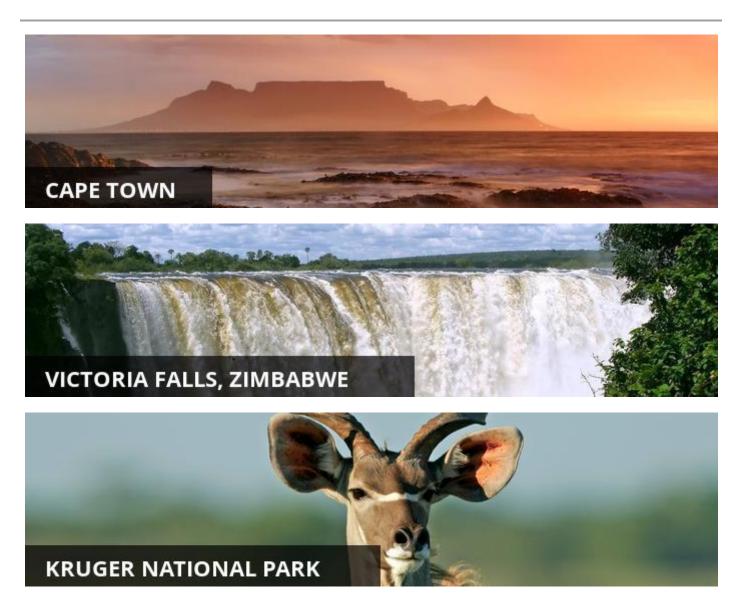


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Cape Town - Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe - Southern Kruger 11 Days / 10 Nights 5 Persons Date of Issue: 26 November 2019 28 September 2020 - 08 October 2020



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## Introduction

Take a journey with us as we explore several hot spots of Southern Africa. Beginning in the Mother City, where Cape Town meets both the Indian and Atlantic Oceans. With Table Mountain as it's backdrop, the relaxed pace and excellent facilities and sites make this a wonder of the world. From here we travel to the famous Victoria Falls, and another natural wonder of the world. Known as 'the Smoke that Thunders,' the mighty Zambezi river drops into a deep gorge and the scene is magnificent. Surrounding the falls are a variety of fantastic activities to be enjoyed. We end our journey experiencing the Flagship wilderness of the Kruger National Park. Enjoy several game drives searching for Big 5 and wildlife, relaxing in the primeval bush at night.

Accommodation	Destination	Room Type	Duration
Artea	Cape Town	1x Double Room, 1x Triple Room	4 Nights
The Kingdom Hotel	Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe	1x Double Room, 1x Triple Room	3 Nights
Berg-en-Dal Main Camp	Southern Kruger	1x Double Room, 1x Triple Room	3 Nights

# Included

- This is an all-inclusive safari; tour price includes park fees (unless for own expense), transport, activities (unless optional), accommodation, meals (unless for own expense), and your own personal, guide
- Bottled water daily, along with morning tea/coffee
- This is a private, guided tour and will ONLY service you. Some activities will be with other clients, but the freedom of travel is mostly with you
- Comprehensive company insurance covering most aspects of the tour

# Excluded

- International flights. We have quoted the internal flights separately, based on dates and times of your personal itinerary
- Visas and personal travel insurance
- Personal shopping and curios
- Laundry and telephone calls
- Beverages (we provide a fridge for drinks)
- Gratuities & tips
- Any other expense not listed as included above

## South Africa

This vast country is undoubtedly one of the most culturally and geographically diverse places on earth. Fondly known by locals as the 'Rainbow Nation', South Africa has 11 official languages and its multicultural inhabitants are influenced by a fascinating mix of cultures. Discover the gourmet restaurants, impressive art scene, vibrant nightlife and beautiful beaches of Cape Town; enjoy a local braai (barbecue) in the Soweto township; browse the bustling Indian markets in Durban; or sample some of the world's finest wines at the myriad wine estates dotting the Cape Winelands. Some historical attractions to explore include the Zululand battlefields of KwaZulu-Natal, the Apartheid Museum in Johannesburg and Robben Island, just off the coast of Cape Town. Above all else, its remarkably untamed wilderness with its astonishing range of wildlife roaming freely across massive unfenced game reserves such as the world-famous Kruger National Park. With all of this variety on offer, it is little wonder that South Africa has fast become Africa's most popular tourist destination.

