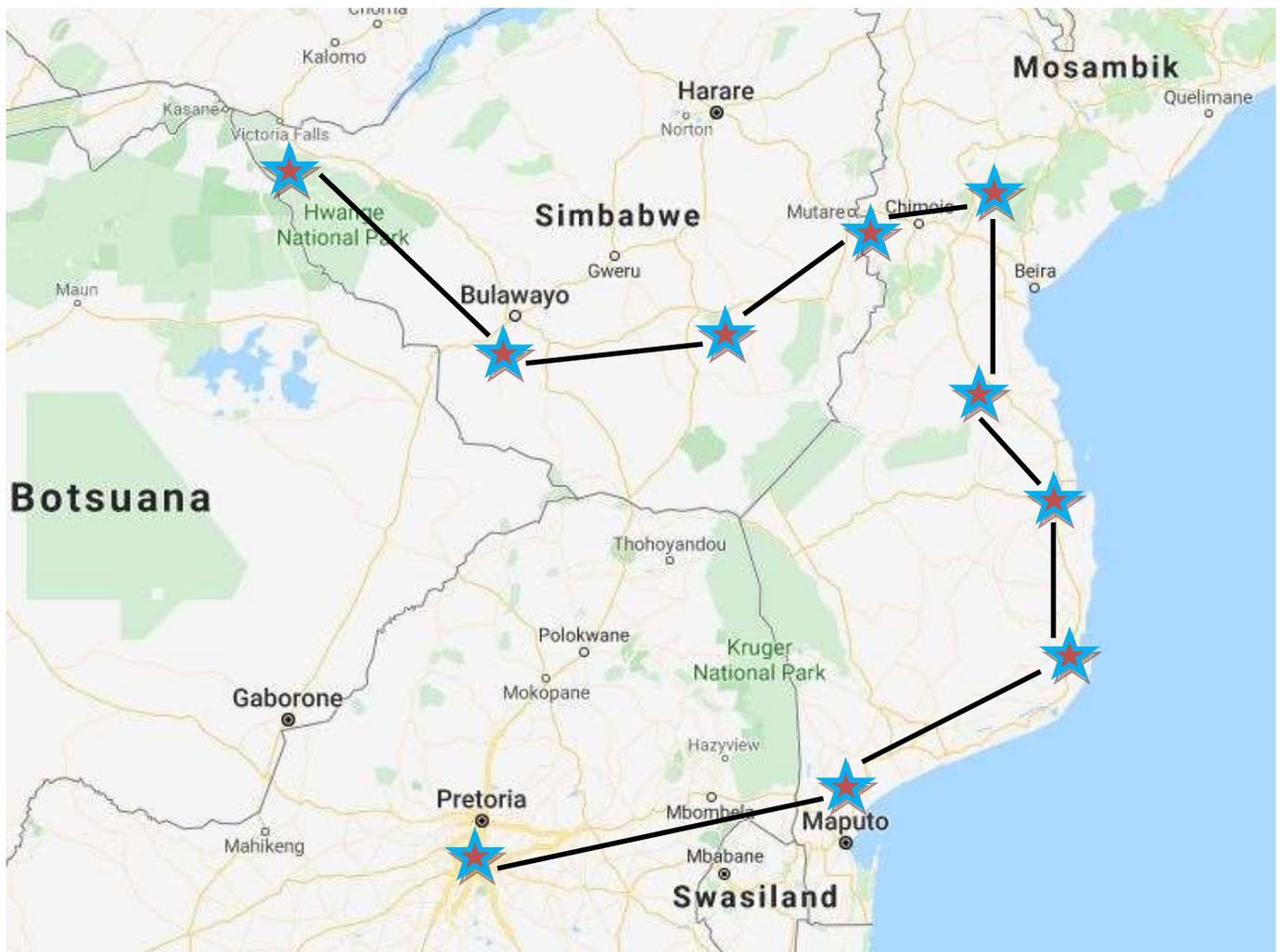


The Heart of Africa

Bush - Mountains - Beach

A 21-day photo safari tour of South Africa, Zimbabwe, Mozambique and Swaziland



This Tour is for those who want to see and experience the original Africa in a small group from Victoria Falls to Johannesburg. We pass through Zimbabwe and travel through interesting, scenic areas. Mozambique is located on the warm Indian Ocean and has 2,700 km of coastline with magnificent beaches, hidden island paradises and picturesque lagoons. An untouched country with hospitable people. This trip combines safaris in different Game Reserves and recreation on the Indian Ocean. The daily stages are easy to follow and therefore the recreational value is not neglected. All accommodations are dual. Sometimes friendly & charming and sometimes luxurious & princely. In the National Parks we live in simple, typical chalets, but the minimum standard is always a private bathroom. In order to truly experience Africa, you cannot travel in large buses with many strangers and tight schedules. We offer you the opportunity to experience Africa individually and personally.

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Day 1: Victoria Falls

- ❖ We meet in Zimbabwe at Victoria Falls Airport. The border town of Victoria Falls, located on the south bank of the Zambezi, guarantees us an interesting start for our tour through southern Africa. After a short drive we reach our very nicely located guest house. At noon we relax at the pool and in the late afternoon we take a 2-3 hour sundowner boat trip on the Zambezi River. For dinner we visit one of the local restaurants. Victoria Falls guarantees us a restful and interesting attraction for our trip.

Day 2: Victoria Falls

- ❖ This morning we visit one of the seven natural wonders of the world "Mosi oa Tunya" or "The Smoke of Thunder", the Victoria Waterfalls. Here the Zambesi plunges at a width of 1,708m into a 110m deep and 50m wide gorge across the river. At noon we visit the famous Victoria Falls Hotel and enjoy the colonial elegance. The rest of the day is at our disposal. Prove your trading talents at a craft market or prove your courage in "White Water Rafting" on the raging Zambezi. A sightseeing flight over the waterfalls certainly provides the most beautiful overview. For dinner we visit again one of the local restaurants.

