



**22 Day Northern Experience Safari –
Standard, half or fully accommodated safari**

A small group semi-participation safari from Cape Town to Victoria Falls through South Africa, Namibia, Botswana and Zimbabwe

**Group Size Minimum 4 people*
Group Size Maximum 10 people**

* guaranteed departures with no minimum pax available, please see below for details

Tour price 2012

Tour Type	Price pp sharing	Single supplement	Local payment
Camping Safari (17 nights camping, 4 nights fixed accommodation)	€ 1995	€ 115	R 2500
Half accommodated safari (10 nights camping, 11 nights fixed accommodation)	€ 2340	€ 265	R 2500
Fully accommodated safari (21 nights fixed accommodation)	€ 2730	€ 475	R 2500

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Highlights

Cape Town, Cedarberg, Orange River, Fish River Canyon, Sossusvlei, Sesriem, Swakopmund, Himba experience, Etosha National Park, Okavango Delta, Eastern Caprivi, Mudumo National Park, Chobe National Park, Victoria Falls.

Departure Dates 2012

<u>Month</u>	<u>Tour Start</u>	<u>Tour End</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Tour start</u>	<u>Tour End</u>	
January	20/01/2012	10/02/2012	July	13/07/2012	03/08/2012	*/**
	31/01/2012	21/02/2012		31/07/2012	21/08/2012	
February	18/02/2012	10/03/2012	August	11/08/2012	01/09/2012	*
March	09/03/2012	30/03/2012		30/08/2012	20/09/2012	**
	20/03/2012	10/04/2012	September	17/09/2012	08/10/2012	
April	07/04/2012	28/04/2012		28/09/2012	19/10/2012	**
	26/04/2012	17/05/2012	October	17/10/2012	07/11/2012	*
May	07/05/2012	28/05/2012		November	04/11/2012	25/11/2012
	25/05/2012	15/06/2012	15/11/2012		06/12/2012	
June	13/06/2012	04/07/2012	December	04/12/2012	25/12/2012	
	24/06/2012	15/07/2012		22/12/2012	12/01/2013	**

* German guided departures

** guaranteed departures

Highlighted dates have the option of joining the Jenman Voluntourism Programme. (See below for further information.)

Included in the price

Camping Safari: 17 nights camping & 4 nights in fixed accommodation
Half Accommodated Safari: 10 nights camping & 11 in fixed accommodation
Fully Accommodated Safari: 21 nights in fixed accommodation

All transport in fully equipped vehicle, use of camping equipment, game drives as mentioned, meals as per itinerary (prepared by the guide) and activities as mentioned in itinerary, park entrance fees, experienced local guide.

Not included in the price

Travel insurance, flights, pre and post tour accommodation, optional activities, all drinks, tips and curios, all personal expenses.

Meal Key

B – Breakfast **L** – Lunch **D** – Dinner

Day 3 & 4: Cedarberg to Orange River, Namibia
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BLD, BLD

Travelling up the West Coast, we pass through some magnificent mountain ranges on our way to the Orange River. If you are travelling in spring you will see the spectacular carpets of wildflowers in the famous Namaqualand region. Later in the afternoon we will reach the Orange River, the natural border between South Africa and Namibia. The next day the only travelling is done in a canoe. Put your feet up and relax as the currents take you downstream the Orange River – mind the rapids though!

Distance: 511 km **Departure:** 07h00
Lunch Stop: Picnic spot en-route

Accommodation:

Camping safari: Felix Unite Camp Provenance or similar (tents, communal ablutions with hot water, swimming pool, bar)

Half-accommodated safari: Felix Unite Camp Provenance or similar (chalets with en-suite bathrooms, swimming pool, bar)

Fully-accommodated safari: Felix Unite Camp Provenance or similar (chalets with en-suite bathrooms, swimming pool, bar)

Day 5: Ai-Ais and Fish River Canyon, Namibia

BLD

Today we head to Ai-Ais, where we stop for lunch. Here thermal water rich in sulphates and fluorides and with a temperature of approx 60°C gushes forth from the springs. In the Nama language, "Ai-Ais" means "burning water". We then proceed to our accommodation which is situated close to the Fish River Canyon, the second largest canyon on earth. Later in the evening we take in another perfect African sunset with the magnificent views and scenery along the edge of the canyon.

