Southern Africa's Wild Wonders: Land & Water Safari

For any questions or concerns about your upcoming tour not addressed here, please call 1-800-826-2266

WEATHER & DESTINATION SPECIFIC INFORMATION

Time Zone: Southern Africa is 7 hours ahead of the US Central Time Zone.

Weather: Average High/Low

City	August
Johannesburg	72°F/45°F
Chobe National Park	88°F/55°F
Victoria Falls	85°F/52°F

In Johannesburg, temperatures are never excessive due to its altitude (5,751 ft.). Winters (May to September) are dry and sunny with cold nights, but the days are usually very pleasant. Summers (October to April) are hot during the day with thunderstorms in the afternoon or evening, and nights are cool. In the Kasane, Lake Kariba and Victoria Falls areas, the climate is semi-arid. Winters (May to October) are the dry season; days are hot and sunny, and nights are cool.

ENTRY & HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Passport Validity and Blank Pages: Your passport must be valid for at least six months beyond the tour's return date. Due to frequent border crossings and visa stamps, travelers must have at least 8 completely blank visa pages available. If your passport does not meet these requirements, renew it before travel.

Frequent Border Crossings and Passport Stamps: The itinerary includes repeated crossings between Botswana and Namibia, followed by entry into Zimbabwe. You can expect several passport checks and stamps throughout the tour.

IMPORTANT - Apply only through the official government websites listed below. Third-party visa services may charge additional fees and are not required.

Namibia eVisa: United States citizens must apply online and receive approval before departure. Namibia calls this category an "e-Visa on Arrival," but travelers should not wait until reaching the border to begin the process. On the government site, select Visa on Arrival. The current government fee is N$1,600, approximately US$90; the actual U.S. dollar amount may vary with the exchange rate. Print the approved eVisa and carry it with your passport.

Official Namibia application website: Namibia Ministry of Home Affairs e-Services

Namibia application information to have ready:

- Passport details and a PDF scan of the passport (maximum file size 2 MB)
- Passport-style photo (minimum file size 300 KB)
- Intended port of arrival: Impalila Border Post
- Mode of travel: Road
- Namibia accommodation: Cascades Island Lodge or Kaza Safari Lodge, 65XF+543, Ntwala Island, Chobe, Impalila, Namibia; phone +27 31 762 2424
- Proof of onward or return travel, health insurance, accommodation, and sufficient funds
- A printed copy of the approved eVisa

Zimbabwe eVisa: United States citizens must complete the online application for a Single Entry Visa on Arrival before departure. The current government fee for an ordinary single-entry visa is US$30. Payment may be made online during the application or, if the application allows payment on arrival, in exact U.S. cash using clean, undamaged bills. Print the

approved eVisa or application letter and carry it with your passport.

Official Zimbabwe application website: Zimbabwe Department of Immigration eVisa Portal
Zimbabwe application information to have ready:

- Port of entry: Kariba Airport
- Visa type: Single Entry Visa on Arrival
- Travel mode: By Plane
- Flight number: NA (the private aircraft flight number is not provided)
- Purpose of visit: Holiday
- Host name: CroisiEurope
- Address in Zimbabwe: Victoria Falls Safari Lodge
- Personal, passport, residence, occupation, funds, security-question, and emergency-contact details

South Africa and Botswana: United States citizens traveling with this itinerary do not need to obtain advance tourist visas for South Africa or Botswana.

Visa fees and entry requirements are subject to change. Review the official government websites before applying and follow any updated instructions shown during the application process.

Vaccinations: Inoculations, including Yellow Fever vaccine, are not required for your destinations when arriving from the U.S. It is recommended your routine vaccines are up to date. We also recommend consulting with your travel physician or general practitioner regarding antimalarial treatment.

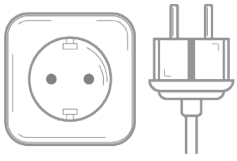
ACCOMMODATIONS
Hotel & Lodge Accommodations: Accommodations have been carefully selected and inspected to meet and maintain the standards of comfort, cleanliness, and customer service that we require, and you deserve. Room size, amenities, and configurations may vary from those in the United States. The hotels do not always provide king-size beds. Queen-size beds may consist of two single beds pushed together. Some hotels may have coffee makers, hair dryers, irons, and ironing boards available.