Day 3: Victoria Falls - Bulawayo

- ❖ Today we leave the Victoria waterfalls and drive through the beautiful Zimbabwe. Our accommodation is very picturesque in the middle of the Matobo Mountains.

Day 4: Matopo National Park

- ❖ The Matopo Mountains are one of the last bastions of the White Rhinos and the Black Rhinos. We will enjoy a full-day Game Drive in the National Park.

Day 5: Bulawayo - Great Zimbabwe

- ❖ Our goal today is Great Zimbabwe. We visit the ruins of the largest city south of the Sahara at the time and today one of the most important archaeological sites in southern Africa. The ruins of Great Zimbabwe were discovered by the German African explorer Karl Mauch in 1871 and are interesting and unique and definitely worth a visit. Also our lodge is built entirely in the style of the ruins.

Day 6: Masvingo - Gonarezou National Park

- ❖ After a late breakfast we leave the ruins and drive to the subtropical Gonarezhou National Park. The wildlife reserve consists of open grasslands, wild fig trees, palm trees, baobabs, thorn bushes, acacias and mopane forests. Gonarezhou is the second largest wildlife reserve in Zimbabwe.

Day 7: Gonarezou National Park

- ❖ We spend the morning on a game drive in the open Landrover in the Gonarezou National Park and the afternoon is at our leisure at the lodge.

Day 8: Gonarezhou - Burma Valley

- ❖ Today we continue in an easterly direction towards the Burma Valley. This mountainous region with its rich flora is a popular recreation area in the highlands of Zimbabwe. In the late afternoon we take a short walk on the hotel's own gold course.

Day 9: *Burma Valley - Gorongosa National Park*

- ❖ Today we leave Zimbabwe and cross the border with Mozambique. In the original interior of Mozambique lies the 5,300km² Gorongosa National Park. The landscape is characterized by fever tree forests, individual baobab and sausage trees, floodplains, river valleys and the 1,900m high Mount Gorongosa. In the rivers and lakes we find crocodiles and hippos. Elephants and lions are also regularly spotted. Bird watching is extraordinarily good, numerous species, some of which are very rare and endemic, have their habitat here.

