and dance troupe coming to entertain you.

### **Cultural Discovery:**

- Starlit private bush dinner with African singing and dancing

Destination Enhancement: Customize your journey when you add an optional on-tour experience. Take part in a powerful experience with an early morning elephant encounter and hear about the Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust Learn more

Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner  
*The Wallow, Victoria Falls or similar*

**DAY 10:** Transfer to Iganyana Tented Camp in Hwange National Park

After a leisurely breakfast, you'll transfer by coach to Iganyana Tented Camp on a private concession of Hwange National Park, which is renowned for excellent game viewing.

Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner  
*Iganyana Tented Camp or similar*

**DAY 11:** Spot game on morning and afternoon safari drives; then, hear traditional tribal stories around the campfire

Early morning is the best time to see wildlife. So, we'll be up at dawn in search of lion, leopard, hyena, and — with luck — rare and elusive wild dogs. But we'll be enraptured by all the many animals of the bush however large and small.

Then, it's back to the camp for lunch and a short rest before tea. After, we head out on another exciting game drive, this time lasting beyond sunset so we can look for nocturnal animals by spotlight on our way back to the camp. During

the afternoon drive, we'll head to a water hole and stop for a while, quietly observing who comes to drink and who gets right of the way, taking advantage of the golden light of dusk to snap some great photographs.

With special sightings still fresh in your mind, we return to camp for dinner, often cooked over the coals by our cheerful chef. To finish off this special day, make yourself comfortable around the fireside under a dazzling Milky Way, where a local storyteller will entrance you with stories and legends from the area.

Included Features:

- Morning game drive
- Afternoon game drive

### **Cultural Discovery:**

- Local storytelling around the fireside
- Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner  
*Iganyana Tented Camp or similar*

**DAY 12:** Enjoy an exciting last day in Hwange with a game drive and entertainment from an African dance troupe

You'll have breakfast and a morning at leisure at the camp today. Later, enjoy lunch before heading out for a game drive. By late afternoon, you'll be in the game-viewing vehicle to see what's out and about in the dead of night. As darkness descends, our guide's well-trained eyes will find elusive nocturnal animals in the spotlight, including big-eyed bush babies, bat-eared foxes, spotted hyenas, chameleons, and even large spiders. Be aware that we can't shine the light into the eyes of zebras and antelopes, as it would blind them to lurking predators. This is just one of the many ways that nighttime in the bush can be simultaneously serene and exhilarating.

**After such an enjoyable day, you'll be ready for dinner and one last surprise for your final evening in Hwange: a special performance of traditional African dance that will get your feet tapping and hands clapping.**

**Included Features:**

- Afternoon game drive in Hwange National Park
- Evening game drive in Hwange National Park

**Cultural Discovery:**

- African music and dance performance

Destination Enhancement: Customize your journey when you add an optional on-tour experience. Join a morning guided bush walk and visit to the Painted Dog Conservation

Center. Learn more

Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner  
*Iganyana Tented Camp or similar*

**DAY 13:** Travel to Botswana's Chobe National Park for an afternoon safari river cruise

After breakfast we take an easy 2-hour drive through the Zimbabwean countryside to Victoria Falls, where we stop for lunch. Then we continue on to the Botswana border and pass through customs and immigration before arriving at our gorgeous lodge right on the banks of the Chobe River. Every air-conditioned room has river views and a private balcony.

You'll have time to settle in before an afternoon safari river cruise on the mighty Chobe River, where you will find out why it's so famous . . . which has a lot to do with elephants! Get your cameras ready for the famous Botswana sunset as we cruise back to the lodge after an exciting safari on the water.

Savor a delicious dinner while sitting beside this river of life and listen for the inimitable grunt of

hippos as they proclaim the end of another spectacular African day.

**Included Feature:**

- Afternoon safari river cruise  
Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner  
*Cresta Mowana Safari Resort - Spa or similar*

**DAY 14:** A sensational relaxing day cruising the Chobe River after a morning game drive

We re-visit Chobe National Park this morning on an early game drive, exploring its lush riverine bush and sandy thornveld, which contain one of the largest concentrations of game in Africa.

Whatever the season, large herds of elephant and buffalo are often seen near the river, while predators like lion and spotted hyena are always around. Look out for huge leguaan lizards and crocodiles sunning on the banks. Game such as kudu, warthog, baboons, and vervet monkeys find refuge in the grounds of the lodge and elephants sometimes crash their way in, too!

