

Mozambique, Kruger & Swazi Discoverer - DSMZ

13 days: Johannesburg to Johannesburg

What's Included

- Your Welcome Moment: Welcome Moment - Meet Your CEO and Group
- Wildlife walk in Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary
- Maputo orientation walk
- Inhambane orientation walk
- Beach time in Praia do Tofo & Vilanculos
- Bazaruto National Park entrance
- Traditional dhow (boat) safari
- Kruger National Park wildlife safari drive in our vehicle
- Panorama Route drive
- All transport between destinations and to/from included activities

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VALIDITY: Valid for all trips departing June 1st, 2018 and onwards

Itinerary

NOTE: Accommodations vary per departure and are subject to change until tour start date; they are not final and should be used as examples only. Travellers may login to the G Adventures App to view accommodations specific to their departure.

Day 1 Johannesburg

Arrive at any time.

There are no planned activities until the evening welcome meeting.

Your Welcome Moment: Welcome Moment - Meet Your CEO and Group

Your opportunity to meet your CEO and fellow travellers, and learn more about your tour. Opt to join the group for a local meal afterwards. Don't forget to see the notice in the lobby (or ask reception) for the official time and place to meet up with the group.

Optional Activities - Day 1

Soweto Bicycle Tour

Soweto - Johannesburg 1h-2h

1300-1950ZAR per person

Explore South Africa's largest township on two wheels and under your own steam. This guided tour will take you through the vibrant streets of Soweto, giving you the opportunity to meet some of its diverse residents, see the sights, hear the music and even taste a local 'home-brewed' beer.

Popular stops include the Hector Pieterse Memorial and Vilakazi Street, where Nelson Mandela used to live.

Soweto Tour

Soweto 1h-2h

1100-1650None per person

Take a guided tour of bustling Soweto and learn more about its important history. The residential area was created under apartheid and played a significant role in bringing the issues of segregation to the forefront. The anti-apartheid movement was launched here by its most famous resident, Nelson Mandela.

Apartheid Museum

Johannesburg 1h-2h

100ZAR per person

Take a self guided tour around the complex and learn about the history of the apartheid in South Africa.

Day 2 Johannesburg/Eswatini

Cross the border to Eswatini and stop at the local markets to find authentic Swazi crafts.

Visit the mountainous Kingdom of Eswatini. Ruled by King Mswati III, Eswatini is one of three monarchies in Africa.

Spend some time exploring the local markets, where you can find traditional Swazi candles, handmade baskets, carvings, and jewellery.

Private Vehicle

Johannesburg – Lobamba 4h

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Border Crossing (South Africa - Eswatini)

Oshoek – Ngwenya

Ready for a little more ink in your passport? Grab your bags and get ready to check another country off your bucket list.

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 3 Eswatini/Maputo

Enjoy an early morning guided walk in Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary, before departing for Mozambique.

Cross the border and continue to the capital city, Maputo. Take a short orientation walk with your CEO when you arrive in the afternoon.

It is possible to be denied entry at the border if you haven't organized your visa in advance. For the best price and less hassle at the border, it's best to get a Mozambique visa from an embassy before arriving.

Guided Walk - Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary

Lobamba 2h-3h Morning

Head out on foot to search for some of the species that call Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary home during this guided walk. Get a better feel for the landscape, animals, and birds of Eswatini.

Private Vehicle

Lobamba – Maputo 4h

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Border Crossing (Eswatini - Mozambique)

Lomahasha – Namaacha

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Maputo Orientation Walk

Maputo

Enjoy a short orientation walk in Maputo with your CEO. Each walk varies, allowing your CEO to show off their favourite spots. Pass by city highlights such as; the municipal market, Praça da Independência, Iron House, and the Jamma Masjid Mosque.

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 4 Maputo/Inhambane

Head to Inhambane as a base for exploring Praia do Tofo. Enjoy a short orientation drive around town before continuing to the beach.

Stop at the market in Maputo, before heading north to Praia do Tofo. It's easy to see what makes Mozambique so captivating, as we watch the beautiful coastal scenery slide by.

In Tofo, opt to swim, snorkel, dive, or relax.

Stay in traditional beach lodges.

Private Vehicle

Maputo – Inhambane 7h

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Free Time

Praia do Tofo Afternoon

Start exploring this beautiful beach.

Optional Activities - Day 4**Surfing**

Praia do Tofo

Rent a board and hit the waves on this beautiful African beach.

Diving

Praia do Tofo

90-250EUR per person

Head out to explore what's living under the sea.

Meals included: Breakfast**Day 5 Inhambane**

Enjoy free time to laze on the white-sand beach, go swimming, surfing, snorkelling, or diving and take plenty of time to enjoy the laid back atmosphere.

