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# Exploring South Africa, Victoria Falls, and Botswana

with Optional 3-Night Dubai Pre Tour Extension

**October 15 – 29, 2027**



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**Small Group Travel** rewards travellers with new perspectives. With just 12-24 passengers, these are the personal adventures that today's cultural explorers dream of.

**15 Days • 29 Meals:** 13 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches, 10 Dinners

**HIGHLIGHTS...** Chobe National Park, Pilanesberg National Park, 8 Wildlife Safaris, Cape Winelands, Cape Town, Table Mountain, Elephant Encounter

#### ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Day 2	Radisson Hotel & Convention Centre, OR Tambo, Johannesburg
Days 3 – 5	The Wallow, Victoria Falls, Victoria Falls
Days 6, 7	Chobe Marina Lodge, Chobe
Days 8 – 10	Ivory Tree Game Lodge, Pilanesberg Game Reserve
Days 11 – 14	Southern Sun the Cullinan Hotel, Cape Town

*On some dates alternate hotels may be used.*

#### Day 1: Friday, October 15, 2027 Overnight Flight

You're on your way to southern Africa, where incredible landscapes lead the way to a blend of cultural diversity, an abundance of wildlife, and a remarkable history. From urban centres to wild safaris, Africa takes you by surprise, delighting you again and again until its unique spirit claims you, heart and soul.

#### Day 2: Saturday, October 16, 2027 Johannesburg, South Africa

Your adventure starts in Johannesburg, a vibrant city that revolves around modernity and a gold-mining history. As South Africa's largest city, Johannesburg is home to a wide collection of cultures, museums, and attractions. As travellers' arrival times will vary, there is no scheduled sightseeing today. Enjoy time to get settled on your own before tomorrow's exploration into the wild. Dinner tonight is on your own.

#### Day 3: Sunday, October 17, 2027 Johannesburg - Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Fly to Victoria Falls today, an awe-inspiring Natural Wonder of the World. When you arrive, check in to your lodge, an authentic African tent camp with all the amenities of a luxury resort. This afternoon, when the chance to see rainbows is highest, witness the awesome power of Victoria Falls. (B, D)

#### Day 4: Monday, October 18, 2027 Victoria Falls

Embark on an experience of a lifetime. Spend some quality time watching rescued African elephants in their own habitat and witness some of their unique behaviors. After you've worked up an appetite, travel to a township where you will join a local family for a simple home-hosted lunch. This evening, you might choose to enjoy a leisurely cruise on the Zambezi River, taking in the majestic African sunset. (B, L, D)

#### Day 5: Tuesday, October 19, 2027 Victoria Falls

This morning, choose to take an optional scenic flight over the majestic Victoria Falls or enjoy a relaxed start at the lodge. Later, explore the town. Browse local curio shops or soak up a taste of local life. Then, take part in an **Impact Moment** with a visit to the Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust, where you'll learn how its conservation initiatives are making a difference for local communities and protecting wildlife. This evening, raise a glass to the endless falls during dinner at a restaurant that offers stunning views over the Zambezi River. (B, D)

#### Day 6: Wednesday, October 20, 2027 Victoria Falls - Chobe, Botswana

Start your day with a visit to a traditional rural homestead, meet the village chief, and come to understand more about traditional ways of living in this part of the world. Cross the border into

Botswana and arrive in Chobe, an untamed national park whose namesake river twists its way throughout the area. During a captivating safari cruise along the Chobe River, spot elephants and hippos that linger along the shores, and crocodiles basking in the sun. (B, L, D)

#### Day 7: Thursday, October 21, 2027 Chobe National Park

On a game drive through Chobe National Park, take in diverse ecosystems and unparalleled biodiversity. After lunch, **it's your choice!** Continue the wildlife search by land on an afternoon game drive **-OR-** venture down the river again for a different perspective on a safari cruise. Enjoy dinner upon return to the hotel, complete with some local favourites and delicacies, to discuss the sightings of the day. (B, L, D)

#### Day 8: Friday, October 22, 2027 Chobe - Victoria Falls - Johannesburg - Pilanesberg National Park

This morning, transfer to Victoria Falls Airport, where you will fly to Johannesburg. On arrival at Johannesburg, transfer to Pilanesberg National Park, a game reserve set within an ancient crater, where the lions reign as kings. This is the wild Africa you've always dreamt of, now laid out before you, just waiting to be discovered. (B, D)

#### Day 9: Saturday, October 23, 2027 Pilanesberg National Park

Before sunrise, in the open expanse of Pilanesberg, drive out in search of the "Big 5" across vast marshlands and craggy landscapes. Later on, an afternoon game drive could take you past the big cats preparing for the hunt, and while you're out there, enjoy a traditional African sundowner with a drink and watch as the sun disappears behind the mountain. Back at the lodge tonight, indulge in a Boma dinner,\* an authentic, outdoor dining experience. (B, L, D)

#### Day 10: Sunday, October 24, 2027 Pilanesberg National Park

Discover the wildlife around you with another full day in Pilanesberg. On morning and afternoon game drives, continue your search for the "Big 5" and other local animals, such as giraffes or cheetahs. (B, L, D)

