



# THE ULTIMATE SOUTHERN AFRICA TRAVEL GUIDE

**South Africa • Botswana • Zimbabwe • Victoria Falls • Namibia • Eswatini**

**Prepared by Knap Tours**

**Your African Safari Specialists**

## WELCOME TO SOUTHERN AFRICA

Southern Africa is one of the world's most extraordinary travel regions.

Imagine tracking leopards through the African bush, witnessing elephants gathering around remote waterholes, cruising through the Okavango Delta in a traditional mokoro canoe, standing before the thunderous Victoria Falls, exploring the world's oldest desert in Namibia, and discovering vibrant cultures along the way.

This guide has been created by the travel experts at Knap Tours to help you plan the ultimate Southern African adventure.

Inside you'll discover:

- ✓ The best countries to visit
- ✓ When to travel
- ✓ Top safari destinations
- ✓ Wildlife highlights
- ✓ Suggested itineraries
- ✓ Budget expectations
- ✓ Essential travel tips

## WHY CHOOSE SOUTHERN AFRICA?

Southern Africa offers:

- The world's finest safari experiences
- Exceptional wildlife viewing
- The Big Five
- Victoria Falls
- Desert landscapes
- World-class wine regions
- Diverse cultures
- Excellent tourism infrastructure

Whether you are travelling for your first safari or your fifth, Southern Africa never disappoints.

## SOUTH AFRICA

### Why Visit?

South Africa combines wildlife, scenery, culture, beaches, wine and adventure better than almost any destination in the world.

### Highlights

#### Kruger National Park

One of Africa's greatest wildlife reserves.

Expect:



- Lions
- Leopards
- Rhinos
- Elephants
- Buffalo
- Wild Dogs

## **Sabi Sands Game Reserve**

The most exclusive safari destination in South Africa.

Known for:

- Exceptional leopard sightings
- Luxury lodges
- Off-road game viewing
- Incredible photographic opportunities

## **Cape Town**

Often considered one of the world's most beautiful cities.

Must-see attractions:

- Table Mountain
- Cape Peninsula
- Cape Winelands
- Robben Island
- V&A Waterfront

## **Garden Route**

Perfect for self-drive holidays.

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# **BOTSWANA**

## **Africa's Most Exclusive Safari Destination**



Botswana focuses on low-volume, high-quality tourism.

## **Okavango Delta**

A UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Highlights:

- Mokoro canoe safaris
- Walking safaris
- Private concessions
- Exceptional predator viewing

## **Chobe National Park**

Home to one of Africa's largest elephant populations.

Highlights:

- Boat safaris
- Elephant herds
- Sunset cruises
- Excellent photography

## **Moremi Game Reserve**

One of Africa's most beautiful safari areas.

Wildlife:

- Lions
- Leopards
- Wild Dogs
- Cheetahs
- Elephants

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# **ZIMBABWE**

## **Africa's Best-Kept Safari Secret**



Zimbabwe offers outstanding guides and exceptional wildlife experiences.

## **Hwange National Park**

Zimbabwe's premier safari destination.

Highlights:

- Large elephant herds
- Excellent predator sightings
- Walking safaris
- Authentic wilderness experiences

## **Mana Pools National Park**

A UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Famous for:

- Walking safaris
  - Canoe safaris
  - Wild dogs
  - Photographic opportunities
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# **VICTORIA FALLS**

## **The Smoke That Thunders**

Victoria Falls is one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World.

Activities include:

- Guided waterfall tours
- Helicopter flights
- Sunset cruises
- White-water rafting
- Bungee jumping
- Ziplining
- Cultural experiences



Recommended stay:  
2–3 nights

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## NAMIBIA

### Africa's Land of Endless Horizons

Namibia offers some of the most spectacular landscapes on Earth.

#### Sossusvlei

Home to the world's highest sand dunes.

#### Swakopmund

A charming coastal town surrounded by desert.

Activities:

- Sandboarding
- Quad biking
- Dolphin cruises

#### Etosha National Park

One of Africa's top wildlife destinations.

Known for:

- Waterhole viewing
  - Black rhino
  - Lions
  - Elephants
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# ESWATINI

## Southern Africa's Hidden Gem

A small kingdom rich in culture and natural beauty.

Highlights:

### Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary

Ideal for:

- Walking safaris
- Cycling safaris
- Birdwatching

### Hlane Royal National Park

Best known for:

- White rhino
  - Lion sightings
  - Cultural experiences
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## THE BEST TIME TO VISIT

### May to October

Dry season

Best for:

- ✓ Wildlife viewing
- ✓ Safaris
- ✓ Comfortable temperatures



## November to April

Best for:

- ✓ Birdwatching
  - ✓ Green landscapes
  - ✓ Photography
  - ✓ Lower rates
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## HOW MUCH DOES A SAFARI COST?

### Budget

USD 200–350 per person per day

### Mid-range

USD 400–800 per person per day

### Luxury

USD 900–2,500+ per person per day

### Ultra-Luxury

USD 2,500–10,000+ per person per day

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## OUR FAVORITE ITINERARIES

### Classic Southern Africa (10 Days)

- Johannesburg
- Kruger



- Cape Town

## Safari & Falls (12 Days)

- Victoria Falls
- Chobe
- Okavango Delta

## Ultimate Southern Africa (21 Days)

- Cape Town
  - Kruger
  - Victoria Falls
  - Chobe
  - Okavango Delta
  - Namibia
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# SAFARI PACKING CHECKLIST

Essential items:

- ✓ Neutral-coloured clothing
- ✓ Sun hat
- ✓ Sunglasses
- ✓ Sunscreen
- ✓ Camera
- ✓ Binoculars
- ✓ Lightweight jacket
- ✓ Comfortable walking shoes
- ✓ Universal travel adapter
- ✓ Personal medications

## WHY BOOK WITH KNAP TOURS?

At Knap Tours, we specialise in tailor-made African journeys.

Our team has extensive firsthand knowledge of Southern Africa and works only with trusted lodges, guides and safari operators.

We create experiences, not packages.

Our services include:

- ✓ Tailor-made itineraries
  - ✓ Safari planning
  - ✓ Honeymoons
  - ✓ Family adventures
  - ✓ Luxury travel
  - ✓ Photography safaris
  - ✓ Small-group journeys
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## START PLANNING YOUR AFRICAN ADVENTURE

Whether you're dreaming of your first safari or planning the journey of a lifetime, our team is here to help.

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