## **Cape Town**

Resting at the confluence of the Indian and Atlantic oceans, sandwiched between the slopes of the iconic Table Mountain and the glistening sapphire waters of Table Bay, the exceptionally scenic city of Cape Town is in a class of its own. Some cities boast rich culture, vibrant nightlife, a cosmopolitan atmosphere and extraordinary architecture, while others boast breathtaking landscapes and extraordinary natural wonders. Cape Town is lucky enough to be blessed with all of these attractions and so much more. With its bustling harbour, world-class beaches, top-notch vineyards, and its mountainous surroundings brimming with diverse flora and fauna, Cape Town consistently captivates the hearts of all who visit.

## **Day Itinerary**

Upon arrival at Cape Town International Airport, be welcomed by your guide. Transfer to your guest house for the next 4 nights in Cape Town. Settle into your place and relax on the first evening, preparing for your journey with us across Southern Africa over the next weeks!

## **Overnight: Artea**

Artea is an upmarket penthouse apartment in Sea Point, just a short distance away from the Cape Town and the Waterfront. Accommodation at the apartment features three bedrooms equipped with an en-suite bathroom, comfortable beds, city views and ample storage space. Additional facilities include free Wi-Fi, secure parking, underfloor heating and a private pool and deck with loungers.



## **Day Itinerary**

Beginning on the first day in Cape Town, we spend the morning visiting Kirstenbosch and the magical Botanical Gardens for a stroll around. From here, transfer for lunch and enjoy a ride up the Cable Car to the top of Table Mountain. Soak in the magnificent views, before heading back down and enjoying the V&A Waterfront and surrounds. There are a range of activities here for the whole family to enjoy at leisure, such as a festive atmosphere with local music and dance, boat trips, shopping, great eateries, the Ferris wheel, helicopter rides, Robben Island museum, and more! We enjoy dinner at a local restaurant (for own expense). Transfer back to your accommodation in the evening.

## Activities

Morning	Kirstenbosch Gardens
Morning	Table Mountain
Evening	V&A Waterfront

## Optional

Afternoon Robben Island Ferry	
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#### Table Mountain

Without a doubt it is Table Mountain that makes Cape Town the unique city it is. Rising up over 1000m above sea level, it is the icon that makes Cape Town instantly recognizable. It is a symbol, a playground, a spiritual retreat and a big draw card for tourists. So intertwined with the identity of Cape Town is Table Mountain that a visit to the city isn't complete without having walked or taken the cable car to the top.



#### V&A Waterfront

Situated between Robben Island and Table Mountain in the heart of Cape Town's working harbour, the V&A Waterfront has become South Africa's most visited destination. Set against a backdrop of magnificent sea and mountain views, exciting shopping and entertainment venues are intermingled with imaginative office locations, world-class hotels and luxury apartments. The Waterfront is the heart of the tourist industry in Cape Town.



**Robben Island Ferry** 

This is where the ferry for Robben Island leaves from. The ticket office also has a little museum and a curio shop.

# Day 3: Artea, Cape Town (Wed, 30 September)

### **Day Itinerary**

The following day, after a great breakfast, we take a journey around the Cape Peninsula; driving along the coastline, we visit the Penguin colony at Boulders, enjoy a walk around Cape Point, drive over fantastic scenic passes, and enjoy a Boat Cruise to Seal Island in the Afternoon. Dinner is once again enjoyed (at own expense) at the Hout Bay Harbour, watching the sun set.

### Activities

Morning	Boulders Beach
Morning	Cape Point
Afternoon	Chapman's Peak
Afternoon	Seal Island Hout Bay

#### **Boulders Beach**

Boulders Beach in Simon's Town is ideal for kids as immense boulders shelter the cove from currents and large waves - but please always take care. It is a rare pleasure to swim with the penguins but don't touch or feed them. They might look cute and cuddly but their beaks are as sharp as razors and if they feel threatened they have no qualms about nipping the odd finger or nose.



#### **Cape Point**

Cape Point is a spectacular sight, covered in endemic fynbos and home to breathtaking bays, beaches and rolling green hills and valleys, just 60km outside of Cape Town. Cape Point falls within the Cape Floral Region, a World Heritage Site. The Cape Floral Region is one of the richest areas for plants in the world – it is home to nearly 20% of Africa's flora. Cape Point is open daily and is a must-see.



