



## Kruger to Victoria Falls – Accommodated (KVF7A) – Tour Dossier

### Introduction

Choosing the Kruger & Victoria Falls tour is a great choice, offering you a week long accommodated adventure to some of the best highlights in the Southern African region. Tried and tested over many years this tour offers incredible value for money with new and exciting experiences each day, connecting you to the grass roots of Africa. Following your arrival in the City of Gold, (Johannesburg), your epic journey includes breathtakingly views and a variety of terrain from the bustling of wild animals roaming Kruger National Park, to feeling the wet Zambezi spray off thundering Victoria Falls. Covering a fair amount of distance is a small sacrifice for the rewards of visiting these popular adventure destinations. This seven day adventure tour allows you to touch and embrace the magic of Africa, leaving you with an everlasting desire to discover more of this diverse continent.

### Highlights

Blyde River Canyon	Polokwane Game Reserve	Victoria Falls
Three Rondavals	Polokwane game walk	Zambezi River
Moholohlo WildlifeCentre	Amarula Lapa	Zambezi River sunset cruise
Kruger National Park	Elephant Sands waterhole	
Kruger open vehicle game drive	Elephants Sands Bush Walk	

### Intended Itinerary

#### Day 1: Johannesburg – Greater Kruger Park, South Africa

**Distance travelled:** +/-500km

**Approx driving time:** Full day

Departing from South Africa's largest city, Johannesburg, we drive across the scenic Mpumalanga province and enjoy the spectacular mountain scenery. We stop at the Blyde River Canyon to view the gigantic Three Rondavels rock formations and enjoy the crisp air, fantastic surroundings and picturesque views. After lunch we visit Moholohlo Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre, experiencing firsthand the remarkable work done by committed volunteers who rehabilitate displaced, traumatized predators and endangered mammals from the surrounding areas. All animals are then prepared to be released back into the wilds of Africa. Making our way to our isolated bush lodge within the greater Kruger Park, We spend the night at a tranquil lodge sharing stories and experiences to one another around the amber light of a campfire.

**Wow Factors:** *Blyde River Canyon (Three Rondavals), Moholohlo Wildlife Centre.*

**Accommodation:** *Nsele bush lodge or similar (Twin share cabins with en-suite facilities)*

**Meals included:** *Dinner*

#### Day 2: Full Day Kruger National Park

**Distance travelled:** +/-120km

**Activities for the day:** Game Park driving.

Waking at sunrise, we eagerly await for the Park Rangers to open the gates of the camp to let us enter the wilds of Kruger for an intense yet rewarding day of game tracking with our eagle eyed guide at the wheel. Kruger is home to over 505 species of birds, 148 species of mammals and many reptiles which we enthusiastically search for during the morning and afternoon. The impressive atmosphere of the park enables you to understand why it is held in such high esteem amongst explorers from all over the world who visit this park. We avoid the hot midday sun and enjoy the peacefulness the rest camp has to offer. There are many facilities available for game viewers such as; restaurants, souvenir stores and swimming pools. We return to our lodge in the late afternoon, happily exhausted and highly satisfied with the day's events. For those wanting more game driving there is the option of heading out on a sunset drive in the neighboring concession area – Greater Kruger. Early evening we all enjoy a lovely dinner gathered around the warm fire crackling in the stillness of night.

**Wow Factors:** *Full day open vehicle game driving in Kruger National Park*

**Accommodation:** *Nsele bush lodge or similar (Twin share cabins with en-suite facilities)*

**Meals included:** *Breakfast, Dinner*

#### Day 3: Kruger National Park – Polokwane

**Distance travelled:** +/- 250km

**Approx driving time:** Half day



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Waking to the wild sounds of animals in the distance we enjoy a wholesome breakfast at our bush lodge on this magnificent private reserve. After an interesting visit to the Amarula Lapa, where we taste and learn about the famous Amarula tree, the day's journey takes us over beautiful scenic mountain passes and through flourishing citrus farms nestled along the valleys and hills of the Limpopo Province. Previously called the Northern Province, this land of myths and legends is also highly rated as an Eco-tourism destination in Southern Africa. Arriving in Polokwane, we enter the Polokwane Game Reserve and set out to explore the area on foot. There are over 21 species of mammals, including white rhino, and 200 species of birds inhabiting the reserve and this is an exciting and thrilling way to get up close to some of these species without the man made barrier of a vehicle between you and nature. We spend the night at a nearby lodge camp where we prepare for our epic journey crossing the Great Limpopo River into Botswana.

