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Tour code:
Guaranteed departures
Small group safari maximum:
Travel through:

CVa21

12 travellers
**South Africa, Namibia,
Botswana & Zimbabwe**



Safari length:

21 days

2018

CAPE TO VIC FALLS "GRAND EXPLORER"



DEPARTS:

CAPE TOWN on Wednesday at 08:00am

ENDS:

VICTORIA FALLS, ZIMBABWE on Tuesday at 08:00am

Highlights

- * Cape Town – Cape Point day tour
- * Fish River Canyon – walking
- * Namib Desert – Sossusvlei dunes
- * Swakopmund – dune boarding & quad biking
- * Etosha National Park – game drives
- * Okavango Delta – mokoro excursion
- * Chobe National Park – river cruise
- * Victoria Falls – white water rafting



SAFARI GRADE: ACCOMMODATED

A variety filled journey covering the must

see highlights of both Cape Town to Victoria Falls is one of the classic "overland" routes for Southern Africa. The safari is a variety filled journey including the Namib Desert, Etosha NP and the Okavango. Sunway makes this trip an affordable accommodated adventure. The uni-visa between Zimbabwe and Zambia makes travel between both sides of the falls easy.

The CVa21 Cape Town to Victoria Falls is the full 21 day safari.

The CWa13 Cape Town to Windhoek offers a complete Namibia safari with a Cape Town start.

Overnight 17 nights on safari we stay at small lodges (including tented lodges), with en suite facilities, and 2 nights tented camp in the Okavango. Each tent has twin camp beds with linen and en suite chemical toilet. Shared bucket shower tent with hot water off the fire. 1 night chalets where two bedrooms share a bathroom.

Meals 20 breakfasts, 16 lunches and 11 dinners are included. Of which 7 breakfasts are provided by the lodges. The remaining included meals are provided by the Sunway crew, prepared at the vehicle & eaten around the campfire or at the boma.

Transport for the majority of this safari you travel in custom-built Sunway Safari trucks with 12 forward facing seats. On 5% of tours we may use Mercedes Sprinter minibuses with 12 seats and air conditioning.

Limited participation An essential part of your safari is some participation. From carrying your own bag to packing the truck in the morning – it's all part of your adventure. There are some long days with early starts so we all need to get involved to make the trip run efficiently. Where the tour leaders provide meals we ask that clients help (on rotation) with the washing up (the local polers will assist in the delta to make things easier).

Day 1 CAPE TOWN [guest house - -]

Cape Town is one of the most picturesque cities in the world, with the majestic Table Mountain providing its central focus. Departing, after a tour briefing, from Cape Town at 08:00am we visit Hout Bay harbour en route to Cape Point Nature Reserve and then the African Penguin colony at Boulders Beach. We sample some of Cape Town's culinary wonders at a local restaurant in the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront (own expense).

Day 1: Breakfast is not included

Day 1: Lunch is an own expense meal

Day 1: Dinner is an own expense meal

Includes: Entrance fees to Penguin colony & Cape Nature Point
Overnight: [Sweetest Guesthouses](#) – is a collection of individually decorated houses in a metropolitan area of Cape Town near the V&A Waterfront. The Sunway group may be spread amongst any of the houses, within walking distance of each other, and the group breakfasts will be taken in the same house. Rooms are twin with en-suite facilities (or similar guest house).
 WiFi available

Distance/time: Full day Cape Peninsular tour is 160km which takes between 6 and 8 hours.



Day 2 CEDERBERG [chalet BLD]

(B=breakfast, L=Lunch D=Dinner)

The Cederberg is a massive rock wilderness with giant sandstone boulders that have been sculpted by wind and rain into bizarre and artistic shapes. We head north to the Cederberg and explore the rugged landscape on foot before relaxing in chalets for the evening.

