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# AFRICAN ADVENTURE

**30 DAYS**



## 2019 &amp; 20 DEPARTURES

DATE	TWIN	SOLO
16 Sep - 15 Oct 19	\$15,495*	\$17,495*
7 Aug - 5 Sep 20	\$15,995*	\$17,995*
4 Sep - 3 Oct 20	\$15,995*	\$17,995*

For additional information on this trip, including tour suitability and activity levels, please refer to the detailed trip notes at [www.escortedescapes.com.au](http://www.escortedescapes.com.au). Prices are per person.

## THE ESCORTED ESCAPES INCLUSIONS

- ✓ AIRFARES INCLUDED\*
- ✓ FULLY ESCORTED HOLIDAYS\*
- ✓ VISAS, TRANSFERS, TIPPING INCLUDED\*
- ✓ SMALL GROUPS\*
- ✓ INCLUSIVE SIGHTSEEING\*

## TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Witness one of the seven natural wonders of the world, Victoria Falls
- Search for the Big 5 in open-vehicle game drives in Etosha National Park
- Marvel at the majestic view of Victoria Falls on your included 'Flight of the Angels'
- View elephants and hippos in their natural environment in Chobe National Park
- Enjoy one of the world's most spectacular cities, Cape Town, with included tours to Table Mountain and the Cape Peninsula
- Explore the Okavango Delta in a traditional mokoro (canoe)
- View the world's highest sand dunes at Sossusvlei
- See the world's second largest canyon at Fish River
- Stay in a boutique guesthouse in the Western Cape Winelands, complete with wine tasting



## AFRICAN ADVENTURE

**DAY 1 AUSTRALIA**

Our Escorted Escape begins today as you fly from your nearest capital city to Sydney. Tonight is spent at the airport hotel where you can meet your host and share a welcome drink with your fellow travellers.

**Accommodation:** Rydges Sydney Airport Hotel

**DAY 2 SYDNEY - JOHANNESBURG**

Fly to Johannesburg. On arrival we will be transferred to our hotel. Spend the rest of today at your leisure.

**Meals:** B **Accommodation:** Peermont Mondior Hotel

**DAY 3 VICTORIA FALLS**

Today we fly from Johannesburg to Victoria Falls and transfer to our luxury lodge. Enjoy the beautiful surroundings at the lodge and look out for your first wildlife sightings. This evening enjoy a feast for the senses as we enjoy a traditional dinner and drum show at the Boma.

**Meals:** B + D **Accommodation:** Ilala Lodge

**DAY 4 VICTORIA FALLS**

Board the unforgettable 'Flight of the Angels' helicopter tour this morning and marvel at the majestic views of the falls and iconic Zambezi river from the air. We will also enjoy the panorama of the falls from land while exploring the national park. Take to the upper Zambezi river in the afternoon on a sunset cruise, keeping an eye out for the first game sightings of your trip!

**Meals:** B **Accommodation:** Ilala Lodge

**DAY 5 CHOBE NATIONAL PARK**

Depart Zimbabwe and cross the border into Botswana. We're heading for Kasane on the edge of Chobe National Park, where we will enjoy an afternoon game cruise on the magnificent Chobe River before returning to the lodge for dinner.

**Meals:** B + D **Accommodation:** Chobe Safari Lodge

**DAY 6 CHOBE NATIONAL PARK**

Experience Chobe National Park on an open-vehicle game drive this morning. Late in the afternoon, return to the river for a sunset game cruise, view herds of elephant and buffalo quenching their thirst by the water.

**Meals:** B + D **Accommodation:** Chobe Safari Lodge

**DAY 7 NATA**

Today we head south to Nata for a night at the Elephant Sands Lodge. With no fences, wildlife is free to roam around the camp, offering you a unique up-close experience with the elephants. This evening we'll sample a traditional bush braai (barbeque) dinner.

**Meals:** B + D **Accommodation:** Elephant Sands Lodge

**DAY 8 OKAVANGO DELTA**

Farewell the elephants this morning and head to Maun, the gateway to the World Heritage listed Okavango Delta. You may wish to take an optional flight over the Delta to gain a unique perspective of the vast landscape.

**Meals:** B **Accommodation:** Cresta Maun Hotel

**DAY 9 OKAVANGO DELTA**

Sit back and relax in your mokoro (traditional style canoe) as local guides paddle us through the narrow waterways of the Okavango Delta. Expect to see hippos and abundant birdlife from the water, and other game at a lunch stop at a local island.