#### Day 11: Monday, October 25, 2027 Pilanesberg - Cape Town, South Africa

After one final morning game drive, depart the bush and say hello to Cape Town, South Africa's electric cultural mecca that captivates at every turn. (B)

#### Day 12: Tuesday, October 26, 2027 Cape Town

This morning, rise gently over the South African landscape in a cable car to Table Mountain,\*\* taking in views of Cape Town, Lions Head, and historic Robben Island. Pass by historic Bo Kaap, a hillside town known for its narrow cobblestone streets lined with colourful houses. Explore the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront, a Cape Town hotspot. From heritage sites and historic landmarks to markets, shops, and restaurants, the waterfront is one of South Africa's most compelling destinations. Tonight, you're an honoured guest in a Capetonian family's home. Over dinner, exchange stories and get to know what everyday life is like here in Cape Town. (B, D)

#### Day 13: Wednesday, October 27, 2027 Cape Town - Cape Winelands - Cape Town

Sip South African specialties with a full day exploring the country's winelands. Start in the Stellenbosch Valley and enjoy a tasting at your first winery of the day. Perhaps you'll try the local favourite – a cross between a Pinot Noir and a Cinsaut, the Pinotage is a specialty of South Africa. Travel to the charming village of Franschhoek for lunch. Visit a second winery in the afternoon before returning to Cape Town for the evening. (B, L)

#### Day 14: Thursday, October 28, 2027 Cape Town

Travel to Cape Point, the southwestern tip of Africa. Marvel at the vibrant green foliage blanketing the rocky outcrops, set as a contrast to the bright blue waves below. Set out on an easy hike down the mountain, wandering by diverse patches of native flowers. Stop at Boulders Beach for the rarest of black-tie events – a rendezvous with endangered African penguins! Tonight, gather with your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner, featuring South Africa's beloved flavours and local specialties. (B, D)



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**For bookings made after Oct 16, 2026 call for rates.**

**Included in Price:** Attraction Taxes and Fees, Round Trip Air from Toronto Intl Airport, Inter-flights from Johannesburg, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges of \$250 per person (subject to increase until paid in full), Hotel Transfers

**Not included in price:** Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$849 per person, Professional fee of \$125 + HST (Total of \$141.25), Seat Selection, Transportation to the airport, Optional tours, Items of Personal Nature and Gratuities

\* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change, based on air inclusive package from YYZ

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• \* Elite Air pricing (Premium Economy, Business Class or First class) is valid until 8 months prior to departure, after which rates are subject to change and will be quoted based upon availability.

† Refer to the reservation form to choose your upgrade option

#### Day 15: Friday, October 29, 2027 Cape Town - Tour Ends

Today, you bid farewell to your fellow travellers when you leave beautiful Cape Town. You will have access to a day room until 4:00 p.m. (B)

#### Important Tour Information:

**Book Now rates valid until Oct 16, 2026, valid on air inclusive packages only.**

**The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3.** This means you're an on-the-go traveller. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect some longer days with early mornings or late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not a fit for travellers who require mobility assistance devices.

#### Travel with an average of 17 people (maximum of 19).

This tour does not involve extensive walking. Be prepared for long days in safari vehicles over bumpy, dusty roads, with limited restroom access.

You will frequently need to climb in and out of safari vehicles throughout the tour.

To board boats on the Chobe and Zambezi rivers, travellers will need to use gangways on their own, without assistance.

This tour includes several early mornings, warm temperatures, and sitting for extended periods, sometimes up to 4 hours. This tour is not suitable for travellers who use mobility aids or have significant back, knee, or respiratory issues.

To experience Africa fully, we recommend that all travellers be in reasonably good health and prepare properly.

Unfortunately, wheelchairs cannot be accommodated on this trip. In addition, travellers who require assistance walking or who travel with oxygen tanks will not fully enjoy this trip, and we strongly recommend a different tour.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

Morning temperatures may range between 45 and 55 degrees Fahrenheit (7 to 13 degrees Celsius) from May to August.

When travelling in Africa, you will encounter full days of sightseeing, frequently in warm temperatures.

Maximum Elevation: 5535 feet / 1816 meters.

There are 2 long transfer days with 3 hours or more of driving, including stops.

This tour includes several early morning game drives with departures at 6:00 a.m.

**For more information on extensions and options for this tour visit**  
<https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1357785>

There are 3 internal flights on this tour. Schedule changes may impact the tour schedule and require early/late departures and reorganization of inclusions.

\*The *Boma* dinner may be on night 9 or 10.

\*\*Table Mountain Cableway is subject to weather conditions.

Wildlife sightings cannot be guaranteed.

On select departures, your accommodation in Victoria Falls will not be a tented camp but at a lodge instead.

Single accommodations are extremely limited. Single rate subject to change based on availability. Triple accommodations are not available.

If you have dietary restrictions or food allergies, please notify us at the time of booking. While we do our best to accommodate requests, options may be limited and cannot be guaranteed.

Meals are prepared in shared kitchens, and we cannot guarantee they will be free from cross-contamination.

