

Southern Africa Grandeur 22 days - Namibia, Botswana, Zambia, South Africa

Namib Desert 1nts, Namib Desert 2nts, Windhoek 1nts, Etosha National Park 2nts, Rundu 1nts, Mahango 1nts, Chobe 2nts, Livingstone 2nts, Sun City 2nts, Johannesburg 1nts, George 2nts, Cape Town 3nts, Cape Town 1nts

Daywise Itinerary:

Day 01 DEPART FOR WINDHOEK

Board your overnight flight to Windhoek, Namibia.

[Y] In flight Dinner

Day 02 WINDHOEK - NAMIB DESERT

On arrival transfer to a lodge on the borders on the famous Namib desert. Dinner and overnight.

[Y] Dinner

Day 03 NAMIB DESERT

Have a pre-breakfast excursion to showcasing the pastel coloured star shaped dunes in the dawn sunlight. After a stop at the dune continue onto Sossusvlei to climb one of the highest sand dunes. Visit the famous Sesriem Canyon and return to the lodge for lunch. In the afternoon have a nature drive. Overnight at the Namib desert.

[Y] Breakfast [Y] Lunch [Y] Dinner

Day 04 NAMIB DESERT - WINDHOEK

After breakfast head back to Windhoek arriving around lunch time. On arrival, have on a Windhoek City and Township tour. Visit Windhoek's historical buildings & monuments as well as the suburbs of Khomasdal, Katutura & Ludwigsdorf. Overnight in Windhoek.

[Y] Breakfast [Y] Dinner

Day 05 WINDHOEK - ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast depart for Etosha National Park. On arrival we enter the park through the Anderson's Gate where we start a game drive around the Okaukeujo areas before exiting the park before sunset. Head to the accommodation have dinner and overnight.

[Y] Breakfast [Y] Dinner

Day 06 ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK

Have a full day filled with game drives seeking out the Big five, giraffe, blue wildebeest, Zebra and many more. The region also has the endangered Black Rhino. Visit the Etosha Pan. Etosha Pan was the bed of a vast lake enons ago but today what remains is a glittering, silvery-green salt pan that stretches across roughly 5000 square kilometres. When dry, the pan sustains little life except for the algae that gives it its distinctive colour, and migratory birds that use it as a pit stop, but with heavy rain it becomes a shallow lake where flamingos breed, pelicans wade and feed, and a variety of mammal species come to quench their thirst, including leopards, lions, white rhinos, hunting dogs and antelopes. Exit the park before sunset. Dinner and overnight in Etosha.

[Y] Breakfast [Y] Dinner

Day 07 ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK - RUNDU

After breakfast we drive through the Oshikoto and the Kavango Region to Rundu. Rundu lies on the banks of the Kavango River in the northern Namibia. Rundu is also a rapidly growing as an investment centre. Arrival at the lodge on the banks of the Okavango River in the afternoon. Join an optional sundowner boat cruise. Dinner and overnight at the Lodge

[Y] Breakfast [Y] Dinner

Day 08 MAHANGU NATIONAL PARK - POPPA FALLS

After breakfast we drive through the Oshikoto and the Kavango Region to Rundu. Rundu lies on the banks of the Kavango River in the northern Namibia. Rundu is also a rapidly growing as an investment centre. Arrival at the lodge on the banks of the Okavango River in the afternoon. Join an optional sundowner boat cruise. Dinner and overnight at the Lodge

[Y] Breakfast [Y] Dinner

Day 09 MAHANGU NATIONAL PARK - CHOBE FLOOD PLAINS (BOTSWANA)

Today we travel towards the Botswana border vis Katima Mulilo. En route we will visit a traditional village to learn about the Caprivi culture. Arrive at the lodge situated on the banks of the Chobe river. You do have an opportunity to enjoy an optional sundowner drink on the river beach before we return to the lodge for overnight at the lodge.



