

2025 Blue & Gold Ball



Victoria Falls & Chobe National Park, Zimbabwe & Botswana (6 days)

Prize 2

This six day package visits Victoria Falls, Africa's most iconic waterfall and a UNESCO listed natural wonder, and Chobe National Park, known for its 65,000 strong elephant population. Tour Victoria Falls and take a Zambezi River sunset cruise, then search for the 'Big Five' on both 4WD and river boat safaris on this epic adventure in Zimbabwe and Botswana.





Price includes:

- all airport and road transfers as listed
- accommodation and meals as listed
- Zambezi River sunset cruise, return transfers, selected drinks and hot and cold canapes
- guided tour of Victoria Falls and return transfers
- shared games drives in a 4WD safari vehicle, shared water-based safaris and laundry at Chobe Bakwena Lodge

Price excludes:

- national park and conservancy fees, levies not listed
- flights and visas
- ranger/guide and staff gratuities
- dining room tips and porterage
- laundry (unless listed) and items of a personal nature
- meals and drinks not listed
- personal travel, baggage and medical insurance.

Child policy

Children can be added to this package at an additional cost. Children aged up to 11 years will incur a minimal surcharge. Children aged 12 years or more are considered adults and are costed accordingly.

B - breakfast

FF - hot and cold finger food FI - all meals, plus soft drinks, alcoholic beverages (excluding premium imported champagne and spirits) and game activities Zimbabwe & Botswana - 6 day itinerary

Valued at AUD \$15,000 for two adults (A supplement applies for additional children)

Itinerary overview:

Day 1: Zimbabwe, Victoria Falls - Waterfalls Lodge

Day 2: Zimbabwe, Victoria Falls - Waterfalls Lodge

Day 3: Botswana, Chobe region - Chobe Bakwena Lodge

Day 4: Botswana, Chobe region - Chobe Bakwena Lodge

Day 5: Botswana, Chobe region - Chobe Bakwena Lodge

Day 6: South Africa - End of services

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This is Africa is thrilled to donate a luxury African holiday to Waverley College in support of the school's Science & Innovation Centre fundraising initiative. This prize is valid for use until 16 December 2026. Additional days and destinations may be added at an additional cost.

Please note this is a land only package and excludes flights. *This is Africa* is a fully credited travel agent and can assist with all flights, travel insurance and additional services.

We would like to offer the Waverley College community a 10% discount on any African holiday booked directly with This is Africa (discount excludes flights). Visit us in our retail store at 51 Frenchmans Rd, Randwick.

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Day 1: Zimbabwe, Victoria Falls

Welcome to Zimbabwe! On arrival at Victoria Falls airport, clear customs and immigration, then make your way to the arrivals hall where you are met by a representative and transferred to your accommodation located within walking distance of Victoria Falls town.

After check-in, spend some time familiarizing yourself with the lodge and its facilities. Later this afternoon you will be collected by a representative for a shared sundowner river cruise on the Zambezi River. As you drift down the river, watching the incredible orange sunset, you really do feel like you are in Africa. The sunsets here are stunning, with the red soil of nearby Namibia providing deep orange skies. Enjoy a selection of beverages and hot and cold canapes, while you look out for Nile crocodile, hippo and elephant. Following the cruise, return to your accommodation. **Waterfalls Lodge - classic room (B,FF).**

Waterfalls Lodge

This newly unveiled lodge offers refined, accessible accommodation that brings comfort and nature together in the heart of Victoria Falls. Waterfalls Lodge is a sophisticated retreat designed to immerse guests in the beauty of the Falls with its waterfall-themed designs. Just minutes from one of the world's natural wonders as well as the city centre, the lodge provides access to adventure, while offering a peaceful haven for relaxation.

Day 2: Zimbabwe, Victoria Falls

This morning after breakfast you will be collected by a representative from your hotel foyer to join an informative guided group tour of Victoria Falls on the Zimbabwean side. Victoria Falls is one of the most spectacular natural wonders in the world. The local people call it 'Mosi-oa-Tunya' – the smoke that thunders. There is a magic about the falls manifested in the towering column of spray when the river is high, the thunder of the falling water, the terrifying abyss and tranquil lagoons upstream in which hippo and deadly crocodiles lurk. The falls are 1,708 meters wide, making it the largest curtain of water in the world. Remarkably preserved in its natural state, Victoria Falls inspires visitors as much today as it did David Livingstone in the 1860's. The falls and surrounding area have been declared a national park and a World Heritage Site.

