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Cruise : Southern Africa : travel to the ends of the earth with extended stay at the Cape of Good Hope

SOUTH AFRICA - BOTSWANA - NAMIBIA - ZIMBABWE

Reasons to book with us

EXTENDED STAY

The Cape of Good Hope :

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
Tasting of South-African wines at a reputable estate
Meet-up with the penguin colony near Simon's Town

CroisiEurope's luxurious and comfortable lodge and ship provide an intimate look at the nature to be found

Unique cruise on Lake Kariba through emblematic and mysterious landscapes where drowned, bare trees reach skywards from the depths

Land and water safaris give you an up-close experience of two regions and ecosystems in Chobé National Park and Lake Kariba

The grandness of Victoria Falls is waiting for you

Enjoy authentic traditional cuisine and learn about age-old customs



Day 1 : CAPE TOWN

We'll meet up at the hotel at 8 :00 a.m. and have a panoramic tour of the city. Cape Town is a meticulously preserved city with modern towers in the center, cobblestone roads and a bounty of historical monuments. We'll then take the Table Mountain Cableway to soak up the 360-degree views of Table Bay and the nearby peaks of the surrounding mountains (subject to favorable weather conditions). We'll have dinner and spend the night at our 4-star hotel LS.

Day 2 : ROBBEN ISLAND - GROOT CONSTANTIA WINE ESTATE

During the first part of our day, we'll visit a place that needs no introduction with regards to its significance in South Africa's and indeed the world's history : Robben Island. We'll have a guided tour of the island and its cells, given by one of its former prisoners. We'll return to Cape Town for lunch on the waterfront. Afterwards, we'll visit the Groot Constantia estate, considered the oldest vineyard in South Africa. For the past 300 years, agricultural activities at Groot Constantia have focused on wine making, and the Constantia wines have become renowned throughout Europe. We'll visit the cellar followed by a tasting. We'll have dinner and spend the night at the hotel.

Day 3 : THE CAPE PENINSULA

Today, we'll set out for the legendary Cape of Good Hope. We'll ride along Chapman's Peak Drive, located on the Atlantic coast of the southwestern tip of South Africa. The narrow stretch of land, dotted with beautiful valleys, bays and beaches, contains a mix of extraordinarily diverse and unique fauna and flora. We'll take the famous Flying Dutchman funicular to the summit to see the old lighthouse and relish the panoramic views. We'll have lunch before discovering the penguin colony near Simon's Town. Once called Jackass Penguins, they are famous for their hilarious braying call. We'll have dinner and spend the night at the hotel.

Day 4 : CAPE TOWN - JOHANNESBURG (South Africa)

You'll be transferred to the airport and fly to Johannesburg to join the rest of the safari-cruise group. Your local guide will greet you upon arrival at the airport. Departure by coach for Soweto which came to the world's attention in 1976 with the Soweto Uprising, when mass protests erupted over the government's policy to enforce education in the Afrikaans language rather than English. It has been estimated that one-third of Johannesburg's population lives in Soweto. All eleven of South Africa's official languages are spoken here. It is a community of extremes : on the one hand there is abject poverty, and on the other hand there is extraordinary wealth in the suburbs such as Diepkloof Extension and Selection Park. We'll have lunch before setting out on a panoramic tour to discover Freedom Park and the unique atmosphere in this well-known neighborhood. We'll have dinner and spend the night at a four-star hotel LS.

Day 5 : JOHANNESBURG - VICTORIA FALLS - KARIBA - BOARDING THE SHIP (South Africa-Zimbabwe)

We'll fly from Johannesburg to Kariba (flight with a stop-over). Enjoy a picnic lunch. We'll set out to discover the gigantic Kariba Dam which was created in 1955 to form Lake Kariba. Today, the dam serves as a source of electric power for 70% of Zimbabwe. Reaching over 140mi/200km in length and spanning a distance of approximately 25mi/40km at its widest point, the lake flooded flatlands, hills and forests alike, creating unique and emblematic landscapes. You'll get to discover the history and legends surrounding the creation of the lake, including the tale of NyamiNyami, the river god. You'll be transferred to board your ship. After comfortably settling into your cabins, we'll start sailing across the lake, have dinner and spend the night on board.

Day 6 : LAKE KARIBA - SAILING ON THE GACHE-GACHE AND SANYATI RIVERS (Zimbabwe)

At sunrise, we'll set sail through the rare and mysterious landscapes of Lake Kariba where drowned trees reach skywards from the depths of the reflecting water. We'll set out on small private boats to discover the Gache Gache River and its unique wildlife. Gliding along its meanders, large bends and small, unspoiled inlets, you'll be amazed by the magical atmosphere all around. We'll return on board for lunch. This afternoon, we'll discover one of the most impressive gorges to be found at Lake Kariba as we sail through the Sanyati Gorge until sundown. 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 7 : LAKE KARIBA - MATUSADONA NATIONAL PARK (Zimbabwe)

We'll journey out on a full-day safari to discover the area around Matusadona National Park. Bordered by the Sanyati and Ume Rivers, this 1,400km²/540 sq mi-large untouched area is home to numerous animal species such as elephants, hippos, crocodiles, buffalos as well as thousands of birds, among which the legendary African Sea Eagle, the majestic Yellow-billed Stork, or the Black Heron with its interesting hunting method. We might be lucky enough to cross paths with a big cat or two ! The history of the park is closely linked with that of the lake : during the construction of the dam, the rising floodwaters affected the native wildlife although the damage was mitigated by Operation Noah, an initiative which saved the lives of over 6,000 animals. This rescue operation allowed for large mammals, big cats, impalas and more to be moved to Matusadona where hunting is strictly prohibited. We'll enjoy lunch and dinner on board the ship and spend the night on board.

