

ACACIA AFRICA

AFRICAN INSIGHT (SOUTHBOUND) – TOUR DOSSIER

Tour Code SAI7

LIVINGSTONE - JOHANNESBURG

7 DAYS

Tour Departure – Arrive any time on Day One
Pre-tour briefing – 18h00 evening before tour begins

HIGHLIGHTS

Livingstone and Victoria Falls area
Chobe National Park
Greater Kruger and Kruger National Park

Short of time but want to see Southern Africa? Check out Kruger, South Africa's premier national park, visit Botswana's beautiful Chobe National Park, and indulge at Africa's most famous sight and adrenaline pumping playground - Victoria Falls. Ideal for those with limited time this lets you see some of the best of southern Africa's attractions.



INTENDED ITINERARY

It is our intention to adhere to the route described below but a certain amount of flexibility is built into the tour and on occasion it may be necessary or desirable to make alterations to the published itinerary. Please therefore treat the following as a guide only. The vehicle used for this tour is a fully-equipped safari truck, except for the visits to some of the national parks when we may use smaller more suitable vehicles (typically, 4x4 or safari vans).

Duration: 7 Days
Countries visited: Zambia, Botswana, South Africa

DAY 1 - 2

Livingstone, Kasane, Chobe National Park

This safari starts in Livingstone and heads into Botswana to Kasane and Chobe National park. If you wish to enjoy the various activities and excursions typically available in the Victoria Falls area please plan to spend a few days here before the tour begins. Activities include white water rafting, bungee jumping, abseiling, gorge swinging, canoeing, elephant and horse riding, scenic flights (by microlight, helicopter or small plane) and – a definite 'must!' - visit to the Victoria Falls themselves. At times of high river levels the spray can be seen from 20 kilometres away, hence the local name Mosi au Tunya – 'smoke that thunders'.

Our first day is intended at leisure. Arrive any time during the day and after checking in at camp, stretching your 'long haul flight legs' enjoy the surroundings. Our camp is right beside the Zambezi River – have coffee on the deck watching one of Africa's giant rivers glide past, or more active take the opportunity to take the short drive to Victoria Falls to visit the national reserve itself.

From Livingstone, we drive along the northern banks of the Zambezi River and cross by ferry into Botswana, driving the short distance to Kasane and the Chobe National Park. Chobe is home to some of Africa's largest populations of elephant as well as lion and abundant bird life, including the famous African fish-eagle. The Chobe River hosts lush plains and forests and supports a remarkable variety of wildlife. A popular option is the river cruise for a relaxing way to see the wildlife – hippo, buffalo, perhaps elephant and possibly lion as well as a variety of birdlife – which come to the river's edge to bathe and drink.

DAY 3 - 6

Nata, Polokwane, 'Greater Kruger', Kruger National Park

We spend a couple of days crossing the vast grasslands of southern Botswana, skirting the edge of the Kalahari

via Nata and Francistown, to South Africa, where we make for southern Africa's premier game reserve, Kruger. The fences between Kruger National Park and the neighbouring private game reserves have been removed to form a vast 'Greater Kruger' area of over 24,000 square kilometres in area.

We spend two nights here and hope to catch a glimpse of Africa's diverse wildlife - lion, elephant, buffalo, giraffe, possibly leopard, and some 500 species of bird which inhabit the park. The landscape is largely bush and savannah but with good road network it allows (relatively) easy access to most areas of the park.

DAY 7 Johannesburg

Finally we leave the Kruger behind and make our way, to South Africa's commercial capital of Johannesburg, where our tour ends in the late afternoon/early evening of Day 7. (We recommend that you plan to stay that evening in Johannesburg).

TOUR INFORMATION

Travelling overland is great fun, but it can also be challenging! This is a *participation* tour and your help will be needed in setting up the camp each night and assisting (usually on a rota basis) with the various day to day campsite duties, such as shopping, cooking and keeping the truck and camp tidy. But don't worry it's not all hard work and it's a great way to meet the local people and get to know your fellow travellers. Your contribution benefits the success of the tour - most people find the greater their involvement, the greater their enjoyment of the whole trip.

Africa is an adventure destination and travelling here is not always predictable so be prepared to "expect the unexpected" in difficulties or delays which might come our way! However, you'll soon find that the diversity of the African landscape, the wildlife and the communities we pass on our way, make the sometimes rough travel and long driving days worthwhile.

Come with a sense of adventure and a flexible attitude and you will be sure to enjoy your Acacia overland tour across this amazing continent.

TOUR STYLE

Acacia Overland Tour

WHAT'S INCLUDED

Fully equipped safari vehicle, camping and cooking equipment, all road tolls and vehicle taxes, transport, sleeping mattresses, services of driver and tour leader, meals as indicated.

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

Local Payment excursions, visas, travel insurance, flights, departure taxes, airport transfers, sleeping bag, optional activities, drinks, tips, meals not mentioned in itinerary, items of a personal nature.

