CRUISE OF 13 DAYS / 12 NIGHTS - REF. 14F_PP

# Safari Cruise along the Zambezi River - South Africa, Botswana, Namibia, Zimbabwe with extended stay "Cape Town and the Cape of Good Hope Peninsula" (port-to-port cruise)

SOUTHERN AFRICA: TRAVEL TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH WITH EXTENDED STAY AT THE CAPE OF GOOD HOPE

Your journey in Southern Africa begins with the Cape Peninsula. Discover Robben Island, a historic site listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site, as well as breathtaking views from Table Mountain or along Chapman's Peak Drive before meeting the penguins of Simon's Town. Then, from Johannesburg to Victoria Falls, explore spectacular landscapes, the path of Nelson Mandela, great mammals and predators inhabiting the most beautiful nature reserves, as well as fine gastronomy, not forgetting the secrets of Lake Kariba and the impressive Victoria Falls.





## HIGHLIGHTS

- An intimate experience on board a luxury 5 anchor ship
- Enjoy the stillness of a magical, luxurious lodge with spacious bungalows
- Unique cruise on Lake Kariba through emblematic and mysterious landscapes
- Land and water safaris in Chobé and Matusadona National Parks
- The grandness of Victoria Falls is waiting for you, on foot or on board a helicopter (optional)
- EXTENSION INCLUDED:
- Ascent of Table Mountain to take in the views from Table Bay
- Discovery of the legendary Cape of Good Hope
- Guided tour of Robben Island
- Meet-up with the penguin colony near Simon's Town
- Tasting of South-African wines*

## THE CROISIEUROPE DIFFERENCE

- All meals included - DRINKS INCLUDED with meals and at the bar
- Refined local cuisine
- Official welcome from the captain and crew
- Tour leader or cruise director on board
- Onboard activities and/or lectures
- Travel assistance and repatriation insurance
- All port fees included

# Day-by-day itinerary

DAY 1

### Cape Town

Passengers are welcome to check in to their 4-star hotel LS starting from 3:00 p.m. (please make sure your travel agency is aware of the arrival times of your flight). After settling into your room, enjoy dinner on your own before spending the night at the hotel.

DAY 2

### Cape Town - Groot Constantia Wine Estate

We'll have a panoramic tour of the city. Afterwards, we'll take the Table mountain Cableway(1) and admire the magnificent panoramic view of the surrounding mountains (if the weather allows it). After the lunch, we'll visit the Groot Constantia estate followed by a tasting*. Dinner and overnight at a 4-star hotel LS.

DAY 3

### Robben Island - Cape Town

We'll first visit famous Robben Island and its cells (if weather allows it). We'll return to Cape Town for lunch on the waterfront. We continue our tour of Cape Town, nicknamed the "Mother City" because it is the oldest city in South Africa. We'll have dinner and spend the night at the hotel.

DAY 4

### The Cape of Good Hope

Today, we'll set out for the legendary Cape of Good Hope. We'll ride along Chapman's Peak Drive and take the famous Flying Dutchman funicular to the summit. Enjoy lunch before discovering the penguin colony near Simon's Town. We'll have dinner and spend the night at the hotel.

DAY 5

### Cape Town - Johannesburg (South Africa)

Flight to Johannesburg. We'll have lunch before visiting the Apartheid Museum (the Museum is open from Tuesday to Sunday. In case of a visit a Monday, this museum will be replaced by the Mandela House.) Afterwards, we'll set off for a panoramic tour of Johannesburg, the city of superlatives. We'll arrive at our five-star hotel LS. You'll enjoy dinner and spend the night at the hotel.

DAY 6

### Johannesburg - Kasane - Arrival at the LODGE (South Africa-Botswana-Namibia)

We'll take a regular flight from Johannesburg to Kasane, Botswana. You'll be transferred from the airport to your CroisiEurope lodge on board small private boats. You'll settle into your comfortable lodge ideally located at the heart of the wilderness. We'll have dinner and spend the night at the lodge.

DAY 7

### LODGE: Chobe National Park (Namibia-Botswana)

Enjoy a full-day dedicated to the discovery of Chobe National Park and its majestic fauna. African lunch in the heart of nature. Afterwards, we'll board small private boats and sail off on Chobe River all the way to Sedudu Island and its marshes. We'll have dinner and spend the night at the lodge.

DAY 8

### LODGE: Impalila Island (Namibia)

Discover traditional villages on Impalila Island. We'll return to our lodge for lunch. This afternoon, you can enjoy time at leisure at the lodge then join us for a discovery of the Zambezi River on small private boats. We'll have dinner at the lodge. Tonight, let your guide tell you all about the traditions of this particular island. Night spent at the lodge.

DAY 9

### Lodge - Kasane - Lake Kariba - BOARDING THE SHIP (Namibia-Botswana-Zimbabwe)

Enjoy one last water safari in the Chobe National Park area. After lunch along the water, we'll set out for the Kasane airport. On board small private planes, you'll discover the stunning panoramas during your flight to Lake Kariba(2). You'll be transferred to board the ship and comfortably settle into your cabins. We'll start sailing across the lake. We'll have dinner and spend the night on board.