#### Chapman's Peak

Chapman's Peak Drive winds it way between Noordhoek and Hout Bay. Situated on the Atlantic Coast, at the south-western tip of South Africa, it is one of the most spectacular marine drives anywhere in the world. The 9km route, with its 114 curves, skirts the rocky coastline of Chapman's Peak. The drive offers stunning 180° views with many areas along the route where you can stop and take in the scenery or sit down for a relaxing picnic.



#### Seal Island Hout Bay

Trips departing from Hout Bay Harbour ferry passengers across to nearby Duiker Island – also known as Seal Island – where thousands of Cape Fur Seals can be seen in their natural habitat. The boat trip provides beautiful views of the bay, the harbour, The Sentinel and Chapman's Peak.



# Day 4: Artea, Cape Town (Thu, 1 October)

### **Day Itinerary**

On your final day in Cape Town, enjoy a relaxed morning and breakfast.

Today we enjoy a guided trip of the local township of Cape Town. Visit these vibrant communities, meeting locals and getting to interact with the people. You will visit a range of places on the Cape Flats, and see 3 or 4 inspiring community projects. The tour also highlights South Africa's political history.

After enjoying a day out, return to your hotel in the afternoon for final Cape Town dinner (at own expense).

## Activities

Morning

Uthando (Love) South Africa

#### Uthando (Love) South Africa

Uthando (Love) South Africa is an award winning Fair Trade in Tourism certified non profit organisation that is creating a unique link between tourism and community development projects.

Our tours offer meaningful, authentic, engaging, non invasive and respectful visits to a broad range of innovative and inspiring community projects while also bringing enormous benefits to the local communities being visited. During our visits we shine a light on the remarkable and courageous community activists driving social change in their communities. Our tours reflect a heartfelt desire to showcase the best of South Africa, the positive, impactful and very often untold stories of triumph over adversity.

The tours take place in the expansive "townships" located on the eastern part of the city known as the Cape Flats. While driving from the city bowl to the townships, our expert guides provide an indepth overview to the history of South Africa and particularly the role that apartheid and institutionalized discrimination and inequality played in creating these communities. Once in the townships the guide will discuss in detail the challenges confronting the locals with reference to issues such as healthcare, education, social, political and economic challenges.

## Day 5: The Kingdom Hotel, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

## (Fri, 2 October)

## Zimbabwe

A nation of spectacular natural beauty, friendly people and rich culture, Zimbabwe's status as one of Africa's leading safari destinations was dampened for years by its political instability. But now that the country is transcending its strife and returning to a state of equilibrium, it is once again emerging as a vacation highlight of the continent. Victoria Falls – known to locals as 'The Smoke That Thunders' – is one of the seven natural wonders of the world and the sheer power of this massive body of water plunging into the Zambezi Gorge is awe-inspiring and unforgettable. Lake Kariba, with its game-rich shores and islands, is an idyllic safari spot featuring mind-blowing sunsets; Hwange National Park is known for its huge herds of elephants; and a kayak trip down the Zambezi through the Mana Pools National Park will appeal to the intrepid traveller, providing close encounters with crocodiles, hippos and a host of other wildlife.

## Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Resting on the southern banks of the Zambezi River at the western end of the eponymous falls, this popular tourist town is compact enough to walk around and makes an ideal base for travellers exploring the seventh wonder of the world, the unfathomably vast Victoria Falls. About two-thirds of the falls can be viewed from the Zimbabwean side and, while the falls are undoubtedly the star attraction, the area provides both adventure seekers and sightseers with plenty of opportunities to warrant a longer stay. Popular activities include scenic flights over the falls in helicopters or microlights, bungee jumping off the Victoria Falls Bridge, white-water rafting (seasonal), and day trips to Chobe National Park. The town itself offers some excellent accommodation and restaurant options as well as an eclectic variety of African curios and authentic art sold by friendly Zimbabwean locals who are wonderfully welcoming and eager to help you enjoy your stay.

## **Day Itinerary**

We spend 2 full days and 3 nights around Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe. Leaving Cape Town in the morning, we transfer by flight to Victoria Falls, via Johannesburg, where you do border formalities and be welcomed by your guide.

Transferred to your hotel for the next 3 nights. Check in and relax with dinner at your hotel.

