



CRUISE OF 9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS - REF. 11Z\_PP

## **Safari Cruise along the Zambezi River - South Africa, Botswana, Namibia, Zimbabwe (port-to-port cruise)**

**SOUTH AFRICA - BOTSWANA - NAMIBIA - ZIMBABWE**

From Johannesburg to Victoria Falls, you'll discover spectacular panoramas and tumultuous histories, but also incredible wildlife and carefully crafted menus that reflect the flavors and savors of Africa, as well as the most beautiful natural reserves and the secrets of Lake Kariba before taking in the grandeur of the "smoke that thunders," Victoria Falls.

### **CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS**

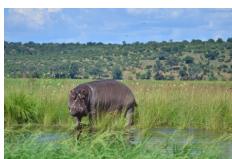
- An intimate experience on board a luxury 5 anchor ship, welcoming you in a refined and comfortable atmosphere
- Enjoy the stillness of a magical, luxurious lodge with spacious bungalows and private swimming pool
- Transfers by private plane, a unique view across on the savannah and Lake Kariba
- Unique cruise on Lake Kariba through emblematic and mysterious landscapes
- Land and water safaris in Chobé and Matusadona National Parks
- The grandness of Victoria Falls is waiting for you, on foot or on board a helicopter (optional)

## CRUISE PROGRAM (9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS)



### Day 1 : Johannesburg (South Africa)

**We'll meet up at the hotel at 11:30 a.m.** We'll have lunch before visiting the Apartheid Museum which opened in 2001. It is famous the world over for being the first museum centering on South African history in the 20th century, and more particularly on Apartheid (the Museum is open from Wednesday to Sunday. In case of a visit a Monday, this museum will be replaced by the Mandela House. On Tuesday, it will be replaced by the Hector Pieterse Museum). Afterwards, we'll set off for a panoramic tour of the city. In addition to being South Africa's financial capital, Johannesburg is also the city of superlatives. It is indeed the richest town in Africa, with the tallest buildings and widest social discrepancies, but is also infused with one of the best atmospheres you'll ever come across. We'll arrive at our five-star hotel LS where you'll be welcome to settle into your rooms before dinner. You'll spend the night at the hotel.



### Day 2 : Johannesburg - Kasane - Arrival at LODGE (South Africa-Botswana-Namibia)

We'll take a regular flight from Johannesburg to Kasane, Botswana. You'll be transferred from the airport to your CroisiEurope lodge on board a small private boat. Take advantage of your trip to observe the numerous bird species living among the flooded flatlands. You may even catch a glimpse of a few hippos or crocodiles basking in the sun! You'll be greeted by our crew upon arrival and settle into your comfortable lodge. We'll have dinner and spend the night at the lodge in absolute tranquility at the heart of the wilderness.



### Day 3 : LODGE: Chobe National Park (Namibia-Botswana)

We'll journey out on a full-day dedicated to the discovery of Chobe National Park. Exploration by Jeep in this park, which is unique for hosting more than a quarter of Africa's elephant population. African lunch in the heart of nature. Afterwards, we'll board a small private boat and sail off on Chobe River all the way to Sedudu Island and its marshes. We'll have dinner and spend the night at the lodge.



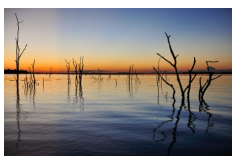
### Day 4 : LODGE: Impalila Island (Namibia)

Join us for a trip to authentic villages on Impalila Island, Namibia, to discover the traditional Namibian houses, culture and customs. We'll return to our lodge for lunch. This afternoon, you can enjoy time at leisure at the lodge, taking advantage of the pool and comfortable fittings, then join us for a discovery of the Zambezi River on a small private boat. We'll have dinner at the lodge. Tonight, let your guide tell you all about the traditions of this particular island. We'll spend the night at the lodge.



### Day 5 : Lodge - Kasane - Lake Kariba - BOARDING THE SHIP (Namibia-Botswana-Zimbabwe)

We'll depart from the lodge for one last water safari in the Chobe National Park area. After lunch along the water, we'll set out for the Kasane airport. On board private planes, you'll be amazed at the stunning panoramas over Lake Kariba and the changing landscapes of the wilderness during your flight from Kasane to Kariba. You'll be transferred to board the ship and comfortably settle into your cabins. We'll start sailing across the lake. Reaching over 140mi/200km in length and spanning a distance of approximately 25mi/40km at its widest point, the lake flooded flatlands, hills and forests alike, creating unique and emblematic landscapes. We'll have dinner and spend the night on board.