Free Time

Inhambane Full Day

Time's a tickin'. Get exploring.

Optional Activities - Day 5**Diving**

Praia do Tofo

90-250EUR per person

Head out to explore what's living under the sea.

Surfing

Praia do Tofo

Rent a board and hit the waves on this beautiful African beach.

Meals included: Breakfast**Day 6 Inhambane/Vilanculos**

A full travel day north ends in Vilanculos, the perfect spot for more beach time.

Continue to Vilanculos, our jumping-off point to explore stunning Bazaruto National Park, one of southern Africa's largest marine parks. Enjoy the Indian Ocean's sparkling clear waters and the abundance of marine life.

The evening will be spent in Vilanculos in chalet-type accommodation.

Private Vehicle

Inhambane – Vilanculos District 5h

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Meals included: Breakfast**Day 7 Vilanculos**

Enjoy a traditional dhow (boat) safari through Bazaruto National Park and beach camping on the mainland.

The itinerary for the dhow excursion through the archipelago is flexible based on weather and other conditions. The plan is to depart for Magaruque Island with opportunities to snorkel and explore the island's sandy beaches.

Enjoy lunch and relax before setting sail for the beach camp back on the mainland.

The camp is equipped with tents, mattresses, pillows, sleeping bags, lights, showers, and basic toilets—just rustic enough.

Dhow

Vilanculos District Full Day

Zip swiftly between points aboard this traditional single-mast sailing vessel.

Dhow Safari

Bazaruto Archipelago

Enjoy sailing on a traditional dhow through beautiful Bazaruto National Park. Take the opportunity to snorkel and swim and enjoy a local seafood lunch on the sandy beaches of Magaruque Island.

Beach Camping

Vilanculos District

Spend a night on the mainland by beach camping on the Mozambique coast. The camp is equipped with tents, mattresses, pillows, sleeping bags, lights, showers, and basic toilets— just rustic enough. Enjoy a delicious seafood dinner.

Optional Activities - Day 7

Snorkelling

Bazaruto Archipelago 4h-5h

75USD per person

Grab a mask and some fins and explore the gorgeous reefs and marine life found off the Mozambique coast.

Meals included: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

Day 8 Vilanculos

Head to Bazaruto Island to hike the sand dunes. Visit Two Mile Reef for another excellent snorkelling opportunity. Enjoy lunch on the island before heading back to mainland Vilanculos for a night in town.

Accommodation is back in the chalets in Vilanculos town.

Dhow

Vilanculos District Full Day

Zip swiftly between points aboard this traditional single-mast sailing vessel.

Bazaruto National Park and Island Visit

Bazaruto Archipelago – Vilankulo

Visit Bazaruto Island and hike the sand dunes. Later, visit 2 Mile Reef to experience some excellent snorkelling.

Optional Activities - Day 8

Bazaruto Island Hiking

Bazaruto Archipelago

Hike to the top of the sand dunes to get your blood pumping. Soak in the beautiful views from the top.

Snorkelling

Bazaruto Archipelago 4h-5h

75USD per person

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Meals included: Breakfast | Lunch

Day 9 Vilanculos/Xai-Xai

Head to the lodge outside Xai-Xai. Take a walk on the beach, enjoy a local beer at the restaurant, or just relax and take in the beautiful scenery.

Travel to a lodge about 30km (18.6 mi) outside Xai-Xai. Arrive in the late afternoon and take some time to relax in the area.

Private Vehicle

Vilanculos District – Xai-Xai 6h 30m 470km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 10 Xai-Xai

Visit Xai-Xai town to visit the markets, shops, and restaurants on the Limpopo River. Opt to spend free time in the afternoon on the beach.

Visit the market and shops in the centre of the town and opt to enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before returning to the resort for an afternoon of relaxing on the beach.

Xai-Xai Visit

Xai-Xai

Enjoy a day in this bustling town visiting the central market and shops where locals do their shopping. Continue to the open air furniture factory, situated under several cashew trees, where local craftsmen practice their centuries old trade.

Free Time

Xai-Xai Afternoon
Get out and explore.

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 11 Xai-Xai/Hazyview

Cross back into South Africa and drive through the famous Kruger National Park, to our safari camp just outside the gates.

Private Vehicle

Xai-Xai – Hazyview 7h-8h 425km
Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Border Crossing (Mozambique-South Africa)

Ressano Garcia – Lebombo
Cross into South Africa and get ready to explore.

