



# ABC AFRICA TRAVEL & TOURS

## **SOUTHERN AFRICA PROPOSAL (ZIMBABWE AND BOTSWANA)**

**SPECIALLY PREPARED FOR**

**The Client**

**GROUP: 40 PARTICIPANTS + 2 STAFF**

**PROPOSED DATES: SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2013**

**DURATION: 5 NIGHTS / 6 DAYS**

**3 nights – Victoria Falls, Victoria Falls Hotel  
2 nights – Chobe National Park, Chobe Safari Lodge**



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## DAY TO DAY ITINERARY

### **DAY 1: ARRIVAL - JOHANNESBURG – VICTORIA FALLS**

**Time TBC:** Arrive Johannesburg O.R. Tambo International Airport, South Africa, meet & assist by ABC Africa Travel & Tours representative inside the international transit hall and connect to the regional flight to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe.

**Time TBC:** Regional flight JNB – VFA.

**Time TBC:** Arrive Victoria Falls International airport, Zimbabwe, obtain Zimbabwe double entry visa at the International Arrivals hall and proceed to the exit where you will be met by ABC Africa Tour Director. Luggage is loaded on luggage truck. Transfer to the hotel in air-conditioned coaches.

*Optional: Hospitality desk set up in the hotel lobby to assist with the individual optional activities bookings.*

**Time TBC:** Upon arrival at the hotel, group will check in and luggage will be taken to the rooms. Group will proceed to the hotel restaurant for lunch. After lunch - time at leisure at the hotel.

**16.00** Depart for Sunset Cruise on Zambezi River, including return transfers, drinks and light snacks, river usage fee.

**18.30** Return to hotel.

**19.30** Dinner at the hotel restaurant.

Overnight at **Victoria Falls Hotel** – [www.africansunhotels.com](http://www.africansunhotels.com)

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### **DAY 2: VICTORIA FALLS**

**07.00 – 08.00** Breakfast at the hotel.

**08.30** White Water Rafting on the Zambezi River rapids, including return transfers, facilitation and equipment, river usage fee.

*Optional alternative: Zambezi River Canoe Safari should White Water Rafting is considered too challenging and beyond average group's member fitness level.*

**13.00** Picnic lunch on the Zambezi River bank. Return to the hotel after lunch. Time at leisure in Victoria Falls for individual optional activities.

**19.30** Traditional African Boma BBQ Dinner, including return transfers and in-house ethnic entertainment.

Overnight at **Victoria Falls Hotel** – [www.africansunhotels.com](http://www.africansunhotels.com)

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## **DAY 3: VICTORIA FALLS**

**07.00 – 08.30** Breakfast at the hotel.

**09.00** Tour of the Victoria Falls and the Rainforest, including return transfers and park entrance fees.

**13.00** Lunch at the Victoria Falls hotel.

Return to the hotel after lunch. Time at leisure for individual optional activities.

**15.00** Elephant Interaction at the Elephant Wallow, including return transfers.

**18.30** Buffet menu dinner at the Elephant Wallow.

Return to the hotel.

Overnight at **Victoria Falls Hotel** – [www.africansunhotels.com](http://www.africansunhotels.com)

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## **DAY 4: VICTORIA FALLS - CHOBE**

**07.00 – 10.30** Breakfast at the hotel.

**10.30** Bag pull and check out. Luggage is loaded on luggage truck.

**11.00** Transfer to Chobe Safari Lodge, Botswana in air-conditioned coaches, including assistance with border formalities at Kazangula Border Post and crossing river by the boat.

**13.00:** Upon arrival at the lodge, group will check in and luggage will be taken to the rooms. Group will proceed to the lodge restaurant for lunch. After lunch - time at leisure at the lodge.