Back at the lodge, there's time to freshen up before embarking on the triple-decker Chobe Explorer cruising boat, where you can truly relax for the rest of the day. This is your time to slow down and soak up the beauty of this incredible wetland and its abundant wildlife. Sit under shaded loungers, binoculars at the ready, to tick off some of the 460 species of birds and still more animals.

When you detect the delicious aroma of sizzling food, you know the traditional braai (barbeque) has been fired up on the lower deck and lunch will be ready soon. The vegetarian options are very popular, too. If you feel an afternoon siesta coming on, there's nothing to keep you awake, except a few trumpeting elephants or grunting hippos. To complete our special day, we cruise

back to the lodge with sundowner drinks in hand and admire the sun's golden orb sink into a watery horizon. There's nothing quite like a sunset on the Chobe River.

Senses saturated from a day of new adventures, we return to the lodge for dinner this evening.

**Included Feature:**

- Early morning game drive

**Vantage Exclusive:**

- River cruise and barbeque on the *Chobe*

*Explorer*

Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner  
*Cresta Mowana Safari Resort - Spa or similar*

**DAY 15:** Embark a Chobe River photo safari and learn photography from professionals

After an unhurried breakfast, enjoy a morning at leisure, or opt for our Four Corners of Africa private river cruise with an included breakfast.

**Later this morning, we all take to the Chobe River again for what many Vantage guests say is one of their most memorable experiences: the Chobe photography safari. We board special boats equipped with swivel chairs and state-of-the-art zoom lens DSLR cameras and a memory stick for you to take home, containing all the masterful wildlife photos you took during this Feature. We'll be spread between three boats taking a maximum of 8 people each for individual attention. Take it from Vantage traveler Maureen Robb, who said, "I had never been much interested in birds, but this photographic safari changed my mind!"**

The excitement isn't over. After lunch at the lodge, you can use your newly-honed

photography skills on an afternoon game drive in Chobe National Park. We then return to the lodge for a very special Farewell Dinner on your last night on safari.

**Included Features:**

- Chobe photo safari on boats specially adapted for photography
- Afternoon game drive

Destination Enhancement: Customize your journey when you add an optional on-tour experience. Take a fascinating Chobe River cruise to the only international quadripoint in the world. **Learn more**

Included meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner  
*Cresta Mowana Safari Resort - Spa or similar*

**DAY 16:** Transfer to Kasane Airport and fly home

After breakfast, you'll transfer to Kasane Airport to catch a plane to Johannesburg and connect with your flight back home. For those on the recommended post-trip extension to Cape Town, you'll transfer to Victoria Falls Airport for a direct 3-hour flight to Cape Town.

Included meals: Breakfast

**Important Notice:** The above day-by-day itineraries are preliminary and therefore subject to change. If changes occur while on tour, you will be notified by your Vantage Adventure Leader or local representatives at the destination.

**Please Note:** The hotels listed are preliminary and subject to change. Although we contract our hotels a year in advance, unforeseen situations do occasionally occur. Should it be necessary to change a hotel, one of equal quality and value will be substituted. You will receive verified hotel information with your final itinerary.

**Note:** That hotel ratings are based on the hotel and a leading travel industry authority on hotels throughout the world.



# ACCOMMODATIONS



## Hilton Sandton ★★★★★

We've selected the favorite luxury hotel of international visitors to Johannesburg for your special adventure. Located in the heart of the exclusive Sandton district in the city's northern suburbs, the Hilton Sandton is the epitome of style and timeless hospitality. From the superb rooms furnished in understated luxury, to the top-notch restaurant and well-equipped fitness center, this is a hotel that will provide the perfect respite after a day of exploring. While you're here, be sure to take in the African sunset while enjoying a cocktail on the hotel's upper level San Deck.



## Lions Rock Rapids Camp ★★★★★

A serene safari lodge close to Kruger National Park, Lions Rock Rapids Camp offers a convenient location and an off-the-beaten-path experience combined with pure comfort. Each of the 21 safari tents has luxurious amenities, en suite bathrooms and private patios. With its restful setting on the banks of the Sabie River, nature is the star. View the peaceful river from your patio, stroll on the grounds to spot the prodigious birdlife, enjoy a meal by star and candlelight in the riverside boma, or sip a drink while listening to the sounds of the African night.