ACCOMMODATION

We use 2-person dome tents with fly sheets, built in ground sheets, zip-up insect screens and foam sleeping mattresses. We mainly use designated campsites, which often have permanent wash and shower facilities, electricity points and sometimes even a small shop, bar or swimming pool.

TRANSPORT

24-seater, self contained, custom-built safari truck with onboard tables, plug sockets, freezers, library, i-pod jack, safety features and 70-litre individual lockers.

MEALS

Meals included are - Breakfast (B) x5, Lunch (L) x5, Dinner (D) x5

These meals are prepared in camp by the group and your help preparing the meals (and helping with the dishes afterwards!) is part of the 'participation' element of the tour. Most dietary requirements can be catered for but please ensure you inform Acacia of any special requirements when you book or at your earliest convenience.

GAME PARK VISITS

In order to maximise the quality of game driving and to comply with local authority rulings, some of our National Park visits and game viewing is carried out using services provided by local African ground handlers. As well as

enhancing our experience it also allows us to contribute at a 'grassroots' level to local economies from which local people benefit. These local services are included in the Local Payment.

TOUR PREPARATION

BOOKING INFORMATION

When you make a confirmed booking for your tour you will be sent your booking documents and a pre-departure booklet with detailed information to help you prepare for your trip. Once you have paid in full you will receive a Travel Voucher giving details of your joining hotel. Livingstone has good air connections with Johannesburg and Lusaka (Zambia's capital); your travel agent can advise on flights to the start of the tour.

JOINING INFORMATION

A **group meeting is held at 18:00 the evening before the tour starts (Tuesday)**. We normally depart Livingstone mid morning on day 2 (Thurs), allowing day 1 of the tour (Wed) at leisure in Livingstone. The tour ends in Johannesburg in the late afternoon of day 7.

Meeting point in Livingstone: Address:	The Zambezi Waterfront Resort Sichango Rd Livingstone
Contact details: E-mail:	Tel. +260 3 320 606/7/8 waterfront@safpar.com
Pre-dep. meeting: Tour start time:	18:00 Tuesday (night before tour begins) Arrive any time on day one
Tour end point in Johannesburg: Address:	Backpackers Ritz 1A North Rd Dunkeld West Johannesburg
Contact details: E-mail:	Tel. +27 11 325 7125/2520 Fax +27 11 325 2521 ritz@iafrica.com
Tour end time:	Late afternoon/ early evening of day 7 (Tuesday)

PRE TOUR ACCOMMODATION

We do recommend that you plan to arrive a day or so before the tour to overcome any jet-lag and acclimatise to Africa. You may also prefer to have more time to try some of the excursions /activities for which the Livingstone/Victoria Falls area is well known (see below).

We would be happy to book pre-tour accommodation for you at the Waterfront. Please call or email (or speak to your agent) with your arrival details. The Waterfront has pre-erected 2-person tents complete with bedding and a bed light - a convenient and low cost option for a night or two before your tour begins.

However please book early to avoid disappointment and the risk of having to find less convenient lodgings.

If time allows, you may wish to plan a night or two after your tour in Johannesburg. Accommodation is usually available locally (on arrival), although may be booked in advance and there is a variety of activities and excursions in South Africa's largest city you can arrange yourself on arrival.

See below for a guide to extra accommodation costs. These prices are correct at time of print but are subject to change so please check with Acacia or your agent for current prices.

Description	Price (£)	Description	Price (£)
Johannesburg		Livingstone	
Post tour accommodation – Dorm pppn	£14	Pre-tour accommodation – Tented pppn TW	£12
Post tour accommodation – Twin pppn	£20	Pre-tour accommodation – Tented pppn SI	£18
Post tour accommodation – Single pppn	£29		

WHAT TO BRING

Please try to keep your luggage to a minimum, bearing in mind that most airlines impose a 20kg limit. It should be brought in a soft holdall or rucksack along with a smaller day bag. You will need to bring a mixture of lightweight clothing and warm clothing for the evenings and early morning game drives. You also need a sleeping bag (and small pillow if preferred). We recommended you pack a small torch or headlamp, mosquito spray and a money pouch/ belt that can be easily hidden. Please try to avoid bringing unnecessary valuables and use your hotel safe to store the bulk of your money, passport, and airline tickets. A full 'What to Bring' list is included in our **pre-departure booklet (online version)**, issued when you book.

VACCINATIONS/HEALTH

The table below indicates the vaccinations suggested for travel on this tour but **should be treated as a guide only**. You should seek professional medical advice from your GP or clinic at least six weeks prior to departure.

Please be aware that some of the areas visited on this tour are **malarial**. We strongly recommend your seeking professional medical advice for the appropriate anti-malarial tablets.