**16.00** Afternoon Safari Drive in Chobe National Park on open game viewing vehicles, including park entrance fees.

**18.30** Return to the lodge.

**19.00** Buffet menu dinner at the lodge restaurant

Overnight at **Chobe Safari Lodge** – [www.chobesafarilodge.com](http://www.chobesafarilodge.com)

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## **DAY 5: CHOBE**

**06.00** Early morning Safari Drive in Chobe National Park in open game viewing vehicles, including park entrance fees.

**08.30** Breakfast at the lodge. After breakfast – time at leisure at the lodge.

**13.00:** Lunch at the lodge restaurant. After lunch – time at leisure at the lodge.

**16.00** Afternoon Safari Cruise on Chobe River in safari jet boat.

**18.30** Return to the lodge.

**19.00** Buffet menu dinner at the lodge restaurant.

Overnight at **Chobe Safari Lodge** – [www.chobesafarilodge.com](http://www.chobesafarilodge.com)

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## **DAY 6: CHOBE – VICTORIA FALLS – JOHANNESBURG - DEPARTURE**

**07.00 – 09.00** Breakfast at the lodge.

**09.00** Bag pull and check out. Luggage is loaded on luggage truck.

**09.30** Transfer to Victoria Falls International Airport in air-conditioned coaches, including assistance with border formalities at Kazangula Border Post and crossing river by the boat.

**11.30:** Arrive Victoria Falls International airport, Zimbabwe, where you will be met by ABC Africa Tour Director, check in to regional flight to Johannesburg, South Africa.

**Time TBC:** Regional flight VFA – JNB.

**Time TBC:** Arrive Johannesburg O.R. Tambo International Airport, South Africa, where you will be met by ABC Africa Tour Director, check in to outbound international flight.

**Time TBC:** Outbound flight

**End of services**



# ABC AFRICA TRAVEL & TOURS

## **PER PROGRAMME AND PER PERSON PRICE:**

Quotation valid from 01 September 2013 to 31 October 2013 for a minimum of 40 participants + 2 Staff (1 x client staff and 1 x ABC staff) and is the subject to availability:

15 DBL/TWIN Rooms (30 PAX); 10 SGL Rooms (10 PAX); 2 SGL Staff Rooms (2 PAX):

**PROGRAMME TOTAL: USD 75,798.00**

**PER PERSON AVERAGE TOTAL (for 40 PAX): FROM USD 1,895.00**

### **Inclusive of:**

5 x night accommodation in hotels and game lodges stated above in Standard SGL or DBL/TWIN rooms, including all levies and taxes

Meals as stipulated in above programme

Road transfers as per itinerary

Day tours, safari drives and activities as stipulated in above programme, including of entrance fees

Overland services of Russian speaking Tour Director/Coordinator

### **Exclusive of:**

All international and domestic flights

Meals not stipulated in above programme

Drinks

Optional excursions and activities not stipulated in above programme

All items and extras of personal nature

Visa fees

Prophylaxis medications and vaccinations, if required



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## HOTELS:

