

### FAMILY SPECIAL: SAFARI, VICTORIA FALLS, AND CHOBE



Private Game Reserve Safari Victoria Falls Chobe

# Monday: Private Game Reserve



Arrive in Johannesburg, and connect to Hoedspruit, gateway to the private reserves of the "Greater Kruger National Park". After a delicious lunch and check-in to your lovely safari lodge, set out on your first exciting open-jeep safari. With the help of off-road access and specialized game-trackers, getting close to the "Big 5" has never been easier,- but this is NO zoo, and there are NO guarantees- anything can happen at any time on safari!

### **Tuesday and Wednesday : Private Game Reserve**

The routine on safari is geared to take advantage of the best hours of the day for game-viewing: early mornings, and late-afternoons- animals generally are less active in the heat of the day.

We rise early before dawn for coffee and biscuits, and enter the park in search of the still-active nocturnal animals such as lion and leopard, as well as the antelope and other species they prey on.



Even the leopard needs a siesta, and the middle of the day is relaxed, consisting of time to daven, a splendid late breakfast, an optional bush walk, time to relax by the pool or take a spa treatment, and of course, a delicious light lunch!



In the late afternoon, we continue our safari, searching for species we have not yet seen, and more of those we have already seen. Every game-drive is completely unique-, and the bushveld is always on the move- what one vehicle is lucky enough to spot, the next might miss by a few seconds!



# **Thursday : Private Reserve**

The sun has not yet risen over the African bush, and our last exciting game-drive is upon us. Every safari is completely different- animals can be a lot like human beings, and every aspect of their behavior is fascinating to watch and observe.



The incredible sight of a lioness playing with her cubs, a hippo yawning, leopard stalking her pray, or a baboon family playing together, can now be seen by those lucky enough, not just on a National Geographic, but in real life!



After a delicious brunch, we fly back to Johannesburg, South Africa's largest city, where we enjoy a tour of the fascinating and historic black township of Soweto, home of Nelson Mandela, the world-cup "Soccer City" Stadium, and symbol of the anti-Apartheid struggle. We enjoy dinner in one of Johannesburg's kosher restaurants.



### Friday: Victoria Falls/Zambia



Fly to Livingstone, Zambia, gateway to the mighty Victoria Falls. The Victoria Falls are the world's largest curtain of falling water, and plunge almost 100m down the 1800m width of the mighty Zambezi River. Spend the afternoon admiring the magnificent views of the Falls from the Zambian side.



Enjoy the views of the water of the Zambezi River pouring over the precipice, the thunderous sound of the water crashing into the gorge and the thick cloud of mist which leaves you refreshed and exhilarated.

Prepare for an unforgettable Shabbos at our lovely family hotel near the falls.



#### Saturday : Victoria Falls



There is absolutely nothing like spending a relaxing Shabbat at a hotel with direct access to one of the seven natural wonders of the world.

After catching up on some well needed rest, Shabbat davening, and a wonderful lunch, the hotel grounds and falls are yours to explore and enjoy!



How about ending an incredible Shabbat with sunset on the river or at the falls themselves!





Travel through the African bush to the confluence of the Zambezi and Chobe Rivers, the Kazangula border post, where 4 Africa countries meet. Here, we cross the great Zambezi River into Botswana, and set out on our first safari in the world famous Chobe National Park.

Chobe is home to the largest concentration of elephant in the world, as well as large herds of buffalo, hippo, many crocodile, antelope, zebra, giraffe, and of course the Big cats.

We start our safari by boat, cruising down the most game-rich river in the world, hoping for some close up sightings of hippo, crocodile, and possibly even elephant swimming in the river.



After lunch, we board open jeeps for an exciting safari in the interior of the park, as well as along the river banks, looking out for giraffe, zebra, antelope, lion, leopard, and of course, Chobe's famous large elephant herds- this is the world's elephant capital after all! We return to the Zambezi River on time to catch the river-crossing back to Zambia, before dark descends, and the hippos takeover!



### Monday : Victoria Falls /Zimbabwe



This morning, we cross the "Victoria Falls Bridge", one of the most spectacular border crossings in the world, where the old colonial road crosses the Zambezi River Gorge, affording great views of the falls and rainforest.

After completing border formalities, we tour the Zimbabwean side of the falls, encompassing the widest parts of the Victoria Falls, including the "Devil's Cataract", and the "Main Falls"- the world's widest unbroken curtain of falling water.



Time permitting, we stop at the "Big Tree", a massive baobab tree the size of house, and/or the historic "Victoria Falls hotel" for drinks. We then cross back into Zambia for our flight back to Johannesburg, with unforgettable memories of some of the world's greatest wildlife and wonders of nature!