### Day 6 : SHIP: LAKE KARIBA - SAILING TO SPURWING ISLAND (Zimbabwe)

At sunrise, we'll set sail through the rare and mysterious landscapes of Lake Kariba where drowned trees reach skywards from the depths of the reflecting water. We'll set out on a small private boat to discover the small waterways going into the Matusadona National Park and their unique wildlife. Gliding along their meanders, large bends and small, unspoiled inlets, you'll be amazed by the magical atmosphere all around. We'll return on board for lunch. This afternoon, we'll sail towards Palm Bay. When the sun starts to set, we'll

set out on a small private boat to admire the changing colors of the sky. We'll have dinner and spend the night on board.

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### Day 7 : SHIP: LAKE KARIBA - MATUSADONA NATIONAL PARK (Zimbabwe)

We'll journey out this morning on a safari to discover the area around Matusadona National Park. Bordered by the Sanyati and Ume Rivers, this 1,400km<sup>2</sup>/540 sq mi-large untouched area is home to numerous animal species such as elephants, hippos, crocodiles, buffalos as well as thousands of birds, among which the legendary African Sea Eagle, the majestic Yellow-billed Stork, or the Black Heron with its interesting hunting method. We might be lucky enough to cross paths with a big cat or two! The history of the park is closely linked with that of the lake: during the construction of the dam, the rising floodwaters affected the native wildlife although the damage was mitigated by Operation Noah, an initiative which saved the lives of over 6,000 animals. This rescue operation allowed for large mammals, big cats, impalas and more to be moved to Matusadona where hunting is strictly prohibited. We'll enjoy lunch on board and start sailing again. During this time, a round table will be the opportunity to learn more about the creation of the Lake, its inhabitants as well as its ecosystem. We'll have dinner and spend the night on board.

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### Day 8 : SHIP: KARIBA - Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe)

At sunrise, we'll set sail towards Kariba to disembark and journey out to the airport. We'll discover the gigantic Kariba Dam which was created in 1955 to form Lake Kariba. Today, the dam serves as a source of electric power for 70% of Zimbabwe. You'll get to discover the history and legends surrounding the creation of the lake, including the tale of NyamiNyami, the river god. We'll fly out to Victoria Falls on board private planes. Enjoy an exceptional lunch cruise on the Zambezi River, upstream from the falls.

Afternoon at leisure, with moments of relaxation by the hotel pool and views over the surrounding savannah.

Optional: Helicopter flight over Victoria Falls.

Optional: A unique opportunity for a final safari through the wild landscapes of a private reserve! This time, set off in a comfortable 4x4 vehicle in search of Africa's black rhinos, accompanied by an experienced ranger. In addition to the black rhino, you may have the chance to spot the other legendary members of the "Big Five" (lion, elephant, buffalo, leopard), as well as an incredible variety of birdlife.

(Excursions are compatible and take place one after the other. Must be booked at the time of registration. The safari is offered as a private experience for CroisiEurope passengers starting from 6 registered participants. Below this number, they may join other guests. In both cases, our local guide will be present to accompany them.

This excursion is available from August 2025.)

Tonight, enjoy dinner and spend the night at a four-star hotel LS.

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### Day 9 : Victoria Falls

Breakfast. We'll leave for a tour on foot of the falls where the views are among the most exceptional in the world. We'll also see where the Zambezi River plunges over the cliff to become the widest waterfall in the world, creating the "smoke that thunders." **End of our services at the hotel around 10:30 am. Do not schedule a flight before 2:00 pm.**

### **This offer includes**

the regular flight Johannesburg/Kasane - the private flights Kasane/Kariba/Victoria falls - airport taxes (€150 - 2024 rates) - accommodation in a double cabin in your choice of category - double-occupancy accommodations in a first-class CroisiEurope lodge and in 4-and-5\* hotels - all meals - drinks served by CroisiEurope at all meals and drinks served at the bar on the ship and at the CroisiEurope lodge - in Johannesburg and Victoria falls, drinks include: 1 water, 1 glass of local wine\* or 1 soda or 1 local beer\*, 1 tea or coffee per person and per meal - the excursions mentioned in the program (excluding optional excursions) - travel assistance and repatriation insurance - tips (excluding tips for crew members on board the ship and at the lodge).