**Wow Factors:** *Amarula Lapa visit, Polokwane Game Reserve, Polokwane game walk*

**Accommodation:** *Boma in the bush or similar (Twin share cabins with en-suite facilities)*

**Meals included:** *Breakfast, Dinner*

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### Day 4: Polokwane – Elephant Sands/ Nata, Botswana

**Distance travelled:** +/- 820km

**Approx driving time:** Full day

After breakfast we embark on a new journey taking a pleasant two hour road trip north to the Botswana border post, "Martins Drift". Crossing the Limpopo River we clear immigrations before changing currency into "Pula" the local currency of Botswana. Rain is a sought after luxury in Botswana and the currency is called "Pula and Thebe" interpreted means "rain drops" in Tswana, the national ethnic language. More than one-half of the population live in rural areas and are largely dependent on subsistence crop and livestock farming. We meander through vast open savannahs passing many local villages and bustling trading towns, including Palapye, before our lunch stop in Francistown, a once thriving gold mining town. We complete our road trip crossing over "veterinary fences" (to control foot and mouth disease) into wilder habitat where elephants roam freely and if we are lucky we may see some! We arrive at the tranquil rustic setting of Elephant Sands Safari Lodge in the late afternoon and if we are lucky we may see elephants come up to the lodge and the campsite at night.

**Wow Factors:** *Limpopo River, Francistown, roaming wildlife, Elephant Sands*

**Accommodation:** *Elephant Sands Safari Lodge or similar (Twin share cabins with en-suite facilities)*

**Meals included:** *Breakfast & Dinner*

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### Day 5: Elephant Sands, Botswana

**Distance travelled:** +/- 30km

**Approx driving time:** Short

After a refreshing night's sleep out in the wilds of Botswana, we join a 4x4 vehicle and take out to a wild, remote and safe location where we enjoy a morning nature walk where we may encounter wild animals. While on this walk we enjoy a late breakfast deep in the wild savannah landscape before returning to the main camp for the afternoon. This spectacular bush camp offers many optional activities you may join, from quad bikes, micro light flights, game drives or take the time to relax in the warm sun around the crystal clear water of the camps cool swimming pool. After a great dinner we can observe the elephant waterhole at night before retiring under the millions of shining stars in our milky way.

**Wow Factors:** *Breakfast in the bush, nature walk, Elephant watering hole.*

**Accommodation:** *Elephant Sands Safari Lodge or similar (Twin share cabins with en-suite facilities)*

**Meals included:** *Breakfast & Dinner*

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### Day 6: Elephant Sands – Livingstone, Zambia

**Distance travelled:** +/- 320km

**Approx driving time:** Full day

Feeling refreshed and soothed from a peaceful night's sleep, we have an exciting day ahead of us. A journey takes us north eventually crossing the confluence of the Chobe and Zambezi River via a river ferry and into Zambia. Formally known as Northern Rhodesia, Zambia's population comprises of more than 70 different Bantu ethnic groups speaking different dialects. Some ethnic groups are small, and only three have enough people to constitute at least 10% of the population and most Zambians are subsistence farmers. Arriving at our beautiful campsite on the banks of the Zambezi River, just south Livingstone. Over lunch you will get the opportunity to choose and book some exciting excursions or adventure activities, if time allows. Also, today or tomorrow morning after breakfast depending on times, we enter the gates of the Victoria Falls National Park to witness the intense exhilaration of energy



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generated from this spectacular natural wonder. With tons of water gushing over the rock face and the cool spray of water over us, we explore the many nature paths winding through the dense moist forest surrounding the face of Victoria Falls. Early evening we end our day joining a peaceful sunset cruise on the Zambezi River soaking up the African ambience with herds of elephant and wild buck wondering the muddy banks. We return to our accommodation for an enjoyable evening.

**NB** From 16th May 2014 the Zambian National Park authority has imposed an unexpected USD10 park fee per night when staying at the Waterfront Resort (and other river fronted properties). The fee is to be paid in cash at the park gate prior to entering the Waterfront Resort and this fee is **NOT** included in the Rush Adventures Local Payment and you will need to budget accordingly. If however you are doing any activities where a park fee is payable e.g. Sunset Cruise, White Water Rafting or Elephant Encounter; you will not be charged for this fee twice.

When paying for the park fee, please ensure that you get a receipt and check that it is for the correct number of days for your stay

**Wow Factors:** *Chobe River, Zambezi River, Victoria Falls, Sunset cruise with dinner*

**Accommodation:** *Zambezi Waterfront or similar (Twin share cabins with en-suite facilities)*

**Meals included:** *Breakfast, Dinner*

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### Day 7: Livingstone / Victoria Falls

Distance travelled: 0km

After breakfast is when your tour ends with us, however most people spend the day (and following days) taking the numerous opportunities available to explore and enjoy what this magnificent destination has on offer. The Zambezi boasts one of the world's highest rated rivers for pure white river rafting through its many challenging and novice rapids. Alternative options are: the David Livingstone museum is easily accessible and provides in-depth historical insight dating back including the discovery of the falls; or explore the colonial town on foot and visit the local trading markets. Some choose crossing the border for a day visit into the neighbouring Zimbabwean town. Victoria Falls is a great way to spend a few hours or take a leap of faith bungee jumping to the foot of the falls. Doing an elephant back safari is a stunning way to get close to these animals and enjoy a guided trail riding these majestic mammals. From game walks, helicopter flips or jet boating to name a few, Livingstone will capture and fulfill your imagination, validating the myths of the African spirit.

