

Tour code: **ZB16**
2021
 Guaranteed departures
 Small group safari maximum: **12 travellers**
 Travel through: **South Africa, Zimbabwe & Botswana**
 Safari length: **16 days**



ZIMBABWE BOTSWANA "GAME TRAIL"

Zimbabwe's popularity as a travel destination has bounced back in the last few years and the country offers, in combination with Kruger and Botswana, a fantastic two weeks of camping travel in Southern Africa.

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 an open vehicle
- * Victoria Falls – adventure activities
- * Chobe National Park – sunset river cruise
- * Okavango Delta - mokoro excursion



SAFARI GRADE: CAMPING

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 campfire 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.



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 the 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.

Distance/time:

Day 1 ±550km, 8h00 actual driving time. It's a long day to start the trip, but we want to get into Kruger for an afternoon game drive, so with stops and lunch we expect a total travel day of ±10h30.

Day 2 ±305km, 8h00 actual driving time which is a full day game drive through Kruger so with a restful lunch break midday it's a total travel day of ±10h00 (subject to gate closing times).

Optional Activities: Night game drive in National Parks open game viewing vehicle.

Overnight:

Campsite – good ablution facilities, hot showers, swimming pool, restaurant & shop.



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.

Distance/time:

±480km, 6h30 actual driving time. We need to get to Beitbridge borderpost as early as possible and depending on the border crossing today (which can be slow) it should be less than a ±9h30 travel day.

Overnight:

Campsite – basic ablution facilities with showers, restaurant & bar.



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.

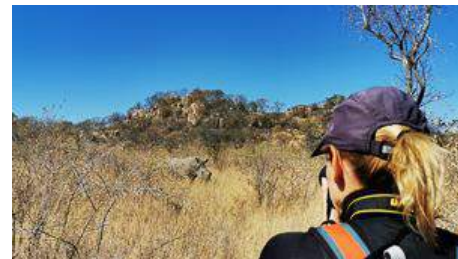
The following morning we head into the Matobos National Park with a local guide to visit the core of the Matopos Hills, an area of granite koppies and wooded valleys. On our open vehicle game drive we visit World's View and the historical site of Cecil John Rhodes' grave and discover the unusual rock 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.
Distance/time: ±340km, 5h00 actual driving time. Rolling hills, a few roadblocks and a lunch stop should mean a travel day of ±6h30.
Overnight: Campsite – good ablution facilities, hot showers.



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 kilometres 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.
Distance/time: ±335km, 5h00 actual driving time, with an early start and tarmac roads we aim to arrive for lunchtime with a total travel day of ±5h30.
Overnight: Campsite – good ablution facilities, hot showers & swimming pool.



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 will be own expense at a local restaurant

Includes: Entrance Fees to see the Victoria Falls.
Distance/time: ±200km, 3h00 actual driving time, with a visit to the Painted Dog Sanctuary, we expect to be in Vic Falls for lunch, a total travel day of ±4h00.
Optional Activities: White water rafting, sunset cruises, scenic flights & many more.
Overnight: Campsite – good ablution facilities, hot showers, swimming pool, restaurant & shop.



**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.

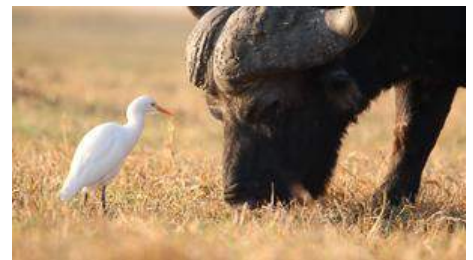
Distance/time: ±85km, 1h00 actual driving time, the border crossing is relatively fast and we aim to be in Botswana before midday for a less than ±3h00 travel day.

Optional Activities: Morning game drive on day 10.

Overnight: Campsite - good ablution facilities, hot showers, swimming pool, bar & restaurant.



Thebe River Safaris employs 89 Motswana staff and is Motswana owned and operated. The lodge grows their own vegetables and sources other products locally, all waste is recycled. Although the lodge is situated along a river, visitors are asked to conserve water where possible and LED lights are used throughout the property to conserve energy.



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 own expense at a local restaurant

Includes: N/A

Distance/time: ±300km, 4h00 actual driving time. Departing after a morning game drive, with lunch en route it's an easy travel day of ±4h30.

Optional Activities: Game drive, bush walk & scenic flight.

Overnight: Campsite - good ablution facilities, hot showers, swimming pool, bar & restaurant.