### **VICTORIA FALLS HOTEL 5\***

The Victoria Falls Hotel, popularly known as “the grand old lady of the Falls”, is situated in the Victoria Falls National Park, a world heritage site, and is a member of the exclusive Leading Hotels of the World group. It is one of only three ISO-accredited hotels in Zimbabwe. The Edwardian-style five-star hotel, built in 1904, was recently redecorated and refurbished and now combines the charm of the old with the convenience of the new. Set in lush tropical gardens with lily ponds, palm trees and semi-tropical shrubs, it provides the tranquility and seclusion that many guests seek. The famous Victoria Falls are just a ten-minute walk away using the hotel’s private pathway, and “the smoke that thunders” or “Mosi-O-Tunya” in the local dialect, is clearly audible and visible from this luxurious landmark. World-class service, and food and beverage choice and preparation second to none, make the hotel a magnet for international visitors and locals alike. The opulent Livingstone Room for fine dining and dancing, The Jungle Junction with its famous breakfast and dinner buffets and ethnic entertainment in the evenings, offer variety and wide choice. Stanley’s Terrace, with its clear view of the Victoria Falls Bridge, connecting Zimbabwe and Zambia, is renowned for its cocktails and afternoon teas. The Terrace has been a rendezvous for adventurers in Africa for over a century. The ambience of the hotel is steeped in that history with all suites decorated in the gracious Edwardian style of Zimbabwe’s colonial era. It has 161 rooms comprising 37 standard rooms, 58 traditional rooms, 48 deluxe rooms, 7 junior suites, 4 honeymoon suites, 6 executive suites and the Royal Suite. The latter, as the name suggests, has seen reigning monarchs, presidents and, more recently, many famous Hollywood stars among its privileged occupants. The corridors reflect and tell the history of this unique part of Africa, with particular reference to the building of the railway from Cape Town to what is now Zambia. It is very much part of the unrealized “Cape to Cairo” dream of Cecil John Rhodes. Small executive meetings and private dining facilities are easily arranged for those who wish to combine a little business with a lot of pleasure, and all in a secluded and discreet environment. A large swimming pool, two tennis courts, a library, reading rooms and chapel are part of the complex. Golfers can enjoy 18 holes on the championship course of the nearby sister hotel, Elephant Hills Resort. For guests who wish to take in some game viewing, a five kilometre drive (or walk) brings them to the national park and, guided by professional rangers, they will seek out Zimbabwe’s “big five” – elephant, rhino, leopard, lion and buffalo – and be able to capture their encounters forever, on camera! A sunset cruise on the mighty Zambezi River, just upstream from the magnificent falls, is another must for the visitor and will be arranged by hotel staff. Crocodiles, abundant hippo and new friends are the staple of these legendary exhilarating cruises. But it is the Victoria Falls Hotel that remains the major attraction for visitors. Waking up to the sound of “the smoke that thunders”, seeing the sun rise beneath the mist of one of the seven natural wonders of the world and the lunar rainbow at night, all the while soaking up the history and ambience of a bygone era, is more than unforgettable – it is unique.





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## **CHOBE SAFARI LODGE 4\***

Situated in the town of Kasane, less than 100 kilometres west of Victoria Falls, and just 5 minutes drive from the Chobe National Park, Chobe Safari Lodge overlooks the perennial and beautiful Chobe River with its Caprivi floodplains.

The Lodge offers guests and visitors, a choice of two Restaurants: The Terrace Restaurant offering a range of International and Local dishes and the Buffet offers an impressive choice of BBQ meats, salads and a range of other dishes. There is also a large and varied breakfast buffet is offered in the terrace restaurant, with a choice of a Continental or fully cooked English breakfasts. Lunch time snacks can be eaten at the Cocktail Bar, or can be enjoyed whilst you are relaxing around the pool.

The Sedudu Sunset Bar overlooks the Island of the same name, and is a perfect venue from which to enjoy the magnificent African sunset, whilst enjoying the sights and sounds of the River. At night, guests can also dine under the stars by the light of a hurricane lamp, or on the terrace restaurant overlooking the River.





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## **INCLUDED ACTIVITIES:**

### **ZAMBEZI RIVER SUNSET CRUISE**

Guests are met by staff from the Cruise Boat Company and driven to the jetty on the Zambezi River for boarding. Cruise Boat meanders slowly upstream along the length of the National Park looking for game on the way. A number of animals and a host of bird species can be viewed from comfortable chairs on cool wooden decks. Excellent hot and cold snacks are served on board and the bar is well stocked with spirits, good wines, beers and soft drinks. All food and drink is included in the price and served throughout the cruise by professional, friendly waiters making the whole experience probably the most luxurious cruise on the river.

Transfers to the jetty are from where guest are lodging.

#### Sunset Cruise

Pick up is at 16h00 from September to April (summer) with the boat departing at 16h00, or 16h30, respectively from the jetty. The cruise lasts for 2 hours and includes hot and cold snacks, drinks and transfers. Guests are usually back at the Victoria Falls Hotel at about 18h30 in the winter and 19h00 in the summer.

All cruises include river usage fees, alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks and food.