[Y]Breakfast [Y] Dinner

Day 10 CHOBE FLOOD PLAINS - CANOEING EXCURSION

After breakfast have a full day boat cruise (weather and water dependent), including refreshments and light lunch; giving you the opportunity to enjoy the rich diverse bird and wildlife of the river. Return to the lodge for overnight

[Y]Breakfast [Y] Light Lunch [Y] Dinner

Day 11 CHOBE - LIVINGSTONE (ZAMBIA)

After breakfast travel to Livingstone by road. On arrival transfer to your hotel. Rest at leisure or take an optional helicopter flight over the famous falls (Jun – Nov -dry season. Low water levels). Later in the evening you take a sun set cruise on River Zambezi. (This cruise can be done on Day 11or Day 12). Overnight in Livingstone.

[Y]Breakfast [Y] Dinner

Day 12 VICTORIA FALLS - AFRICAN ART AND CRAFT VILLAGE - SUN SET CRUISE

After breakfast you take a short walk to the famous Mosi-Oa-Tunya National Park to view the falls. (Jun – Nov -dry season. Low water levels). You will see the smoke and hear the thunder of the falls before you see them giving them the local name of Mosi –Oa - Tunya (smoke that thunders). The falls are a UNESCO World Heritage Site. During the rains the water flow capacity reaches half a million litres of water per minute. Victoria Falls- 1708 meters wide makes it the largest curtain of water in the world. Later visit the African Art and village craft to buy some curios. Overnight in Livingstone.

[Y]Breakfast [Y] Dinner

Day 13 LIVINGSTONE - JOHANNESBURG (SOUTH AFRICA) - SUN CITY

After breakfast, depending on the time of your flight to Johannesburg. On arrival transfer to sun city. Rest of the afternoon at leisure. Dinner and overnight in Sun City

[Y] Breakfast [Y] Indian Dinner

Day 14 SUN CITY

After breakfast have a full day at leisure. Exploring the resort or just enjoying the various facilities at your disposal or do an optional day safari. Overnight in Sun City.

[Y]Breakfast [Y] Indian Dinner

Day 15 SUN CITY - SOWETO - JOHANNESBURG

After breakfast, check out and depart for Soweto for a Soweto Township Tour. Proceed to Johannesburg and check in at hotel. Dinner and overnight in Johannesburg.

[Y] Breakfast [Y] Indian Dinner

Day 16 JOHANNESBURG - GEORGE

After breakfast check out of hotel. Transfer to the airport for your flight to George. On arrival check in. Rest of the afternoon at leisure. Dinner and overnight in George

[Y] Breakfast [Y] Indian Dinner

Day 17 GEORGE - CANGO CAVES - OUDTSHOORN OSTRICH FARM – CANGO WILDLIFE RANCH - GEORGE - CANGO CAVES - OUDTSHOORN OSTRICH FARM – CANGO WILDLIFE RANCH - GEORGE

Enjoy your hearty breakfast at the hotel. We explore the town of Oudtshoorn, known as the "Feather Capital of the World" thanks to its huge Ostrich Industry, we visit the Cango Ostrich Farm. Afterwards, proceed to the famous Cango Caves. Later depart for Cango Wildlife Ranch: Human beings have always been inquisitive creatures by nature and the Cango Wildlife Ranch are sure to quench your thirst for knowledge. Find out how old crocodiles become and why crocs only eat in summer. Let our fully bilingual guides take you on an adventure where you can explore the facts and fiction surrounding these ancient relics of the past. Enjoy a close-up view and interaction with Cheetahs while your guide introduces these glorious creatures to you. We then return to hotel in George.

[Y]Breakfast [Y] Dinner

Day 18 GEORGE - MOSEL BAY - CAPE TOWN

Enjoy your hearty breakfast at the hotel. Drive along the coastal through the semi-desert area of



the little Karoo with its wealth of Anglo-Boer war history and its sheep farms. Long before white settlers established Swellendam as the third European town in South Africa, vast herds of game grazed on pastures lush with an abundance of water from the confluence of two major rivers. Along the way we drive along to Mosel Bay. A coastal village and harbour of the World-Famous Garden Route. Overnight in Cape Town.

