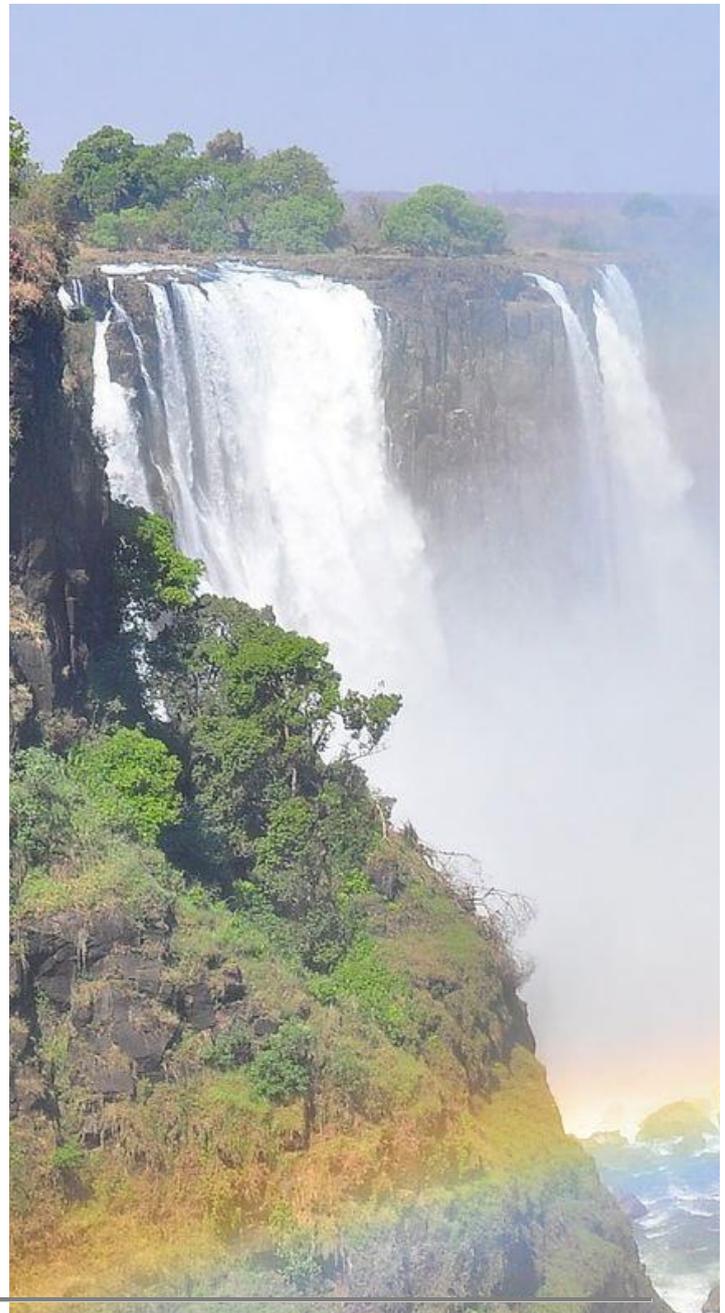


21 Day African Highlights

THE ESCORTED ESCAPES INCLUSIONS

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



TRIP HIGHLIGHTS:

- ✓ Experience majestic wildlife viewing during your stay at a luxury private game reserve
- ✓ Visit the world famous Kruger National Park on a full day safari
- ✓ Witness one of the seven natural wonders of the world, Victoria Falls
- ✓ Explore the coastal scenery along South Africa's renowned garden route
- ✓ Marvel at the majestic view of Victoria Falls on your included 'Flight of the Angels'
- ✓ View elephants and hippos up close as you cruise along the Chobe River
- ✓ Take the cable car to the summit of Table Mountain for views across Cape Town, one of the world's most spectacular cities
- ✓ Sample local wines at some of the beautiful West Cape vineyards
- ✓ Discover the stunning coastline of the Cape Peninsula on a sightseeing tour

ACTIVITY RATING

This tour requires an adequate level of fitness and mobility to participate

It is essential that all passengers are able to:

- Walk 2km at any one time unaided
- Get in and out of Safari vehicles unassisted
- Manage your own luggage
- Cope with longtravel days in Safari vehicles



AIRFARES INCLUDED

Economy class airfares are included from most Australian capital cities (Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne or Adelaide) plus all internal flights as per the group itinerary. We fly with Qantas Airways Internationally and use either South African Airways or British Airways for any internal flights.