Day 10: *Gorongosa National Park*

- ❖ Today we do two game drives in the open Landrover in Gorongosa National Park. One in the early morning before breakfast and one in the late afternoon. We spend the rest of the day at the pool.

Day 11: *Gorongosa National Park - Vilankulos*

- ❖ We drive to the coastal town of Vilankulos. The place is the gateway to the beautifully offshore tropical islands of Bazaruto, Benguerra, Magarque and Santa Carolina. We stay in a beachfront guest house on the crystal clear and pleasantly warm Indian Ocean. In the evening there is fresh fish and seafood in one of the local restaurants.

Day 12: *Dhau Safari*

- ❖ Today we go on two Game Drives in the open Landrover in the Gorongosa National Park. One early in the morning before breakfast and one in the late afternoon. We spend the rest of the day at the pool.

Day 13: *Vilankulos - Tofo Beach*

- ❖ Passing coconut plantations, we drive along the Indian Ocean to the port city of Inhambane. The Arab influence in Inhambane goes back to a time when slaves, gold and spices were traded. We explore the place before we continue to the coastal and long-distance town of Praia do Tofo. Here we are for the next two days in bungalows on a beautiful beach and relax in the warm sea. Tofo itself is still poorly developed and remote. There are no luxury hotels with pool facilities here. It's all relatively simple but kept clean and has a great, somewhat adventurous atmosphere.

Day 14: *Tofo Beach*

- ❖ Today we spend the day with a relaxing beach hike and swimming in the warm water. Tofo Beach is a tropical beach paradise with miles of original beaches and is located on the warm Indian Ocean. The abundance of fish is the hallmark of this region.

Day 15: *Tofo Beach - Maputo*

- ❖ Today we drive to the state capital Maputo, the former Laurencu de Marques. This is where The Portuguese and African culture mix. After independence from Portugal, a long civil war ensued, but slowly the upswing in this city became apparent. Maputo offers a very special culture for African conditions.

 **Day 16: Maputo - Swaziland**

- ❖ After breakfast we take a short city tour in Maputo. Afterwards we say goodbye to Mozambique and cross the border into the Kingdom of Swaziland. Our current destination is the Miliwane Wildlife Sanctuary. The reserve is known for its wildlife, temperate climate and many native bird species.

 **Day 17: Miliwane National Park**

- ❖ Miliwane is 4,560 hectares and the oldest protected area in Swaziland. Since there are no dangerous predators here, we can now explore the park on foot and observe numerous antelope species.

 **Day 18: Swaziland - Kruger National Park**

- ❖ Our destination today is Kruger National Park, the last highlight of our trip. In addition to the “Big 5 – Elephant, Leopard, Rhinoceros, Buffalo and Lion”, the Kruger National Park is known for its Wildlife and many native bird species.

 **Day 19: Kruger National Park: Day Tour in a Land Rover**

- ❖ Before sunrise there is tea and coffee, then we set off for a full-day Game Drive in an open Land Rover. On the way there is breakfast and lunch. We are in one of the largest African National Parks and see Impalas, Zebras, Kudus, Wildebeest, Buffaloes and giraffes and occasionally big Cats, Rhinos and Elephants on our Game Drive. A day in the park passes very quickly and it will never get boring. You will notice how exhausting the concentrated search and looking can be and hopefully we will be tempted to many photo shoots.
Tonight we cook meal on the open fire and of course a glass of wine on our last night in the African Bush is not to be missed.

 **Day 20: Kruger National Park - Pretoria**

- ❖ Today we leave Kruger National Park and make our way to Pretoria, whose cityscape is particularly engrossed by the 100,000 Jacaranda trees (flowering time: End of September until middle of November)

 **Day 21: Pretoria**

- ❖ We start the day with a small city tour through Pretoria. On a drive through Soweto we show you the Nelson Mandela House and we visit the interesting Apartheids Museum. Unfortunately, our journey is now over, sun -tanned and well recovered we drive in the late afternoon to the Airport.