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## WHITE WATER RAFTING ON ZAMBEZI RAPIDS

Since David Livingstone named Victoria Falls after his Queen, thousands of people have come from all over the world to witness the spectacle, a mile long curtain of water that stretches across the glistening basalt rock, erupts into spray, and then thunders into the canyons below. The walls of basalt rock that capture the mighty Zambezi form one of the great river corridors of the world. This is the domain of the Nyaminyami, the River God of the Tonga people and is now the highway for our rafts. At Victoria Falls the Zambezi River plummets into a gorge, which separates the placid river above the Falls and the turbulent rapids below. The gorge is over 100 meters deep at the Falls and increases to over 200 meters by the end of a full day raft trip. Despite this rugged terrain, the gorges below the Falls are thick with vegetation and incredibly spectacular. Rafting on the Zambezi is a **ONCE IN A LIFETIME EXPERIENCE**. It is the **WILDEST ONE DAY RUN IN THE WORLD** beneath one of the Seven Wonders of the World. If you don't do it you'll regret it as soon as you leave!





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## TOUR OF THE VICTORIA FALLS AND THE RAINFOREST

The Victoria Falls – Now In Its 150 Millionth Fantastic Year - Reaches Its Zenith In About May each year. It's a truly awe-inspiring experience – the sight, the sound, the smell; the humbling feeling that here indeed is *Nature's Supreme Masterpiece*. No photograph can begin to depict the reality...and nothing prepares you for your first sight. This tour is conducted in the morning and afternoon. En route, clients may be taken past the 'Big Tree' where they may stop and take photos. Clients will be accompanied through the Rainforest by one of our qualified Guides who will give a brief history of the Falls themselves as well as detailing the flora, fauna, bird & wildlife and other points of interest. Guides are also happy to assist clients with photographs whilst visiting this most spectacular of waterfalls. Raincoats are provided when needed.





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## **ELEPHANT INTERACTION WITH DINNER AT ELEPHANT WALLOW**

Groups of up to 100 guests can be catered for at The Elephant Wallow. Bush dinners, lunch BBQ's, breakfasts and snacks can be taken with the elephant themselves, who of course provide the main attraction. An elephant presentation will be given, detailing their lifestyles and history and then guests can enjoy the opportunity to interact with these gentle giants on a very personal level. Afterwards sit down & relax whilst enjoying your meal with the elephants in the background either mud wallowing, swimming or just settling down to a meal themselves.





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## TRADITIONAL AFRICAN BOMA BBQ DINNER

This is not just another ethnic restaurant but a rather unique cultural experience. Excellent cuisine, including a variety of game meats and traditional Zimbabwean dishes, is accompanied by entertainment throughout your meal from traditional dancers, the Sangoma (story teller) and a local witchdoctor who is available for fortune telling. The Boma is open for dinner from 19h00 until late 365 days of the year. The Boma nestles in a Gusu Forest and is partly open to the spectacular African night skies. A feast of nightly entertainment incorporates Shangaan dancers and singers and a local witchdoctor.

Guests are welcomed with a traditional greeting in Shona and Ndebele, the local languages. They are invited to take part in a hand washing ceremony before sampling traditional beer and snacks, as a prelude to dinner. After dinner, guests are invited to wile away the evening with the restaurant's very own Sangoma - a traditional storyteller to learn more about the country's folklore, culture and heritage. The highlight of the evening is the interactive drumming and dancing!





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## **OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

### **ELEPHANT BACK SAFARI**

Join us for an extraordinary and exhilarating journey along the edge of the Zambezi gorges following ancient game trails. Seated comfortably on the back of nature's true "king of the beasts", experience an age old tradition whilst silently exploring the majestic grasslands of Victoria Falls National Park and marvel at the spectacular scenery of Masuie river plunging 120 m into the Zambezi River below. Be witness to this mutually enriching and rewarding relationship between man and elephant in a modern day Africa. Sunrise safaris are run daily, promising you much more than just a game-viewing experience, but rather a closer insight into the world's largest land mammal, the African Elephant. The Morning Safari includes a full English breakfast.