International travel may present challenges as menus reflect local tastes, and alternative diets may not be widely understood. Group meals typically feature pre-fixed menus designed to suit a variety of travellers.

To complete your tour, we include round-trip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

For travellers transiting via Europe, an additional overnight flight will be required. Day rooms or overnight stays can be arranged for a cost upon request.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Internal flights are required in order to participate on this tour and are included in the final price, quoted at time of booking.

Park fees starting at approximately \$430 CAD per person (subject to change without advance notice), quoted at time of booking, are payable at time of final payment.

Prepaid tipping is not available on our tours therefore payment of customary end-of-trip gratuities for your Tour Manager, driver, hotel housekeepers, and cruise ship waitstaff should be handled individually when applicable during the course of your tour.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more travelling on the same flights and dates.

### Travel Requirements:

Documentation is required by foreign governments for all trips outside Canada. You should visit Global Affairs Canada at <https://travel.gc.ca/> for general information about passports and visa requirements. Some countries require a visa in addition to a valid passport for entry, so it is important that you check with the appropriate foreign consulate or embassy for specific entry requirements and details you need to know regarding how and when to obtain the visa. Please remember the possession of valid passports and necessary visas are the responsibility of each traveller. If you would like assistance in ensuring you have the proper visa(s) for your trip outside of Canada, we would be happy to refer you to a company that can assist you.

We strongly recommend that you have a valid passport (with seven-month validity) for all travel outside Canada. Please be advised transit visas may be required if connecting through a country on route to your final destination.

### INSURANCE

When travelling outside Canada, health insurance is required. Contact your booking agent for more details.

### TRAVEL CONDITIONS

There may be different living standards and practices and different standards and conditions with respect to the provision of services and accommodations outside of Canada.

A valid single-entry visa is required for Zimbabwe. US and Canadian citizens are required to purchase two single-entry visas at a cost of \$75 USD for each visa (total of \$150 USD). A valid multiple-entry visa is required for Zimbabwe for Australian and New Zealand citizens at a cost of \$45 USD. The visa may be applied for in advance or upon arrival. We strongly recommend applying for the visa in advance via [www.evisa.gov.zw](http://www.evisa.gov.zw). If applying on arrival, it is recommended to pay in cash as card payments can be unreliable. Cash payments must be made in USD. Rates are approximate and can be changed at any time based on governing authority. Check with your nearest Zimbabwe Embassy for up-to-date information.

Destination-specific information may change frequently and without prior notice. It is very important that you **frequently check the entry/exit requirements for destination(s) visited on this tour**, to ensure that you are aware of any changes that may be applicable to your travel plans, including right up to your departure.

We will not be responsible for costs incurred for missed flights or canceled tours where a traveller fails to secure proper documentation.

Collette will provide all necessary information, updates, and supporting documents for your travel requirements, including visa and Electronic Travel Authorizations (ETAs), if required, approximately 60-90 days prior to your departure.

Important Passport Information: You must have at least 4 blank pages remaining in your passport to allow for the entry stamps issued for South Africa and Botswana as well as the visa for Zimbabwe. The 2 pages for South Africa MUST be facing each other. Failure to comply with this law will result in denied boarding of your international flight. If you have questions, please see your travel professional or call us.

If you are travelling with children under the age of 18, South Africa requires that those children must have proper documentation and/or consent when travelling into or out of the Republic. Please refer to [www.dha.gov.za/index.php/statements-speeches/621-advisory-new-requirements-for-children-travelling-through-south-african-ports-of-entry-effective-1-june-2015](http://www.dha.gov.za/index.php/statements-speeches/621-advisory-new-requirements-for-children-travelling-through-south-african-ports-of-entry-effective-1-june-2015) for the most up-to-date details on requirements. Please check directly with the airline for the legal documentation that is required. It is the sole responsibility of the traveller to procure the proper documentation to travel and many requirements vary by airline and destination.

In Zimbabwe, both the Zimbabwe Gold and the US Dollar are currently accepted for local payment. Foreign credit cards are generally accepted at hotels, shops, and restaurants. For tipping, US Dollars are acceptable, and we advise all our travellers to carry smaller denominations, as change is not always available.

Each traveller is responsible for proper documentation and inoculations that may be required and/or recommended to participate on this tour. Please contact your local travel clinic or personal doctor for specific details on the destinations you are travelling to and from.

Malaria pills are recommended when visiting Zimbabwe and Botswana. Consult your doctor 2-3 weeks prior to departure.

Please be aware that if your flight schedule is via Dubai or if you are stopping over in Dubai and are carrying narcotic drugs, controlled or semi-controlled drugs, then you will be required to complete an electronic form prior to entering the country, to obtain approval to carry medication. Please use the link <https://mohap.gov.ae/en/w/approve-emergency-drugs-and-psychootropic-materials> to view the guidelines. A user's guide is available to explain the application and the supporting documents required. For regular prescription or over-the-counter medication, no prior approval is necessary.

**A deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the seat reduction date of October 09, 2026 are based upon availability. Final payment due by July 17, 2027. Deposits are refundable up until October 16, 2026.**

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**For important reservation information visit  
<https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1357785>.  
You can also find this information on your tour documents.**