Day 2: Breakfast provided by the guest house

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

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

Includes: Entrance fees, and walk in the Cedarberg
Overnight: Western Cape Nature Conservation – 2 twin share bedrooms in each chalet with 1 bathroom shared between 2 rooms.
 WiFi not available

Distance/time: 250kms, ± 3½ hours, excluding stops for sightseeing



Day 3 GARIEP RIVER [lodge BLD]

We make our way into the more arid regions and upon entering Namibia, we stay at a lodge on the Gariep River. Namibia's southern border river flows quietly and peacefully and the river valley is hardly affected by tourism. The riverbed is sandy, the water clean and clear. Time free for swimming and relaxing or you can venture down the river in canoes (own expense).

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

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

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

Includes: N/A
Overnight: [Gariiep River](#), twin share cabanas with en suite facilities. Bar, restaurant, telephone. Internet cafe available
Distance/time: 500kms, ± 7 hours, excluding stops for sightseeing & lunch
Optional Activities Half day canoe safari



Day 4 FISH RIVER CANYON [lodge BLD]

The Fish River Canyon, situated along the lower reaches of the Fish River, is one of the most impressive natural beauties in the southern part of Namibia. With its depth of up to 550 metres, the Fish River Canyon is the second largest canyon in the world. We make our way to the canyon and in the afternoon watch a spectacular sunset as the sun slips over the canyon's rim.

Day 4: Breakfast provided by tour leaders with the help of the group

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

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

Includes: Entrance fees to look out point at Fish River Canyon
Overnight: [Canon Mountain Camp](#) – twin share chalet with en suite facilities. WiFi not available
Distance/time: 300kms, ± 4 hours excluding stops for sightseeing & lunch



Day 5 - 6 NAMIB DESERT [tented lodge BLD]

The parched Namib Desert has endless orange dunes blown into sharp ridges by the sand-shifting wind and at Sossusvlei they form a gateway into the Namib Desert. We will walk to Sossusvlei, explore Sesriem Canyon and from the comfort of our lodge outside the national park watch dramatic sunsets over the world's highest sand dunes. (If you prefer not to do the 4km walk to Sossusvlei there is an optional own expense 4WD transfer)

Day 5, 6: Breakfast provided by tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 5, 6: Lunch provided by tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 5, 6: Dinner provided by tour leaders with the help of the group

Includes: Entrance fees to Sesriem Canyon and Naukluft National Park
Overnight: [Desert Camp](#) – twin share permanent tents with en suite facilities. Restaurant, swimming pool & bar. WiFi not available
Distance/time: 550kms, ± 7½ hours excluding stops for sightseeing & lunch
Optional Activities: On arrival at Sossusvlei the guide will walk with the group into Sossusvlei (+/- 3.5km). For those clients who do not want to walk, there are 4WD vehicles that can drive you in. The 4WD, is an own expense (+/- N\$50 each way) and is optional.





Day 7 – 8 SWAKOPMUND [guest house Bx2 Lx1-]

Swakopmund is a popular seaside resort with a slightly nostalgic atmosphere, characterized by numerous colonial buildings. In terms of flora, both the Welwitschia Mirabilis and the Kokerboom grow on the stony plains of the Namib and many beautiful specimens surround this coastal town. Swakopmund is also the adventure activity capital of Namibia. Day free to explore the town or try dune boarding or sea kayaking (own expense).

Day 7: Breakfast provided by tour leaders with the help of the group

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

Day 7: Dinner will be an own expense meal at a local restaurant

Day 8: Breakfast provided by the guest house

Day 8: Lunch will be an own expense meal

Day 8: Dinner will be an own expense meal at a local restaurant

Includes:

N/A

Overnight:

[Hotel d'Avignon](#) - twin share rooms with en suite facilities. Telephone & restaurant. WiFi in main building



Distance/time:

350kms, ± 5 hours excluding stops for sightseeing

Optional Activities:

Sand boarding, Skydiving, Ocean canoe safari, Scenic flights & many more



Day 9 DAMARALAND [chalet BLD]

Namibia is a land of great contrasts and Damaraland demonstrates this with stark plains, petrified forests and ancient valleys leading to rocky outcrops and the soaring peaks of the Brandberg Massif Mountains.

