

Great Trek Adventure - Northbound

20 days Cape Town to Victoria Falls – FULLY SERVICED camping

THE HIGHLIGHTS:

- Cape Town, Table Mountain (own expense) & the Cape of Good Hope.
- Scenic beauty of the Namaqualand region.
- Augrabies Falls National Park.
- Meerkat walk & Game drives in the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park.
- Fish River Canyon.
- Walking in the giant dunes of Sossusvlei and the Namib Desert.
- Optional activities in Swakopmund.
- Game drives in Etosha National Park.
- Mokoros & walks in the Okavango Delta.
- Morning game drive & Sunset game viewing cruise on the Chobe River.
- 1 night accommodated in Victoria Falls.

ITINERARY: GTN TOUR CODE

DAY 1/ 2: CAPE TOWN

The tour starts on day 1 with transfer from Cape Town Airport. Set against the majestic Table Mountain, Cape Town offers scenic, historic and cultural attractions. Day 2 depart at 08h00 for a full day peninsula tour. Driving along the Atlantic seaboard via Hout Bay and Chapman's Peak, we visit the Table Mountain National Park – Cape Point, returning along the Indian Ocean coastline back to our well-situated Waterfront hotel. A morning or afternoon cable car ascent up Table Mountain is optional for clients' own expense. Dinner can be enjoyed at the bustling Waterfront at clients' own expense.

Accommodated Breakwater Lodge. (Lunches & dinners own expense)

DAY 3: NAMAQUALAND

Departing Cape Town, we pass through the picturesque Namaqualand region. We overnight at the foot of the Van Ryns Pass. During the months of August – October the landscape is transformed into an explosion of colour due to the numerous wild flowers of the region. **(Serviced Camping – B & D)**

DAY 4: AUGRABIES FALLS NATIONAL PARK

Leaving the Little Karoo we head north to the Augrabies Falls National Park. We pass through a lush oasis area with an abundance of wine farms. Here the mighty Orange River plummets 56m into the gorge below. The local name for these majestic falls is 'Aukoerebis' or 'place of great noise'. We spend the afternoon enjoying the falls from its many viewpoints. **(Serviced Camping – B & D)**

DAY 5/ 6: KGALAGADI TRANSFRONTIER PARK

We head north into the Kalahari and the magnificent Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park. Covering over 3.6 million hectares this is one of the largest reserves in Africa. Due to sparse vegetation in the area excellent predator sightings are common including that of the famous black mane Lion.

Afternoon of arrival we partake in a 2 hour walk where you are accompanied by a qualified field guide and possibly our family of meerkats. You will learn about the geology of the area as well as the animals and plants of the Kalahari dunes. The tour begins approximately 2-3 hours before sunset. An introduction to the dune life from the insects to the large mammals, including the tracks of many that are rarely seen because they are not active during the daytime. The guide will interpret the tracks of those that have been active during the night. This popular tour will open the visitor's eyes to the amazing variety of creatures that call the seemingly "barren" dunes their home.

Day 6 we enter the park for a full day game drive in the Kiboko vehicle. **(Serviced Camping – B & D)**

DAY 7: FISH RIVER CANYON

Leaving the Kalahari region we head west and enter Namibia. After setting up camp enjoy a walk along the rim of the canyon and watch the changing colours of sunset over the canyon. **(Serviced Camping – B & D)**

DAY 8/ 9: SESRIEM/ SOSSUSVLEI

Our journey takes us north through ever changing scenery to our camp located on the edge of the Namib Desert. The following morning is an early departure for Sossusvlei, stopping in the dune belt to witness the changing colours of the world's highest sand dunes. We undertake a 5km walk to Sossusvlei and Deadvlei. In the afternoon we enjoy a short hike through the Sesriem Canyon. **(Serviced Camping – B & D)**

DAY 10: SWAKOPMUND

Heading north we reach the coast at Walvis Bay and enjoy lunch while viewing the many flamingos feeding. We arrive in Swakopmund and spend the afternoon and following morning exploring this German colonial town or booking one of the numerous optional excursions (own expense). Activities available include dolphin cruises, Sandwich Harbour and many more.

Accommodated Dunedin Star Guesthouse. (or similar accommodation).

(Breakfast included. Lunch & dinner own expense)

DAY 11: SPITZKOPPE

Leaving Swakopmund after lunch we set up camp among the boulders of the Spitzkoppe Mountains. The afternoon is free to explore the stunning surrounding area on foot. The spectacular setting of our remote bush camp is sure to leave a lasting impression. **(Serviced Camping – B & D)**

DAY 12: ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK

This Park is one of the most important reserves and game sanctuaries in Africa with thousands of wild animals such as blue wildebeest, springbok, zebra, kudu, giraffe, cheetah, leopard, lion and elephant making this area their home. We set up camp just outside the Park and enjoy a late afternoon game drive on the afternoon in the Kiboko Overland vehicle. **(Serviced Camping – B & D)**

DAY 13: ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK

After packing up camp and having breakfast we enter the Park and game drive through the Park to the Eastern sector. We stop at Etosha Pan and arrive at our campsite after lunch. We explore the Eastern area on an afternoon game drive in the Kiboko truck. Overnight Namutoni Restcamp inside the Park.

(Serviced Camping – B & D)

DAY 14: KAVANGO RIVER - RUNDU

A morning game drive takes us out of the Park and we travel to Rundu on the banks of the Kavango River. Our camp is set amongst the lush vegetation overlooking the Kavango River. **(Serviced Camping – B & D)**

DAY 15/ 16: OKAVANGO DELTA

Continuing into the Caprivi we cross into Botswana and travel to our campsite on the edge of the Okavango Delta. The following day we do mokoro & boat excursions in the back channels of the Nxamasire area of the delta. Nature walks are also done on the smaller islands in the area subject to the water levels of the delta.

(Serviced Camping – Day 15 B & D / Day 16 B, L, D)

DAY 17/ 18: CHOBE RIVER

Travel through the Caprivi Strip in Namibia and cross back into Botswana via the Chobe National Park where we overnight on the banks of the Chobe River. Chobe is famous for its beautiful scenery, magnificent sunsets and abundance of wildlife and birdlife. Day 18 we relax on a morning game drive & a sunset game-viewing cruise on the Chobe River. **(Serviced Camping – B & D)**

DAY 19: VICTORIA FALLS

After breakfast we travel across the Zimbabwean border to Victoria Falls, without doubt one of the greatest and most spectacular sights in Africa. The afternoon and following morning is spent at leisure to browse the local markets, to experience the many optional activities on offer in the adrenalin capital of Africa including white water rafting, bungi jumping, microlighting/ airplane or helicopter flights over the Falls and to visit the Falls (own expense). **Accommodated Sprayview Hotel. (Breakfast included. Lunch & dinner own expense)**

DAY 20: VICTORIA FALLS

Tour ends with transfer to Victoria Falls Airport. **(B)**

This itinerary will depend on local conditions.

KIBOKO ADVENTURES FULLY SERVICED CAMPING SAFARI

Accommodation: 15 nights fully serviced camping, 2 nights hotel accommodation in Cape Town & 1 night hotel accommodation in Swakopmund & Victoria Falls.

Meals: All breakfasts, 1 lunch, 15 dinners.

Group Size: 4-16 participants.

Camp Bed, mattress, Sleeping Bag & pillow included

Pre / Post Accommodation & Transfers: Arrival & departure transfers in Cape Town & Victoria Falls are included. Any additional pre or post accommodation may be pre-booked.

Important: This safari is recommended for healthy, active participants looking for an adventurous holiday.