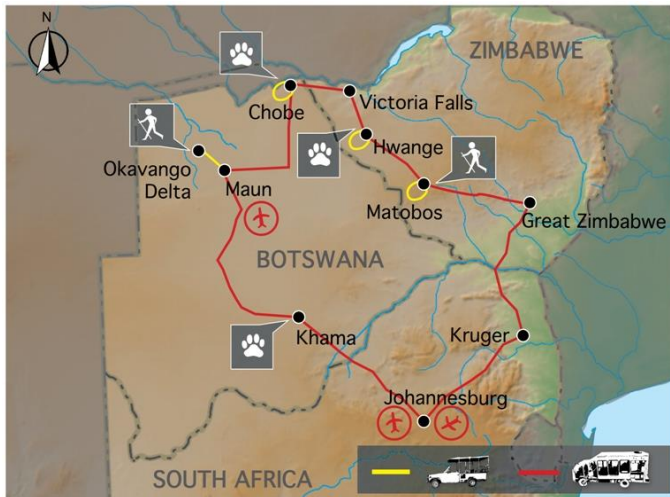


Tour code: **ZB16**
 Guaranteed departures
 Small group safari maximum: **12 travellers**
 Travel through: **South Africa, Zimbabwe & Botswana**
 Safari length: **16 days**

2016

ZIMBABWE BOTSWANA "GAME TRAIL"



DEPARTS:

JOHANNESBURG on Saturday at 06:30am

ENDS:

JOHANNESBURG on Sunday at +/-18:00pm

Highlights

- * Kruger National Park – game drives
- * Zimbabwe Ruins – guided tour
- * Matobos – game drive
- * Hwange – game drives in open vehicle
- * Victoria Falls – adventure activities
- * Chobe National Park – sunset river cruise
- * Okavango Delta - mokoro excursion



SAFARI GRADE: CAMPING

Zimbabwe's popularity as a travel destination

has bounced back in the last 5 years and the country offers, in combination with Kruger and Botswana, a fantastic 2 weeks of camping travel in Southern Africa.

The ZB16 Johannesburg to Johannesburg circular route has the advantage of simple international flight plans, and a chance to see rhinos.

The ZB15 Johannesburg to Maun offers you the option to fly out Maun on day 15 and avoid the long drive back to Jo'burg.

Overnight 13 nights on safari we stay at designated campsites, in or bordering national parks and towns. Formal campsites have hot and cold showers, laundry facilities & telephones.

2 nights "camping wild" without fences in the Okavango. On these nights the crew will erect a bucket shower (with hot water off the fire) and a pit latrine (with seat!).

Meals 15 breakfasts, 13 lunches and 11 dinners will be provided by the Sunway crew, prepared at the vehicle and eaten around the camp fire or in the boma.

Transport we use custom-built Sunway Safari trucks with 12 forward facing seats; or (on 10% of tours) Mercedes Sprinter minibuses with 12 forward facing seats and air conditioning. For the game drives in Matobos, Hwange, Chobe and the transfer into the Okavango we use open 4WD vehicles with local guides.

Limited participation An essential part of your safari is participation. From putting up your tent to packing the truck in the morning – it's all part of your adventure. Your tour leaders will do all the meal preparation but we do ask the clients to help (on rotation) with the washing up. Please note that although Sunway has all the correct paperwork the Beitbridge border crossing into Zimbabwe can take a long time, which can make for a particularly long day.

CAMPING ITINERARY

Day 1 - 2 **KRUGER NATIONAL PARK** [camping Bx1, Lx2, Dx2] (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)

Departing Johannesburg at 06:30am we head north-east into the world famous Kruger National Park. We visit the remote and seldom visited northern part of the park from Letaba to Pafuri. We enjoy morning and afternoon game drives in our safari vehicle and hope to spot lion, elephant, rhino and other animals in this icon of wildlife conservation.

Day 1: Breakfast is not included

Day 1: Lunch provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 1: Dinner provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 2: Breakfast provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 2: Lunch provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 2: Dinner provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Includes: Entrance to Kruger National Park and morning & afternoon game drives
Overnight: Campsite – good ablution facilities, hot showers, swimming pool, restaurant & shop
Distance/time: 550km, ± 7 hours, excluding stops for sightseeing & lunch
Optional Activities: Night game drive in National Parks open game viewing vehicle



Day 3 **GREAT ZIMBABWE** [camping BLD]

Entering Zimbabwe at the Beit Bridge border post, we travel to the town of Masvingo and the Great Zimbabwe Monuments. The well preserved ruins are some of the oldest and largest stone structures in Southern Africa and were built during the 11th to 14th Centuries. We explore on foot and wonder at the mysteries of these ancient stone structures and the civilization that built them.