Kruger Wildlife Safari Drive

Kruger National Park
Jump into our touring vehicle and get ready to spot elephants, hippos, giraffes, zebras, lions, and many other species in one of Africa's greatest wildlife areas.

Meals included: Breakfast | Dinner

Day 12 Kruger National Park

Enjoy a full-day wildlife safari drive in the Kruger Park (in our vehicle). Enjoy a traditional dinner and entertainment this evening.

Opt to upgrade to an open 4x4 vehicle for the wildlife safari drive.

Private Vehicle

Hazyview
Enjoy a full day wildlife safari in our touring vehicle as we travel through Kruger National Park.

Kruger Wildlife Safari Drive

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Traditional Dinner and Local Dancing

Hazyview
Enjoy a cultural evening with the local community. Dive into local fare with a delicious traditional dinner, then watch a local dance performance.

Optional Activities - Day 12

Full Day Kruger National Park Open Vehicle Wildlife Safari Drive

Kruger National Park 6h-7h
Hop in a 4x4 safari vehicle and get yourself one step closer to the surrounding nature. Be ready to spot elephants, giraffes, hippos, lions, zebras, and many other species in this impressive South African NP.

Meals included: Breakfast | Dinner

Day 13 Hazyview/Johannesburg

Enjoy a scenic drive along the famed Panorama Route back to Johannesburg Airport, where the tour ends on arrival.

Onward travel can be booked in the evening. We recommend booking a post night to further explore Johannesburg and the apartheid and Mandela sights of nearby Soweto Township.

Panorama Route Scenic Drive

Enjoy a scenic drive along the famed Panorama Route. You'll see magnificent mountains, panoramic passes, valleys, and waterfalls. There will also be stops at Blyde River Canyon, Bourke's Luck Potholes, and God's Window.

Private Vehicle

Hazyview – Johannesburg 7h 480km

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Meals included: Breakfast

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Highlights

Search for the "big five" on breathtaking wildlife safari drives, enjoy a dhow safari in Bazaruto National Park, indulge in mouth-watering seafood, snorkel in the turquoise waters off Mozambique, experience the Portuguese flavour of the port towns.

Dossier Disclaimer

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Itinerary Disclaimer

While it is our intention to adhere to the route described below, there is a certain amount of flexibility built into the itinerary and on occasion it may be necessary, or desirable to make alterations. The itinerary is brief, as we never know exactly where our journey will take us. Due to our style of travel and the regions we visit, travel can be unpredictable. The Trip Details document is a general guide to the tour and region and any mention of specific destinations or wildlife is by no means a guarantee that they will be visited or encountered. Aboard expedition trips visits to research stations depend on final permission.

Additionally, any travel times listed are approximations only and subject to vary due to local circumstances.

Important Notes

VISAS

It is strongly recommended that you obtain a visa before arriving in Mozambique to avoid wait times and a higher cost. There are reports of travellers being sent back at the border if they do not have a visa.

DRONES

The use of drones in national parks in Southern Africa is prohibited.

Group Leader Description

On this tour, you will be accompanied by a G Adventures Chief Experience Officer (CEO) and an expert driver. All of our leaders in southern Africa are registered and licensed tourism guides, meaning that they have studied to have a broad knowledge base of the region's history, cultures, and wildlife, and are legally certified to lead/guide tours in the regions visited. Most of our leaders in the region are from South Africa, though it may be possible that you'll have a leader from another country in the southern African region.

As the group manager and leader, the aim of the group leader is to take the hassle out of your travels and to help you have the best trip possible. They will provide information on the places where we are travelling, offer suggestions for things to do and see, recommend great local eating venues, introduce you to our local friends. He/she will take care of the small things so you can concentrate on enjoying your adventure. In addition, as an integral part of the team, your driver is a skilled and experienced driver who has intimate knowledge of the vehicle and routes travelled.

We also use local guides where we think more specific knowledge will add to the enjoyment of the places we are visiting.

Group Size Notes

Max 9, avg 7

Meals Included

12 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners

Meals

Eating is a big part of travelling. Travelling with G Adventures you experience the vast array of wonderful food that is available in southern Africa. On this tour, we provide only a few meals for you and your group members, so as to give you the maximum flexibility in deciding where, what and with whom to eat. It also gives you more budgeting flexibility in your choices. Our groups tend to eat together to enable you to taste a larger variety of dishes and enjoy each other's company. There is no obligation to do this though - while in the larger centres, your CEO will be able to suggest favourite restaurants during your trip.

For the included meals, vegetarian meal requests and other dietary requirements need to be specified prior to arrival.

Transport

Private bus, dhow, walking.