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 rainwater 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 14: Breakfast provide by the tour leaders with the help of the group

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

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

- Includes:** Entrance to Okavango Delta, Mokoro excursion, morning and afternoon game walks with local guides.
- Distance/time:** **Day 12** ±300km, 4h00 actual driving time, followed by a 4x4 transfer and then a mekoro trip for a total travel day of ±7h00.
Day 14 ±50km, 2h00 actual driving time from mekoro station to Maun. Depending location of delta camp the travel day is approximately ±3h30 including mekoro.
- Optional Activities:** Scenic flight over the Okavango Delta (+/-USD95-120) pp depending on the number of people in each aircraft).
- Overnight:** 2 x Wild camping – basic facilities with bucket shower. You will need to bring your own towel.
1 x campsite - good ablution facilities with hot showers, swimming pool, restaurant & bar.



The Okavango Kopano Mokoro Community Trust is run by the communities on the south eastern sector of the Okavango Delta with entrance and camping fees paid to the trust, and wages paid directly to the individual guides/polers. Work is split between community members on a rotation basis administered by each village. By working with these communities we help provide sustainable economic benefit for the conservation of the area. Please also see the Sunway SOS Save Our Sausage Trees project.



Audi Camp is South African owned and employs all of their 40 staff from the local community, providing all their staff with training. The camp supports the Maun Batswana community by buying local produce as well as growing some of their own fresh vegetables for the kitchen.



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.

Distance/time: ±520km, 6h30 actual driving time. Botswana is flat, and today we can prove that - total travel day of ±7h00.

Optional Activities: Night game drive in open game viewing vehicle.

Overnight: Campsite - good ablution facilities with hot showers.



Khama Rhino Sanctuary Trust is a key project for rhino conservation in Botswana, assisting in the management and breeding of rhino for redistribution of animals throughout Botswana. 100% Motswana staff are led by the chief warden and all profit made from this initiative goes towards the Serowe, Mabelepodu & Paje communities for development.



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

Distance/time: ±630km, 7h30 actual driving time, so an early start with a border crossing and lunch stop, we expect a total travel day of ±9h30.

Overnight: N/A

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 the 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.

2021 PRICES AND DEPARTURE DATES:

RACK Price: (valid Jan 2021 – Dec 2021)

€ 1 790 pps + local payment of US\$ 300

Single supplement: € 115 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.)

2021 DEPARTURE DATES

ZB16 Zimbabwe Botswana Game Trail

Departs	Ends
JOHANNESBURG	JOHANNESBURG
Saturday at 06:30am	Sunday at 18:00pm



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

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

ZB16 Johannesburg to Johannesburg

€ 1 790 pps + local payment of US\$ 300

Single supplement: € 115 pp

ZB15 Johannesburg to Maun (Botswana)

€ 1 760 pps + local payment of US\$ 300

Single supplement: € 110 pp

ZV10 Johannesburg to Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe)

€ 1 330 pps + local payment of US\$ 200

Single supplement: € 75 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.


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 can 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

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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 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.
- **Good2Go** - 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.
- **Age Policy** - On all scheduled tours, we accept children 12-17 with accompanying adult. We have no upper age limit. Clients older than 65 years of age at the time of travel require a medical certificate stating the client is fit and healthy to join an adventure travel group tour. We have many clients over 65 years of age, who are perfectly capable of enjoying every aspect of a Sunway tour, both accommodated and camping. For more details contact marketing@sunway-safaris.com.

Accommodation

- **Camping** - for 13 nights on safari we stay at designated campsites in national parks, on private land and in towns. Campsite facilities are generally very good but in places can be basic. There are hot and cold showers, restaurants, washing facilities and telephones available at most of the campsites. Some camps in Zimbabwe & Botswana have simple reed enclosures for showers but do have flush toilets! Sunway supplies all the camping equipment with the exception of your sleeping bag and pillow. The dome tents we use are 2.2 x 2.2 x 1.8 meters and putting them up or down takes only 5 minutes. Tents have built-in insect nets. We supply mattresses, which are about 5 cm thick, warm and comfortable. The camp chairs have a backrest.
- **Wild camping** - for 2 nights while in the Okavango Delta we camp wild. Wild camps have no facilities; we will need to take our own water and all equipment. Wild camping can be very enjoyable but please remember that we leave no trace of our stay and take all rubbish away with us. Toilets will be of the "dig and bury" variety and a simple bucket bush shower will be provided.

