

PRINCETON JOURNEYS

Africa's Wildlife:

South Africa, Botswana, Zambia & Victoria Falls

July 17-30, 2024

Trip Itinerary

Day 1: Depart U.S. for Johannesburg, South Africa

Day 2: Arrive Johannesburg

Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel in the suburb of Rosebank, where rooms will be ready for early check-in. As guests' arrival times may vary greatly, the day is at leisure to enjoy the hotel's amenities or explore the boutiques, restaurants, and art galleries of Rosebank. *54 on Bath B*

Day 3: Johannesburg/Soweto

Embark on a tour of the Soweto district of Johannesburg, including the homes of former Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Nelson Mandela. Visit the moving Hector Pieterse Memorial and Museum, where you'll learn more about apartheid and hear fascinating stories from a local Sowetan who was present during the Soweto uprising of 1976. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before time at leisure in the afternoon. Tonight, celebrate the start of the journey with a welcome dinner. *54 on Bath B,L,D*

Day 4: Johannesburg/Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Fly to Victoria Falls and settle into your lodge just minutes from the majestic waterfall. This afternoon, witness the thundering falls, "discovered" by David Livingstone and claimed for Queen Victoria in 1855. With its 300-foot-deep gorge and soaking spray, "Vic" Falls is a wonder of the natural world, straddling the border between Zambia and Zimbabwe. *Pioneers Lodge B,D*

Day 5: Victoria Falls

Set out on a morning game drive to spot the elusive – and critically endangered – black rhino. In the late afternoon, enjoy a "Sundowner" dinner cruise on the Zambezi River, observing wildlife on shore and in the water. *Pioneers Lodge B,D*

Day 6: Victoria Falls

After a morning visit to Victoria Falls town and a local village, this afternoon is at leisure to relax at the lodge. Tonight, hear from a special guest speaker on "The Story of David Livingstone," followed by dinner together. *Pioneers Lodge B,D*

Day 7: Victoria Falls/Chobe National Park, Botswana

This morning visit a nearby school, then travel two hours by motorcoach to Botswana and Chobe National Park, boasting one of the largest concentrations of game in all of Africa. After settling into your lodge and enjoying lunch, embark on an afternoon game-viewing boat safari on the Chobe River, where you may spot hippo, crocs, and some of the park's 450 species of birds (including the sacred ibis, carmine bee-eaters, fish eagles, and kingfishers). Dine together this evening at the lodge. *Chobe Marina Lodge B,L,D*

Day 8: Chobe National Park

Known for its diverse terrain that attracts an exceptional array of wildlife – including the world's largest elephant population (some 120,000), along with zebra, lion, giraffe, impala, and buffalo – Chobe covers 4,517 square miles of protected parkland. See a portion of this natural wonder on an early morning game drive and afternoon boat safari, and this evening perhaps you'll witness one of the sublime sunsets for which Chobe is known. *Chobe Marina Lodge B,L,D*

Day 9: Chobe National Park

Set out again in search of wildlife with early morning and late afternoon game drives. In between game-viewing activities, enjoy time at leisure to enjoy the pool, spa, and extensive gardens of the lodge, situated on the banks of the Chobe River adjacent to the park itself. *Chobe Marina Lodge B,L,D*

Day 10: Chobe National Park/South Luangwa National Park, Zambia

This morning board a plane for South Luangwa National Park in Zambia. In one of Africa's last stretches of pristine wilderness, you'll have the chance to get closer to the animals than anywhere else. In the late afternoon, engage in some of the lodge's game-viewing activities, including open-vehicle game drives and walking safaris, which originated in South Luangwa. Set amidst a grove of ebony and mahogany trees, your 18-chalet lodge overlooks two lagoons that attract a steady stream of crocodiles, hippos, giraffe, buffalo, antelope, and other animals, which you can watch from the lodge's open deck. *Mfuwe Lodge B,L,D*

Day 11: South Luangwa National Park

Venture out on morning and evening game viewing excursions. Among the fauna living in the 3,500-square-mile national park are lion, elephant, Cape buffalo, leopard, giraffe, zebra, hippos, wild dogs, and antelope, along with almost 400 species of birds, including 39 birds of prey. You may also catch some special sights, such as Zambia's Crawshay's zebras with their distinctive stripes, the elusive bushbuck, and the spiral-horned kudu. When not out on safari, visit a local school and see a borehole project which provides water for the community. *Mfuwe Lodge B,L,D*

Day 12: South Luangwa National Park

Take another day to savor life in the bush and engage in morning and evening game viewing activities. Tonight, celebrate your wildlife adventure at a farewell dinner. *Mfuwe Lodge B,L,D*

Day 13: South Luangwa National Park/Lusaka/Depart for U.S.

Travel by light aircraft to Lusaka, Zambia's capital, where you'll have hotel day rooms until your departure this evening for the airport for flights home. **B**

Day 14: Arrive U.S.

Rates and Inclusions

Rates

- **Main Program, Double Occupancy:** \$8,895 per person (land only) or \$10,284 including roundtrip economy airfare from Boston, New York, or Washington, DC. *Air arrangements from other gateway cities and business class upgrades are available for an additional cost.*
- **Single Supplement:** \$795 per person

What's Included:

- Small group size limited to 24 guests
- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities; all flights within itinerary
- 11 nights' accommodations in listed properties
- 29 meals: 12 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 10 dinners
- House wine at all included dinners
- Extensive game viewing as described, including all park entrance fees
- Mineral water while on safari
- Full lecture series delivered by Princeton study leader
- Services of a dedicated Tour Director and Princeton staff host
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for driver/guides, hotel and lodge staff, porters, and the Tour Director

Optional Post-Program Extension

Cape Town, South Africa (4 days/3 nights), July 29-August 2, 2024

\$1,495 per person, double occupancy / \$295 single supplement

- Air transportation Lusaka/Cape Town, inclusive of airline taxes and fees
- 3 nights' accommodations at The Table Bay Hotel
- 6 meals (3 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 1 dinner)
- Extensive included sightseeing: full-day Cape Peninsula tour, full-day Cape Town and Winelands tour
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited representative
- Private motorcoach/van transportation
- Transfers to/from the airport
- Gratuities for dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers

Terms & Conditions

Cancellation Policy:

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Cancel 94-65 days before departure: 50% of tour price

Cancel 64-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price

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