Day 3: Breakfast provide by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 3: Lunch provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 3: Dinner provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Includes: Entrance and guided tour of the Zimbabwe Ruins
Overnight: Campsite – basic ablution facilities with showers, restaurant & bar
Distance/time: 480km, ± 6½ hours, excluding stops for border crossing (which can take 2 to 4+ hours) sightseeing & lunch



Day 4 - 5 MATOBOS NATIONAL PARK [camping BLD]

Moving on to Bulawayo, we arrive in the late afternoon and set up our camp on the outskirts of the park, before enjoying a sundowner and an evening around the campfire.

The following morning we head into the Matobos National Park with a local guide to visit the core of the Matopos Hills, an area of granite koppies and wooded valleys. On our open vehicle game drive we visit World's View and the historical site of Cecil John Rhodes' grave and discover the unusual rock formations characteristic of this area. As part of our visit we take a guided walk to track and hopefully find endangered white rhino, as well as other wildlife, and view bushman rock paintings.

Day 4, 5: Breakfast provide by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 4, 5: Lunch provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 4, 5: Dinner provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Includes: Entrance to Matobos National Park and game walks
Overnight: Campsite – good ablution facilities, hot showers
Distance/time: 340kms, ± 5 hours, excluding stops for sightseeing, shopping & lunch



Day 6 - 7 HWANGE NATIONAL PARK [camping BLD]

Named after a local Nhanzwa chief, Hwange National Park is the largest Park in Zimbabwe occupying roughly 14 650 square kilometers and is located in the north-west corner of the country. It is famed for its large elephant population. Our camp is in the game management area that borders the park, and we explore the park with our local guide, on a full day game drive in an open 4WD game viewing vehicle.

Day 6, 7: Breakfast provide by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 6, 7: Lunch provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 6, 7: Dinner provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Includes: Entrance fees, full day game drive in open 4WD game viewing vehicle
Overnight: Campsite – good ablution facilities, hot showers & swimming pool
Distance/time: 335kms ± 5 hours, excluding stops for sightseeing, game viewing & lunch



Day 8 - 9 VICTORIA FALLS [camping B--]

We camp for 2 nights in the town of Victoria Falls. We enjoy a spectacular walk through tropical vegetation to the very edge of the "Mosi oa Tunya" or "the smoke that thunders" - Victoria Falls. There are opportunities to white water raft on the mighty Zambezi River, bungi jump or take a "flight of angels" (own expense).

Day 8, 9: Breakfast provide by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 8, 9: Lunch will be an own expense meal

Day 8, 9: Dinner own expense

Includes: Entrance Fees to see the Victoria Falls
Overnight: Campsite – good ablution facilities, hot showers, swimming pool, restaurant & shop
Distance/time: 200kms ± 3 hours excluding stops for sightseeing & curio shopping
Optional Activities: White water rafting, sunset cruises, scenic flights & many more



Johannesburg to Victoria Falls "Zimbabwe" tour ends at 08:00am on day 10.
See www.sunway-safaris.com for itinerary & price (ZV10).

Day 10 **CHOBE NATIONAL PARK** [camping BLD]

Entering Botswana, our camp is situated in the town of Kasane on the banks of the Chobe River. The river flows lazily along the northern boundary of the Chobe National Park attracting some of the largest herds of elephant in Africa. A highlight of any trip to the Chobe is the afternoon game viewing "sundowner" cruise where we hope to see a large number of elephants and other wildlife as they quench their thirst at the end of the day.

Day 10: Breakfast provide by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 10: Lunch provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 10: Dinner provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Includes: Chobe N.P entrance fees & sunset cruise on Chobe River
Overnight: Campsite - good ablution facilities, hot showers, swimming pool, bar & restaurant
Distance/time: 85kms ± 1 hour, excluding border formalities
Optional Activities: Morning game drive on day 10



Day 11 **GWETA** [camping BL-]

This morning there is time for an optional (own expense) game drive in the Chobe National Park. Heading south through the Kasane Forest Reserve we make our way to Gweta for our overnight stop. Here we sleep with our tents nestled at the base of ancient baobab trees.

Day 11: Breakfast provide by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 11: Lunch provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 11: Dinner will be an own expense meal

Includes: N/A
Overnight: Campsite - good ablution facilities, hot showers, swimming pool, bar & restaurant
Distance/time: 415kms ± 5½ hours, excluding stops for sightseeing & lunch
Optional Activities: Game drive, bush walk & scenic flight



Day 12 – 14 OKAVANGO DELTA [camping Bx3 Lx3 Dx2]

After an early start we depart for Maun where we will then transfer into the delta by open 4WD game viewing vehicle. Our local guides will take us deep into the heart of the Okavango Delta on mekoro (dugout canoes). Being gently poled through the network of channels is an experience not to be missed. The delta forms as rain water from the Angolan highlands flows out over the flat Kalahari Desert sands, forming a delicate, green oasis for birds and wildlife. We will camp wild on remote islands in this amazingly dynamic environment and enjoy bush walks, bird watching & swimming in the clear waters. Camping with our local guides we learn more about their lifestyle and culture. We return to Maun in the late afternoon of day 14 and have time for an optional (own expense) game flight over the Okavango, which will reveal a different aspect of the delta.