### **ZAMBEZI RIVER CANOE SAFARI**

Take a canoe safari with us and get the chance to experience all that the stunning and charming Upper Zambezi River has to offer. With a choice of trips ranging from the sedately WINE ROUTE to the MULTI-DAY SAFARI, all of the animal life and the relaxed environs of the river are yours to savor at will. Depending on the choice of trip, you can get to experience some small but exciting rapids, lunches taken on remote sandbanks, overnight in the pristine Zambezi National Park, drifting down seldom seen channels and all the excitement of the great African outdoors with its rich diversity of mammal, bird, fish and reptile life. Get in touch with this amazing river on a canoe safari.





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## **FLIGHTS OF THE ANGELS (HELICOPTER FLIGHTS OVER THE VICTORIA FALLS)**

These 13min and 28min flights depart regularly throughout the day and offer spectacular photographic opportunities. Clients are collected from their hotels 30 minutes prior to their flight departure time and are given a safety talk on arrival at the Helipad, near the Elephant Hills Inter-Continental Hotel. The 13 minute Flight Of Angels includes a flight over the majestic Victoria Falls, whilst the 28 minute Game Flight also includes a flight over the Zambezi National Park.



## **WALK WITH THE LIONS IN THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT**

Guests are picked up from their respective hotel/lodge and transferred to the Masuwe estate. Upon arrival, tea, coffee and cordials are served – after which the guide will give a short introductory talk on the African Encounter Lion Rehabilitation Program and a brief on all safety aspects. Guests are then taken to a designated area to meet both lions and lion handlers. This is where your Safari begins and will continue for up to one and half hours. Each lion is under the charge of a Handler – the trips are lead by a professional Guide, who is armed and carries a first aid kit and handheld radio. The guide and handlers will answer any questions as well as provide knowledge on lions and the environment in general. The morning Safari ends with a Full English Breakfast on the deck at Masuwe Safari Lodge. The Mid-morning Safari ends with a good choice of snacks and drinks and the afternoon safari will end with a good choice of snacks and drinks.





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## **HORSE BACK SAFARI**

Specifically designed to suite both experienced and novice riders, clients are given the chance to get up close & personal with wildlife in a very natural way. Special attention is paid to matching the client to the right horse so both can feel at ease and Australian Stock saddles ensure a comfortable ride. The morning ride includes a full buffet breakfast, whilst the 3hr afternoon ride offers soft drinks, beer, wine and snacks on return to the stables.



## **BUNGI JUMP**

Located on the Victoria Falls Bridge, you will get to experience 111 meters of sheer adrenalin, as you plummet towards the mighty Zambezi...4 seconds of free fall, of speeds up to 120 km/hr. Big Air Experience Includes Bungi Jumping, Bridge Swinging and Bridge Slides – as many times as you want in a day!





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## **GORGE ACTIVITIES**

### ABSEILING

Slide 53 meters down the gorge on the end of a rope either facing the cliff face or looking down into the void. The walk out is up quite a steep slope but it is not far.

### FLYING FOX

Is a cable slide across the gorge high above the floor. You can sit or be strapped, face down, looking at the ground far below as you fly across the gorge. No walk out is necessary because you are pulled back.

### GORGE SWING

Fling yourself over the edge in a body harness falling some 50 meters and swinging right across the gorge and back until the momentum runs out and you are lowered to the ground to walk out.



## **FISHING SAFARI ON ZAMBEZI RIVER**

The Zambezi is famous for one of the great freshwater game fish - The Tiger Fish. Powerful, swift predators Tiger Fish are a thrill to catch and require a great deal of fishing skill with a good river specimen weighing over 15 lbs. Bream, or Tilapia, also live in large numbers in the river and although they don't fight quite as aggressively as the Tiger, a good 5 lb fish will quickly snap light tackle given half the chance. Spinners and lures are the most common method of catching these fish although using light tackle, a fly and a fly-rod is becoming very popular and brings an extra dimension to a very exciting sport.