**Wow Factors:** *Activities at leisure*

**Accommodation:** *Not Included*

**Meals included:** *Breakfast*

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## Tour Information

**TOUR STYLE:** Small Group - Accommodated

**WHAT'S INCLUDED:** Tour highlights, transport, accommodation, meals as indicated, services of an English speaking driver tour leader.

**WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED:** Visas, travel insurance, flights, airport transfers, optional activities, laundry, gratuities, passport & visa fees, items of a personal nature.

**LOCAL PAYMENT:** The local payment (LP) set out in the brochure is to be paid to the tour guide/driver on day 1 of this tour. This local payment covers running costs on the road – meals indicated, accommodation and tour highlights. Traveller's cheques and credit cards are not accepted. Payments must be made in US Dollars (US Dollars in clean, un-torn **post 2006** edition notes)

**ACCOMMODATION:** Budget Twin rooms with en-suite facilities.

**TRANSPORT:** Minibus. Maximum group size: 12 passengers

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## BOOKING INFORMATION

When you make a confirmed booking for your tour you will be sent pre-departure information and related documents. Once you have paid in full you will receive a Travel Voucher giving full details of your joining point. Johannesburg and Livingstone are well served by a variety of airlines. Your travel agent can advise on flights to and from the start and finish of your tour.

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### JOINING INFORMATION

Meeting point in <b>Johannesburg</b> :	<b>MoAfrika Lodge</b>	Tour end point in <b>Livingstone</b> :	<b>The Waterfront</b>
Address:	120 Sandham Rd, Norton Home Estate, Benoni	Address:	Sichango Road Livingstone Tel. + 260 3 320 606/7/8
Johannesburg			
Contact details:	Tel. +27 82 506 9641		
E-mail:	<a href="mailto:info@moafrika.com">info@moafrika.com</a>	E-mail:	<a href="mailto:waterfront@safpar.com">waterfront@safpar.com</a>
Tour start time:	05:00 on day 1	Tour end time:	After breakfast on Day 7

### PRE TOUR ACCOMMODATION

This tour departs Johannesburg early on Day 1; we strongly recommend therefore that you plan to arrive the day before departure to overcome any jet-lag and acclimatise to Africa. We would be happy to book pre-tour accommodation for you – please call or email us (or speak to your agent) with your arrival details and accommodation requirements.

However please book early to avoid disappointment and the risk of having to find more expensive (or less convenient) lodgings.

If time allows, we also suggest planning a night or two extra (after your tour) to make the most of Livingstone and the surrounding area.

See below for a guide to extra accommodation costs. **These prices are a guide line only and are subject to change so please check with Rush Adventures or your agent for current prices.**

Description	Price (US\$)	Description	Price (US\$)
<b>Johannesburg</b>		<b>Livingstone</b>	
Pre tour accommodation – (Standard Room) twin/double pppn	\$45	Post tour accommodation – Standard chalet Twin pppn 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan – 30 <sup>th</sup> Apr	\$70
Pre tour accommodation – (standard room) single pppn	\$70	Post tour accommodation – Standard chalet Single 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan – 30 <sup>th</sup> Apr	\$110
Pre tour accommodation – dorm pppn	\$30	Post tour accommodation – Standard chalet Twin pppn 1 <sup>st</sup> May – 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec	\$105
pppn = per person per night		Post tour accommodation – standard chalet Single May – 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec	\$160

### WHAT TO BRING

Please try to keep your luggage to a minimum, bearing in mind that most airlines impose a 20kg luggage limit. A large soft holdall or backpack and a smaller day pack is ideal. On this tour you will need a mixture of lightweight cool clothing for the day and warm clothing (i.e fleece, long trousers and hat) for mornings and evenings as it can be cool on game drives. Pack a light rain jacket. It is advisable to bring mosquito spray throughout the year. Bring a towel and a pillow if required. A money belt/pouch that can be worn comfortably beneath your clothing is recommended. Please avoid bringing unnecessary valuables and use hotel safe to store your cash, passport and air tickets.

### VACCINATIONS / HEALTH

The table below indicates the vaccinations suggested for travel on this tour but **should be treated as a guide only**. You should seek professional medical advice from your GP or clinic at least six weeks prior to departure. Please note some areas visited are **malarial**. We recommend you speak to your doctor or travel clinic about appropriate anti-malarial tablets.