Day 9: Breakfast provided by the guest house

Day 9: Lunch provided by tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 9: Dinner provided by tour leaders with the help of the group

Includes:

Entrance fees to Cape Cross Seal colony, San Rock Art

Overnight:

[Brandberg White Lady Lodge](#) – twin share chalets with en-suite facilities, bar, restaurant & swimming pool.



WiFi not available

Distance/time:

350kms ± 6 hours excluding stops for sightseeing & lunch



Day 10 – 11 **ETOSHA NP** [guest lodge BLD]


Once a vast lake fed by the Kunene River, the pan that is Etosha NP dried up thousands of years ago when the river waters chose a new course. Etosha is big game country. We take game drives around the huge pan to find the elephants, herds of antelope and lions around the waterholes. We stay at a lodge on the outskirts of the national park.

Day 10, 11: Breakfast provided by tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 10, 11: Lunch provided by tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 10, 11: Dinner provided by tour leaders with the help of the group

Includes: Entrance fees to Etosha National Park, full day game drive in Etosha NP

Overnight: [Tarentaal Guest Farm](#) – private working farm outside Etosha National Park. Twin rooms with en-suite facilities. Swimming pool, bar & telephone. (35km/25min from Anderson Gate to Etosha) 

WiFi not available

Distance/time: 400kms, ± 5½ hours excluding stops for sightseeing + full day game drive in Etosha NP



Day 12 **WINDHOEK** [guest house BL-]


This pretty town, beautifully situated in a valley, combines the architecture of a modern city with numerous buildings in the style of the German colonial era. The charm of the city of Windhoek lies in its harmonious blend of African and European cultures and the friendliness of its people. We visit the cosmopolitan capital and enjoy a restaurant meal (own expense).

Day 12: Breakfast provided by tour leaders with the help of the group

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

Day 12: Dinner will be an own expense meal at a local restaurant

Includes: N/A

Overnight: [Klein Windhoek Guest House](#) – twin rooms with en-suite facilities, swimming pool, restaurant & bar. 

WiFi available

Distance/time: 500kms, ± 7 hours excluding stops for sightseeing & lunch

Cape to Namibia tour CWa13 ends at +/-08:00am on morning of day 13. See www.sunway-safaris.com

Day 13 **KALAHARI** [chalet BLD]


Crossing into Botswana we overnight in huts in the heart of the Kalahari. We take a walk with the local Bushmen to learn fascinating bush skills.

Day 13: Breakfast provided by the guest house

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

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

Includes: Nature walk with local San bushman

Overnight: [Dqae Qare San Lodge](#) – en-suite rooms. 

WiFi not available

Distance/time: 550kms, ± 7½ hours excluding border formalities & stops for sightseeing & lunch



Day 14, 15, 16 OKAVANGO DELTA [lodge x1 BL-] [tented camping x2 BLD]

The Okavango Delta is the only inland delta in the world. Instead of flowing into the sea, the annual flood of fresh water, spreads over 15000sq km of the Kalahari sand in a maze of lagoons and channels. We journey deep into the Okavango Delta on mekoro (dugouts). We have 2 nights at our tented camp and enjoy game walks, swimming, the birdlife and game in this pristine wilderness area.

Day 14: Breakfast provided by tour leaders with the help of the group

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

Day 14: Dinner will be an own expense meal at a local restaurant

Day 15: Breakfast provided by the guest house

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

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

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


Day 16: Lunch provided by tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 16: Dinner provided by tour leaders with the help of the group

Includes:

Entrance to Okavango Delta, morning and afternoon game walks with local guides

Overnight:

1 night Maun, [Island Safari Lodge](#) – standard twin rooms with en suite facilities. 

Swimming pool, bar, restaurant, telephone.

