



Zimbabwe: Victoria Falls, Hwange National Park - Botswana/Namibia: Chobe River
Zambia: Livingstone - South Africa: Cape Town

Global Sojourns offers you the unique opportunity to combine an African wildlife safari with “going deeper” through our philanthropic arm, the GS Giving Circle, which actively supports girls’ education and empowerment in Southern Africa. Not only will you see the beauty and wildlife of this region, but you will also gain insight into the varied local cultures and issues.

- As you connect with our GS Giving Circle partners, you’ll be learning from them as they will learn from you. Spend time listening to the recipients’ stories and understand their struggles and hopes for the future.
- During your journey you’ll also have the special opportunity to experience “safari” both on land and on the water! Take in the African bush and wildlife in Hwange National Park and along the Chobe River. Visit the majestic Victoria Falls.
- Top off your trip with a visit to the iconic Cape Town with its stunning setting of endless vistas of the ocean and neighboring mountains. Engage with our local partners and choose among the many activities on offer for exploring the city and its surrounds.

Enjoy your adventure!



YOUR ITINERARY

May 18	Johannesburg, South Africa
May 19	Hwange Nat'l Park, Zimbabwe
May 22	Transfer to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe
May 23	Livingstone, Zambia
May 25	Chobe River (Namibia & Botswana)
May 27	Cape Town, South Africa
May 31	Departure for USA

May 18 Arrival in Southern Africa

Welcome to Johannesburg! Upon arrival, you will be met by a BidAir representative who will assist you with Immigration formalities. The Bidair representative will be standing at the entrance of the terminal building, before you enter Immigration. They will have a sign with your name on it. As they are not allowed to hold it very high (you're still in a secured part of the airport), look closely for someone in a BidAir uniform holding a sign. Following luggage collection, your representative will continue with you to City Lodge OR Tambo, located just a few minutes walk away. (If by chance you do not see the rep, proceed to Immigration and make your way to the hotel. It is well signed.)

Freshen up and relax at the hotel as you recoup from your long flight. There is a restaurant in the hotel or if you want to stretch your legs, you can make your way back into the airport and go to one of the cafes located there.

One night at City Lodge OR Tambo in standard room on a bed and breakfast basis

www.citylodge.co.zas

Based at Africa's busiest airport, City Lodge at OR Tambo Airport will provide business and leisure travelers with "home away from home" accommodation that is ideal for those commuting to and from Johannesburg and perfect for those who require immediate access to the airport.

May 19 Hwange National Park, Zimbabwe

This morning you will depart on your scheduled flight to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. Upon arrival, you will all proceed through Customs & Immigration formalities (have your passport & ballpoint pen handy!) at which time you purchase your single entry visa for Zimbabwe. You will next be transferred by Wild Horizons to Hwange Main Camp. The drive takes approximately 2 1/2 hours. Once in Hwange, your safari adventure begins! You will be met by a guide from The Hide Safari Camp who will transport you to the camp. You'll be able to start game viewing during the one-hour drive in an open safari vehicle.

Hwange National Park is Zimbabwe's largest national park. A haven for over 100 mammal and 400 bird species, the park protects populations of all of Zimbabwe's endangered species. Elephants number in excess of 20,000 and the park is home to what is thought to be one of the largest populations of African wild dog left in the world.

Three nights at The Hide Safari Camp in classic tents on a full board basis, including shared game viewing activities, local beverages and limited laundry

www.thehide.com

The Hide Safari Camp is the product of a passion for nature, and Hwange National Park in particular. Built in 1992 by the Preston family, who remain deeply involved to this day, The Hide Safari Camp has earned its reputation as a consummate safari destination, for both the exceptional wildlife experience and the hospitality it offers. As a guest, you'll stay in one of just ten beautiful tented suites with views over the waterhole, where animals congregate day and night. Between game drives and walks in the National Park, there is plenty of time to relax in a comfortable lounge or sit quietly in a hide to watch the wildlife.

