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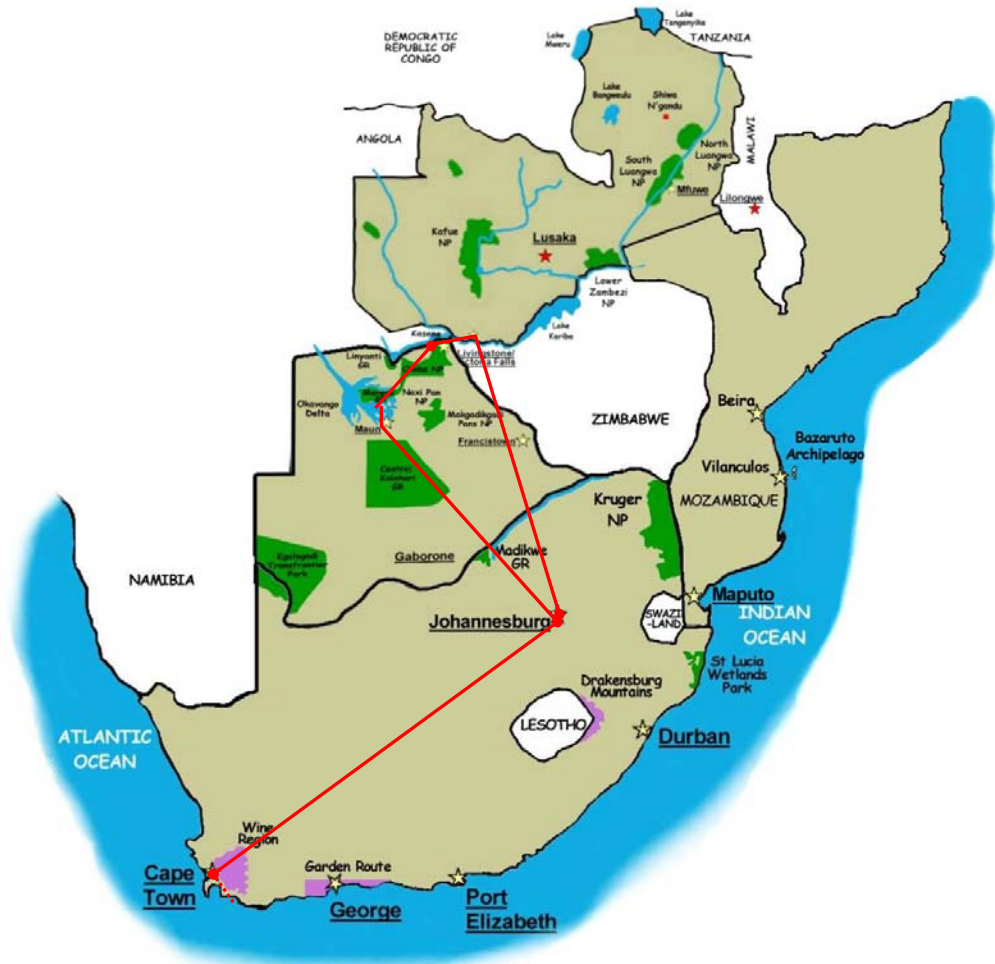
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Zambia, Botswana & South Africa

Waterfalls, Waterways and Fynbos

16 nights



Brief Itinerary

- Day 1 Fly Johannesburg, South Africa
- Day 2 Fly Livingstone, Zambia, Stanley Lodge, 2 nights FB
- Day 4 Road & boat transfer to Impalila Island Lodge, 3 nights FB
- Day 7 Fly Okavango Delta, Pom Pom, 3 nights FB
- Day 10 Fly Cape Town, Ezard House 4 nights, B&B
- Day 14 Self-drive to Grootbos for 2 nights, FB
- Day 16 Fly home

Day 1

Today you will check in for your overnight flight to Livingstone, Zambia.

Day 2

On arrival you will be met and driven to Stanley Safari Lodge where you will stay for next 2 nights.

Stanley Safari Lodge is a luxurious oasis on the Zambian side of the Victoria Falls, with eight private cottages. It borders the Mosi-Oa-Tunya National Park, making it very convenient for viewing the Falls and all the activities in Livingstone.



The lodge is designed to take you back to the Africa of the 1920s, and every bedroom has a king-sized bed, lounge, private terrace, garden and a fabulous en-suite bathroom. The honeymoon suite has its own private swimming pool.



Delicious meals are served in the colonial dining room, or around a campfire under the stars. For a more intimate evening, dinner can be served in your private cottage.

Activities, which can be arranged from the lodge, include elephant back safaris, horseriding, golf, canoeing, game viewing, a visit to Livingstone Museum or local villages, bungee jumps, white water rafting, abseiling, helicopter or micro light rides over the falls and sunset cruises.

You will spend 2 nights at Stanley Safari Lodge in an open suite on a full board basis including local drinks and laundry (no activities included).

www.stanleysafaris.com

Day 4

Today you will be driven across the border into Botswana and then by boat to Impalila Island to stay at Impalila Island Lodge for the next 3 nights.

Impalila Island Lodge is set in lush riverine forest on an island at the confluence of the Zambezi and Chobe rivers where four countries - Botswana, Namibia, Zambia and Zimbabwe - meet. The eight elevated luxury chalets overlook the rapids and quiet backwaters of the Zambezi River. The chalets are elegantly decorated and have with en-suite bathrooms.



The main lodge is set round a huge baobab tree and raised up on teak decks there is a swimming pool and comfortable sitting area and bar.