[Y] Breakfast [Y] Dinner



Day 19 CAPE TOWN - FULL DAY PENINSULA TOUR – CAPE OF GOOD HOPE - PENGUIN COLONY

After breakfast depart for a day full of fun & adventure, as you proceed on a full day guided Cape Peninsula tour. Experience some of the most spectacular views in the world. The tour begins with a scenic drive along the Atlantic coast passing through the fishing village of Hout Bay. Here you will be taking a short boat trip to Duiker Island to view the Cape Fur seals. The tour then heads along Chapman's Peak Drive (if open) on to Cape Point and the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve. From there we travel to False Bay and return to Cape Town by way of the Simon's Town naval base where we visit the Penguin colony at Boulders Beach. Return to Cape Town in the late afternoon. Overnight in Cape Town.

[Y] Breakfast [Y] Indian Dinner

Day 20 CAPE TOWN CITY TOUR - TABLE MOUNTAIN - ROBBER ISLAND

After breakfast depart on a guided orientation City tour of Cape Town. A comprehensive city orientation tour starting with a trip up Table Mountain by cable car (weather permitting). The state-of-the-art cable car rotates 360 degrees on its way to the top, offering a panoramic view. At the summit are short walks to enjoy the magnificent vistas. Other highlights include a brief tour of the Malay Quarter, city centre, Company Gardens, Castle of Good Hope (from outside, time permitting). The tour then departs by boat from V&A Waterfront's Nelson Mandela Gateway to Robben Island, (weather depending) a symbol of the Triumph of the Human spirit over adversity. This is where the former President, Nelson Mandela, spent 18 of his 27 years in prison. On arrival it is small bus ride around the island before approaching the prison. On returning to Cape town after the tour have a relaxing evening while having dinner.

[Y] Breakfast [Y] Indian Dinner

Day 21 DEPART FOR UK

After breakfast. Board your overnight flight to South Africa

[Y] Breakfast [Y] Inflight Dinner

Day 22 ARRIVE UK

Arrive UK



Return with the Happy Memories of the Tour!!!

Departures:

2023 Tour Departures:

February	27
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Tour Cost:

Departures: 27/02/2023

Title: Ex. London

Passengers	Rates	Sharing
	GBP	
Per Adult	6,999.00	Twin Room
Per Adult	6,999.00	Double Room
Per Adult	8,669.00	Single Room

Accommodation:

City	Nights	Hotels	Hotel Rating
Namib Desert	2nts	Namib Desert Lodge or Similar	

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Windhoek	1nts	Safari Hotels Namibia or Similar	4 Star
Etosha National Park	2nts	Etosha Safari Camp or Similar	
Rundu	1nts	NA	--
Mahango	1nts	Shametu River Lodge or Similar	
Chobe	2nts	Chobe River Camp or Similar	
Livingstone	2nts	Avani Victoria Falls Resort or Similar	4 Star
Sun City	2nts	Sun City Main Hotel / SOHO or Similar	4 Star
Johannesburg	1nts	Peermont Mondior Hotel or Similar	4 Star
George	2nts	OUBAAI or Similar	4 Star
Cape Town	3nts	Doubletree by Hilton Upper Eastside or Similar	4 Star

Travel Mode:

From	Via	To	By
UK		Windhoek	Flight
Windhoek	Namib Desert	Etosha National Park	Coach
Mahango	Chobe	Livingstone	Coach
Livingstone		Sun City	Flight
Johannesburg		George	Flight
Cape Town		UK	Flight

Inclusions:

- * All nights in 3* / 4* star hotels with breakfast
- * Meal plans as indicated in the itinerary
- * All transportation in executive coaches, cruise liners, trains and some places in A/C Cars
- * Entrances to sightseeing's and excursions as per the itinerary
- * Premium services of Bi-lingual Tour Director / Escort / Leader / Manager (when minimum numbers of passengers reached)
- * Services of local tour guides
- * Return flights from one of these airports depending on availability of flights: London Heathrow / Gatwick / Stanstead / Luton / London City Airport

Exclusions:

- * Travel insurance
- * Visa charges
- * Items of personal nature viz. telephone calls, drinks (beverages), laundry, other meals, potter service, other personal expenses, etc..
- * Any cost of beverages, alcohols with the set meals.
- * Other services not listed in inclusive item & the itinerary

Cancellation Policy:

