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The Ultimate Safari, hauntingly desolate and totally uncommercialized.

We are alone in our Africa here, with only nature as our companion.

But that is exactly why we are here, and we do not intend sharing the experiences with everyone.

Open spaces, vast sects of virgin Africa with its natural inhabitants.

We go back in time to a period of San Culture, herds of wild animals and distant horizons.

Will we ever be able to face civilization once more?

DAY 1 Cedarberg Mountains

We depart from our Guest Lodge in Cape Town and travel into the true remote wilderness area of the Western Cape. We camp tonight in the Cedarberg Mountains. The afternoon is spent on a short walk to a waterfall, or a swim in one of the many rock pools or rivers. Today we relax, for tomorrow we walk.

Bungalow / Campsite accommodation

Lunch & Dinner

Distance – 200 km

Duration – 4 hrs

Conditions – good

DAY 2 Cedarberg Mountains

We rise with the sun and set out in search of the Maltese cross in the Cedarberg Mountains.

After an eventful hike, we visit a wine farm in the mountains to savour the wines of the Cedarberg. Return to our base, refresh in the cold waters of the mountain streams and enjoy a campfire in the cold clear mountain air.

Bungalow / Campsite accommodation

Brunch & Dinner

Distance – 0 km

Duration – 0 hrs

Conditions – good

DAY 3 & 4 Augrabies National Park

We vacate camp and make our way towards the Augrabies National Park.

The Kalahari Desert is harsh in reality. We spend the late afternoon sipping sundowners at a viewpoint overlooking the longest river in South Africa. The Orange River. A long, but rewarding day. Early morning finds the Land Rover on an extensive game drive in search of the animals found in the Augrabies National Park. We return for a well-earned brunch, swim and siesta before we once again embark on another adventure into the wilderness.

Bungalow / Campsite accommodation

Breakfast / Lunch & Dinner / Brunch & Dinner

Distance – 600 km

Duration – 7 hrs

Conditions – good

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DAY 5 Kuruman

Kuruman is our stop today. Depart early, and journey into the maize farmlands of South Africa. Spend the late afternoon escaping the heat in the pool. Tonight we re-enter civilization, and enjoy a restaurant meal.

Bungalow / Campsite accommodation

Breakfast / Lunch

Distance – 420 km

Duration – 5 hrs

Conditions – good

DAY 6 Mabuasehube Game Reserve

Big sand, the true adventure begins. We cross the border into Botswana, and drive the long and sandy road to our new home for the next three days. Mabuasehube Game Reserve, a 57000km² pristine wilderness area dedicated to the animals endemic to the desert region. Set up camp and relax after the tedious day on the road. Large camel thorn campfire tonight to ward off the predators.

Campsite accommodation

Breakfast Lunch & Dinner

Distance – 400 km

Duration – 7 hrs

Conditions – 4x4

DAY 7 Mabuasehube Game Reserve

We rise with the sun and scout the dunes, searching for telltale signs of the predators of the night. The long drive is rewarded by a hearty brunch and siesta in the heat of the day.

The Kalahari Desert is a raptor paradise, and we are sure to find the birds of prey of the desert.

We end the day with our late afternoon game drive in the Landy.

Campsite accommodation

Brunch & Dinner

Distance – game drives

Duration – 2 x 2 hrs

Conditions – 4x4

DAY 8 Mabuasehube Game Reserve

A new day, a different area. Today we explore different corners of this pristine wilderness, hoping to meet the majestic black mane Kalahari lion or the nomadic brown hyena.

Watch in fascination as the male sand grouse takes water back to his chicks in his feathers.

Late afternoon game drives to absorb the solitude and escape the reality of modern life.

Campsite accommodation

Brunch & Dinner

Distance – game drives

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Duration – 2 x 2 hrs

Conditions – 4x4

DAY 9 Ghanzi

With open eyes we leave this area and make our way slowly northwards towards Ghanzi and the People of the Desert. The San People. We set up camp in a community campsite and rid ourselves of the red sand under cold showers. Relax and interact with the local San population. The evening is spent enjoying traditional Bushman dancing or story telling. Our homeland seems far away tonight. An educational and humbling Cultural day today.

Bungalow / Campsite accommodation

Breakfast Lunch

Distance – 600 km

Duration – 8 hrs

Conditions – 4x4

DAY 10 Okavango Delta

We rise with the sun and experience the ways of the Hunters and Gatherers, learning the arts of survival in this harsh land. Would we make it out here alone?

After this learned experience we bid farewell to these noble people and travel northwards to the Okavango Delta, and the start of the next adventure. Travel in 4x4 over sandy conditions to the verge of the waterway and our base camp for our Okavango Delta excursion.

Relax this afternoon, after preparing for the days to come in the wilderness of Botswana.

Bungalow / Campsite accommodation

Breakfast Lunch & Dinner

Distance – 400 km

Duration – 6 hrs

Conditions – 4x4 / tar

DAY 11 Okavango Delta

An early start. A wild place. First we transfer by motorboat to our Okavango Delta swamp island.

Today we finally meet Africa and camp wild under the Palm or Ebony trees. We spend the evening around the campfire enjoying the aura of wild Africa, and looking over our shoulders into the darkness.

Campsite accommodation

Breakfast Lunch & Dinner

Distance – 0 km

Duration – 0 hrs

Conditions – Water / game walks

DAY 12 Okavango Delta

The rich bird life of the Okavango Delta is really great to behold. A game walk in the morning and spend the heat of the day in the shade of great Jackalberry trees, relaxing and enjoying the solitude of being alone in

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paradise, days that will never be forgotten. A late afternoon makoro excursion upstream in search of the shy Sitatunga antelope or secretive Pel's fishing owl rounds off our experience in paradise.