May 22
Victoria Falls,
Zimbabwe

This morning you will combine your morning game viewing activities with a visit to the Painted Dog Project (entrances & donations to be paid direct). Your Wild Horizons' driver will meet you at the Painted Dog Project for your road transfer to Victoria Falls and Ilala Lodge. En route, you will have a brief visit with Rose of Charity, the GS Giving Circle's partner in Victoria Falls, and their office in town. Meet Sima Simangele Moyo, the Director, and learn about the work they do for disadvantaged children in the high density suburb of Victoria Falls. Learn about the girls' empowerment workshops and you may have a chance to chat with some of the girls in the program. The remainder of the afternoon as well as the evening are free to explore the Falls and the town on your own.

Some suggestions for your time in Victoria Falls:

- Visit the famous Victoria Falls. Enter the Victoria Falls National Park and wander along the pathway, taking in different views of these magnificent falls (\$30 park fee to be paid directly).
- Enjoy High Tea on the verandah of the Victoria Falls Hotel. Take some time to wander the hallways and look at the photographs from the early days of the hotel and town.
- Shop for Shona sculpture and other arts and crafts at [Elephant's Walk](#) or visit the outdoor curio market next to it.
- Dining suggestions: Eat at Ilala's restaurant (the food tends to be quite good there) or if warm enough, enjoy a casual meal out on the verandah at the Victoria Falls Hotel. Or go for one of the local buffets with entertainment (Jungle Junction at the nearby Victoria Falls Hotel or The Boma out at the Victoria Falls Safari Lodge- reservations recommended). Or maybe the local, very informal hangout at the VF Rest Camp, In Da Belly. Lots of options to choose from in town, depending on your mood!

One night at the Ilala Lodge in standard rooms on a bed and breakfast basis

www.ilalalodge.com

The perfect base from which to explore one of the World's Seven Natural Wonders, the Ilala Lodge Hotel provides distinguished yet affordable accommodation in a gracious and secluded setting. Ilala Lodge Hotel is ideally situated on the Zimbabwean side of the mighty Zambezi river, where it is the closest hotel to the magnificent Victoria Falls. The falls are within easy walking distance for guests, as is the Victoria Falls town centre. Wild animals often graze on the hotel lawns and restaurant diners can see the spray of the falls in the background and perhaps catch the roar of "the smoke that thunders" and enjoy Zimbabwe's finest cuisine in Ilala's Palm Restaurant.

May 23
Livingstone,
Zambia

Today you will venture out of town with Wild Horizons to visit the community where Rose of Charity is now working. You will learn about what life is like there and the challenges that girls face in this particular community, and how RofC is changing lives.

Later in the afternoon, you will be transferred across the border to the ZigZag B&B in Livingstone, Zambia. Transfer time is approximately one hour. Remember to have your passports and ballpoint pen handy for your single entry visa to Zambia! Upon arrival at ZigZag, settle into your rooms and meet the staff- Lynne, Mercy, and others who help make this basic but homey place our GSGC home away from home! Heidi will go over your plans for your next day in Livingstone. Some of the activities may include:

- learning about the local issues facing the people here
- a visit to Wayi-Wayi art studios
- visiting some of the children that we support
- spending time with the leaders of the organizations, hearing their stories and learning about their work in the local communities
- visiting LACP's Saturday morning program that offers a safe gathering place for orphaned and vulnerable children to come and "be children"

And of course... you might want to make time to go to the Royal Livingstone to enjoy another round of sundowners on their deck on the Zambezi River and watch the sunset next to Victoria Falls!

Two nights at the ZigZag B&B in standard rooms on a bed and breakfast basis

www.zigzagzambia.com

ZigZag B&B offers 12 rooms, set within a secure 1.5 acre plot boasting tranquil landscaped gardens and centered around a secluded swimming pool and locally renowned restaurant. The restaurant serves delicious homemade food, and the clean comfortable rooms offer air-conditioning, towels, mosquito nets, coils & en-suite bathrooms.

May 25
Chobe River,
Namibia &
Botswana

Today you will be collected by Wild Horizons and transferred from ZigZag B&B to Kasane Immigration, clearing Customs and Immigration formalities enroute. Motorized boat transfer from Kasane Immigration to The Ichobezi Safari Boat with a stop at the Namibia Immigration office. Have your passport and pen handy (no visa required)!

Spending time on the Ichobezi Safari Boats is one of our favorite things to do in Africa! It's up to you... be as active or relaxed as you want over the next few days as you take in the Chobe River. Game viewing is done from the main boat and from tender boats with local guides. Excellent birding opportunities. Guided walks on the Caprivi floodplain, superb fishing all year round especially for those wanting to fish for the feisty Tiger fish. Or just order up a Rock Shandy and kick back on one of the loungers and take in the views!