You can either relax at the lodge and by the pool, or you can go game viewing by boat in the Chobe National Park, which has large numbers of elephant. You can have some excellent views of the animals which come down to drink at the river. There are also huge numbers of resident and migratory birds, which can be viewed from the boat or walks on the islands.

Fishing is a speciality at Impalila and you can fish by fly in the rapids or spin in the river for Tiger fish and bream. There is a very relaxing atmosphere at the lodge and the food is exceptional.

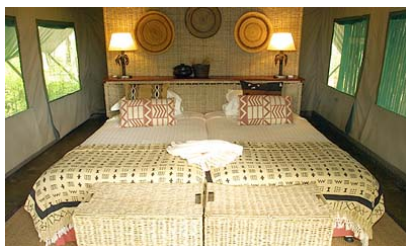
You will spend 3 nights at Impalila Island Lodge on a full board basis including laundry, local drinks and all activities.

www.islandsinafrica.com/impalila.htm

Day 7

Today you will be transferred back to Kasane airport and take a light air transfer into the Okavango delta to stay at Pom Pom for the next 3 nights.

Pom Pom Camp is found in the centre of the Okavango Delta in a private concession, the habitat is typical of the Okavango Delta with waterways and islands providing a haven for many species of animals and a great variety of birds. It is a traditional safari camp which surrounds a beautiful lagoon and wildlife can be viewed from your tented room.



There are nine large walk-in tents, with en suite showers and flush loos. The bathrooms are enclosed, but roofless, for that true bush experience.

From the camp there are a host of activities that will enable you to explore this wonderful wilderness area and its wildlife; game drives, night drives, walks, fishing and mokoro safaris for example.

You will spend 3 nights at Pom Pom on a full board basis including all local drinks, laundry and activities

www.pompom.com

Day 10

Today you will be transferred back to the airstrip to fly to Maun. On arrival you will check in for your flight to Johannesburg to connect with your flight to Cape Town. On arrival you will meet and transferred to Ezard House to stay for 4 nights.

Ezard House is a five-star boutique hotel offering luxurious accommodation with wonderful views of the Atlantic Ocean and of the surrounding mountains with the Twelve Apostles sweeping away into the distance. It is well located for easy access to the V&A Waterfront and the Winelands, restaurants, theatres, shopping and golf courses.



There are 10 well-appointed, modern rooms, including three suites. They all have balconies facing the sea or the private tranquillity of the landscaped gardens with its water features and koi ponds, and individually air conditioned environments, satellite television, DVD, mini fridge and business communication facilities.



After a day seeing the sights, you can come back and relax in the heated swimming pool and rooftop jacuzzi. If you choose to dine in, private dining is offered with great food and fine wines.

You will spend 4 nights at Ezard House on a B&B basis.

www.ezardhouse.com

Day 14

This morning your hire car will be delivered to Ezard House and you will drive in your own time to Walker Bay, where you will stay at Grootbos for the next 2 nights.

Grootbos Nature Reserve is nestled in the fynbos clad hills above Walker Bay, and has beautiful views of the dunes, sea and distant Cape of Good Hope. The reserve has more than 1 000 species of Cape Flora as well as a host of smaller animals such as bush buck, porcupine, grey duiker and lynx.



There are two upmarket eco-lodges, Garden Lodge (11 rooms) and Forest Lodge (10 rooms). They each have large, private one- and two-room suites built from stone and thatch and set among ancient milkwood trees in the large indigenous gardens. Each freestanding cottage has a lounge with a fireplace, a bedroom and a secluded wooden deck offering panoramic views of Walker Bay. The restaurant specialises in seafood and home grown produce.



Walking trails, horse riding and mountain biking through the reserve are accompanied by specialist guides, or you can go on a game drive in 4X4 vehicles. From July to December, the Southern Right Whale migrates from Antarctica to Walker Bay, and there is a spectacular vantage point for whale watching in a short drive from Grootbos. Guests can also swim or relax on the beach or take a 20-minute boat trip to Dyer's island, home of the Cape Fur Seal.

Grootbos specialises in the world-renowned flora and marine biodiversity of this region, and you will learn a lot about fynbos, the Cape's unique vegetation type, among other ecological gems. Grootbos Nature Reserve conserves 1061 ha of pristine fynbos and the plantlife is incredibly diverse. There are more than 600 species of flowering plants, including huge stands of extravagant proteas, and a wealth of bulbs that burst into flower after fire. The expert botanical guides here will give you a fascinating insight into the intricacies of the fynbos ecosystems.

Children of any age are welcomed at Forest lodge and over 12s at Garden lodge. There are plenty of activities to keep children occupied, from exploring the beach and caves to pony rides. Baby sitters are available for each cottage.

You will spend 2 nights at Grootbos on a full board basis.

www.grootbos.com

Day 16

Today you will drive back to Cape Town and drop off your hire car at Cape Town airport, where you will check in for your overnight flight back to the UK.

The price includes:

Offsetting your carbon emissions with Climate Care
All internal and inter-country flights and transfers
All accommodation on a shared basis in double rooms
Meals as indicated
Drinks as indicated
Laundry at most camps/lodges
All National Park fees
All game viewing activities with a qualified guide as indicated
Car hire, Group B, unlimited mileage and super cover

The price does not include:

International flights from the UK
Local airport taxes
Staff tips
Meals and drinks as indicated
Travel insurance
Items of a personal nature
Visas

All quotes are subject to alteration due to availability at time of booking, currency fluctuations, fuel & rate increases and government action.