Solo Travellers

We believe single travellers should not have to pay more to travel so our group trips are designed for shared accommodation and do not involve a single supplement. Single travellers joining group trips are paired in twin or multi-share accommodation with someone of the same sex for the duration of the trip. Some of our Independent trips are designed differently and single travellers on these itineraries must pay the single trip price.

Accommodation

Hotels (3 nts), chalets/bungalows (8 nts), camping (1 nt).

My Own Room

Please note that if you have booked the "My Own Room/Tent" option for this tour, you will receive your own single room/tent for all nights, except for the below.

Rooming and "My Own Room" Exceptions

Please note that if you have booked the "My Own Room" option for this tour, you will receive your own single accommodation for all night stops, with the following exceptions: Day 7

Joining Hotel

For details of your joining hotel please refer to your tour voucher, G Account, the G Adventures App or contact your travel agent.

Joining Instructions

Please note that the Airport Game Lodge offers a complimentary airport pickup. This will likely be a shared transfer and you may have to wait between 20 minutes and 1.5 hours to either be picked up or for others that are also taking the transfer. In order to get this transfer you need to call the hotel directly upon your arrival in Johannesburg. They will arrange the pick-up.

Taxi are readily available upon arrival at Johannesburg International Airport (JNB).

If you have a pre-arranged, pre-paid transfer, look for a transfer person on walking out of international arrivals with a sign G Adventures and your name. Ask him/her what hotel he/she will take you to (do not volunteer this information). Then present your passport for proof of identity.

The difference between the pre-arranged transfer (paid transfer) through us and the "free" airport transfer through the Airport Game Lodge is that you cannot pre-arrange the free shuttle. You will have to phone the lodge upon arrival at the airport in Johannesburg and they will arrange a pick up point just outside the arrival building whereas our pre-arranged "meet & greet pick up" will have an assistant waiting for you with a board and your name on it upon walking out the luggage arrival hall.

Please note that Day 1 is an arrival day and no activities have been planned for that day other than your welcome meeting in the evening, so you can arrive at any time.

A G Adventures Representative will organize a short meeting soon after arrival, during which you will meet other tour participants and receive information about general and specific aspects of the trip. A welcome note will be left for you in the hotel so you have all the necessary information regarding the meeting time. If you arrive late, s/he will leave you a message detailing what time and where you should meet the next morning.

Arrival Complications

We don't expect any problems, and nor should you, but if for any reason you are unable to commence your trip as scheduled, as soon as possible please contact your starting point hotel, requesting that you speak to or leave a message for your CEO (if you are not on a group tour please refer to the emergency contact details provided in this dossier). If you are unable to get in touch with your leader, please refer to our emergency contact details. If you have pre-booked an airport transfer and have not made contact with our representative within 30 minutes of clearing customs and immigration, we recommend that you make your own way to the Starting Point hotel, following the Joining Instructions. Please apply to your travel agent on your return for a refund of the transfer cost if this occurs.

Emergency Contact

Should you need to contact us during a situation of dire need, it is best to first call either the G Adventures Local Representative (if one is listed below) or our G Adventures Local Office. If for any reason you do not receive an immediate answer, please leave a detailed message and contact information, so they may return your call and assist you as soon as possible.

AIRPORT TRANSFER

If you have purchased an arrival through G Adventures or if an arrival transfer is included in the cost of your tour, please note that:

Your arrival transfer has been arranged based on flight information provided to us. If you are advised of a flight schedule change within 48 hours of your scheduled arrival time, we will do our best to rearrange your arrival transfer however we cannot guarantee this. If your arrival transfer does not arrive within 30 minutes after you have exited the arrivals area please call the local emergency contact numbers listed below for more information.

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

G Adventures Local Representative (South Africa)

From outside South Africa: +27 713823286

From within South Africa: 071 3823286

If you are unable for any reason to contact our local office, please call the numbers listed below which will connect you directly with our Sales team who will happily assist you. Hours of operation by region can be found [here](#).

Toll-free, North America only: 1 888 800 4100

Calls from UK: 0344 272 0000

Calls from Germany: 0800 365 1000

Calls from Australia: 1 300 796 618

Calls from New Zealand: 0800 333 307

Outside North America, Australia, New Zealand, Germany and the UK: +1 416 260 0999

What to Take

You will be on the move a lot, so our advice is to pack as lightly as possible. Your baggage should be clearly labelled and restricted to one soft compact suitcase (please avoid a hard-top case), or sports bag, maximum 15kg, plus a daypack. Luggage limits on airlines are strictly enforced and space on vehicles is limited. Porters are not often available, so be prepared to carry your own bags. It is important to pack clothes for warm days and cool evenings, as well as a warm jacket for early morning safaris. A set of smart casual clothes is also advisable.