Day 12, 13: Breakfast provide by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 12, 13: Lunch provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 12, 13: Dinner provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 12, 14: Breakfast provide by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 12, 14: Lunch provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 12, 14: Dinner will be an own expense meal

- Includes:** Entrance to Okavango Delta, Mokoro excursion, morning and afternoon game walks with local guides
- Overnight:** 2 x Wild camping – basic facilities with bucket shower
1 x campsite - good ablution facilities with hot showers, swimming pool, restaurant & bar
- Distance/time:** 200km, ± 4 hours + 2 hour 4WD transfer into the Delta, each way
- Optional Activities:** Scenic flight over the Okavango Delta (+/-USD95-120) pp depending on number of people in each aircraft)



Clients can end this tour on day 15 at 08:00am after breakfast to catch flights from Maun to Johannesburg. See www.sunway-safaris.com for itinerary and price (ZB15)

Day 15 KHAMA RHINO SANCTUARY [camping BLD]

Heading south from Maun, we drive through the wide open spaces of the Kalahari Desert on our way to the Khama Rhino Sanctuary. This is a community based wildlife project established in 1992 to assist in saving the vanishing rhino, restore an area formerly teeming with wildlife to its previous natural state and to provide economic benefits to the local Batswana community through tourism and the sustainable use of natural resources. We hope to spot some of the elusive rhino on an afternoon game drive.

Day 15: Breakfast provide by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 15: Lunch provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 15: Dinner provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Includes: Entrance fees and afternoon game drive.
Overnight: Campsite - good ablution facilities with hot showers.
Distance/time: 450km, ± 6½ hours, excluding stops for sightseeing
Optional Activities: Night game drive in open game viewing vehicle



Day 16 JOHANNESBURG – TOUR ENDS [- B--]

Crossing back into South Africa, we make our way to Johannesburg where the tour ends in the late afternoon.

Day 16: Breakfast provide by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 16: Lunch own expense

Day 16: N/A

Includes: N/A
Overnight: N/A
Distance/time: 630km, ± 7½ hours, excluding border formalities & stops for sightseeing & lunch

Please note: we do a free drop off at Johannesburg airport on day 16 at +/-17:00pm so you can book your flight out for the last day of tour.

Please Note: The distance and travel times quoted above are an estimate only, and subject to local road conditions and animal sightings!



Special Interest: The Painted Dog Conservation Centre, outside Hwange National Park in Zimbabwe, works to rehabilitate and release injured and orphaned wild dogs. A fascinating, beautiful and social species which is critically endangered. www.painteddog.org

Sustainable Tourism: Zimbabwe has for many years been off the tourist chart. Conservation has been a challenge for many Zimbabweans working in the national parks and on private land. In Matobos and Hwange national parks we use locally owned camps, operators and guides. Bringing tourist revenue back to the people on the ground will help support the protection of these beautiful wildlife regions.

2016 PRICES AND DEPARTURE DATES:

Prices: (valid Jan 2016 – Dec 2016)

€ 1 680 pps + local payment of US\$ 300

Single supplement: € 80 pp (If you are traveling on your own, Sunway will "room" you with another same gender client. You do not pay extra when booking as a single person. If however you request a single tent, then you'll pay the single tent supplement.)

2016 DEPARTURE DATES

ZB16 Zimbabwe Botswana Game Trail

DEPARTS	ENDS
JOHANNESBURG	JOHANNESBURG
Saturday at 06:30am	Sunday at 18:00pm

09-Jan-16	24-Jan-16
06-Feb-16	21-Feb-16
27-Feb-16	13-Mar-16
19-Mar-16	03-Apr-16
23-Apr-16	08-May-16
14-May-16	29-May-16
04-Jun-16	19-Jun-16
02-Jul-16	17-Jul-16
23-Jul-16	07-Aug-16
13-Aug-16	28-Aug-16
03-Sep-16	18-Sep-16
24-Sep-16	09-Oct-16
15-Oct-16	30-Oct-16
05-Nov-16	20-Nov-16
26-Nov-16	11-Dec-16
17-Dec-16	01-Jan-17

* **Bold dates** are guaranteed departures; all other dates are guaranteed from 4 clients.

ZB16 Johannesburg to Johannesburg

€ 1 680 pps + local payment of US\$ 300

Single supplement: € 80 pp

ZB15 Johannesburg to Maun (Botswana)

€ 1 640 pps + local payment of US\$ 300

Single supplement: € 75 pp

ZV10 Johannesburg to Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe)

€ 1 230 pps + local payment of US\$ 200

Single supplement: € 50 pp

DETAILED TOUR INFORMATION:

In a nutshell

- A true African experience - wild and free!
- All inclusive trip with cultural experience, adventure and wildlife.
- Kruger National Park, Great Zimbabwe Ruins, Matobos National Park, Hwange National Park, Victoria Falls, Chobe National Park & the Okavango Delta.