WiFi not available

2 x nights Okavango Delta – wilderness tented camping - 2 nights tented camp in the Okavango. Each tent has twin camp beds with linen and an en suite chemical toilet. Shared bucket shower tent with hot water off the fire. Tents have built-in insect nets. We need to take our own water. Wild tented camping can be very enjoyable but please remember that we leave no trace of our stay and take all rubbish away with us. The wilderness tented camp supplies all linen blankets and pillows. The camp chairs have a backrest. You will need to bring your own towel.

WiFi not available

Distance/time:

300km, ± 4½ hours (Kalahari – Maun) Okavango transfer ± 3 hours each way

Optional Activities:

Scenic flight over the Okavango Delta (+/-USD95-120) pp depending on number of people in each aircraft)



Day 17**MAKGADIKGADI PANS** [tented lodge or chalet BL-]

The shimmering salt pans of Makgadikgadi are the size of Switzerland and most of the time appear as a glaring, white, endless plain. When the rain comes a dramatic change takes place as the pans come to life with frantically feeding water birds and great herds of zebra, wildebeest and springbok.

Day 17: Breakfast provided by tour leaders with the help of the group


Day 17: Lunch provided by tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 17: Dinner will be an own expense meal

Includes:

Entrance fees to Makgadikgadi Pans

Overnight:

[Nata Lodge](#) – twin share luxury tents with en suite facilities, swimming pool, restaurant & bar. Swimming pool, bar, restaurant, telephone. (or *Pelican Lodge*, – twin share rooms with en suite facilities. Swimming pool, bar, restaurant, telephone) 

WiFi not available / internet café available

Distance/time:


320km, ± 4 hours, excluding stops for sightseeing + 2 hour 4WD transfer out of delta



Day 18 **CHOBE NATIONAL PARK** [chalet BL-]

Chobe National Park is famous for large herds of elephant and buffalo. Our afternoon is spent on an exciting wildlife boat cruise in the Chobe NP.

Day 18: Breakfast provided by tour leaders with the help of the group
Day 18: Lunch provided by tour leaders with the help of the group
Day 18: Dinner will be an own expense meal

Includes: Sunset game viewing boat cruise on the Chobe River
Overnight: [Thebe River Safaris](#) – twin chalets with en-suite facilities. Swimming pool, bar, restaurant, telephone. 
WiFi available
Distance/time: 300kms, ± 3½ hours excluding stops for sightseeing & lunch




Day 19, 20, 21 **ZIMBABWE/ VICTORIA FALLS** [hotel Bx3 - -]

Magnificent Victoria Falls is one of the seven natural wonders of the world. David Livingstone 'discovered' the falls in 1885 and named them after his Queen. The scene he encountered was a mile-wide (1.6 km) sheer basalt fault line over which the mighty Zambezi tumbled to a depth of 100m, creating a cloud of spray. The falls are also the centre of a wide range of activities, including white water rafting on the mighty Zambezi, scenic flights or a 111m bungi jump (own expense). Tour ends at 08:00am at the hotel.

Day 19: Breakfast provided by tour leaders with the help of the group
Day 19: Lunch will be an own expense meal
Day 19: Dinner will be an own expense meal

Day 20: Breakfast will be provided by the lodge
Day 20: Lunch will be an own expense meal
Day 20: Dinner will be an own expense meal

Day 20: Breakfast will be provided by the lodge
Day 20: N/A
Day 20: N/A

Includes: Entrance fees to Vic Falls
Overnight: [Rainbow Hotel](#), twin rooms with en-suite facilities. Swimming pool, restaurant, bar and telephone. 
WiFi available
Distance/time: 70kms – 1 hour, excluding border formalities
Optional Activities White water rafting, sunset cruises, scenic flights & many more



Please note: The distance and travel times quoted above are an estimate only, and subject to local road conditions and photo stops!

Please note: That the accommodation specified above and in the itinerary, is a guide only and is subject to availability. Alternatives will be of a similar standard, and accommodation changes will be made without notice.