## **Consultant Notes**

Visa Requirements:

According to two websites, no visas are required for any of the three countries visited around Victoria Falls. Please see websites below;

https://visacentral.sg/visa-quick-check

https://visahq.com

To be sure, please check the relevant embassies in your home country.

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## Overnight: The Kingdom Hotel <u>View iBrochure</u>

Quatermains, The Rapid Pool, The Wild Thing and The Pit sound like titles of movies or books not quite suitable for all ages. They are in fact the names of the four bars in African Sun's closest hotel to the Victoria Falls, The Kingdom at Victoria Falls. This is a fun-filled resort hotel aimed unashamedly at the tourist who wants to take in the majesty and excitement of one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World.

Complete with its own food court offering a wide choice of relaxing or quick meals, suiting all ages, The Kingdom at Victoria Falls also offers three swimming pools and a toddlers pool, a children's play area and, for the ladies, planning a "night on the town" or a visit to the resort's spa and beauty parlour.

The architecture draws on the ancient Kingdom of Munhumutapa, with great domes, pillars, and bridges over the many water features, The Kingdom's fun-filled atmosphere gives guests a unique blend of African tradition and Western leisure.



# Day 6: The Kingdom Hotel, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe (Sat, 3 October)

## **Day Itinerary**

The following day, after a hearty breakfast, we visit the famous Victoria Falls for a guided walk along its edge and then onto a Day Tour of Victoria Falls town. The afternoon allows for your choice of own activity. There are ample activities on offer, and the choice will be yours during the day; white-water rafting on the Zambezi, Bungy-Jumping, and other more adventurous trips!

Dinner will be enjoyed on the Zambezi with a sunset boat cruise.

## Activities

Morning	Guided tour of the Falls (Zimbabwe)
	Zambezi Dinner Cruise

## Optional

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Afternoon	Elephant Back Safari
Afternoon	Shearwater Walking with Lions
Afternoon	White Water Rafting
Afternoon	Shearwater Bungee Jumping at Victoria Falls
Afternoon	Wild Horizons Helicopter Flight (25min)

#### Guided tour of the Falls (Zimbabwe)

A view of the Victoria Falls is something you will never forget and the best way to see them is on a guided tour. Discover how the Falls were formed and what local customs and traditions surround them. These tours are extremely informative and end with a visit to the local art and crafts centre.



#### Zambezi Dinner Cruise

SUNSET CRUISE : Heed the call of Africa while sipping traditional cocktails and enjoying delicious snacks in the fading twilight hours on this fabulous two-hour cruise.



#### Elephant Back Safari

The elephant back safari trails begin near Thorntree Lodge in the Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park, an attractive lodge overlooking the Zambezi River. Tea, coffee and cordials are served upon arrival and after a short introductory talk and safety briefing, guests are introduced to the elephants and their handlers before mounting the animals. The handler and two guests on each animal then head off through the riverine bush, crossing the river in shallow water to get onto the many islands. Halfway through the ride guests will dismount and interact with the elephants on the ground giving the guides an opportunity to make an interesting and informative explanation about the African Elephant and their relationship with man.

Elephant back safaris in the morning last about 4 hours and ends with the opportunity to view a video of each guest's elephant ride. The afternoon elephant back safaris go on for about 4 hours with soft drinks and water at the end of the day, and the opportunity to view a video of each guest's elephant ride.



#### Shearwater Walking with Lions

Operating from the Zambezi National Park, on both sides of the border, Lion Encounter is responsible for orchestrating the first phase of a rehabilitation programme that aims to release lions back into the wild. At the same time, Lion Encounter offers visitors the unique opportunity to interact, play and walk alongside lions in their natural environment as they learn to hunt and fend for themselves.



#### White Water Rafting

Commercial rafting first started on the Zambezi River in 1981 and since then this activity has grown in popularity to the point where a rafting trip on the Zambezi is now a regular feature in many tourist itineraries. Spectacular scenery, sunshine, warm water and superb rapids all make this one of the greatest white water rafting venues in the world.

The Zambezi River is classified as a high volume; pool-drop river i.e. there is little exposed rock either in the rapids or the pools below the rapids. The distance between rapids varies from 100 meters to 2 km's. The river drops about 400ft over the 24km covered in the one-day raft trip and the depth of the river can reach 200ft.