DAY 1		Adelaide/Brisbane/Melbourne		Sydney (SYD)	
DAY 2	QF 63	Sydney (SYD)	10:50	Johannesburg (JNB)	17:00
DAY 3	SA 8306	Johannesburg (JNB)	11:45	Kasane (BBK)	13:30
DAY 7	SA 41	Victoria Falls (VFA)	13:30	Cape Town (CPT) via JNB	19:15
DAY 16	SA2076	George (GRJ)	14:20	Kruger International Airport (MQP) via JNB	18:05
DAY 20	SA8860	Hoedspruit (HDS)	14:30	Johannesburg (JNB)	15:30
DAY 20	QF64	Johannesburg (JNB)	19:10	Sydney (SYD)	14:55
DAY 21		Sydney (SYD)		Adelaide/Brisbane/Melbourne	

*These are proposed flight times only and may change depending on your tour departure date and airline schedules. # arrives into destination the next calendar day

You have two options available to join your host and group:

1. Meet your host in Sydney*
2. Meet your host en-route at either Johannesburg or Victoria Falls

* If meeting your group and host in Sydney, we recommend you fly into Sydney on Day 1 of your trip. Accommodation at the Rydges Hotel Sydney Airport is included and you will be able to meet your host and fellow travellers in the evening and relax before your long flight the next morning.

Upgrades and extensions are available on request please contact your travel agent for further information and availability.

FULLY ESCORTED HOLIDAYS

Your Escorted Escape is personally hosted from Australia 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.

VISAS, TRANSFERS & TIPPING

Passports

All information provided regarding passports and visas is based on Australian Passport holders only – please advise your travel consultant as soon as possible if you will be travelling on a different passport. **Australian passport holders must have a minimum of 6 months validity on their passport from the date they return home, and a minimum of four (4) blank pages.**

Visas

South Africa – Visas are not required for Australian Passport Holders

Zimbabwe – Australian citizens entering Zimbabwe for tourism purposes are required to obtain a single entry, 30-day visa on point of entry. All fees associated with this visa will be paid via Escorted Escapes as this is included in your tour cost.

Botswana – Visas are not required for Australian Passport Holders

Transfers

We believe travel should be simple and easy for you, which is why we include transfers from your home to the airport to the value of \$100 per person. Your transfers will be arranged by your travel agent to ensure the best available option for your needs. Should your transfers exceed \$100 per person, you may choose to pay the difference, or alternatively, if you wish to make your own way to the airport your agent can deduct the transfer value from the total cost of your trip.

Tipping

Our Escorted Escapes are designed to make travel easier for you, so we take care of tipping for all of our group activities and meals, as well as for your tour leader, local guides and drivers.

You will be responsible for tipping any services or meals outside of the group inclusions, including during your free time.

SMALL GROUPS

We offer a small-group experience on all of our tours. We believe travelling in smaller groups will ensure a more personalised and comfortable group travel experience for everyone.

This tour will run with a minimum of 12 Passengers and a maximum of 20 (plus your tour host).