- * More than 56 days prior to departure date 50% of Total Holiday Cost for International Flight Tours
- * 55 - 42 days prior to departure date 75% of Total Holiday Cost for International Flight Tours
- * 41 - 0 days prior to departure date 100% of Total Holiday Cost for International Flight Tours

Terms & Conditions :

- * Please refer to the full Terms and Conditions on our website

FAQ :

Weather & Essential to carry

Q. How can I check the local weather?

A: You can check the local weather to your destinations here: www.accuweather.com

Q. What is the best time to travel?

A: Every effort has been made to select date where the weather is moderate to ensure your best experience of Namibia and Chobe. (Kindly note due to changing weather conditions globally, Sonatours is not liable for weather variations).

Q. What clothes shall I wear or pack?

A: During the lovely summer months, it is advisable to wear light garments during the day but keep a light jacket or sweater in your hand luggage as evenings can get chilly.

A: We suggest waterproof jacket and pair of sunglasses.

A: During the holiday most of the dressing is casual attire. Should you independently wish to visit Casino or Nightclub, evening wear is required.

Q. What kind of footwear will I need on the trip?

A: We suggest trainers, walking shoes, sandals, chappals or similar.

Passport; Immigration & Visa

Q. Do I need to carry a passport?

A: Yes, all passengers must travel with their passport if traveling outside the country you live in. We request you to see the following websites for the latest updates on travel to your destinations.

For UK Residents: www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice

For USA Resident: travel.state.gov/content/travel.html

Q. How long should the passport be valid?

A: Please ensure you have a passport that is valid for at least 6 months from the date of completing your tour.

Q. What are the Visa Requirements?

A: You are responsible to ensure that you have correct documentation.

British passport holders: Do **NOT** require a visa to travel to Namibia & Botswana (visa updates to follow) or contact the office.

Non-British passport holders: Please do check with the South African Embassy or High Commission in country of your residence.

Sonatours is not responsible or liable in any way should you be denied travel due to incorrect documentation.

Q. What happens to me if I am stopped at custom and immigration?

A: Sonatours cannot be held responsible if passengers are stopped or held by any government departments, e.g. Police, Customs, Immigration or any other authorities. We are sorry to say that the tour will continue and no financial or any other kind of responsibility will be accepted by Sonatours.

Money Matters

Q: What is the currency used?

A: On this tour you will be travelling to Namibia and Botswana.

Namibia: Namibian Dollar (NAD).

Botswana: Pula (BWP).

South Africa: South African Rand (SAR)

Q. Can I use my Credit/Debit cards there?

A: We recommend that you take a credit or debit card on holiday with you, as it provides extra financial flexibility. Major international credit cards, such as Visa or MasterCard are accepted by many restaurants, shops and hotels.

Most countries are using chip and pin. In cases where chip and pin not used, please be cautious when handing your debit/credit card.

Q. Are ATM machines available?

A: Major cities will have cash/ATM machines where cash can be withdrawn with your credit or debit card, though this might incur a fee charged by your card provider. Advise your bank which countries you are visiting prior to travel so that you do not run the risk of your card being refused and subsequent expensive phone calls to unlock it.

Q. Where can I exchange my money?

A: Money can be exchanged at Airports, Banks, Exchange Bureaus and at the hotels. You may also need your passport for identification, please be aware that locally exchange rate may vary.

Health (Medication); Welfare & Travel Insurance

Q. Do I need any vaccinations?

A: For further information on vaccinations please check with your medical doctor for recent updates or go on the following website:

www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/nhs-vaccinations-and-when-to-have-them/

or contact your medical doctor for recent updates.

Q. Should I bring all my medication with me?

A: Please travel with all your necessary medication for the duration of your trip including your prescription/doctors report confirming the medication.

Q. Do I need to declare any special medical condition and requirements prior to booking the tour?

A: Should you have pre - existing medical conditions or requirements (e.g. oxygen during flight or sleeping, colostomy bags, etc). Kindly advise the office at the time of booking.

Q. What happens if I am unwell during the tour?

A: Should you feel unwell during the trip, kindly contact the Hotel Reception, Tour Manager or your Local Guide. We regret that no refunds can be made for absences from a trip, including experiences such as missed meals or sightseeing. Strongly recommend to have personal travel insurance to cover these mishaps.

