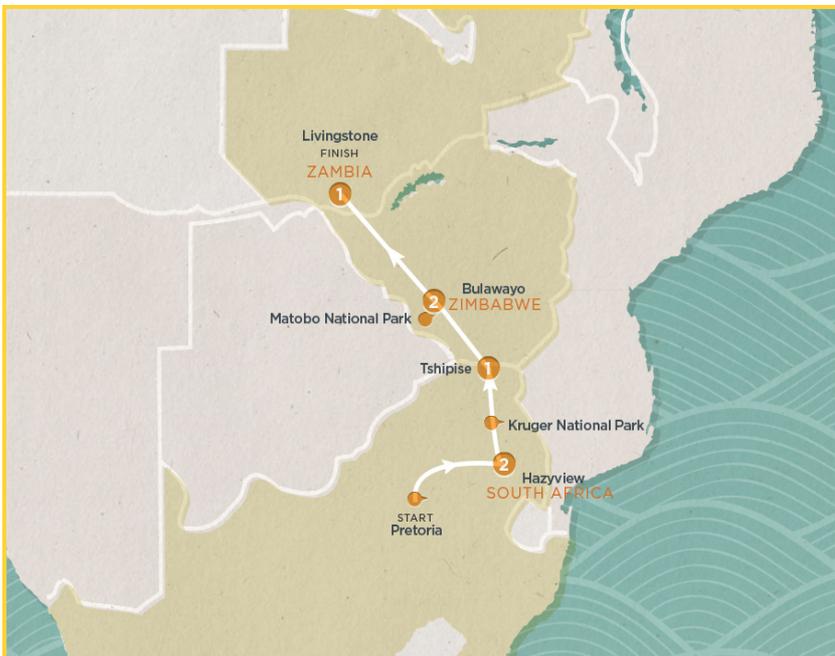


# Topdeck

## AFRICAN INSIGHT



TRIP CODE:

ZOAIPL-9

## Topdecker, MEET AFRICA

Enjoy a tasty little serving of the best Africa has to offer on this week-long safari between Pretoria and Livingstone. Along the way, you'll test your wildlife knowledge in South Africa's famous Kruger National Park, be at one with nature in Zimbabwe's Matobo National Park and channel your inner daredevil with a few thrill-seeking activities at Victoria Falls in Zambia. This short but jam-packed trip will provide you with the full African safari experience without taking you away from your creature comforts for too long.

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



Overland



Nights



Android/iPhone app  
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This is a principal  
package.

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We really appreciate your decision to travel with us, and rest assured that the entire Topdeck team will be pulling out all the stops to make your trip an unforgettable one.

Now it's time to get excited and get ready for a fantastic holiday!

From all the crew at Topdeck Travel

## ABOUT YOUR TRIP NOTES

These Trip Notes contain everything you need to know before your trip departs, including where to meet, what to bring and what you can expect on your trip of a lifetime! Also, you can easily download and print this document off so you can check off the lists or bring it with you when you travel.

Please do bear in mind though, some points should be taken as a guide only - after all, everyone's different! For example, daily spending money and clothing lists can vary greatly from one person to the next so don't be alarmed if you don't expect to spend (or even wear) so much! However, we're sure you'll find the information in general to be very useful.

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**PLEASE NOTE:** We strongly urge you to refresh this document as close to the time of your departure as possible to ensure you have the most up-to-date accommodation list and information available.

### ON THE BUCKET LIST (INCLUDED)

- + Visit Kruger National Park
- + Visit Matobo National Park
- + Experience a Shangaan cultural evening
- + Visit Mosi oa Tunya National Park (Victoria Falls)

### MORE INCLUSIONS

- + Shangaan cultural evening
- + Kruger National Park game drive
- + Half day Matobo National Park game drive and wilderness walk
- + Visit Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park (Victoria Falls)

## YOUR TRIP WILL START

### PICK UP:

Pretoria  
Africa

## YOUR TRIP WILL FINISH

### DROP OFF:

Victoria Falls  
Africa

## *Trip currencies*

- + South Africa - ZAR
- + Zimbabwe - BWP
- + Zambia - ZMW

# Your Itinerary



## DAY 1 | PRETORIA, SOUTH AFRICA TO HAZYVIEW

Touch down in Pretoria, meet your new Topdecker BFFs and get excited for the adventure ahead! Starting out early, we'll hit the road in style (and by style, we mean fully equipped safari truck) to Hazyview, where a cultural Shangaan dance show awaits. Kruger is South Africa's premier national park – and, in connection with parks in adjoining Mozambique and Botswana, it covers a whopping 24,000 square kilometres of land used for the protection of African wildlife. Wowee.