INCLUSIVE SIGHTSEEING

At Escorted Escapes we pride ourselves on including the very best sightseeing on offer in each location. Our sightseeing highlights on this trip include:

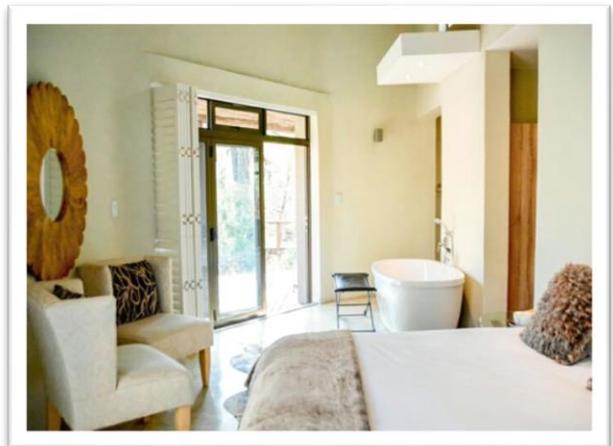
- 2 x Sunset game cruise on the Chobe River
- Game drive in Chobe National Park
- Guided Victoria Falls Tour
- 'Flight of the Angels' helicopter tour over Victoria Falls
- Traditional dinner and drum show at Boma – Place of Eating
- Sunset cruise on the Zambezi river
- Explore Cape Town City including cable car to the summit of Table Mountain
- Full day Cape Peninsular Sightseeing including fairy penguins at Simonstown, Hout Bay Seal cruise, Cape Point Funicular and Chapman's Peak.
- Robben Island half day Tour
- Cellar tour, lunch and wine tasting at Stellenbosch vineyard
- Whale watching cruise at Hermanus
- Cango Caves excursion
- Safari Ostrich Farm guided tour and lunch
- Knysna Heads boat cruise
- Tsitsikamma Stormsriver excursion
- Birds of Eden bird sanctuary experience
- Full day Kruger National Park game drive
- 2 x game drives at Moditlo Private Game Reserve (Greater Kruger)
- Panorama Route sightseeing including God's Window, Bourke's Luck potholes and the Three Rondavels
- All entry and park fees

ACCOMMODATION

Our accommodation is a mix of quality hotels and Safari camps and lodges.



Karongwe River Lodge



Moditlo River Lodge



Cresta Mowana Safari Lodge



Portswood Hotel Cape Town

LOCATION	
Sydney	Rydges Sydney Airport Hotel
Johannesburg	Peermont Mondior Hotel
Chobe Nat Park	Cresta Mowana Safari Lodge
Victoria Falls	Illala Lodge
Cape Town	Portswood Hotel
Stellenbosch	De Zalze Lodge
Oudtshoorn	Swartberg Country Manor
Knysna	Protea Hotel Knysna Quays
Kruger National Park	Muluwa Lodge
Kruger Private Reserve	Moditlo River Lodge

TRANSPORT

We will be travelling in an overland vehicle similar to the white bus below for the majority of our tour. For our open vehicle game drives in Chobe and Kruger National Parks we will travel in safari vehicles similar to the green vehicle below. Please note: vehicles pictured below are an indication only, exact vehicles may vary.



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LUGGAGE

Our Escorted Escapes baggage recommendation is one suitcase with a maximum size of 76 x 53 x 28cm (30 x 21 x 11 inches) and a maximum weight of 20kg. You may also carry a small backpack or overnight bag as carry on luggage - Escorted Escapes provide you with a suitably sized daypack ideal for use as carry on luggage and throughout the trip.

Individual airlines also have their own limits, for this trip they are as follows*:

Qantas Airways – 30kg of checked luggage per person (this can be distributed over 2 bags) + 7kg carry-on luggage.

South African Airways – 2 x 23kg checked luggage per person + 7kg carry-on luggage.

* Airline baggage limits listed above are based on our included, economy class flights. If you have upgraded your flights your baggage limits may change.

Please keep in mind you will be required to manage your own luggage at times throughout the tour, so we recommend bringing luggage that is of a size and weight that you can comfortably handle.

Liquids in carry on luggage – You are allowed to bring ONE plastic zip lock bag containing **liquids, aerosols, gels, creams or pastes** (e.g. lipstick) in your carry-on bag and through security checkpoints. These are limited to travel-sized containers that have a maximum size of 100mL or less per item. At certain airports these may need to be removed from your hand luggage to be screened, so we recommend keeping them close at hand.