Special Interest: See magnificently dressed Herero women whose traditional dress is reminiscent of the early German colonisation of German South-West Africa. Herero Dolls made in this fashion can be bought as curios and make wonderful gifts.

Sustainable Tourism:

During our stay in Damaraland a local guide takes us to visit a San Bushman Rock Art site. Our entrance fees go towards ensuring that the area remains protected for future generations, and that the local community benefits directly from tourism.

2018 DEPARTURE DATES

CWa13 Cape to Windhoek
 Departs Ends
 CAPE TOWN WINDHOEK
 Wednesday at Monday at
 08:00 am 08:00 am



CVa21 Cape to Victoria Falls Grand Explore
 Departs Ends
 CAPE TOWN VICTORIA FALLS
 Wednesday at Tuesday at
 08:00 am 08:00 am

SAa	10-Jan-18	22-Jan-18	
SAa	17-Jan-18	29-Jan-18	
SAa	24-Jan-18	05-Feb-18	
SAag	31-Jan-18	12-Feb-18	German
SAa	07-Feb-18	19-Feb-18	
SAa	21-Feb-18	05-Mar-18	
SAa	14-Mar-18	26-Mar-18	
SAa	28-Mar-18	09-Apr-18	
SAa	04-Apr-18	16-Apr-18	
SAag	11-Apr-18	23-Apr-18	German
SAa	25-Apr-18	07-May-18	
SAa	16-May-18	28-May-18	
SAa	30-May-18	11-Jun-18	
SAag	06-Jun-18	18-Jun-18	German
SAa	13-Jun-18	25-Jun-18	
SAa	04-Jul-18	16-Jul-18	
SAa	18-Jul-18	30-Jul-18	
SAag	25-Jul-18	06-Aug-18	German
SAa	01-Aug-18	13-Aug-18	
SAag	08-Aug-18	20-Aug-18	German
SAa	22-Aug-18	03-Sep-18	
SAa	05-Sep-18	17-Sep-18	
SAag	12-Sep-18	24-Sep-18	German
SAa	19-Sep-18	01-Oct-18	
SAa	10-Oct-18	22-Oct-18	
SAa	24-Oct-18	05-Nov-18	

SAa	10-Jan-18	30-Jan-18	
SAa	17-Jan-18	06-Feb-18	
SAa	24-Jan-18	13-Feb-18	
SAag	31-Jan-18	20-Feb-18	German
SAa	07-Feb-18	27-Feb-18	
SAa	21-Feb-18	13-Mar-18	
SAa	14-Mar-18	03-Apr-18	
SAa	28-Mar-18	17-Apr-18	
SAa	04-Apr-18	24-Apr-18	
SAag	11-Apr-18	01-May-18	German
SAa	25-Apr-18	15-May-18	
SAa	16-May-18	05-Jun-18	
SAa	30-May-18	19-Jun-18	
SAag	06-Jun-18	26-Jun-18	German
SAa	13-Jun-18	03-Jul-18	
SAa	04-Jul-18	24-Jul-18	
SAa	18-Jul-18	07-Aug-18	
SAag	25-Jul-18	14-Aug-18	German
SAa	01-Aug-18	21-Aug-18	
SAag	08-Aug-18	28-Aug-18	German
SAa	22-Aug-18	11-Sep-18	
SAa	05-Sep-18	25-Sep-18	
SAag	12-Sep-18	02-Oct-18	German
SAa	19-Sep-18	09-Oct-18	
SAa	10-Oct-18	30-Oct-18	
SAa	24-Oct-18	13-Nov-18	