Please be advised that if you plan to bring a drone with you, the use of drones in national parks in Southern Africa is prohibited.

Packing List

Cold Weather:

- Long-sleeved shirts or sweater
- Scarf
- Snow Boots
- Warm gloves
- Warm hat
- Warm layers
- Warm waterproof jacket

Documents:

- Flight info (required) (Printouts of e-tickets may be required at the border)
- Insurance info (required) (With photocopies)
- Passport (required) (With photocopies)
- Vouchers and pre-departure information (required)
- Visas or vaccination certificates (With photocopies)

Essentials:

- Toiletries (required) (Shampoo, bodywash, soap, etc.)
- Binoculars (optional)
- Camera (With extra memory cards and batteries)
- Cash, credit and debit cards
- Day pack (Used for daily excursions or short overnights)
- Ear plugs
- First-aid kit (should contain lip balm with sunscreen, sunscreen, whistle, Aspirin, Ibuprofen, band-aids/plasters, tape, anti-histamines, antibacterial gel/wipes, antiseptic cream, Imodium or similar tablets for mild cases of diarrhea, rehydration powder, water purification tablets or drops, insect repellent, sewing kit, extra prescription drugs you may be taking)
- Flashlight/torch (Headlamps are ideal)
- Fleece top/sweater
- Footwear
- Hat
- Locks for bags
- Long pants/jeans
- Moneybelt
- Outlet adapter
- Personal entertainment (Reading and writing materials, cards, music player, etc.)
- Reusable water bottle
- Shirts/t-shirts
- Sleepwear
- Small travel towel
- Sunglasses
- Swimwear
- Watch and alarm clock
- Waterproof backpack cover
- Windproof rain jacket

Health & Safety:

- Hand sanitizer (required)
- Face masks (Clients will be only be required to wear a face mask where it is mandated by local regulations.)
- Pen (Please bring your own pen for filling out documents.)
- Quick Covid Test/Antigen Test

Warm Weather:

- Sandals/flip-flops
- Shorts/skirts (Longer shorts/skirts are recommended)
- Sturdy water shoes/sandals
- Sun hat/bandana
- Swimwear

Note: Seasons in Southern Africa are quite extreme. Winters can be really cold and summers will be really hot. If you travel during winter months (May to October) please ensure that you bring warm clothing and a suitable sleeping bag.

Laundry

PLEASE ask your guide/CEO to arrange if any laundry needs to be done, so that he / she can make arrangements for you. He/She will advise guests accordingly, in advance if guests want to do laundry where it is available.

Manyeleti Area (Shalati Bush Camp): Laundry facility available on request

Mozambique: Most of the accommodation / hotels/ lodges will have laundry facilities available. Swaziland: Laundry facility available on request. Zululand: Laundry Facility available at Hotel/Lodge or Laundromat in town. Durban: Laundry facility available or Laundromat available in town

Visas and Entry Requirements

All countries require a valid passport (with a minimum 6 months validity). Contact your local embassy or consulate for the most up-to-date visa requirements, or see your travel agent. It is your own responsibility to have the correct travel documentation. Visa requirements for your trip will vary

depending on where you are from and where you are going. We keep the following information up to date as far as possible, but rules do change and sometimes without warning. While we provide the following information in good faith, it is vital that you check the information yourself and understand that you are fully responsible for your own visa requirements.

Visa information specific to your destination and nationality can be found in our Important Pre-Departure Information page [here](#)

South Africa

<http://www.dha.gov.za/index.php/immigration-services/exempt-countries>

<http://www.dha.gov.za/index.php/immigration-services/apply-for-a-south-african-visa>

<http://www.southafrica.info/travel/documents/visas.htm>

Visas are not issued at South African ports of entry, and airline officials are obliged to insist on visas before allowing passengers to board. If you arrive without a visa, immigration officials are obliged to put you onto a flight back to your home country.

If you are a passport holder of the following countries/areas you do not need a visa for stays of LESS THAN 90 days:

African Union / Unity Laissez Passes, Andorra, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Botswana, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, Finland, Japan, Liechtenstein, Luxemburg, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Paraguay, Portugal, San Marino, Singapore, Spain, St Vincent & the Grenadines, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, Uruguay, Venezuela, United States of America, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica

If you are a passport holder of the following countries/areas you do not need a visa for stays of LESS THAN 30 days:

Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Belize, Benin, Bolivia, Hong Kong, Hungary, Jordan, Lesotho, Malaysia Cape Verde, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Gabon, Guyana, Peru, Poland, Seychelles, Slovak Republic, South Korea, Swaziland, Thailand, Turkey, Zambia

Visa costs

The visa fee is different for every nationality, so please check this with your agent or closest embassy.