Two nights on the Ichobezi Safari Boat in standard cabins with large windows opening onto the River, on a full board basis including local beverages, scheduled game viewing activities and park fees.

www.ichobezi.co.za

The Ichobezi Safari boats allow guests to experience a river safari unlike any other. Family owned and managed, these Safari boats cruise the Chobe River and offer clients the opportunity to stay on board and use the boat as a floating lodge within the Chobe National Park. Guests can make use of all the activities available, or simply relax and enjoy the constantly changing scenery.

May 27
Cape Town,
South Africa

Today you will say good-bye to your lovely safari boat and transfer to the Kasane Airport (clearing Immigration first) where you will fly to the beautiful and vibrant city of Cape Town, South Africa, via your connecting flight in Johannesburg. Be sure to have your yellow fever proof of vaccination card on hand! On arrival in Johannesburg, you will say goodbye to Al as he departs for the US.

Cape Town is located on the slopes of Table Mountain on the south-western tip of Africa. A meeting point of many cultures and landscapes, Cape Town has become for many the center of adventure, style and hospitality in southern Africa. Upon arrival, you will be met by our hand-picked, specialty guide, Wayne Milne, with whom you will spend two full days of touring! Wayne will transfer you to your hotel La Splendida, where you will once again meet up with Erin West. Relax, have a meal in the hotel's restaurant or taxi to a recommended restaurant. Over the next few days you'll learn a great deal about the history of this unique country, the current day issues facing this area, and take in the beauty of vibrancy of this special city.

**Please note evenings are free during your time in Cape Town. We have lots of restaurant recommendations for you, depending on your preferences and mood!*

Four nights at La Splendida in standard rooms on a bed and breakfast basis

www.newmarkhotels.com/lasplendida

This chic hotel is ideally situated on the bustling Mouille Point promenade – Cape Town’s own “platinum mile”, minutes away from the sights and sounds of the Atlantic seaboard’s happening beaches and bars as well as the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront. Stroll along the promenade or just soak up the sun’s rays from the comfort of your room. Whether sea or mountain facing, each fully-equipped luxury room in this art-deco style hotel contains everything you need to make your visit perfect.

May 28

Today you will enjoy a full day Cape Point and Peninsula Tour. This tour of the Cape Peninsula starts with a visit to the penguins in Simons Town. Yes, there are penguins in Africa! Then, on to the Cape of Good Hope. Upon arrival, you will walk to the lighthouse overlooking the Cape of Good Hope. After lunch in a local restaurant (*to be paid directly*) you will make your way to Hout Bay, stopping on Chapmans Peak Drive for photographs, if weather permits. Your group will arrive in Hout Bay mid-afternoon, for the “Jikeleza Experience,” including dancing, drumming and getting to know the children in the project.

May 29

This morning, James Fernie from Uthando, our specialist guide and GS Giving Circle partner, will pick you up at your hotel and take you on a private outing to the townships around Cape Town. Uthando, which means “love” in Zulu/Xhosa, is a Fair Trade certified non-profit organization that focuses on supporting community based projects in some of the most destitute and marginalized communities in Cape Town. Uthando’s tours are designed to educate, inform and inspire while respecting the dignity and privacy of the people and communities concerned. The afternoon is free to continue exploring Cape Town on your own.

May 30

Today, you will enjoy an outing to the District 6 Museum in Cape Town. This is Cape Town’s apartheid museum. You will also travel to Langa township for a cooking class at a small cookery school that provides the local residents with the skills needed to get jobs in the kitchens of the top hotels in Cape Town. The students are not from privileged homes, and so money needs to be raised in order to provide them with tuition, which is done through a variety of entrepreneurial ventures. They have created a restaurant out of shipping containers where they serve traditional African cuisine to the local community and to visitors. This facility is also used to cater for functions in the local area, as well as for the cooking classes. This brings much needed revenue into the school. A visit to the school and restaurant is a unique opportunity for you to interact with a community initiative that is really working. Here you learn about African and Xhosa culture and cuisine. In the evening, enjoy gathering with your travel mates to celebrate your adventure!