SAag	31-Oct-18	12-Nov-18	German	SAag	31-Oct-18	20-Nov-18	German
SAa	07-Nov-18	19-Nov-18		SAa	07-Nov-18	27-Nov-18	
SAa	28-Nov-18	10-Dec-18		SAa	28-Nov-18	18-Dec-18	
SAa	12-Dec-18	24-Dec-18		SAa	12-Dec-18	01-Jan-19	
SAag	19-Dec-18	31-Dec-18	German	SAag	19-Dec-18	08-Jan-19	German
SAa	26-Dec-18	07-Jan-19		SAa	26-Dec-18	15-Jan-19	
SAa	09-Jan-19	21-Jan-19		SAa	09-Jan-19	29-Jan-19	
SAa	16-Jan-19	28-Jan-19		SAa	16-Jan-19	05-Feb-19	

* **Bold dates** are guaranteed departures, all other dates guaranteed from 4 clients.
 * **SAa:** The "Cape Town to Victoria Falls Grand Explorer" can be combined after all "South Africa Rainbow Route" departures to create a complete circular safari in Southern Africa.
 * **German / g:** These tours have a German speaking translator / tour leader

DETAILED TOUR INFORMATION:

In a nutshell

- A true exploration of Southern Africa - see it all – and have the comfort of a bed each night!
- A participation tour that offers an accommodated safari at a reasonable price, accommodated in chalets, and cabins with a couple of nights in a tented camp in the Okavango to get us close to the wildlife.
- All inclusive trip with cultural experience, adventure and wildlife.
- Gariep River, Fish River Canyon, Namib desert, Sossusvlei, Swakopmund, Skeleton coast, Spitzkoppe, Twyfelfontein engravings, Etosha, Okavango Delta, Victoria Falls.

Why travel with Sunway Safaris

We understand that there are several options available to you when choosing your African safari. We also know that you want to make the most informed decision about your safari, what you get, what's included and what you see and experience. So these are just a few of the Sunway qualities and facts:

- **Small groups** – by travelling with a maximum of 12 people, you are able to witness Africa and have first-hand contact with this amazing continent and its people without being a negative influence. This has been a key factor in our continued success. Our trips appeal to a wide demographic of traveller. Our clients range in age from 25 to 65+ with the average being 45. The range of travellers gives a variety of perspectives which adds to the experience of each safari.
- **2 Sunway tour guides** – group leaders are the key to any safari. On a Sunway safari you will travel with 2 qualified and registered field guides (Field Guides Association of SA). Two guides as crew, not a guide and a driver, means interesting trips with maximum knowledge and information. Our guides have a passion for Africa, her people and her wildlife, and they love nothing more than sharing their knowledge with you.
- **Guaranteed departures** – departure dates on each itinerary shown as bold are guaranteed departure dates. All other departures operate with a minimum of 4 clients.
- **All inclusive price** – when we travel ourselves, we always feel that if we're in a country we should find and see the best it has to offer. So when planning the Sunway routes we ensure that each trip provides the best inclusions and experiences. For example, if you go to Botswana – you have to visit the national parks in an open 4WD – it is the essence of the Botswana wilderness. If you tour Zambia, then you must visit South Luangwa NP and do a game walk with a local scout. When booking on a Sunway Safari there are no hidden costs. All of the entrance fees are included, and a wide range of activities, and most meals. We have included many highlights in our tours, so that you will see and experience the highlights without having to pay extra when you get there. So when you decide on which safari company to book with, look carefully at what you're actually getting. You may only visit a place once, make sure you get the most out of it.
- **Safety** – our fleet of vehicles are custom built to ensure comfortable and safe touring. Each is constructed, by an authorised passenger vehicle builder, to the latest safety requirements, with a safety shell, and every seat has a lap belt. This gives you peace of mind when travelling with Sunway Safaris on the often demanding African roads.
- **Responsible travel** - Our commitment to sustainable & responsible tourism is reflected in our low impact travel style where all we take is photographs and all we leave is our footprints. Being an African company we have the grassroots contacts to make a real difference in the lives of the people whose lands we visit. On each itinerary in the brochure you'll find this symbol which highlights just one of the sustainable travel initiatives that we support