****Please note for those traveling with minors:** The International Air Transport Association (IATA), on 29 April, 2019, updated the Travel Information Manual Automatic (TIMATIC), used by airport ground staff to determine whether a passenger can be carried, with regard to the requirements for children travelling to South Africa.

According to the updated text, IATA is advising that members' check-in staff to no longer request birth certificates from minors who have visas, or who are exempted from visas, if travelling with their parents with the same surname.

Mozambique

Citizens of all countries can obtain a visa on arrival in Mozambique. For less hassle at the border, it's best to get a Mozambique visa from an embassy before arriving. Visa costs per person are approximately \$300USD.

Our hotel in Maputo:

Pensao Martins Guesthouse

Av 24 de Julho

Maputo, Mozambique

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Visa costs

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Detailed Trip Notes

Border Crossings:

Swaziland to South Africa: Golela, South Africa

Climate

Southern Africa is renowned for its excellent outdoor living climate. The winter months are from May to September and are characterized by cold nights and pleasant days. Summer is from October to April and

starts off with increasing dry heat and dust. Rains generally only start from mid to late December and last until March; this period is hot and humid.

Electricity

220-240V, 50 HZ, Most electrical plugs are 15 amp 3-prong with round pins. International adaptor are called for, they can be purchased locally (approx \$2USD).

Spending Money

Every traveller is different and therefore spending money requirements will vary. Some travellers may drink more than others while other travellers like to purchase more souvenirs than most. Please consider your own spending habits when it comes to allowing for drinks, shopping and tipping. Please also remember the following specific recommendations when planning your trip.

Money Exchange

The currency in South Africa is the South African Rand (ZAR).

The currency in Swaziland is the Lilangeni (SZL). The plural of Lilangeni is the Emalangeni. It is also advisable to use Rand as it is widely accepted in Swaziland. (E1 = 1 Rand), but take note that Coins are not accepted.

Each currency can be obtained locally by changing foreign currency or by using ATMs (where available) which will disperse local currency. Your CEO will inform you where you can change money throughout the tour and approximately how much money you will need.

The easiest foreign currency to exchange for locally for any of the local currencies is the \$US; however the British Pound and Euro may also be exchanged as well. Please note that due to past problems with forgery, \$US notes that are older than year 2006 are not accepted in Africa. Large note (\$US 50, \$US 100 etc) can be difficult to change in some places, but will gain you the best exchange rate.

If you plan to rely on cash, please bring foreign currency (Euro, Pound, USD) with you, as it is often expensive to buy these currencies locally. And in more rural areas, it is often not likely.

If you plan to buy your visas at borders, you will need to bring \$USD cash to pay for these visas. Please note you cannot use the local currency or any other currency to buy these visas- they must be purchased in USD.

Please do not bring Travellers' cheques to Africa. They are difficult if not impossible to exchange in many places.

Visa/Plus system cards are the most widely accepted debit cards. it is harder to find machines Mastercard/Cirrus cards. We highly recommend that if you hold a Mastercard, you obtain a Visa card prior to departure and travel with both. This is also useful should something unforeseen happen to one of your cards during your travels.

While there are many ATMs in the major centres, there are no guarantees that your credit or debit cards will actually work in Africa. Check with your bank.

Credit cards can be used in major cities and towns ONLY but please do not rely on them as a method of payment because they are generally not widely accepted. You should be aware that to purchase products or services on a credit card a fee of 5%-10% usually applies. The majority of our optional activities can also be paid by credit card. Your CEO will advise on these.

Please note that in many areas there may be occasional power-outages, where there will be no electricity for hours at a time. In addition, ATMs outside of larger centers often run out of cash or can be out of order unexpectedly. These factors could affect your ability to access money from ATMs. As such, please do not rely on credit or debit cards as your only source of money.

A combination of foreign currency and debit/credit cards for cash advances is best. Always take more rather than less, as you don't want to spoil the trip by constantly feeling short of funds.

As currency exchange rates can fluctuate often we ask that you refer to the following website for daily exchange rates: www.xe.com.

Emergency Fund

Please also make sure you have access to at least an additional USD \$200 (or equivalent) as an 'emergency' fund, to be used when circumstances outside our control (ex. a natural disaster) require a change to our planned route. This is a rare occurrence!

Departure Tax

USD40, may be included in the international air ticket

Tipping

Tipping is an expected, though not compulsory, component of your tour program. The gesture serves as an expression of appreciation for exceptional service, and amounts given are up to your discretion.