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Country	Tetanus	Diphtheria	Polio	Hepatitis A	Hepatitis B	Typhoid	Meningitis	Rabies	Yellow Fever	Malaria
South Africa	R	R	R	R	-	R	-	-	*	R
Zambia	R	R	R	R	R	R	-	R	R*	R
Botswana	R	R	R	R	-	R	-	R	*	R

**C** = Compulsory, **R** = Recommended, **R\*** = It is an immigration requirement to have a Yellow Fever certificate if travelling to Zambia from South Africa and in reverse. \* = If travelling from infected countries a certificate of proof may be required.

**NB: To be used as a guide only. Please see your GP or travel clinic for up-to-date medical advice. Alternatively, contact Rush Adventures for any queries or advice regarding vaccination requirements.**

### VISA REQUIREMENTS

The table below indicates the visas required for travel to the countries on this tour but **should be treated as a guide only**. At least one month prior to travel seek confirmation from embassies or a visa specialist, that these requirements are still current. For UK citizens the Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO) offers free up-to-date travel info: [www.fco.gov.uk](http://www.fco.gov.uk). For other nationalities a number of travel advice websites are listed on the Rush Adventures website.

Nationality	UK	AUS	NZ	USA	CAN	BEL	IRE	NED	DEN	ITA	GER	AUT	SWE	FIN	NOR	MEX	KOR
South Africa	No	Yes	No														
Zambia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes									
Botswana	No	Yes															

**NB** The above is a guide only. Please check all visa requirements at least one month in advance of travel. Most nationalities do not need to obtain any of the above visas in advance. They are available at the border entry points and payable in US\$ cash.

### MONEY MATTERS

#### PERSONAL EXPENSES

Naturally you will require extra money for your own personal spending on the tour, for snacks, drinks, souvenirs, tips and items of a personal nature. Everybody has different spending habits but as a guideline we suggest you budget US\$10-15 per day. Most spending will be in South Africa Rand, Botswana Pula and Zambia Kwacha (for incidental expenses along the way, optional activities, most additional accommodation before/after the trip) but it's a good idea to bring along some US\$ cash for any international airport taxes or visas.

**-Spending money** is best carried as cash in either South Africa Rand cash or US dollars (US Dollars in clean, un-torn post 2006 edition notes), Sterling or Euro which can be exchanged into Rand on arrival and as you travel. Your guide will give general guidance about spending during the tour.

**-Currencies** are as follows: South Africa – Rand, Botswana – Pula; Zambia – Zambian Kwacha.

**-ATM machines** are found in are found throughout South Africa and Botswana and in Livingstone. Please note they are sometimes Un-reliable and only dispense local currency so therefore cannot be used to draw your Local Payment.

**-Credit cards** can be used to pay for larger optional activities although there may be a fee for their use.

**-Travellers cheques** can be difficult to cash but make suitable emergency funds.

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As in many areas where tourism is an important contributor to the economy it has become customary to offer a small gratuity to local staff at the end of the tour if service has been of a high standard. Naturally this always remains at your discretion.

### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

In order to give you maximum flexibility on tour we offer a number of optional activities on the tour. To help budget, approximate prices are listed below (in US\$ unless otherwise stated. All prices subject to change and availability).

Activity	Price (US\$)	Activity	Price (US\$)
Livingstone		Lion Encounter	\$160
Abseiling/ Gorge Swing x 2	\$100-130	Zambezi Sunset Cruise	\$45
Zambezi Jet Boating & Cable Car	\$110	Bungy Jump over the Falls	\$130
Elephant back safari	\$160	<b>Kruger National Park</b>	<b>Price in (Zar)</b>
Riverboarding	\$150	Kruger Night Drive	R250
Flights over the Falls (various modes)	\$140-280		

### INSURANCE

It is a booking condition of Rush Adventures that you have full travel insurance valid for the duration of your tour to cover you for medical emergency and repatriation to your home country. Your guide will ask you for a copy of this when you join the tour. It is also important that you leave a copy of your insurance with the person nominated as your emergency contact. We can help provide specialist travel insurance for this tour through our local operator. Please contact Rush Adventures for more information.

### RESPONSIBLE TRAVEL

We strongly believe that you get the most out of a journey by respecting the culture and people of the places you visit. On our tours we try to travel in a way that benefits the communities we pass through and minimises negative impact on the environment. This can be from ensuring the campsites we use are clean when we leave and dressing respectfully in conservative areas to getting involved with local charity projects. We ask that you are open to this when you travel with us. Being proactive in responsible travel helps develop cross-cultural understanding and friendships with the local people, and will greatly enhance your experience in Africa.

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