Distance: 160 km **Departure:** 08h00
Lunch Stop: Picnic spot en-route

Accommodation:

Camping safari: Canon Road House or similar (tents, communal ablutions with hot water, swimming pool, bar & restaurant)

Half-accommodated safari: Canon Road House or similar (tents, communal ablutions with hot water, swimming pool, bar & restaurant)

Fully-accommodated safari: Canon Road House or similar (rooms with en-suite bathrooms, swimming pool, bar & restaurant)

Day 6 & 7: Sossusvlei, Namibia

BLD, BL

Moving inland we make our way towards the Namib Naukluff National Park. This evening we embark on a wild cat walk at the lodge. The next morning we need to wake up early to visit the world's highest sand dunes at Sossusvlei and Deadvlei. At sunrise and sunset these dunes, which can reach heights of over 300 m, are absolutely spectacular and provide for a fantastic photo opportunity. With luck, there may even be water in the vlei (lake). We also stop to view the Sesriem Canyon, which was carved millions of years ago by the Tsauchab River.

Distance: 435 km **Departure:** 07h00
Lunch Stop: Picnic spot en-route

Accommodation:

Camping safari: Hammerstein Lodge or similar (tents, communal ablutions with hot water, swimming pool, bar & restaurant)

Half-accommodated safari: Hammerstein Lodge or similar (tents, communal ablutions with hot water, swimming pool, bar & restaurant)

Fully-accommodated safari: Hammerstein Lodge or similar (rooms with en-suite bathrooms, swimming pool, bar & restaurant)

Day 8 & 9: Namib Naukluff National Park to Swakopmund, Namibia

BL,B

The day is spent driving through the Namib Naukluff National Park on our way to Swakopmund. The Namib-Naukluff Desert is an ancient land with an ageless spirit. It is home to some of the rarest plant and animal species in the world; sightings of this flora and fauna on a Namibian safari are a must. The animals of this harsh landscape include the Oryx, springbok and Hartmann's Mountain Zebra. One can also see the Welwitschia mirabilis which is an odd-looking desert shrub and one of these 'shrubs' is a large, protected specimen estimated at over 1 500 years old. We arrive into the charming coastal town of Swakopmund, where you will have the opportunity to partake in a few of the many optional activities that are offered over the next two days. Alternatively just soak up the atmosphere of this little quaint German town and enjoy its beauty and beaches.

Distance: 395 km **Departure:** 09h00
Lunch Stop: Picnic spot en-route

Accommodation:

Camping safari: Hotel A La Mer or similar (standard rooms with en-suite bathrooms)

Half-accommodated safari: Hotel A La Mer or similar (standard rooms with en-suite bathrooms)

Fully-accommodated safari: Hotel A La Mer or similar (standard rooms with en-suite bathrooms)

Optional activities in Swakopmund

Below is a list of some of the most popular optional activities on offer in Swakopmund. Pre-booking is recommended to avoid disappointment. The rates are per person and are quoted in South African Rand. All activities are subject to availability and may require a minimum amount of passengers to operate. Certain activities only operate at specific times of the year. Please contact our reservation office for further information. Should you wish to partake in an activity that is not listed below, we will gladly assist you with rates and reservations.

Quad biking	R500.00
Sand boarding	R250.00
Sand boarding	R350.00
Living Desert Tour	R600.00
Tandem Sky Diving	R2000.00
Shore Fishing	R1250.00
Boat Fishing	R1000.00
Dolphin Cruise	R480.00
Township Tour	R450.00

Day 10: Cape Cross Seal Colony and Brandberg, Namibia

BLD

We follow the barren Atlantic Coast line on our way out of Swakopmund to visit Cape Cross - the largest breeding place of the Cape Fur Seals. Leaving the cold Atlantic coastline behind we then head inland across the desert plains for Brandberg, the highest mountain in Namibia. Either this afternoon or the next morning we take a walk to visit the "White Lady" one of the most famous rock paintings in the area. The footpath to the site offers spectacular views over the plains of Damaraland.