- **Solo Travellers** – going it alone won't make your holiday more expensive; our reservations staff will match you up with another same-gender traveller to keep your holiday affordable. If however you request a single room or tent these are available, with a price supplement
- **Experience** - we have more than 22 years' experience planning tours throughout Southern Africa. As such, our itineraries and routes have been perfected over many years ensuring that your tour will run smoothly. We visit the highlights of Southern Africa, but ensure that you do not follow the well-trodden tourist track. All of us at Sunway Safaris have extensive travel experience in Africa, and throughout the world. Being adventure travellers ourselves, we know how to plan trips that give you a broad experience of the countries that you will visit.
- **Based in Africa** - probably the most important part of a Sunway safari is that we are an African company with offices in South Africa and Botswana. We live in Africa, we travel in Africa and it is our passion for this amazing continent that makes Sunway your best travel option.

SOS trees project – Okavango Botswana

- For hundreds of years, the local communities in and around Botswana's Okavango Delta have used the wood of the sausage tree to craft their traditional mokoro (dugout canoes). The knowledge and skill have been passed down from generation to generation and, up until recently, has been a sustainable practice. With increasing numbers of people visiting the Delta each year, more mokoro are needed and as a direct result, more and more sausage trees are being felled and the sausage tree is sadly disappearing from the region. A traditional wooden mokoro will have to be replaced every five years, thereby placing increased pressure on the dwindling sausage tree supply.

Sunway Safaris has established a project to encourage polers in the local communities to buy replica fiberglass mokoro's, which have a lifespan of approximately ten years, are more stable and are produced without any negative affect to the environment. As such, sponsorship for each fiberglass mokoro is needed, and a portion of the tour cost will be donated to the project, but we also will offer our clients the opportunity to contribute to this worthwhile cause. Please feel free to contact the Sunway Safaris office for more information on the SOS trees project or if you would like to make any contributions towards this project. It is something that is close to all of our hearts and we hope that it will be successful.

Local Payment

- There is no local payment required on this safari.

Participation

- An essential part of your Sunway Safari is participation – from helping around the camp fire, to packing away in the morning, to helping with cleaning up – it's all part of your adventure and when everyone puts in a little effort the trip will run smoothly. Your tour leaders will do all the meal preparation but we do ask the clients to help with the washing up. Team spirit is part of the fun!

Recommended reading

Before you travel you might want to read any of the following books. While not specific to the Sunway tour you will join, they do provide some background understanding of the countries you will be visiting.

- Long Walk to Freedom by Nelson Mandela (Autobiography - Nelson Mandela is one of the great moral and political leaders of our time.)
- Sands of Silence by Peter H Capstick (Tales of travels and the Bushmen's culture and their political persecution)
- Skeleton Coast by John H Marsh (Wreck of the Dunedin Star and its survivors)
- The Diamond Hunters by Wilbur Smith (Fictional family feud set in Namibia)
- The Skeleton Coast by Benedict Allen (A journey through the Namib Desert)
- The Smell of Apples by Mark Behr (Story of boy in Cape Town and then army on Caprivi)
- Etosha by Daryl and Sharna Balfour (A coffee table book of photography)
- Newman's Birds of Southern Africa by Kenneth Newman
- Sasol Birds of Southern Africa by Ian Sinclair, Phil Hockey, and W.R. Tarboton
- The Safari Companion: A Guide to Watching African Mammals Including Hoofed Mammals, Carnivores, and Primates by Richard D. Estes and Daniel Otte
- Field Guide to Trees of Southern Africa (Field Guides) by Braam Van Wyk, Keith Coates Palgrav, and Piet Van Wyk

Shopping

- Craft shopping for carvings, batiks, paintings and clothing are best in Livingstone, Zambia which has a wide variety of curios. Botswana has beautiful grass weavings. Namibia also has unusual and interesting curios and crafts. If you see something you like, it is best to buy it because it is unlikely that you will see something similar further along. Crafts from change from region to region.