Tips :To make your vacation worry-free, the equivalent of €20 per passenger will be given to service providers in your destination countries (excluding tips for crew members on board the ship and at the lodge) as tips. We feel this amount is appropriate in consideration of local customs and practice.

\*Alcohol can be harmful to your health. Please drink in moderation.

### **This offer does not include**

international flights and their taxes - flight between Victoria Falls and Johannesburg - transfers airport/hotel/airport - cancellation and baggage insurance - Zimbabwean visa (must be paid on site, cost differs by Nationality category – please check with Zimbabwe Embassy in your country) - the Namibian visa (please, check with your embassy) - cancellation/baggage insurance - optional excursions - tips for crew members on board the ship and at the lodge (for informational purposes, daily tips per passenger amount to US\$5) - the Botswana Tourism levy (US\$30 to be paid for on site in US\$, and likely to be applicable in the year) - personal expenses.

### **Transport**

Port-to-port cruise without transfers

### **Formalities**

Depending on nationality. Each nationality is requested to consult their embassy or consulate.

### **THE CROISIEUROPE DIFFERENCE**

- All meals included - **DRINKS INCLUDED** with meals and at the bar
- **Refined local cuisine**
- Official welcome from the captain and crew
- Tour leader or cruise director on board
- Onboard **activities** and/or **lectures**
- Travel assistance and repatriation insurance
- All port fees included

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### //\ ATTENTION - BAGGAGE REGULATIONS TO FOLLOW /\

On this trip we plan to use private planes to get you between Kasane (lodge) and Kariba (ship).

The airline company operating these flights are imposing many restrictions regarding the bags being transported due to the capacity of the planes and for safety reasons.

You'll find the list of regulations below:

- Your checked baggage (1 per person maximum) **MUST NOT EXCEED 20KG/44lbs.**
- It **MUST COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING DIMENSIONS** 70cm/27,50in. in length x 35cm/13,70in. in height x 30cm/11,80in. in width.
- It must be made from **SOFT FABRIC**. Hard-shell suitcases are not accepted.
- Luggage with wheels is accepted (a maximum of 2 wheels per bag).
- Your carry-on baggage and personal items **MUST NOT EXCEED 5KG/11lbs.**

If your baggage does not comply with the above rules, **THE AIRLINE WILL REFUSE TO TRANSPORT IT.** Your stay aboard the ship would take place without your personal belongings. At the end of your cruise and before taking your international flight, you will be forced to return to the lodge at your own expense to collect your suitcase.

For your comfort, a laundry service is available during your stay at the lodge.

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### CABIN FOR TRIPLE USE ON BOARD THE SHIP

If two adults and one child are sharing one cabin, the spare bed will measure 150cm x 80cm (59 in. x 31 in.).

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### EXTENDED STAY THE CAPE

#### Ref. 14Z\_PP - 4-DAY PRE-CRUISE PROGRAM

A rich diversity of excursions awaits you during your extended stay at the Cape: take in wonderful views from the Table Bay and the nearby peaks of the surrounding mountains, learn how Robben Island made its mark on history, meet with a hilarious penguin colony near Simon's Town and of course, taste some of the most famous local wines\* when touring the oldest vineyard in South Africa. You will love this unique and captivating way of discovering South Africa!

### FROM ZIMBABWE TO SOUTH AFRICA ON A LUXURY TRAIN

#### Ref. 20A - 4-DAY POST-CRUISE PROGRAM

Continue your African adventure by traveling aboard the legendary Rovos Rail between the grandiose Zimbabwean landscape and the South African plateaus. A fabulous experience to rival the Orient Express!

## USEFUL INFORMATION

**These cruises and tours are not recommended for persons with reduced mobility as we will walk along stony paths and slopes. There are no elevators on the ships.**

- Your cruise as well as your stay at the lodge are fully dedicated to the protected areas of Lake Kariba and Chobé National Park. Life on board and at the lodge revolves around the discovery and observation of the local fauna and flora, providing constant enchantment. Strict safety rules and guidelines will be given on site, such as staying close to the lodge and ship at all times outside of the context of excursions because of the ever-present wilderness and fauna around you.
- Please be aware that most of your stay will take place at the border with three different countries, meaning mandatory and frequent border crossings. Our teams on site are doing everything in their power to make the process quicker.
- The domestic flight from Johannesburg to Kasane will be provided by South African Airways or another airline serving Southern Africa.
- Domestic flights for Lake Kariba will be provided by MackAir, Safari Logistics or another airline serving Southern Africa.

