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CHOBE & VICTORIA FALLS - TOUR DOSSIER

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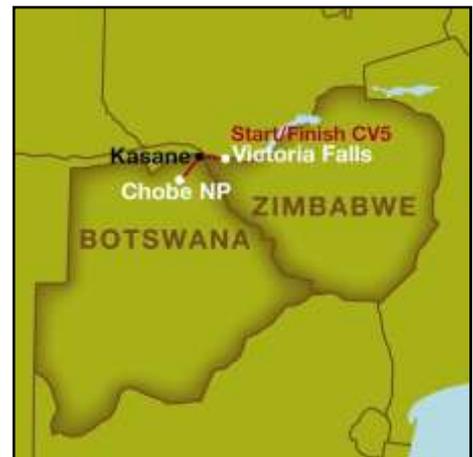
5 DAYS

Tour departure – **Meet upon arrival at Victoria Falls Airport**

HIGHLIGHTS

Victoria Falls
Zambezi Sunset Cruise
Full day white water rafting or canoeing
Chobe National Park game drive
Chobe National Park river cruise

Take a visit to where elephants swim and the smoke thunders. The sight of the mighty Zambezi plunging into Batoka Gorge at Victoria Falls amidst Africa's rich plains is not to be missed. This is combined with a day trip to Chobe National Park to take in the beautiful African bush and river surroundings.



INTENDED ITINERARY

Whilst it is our intention to adhere to the route described below, there is a certain amount of flexibility built into the tour and on occasion it may be necessary or desirable to make alterations to the published itinerary.

This tour is operated in association with a local operator. Acacia is proud to be working with local companies supporting local communities.

Duration: 5 Days
Countries visited: Zimbabwe, Botswana

DAY 1
Victoria Falls
No Meals
Guesthouse

The tour begins upon arrival in Victoria Falls where you are met and transferred to your comfortable guesthouse. This afternoon we enjoy a sunset on the Zambezi River, a few kilometres above the Victoria Falls. With binoculars and cameras at the ready we have a good chance of spotting hippo, crocodile, various species of antelope as well as elephants that come down to the waters edge to drink before sunset. A magical start to your safari!

DAY 2
Victoria Falls
Bx1 Lx1
Guesthouse

Today you can choose one of two exciting activities that are unique to the region.

Option one – canoeing

For the canoeing, you will be collected at approximately 07.00 and taken on a game drive through the Zambezi National Park en route to the starting point of your canoe safari on the Zambezi River. Upon arrival enjoy a full

continental breakfast followed by a briefing from your guide that will cover all aspects of safety on the river and how to paddle etc. Then depart downstream for your day's exciting canoeing when you will cover approximately 18km. Run the small rapids, explore the channels and inlets, and take in some game viewing. A picnic lunch is served on one of the islands or on the riverbank.

Option two – white water rafting

Those that are rafting, are also collected at approximately 07.00 and taken to the starting point of your white water rafting trip on the lower Zambezi River. Once on the raft, head downstream and immerse yourself in the foamy rapids of the Bakota Gorge - Grade 5 rapids with names like 'Oblivion' or 'Gnashing Jaws of Death'! This is some of the best white water rafting in the world, and through the dramatic scenery of the Bakota Gorge with its 100m high walls of sheer rock and giant boulders. A picnic lunch is served on the riverbank and in the afternoon it is back in the water shooting the rapids!

Please indicate your preference of activity at the time of booking.

DAY 3
Chobe National Park (Botswana) – day trip
Bx1 Lx1
Guesthouse

Today we depart early for Chobe National Park in Botswana. We enjoy an open vehicle game drive first, hoping to spot a wide range of wildlife that hug the banks of the Chobe River. The park is renowned for its large herds of Elephant that migrate freely between neighbouring Hwange National Park and Moremi Game Reserve. We transfer straight onto our pontoon boat for our second safari expedition of the day, this time on water. A truly breathtaking excursion getting close to hippo, crocodiles, elephant and other wildlife that may come to the waters edge to drink. We also enjoy a buffet lunch whilst cruising on the Chobe River before being transferred back to Victoria Falls, arriving in the early evening.

DAY 4 - 5
Victoria Falls
Bx2
Guesthouse

Today you have a free day at your leisure. There's time again to relax by the guest house pool. However, you might like to take an exciting game viewing trip on elephant back, enjoy a scenic flight over the falls or throw yourself off the famous bridge linking Zimbabwe and Zambia in an adrenalin pumping 111m bungee jump and much much more! We recommend that you pre-book your activities on day one or two of the tour. After breakfast on Day 5 you have the rest of the day at your leisure until your transfer to the airport for your onward flight. Please arrange a pick up time with your guide locally.

TOUR INFORMATION

TOUR STYLE

Acacia Small Group Safari

WHAT'S INCLUDED

Tour highlights, transport, Victoria Falls airport transfers, accommodation, meals as indicated, services of an English speaking driver and tour leader.

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

Visas, travel insurance, flights, extra optional activities and entry into Victoria Falls NP, laundry, tips to driver & local guides, passport & visa fees & items of a personal nature.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation is a comfortable guest house with en suite facilities, a swimming pool and bar, allowing you to relax at the end of the day.

TRANSPORT

Minibus or microbus, open safari vehicle (Chobe), raft or canoe

MEALS

Meals included are stated in the itinerary. There are plenty of options for eating out a short stroll from the guest house to downtown Victoria Falls.

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 help provide specialist travel insurance for this tour through our local operator. Please refer to: http://www.acacia-africa.com/travel_info/travel_documents.php for more details.

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 can then be transferred into the Rand on arrival. Your guide can advise how and when you can change the rest of your money throughout the tour.
- **Currencies** are as follows: Zimbabwe – US Dollar; Botswana – Pula.
- **ATM machines** are found in Livingstone.
- **Credit cards** can be used to pay for larger optional activities although there may be a small charge for using it.
- **Travellers cheques** can be difficult to cash but make suitable emergency funds.

It is recommended you bring your money in a mixture of ways and your guide can best advise on what to use where.

TIPPING

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 at the end of a tour for services rendered. This is at your own discretion.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

In order to give you maximum flexibility on tour we offer a number of optional activities on the tour. To help budget, approximate prices are listed below (subject to change and availability).

Activity	Price (US\$)	Activity	Price (US\$)
Livingstone			
Abseiling/ Gorge Swing x 2	\$60/ \$80	Elephant Back Safari	\$120
Zambezi Jet Boating & Cable Car	\$100	Jet Boat – Helicopter Combo	\$250
Horse Riding	\$70 - \$120	Fishing Safaris half/ full day	\$230 - \$330
Riverboarding combo	\$155	Lion Encounter	\$125
Flights over the Falls (various modes)	\$120 - \$255	Vic Falls tour	\$45
Flying Fox	\$35	Bungy Jump over the Falls	\$120

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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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