DAY 10

### SHIP: LAKE KARIBA - MATUSADONA NATIONAL PARK (Zimbabwe)

At sunrise, we'll set sail through Lake Kariba. We'll set out on a small private boat to discover the small waterways going into the Matusadona National Park and their unique wildlife. We'll return on board for lunch. The afternoon will be spend cruising. Later, we'll set out on small private boats to admire the sunset. We'll have dinner and spend the night on board.

DAY 11

### SHIP: LAKE KARIBA - MATUSADONA NATIONAL PARK (Zimbabwe)

We'll journey out this morning on a safari to discover the area around Matusadona National Park and its numerous wild animals. We'll enjoy lunch on board and start sailing again. During this time, a round table will be the opportunity to learn more about the creation of the Lake, its inhabitants as well as its ecosystem. We'll have dinner and spend the night on board.

DAY 12

### SHIP: KARIBA - Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe)

At sunrise, we'll set sail towards Kariba to disembark and journey out to the airport. We'll fly out to Victoria Falls on board private planes. Enjoy an exceptional lunch cruise on the Zambezi River, upstream from the falls. Afternoon at leisure, with moments of relaxation by the hotel pool and views over the surrounding savannah. Optional: Helicopter flight over Victoria Falls. Optional: A unique opportunity for a final safari through the wild landscapes of a private reserve! This time, set off in a comfortable 4x4 vehicle in search of Africa's black rhinos, accompanied by an experienced ranger. (Excursions are compatible and take place one after the other. Must be booked at the time of registration. The safari is offered on a private basis and accompanied by our guide for CroisiEurope passengers from 6 participants. Below this number, participants may join other clients without accompaniment.) Tonight, enjoy dinner and spend the night at a four-star hotel LS.

DAY 13

### Victoria Falls

Breakfast. We'll leave for a tour on foot of the falls where the views are among the most exceptional in the world. We'll also see where the Zambezi River plunges over the cliff to become the widest waterfall in the world, creating the "smoke that thunders." End of our services at the hotel around 10:30 am. Do not schedule a flight before 2:00 pm.

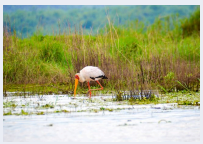
# Excursions

## Included excursions (5)



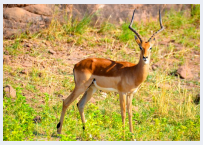
### Fly to Lake Kariba on board small private planes

2h Classic



### Water safari

2h Classic



### Land and water safari in Matusadona National Park

3h Classic



### Visit Lake Kariba's "Dam Wall"

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### Victoria Falls walking tour

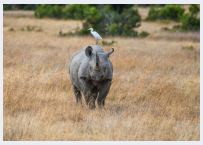
2h Classic

## Optional excursions (2)



### Soar over Victoria Falls in a helicopter (optional excursion)

0h12 Classic PM



### SAFARI IN SEARCH OF AFRICA'S BLACK RHINO (optional excursion)

3h30 Classic DIVERS

# Our price includes

>> CORE PROGRAM

The regular flights Johannesburg/Kasane - the private flights Kasane/Lake Kariba/Victoria Falls - the airport taxes (150€ - 2024 rates) - your cruise with double-occupancy cabin in your choice of category - double-occupancy accomodations at a first-class CroisiEurope lodge and at 4-and-5-star hotels LS - all meals - drinks served by CroisiEurope at all meals and drinks served at the bar on the ship and at the CroisiEurope lodge - in Johannesburg and Victoria falls, drinks include: 1 water, 1 glass of local wine* or 1 soft drink or 1 local beer*, 1 tea or coffee per person and per meal - the excursions mentioned in the program (excluding optional excursions) - travel assistance and repatriation insurance - tips (excluding tips for crew members on board the ship and at the lodge).

Tips :To make your vacation worry-free, the equivalent of €20 per passenger will be given to service providers in your destination countries (excluding tips for crew members on board the ship and at the lodge) as tips. We feel this amount is appropriate in consideration of local customs and practice.

>> EXTENDED STAY

The domestic flight and its taxes (30€ - 2024 rates) - the coach transfer from the hotel to the airport - accomodation at a 4-star hotel - all meals - drinks include: 1 glass of wine* or 1 beer* or 1 soft drink + 1 water + 1 tea or coffee per person and per meal - the excursions mentioned in the program - the services of a local guide - tips.

Tips :To make your vacation worry-free, the equivalent of €40 per passenger will be given to service providers in your destination countries as tips. We feel this amount is appropriate in consideration of local customs and practice.

*Alcohol can be harmful to your health. Please drink in moderation.