Tipping is one of the most direct ways that you can have a positive economic impact within the African community. Although it may not be customary for you, it is an important source of income for those in the tourism industry. Giving a tip should be seen as a formal 'thank you', and the action should in no way be awkward.

The best method of tipping someone that has served the whole group is to plan in advance, and not rush when it comes to saying goodbye. A suggestion would be for each group member to contribute anonymously by putting their tip into an envelope. This often works the best and the group should gather to present the gift to the recipient(s), offering their thanks and showing their appreciation. This method brings the action out into the open, allowing for a friendly and appreciative interaction between the group and the recipient(s).

You may use the following as a guideline, all given in a per person format:

Driver/guide: \$6-10 USD (per day)

Local guides: \$1-2 USD (per day)

Safari Guide/Driver: \$2-3 USD (per day)

Restaurant Staff: 10-15% of cost of bill

Optional Activities

Soweto

- Soweto Bicycle Tour (1300-1950ZAR per person)
- Soweto Tour (1100-1650 per person)

Johannesburg

- Apartheid Museum (100ZAR per person)

Praia do Tofo

- Surfing
- Diving (90-250EUR per person)

Bazaruto Archipelago

- Snorkelling (75USD per person)
- Bazaruto Island Hiking

Kruger National Park

- Full Day Kruger National Park Open Vehicle Wildlife Safari Drive

Health

We recommend you contact your family physician, or your local travel clinic for the most up-to-date health information at least one month before departure. Travellers should also carry a basic first-aid kit and hand sanitizers/antibacterial wipes on their travels. Medical facilities are basic throughout these countries. For your own safety, we strongly recommend that you advise your tour leader of any medical condition that may affect you while travelling with the group. Your tour leader will be able to inform you of local health advisories (e.g. drinking water quality). Please ensure you have all the inoculations recommended by your doctor.

Yellow Fever Certificate Note: (Updated: May 2017)

It is compulsory to show a valid Yellow Fever Certificate if you are travelling to the following G Adventures-visited countries from a Yellow Fever endemic country:

- Botswana
- Ethiopia
- Kenya
- Madagascar
- Malawi
- Mozambique
- Namibia
- Rwanda
- South Africa

- Swaziland
- Uganda
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe

For some of these countries, proof of Yellow Fever vaccination is also required for passengers who have travelled more than 12 hours through the airport of an endemic country. If other countries not endemic to Yellow Fever have been visited after visiting an endemic country, then a Yellow Fever certificate may still be required on entry. Please check country-specific regulations before your departure.

Malaria

Malaria is a mosquito-borne disease that is present in some regions in Africa. Risk of malaria can increase during periods of heavy rain, during the rainy seasons, and in densely populated areas of Southern & East Africa. To prevent malaria, we recommend speaking to your doctor about taking preventative medication (prophylaxis), combined with regular use of insect repellent spray/cream. Please check updated travel health advisories specific to malaria before your departure.

Safety and Security

Many national governments provide a regularly updated advice service on safety issues involved with international travel. We recommend that you check your government's advice for their latest travel information before departure. We strongly recommend the use of a neck wallet or money belt while travelling, for the safe keeping of your passport, air tickets, travellers' cheques, cash and other valuable items. Leave your valuable jewellery at home - you won't need it while travelling. Many of the hotels we use have safety deposit boxes, which is the most secure way of storing your valuables. A lock is recommended for securing your luggage. When travelling on a group trip, please note that your CEO has the authority to amend or cancel any part of the trip itinerary if it is deemed necessary due to safety concerns. Your CEO will accompany you on all included activities. During your trip you will have some free time to pursue your own interests, relax and take it easy or explore at your leisure. While your CEO will assist you with options available in a given location please note that any optional activities you undertake are not part of your itinerary, and we offer no representations about the safety of the activity or the standard of the operators running them. Please use your own good judgment when selecting an activity in your free time. Although the cities visited on tour are generally safe during the day, there can be risks to wandering throughout any major city at night. It is our recommendation to stay in small groups and to take taxis to and from restaurants, or during night time excursions.

Protests and Demonstrations- Protests and demonstrations, even those that are well intended, have the potential to turn violent with no warning. Counter protests can also turn violent. Action by security forces to disperse demonstrators and protesters may occur at any time. If you are in an area where demonstrators or protesters are gathering, avoid the temptation of staying for a good photo opportunity and leave the area immediately.

Water based activities have an element of danger and excitement built into them. We recommend only participating in water based activities when accompanied by a guide(s). We make every reasonable effort to ensure the fun and adventurous element of any water based activities (in countries with varying degrees of operating standards) have a balanced approach to safety. It is our policy not to allow our CEOs to make arrangements on your behalf for water based activities that are not accompanied by guide(s).