## The Wallow, Victoria Falls

★★★★★

This new Vantage-exclusive safari lodge is on a private concession inside Victoria Falls National Park. Enjoy sumptuous soft furnishings, glass-fronted, air-conditioned tented suites with bespoke toiletries, soft bathrobes, hair dryer, tea/coffee station, and your own private wooden deck. Tables laid with white linen and lit with candlelight add a touch of romance to The Wallow's dining terrace. The nearby mud wallow, after which it's named, is frequented by elephants from Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust, a Vantage Cares Initiative, and we'll be able to watch them enjoy a mud bath.



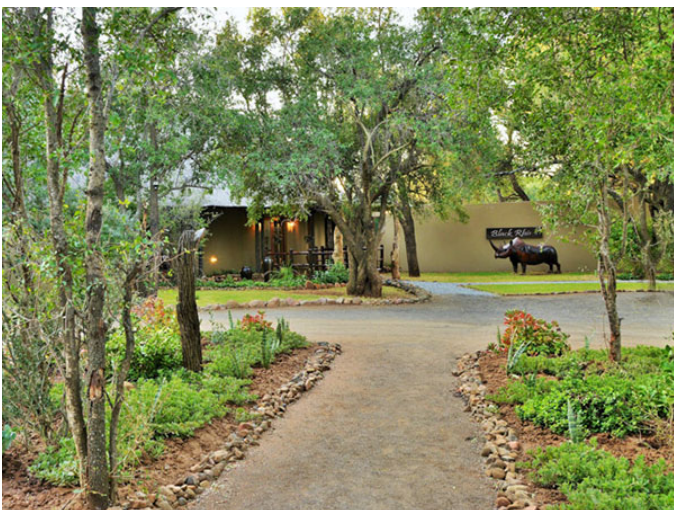
## Iganyana Tented Camp ★★★★★

With its unique combination of adventure and luxury, Iganyana Tented Camp safari lodge is as authentic as it gets, but makes no compromise on comfort. In a private concession, a few minutes from Hwange National Park, the rest of the world feels far away as you connect to the enchantment of the African bush. Spacious, custom-made safari tents feature air-conditioning and en suite bathrooms. Spend your days enjoying safari activities, watch the sunset while soaking in the outdoor swimming pool, and relish evenings around the fire pit and watering hole that's well-frequented by elephants.



## Cresta Mowana Safari Resort & Spa ★★★★★

The luxury Cresta Mowana Safari Resort & Spa was built around an 800-year-old baobab tree on the banks of the Chobe River. All rooms are air-conditioned and feature tea/coffee-making stations, satellite TV, a mini bar, hairdryer, mosquito nets, and electric insect repellents. Savor delectable African cuisine at the on-site restaurant, sip a cocktail at Savuti Bar, or grab a snack at the Boma Terrace. After a day of game viewing, retreat to the swimming pool that seems to disappear into the Chobe landscape. For a truly unique experience, visit the resort's salon — located in a treehouse.



## Black Rhino Game Lodge ★★★★★

Set within Pilanesberg National Park, this game reserve boasts 10 high-ceiling standalone suites which each feature private bathrooms, large soaking tubs, private outdoor showers, tea and coffeemaking facilities, and TVs. Onsite facilities include a rustic restaurant and bar, a common kitchen, and a covered patio with three pools.



## Ivory Tree Game Lodge ★★★★★

This luxurious lodge in the Pilanesberg Game Reserve exudes sophistication while blending perfectly with its rugged surroundings. Each of the thatched rooms is impeccably furnished and features air-conditioning, a patio, and en suite bathrooms with a bathtub and shower. The main lodge is inviting, with a cocktail bar, fire pit, dining room, an outdoor pool, and an award-winning spa. When you're not out on a safari activity, consider trying quad biking or archery.



## The Cullinan Hotel ★★★★★

Elegant and stylish, the Superior First Class Cullinan Hotel is located in the most sought-after part of the city, packed with restaurants, bars, shopping, and museums. The hotel offers a free shuttle to the celebrated V&A Waterfront, just a few minutes away. Rooms are tastefully furnished and designed for maximum comfort, incorporating world-class amenities with contemporary emphasis. Guests have access to a host of services and facilities, including great dining, a fully equipped fitness center, outdoor heated pool, and world-class boutique spa.