May 31st
Departure
for US

Today you will say good-bye to this special city to begin your journey home. You will be picked up at La Splendida and transferred to the Cape Town International Airport for your flight home.

END OF SERVICES

INCLUDES

- \$150 charitable contribution to the Global Sojourns Giving Circle (www.gsgivingcircle.org)
- Double/Single/Family accommodation as specified in the itinerary
- Meals as specified in the itinerary
- Soft drinks and local brand beers and wines at The Hide and Ichobezi Safari Boat - premium brands to own account
- Shared road transfers as specified in the itineraries
- Two safari activities per day as offered by the camps / safari boat
- Park entrance fees at Ichobezi Safari boat
- Laundry (excluding underwear) at The Hide Safari Lodge
- Two full day privately guided outings in Cape Town with a visit to Jikeleza (entrance fees included)
- Special private outing with Uthando
- Langa cooking class

EXCLUDES

- All items of a personal nature
- Meals other than those specified
- Activities in Victoria Falls
- The following National Park fees: Victoria Falls (USD\$30/per person per day) & Cape Peninsula Park fee. All fees are subject to increase without prior notice.
- Nominal entrance fee/donation at The Painted Dog project
- Gratuities (see Notes)
- Visa fees (visa required for Zambia and Zimbabwe)
- All scheduled flights and departure taxes
- Laundry not specified

Mapping Your Trip



1. Johannesburg, South Africa
2. Hwange National Park, Zimbabwe
3. Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe
4. Livingstone, Zambia
5. Chobe River, Namibia and Botswana
6. Cape Town, South Africa

NOTES

South Africa Entry Requirements

If you are traveling through South Africa, you must ensure that your passport has 3 consecutive blank non-endorsed pages in it. Passports must be valid for 6 months after the intended date of departure. Visitors to South Africa with foreign passports who do not comply with these requirements will either be stopped from boarding their aircraft at their point of departure or risk deportation on arrival in South Africa.

All travelers entering, or re-entering, South Africa from Zambia must have a yellow fever inoculation unless in possession of a valid waiver certificate. Those without a valid vaccination certificate or waiver will be refused entry, quarantined until their certificates are valid, or for a period not more than 6 days.

Visas & Entry Requirements

Please be sure that you have the appropriate visas for all countries that you will be traveling to. Global Sojourns cannot be held responsible for entry refusal for any traveler. Visas can be purchased upon entry or in advance. Please note that visa costs can change without notice.

- Single entry visa for Zambia - currently \$50
- Single entry visa for Zimbabwe – currently \$30

Tipping:

Tipping is not mandatory, though it is customary. Only tip if you are happy with the services! Tips can be given in the local currency or US dollars. Below is a guideline to assist you:

Safari guide: \$10 per day, per person

Trackers: \$5 per day, per person

Camp staff: \$5 – \$10 per day, per person (this typically goes into a communal box or is given to the camp manager)

Transfer drivers: \$2-\$5

Porters at hotels: \$1 -\$2

Restaurants: 10%

Medical

You will be traveling in some malarial areas. Therefore, be sure to take precautions against malaria prior to the commencement of your holiday. Follow your doctor's advice regarding prophylactics and be sure to cover up in the early mornings and evenings and apply repellent. Consult with your physician, travel clinic and the CDC website for recommendations on health issues in each region.

Cash & Currency

Please make sure you carry plenty of USD in small bills for visas, airport taxes, tipping, and any unforeseen expenses. Credit cards are accepted at many (but not all) lodges and hotels. If you are spending some time in the region outside of a safari lodge (for example, in Cape Town or Johannesburg), you will want to get local currency. The best way to do this is typically by using your ATM card. Be sure to contact your credit card company and bank to let them know you will be traveling outside the US and will likely be using the card.

Insurance

Be sure to carry proof of insurance with you. It is strongly recommended that guests have insurance for cancellation or curtailment, medical expenses, repatriation expenses, damage/theft/loss of personal baggage, money and personal belongings.

Communications

Cell phone signal and Internet access is limited or non-existing outside of urban areas. There tends to be computer and Wi-Fi access in the urban-based accommodations though connectivity may be slow. All lodges/camps have radios or other access to communications in case of emergency. Please refer to the contact #s above for support during your trip.

** For more information please refer to the "Travel Tips to Take Along" included in your packet (and also found in the electronic notebook)*