Campsite accommodation

Brunch & Dinner

Distance – 0 km

Duration – 0 hrs

Conditions – Water / game walks

DAY 13 Hills of Tsodilo

Early transfer back to our Okavango base camp and the Hills of Tsodilo is our new port call for this evening.

After a strenuous drive, we reach the 4 separate hills, where we set up camp.

Late afternoon we explore the Male & Female Hills with a local guide.

We are sure to find signs of San occupation.

The Tsodilo Hills is a sacred destination, and we come away with an awe not explained in modern civilizations.

Campsite accommodation

Breakfast Lunch & Dinner

Distance – 200 km

Duration – 4 hrs

Conditions – 4x4 / tar

DAY 14 Ngepi Camp

Ngepi Camp on the Okavango River is our next destination. Ngepi is a great birding area in which the Paradise Flycatcher and Giant Kingfisher, two of the many rare bird species, are found. A beautiful decadent camping experience. Dinner in the ethnical camp restaurant tonight.

Bungalow / Campsite accommodation

Breakfast Lunch

Distance – 200 km

Duration – 4 hrs

Conditions – 4x4 / tar

DAY 15 Chobe National Park

Crossing the border back into Botswana, we make our way to the Chobe National Park.

We camp next to the park on the banks of the Chobe River and enjoy the option of sipping cold beers on the sundeck whilst enjoying a commercialised afternoon relaxing at the poolside.

Bungalow / Campsite accommodation

Breakfast

Distance – 550 km

Duration – 7 hrs

Conditions – tar

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DAY 16 Chobe National Park

We camp on the banks of the Chobe River for two days, giving us the chance to explore the reserve in our open Land Rover and by boat. We conduct a morning game drive into The Chobe NP, an area that abounds with Elephant, Buffalo, Hippo and many Antelope species. We hope to find the Puku Antelope, an antelope endemic to the Chobe floodplains. The park contains a multitude of aquatic bird species and the visitor is sure to observe the majestic Fish Eagle or the acrobatic Bee-eater.

In the afternoon we do a boat cruise into the Chobe N.P. giving us a chance to get up close and personal with the Hippos and Crocodiles.

Bungalow / Campsite accommodation

Brunch

Distance – 0 km

Duration – 2 x 3 hrs game viewing activity

Conditions – tar

DAY 17 Victoria Falls

A new day, the last country, Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe is calling. After the border crossing and a short drive we set up camp outside the bustling town of Victoria Falls.

Today we will visit the world-famous Victoria Falls. (Entry own expense)

One great way to end a fantastic adventure is by having a second fantastic adventure: Rafting the mighty Zambezi River. Do not be afraid, as this is the ultimate way of forging a unique bond between world travellers who have become friends.

Bungalow / Campsite accommodation

Breakfast & Lunch

Distance – 150 km

Duration – 4 hrs

Conditions – tar

DAY 18 Victoria Falls

Today is yours to raft, fly, jump, ride or sightsee.

The Zambian side of Victoria Falls is a recommendation for its curio market and rainforest.

Bungalow / Campsite accommodation

Breakfast

Distance – 0 km

Duration – 0 hrs

Conditions – Adventure

DAY 19 Safari Concludes

After breakfast we bid our guide farewell, and embark on our journey home.

Breakfast

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Included In The Tour Price:

Itinerary and activities as specified, fully equipped Land Rover Defender safari vehicle, all camping and catering equipment, services of tour guides, all accommodation as in the programme, all camp meals as specified and National Park entrance fees.

Airport Transfers upon request.

Optional Activities And Tours in Cape Town / Vic Falls:

Cape Town:

Table Mountain

Whale watching

Shark diving

Wine tasting

Abseiling

Paragliding

Helicopter flights

Victoria Falls:

White-water Rafting

Helicopter Flight

Micro Light Flight

Bungi Jumping

Horse Riding

Elephant Riding

Travelling Documents:

You require a passport, which must be valid for 6 months post departure from Africa.

Please enquire at your embassy or consulate if you require a visa for the countries on our route. The visa expenses are for your account.

Spending Money:

Foreign exchange into the local currency is possible in most large cities en route. International credit cards and travellers cheques are widely accepted in South Africa.

Luggage:

Maximum baggage allowance: 12 kg. The luggage weight limitation does not include photographic equipment and a small daypack. Please bring a backpack or soft barrel bag, not a suitcase. Don't bring too much clothing, as there are washing opportunities along the way.

Health:

Malaria prophylaxes are required for this trip. There are currently no compulsory vaccinations for any of the countries visited. Recommended vaccinations for this safari: Tetanus, Hepatitis A and Typhoid.

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Local Payment

Please note our Local Payment will be collected on day one of your programme in the designated currency - US \$ Dollar.

Meeting / End Point And Time:

Meeting Time :

We meet at 07H30 on the first day of your safari program.

Departure venue:

Designated Guest Lodge in Cape Town.

Price

Camping Price From **Euro 1995**

Fixed Accommodated **Euro 2495**

Local Payment **US\$ 250**

No Optional Extras or food kitty

Scheduled Departure Dates :

CKOE 1 18. 01 - 05. 02

CKOE 2 22. 02 - 12. 03

CKOE 3 29. 03 - 16. 04

CKOE 4 03. 05 - 21. 05

CKOE 5 07. 06 - 25. 06

CKOE 6 12. 07 - 30. 07

CKOE 7 16. 08 - 03. 09

CKOE 8 20. 09 - 08. 10

CKOE 9 25. 10 - 12. 11

CKOE 10 29. 11 - 17. 12