#### Shearwater Bungee Jumping at Victoria Falls

Bungee jumping at Victoria Falls provides the original and ultimate thrill! The location is unbeatable, in front of the largest curtain of falling water in the world, at a World Heritage Site, set against the backdrop of one of the Seven Natural Wonders in the World and above the raging torrents and misty gorges of the mighty Zambezi River. Four seconds of free fall and 111 metres of pure adrenalin. Victoria Falls Bungee is consistently voted as one of the top five adrenalin experiences on the planet. For Bungee Jump veterans, speak to your Jump Master and make it even wilder by doing an ankle-tied, back flip or a star elevator jump.



#### Wild Horizons Helicopter Flight (25min)

The 25 minute flights depart regularly throughout the day and offer spectacular photographic opportunities. Guests are collected from their hotels 30 minutes prior to their flight departure time and are given a safety talk on arrival at the Helipad, near the Elephant Hills Inter-Continental Hotel.

After take-off on the 28 minute 'Zambezi Spectacular', the helicopter flies over the Victoria Falls, continuing downstream over the Batoka Gorges. Heading back from the Batoka Gorges the flight takes you back over the Falls and the long island on the upper Zambezi towards the National Park, home to a wide variety of wildlife species and then back to the Helipad.



(Sun, 4 October)

## Day 7: The Kingdom Hotel, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

## **Day Itinerary**

The following day, travel early across the border to Botswana, where you'll spend the day for a full day's safari experience in the world famous Chobe National Park. You first enjoy an open vehicle safari through the bush, searching for the Big 5 and other wildlife. Enjoy lunch, before heading out in the afternoon on a boat cruise along the mighty Chobe River. Being the major water source in this dry region, sit back and relax in the comfort and safety of the boat as you watch wildlife come to drink!

Return to your hotel in the evening for a special final dinner!

## Activities

Morning	Chobe Safari Lodge Game Drive
Afternoon	Chobe Safari Lodge Boat Cruises

#### Chobe Safari Lodge Game Drive

Chobe Safari Lodge Game Drive offers guests the opportunity to view abundant species of animal life including elephants up close. There is also the possibility of encountering a large predator. The game drives have three departure times during the time, which all have a duration of approximately three hours. Alternative arrangements can be made to book either a half or full day drive with a picnic lunch.

#### Chobe Safari Lodge Boat Cruises

Chobe Boat Cruises are a wonderful way to experience the Chobe National Park. Herds of elephants can be seen crossing the Chobe river into the island which is a spectacular sight to witness. Other animal species such as hippos and crocodiles can be seen lounging in the sun by the riverside. The boat cruises are available in a number of different options. The standard cruise boards approximately 30-40 people. The bigger boats feature a bar on board for refreshments while the smaller boats are perfect for bird watching. Boat cruises depart from the town of Kasane at either the morning or afternoon departures. A private boat cruise can be arranged for alternate times.



## Day 8: Berg-en-Dal Main Camp, Southern Kruger (Mon, 5 October)

## Southern Kruger

The southern area of South Africa's most famous game reserve is separated from lush farmland by the Crocodile River, a popular spot for lazy crocs, playful hippos and thirsty animals. The game viewing area is known as the 'Southern Circle' and is renowned for its rhinos and lions, of which there are different prides with definitive hunting techniques and behaviours. Also found here, near the Hippo Pool, are ancient San rock paintings.

## **Day Itinerary**

Enjoy a relaxed morning at your hotel with breakfast. Transfer out from your hotel at 11h00 for flights back to South Africa.

Leaving Victoria Falls, we transfer for our flight on the Zambian side at Livingstone, with a direct flight to Nelspruit Airport. Arrive at Nelspruit Airport in the afternoon at 15h35, be welcomed again by your guide. From here it is an hour and a half drive to your lodge for the next three nights. Arrive in the early evening after a short game drive to camp, with check in and dinner at Berg en Dal Rest Camp.

## **Overnight: Berg-en-Dal Main Camp**

Berg en Dal Rest Camp, Kruger National Park is set within natural bush leaving much of the natural habitat unchanged. The camps is one of the newest camps in the Kruger Park and offers visitors outstanding lodging facilities. Accommodation comprises of modern 6 bed family cottages, 2 and 3 bedded bungalows and 2 guest houses with multiple bedrooms. The more adventurous traveller can make use of one of Berg en Dal's camping sites for caravans and tents, each with a power point and braai (barbecue) stand. The camp's facilities include a restaurant, grocery store, laundromat and petrol station.