Following the tour you will be returned to the lodge with the afternoon at leisure. **Waterfalls Lodge - classic room (B).**

Day 3: Botswana, Chobe region

This morning after breakfast you will be met by a representative who will transfer you over the border into Botswana for your Chobe game lodge stay. The transfer takes approximately two hours and your driver will assist with border formalities and regulations. Upon completion of all the necessary border procedures, continue onto your lodge. On arrival at the lodge enjoy lunch. After lunch, lodge staff will discuss the activities available during your stay in the region. The styles of safari include boat safaris, which allow you to view animals on the riverbanks of the Chobe River, and 4WD game drives within Chobe National Park.

Enjoy a rest and some afternoon tea before experiencing your first game viewing activity this afternoon. This time of day is an excellent opportunity to view the interaction between animals as they search for food or walk to the river for a final drink before sundown. Large elephant herds frequent the river regularly and provide great entertainment for visitors, along with the hippo and Nile crocodile which are commonly seen. Once back at the lodge, enjoy a freshly prepared dinner before enjoying a star-studded African sky. The same activities are scheduled every day whilst staying at the lodge. **Chobe Bakwena Lodge - standard chalet (FI).**







Chobe Bakwena Lodge

Bakwena Lodge is an eco-retreat on the banks of the Chobe River which embraces the surrounding culture and country as inspiration for its style and hospitality. The name 'Bakwena' derives from the local Setswana language meaning 'people of the crocodile'. The lodge comprises of ten rondavel-style chalets, a two-bedroom family unit, five treetop chalets and a honeymoon suite. The chalets offer a cool place to relax with a raised deck and day bed which overlooks the river. Each river chalet has an interior bathroom opening onto an outside garden with an outside shower. Common areas include a lounge, restaurant, a bar, which overlooks the river and an inviting swimming pool and deck. Activities include your choice of game drives or river cruises in Chobe National Park, village visits or bike rides in the Kasane region.

Days 4 & 5: Botswana, Chobe region

Each day enjoy two daily game activities, which typically include a river safari on the Chobe River and a 4WD game drive in Chobe National Park. A river cruise offers unique game viewing and bird sightings on the river and riverbank. Whereas a game drive includes up-close sightings in Botswana's premier game park from the comfort of an open sided safari vehicle. Chobe National Park has about 65,000-plus elephant, one of the biggest concentrations in Africa. It is also notable for huge herds of buffalo and zebras, lechwe, Chobe bushbuck and puku antelope. Where there are buffalo, lions are never far away and there is a good chance of seeing large prides here who hunt after dusk. Hyena and leopard also hunt at night, while cheetahs are diurnal predators. Chobe is rich in bird life with the Pel's fishing owl a favourite, along with the strangely beaked African skimmer and African fish eagles. **Chobe Bakwena Lodge - standard chalet (FI).**

Day 6: South Africa, Cape Town

Cherish a final game viewing experience this morning, followed by breakfast. After check-out a representative will transfer you to the airport for onward flight. **(B).** *Ends.*

Important information:

- This product is a pre-prepared package including shared service excursions and game viewing safaris.
- It is the responsibility of the client to be at the departure point at the time assigned by the operator. On completion of the package, flights must be booked taking into consideration the time recommended by the operator.
- Transfers may be in a sedan, minibus or coach.
- It is the responsibility of the client to have all necessary documentation, including a valid passport, visas and inoculation certificates relating to this tour.
- At times the sequence or inclusion of activities may vary due to local conditions, arrival and departure times, opening hours or non-availability.
- Accommodation options are subject to availability.
- Children younger than eleven are unable to join shared service game drives at Bakwena Lodge. However
 we would be pleased to make alternative arrangements for families with young children.
- Prices may vary when booking seasons overlap. Bookings over Christmas, New Year and Easter incur holiday supplements. Please ask for a date-specific quote for travel during these dates.
- Prices for airport taxes, park fees and applicable government taxes and levies may be changed without prior notice. Any change is beyond our control and any increase will be passed on to the client.
- As prices are calculated in foreign currencies it may become necessary to add a currency surcharge.
- Please refer to our website for full terms and conditions if necessary.