**Please note:** international flights are not included, our services start from the hotel in Johannesburg and end at the hotel in Victoria Falls.

### PRECAUTIONS

The following information is given for guidance only and may be modified at any time. This information cannot anticipate the sovereign application thereof made by the authorities of the countries to be visited nor by the airlines.

There are no compulsory vaccinations for your destinations except for guests arriving from countries with risk of yellow fever; these guests may be required to produce proof of vaccination at the airport or at the border post.

However, it is strongly recommended you ensure your vaccines for the following diseases are up-to-date: tetanus, polio, hepatitis A and B, diphtheria and typhoid. We also recommend consulting with your general practitioner regarding an antimalarial treatment and a yellow fever vaccine.

Vaccines for rubella, mumps, measles are recommended for minors. As a general rule, we strongly recommend consulting with your general practitioner about any health concerns before your departure.

### CURRENCY

Onboard the ships and at the lodges, payments can be made with a major bank card. We recommend bringing US dollars with you as they will be accepted in South Africa, Botswana, Namibia and Zimbabwe. For your information\*:

- **South Africa:** the rand (ZAR) €1 = ZAR 20 / \$1 = ZAR 20\*
- **Botswana:** the pula (BWP) €1 = BWP 15 / \$1 = BWP 15\*
- **Namibia:** the Namibian dollar (NAD) €1 = NAD 20 / \$1 = NAD 20\*
- **Zimbabwe:** due to regular changes in the local monetary system, payment in US dollars is strongly encouraged and advised.

\*Exchange rates of June 2023.

### CLIMATE

In Johannesburg, temperatures are never excessive due to its altitude (1,752m./5,751 ft.). Winters (May to September) are dry and sunny with cold nights, but the days are usually very pleasant. Summers (October to April) are hot during the day with thunderstorms in the afternoon or evening, and nights are cool. In the Kasane, Lake Kariba and Victoria Falls areas, the climate is semi-arid. Winters (May to October) are the dry season; days are hot and sunny, and nights are cool or even cold. Summers (November to April) can be rainy and temperatures are hot.

### TIME DIFFERENCE

You can consult [www.worldtimezone.com](http://www.worldtimezone.com) to see the time difference between your home and your destination.

## MENTIONS

The tour itinerary can change depending on the weather.





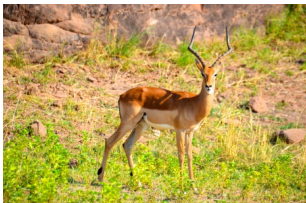

The order of the visits can change.

The observation of wildlife can't be guaranteed.

The helicopter ride depends on suitable weather conditions.

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## EXCURSIONS

Day 1	1 Excursion (s)
	<b>Fly to Lake Kariba on board small private planes</b> <i>(Included)</i>
	<div>Duration : 02h00</div> <div>Classic</div> <div>  </div>
Day 2	1 Excursion (s)
	<b>Water safari</b> <i>(Included)</i>
	<div>Duration : 02h00</div> <div>Classic</div> <div>  </div>
Day 3	1 Excursion (s)
	<b>Land and water safari in Matusadona National Park</b> <i>(Included)</i>
	<div>Duration : 03h00</div> <div>Classic</div> <div>  </div>

<b>Day 4</b>	<b>4 Excursion (s)</b>
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### Victoria Falls walking tour *(Included)*

Duration : 02h00

Classic



Afternoon



### Visit Lake Kariba's "Dam Wall" *(Included)*

Duration : 00h15

Classic



Morning



### Soar over Victoria Falls in a helicopter (optional excursion) *(Optional)*

Duration : 00h12

Classic



Afternoon



### Safari in Search of Africa's Black Rhino (optional excursion) *(Optional)*

Duration : 03h30

Classic



<b>Day 5</b>	<b>2 Excursion (s)</b>
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### Victoria Falls walking tour *(Included)*

Duration : 02h00

Classic



### Soar over Victoria Falls in a helicopter (optional excursion) *(Optional)*

Duration : 00h12

Classic