**Meals:** B + L **Accommodation:** Cresta Maun Hotel

**DAY 10 CAPRIVI**

Travel along the western edge of the Delta and into the Caprivi region of Namibia. After a long travel day enjoy a relaxing sunset cruise on the upper reaches of the Okavango.

**Meals:** B + D **Accommodation:** Popa Falls Resort



### DAY 11 CAPRIVI

We begin today with an early morning game drive in the Mahango National Park, a remote area blessed with abundant wildlife. The rest of the day will be at your leisure. You may wish to partake in one of the camp's optional bush walks or village visits to further explore the area.

**Meals:** B + D **Accommodation:** Popa Falls Resort

### DAY 12 ETOSHA

Today is a long travel day but our destination, Etosha National Park, makes it worthwhile. The name Etosha is derived from the Oshiwambo and means "big, white place", owing to its major feature - a salt pan so large it can be seen from space!

**Meals:** B + D **Accommodation:** Mokuti Etosha Lodge

### DAY 13 ETOSHA

Discover the eastern corridor of Etosha National Park with morning and afternoon open-vehicle game drives. Despite the vast salt pan, there are numerous permanent waterholes which attract an abundance of wildlife, providing excellent game viewing opportunities.

**Meals:** B + D **Accommodation:** Mokuti Etosha Lodge

### DAY 14 ETOSHA

Today our game drive takes us right across the park, exploring the salt pans, waterholes and wildlife en-route to Okaukuejo Resort, where we will spend the next two nights.

**Meals:** B + D **Accommodation:** Okaukuejo Resort

### DAY 15 ETOSHA

Explore the western region of Etosha on morning and afternoon game drives today. Make sure you visit the resort's famous floodlit waterhole during your free time for amazing up close wildlife viewing.

**Meals:** B + D **Accommodation:** Okaukuejo Resort

### DAY 16 SWAKOPMUND

Farewell Etosha today and head south to the Skeleton Coast and Swakopmund. Swakopmund's German origins are quite pronounced in the beautiful old German colonial buildings throughout the city, a stark contrast for this town sitting at the edge of the Namib desert.

**Meals:** B **Accommodation:** Hotel Europa Hof

### DAY 17 SWAKOPMUND

This morning we depart the Walvis Bay Waterfront for a marine educational sightseeing tour in the bay area in search of the marine big 5: whales, dolphins, mola, leatherback turtle and seals. This afternoon is free for you to further explore Swakopmund, or alternatively to relax at the beach or your hotel.

**Meals:** B **Accommodation:** Hotel Europa Hof

### DAY 18 SWAKOPMUND

Today is a free day to choose from a range of optional activities. You might like to explore the open-air markets, head to the National Marine Aquarium, or visit the local museum.

**Meals:** B **Accommodation:** Hotel Europa Hof

### DAY 19 SOSSUSVLEI

We head south today through the spectacular scenery of the Namib Maukluft National park en-route to Sossusvlei. On the way, keep your eyes open for oryx, springbok, and Hartmann's mountain zebra. Enjoy dinner at the lodge on arrival.

**Meals:** B + D **Accommodation:** Sossusvlei Lodge

### DAY 20 SOSSUSVLEI

Marvel at the incredible scenery today as we rise early to visit the world's highest sand dunes at Sossusvlei and Deadvlei. Start with an optional

climb of Dune 45, before exploring the 300m-high sand dunes of Death Valley and the tranquil natural corridor of Sesriem Canyon.

**Meals:** B + D **Accommodation:** Sossusvlei Lodge

### DAY 21 FISH RIVER CANYON

Today we drive through the remote regions of Southern Namibia to our lodge close to Fish River Canyon. Enjoy dinner on arrival while you take in the unique landscape.

**Meals:** B + D **Accommodation:** Ai Ais Lodge

### DAY 22 ORANGE RIVER

Join a morning walk along the canyon rim trail for spectacular views across and into Fish River Canyon, one of the largest canyons in the world. We will then continue south to our lodge on the banks of the Orange River.

**Meals:** B + D **Accommodation:** Norotshama River Lodge

### DAY 23 ORANGE RIVER

Today we explore the region from the river on a canoeing trip downstream. Take in the picturesque area which forms the border between Namibia and South Africa, before returning to the hotel for dinner.

**Meals:** B + D **Accommodation:** Norotshama River Lodge

### DAY 24 CITRUSDAL

Farewell Namibia as we head south along the Western Cape of South Africa. We travel today to Citrusdal, a small town at the base of the scenic Cederberg mountains.

**Meals:** B + D **Accommodation:** Pieknierskloof Mountain Lodge

### DAY 25 STELLENBOSCH

Take a short drive to reach the beautiful Western Cape wine region encompassing Paarl, Franschhoek and Stellenbosch. Join a cellar tour for tastings at a local winery before heading out for lunch and a second round of tastings overlooking the beautiful vineyards of the region.