*The tour itinerary can change depending on the weather. The order of the visits can change. The observation of wildlife can't be guaranteed. The helicopter ride, the ascent of Table Bay by the Cableway and the visit of Robben Island depend on suitable weather conditions. Helicopters accommodate groups of 3 to 5 passengers, which may occasionally result in couples being seated separately during the flight. Allocation of the front seat, next to the pilot, is determined according to onboard weight distribution and is at the discretion of the ground crew. (1) The Table Mountain cableway closes every year for a variable period ranging from 2 to 7 weeks in July/August. Passengers departing during this period will instead benefit from a visit to the District Six Museum, retracing the history of a district of Cape Town that was razed to the ground by the Apartheid regime, and a tour of the Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens, featuring almost 7,000 species of plants from southern Africa along its many landscaped paths. (2) This flight may include a stopover for technical or customs reasons. *Alcohol can be harmful to your health. Please drink in moderation.*

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>> CORE PROGRAM

international flights and their taxes - flight between Victoria Falls and Johannesburg - other transfers - dinner on D1 - cancellation and baggage insurance - Namibian and Zimbabwean visas (please, check with your embassy) - cancellation/baggage insurance - optional excursions - tips for crew members on board the ship and at the lodge (for informational purposes, daily tips per passenger amount to US$5) - the Botswana Tourism levy (US$30 to be paid for on site in US$, and likely to be applicable in the year) - personal expenses.

>> EXTENDED STAY

Dinner on D1

# Useful information

These cruises and tours are not recommended for persons with reduced mobility as we will walk along stony paths and slopes. There are no elevators on the ships.

- Your cruise as well as your stay at the lodge are fully dedicated to the protected areas of Lake Kariba and Chobé National Park. Life on board and at the lodge revolves around the discovery and observation of the local fauna and flora, providing constant enchantment. Strict safety rules and guidelines will be given on site, such as staying close to the lodge and ship at all times outside of the context of excursions because of the ever-present wilderness and fauna around you.
- Please be aware that most of your stay will take place at the border with three different countries, meaning mandatory and frequent border crossings. Our teams on site are doing everything in their power to make the process quicker.
- The domestic flight from Cape Town to Johannesburg will be provided by South African Airways or another airline serving Southern Africa.
- The domestic flight from Johannesburg to Kasane will be provided by South African Airways or another airline serving Southern Africa.
- Domestic flights for Lake Kariba will be provided by MackAir, Safari Logistics or another airline serving Southern Africa.
- Our services start at the hotel in Cape Town and end at the hotel in Victoria Falls, international flights are not included.

Please note: international flights are not included, our services start from the hotel in Johannesburg and end at the hotel in Victoria Falls.

PRECAUTIONS

The following information is given for guidance only and may be modified at any time. This information cannot anticipate the sovereign application thereof made by the authorities of the countries to be visited nor by the airlines.

There are no compulsory vaccinations for your destinations except for guests arriving from countries with risk of yellow fever; these guests may be required to produce proof of vaccination at the airport or at the border post.

However, it is strongly recommended you ensure your vaccines for the following diseases are up-to-date: tetanus, polio, hepatitis A and B, diphtheria and typhoid. We also recommend consulting with your general practitioner regarding an antimalarial treatment and a yellow fever vaccine.

Vaccines for rubella, mumps, measles are recommended for minors. As a general rule, we strongly recommend consulting with your general practitioner about any health concerns before your departure.

CURRENCY

Onboard the ships and at the lodges, payments can be made with a major bank card. We recommend bringing US dollars with you as they will be accepted in South Africa, Botswana, Namibia and Zimbabwe. For your information*:

- South Africa: the rand (ZAR) €1 = ZAR 20 / $1 = ZAR 20
- Botswana: the pula (BWP) €1 = BWP 15 / $1 = BWP 15*
- Namibia: the Namibian dollar (NAD) €1 = NAD 20 / $1 = NAD 20*
- Zimbabwe: due to regular changes in the local monetary system, payment in US dollars is strongly encouraged and advised.

*Exchange rates of June 2023.

CLIMATE

In Johannesburg, temperatures are never excessive due to its altitude (1,752m./5,751 ft.). Winters (May to September) are dry and sunny with cold nights, but the days are usually very pleasant. Summers (October to April) are hot during the day with thunderstorms in the afternoon or evening, and nights are cool. In the Kasane, Lake Kariba and Victoria Falls areas, the climate is semi-arid. Winters (May to October) are the dry season; days are hot and sunny, and nights are cool or even cold. Summers (November to April) can be rainy and temperatures are hot.

TIME DIFFERENCE

You can consult www.worldtimezone.com to see the time difference between your home and your destination.

- Your checked baggage (1 per person maximum) MUST NOT EXCEED 20KG/44lbs.
- It MUST COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING DIMENSIONS 70cm/27,50in. in length x 35cm/13,70in. in height x 30cm/11,80in. in width.
- It must be made from SOFT FABRIC. Hard-shell suitcases are not accepted.
- Luggage with wheels is accepted (a maximum of 2 wheels per bag).
- Your carry-on baggage and personal items MUST NOT EXCEED 5KG/11lbs.

## FORMALITIES

Depending on nationality. Each nationality is requested to consult their embassy or consulate.