Day 8 : LAKE KARIBA - VICTORIA FALLS - KASANE - ARRIVAL AT LODGE (Zimbabwe-Botswana-Namibia)

At sunrise, we'll set sail towards Kariba to disembark and fly out to Victoria Falls. We'll then reach Kasane and set out on small private boats headed to your CroisiEurope lodge. Take advantage of your trip to observe the numerous bird species living among the flooded flatlands. You may even catch a glimpse of a few hippos or crocodiles basking in the sun ! You'll be greeted by our crew upon arrival and settle into your comfortable lodge ideally located on one of the islands created by the Zambezi River. We'll have dinner and spend the night at the lodge in absolute tranquility at the heart of the wilderness.

Day 9 : CHOBE NATIONAL PARK (Namibia-Botswana)

We'll journey out on a full-day safari in Jeeps to explore the Chobé National Park that is home to more than 1/4 of the total elephant population in Africa. Enjoy lunch in our "floating restaurant" in the middle of the river where the views of the surrounding nature are unparalleled. Afterwards, we'll board small private boats and sail off on Chobé River all the way to Sedudu Island and its marshes. We'll have dinner and spend the night at the lodge.

Day 10 : IMPALILA ISLAND (Namibia)

Join us for a trip to authentic villages on Impalila Island, Namibia, to discover the traditional Namibian houses, culture and customs. We'll return to our lodge for lunch. This afternoon, you can enjoy time at leisure at the lodge, taking advantage of the private pools and comfortable fittings, or join us for a discovery of the Zambezi River on small private boats. We'll have dinner at the lodge. Tonight, let a local tell you all about the traditions and customs of this particular island. We'll spend the night at the lodge.

Day 11 : LODGE - KASANE - VICTORIA FALLS (Namibia-Botswana-Zimbabwe)

We'll depart from the lodge and leave by coach for Victoria Falls. Enjoy an exceptional lunch cruise on the Zambezi River, upstream from the falls. This afternoon, 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." Tonight we'll enjoy a "Boma" dinner with traditional dance and music. We'll spend the night at a four-star hotel LS.

Day 12 : VICTORIA FALLS

Breakfast.

Optional early morning excursion : Soar over Victoria Falls in a helicopter (must be booked before departure). **End of our services at the hotel.**

TRANSPORTATION

Port-to-port cruise, no transfers included

FORMULA

This offer includes :

the domestic flights - your cruise with double-occupancy cabin in your choice of category - double-occupancy accommodations at a first-class CroisiEurope lodge and at 4-star hotels - all meals - drinks served by CroisiEurope at all meals and drinks served at the bar on the African Dream 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 - during the pre-cruise program at The Cape, 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 coach transfer from the hotel to the airport in Cape Town - the excursions mentioned in the program - the services of a local guide at The Cape - travel assistance and repatriation insurance.

This offer does not include :

international flights - flight between Victoria Falls and Johannesburg - airport taxes for international and domestic flights (including the flight between Victoria Falls and Johannesburg) - other transfers - cancellation and baggage insurance - Zimbabwean visa (US\$45 to this day, to be paid for on site in US\$) - cancellation/baggage insurance - tips - optional excursion - the Botswana Tourism levy (US\$30 to be paid for on site in US\$, and likely to be applicable in the year) - personal expenses.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

These cruises and tours are not recommended for persons with reduced mobility as we will walk along stony paths and slopes.

- Your cruise on board the African Dream 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.
- 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 Victoria Falls will be provided by South African Airways or another airline serving Southern Africa.
- Domestic flights for Lake Kariba will be provided by Central Air Transport Service, Safari Logistics or another airline serving Southern Africa.
- For your own comfort, we will be taking small, private airplanes between Victoria Falls and Kariba, where your cruise on board the African Dream begins.

The airline has limited passengers' luggage to a maximum of 20kgs (44 lbs) per traveler (including purses, checked and carry-on luggage.) Please note that hard-shell suitcases are not allowed. Therefore, appropriate luggage will be available at the Victoria Falls airport so that you only bring what you need for your cruise. The rest of your belongings will be safely stored in a secure room at the Victoria Falls airport for the entire duration of your cruise. You'll be able to retrieve it at the end of your journey.

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

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

• PRECAUTIONS :

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

FORMALITIES

Non-EU nationals are requested to consult their embassy or consulate.

IMPORTANT : Please make sure to check the mandatory travel requirements for minor children as specific documents will be asked to enter and leave South Africa.

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All parents are requested to produce legal proof of filiation with their children upon entering and leaving South Africa. This rule is enforced at all borders point of the country.

Specific documents may be requested according to the following situations :

- 1/ Minor traveling with both parents
- 2/ Minor traveling with one parent who is not separated from the other parent
- 3/ Minor for whom one parent is deceased
- 4/ Minor traveling with one parent who is legally separated or divorced from the other parent
- 5/ Minor traveling with an adult who is not a parent
- 6/ Minor traveling alone

It is crucial for guests travelling to South Africa with minors to consult the South African Embassy in their own country and check the entry and travel requirements for all countries to be visited.

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.