Distance: 330 km **Departure:** 08h00
Lunch Stop: Picnic spot en-route

Accommodation:

Camping safari: Camping at Brandberg White Lady Lodge or similar (tent, communal ablutions with hot water, swimming pool, bar & restaurant)

Half-accommodated safari: Camping at Brandberg White Lady Lodge or similar (tent, communal ablutions with hot water, swimming pool, bar & restaurant)

Fully-accommodated safari: Brandberg White Lady Lodge or similar (permanent tent with shower and toilet swimming pool, bar & restaurant)

Day 11: Twyfelfontein, Petrified Forest and Himba Village, Namibia

BLD

On our journey today we will stop to see ancient Bushmen paintings at Twyfelfontein as well as the Petrified Forest, the trees of which are estimated to be 250 million years old. Twyfelfontein was named a World Heritage site in 2007, the first in the country. Depending on the time of arrival we go and explore a traditional Himba village this afternoon or the next morning. This will be a journey of culture exchange, learning and understanding of the last traditional tribe in Namibia, the Ova-Himba.

Distance: 350 km **Departure:** 07h00
Lunch Stop: Picnic spot en-route

Accommodation

Camping safari: Camping at Porcupine Camp or similar (tent, communal ablutions with hot water bar & restaurant)

Half-accommodated safari: Camping at Porcupine Camp or similar (tent, communal ablutions with hot water, bar & restaurant)

Fully-accommodated safari: Porcupine Camp or similar (permanent tents, communal ablutions with hot water, bar & restaurant)

Day 12: From Kamanjab to Etosha National Park, Namibia	BLD
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After our cultural experience in Kamanjab, we head to Etosha National Park. Etosha Game park was declared a National Park in 1907, it is home to approx. 114 mammal species, 340 bird species, 110 reptile species, 16 amphibian species and, surprisingly, one species of fish.

Distance: 270 km **Departure:** 08h00
Lunch Stop: Picnic spot en-route

Accommodation:

Camping safari: Camping at Okaukuejo or similar (tents, communal ablutions with hot water, swimming pool, bar & restaurant)

Half-accommodated safari: Camping at Okaukuejo or similar (tents, communal ablutions with hot water, swimming pool, bar & restaurant)

Fully-accommodated safari: Okaukuejo or similar (rooms with en-suite bathrooms, swimming pool, bar & restaurant)

Days 13 & 14: Etosha National Park, Namibia	BLD, BLD
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We fill the next 2 days spent on game drives in the hopes of spotting some of the big five as well as cheetah, giraffe, zebra and the numerous different types of antelope the park has to offer. Our nights are spent at the flood lit waterholes encountering the parks various nocturnal animals as they come to drink.

Day 13

Accommodation:

Camping safari: Camping at Halali or similar (tents, communal ablutions with hot water, swimming pool, bar & restaurant)

- Half-accommodated safari:** Camping at Halali or similar (tents, communal ablutions with hot water, swimming pool, bar & restaurant)
- Fully-accommodated safari:** Halali or similar (rooms with en-suite bathrooms, swimming pool, bar & restaurant)

Day 14

Accommodation:

- Camping safari:** Camping at Namutoni or similar (tents, communal ablutions with hot water, swimming pool, bar & restaurant)
- Half-accommodated safari:** Camping at Namutoni or similar (tents, communal ablutions with hot water, swimming pool, bar & restaurant)
- Fully-accommodated safari:** Namutoni or similar (rooms with en-suite bathrooms, swimming pool, bar & restaurant)

Days 15 & 16: Etosha to Kavango River, Namibia	BL, BL
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Our journey continues west as we drive along the Caprivi Strip to the town of Rundu. We make our way to N'Kwazi Lodge and spend a relaxing afternoon at our lodge on the banks of the Kavango River. Optional activities such as horse riding or a sunset cruise are available; alternatively just relax by the pool with a sundowner listening to the sounds of mother nature.