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 fibreglass 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 fibreglass 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

A local payment is required on this safari and this will be collected by your tour leader on departure. The local payment forms part of your overall tour cost, and must be taken into consideration when booking your safari. It will be used by your tour leaders to pay for some of the operational costs incurred on safari.

Sunway prepays by bank transfer, as many of the tour costs as possible. However, in many cases, a cash payment is the only option: certain of the destinations that we visit, only accept cash. For example entry fees to most national parks, some of the campsites and also local food markets (and even some shops) are only payable in cash. In addition, each Sunway vehicle has a garage card but these are only accepted in South Africa and parts of Namibia, therefore in all other countries, fuel must be paid for in cash. Due to the remoteness of some departure points, having a local payment system enables us to manage tour funds effectively. The efficiency of this system helps keep the overall tour prices down.

For these reasons, it is necessary for Sunway to charge a local payment. It also ensures that a portion of the tour costs goes directly into the country you are visiting, thereby benefiting local communities and contributing to the conservation of the areas we visit. This is all part of Sunway Safaris' ongoing effort to operate sustainable safaris that make a real difference.

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.

- A Falcon Flies by Wilbur Smith (Fictional story of life in pre-colonial Rhodesia / Zimbabwe)
- Wankie by Davidson Ted (a story about Hwange National Park)
- Selous Scouts Top Secret War by Ron Reid-Daly (an account of the Zimbabwe War of Independence)
- How I Found Livingstone by Henry M. Stanley (a factual account of Stanley's travels in Africa)
- #1 Ladies Detective Agency by Alexander McCall Smith (Fictional story of life in Botswana)
- Trees of the Okavango by Veronica Roodt (A reference book with traditional uses and myths)
- Okavango: Jewel of the Kalahari by Karen Ross (A comprehensive description of the Delta ecology)
- Don't run whatever You Do by Peter Allison (A guide's perspective of Botswana lodge life)
- Okavango: Africa's Last Eden by Frans Lanting (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 is best in Victoria Falls which has a wide variety of curios. Botswana has beautiful grass weavings but these are available mostly at curio shops as there are hardly any craft markets in Botswana.

Food

- We pride ourselves on offering delicious healthy meals to our clients and will provide three meals per day, except where shown in the 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. Simple campsites and basic wild camps are enjoyed by the outdoor enthusiast, you will get dusty on occasion; but this is Africa!
- Full itinerary with a couple of long driving days. The road conditions through the wilderness areas are very poor and our progress can at times be slow and dusty. Remember to hold on at all times and enjoy the ride!
- Everyone is asked to help out with the running of camp on tour. In other words if everyone spends a little time setting up camp, preparing meals and cleaning up then the tour will run smoothly and everyone will have a good time. Participation is the name of the game.

Things you should know

- Includes park entrances, game drives and the Okavango Delta excursion.
- As this tour spends most a large amount of time in wildlife areas it is essential that clients adhere to the tour leaders (and local guides) instructions regarding interaction with wildlife, camp safety and game walk/drive rules.
- Your client will need a valid passport and visas for entry into Zimbabwe, and Botswana and re-entering South Africa.
- If you are joining a Under Canvas camping trip, you will need to bring your own sleeping bag (and small camp pillow) and a towel. Should you not have, or do not want to buy a sleeping bag, you can rent a sleeping bag and camp pillow from the Sunway office for Euro 1 per sleeping bag per day on tour. Please book this at the time of booking.
- We recommend that you bring Euro, US\$ or South African Rand for personal expenses on this trip but please note that foreign currency will need to be changed into Botswana Pula as shops, restaurants and market vendors only accept BWP. Expenses in Victoria Falls can be paid in US\$ or South African Rand and major credit cards can also be used for optional activities. 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 12/220V inverter – this can be used while the vehicle is running (but will drain the vehicle battery if left plugged in), so this should only be relied on for limited charging of camera batteries and we recommend you bring a 2nd battery. Remember you can also charge your camera on those nights where we stay in permanent campsites (Kruger, Matobos, Vic Falls, Kasane & Maun) (SA 220V)
2. **Is it safe?** Zimbabwe has been involved in a political power struggle over the past few years, and this has deterred tourists from travelling to the country. Having said this, the Zimbabwe people are always friendly and helpful to visitors to their country and tourists are welcome with open arms. Botswana is safe and your guide knows both countries intimately and will endeavor 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!
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 home page) but the basics are: - a warm sleeping bag, comfortable clothes for warm days and cool evenings, walking shoes, flash light, a raincoat, hat and sunglasses, swimsuit, a small pair of binoculars also comes in very handy and most importantly - a sense of adventure!