**Meals:** B + L + D **Accommodation:** De Zalze Lodge

### DAY 26 CAPE TOWN

Sit back and enjoy the scenery on our way to Cape Town. On arrival we'll join a city tour, take the cable car to the summit of Table Mountain and drive through the coastal suburbs of Clifton and Sea Point. The beautiful V&A waterfront is only a short walk from the hotel.

**Meals:** B **Accommodation:** Portsworld Hotel

### DAY 27 CAPE TOWN

Today we'll spend a full day exploring the stunning Cape Peninsula, following the coast down to the Cape of Good Hope - the views from the lighthouse are stunning! In the afternoon we'll visit the fairy penguins at Simonstown.

**Meals:** B **Accommodation:** Portsworld Hotel

### DAY 28 CAPE TOWN

Today is a free day to explore this stunning city before the group assembles for our farewell dinner. Take an optional trip out to Robben Island where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned, stroll around the V&A waterfront or perhaps take the time to do some last minute shopping.

**Meals:** B + D **Accommodation:** Portsworld Hotel

### DAY 29 CAPE TOWN - AUSTRALIA

Our adventure in Africa comes to an end today. We'll be transferred to Cape Town Airport for our flight to Johannesburg and onto Australia.

**Meals:** B

### DAY 30 AUSTRALIA

Our Escorted Escape concludes. On arrival, farewell your new friends and tour host as you head home.

# TOP 10 REASONS TO TRAVEL WITH US

“Once a year,  
go someplace you’ve  
never been before.”

Dalai Lama

## AUSTRALIAN-BASED TOUR HOST

Each and every tour is hosted by an experienced travel professional. Our hosts have travelled extensively themselves and have a passion for exploring our wonderful world. We are there to liaise with the local operators to ensure you relax and enjoy your holiday while we take care of the details.

## AIRFARES INCLUDED

Every Escorted Escape includes return economy airfares from Australia (Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne or Adelaide), plus all internal flights as per the itinerary. For available upgrades (at additional cost) or departures from Australian cities not listed above please contact your consultant for pricing. We generally use premium airlines for all long haul travel, to give you the most direct flights and best connection times to our destination. Deviations from the group are often possible, please contact your consultant who will customise your itinerary to make the most of your trip.

## SMALL GROUPS

We offer a small-group experience on all of our Escorted Escapes. We guarantee our group size will never exceed 20 travellers on any one tour. With fewer travellers in our groups, you'll spend less time checking into hotels and getting on (and off) transport and more time seeing the sights.

## INCLUSIVE SIGHTSEEING

While our trips are leisurely paced, we pride ourselves on including the very best sightseeing on offer in each location. Please refer to the itinerary and trip notes for daily inclusions. Optional activities (at additional cost) may also be available in certain locations.

## VISAS, TIPPING & TRANSFERS INCLUDED

We believe travel should be simple and easy for you, which is why we include as many costs as possible, including transfers from your home to the airport (to the value of \$100). Visa costs for Australian passport holders are also included in every tour. We take care of tipping for group activities as well as for your tour leader, local guides and drivers.

## UNIQUE ITINERARIES

Each itinerary is carefully planned and unique to Escorted Escapes. They are individually designed with our clientele in mind, reflecting our extensive travel industry experience and valued customer feedback. We prefer to travel at a leisurely pace, minimising one night stays in favour of two and three-night stays at key destinations.

## OUR ACCOMMODATION

We use a range of quality accommodation including hotels, lodges, luxury tented

camps and cruise cabins. We take pride in selecting the best locations and guarantee that all accommodation includes private ensuite facilities. With our small group sizes, we have the flexibility to stay in smaller boutique properties, where available, to further enhance your travel experience. Please refer to the trip itinerary for the hotels we have carefully selected for your trip\*.

## TOUR LEADERS & LOCAL GUIDES

Each of our trips include a local English-speaking tour leader who is your destination expert, in addition to your Australian-based tour host. We also utilise the services of expert local guides where appropriate to enhance your experience in the key destinations.

## SOLO TRAVELLERS

If you're travelling solo you don't need to be travelling alone. With our Escorted Escapes, you have the opportunity to travel with a whole new set of friends. Our single supplements are designed to keep the cost down and remove the stress of travelling by yourself.

## MEAL INCLUSIONS

Breakfast is included each day for your convenience. We also offer a selection of included meals as per the trip itinerary, while allowing plenty of opportunities for you to sample the local cuisine at your leisure.

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