Shipboard Cabins & Cascades Lodge: Shipboard cabins and Cascades Lodge feature air conditioning, an in-room safe, hair dryer, and bath amenities. Please note there is no laundry service available onboard the ship, but laundry service is available for a fee at Cascades Lodge. There is free Wi-Fi in the hotels in Johannesburg and Victoria Falls and in public areas at Cascades Lodge.

CURRENCY
Currency: Onboard the ship and at lodges, payments can be made with a major bank card. We recommend bringing U.S. dollars in small denominations, as they will be accepted in South Africa, Botswana, Namibia, and Zimbabwe. U.S. dollar bills must be clean, undamaged, and issued within the past 10 years. Older or damaged notes are not accepted. Currency exchange rates fluctuate daily; a helpful website for referencing current rates is www.oanda.com.

- South Africa: rand (ZAR)
- Botswana: pula (BWP)
- Namibia: Namibian dollar (NAD)
- Zimbabwe: dollar RTGS (real time gross settlement)

ELECTRICAL CURRENT
The electric current in South Africa is 230 volts, 50 cycles and aboard ship is 220 volts, 50 cycles. Electric outlets and plugs are different from those in North America. An adapter is required for use in an electrical socket. A voltage converter is only required if your device is not compatible with 220 volts. Check the voltage of any device that you are thinking of bringing. If the tag on your device lists 110–220 volts, you will not need a converter. Adapters and converters are available at luggage, department, and electronics stores.



GRATUITIES

Included Gratuities
Gratuities for local guides in Johannesburg and Victoria Falls, porters, short boat transfers, and included meals are covered as part of your tour experience.

Suggested Gratuities: For other services during your safari experience, the following guidelines may be helpful if service meets or exceeds your expectations. Gratuities are voluntary and given at your discretion.

Service	Suggested Gratuity
Chobe Safari Guide	$5 per guest, per game drive
Matusadona National Park Guide	$5 per guest, per game drive
Cascades Lodge Tour Operations Guide	$5 per guest, per day
African Dream Boat Crew	$5 per guest, per day, shared among the entire crew
Cascades Lodge Staff (Housekeeping, Dining, and Lodge Staff)	$5 per guest, per day

BAGGAGE RESTRICTIONS

Private Safari Aircraft Baggage Requirements
Because this tour includes travel on private safari aircraft, baggage space is extremely limited. To ensure luggage can be safely accommodated on these smaller aircraft, all guests must adhere to the requirements below.

Provided Safari Duffel Bag: Holiday Vacations will provide each guest with a safari duffel bag that must be used as checked luggage throughout the tour. The duffel is specifically designed to meet the checked baggage restrictions required by our charter flight operators and can be easily loaded into the aircraft luggage compartment.

Baggage Type	Requirements
Checked baggage - Maximum 1 bag per person	Must not exceed 20 kg / 44 lbs. Must not exceed 70 cm / 27.6 in. length x 35 cm / 13.8 in. height x 30 cm / 11.8 in. width. Must be made of soft-sided fabric. Hard-shell suitcases are not permitted.
Carry-on baggage and personal items	Combined carry-on baggage and personal items must not exceed 5 kg / 11 lbs.

IMPORTANT PACKING TIPS

Pack Light and Versatile: To make the most of the available space and remain within weight restrictions, we recommend packing light and bringing versatile, wrinkle-resistant clothing that can be mixed and matched throughout the trip. Lightweight, breathable clothing in neutral or light colors is recommended for safari travel. Avoid clothing that may imitate military or army styles.

- Light-colored, breathable, wrinkle-resistant clothing
- Wide-brimmed safari hat
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen / sun lotion
- Binoculars for wildlife viewing
- Mosquito repellent (also available at Cascades Lodge)
- Lightweight jacket or fleece for cool mornings and evenings
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Swimsuit
- Small, soft-sided day bag or backpack for daily excursions

Layering Recommendation: Early mornings and evenings can be cooler, while midday temperatures are typically warmer. Dressing in layers will help you stay comfortable throughout the day.