Swimming, including snorkeling, is always at your own risk.

We take all prudent measures in relation to your safety. For ways to further enhance your personal safety while traveling, please visit:

www.gadventures.com/travel-resources/safety/

Trip Specific Safety

GENERAL: Look after your personal items. Do not leave your valuables visible in a car or hotel room. Lock your hotel room door when you enter and when you leave. Do not carry large amount of cash on you. Avoid displaying flashy jewellery and carry your camera in its pack on your shoulder rather than around your neck. Keep your passport, airline tickets, money, important documents locked up in your room/safe - do not carry it with you. Mozambique: AVOID street hustlers - do not exchange your money with them as they could easily rip you off. Vital Information when you are staying the KNP or any Reserve: Please ensure that your stay is happy and safe by taking note of a few simple warnings. You will be sharing your stay with many exciting and unusual creatures but without knowledge some of them could be dangerous: Example: Bats, Spiders, Snakes, Scorpions, Malaria Zone. If you must walk around at night please DO NOT DO SO WITHOUT A TORCH. Remember: by feeding any wildlife, you are signing their death warrant as they become aggressive!

Please note that the use of drones in national parks in Southern Africa is prohibited.

A Couple of Rules

Illegal drugs will not be tolerated on any trips. Possessing or using drugs not only contravenes the laws of the land but also puts the rest of the group at risk. Smoking marijuana and opium is a part of local culture in some parts of the world but is not acceptable for our travellers. Our philosophy of travel is one of respect towards everyone we encounter, and in particular the local people who make the world the special place it is. The exploitation of prostitutes is completely contrary to this philosophy. Our CEOs have the right to expel any member of the group if drugs are found in their possession or if they use prostitutes.

Travel Insurance

Travel Insurance: Travel insurance is compulsory in order to participate on any of our trips. When travelling on a group trip, you will not be permitted to join the group until evidence of travel insurance has been sighted by your CEO, who will take note of your insurance details. When selecting a travel insurance policy please bear in mind that all clients must have medical coverage and that we require a minimum coverage of USD 200,000 for repatriation and emergency rescue. We strongly recommend that the policy also covers personal liability, cancellation, curtailment and loss of luggage and personal effects. If you have credit card insurance we require proof of purchase of the trip (a receipt of credit card statement) with a credit card in your name. Contact your bank for details of their participating insurer, the level of coverage and emergency contact telephone number.

Planeterra Foundation - the non-profit partner of G Adventures

Planeterra International Foundation is a non-profit organization committed to turning travel into impact by helping local communities earn an income from tourism. Planeterra connects underserved local communities to the benefits of tourism by developing and supporting small community-owned businesses. These businesses support Indigenous people, empower women, grant youth access to employment opportunities, and protect the environment. Planeterra also works to ensure these businesses have a thriving customer base by integrating their projects into G Adventures' itineraries globally.

G Adventures is Planeterra's largest corporate donor, covering all operating costs, so 100% of your donation will bring opportunity to people in need.

G Adventures Dollar-a-day Program - Make Every Day Count - Turn your travel into impact with [Planeterra Foundation](#).

Did you know? Most communities around the world do not benefit from tourism. Give back to the places you visit on your travels by creating opportunities for local people to earn an income, and protect the environment.

Make every day count by donating \$1/day for the length of your trip, and join us in empowering the communities you will visit when you travel. 100% of your donation goes directly to Planeterra projects.

Feedback

After your travels, we want to hear from you! Your feedback information is so important to us that we'll give you 5% off the price of your next G Adventures trip if your feedback is completed on-line within 30 days of finishing your trip. Your tour evaluation will be e-mailed to you 24 hours after the conclusion of your trip. If you do not receive the tour evaluation link in the days after your tour has finished, please drop us a line at customersolutions@gadventures.com and we will send it on to you.

Newsletter

Our adventure travel e-newsletter is full of travel news, trip information, interesting stories and contests. To avoid missing out on special offers and updates from G Adventures, subscribe at www.gadventures.com/newsletters/

Stay current on how our company invests in our global community through our foundation - Planeterra. Sign up for [Planeterra's monthly news](#) to learn more about how to give back and support the people and places we love to visit.

Minimum Age

You must be 18 to travel unaccompanied on a G Adventures tour. For minors travelling with a guardian over 21 years old, the minimum age is 12.

International Flights

Check-in times and baggage allowances/restrictions vary by airline and can change at any time. For the most up-to-date information for your flight, please contact your airline. We recommend checking in online in advance to avoid potential delays at the airport.