Effective 30 June 2018, we also saw the introduction of a restriction on the carriage of powders on international services. Generally the restrictions are applying to inorganic powders such as cosmetics, talcum powder, detergents etc. Organic powders such as flour, powdered baby formula, spices and the like will have to be checked but generally will be exempt from the weight restriction. Individual inorganic items cannot exceed 350 grams or 12 ounces in your carry-on luggage. Please note: The average weight of a loose cosmetic powder is around 30g and a compact powder averages around 12g

CLIMATE & SEASONAL INFORMATION

For most of Southern Africa, the dry season coincides with the southern hemisphere winter, which typically lasts from April to October. During this time, rainfall is limited, while the weather is typically sunny and cool. This is the best time to go on safari. As it will be late winter/spring when we are travelling the weather will vary during the day. The sunrise game drives will be quite cool, but it does warm up during the day.

Temperature Averages – Minimum to Maximum

CITY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
Cape Town	8° to 18°	9° to 19°
Kruger	9° to 27°	13° to 29°
Chobe	12° to 30°	16° to 34°
Victoria Falls	8° to 28°	12° to 32°
Johannesburg	7° to 20°	9° to 22°

SUGGESTED PACKING LIST

It's always best to layer when in Africa at this time of year. Make sure to pack a warm jumper, as well as comfortable and casual clothing. Long sleeves are recommended for insect and sun protection on game drives. Enclosed walking shoes, hats and sunglasses are a must.

RECOMMENDED:

- A good quality, high-beam headlamp or torch for around the lodges
- Waterproof/windproof jacket is a good idea for wet days, as well early morning or evening activities when it can be cool and/or windy, and will also protect against dust
- Warm fleece, beanie and a scarf for morning and evening activities including game drives
- Personal medical kit. We recommend you carry items such as mild pain killers, electrolytes and bandaids, as well as your own prescribed medication
- Insect repellent and sunscreen
- A camera with good zoom for capturing priceless memories!
- Binoculars
- A good book, journal or music playing device for the longer drive days
- A copy of your travel insurance policy and vaccination documents (if required)

CURRENCY & MONEY MATTERS

South Africa: South African Rand

Botswana: Pula

Zimbabwe: US Dollars

Before you depart - ensure you notify your bank that you will be travelling overseas. You will need to advise each country you will be travelling to.

In this case it will be **South Africa, Botswana and Zimbabwe.**

Zimbabwe - Travellers cannot withdraw cash from international debit cards through ATMs in Zimbabwe. It is recommended you bring a small amount of US dollars with you. Credit Cards are accepted at Hotels, Supermarkets and larger shops and for your optional sightseeing tours.

WI-FI

Mobile phone coverage is fairly good throughout our journey; however internet is not available for majority of the trip. We will receive good Wi-Fi service in Victoria Falls, Chobe and Cape Town; everywhere else will be mostly unavailable. Many places advertise free Wi-Fi, however it does not always work reliably.

TIME ZONES

All countries we visit on this trip are on South Africa Standard Time (SAST) which is 2 hours ahead of Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), and 8 hours behind Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST).

POWER OUTLETS

Escorted Escapes supply you with a universal adapter - this also has 2 USB ports for charging electronic items.

Voltage: For the four country visited on this tour, the electricity supply is **220/230 volts** AC 50 HZ. Most plugs are 15 amp 3-prong or 5 amp 2-prong, with round pins (type D and M).

SAFETY

We strongly recommend the use of a neck wallet or money belt while travelling, for the safe-keeping of your passport, cash and other valuable items. Leave your valuable jewellery at home - you won't need it while travelling. A lock is recommended for securing your luggage.

Your host and Tour Leader will accompany you on all included activities, however during your trip you'll have some free time to pursue your own interests, relax and take it easy or explore at your leisure. Please use your own good judgement when selecting your free time activities and exercise due caution when you are out and about exploring. Ensure you carry your host's phone number and ideally the address and phone number of your hotel as well.

Please also note that your Tour Leader has the authority to amend or cancel any part of the trip itinerary if it's deemed necessary due to safety concerns.

