



## Zambezi Boogy - Camping - (ZB07) – Tour Dossier

### Introduction

This exciting tour is an adventure, starting in Johannesburg, driving through Botswana to Zambia's famous Victoria Falls. From the time we reach Livingstone, the energy kicks in from the sheer power of the falls, before joining an exciting Zambezi sunset cruise for sundowners. We are conveniently placed on the water's edge with the days there for us to let our hair down, kick off our shoes and experience some world class activities from white water rafting, gorge swinging to elephant back safaris. Victoria Falls is known as Africa's playground and is a must on every traveller's to do list. Stopping in Chobe for a night, we spend the night on the banks of the Chobe river, where we have the opportunity to take a game drive in Chobe National Park, or a river cruise before taking the drive back to South Africa.

### Highlights

Elephant Sands waterhole  
Victoria Falls

Livingstone markets  
Zambezi River & gorge

Zambezi River sunset cruise

### Intended Itinerary

#### Day 1:

**Johannesburg – Elephant Sands/ Nata, Botswana**

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

Departing from South Africa's largest city, Johannesburg, we embark on a new journey taking a pleasant five hour road trip north to the Botswana border post, "Martins Drift". Crossing the Limpopo River we clear immigrations before changing our currency into "Pula", the local currency of Botswana as rain is a sought after luxury in Botswana, 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 fortunate enough 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*

**Meals included:** *Dinner*

#### Day 2:

**Elephant Sands – Livingstone, Zambia**

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

Feeling refreshed and soothed from a peaceful night's sleep, we have an exciting day ahead of us. A short journey takes us north, 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 of Livingstone, over lunch you get the opportunity to choose and book some exciting excursions or adventure activities for the following free day. Without hesitation or valuable time lost, we enter the gates into the Victoria Falls National Park, witnessing firsthand the intense exhilaration of energy 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 ambiance with herds of Elephant and Wild Buck wondering the muddy banks. We return to camp for an enjoyable evening.



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**Accommodation:** Zambezi Waterfront or similar

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Dinner

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### Day 3:

**Livingstone / Victoria Falls**

**Distance travelled: 0km**

Today is a free day 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 which is easily accessible and provides in-depth historical insight, dating back to and 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:** Free day to choose many activities

**Accommodation:** Zambezi Waterfront or similar

**Meals included:** Breakfast

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### Day 5:

**Livingstone, Zambia – Chobe National Park, Botswana**

**Distance travelled: +/- 80km**

From Livingstone we travel the short distance for an exciting ferry crossing from Zambia into Botswana over the confluence of the Chobe and Zambezi Rivers. We arrive in the small town of Kasane, where we check in at this river side lodge. After a lunch break, you have free time to relax around the pool, or take the opportunity to board an optional open 4x4 safari vehicle, in search of Lion, Leopard, Hyena, Elephant, Giraffe and a host of antelope and bird species, while snaking our way through the sandy tracks and rugged terrain. Chobe National Park was the first national park to be established in Botswana and by size, it is the third largest park in the country. The Chobe River is one of Africa's most beautiful and supports a huge concentration of animals. Later in the afternoon, we join an exciting river boat cruise giving us a unique and in-depth perspective of life on the banks of the Chobe River, scattered with wildlife seeking water as night falls. Happy and content, we relax for the night under the African skies on the banks of the Chobe River.

**Wow Factors:** Zambezi River Ferry crossing, Chobe River, Chobe River sunset cruise

**Accommodation:** Thebe Safari Lodge or similar

**Meals included:** Breakfast & Dinner

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### Day 6:

**Chobe National Park – Palapye**

**Distance travelled: +/- 610km**

**Approx driving time: Half day**

Following a late morning breakfast, we begin an easy paced drive towards Palapye, a small trading town near the border. Driving south we might be lucky to encounter huge Elephant and Buffalo alongside the road, as there are no fences in this area, allowing the migratory herds to walk at will in search of richer pastures and water. We stop in Nata for lunch before passing through



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Francistown, and we spend our last night in the bustling trading town of Palapye.

**Wow Factors:** Rural Botswana, local Villages, roaming wildlife

**Accommodation:** Camp Itumela

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Dinner

### Day 7:

**Palapye – Johannesburg, South Africa**

Leaving early we cross the border back into South Africa, where the tour ends late afternoon in Johannesburg.

## 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:** (shared 2 Man Dome tents with shared facilities)

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

## 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.

## JOINING INFORMATION

Meeting point in **Johannesburg:** **MoAfrika Lodge**  
Address: 120 Sandham Rd,  
Norton Home Estate, Benoni

Johannesburg  
Contact details: Tel. +27 82 506 9641  
E-mail: [info@moafrika.com](mailto:info@moafrika.com)  
Tour start time: 05:00 on day 1

Tour end point in **Livingstone:** **The Waterfront**  
Address: Sichango Road  
Livingstone  
Tel. + 260 3 320 606/7/8

E-mail [waterfront@safpar.com](mailto:waterfront@safpar.com)  
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.

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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 1 <sup>st</sup> 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.

Country	Tetanus	Diphtheria	Polio	Hepatitis A	Hepatitis B	Typhoid	Meningitis	Rabies	Yellow Fever	Malaria
South Africa	R	R	R	R	-	R	-	-	R	R
Mozambique	R	R	R	R	R	R	-	R	R	C

C = Compulsory, R = Recommended

**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.

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Nationality	UK	AUS	NZ	USA	CAN	BEL	IRE	NED	DEN	ITA	GER	AUT	SWE	FIN	NOR	MEX	KOR
South Africa	No	Yes	No														
Mozambique	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. 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, Mozambique - Metical

**-ATM machines** are found in are found throughout South Africa and Mozambique. 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.

### TIPPING

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 ACTIVITES

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 (ZAR)	Activity	Price (US\$)
<b>Tofo</b>	Price in USD	Canoeing	140USD
White Water Rafting	150USD	Flight Over The Falls	150USD
Elephant Trails	165USD	BIG AIR (Bungee, Bridge Swing and slide)	205USD
Cruise – Lady Livingstone	75USD		
Cruise – MV Makumbi	55USD		
Chief Mukuni Village Tour	50USD		

### 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.

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### 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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