CRUISE OF 11 DAYS / 10 NIGHTS - REF. JVF_PP

Safari Cruise along the Zambezi River - South Africa, Botswana, Namibia, Zimbabwe (port-to-port cruise)

SOUTH AFRICA - BOTSWANA - ZIMBABWE

From Johannesburg to Victoria Falls, you'll discover spectacular panoramas and tumultuous histories, but also incredible wildlife and carefully crafted menus that reflect the flavors and savors of Africa, as well as the most beautiful natural reserves and the secrets of Lake Kariba before taking in the grandeur of the "smoke that thunders," 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
- A 5-anchor ship with an intimate atmosphere, echoing the true spirit of Zimbabwe
- Aerial views of the African savannah aboard private aircraft
- Johannesburg and the history of South Africa, including the immersive Apartheid Museum
- 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

Johannesburg (South Africa)

We'll meet up at the hotel at 11:30 a.m. 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 2

Johannesburg - Kasane - Arrival at 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 3

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 4

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 5

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 6

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(1) 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 7

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 8

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 9

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 10

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 11

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.

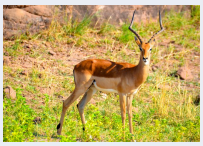
Excursions

Included excursions (6)



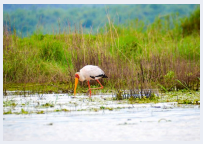
Water safari on the Lake Kariba

2h Classic PM



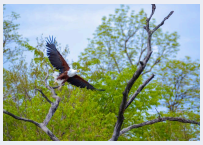
Land and water safari in Matusadona National Park

3h Classic MATIN



Water safari

2h Classic MATIN



Safari in a 4x4 vehicle

1 day Classic PM



BOAT RIDE ON LAKE KARIBA

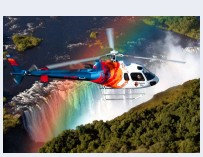
1 day Classic MATIN



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

the regular flight Johannesburg/Kasane - the private flights Kasane/Lake Kariba/Victoria falls - airport taxes (€215 - 2025 rates) - accommodation in a double cabin in your choice of category - double-occupancy accomodations in a first-class CroisiEurope lodge and in 4-and-5* hotels - 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 soda or 1 local beer*, 1 tea or coffee per person and per meal - the excursions mentioned in the program (except 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.

*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 depends 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) 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

international flights and their taxes - flight between Victoria Falls and Johannesburg - transfers airport/hotel/airport - 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.

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 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.

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.