FOOD & DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

Please advise us if you have any specific dietary requirements upon booking your trip. This information can be provided on our standard booking form.

African food is diverse and full of flavour. Ground maize or corn is used as the basis for many meals. Maize flour is cooked with water to form a stiff porridge (called ugali or nsima in certain countries). Sometimes it's made into dough. This starchy staple is served with sauces or stews. In the South and East residents rely mainly on grains, beans and vegetables, with fish providing protein in coastal, lake or river regions. Oranges, lemons and limes are frequently used in cooking, while other fruits such as mangoes, papayas and pineapples are eaten for dessert.

Meals not included:

For meals not included, a budget of USD10 to USD15 per meal (lunch) and USD12 to USD25 (dinner/main course) should be sufficient for most, of course these are indicative prices and will vary depending on your personal budget and preferences. Local "street" food may be less expensive, on the other hand if you want to try the finest food at the finest restaurants, you can expect meals to cost as much as in western countries.

Water and Ice:

The tap water throughout Africa is generally not suitable for drinking. The safest option is to drink purified bottled water. Make sure you are purchasing sealed bottles and watch the seal being broken on the bottle. Bottled water will be provided on the bus for your convenience. We also recommend you use bottled water for brushing your teeth while on tour, and if in doubt ask for no ice in your drinks when at local establishments.

MEDICAL & HEALTH

We suggest that you consult with your own physician prior to your trip to ensure your routine immunizations, such as tetanus, are up-to-date before travelling. Older travellers in particular may wish to consider preventive measures against influenza and pneumonia.

We also recommend consulting your local doctor, travel medical service or specialist vaccination clinic to ensure you are aware of any health requirements and recommended precautions relevant to your trip. Ensure you carry all necessary vaccination documents (e.g. proof of Yellow Fever vaccination, if required) on your trip.

It is advised to carry any personal medication in its original container and it should have a clearly printed label. Prescription and controlled medication must be accompanied by a prescription from the prescribing physician on letterhead stationery and include the medication's generic name.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

It is a condition of travelling with Escorted Escapes that you have a valid, fully comprehensive travel insurance policy for the whole duration of your travel arrangements.

It's important that you protect yourself in case of natural disasters, lost or delayed baggage and unforeseen medical expenses. We strongly recommend that the policy covers personal liability, cancellation, curtailment and loss of luggage and personal effects. Please make sure you bring a copy of your policy with you on tour.

If you lose any of your belongings while on tour you may be required to obtain a police report. Make sure you keep any receipts for anything you may wish to claim for on your return – i.e. medical receipts etc.

GROUP TOUR ETIQUETTE

We endeavour to make group travel with Escorted Escapes a truly enjoyable experience and showing respect to everyone we encounter will help ensure that the group travel memories you bring home are happy ones.

We ask you to remember that patience with your fellow travellers is sometimes required for the benefit of everyone's travel experience.

Rules of tradition, superstitions and religion play a large role in day-to-day life in Africa, we ask that you listen and respect the tour leader and host when they address the group.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why does this tour require an adequate level of fitness?

Our tour is designed to be a leisurely pace and the majority of our sightseeing uses a private coach for your convenience, however the coach may not be accessible to all locations. In some instances you will be required to walk continuously without sitting due to limited seating availability. Safari vehicles have elevated seats, and can be reached with three high steps, so a suitable mobility will be required.

Are there laundry facilities?

Most of the Lodges will be able to organise for washing to be done for a low fee. We suggest this be done where we have 2 or 3 night stays.

What are the toilets in Africa like?

Most of the time there are western style toilets available although occasionally squat toilets might be found in bus or train stations, as well as some smaller local restaurants.

All of our accommodations provide private en-suites with western style toilet facilities.

How much spending money will I need?

When it comes to spending money on the trip, every traveller is a little different. You know your spending habits better than we do so please budget a sensible amount for things like meals that are not included, drinks, shopping and optional activities. Don't forget to allow enough to treat yourself to a special meal and buy some souvenirs!