## Day 9: Berg-en-Dal Main Camp, Southern Kruger (Tue, 6 October)

## **Day Itinerary**

We head out early in the morning after a quick tea/coffee and with packed lunch to enjoy a long game drive around Southern Kruger. Return later in the morning to your lodge and relax during the heat of the day. We again enjoy a short afternoon game drive of about 2 hours along the river, returning to camp in the evening for a big dinner and relax with the sounds of the bush at night!

## Activities

Morning	Kruger National Park Morning Game Drive
Afternoon	Kruger National Park Sunset Game Drive

#### Kruger National Park Morning Game Drive

Kruger National Park Morning Game Drive is an approximately 3-4-hour tour of the Kruger National Park. The tour begins at about 04.30am in summer and 05.30am in winter.



#### Kruger National Park Sunset Game Drive

Kruger National Park Sunset Game Drive features a tour of the Kruger National Park. This activity leaves before the sun sets and gets back once the sky is dark. Experienced guides drive the groups.

# Day 10: Berg-en-Dal Main Camp, Southern Kruger (Wed, 7 October)

## **Day Itinerary**

Today will be a typical day on safari, similar to Day 9.

## Activities

Morning	Kruger National Park Morning Game Drive
Afternoon	Kruger National Park Sunset Game Drive

# Day 11: End of Itinerary (Thu, 8 October)

## **Day Itinerary**

This morning we head out for our final morning game drive, hoping to maximise our chances of seeing wildlife. We should be packed and ready to go, as we'll enjoy a long drive and breakfast before heading out of the Park.

Head out from here to the airport, arriving at about 12h00 for flights home to Johannesburg Airport arriving at 14h25.

Flight Information								
Date	Flight	Airline	Departure Airport	Time	Arrival Airport	Time	Class	Ref
2 Oct	KQ793 (Scheduled)	Kenya Airways [KQ]	Cape Town International Airport [CPT]		Victoria Falls International Airport [VFA]			
5 Oct	SA8871 (Scheduled)	South African Airways [SA]	Harry Mwanga Nkumbula International Airport [LVI]	13:45	Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport [MQP]	15:25		
8 Oct	SA8842 (Scheduled)	South African Airways [SA]	Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport [MQP]	13:35	OR Tambo International Airport [JNB]	14:25		

## Transfers

Date	Company	Pick Up	Drop Off	Time	Vehicle
28 Sep		Cape Town International Airport [CPT]	Artea		Transfer
2 Oct		Artea	Cape Town International Airport [CPT]		Transfer
2 Oct		Victoria Falls International Airport [VFA]	The Kingdom Hotel		Transfer
5 Oct		The Kingdom Hotel	Harry Mwanga Nkumbula International Airport [LVI]		Transfer
5 Oct		Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport [MQP]	Berg-en-Dal Main Camp		Transfer
8 Oct		Berg-en-Dal Main Camp	Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport [MQP]		Transfer

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Kenya Airways [KQ]		866-536-9224
South African Airways [SA]		+27 11 978 5313
The Kingdom Hotel		+263 13 442 759

# **Terms and Conditions**

## **Itinerary Terms and Conditions**

- Whilst the final itinerary is fixed, separate time will be given for own activities along the journey for personal and special interests. Every night's accommodation will be fixed and guaranteed.
- We travel in a vehicle with air-conditioning & seat belts

## Siya Phambile Expeditions Terms and Conditions

We quote prices for an entire trip. For full details of what is included, an itinerary will be sent to you.

- We require a 30% deposit on a trip's full value at least 60 days before the starting date of a trip
- This deposit is non-refundable after 60 days before the starting date of said trip
- We require the full amount for a trip at least 30 days before the starting date of a trip
- Trips cancelled after the date of payment in full will be subjected to a 90% cancellation fee

Private tours (i.e. tours reserved for ONLY you, and preventing others from joining the expedition) will increase the cost. A surcharge will be levied, where clients wish to reserve a tour for their exclusive use. It is highly personal though, with your own guide, so the extra costs are to compensate for this.