Q. What happens if an accident occurs while on the tour?

A: Should you be involved in an accident (minor or major), please contact your Tour Manager/Local Guide. Unfortunately, no refunds can be made for absences from a trip, including experiences such as missed meals or sightseeing.

Q. What should I do if there is an incident?

A: Sonatours makes every effort to keep your health and safety in mind. However, should an unforeseen incident occur please contact your tour manager/local guide/hotel reception for immediate assistance.

Q. Do you facilitate clients with disability?

A: Sonatours does not provide special tours for the disabled. Our coaches do not have wheelchair excess. It is possible to bring along a folding type of wheelchair which may be kept in the baggage hold of the coach. The driver will load and unload the wheelchair from the coach for the passenger however they will need to be physically fit enough to be able to embark and disembark the coach on their own. On the tour it is also essential that a capable person is accompanying such a passenger on the tour to push their wheelchair.

Q. What happens if I have lost or left something in the hotel?

A: Kindly note that you are responsible for looking after your valuables and property when on vacation. If an item has been left in a hotel you will need to call the hotel and arrange with them directly for the return of your item, there might be charges involved.

A: You are advised not to carry unnecessary valuables and to be vigilant, as tourist spots are well known targets for pickpockets. In case of theft, you will need to advise your Tour Director immediately and report the theft to the police. This should provide you with a police report or crime reference number.

Q. Do I need travel insurance?

A: We strongly recommend you travel with Travel/Medical Insurance from your country of residence. Kindly ensure you get the correct insurance for the tour.

Q. Can Sonatours provide travel insurance?

A: There are various travel insurance providers in the market, however Sonatours does not provide Travel Insurance.

Accommodation & Transport

Q. How are rooms allocated?

A: Each hotel checks their bookings and room inventory in the morning and pre-assigned the rooms. Sonatours have no control over room allocations.

Q. Can you guarantee rooms together?

A: Room allocation is done by the hotels. Rooms together only be requested but not guaranteed.

Q. What facilities are there in the room?

A: Facilities vary from Hotel to Hotel and include en-suite bathrooms, generally TV, safe box, telephone, mini bar, room service (use of some of the services are chargeable and to be settled by yourself at the time of checkout). Hotels may require your credit card to cover your extras or cash deposits.

Q. Will the room have walk in shower?

A: Not all hotel rooms have walking showers.

Q. Does my room have Tea & Coffee making facilities?

A: Please note that not all hotels provide tea/coffee in the room. If hot water is required, kindly request the hotel reception for assistance.

Q. Is smoking allowed in the hotels/rooms?

A: Hotels do not allow smoking in the rooms. However, designated smoking areas are provided. Please check with the hotel reception.

Q. Is WIFI freely available?

A: Most hotels will have WIFI available in the public areas. Please check with hotel reception for WIFI information in the rooms.

Q. Do all rooms have air-condition?

A: Most hotels rooms in Namibia and Botswana offer air-conditioners or fans.

Q. Will all hotels have lifts?

A: Most of the hotels worldwide will have lifts. However, at some places Heritage Hotels or Resorts are used In such cases lifts cannot be guaranteed.

Q. What time do I need to be at the airport?

A: All flight tours originating in the UK require that you be at the airport for your flight at least 3 hours prior to your flight time. Your final itinerary confirmation will confirm the time you need to be at the airport. Should you miss your flight Sonatours will not be liable for any costs incurred for you to join the tour. The office will make every effort to assist you in such circumstances.

If you have booked the tour without flights, please meet the group at the hotel. Details will be sent to you at a later date. Please do check with the office as you might need to book a hotel before the tour starts and after it finishes.

Please be on time as we cannot be held responsible or liable for any loss or expense suffered if you miss the flight or coach.

Q. Are flights upgrades available?

A: On long haul flight tours upgrade to your flights is possible. Please advise the office at the time of booking to get the best possible price.

Q. Can I select my seats on the airplane?

A: International and Internal flight booking are booked as a group and the airlines will allocate the seats. Should you have a specific request it will be forwarded to the airline but cannot be guaranteed.

