



BLAIR'S GROUP

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VICTORIA FALLS EXTENSION

SEP 28 ARRIVE JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA

An early morning wake-up call and out into the bush on the morning safari in search of animals not seen the day before. Return to camp for a hearty breakfast, and then relax at the camp until time to transfer overland to Johannesburg where you are met and assisted to the shuttle transfer to your reserved hotel.

Johannesburg is the financial and commercial heart of the country. It is one of the world's most cosmopolitan cities, an interesting melting-pot. There is something for everyone, from world class shopping centers, like Hyde Park, Sandton, Rosebank and Melrose Arch, to exclusive boutiques, outstanding eateries and vibrant pavement cafes. For visitors wanting to learn more about South Africa, there are an array of museums and sites showcasing the events that have shaped the country's unique democracy. The Apartheid Museum illustrates the fascinating record of South Africa's past, while the impressive Constitutional Court is the protector of human rights and freedom.



ACCOMMODATIONS: D'OREALE GRANDE HOTEL AT EMPEROR'S PALACE

D'Oreale Grande Hotel at Emperors Palace, conveniently located next to Johannesburg's O.R. Tambo International Airport, offers luxurious comfort, elegant furnishing, and classic décor with state-of-the-art facilities. A complimentary shuttle service is readily accessible to facilitate transfers to and from the airport.

The hotel features beautifully designed rooms and suites with air-conditioning, multi-channel satellite TV and complimentary Wi-Fi. The ensuite bathroom has a shower over the bath and a spacious vanity. Other amenities include a hairdryer, key-pad safe, radio, and an electronically stocked minibar.

Dine at Aurelia's restaurant, indulge your senses at the health and beauty spa, or sip on a cocktail while watching the African sunset. (B)



SEP 29 JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA / VICTORIA FALLS, ZIMBABWE

Transfer by hotel shuttle to the airport and board your flight to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. On arrival in Victoria Falls, clear customs and immigration, then meet our Thompsons Africa Zimbabwe representative for a scheduled transfer to your reserved hotel for the next two nights. Enjoy dinner at the MaKuwa-Kuwa restaurant.



ACCOMMODATIONS: VICTORIA FALLS SAFARI LODGE – Standard room

Victoria Falls Safari Lodge is set on a plateau overlooking the Zambezi National Park and only a few minutes from the majestic Victoria Falls. The lodge prides itself on hospitality, rivaled only by the uninterrupted views and magnificent sunsets. All the en-suite bedrooms feature a private balcony, with views of the African bush and a central waterhole. The rooms are equipped with digital safes, direct dial telephones, air conditioning, hairdryers, fans, minibar refrigerator, tea and coffee making facilities, and wireless internet access. The main lodge has a swimming pool, TV lounge with satellite link and a library. (B,D)



SEP 30 VICTORIA FALLS

This morning you will be collected for your shared tour of The Falls. It's no surprise why Victoria Falls is one of the seven Natural Wonders of the World! You'll understand it instantly as you tour the Zimbabwean side, observing the many spectacular vantage points along the width of the falls. This astounding gift of nature simply takes your breath away. Listen to the thunderous noise, as millions of gallons of water surge over the falls into a series of narrow gorges below. It is the most dramatic of shows and you'll be privileged to have seen it.



Late in the afternoon you are transferred to the Zambezi River above the Falls for the "sundowner" cruise. Livingstone first wrote about this "Crimson Heart of Africa bleeding over the Kandahar Rapids" and sunset on the Zambezi has captivated travelers ever since.



The Zambezi Explorer is a modern, luxury solar powered catamaran. Enjoy the best of the river in comfort and style while witnessing the abundant wildlife. Guests can choose from an exciting range of beverages and cocktails as well as a selection of delicious snacks. Sail upstream to celebrate the setting African sun, and share in the end-of-day ritual which sees wild herds streaming to the river banks for their last drink. Bring a camera and create your own golden memories.

Enjoy dinner at the hotel.

ACCOMMODATIONS: VICTORIA FALLS SAFARI LODGE (B,D)

OCT 01 VICTORIA FALLS, ZIMBABWE / JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA / WASHINGTON DC

You will be met for your scheduled transfer to the airport today in time for the flight bound for Johannesburg. On arrival you will connect with your international departure flight. (B)

OCT 02 ARRIVE WASHINGTON DC

Arrive USA today.

 **END OF AFRICAN TRAVEL SERVICES** 



IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO KNOW FOR YOUR JOURNEY TO:
ZIMBABWE

For ZIMBABWE:

Visitors to Zimbabwe are advised to have at least two blank visa pages available in their passport on arrival for each entry. Failure to meet this requirement could mean that entry will be refused. **Passport must be valid at least six months beyond the intended period of stay in Zimbabwe.** *For NON-U.S. Citizens, please check directly with appropriate consulate for visa requirements.*

- **Visa Requirements**

Visas are required for U.S. citizens visiting Zimbabwe and are issued upon arrival at the first port of entry. The fee on arrival in Zimbabwe for US Citizens is US\$30 for a single entry and US\$60 for a multiple entry, payable in US Dollars. Fees are subject to change.

- **Travel Health Information**

Please consult your personal physician or local health department for recommended inoculations at least 6 weeks prior to travel. Anti-malaria medications are recommended for many African countries and some require yellow fever vaccination.

Yellow fever vaccination is compulsory **IF** traveling from or through a country with risk of yellow fever transmission, including travelers in transit for more than 12 hours in an airport located in a country with risk of yellow fever transmission. In such cases, a yellow fever certificate is required upon entry into any port of debarkation in Zimbabwe.

Malaria is present in almost all areas of Zimbabwe. For preventive measures, please consult with your personal physician or local health department.

- **Money Matters**

The US Dollar and South African Rand can be used for domestic transactions. All departure taxes and many entrance fees must also be paid for in US dollars cash only.

It is not possible to use automated banking machines (ATMs) to withdraw US dollars or to use a debit card at the point of sale. Though credit cards are generally not accepted as a form of payment, there are some hotels that will. Visa is most widely accepted, while MasterCard and American Express are less so. Credit card facilities are not available at most Zimbabwe camps. Payment can be made in cash only. Please check with your travel consultant for specifics prior to travel.

It is advisable that you take into Zimbabwe a sufficient supply of recently minted US bills, in denomination of \$1, \$5, \$10 and \$20 for ease of trade.

- **Park Entrance Fees**

During your stay in Victoria Falls, your sightseeing excursions might take you into the National Park. On occasion, the National Park fee will be collected at the Park Entrance. These fees are to be paid direct. Please carry small bills in order to facilitate these transactions.

Rain Forest Entry Fee is US\$30.00 per person and River Usage Fee for the Cruise US\$15.00 per person.