### MEALS:

+ Dinner



### INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Shangaan cultural evening

## DAY 2 | HAZYVIEW

Get your camera at the ready! Today we've got a full day's game drive in store, so keep your eyes peeled for the Big Five (lions, elephants, buffaloes, rhinos and leopards). Want more? Well, you could be lucky enough to see giraffes, hippos and zebras, too! Nothing will prepare you for the first time you spot these incredible creatures in the wild. Expect goosebumps, and lots of them. If you want, you can even opt in to do a game drive after dark tonight.



### MEALS:

+ Breakfast  
+ Lunch  
+ Dinner



### INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Kruger National Park game drive



### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

+ Kruger National Park night game drive

## DAY 3 | HAZYVIEW TO TSHIPISE

After leaving Kruger we'll shimmy north and spend the night near the Limpopo River in Tshipise.



### MEALS:

+ Breakfast  
+ Lunch  
+ Dinner

## DAY 4 | TSHIPISE TO BULAWAYO, ZIMBABWE

When we've got the formalities over with at the border post, we'll rock and roll into Zimbabwe and make a beeline for Matobo National Park, near Bulawayo. This place is home to a wide variety of animals, including black and white rhinoceroses, zebras, wildebeest and giraffes.



### MEALS:

+ Breakfast  
+ Lunch  
+ Dinner

## DAY 5 | BULAWAYO

The wind-sculpted Matobo Hills are the site of numerous Bushman paintings, so it's no surprise this area holds a special cultural and spiritual importance to the indigenous people. Keep an eye out for beasts, 'cos today we've got a half-day game drive in store – or, if you fancy it, you could opt in to extend the experience with a full-day upgrade.



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Lunch
- + Dinner



### INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Half day Matobo National Park game drive and wilderness walk



### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Full-day Matobo National Park game drive upgrade

## DAY 6 | BULAWAYO TO LIVINGSTONE, ZAMBIA

Bye bye, Matobo. Today we'll be making tracks to Livingstone – where the mighty Victoria Falls awaits. Not only that, but we've got some awesome optionals for you to get involved in, too. How about a bungee jump over the falls? Or a spot of gorge swinging? Or some abseiling? Or whitewater rafting? If you'd rather go for something a little less heart-pumping, you could always opt in to take it easy with a fishing trip or sunset cruise down the river.



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast



### INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Visit Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park (Victoria Falls)



### OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Victoria Falls bungee jump
- + Chief Mukumi Village tour
- + Gorge Swing
- + Zambezi jetboating and cable car
- + Half-day canoe safari
- + Zambezi sunset cruise
- + Whitewater rafting
- + Fishing

## DAY 7 | LIVINGSTONE

Noooo! Today your African adventure comes to an end. If you're keen to stay on longer (and honestly, who wouldn't be?) your trusty guide can help you sort out some post-trip accommodation.



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast

## Meals

Your included meals are detailed in the 'More Inclusions' section of this document. While on the road, you will be provided with three meals a day unless otherwise stated. African overland trips are participation based, which means you will be expected to do your bit for the team by helping with purchasing, cooking and cleaning-up duties. In some places, we will be able to go out for a meal. If you have any dietary requirements we will make every effort to cater to your specific needs, as long as you advise your travel agent or Topdeck Trip Consultant when you book. Please be aware that it may not be possible to cater for every single dietary requirement, but we will always try our best to arrange it.

## Topdeck Travel App

Our travel app is **AVAILABLE TO DOWNLOAD BEFORE YOU TRAVEL**. With a range of cool features including a Currency Converter, Budget Planner, Check-In tool and Social Timeline (so your next #TravelEnvy post is never too far away) you can plan your trip like a pro.

Think of it like your very own Topdeck Trip Leader, always on call with the latest info, weather, maps and city guides to give you the trip of a lifetime, all in the palm of your hand.

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GET IT FOR ANDROID



## *Passenger safety*

One of the best parts of travelling is experiencing the nightlife and entertainment each city has to offer. However, amidst the fun and excitement, it's important to be aware of your surroundings and personal safety as well. Before you hit the road with us, be sure to familiarise yourself with the following safety information.

When you're on a night out, remember to avoid walking alone, particularly through deserted areas like beaches and back streets. Always stick together, take a registered taxi where possible, and keep a note of your accommodation details so you can find your way back to your fellow Topdeckers if you become separated. It's also a good idea to get your Topdeck trip mates' mobile numbers in case you need to get hold of them while out and about.

In some countries, alcoholic measures can be considerably larger than what you may be used to. Try to keep track of what you're drinking, and if you see one of your trip mates looking a little worse for wear, take them back to your accommodation. Never leave your drink unattended.

It's also important to be aware that what you might consider harmless flirting may be interpreted differently in some countries. Be yourself and have fun, but stay savvy – you don't want to find yourself in an uncomfortable situation.

## OTHER INFORMATION



**THAT'S IT!**