Q. What are the luggage requirements on the airplane?

A: International: Different airlines will have different requirements on the weight allowance. It can range 20-30kgs for your main luggage and 5kg for hand luggage.

We do advise you to travel light. This information will be on your e-ticket once the tickets have been issued.

Q. What type of coach will I be travelling in?

A: We use the finest fleet of fuel-efficient coaches. Most coaches will have armrests & are fully air-conditioned or air-cooled—all with reclining seats. Coaches in these countries do not have emergency WC facilities. Frequent comfort stops are being made for your convenience. The high vantage point from your coach's windows means you can take in all the glorious scenery, whether it's a vast-rural landscape or an urban city center. On a touring holiday there are some long journeys which are unavoidable especially what travelling from city to city.

Q. Can I select my seats on the coach?

A: We have a strict seat rotation policy when travelling by coaches on all our international tours.

Q. What is the smoking and alcohol policy while travelling by coach?

A: There is a strict policy of "no smoking, no alcohol and no smelly food" on all our coaches. We do, however, make plenty of comfort stops.

Food Matters

Q. Can I request my flight meal and is it guaranteed?

A: Meal request should be advised at the time of your booking; Sonatours will request on your behalf, but we cannot guarantee the request. Sonatours are not liable in case the requested flight meal cannot be fulfilled. Please be advised that complimentary meals are not available on the internal flights.

Q. What meal options are available to me while on tour?

A: Sonatours can cater for a range of Vegetarian as well as Non-Vegetarian (Halal). Kindly advise your meal preference/allergies at the time of your booking.

Q. Where will I have my daily meals?

A: On all tours breakfast is at the hotel and dinners is at various restaurants or hotels.

Q. Should I carry dry snacks?

A: Dry snacks can be carried, provided they are pre-packed, and all the ingredients are clearly listed on the packaging.

Q. What is the cost of a local meal?

A: On an average local meal costs about £15-£20 per person per meal. This estimated price varies from city to city and country to country.

Miscellaneous

Q. Will I travel with people from other countries?

A: Sonatours have offices in Kenya, India, USA and UK. The beauty of taking a guided holiday with us is you'll have the opportunity to meet and travel with people from all over the globe.

Q. Is there a tour director on the tour?

A: Escorted tours are accompanied by professional tour director or/and local guides throughout the tour. It may be necessary that your Tour Director may change whilst on tour; this is usually due to operational reasons or utilizing local guides for their wealth of experience. Please ensure you provide your mobile number that you will be carrying with you while on the tour when making the booking. This facilitates the tour director/local guide to contact you should the need arise while on the tour. If minimum number of passengers has not been achieved, we will have a local guide. Sonatours provides services of local tour guides to make sure you will get an unforgettable experience.

Q. How many people will be on my trip?

A: Average group size are between 15 to 50 passengers but it may vary from departures to departures.

Q. Are tips included?

A: On all our group tours, only tips for the driver are included. However, should you wish to tip separately to driver and tour manager/local guide, you are welcome to do so at your discretion.

Q. When does my day start?

A: The day usually starts between 8 & 9am. Further instructions you will be given the night before. However, this may differ depending on the activity of the day.

Q. How much walking is involved per day for the duration of the tour?

A: This tour involves a substantial amount of walking (normally 5 to 7 hours a day, not all at one stretch).

Q. Will I have free time?

A: Each itinerary offers the perfect balance of downtime and discoveries. We also give you the opportunity to tailor your trip with optional experiences. If you decide to venture on your own during your free time, preferably you go in a group, keep the guide contact and the hotel address handy. Please do inform the tour director. We recommend you download an offline map too.

Q. Do I need to get a local SIM card?

A: Usually it is not necessary, should you require one kindly speak to your Tour manager/Local guide for assistance.

Q. Should I bring any electric outlet adapter and charger for my electronics?

A: Electrical currents vary Globally. We recommend that you carry a universal adapter and your electronic charges for your convenience and comfort.

Namibia and Botswana: Electricity supply is between 220 and 240 Volts; uses D- 3 round pins in a triangular pattern.