CRUISE OF 15 DAYS / 14 NIGHTS - REF. JVF_CAPPP

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

- Stay in a luxurious lodge in the heart of the African wilderness
- An exceptional cruise on Lake Kariba, sailing through its mystical landscapes
- Aerial views of the African savannah aboard private aircraft
- Johannesburg and the history of South Africa, including the immersive Apartheid Museum
- A helicopter flight over Victoria Falls (optional), an exceptional experience
- Land safaris in the very heart of Chobe and Matusadona National Parks
- Water safaris: an immersive encounter with mammals and birdlife
- Discovering local culture and traditions through visits with residents of Namibian villages

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)

This morning, set out on a thrilling 4x4 game drive through Chobe National Park, home to more than a quarter of Africa's elephant population. After lunch, embark on a private boat safari along the Chobe River, gliding towards the lush wetlands of Sedudu Island. Dinner and overnight at the lodge.

DAY 8

LODGE: Impalila Island (Namibia)

This morning, cross into Namibia for a visit to traditional villages on Impalila Island. Discover the authentic lifestyle and customs of the local communities before returning to the lodge for lunch. In the afternoon, set off on a private boat excursion on the legendary Zambezi River. Stretching over 2,500 kilometers and flowing through six Southern African countries, the Zambezi offers spectacular panoramas where unspoiled nature reigns supreme. Dinner will be served at the lodge, followed by an evening of storytelling as your guide shares island traditions and legends. Overnight at the lodge.

DAY 9

LODGE: Chobe National Park (Namibia - Botswana)

Return to Botswana's untamed jewel, Chobe National Park, for another exhilarating 4x4 safari. Encounter lions, buffalo, giraffes, antelopes, and countless vibrant bird species. Enjoy a traditional African lunch in the heart of the wilderness before heading back to the lodge. Take time to relax and make the most of the pool and its comfortable surroundings. Dinner and overnight at the lodge.

DAY 10

Lodge : Kasane - LAKE KARIBA - Boarding (Namibia - Botswana - Zimbabwe)

This morning, enjoy a final private boat safari in the Chobe region. Lunch on the river before continuing by road to Kasane Airport. A scenic private flight(2) over the savannah will reveal breathtaking views en route to Lake Kariba. Transfer to your ship, embarkation, and check-in. With its 200 kilometers in length and 40 kilometers in width, Lake Kariba has flooded valleys, hills, and forests, creating landscapes of rare beauty. Dinner and overnight on board.

DAY 11

SHIP: LAKE KARIBA - MATUSADONA NATIONAL PARK (Zimbabwe)

Morning 4x4 safari through Matusadona National Park, nestled between the Sanyati and Ume rivers. Return to the ship for lunch as we cruise along the shimmering waters. Later, set out by private boat to explore some of the lake's most picturesque corners, where herds of elephants come to drink at the shore. Dinner and overnight on board.

DAY 12

SHIP: LAKE KARIBA - Matusadona National Park (Zimbabwe)

Board a private boat to explore the winding waterways and hidden coves of Matusadona National Park, a sanctuary of extraordinary biodiversity. Lunch will be served on board during navigation. In the late afternoon, switch to 4x4 vehicles as the golden light of sunset paints the vast plains. After dinner, step onto the sun deck for a magical stargazing experience. Overnight on board.

DAY 13

SHIP: LAKE KARIBA (Zimbabwe)

Final boat excurion on the lake. The silhouettes of dead trees rising from the water are reflected like a mirror on the lake's surface, creating its distinctive and mysterious atmosphere. Departure for a scenic cruise. Lunch served on board. Enjoy an informative talk with your guide about the history of the lake, its inhabitants, and its unique ecosystem. As the light turns magical, the sun deck provides the perfect setting to sip a cocktail while watching the sky blush shades of pink. Dinner and overnight stay on board.

DAY 14

SHIP: Kariba - Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe)

Sunrise cruise towards Kariba. Disembarkation. On the way to the airport, discover the impressive dam wall, the gigantic structure that diverted the course of the Zambezi River to create Lake Kariba in 1955 and today supplies nearly 70% of Zimbabwe's electricity. The fascinating story behind the creation of this immense lake will be revealed, together with the legends that surround it, including that of Nyami Nyami, the river spirit. Private charter flight from Kariba to Victoria Falls. Lunch cruise on the upper Zambezi River, upstream from the falls. In the afternoon, guided walking tour of Victoria Falls. Its many viewpoints rank among the most spectacular on Earth: here, the mighty Zambezi plunges more than 108 metres into the world's largest curtain of falling water. This awe-inspiring spectacle of "thundering smoke" was named Victoria Falls by David Livingstone. Settle into your 4-star hotel (local classification). Overlooking the surrounding savannah, this spacious property has been built in traditional African style and features an impressive thatched roof. For dinner, you may choose between two options (to be selected at the time of booking): - Table-served dinner at the hotel's restaurant in an intimate setting, overlooking a waterhole frequented by abundant wildlife. - The Boma festive dinner, an immersive buffet experience. Every evening, hundreds of travellers from around the world gather to enjoy vibrant traditional dance performances and interactive drumming entertainment. Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 15

Victoria Falls

Breakfast at the hotel. Optional excursion: early in the morning, enjoy a breathtaking helicopter flight over Victoria Falls (must be booked at the time of registration). Alternatively, take advantage of some free time to relax and enjoy the comfort of the hotel's facilities, or make use of the complimentary hotel shuttle service to reach the town centre for a little shopping. End of our services at the hotel around 10:30 am. Do not schedule a flight before 2:00 pm.

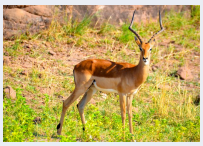
Excursions

Included excursions (6)



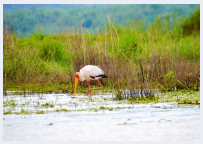
Water safari on the Lake Kariba

2h Classic PM



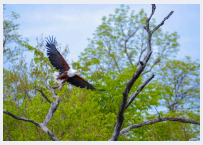
Land and water safari in Matusadona National Park

3h Classic MATIN



Water safari

2h Classic MATIN



Safari in a 4x4 vehicle

1 day Classic PM



BOAT RIDE ON LAKE KARIBA

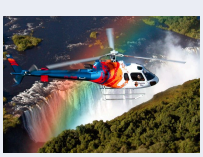
1 day Classic MATIN



Visit Lake Kariba's "Dam Wall"

0h15 Classic

Optional excursions (1)



Soar over Victoria Falls in a helicopter (optional excursion)

0h12 Classic

Our price includes

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The regular flights Johannesburg/Kasane - the private flights Kasane/Lake Kariba/Victoria Falls - the airport taxes (215€ - 2025 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 excursion) - 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€ - 2025 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.*

Our price does not include

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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 excursion - 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.

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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: Diphtheria - Tetanus - Polio (DTP), Measles - Mumps - Rubella (MMR), hepatitis A and B, diphtheria and typhoid. We also recommend consulting with your general practitioner regarding an antimalarial treatment and a yellow fever vaccine.

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 September 2025.

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.