Country	Tetanus	Diphtheria	Polio	Hepatitis A	Hepatitis B	Typhoid	Meningitis	Rabies	Yellow Fever	Malaria
South Africa	R	R	R	R	-	R	-	-	*	R
Zambia	R	R	R	R	R	R	-	R	*	R
Botswana	R	R	R	R	-	R	-	R	*	R

C = Compulsory, R = Recommended, * = If travelling from infected countries a certificate of proof may be required.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

The table below indicates the visas required for travel to the countries on this tour but **should be treated as a guide only**. At least one month prior to travel seek confirmation from embassies or a visa specialist, that these requirements are still current. For UK citizens the Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO) offers free up-to-date travel info: www.fco.gov.uk For other nationalities a number of travel advice websites are listed on the Acacia website.

Nationality	UK	AUS	NZ	USA	CAN	BEL	IRE	NED	DEN	ITA	GER	AUT	SWE	FIN	NOR	MEX	KOR
S. Africa	No	Yes	No														
Zambia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes									
Botswana	No	Yes															

MONEY MATTERS

PERSONAL EXPENSES

Naturally you will require extra money for your own personal spending on the tour, for snacks, drinks, souvenirs, tips and items of a personal nature. Everybody has different spending habits but as a guideline we suggest you budget US\$15-20 per day. Also keep US\$ cash for relevant airport taxes and visas needed, optional activities and any additional accommodation before or after your tour.

- **Spending money** is best carried as cash in US dollars, Sterling or Euro which you then exchange into local currency on arrival and as you go. Your guide can advise how and when you can change the rest of your money throughout the tour.
- **Currencies** are as follows: South Africa – Rand; Botswana – Pula; Zambia – Zambian Kwacha.
- **ATM machines** are available in Livingstone and Johannesburg but may not be reliable (and therefore should not be relied upon).
- **Credit cards** can be used to pay for optional activities although charges may be may be high by western standards (+/- 5%).
- **Travellers cheques** can be difficult to cash but make suitable emergency funds.

We recommend you bring your spending money in several different ways (some cash, some t/cheques, some cards); your guide can best advise on what to use where.

LOCAL PAYMENT

A Local Payment (LP) is to be paid to your tour leader at the group meeting on the first evening.

The LP fund is administered by the tour leader in conjunction with the group and covers most meals, all game drives using our own vehicle, campsite fees and meals prepared at the truck (usually two or three per day). You can choose to pay either the Basic Local Payment at the beginning, and then pay for your excursions along the way, or else you may pay for everything up front in the Fully Inclusive Local Payment.

For the Africa Insight tour:

The Basic Local Payment is: USD 185 per person

The Inclusive Local Payment is: USD 245 per person

Payment must be made in **US\$ cash in clean, post-2005 edition notes**. Traveller's cheques and credit cards **cannot** be accepted as means of payment. The LP amounts set out in the brochure are estimates of local costs at the time of printing. It is subject to inflation, exchange rate changes and local price rises. These may vary from the amounts set out in the brochure or website and on rare occasion where there is a shortfall, passengers may be asked to contribute further.

TIPPING

This is always a matter for your own individual discretion but as in many areas where tourism is an important contributor to the economy, it has become customary to give a small gratuity to local staff, including your tour leader and driver, at the end of a tour if services rendered have been to your satisfaction.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Some optional activities are available during the tour - no need to decide before you go, make your mind up when you are there – but many others are available in the Livingstone/ Victoria Falls area – depending on what time you have available. To help budget, approximate prices are listed below (in US\$ unless otherwise stated. subject to change and availability).

Activity	Price	Activity	Price (USD)
South Africa		Livingstone (con'd)	
Kruger night drive (if avail)	\$ 45	Vic Falls bungi (single/tandem)	\$120
		Game walk	\$75
Livingstone		Croc farm tour	\$30
Horse Riding	\$80	Gorge Swing	\$60
Elephant Interaction	\$50	Zambezi Jet Boating & Cable Car	\$95
White Water Rafting/ Riverboarding comb	\$145/ \$175	Half day/ Full day Canoe Safari	\$95/ \$130
Flight over the Falls (from)	\$130	Zambezi Sunset Cruise	\$60
		Lion Encounter	\$130

INSURANCE

It is a booking condition of Acacia that you have full travel insurance valid for the duration of your tour to cover you for medical emergency and repatriation to your home country. Your guide will ask you for a copy of this when you join the tour. It is also important that you leave a copy of your insurance with the person nominated as your emergency contact. We can recommend a respected, specialist travel insurance provider for this tour. Please refer to: http://www.acacia-africa.com/travel_info/travel_documents.php for more information

ACACIA ON THE ROAD



RESPONSIBLE TRAVEL

We strongly believe that you get the most out of a journey by respecting the culture and people of the places you visit. On our tours we try to travel in a way that benefits the communities we pass through and minimises negative impact on the environment. This can be from ensuring the campsites we use are clean when we leave and dressing respectfully in conservative areas to getting involved with local charity projects. We ask that you are open to this when you travel with us. Being proactive in

responsible travel helps develop cross-cultural understanding and friendships with the local people, and will greatly enhance your experience in Africa.

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