Food

- We pride ourselves on giving very good healthy meals to our clients and will provide three meals per day, except where shown in itinerary, when we try out local restaurants.
- The tour leaders do the shopping and meal planning for each group. He/she will always try to obtain fresh produce wherever possible. A rough idea of what these will consist of is: Breakfast - cereals or coffee and toast or the occasional fried breakfast, Lunch - cheese, cold meats, salads on bread or rolls, Dinner - braais (local barbecue), potjies (stews), stir fries etc. We use regular plates, cups and cutlery. All cooking and eating utensils will also be provided.
- We do cater for special dietary requirements (e.g. vegetarian or allergies.)
- We will supply fruit squash served with breakfast and tea or coffee served with breakfast and dinner. All other beverages will be for your own expense. We will not supply bottled drinking water although it is available at many shops on tour.

Difficulty

- Anyone who is generally active and in good health should enjoy this trip. The accommodation used is simple but clean.
- Full itinerary with a couple of long driving days, but also plenty of outdoor activity with some relaxing time. This is a long distance trans Africa safari - there is a lot of distance to be covered and so there will be some long travelling days. Due to local conditions, border crossings, road detours and weather, the trip may alter route / schedule - please remember that this continent has its own time scale and things work differently here. Keep an open mind and a sense of humour - it's all part of the adventure!
- Everyone is asked to help out with the running of the tour. In other words if everyone spends a little time helping then the tour will run smoothly and everyone will have a good time. Participation is the name of the game.

Things you should know

- **Botswana Tourism Levy:** From 01Jun2017 all Botswana visitor arrivals are required to pay a US\$30 tourism levy. Credit cards, debit cards and cash together with your passport will be required to obtain this levy from vending machines placed at ports of entry. Possibility of pre-purchasing the tourism levy online prior to arrival in Botswana is being developed (as at May17). A receipt, specific to your passport, is issued for the levy, which is valid for 30 days multiple entry.
- Includes park entrances, game drives and the Okavango Delta excursion.
- Your client will need a valid passport and visas for entry into South Africa, Namibia, Botswana and Zimbabwe.
- Luggage, please pack to a limit of 12kgs in a soft sports tog bag. Bring a daypack for walks. You will need to bring your own towel.
- We recommend that you bring Euro, US\$ or South African Rand for personal expenses on this trip but please note that in South Africa and Namibia Euro and US\$ will need to be changed into Namibian \$ or South African Rand as shops, restaurants and market vendors only accept N\$ and ZAR. In Botswana please note that foreign currency will need to be changed into Botswana Pula as shops, restaurants and market vendors only accept BWP. Expenses in Livingstone can be paid in US\$ or Euro and major credit cards can also be used for optional activities throughout this tour. See the Sunway tour dossier for approximate costs of drinks and meals etc.

Common questions about this trip

1. **Can I buy camera memory cards?** Memory cards and other photographic accessories will be available several times on tour. A camera with a zoom lens from wide angle to telephoto, 35-300mm, is advisable to capture both scenic and wildlife shots. Each vehicle is fitted with a 12/24V cigarette lighter – this should not be relied on for charging camera batteries and we recommend you bring a 2nd battery. Remember you can also charge your camera on those nights we use accommodation (SA 220V)
2. **Is it safe?** South Africa, Namibia, Botswana and Zambia are relatively safe and your guide knows the countries intimately and will endeavour to show you the best parts while looking after you. In the wild areas your guide will brief you on the necessary precautions, follow this advice and you will be fine. Be aware of your personal belongings and you will have a great trip! Every precaution is taken to ensure a happy holiday.
3. **Do I need malaria tablets?** Yes, the trip passes through malaria areas and prophylactics are recommended.
4. **What do I need to bring?** All details are covered in our general tour briefing (available from www.sunway-safaris.com on home page) but the basics are: - comfortable clothes for warm days and cool evenings, walking shoes, a raincoat, hat and sunglasses, swimsuit, a small pair of binoculars also comes in very handy and most importantly - a sense of adventure!