- Distance:** 360 km **Departure:** 08h00
- Lunch Stop:** Picnic spot en-route

Accommodation:

- Camping safari:** Camping at N'Kwazi Lodge or similar (tents, communal ablutions with hot water, swimming bar & restaurant)
- Half-accommodated safari:** N'Kwazi Lodge (chalets with en-suite bathrooms, swimming pool, bar & restaurant)
- Fully-accommodated safari:** N'Kwazi Lodge (chalets with en-suite bathrooms, swimming pool, bar & restaurant)

Days 17 & 18: Kavango River to Okavango Delta, Botswana	BLD, BLD
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We leave Namibia for Etsha 13, on the western border of the Okavango Delta in Botswana. Unlike other deltas, it flows into the Kalahari Desert without reaching the coast, which makes it unique. The next day is spent exploring the network of water pathways through thick vegetation in mokoros (traditional dugout canoes), discovering a variety of birds and wildlife and will stop at a secluded island to take a 1½ hour guided walk hoping to spot elephants, waterbuck or other animals living in this water filled paradise.

- Distance:** 370 km **Departure:** 08h00

Lunch Stop: Picnic spot en-route

Accommodation:

Camping safari: Camping at Guma Lagoon Camp or similar (tents, communal ablutions with hot water, bar area)

Half-accommodated safari: Camping at Guma Lagoon Camp or similar (tents, communal ablutions with hot water, bar area)

Fully-accommodated safari: Guma Lagoon Camp or similar (permanent tents with en-suite bathroom, bar area)

Day 19: Eastern Caprivi, Namibia	BLD
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Leaving Botswana, we drive up the Western border of the Okavango Delta before crossing back into Namibia and driving through the Caprivi to our camp on the banks of the Kwando River. In the afternoon you will go on a game drive to the Mudumo National Park. In contrast to the rest of Namibia, the area is lush with riverine forest, marshes, dense savannah and mopane woodland.

Distance: 350 km **Departure:** 08h00

Lunch Stop: Picnic spot en-route

Accommodation:

Camping safari: Camping at Camp Kwando or similar (tents, communal ablutions with hot water, swimming pool, bar & restaurant)

Half-accommodated safari: Camp Kwando (chalets with en-suite bathrooms, swimming pool, bar & restaurant)

Fully-accommodated safari: Camp Kwando (chalets with en-suite bathrooms, swimming pool, bar & restaurant)

Day 20: Chobe National Park, Botswana	BLD
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The next morning we head along the Caprivi and cross the border back into Botswana to Kasane, the gateway to the Chobe National Park. Chobe, which is the second largest national park in Botswana and covers 10,566 square km, has one of the greatest concentrations of elephant found on the African continent. In the afternoon we go on a cruise on the Chobe River, a truly unforgettable experience and one of the best ways to view the wildlife and the spectacular sunset.

Distance: 260 km **Departure:** 09h00

Lunch Stop: Picnic spot en-route

Accommodation:

Camping safari: Camping at Chobe Safari Lodge or similar (tents, communal ablutions with hot water, swimming pool, bar & restaurant)

Half-accommodated safari: Chobe Safari Lodge or similar (rooms with en-suite bathrooms, swimming pool, bar & restaurant)

Fully-accommodated safari: Chobe Safari Lodge or similar (rooms with en-suite bathrooms, swimming pool, bar & restaurant)

Day 21: Chobe National Park to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe	BL
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Continuing our trip we leave Botswana and drive to Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe. Your guide will take you on a tour of the might Victoria Falls, known by the local Kololo tribe as Mosi oa Tunya- "the Smoke that thunders". The rest of the day may be spent at leisure or partaking in one of the many activities on offer.

Distance:	90 km	Departure:	09h00
Lunch Stop:	A picnic spot en route		

Accommodation:

Camping safari: Lokuthula Lodges or similar (chalets with shared bathrooms, swimming pool & bar)

Half-accommodated safari: Lokuthula Lodges or similar (chalets with shared bathrooms, swimming pool & bar)

Fully-accommodated safari: Lokuthula Lodges or similar (chalets with shared bathrooms, swimming pool & bar)

Day 22: End of tour	B
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Our safari ends after breakfast. We hope to welcome you again one day on another of our African adventures.

Optional activities in Victoria Falls

Below is a list of some of the most popular optional activities on offer in Victoria Falls. Pre-booking is recommended to avoid disappointment. The rates are per person and are quoted in US Dollars. All activities are subject to availability and may require a minimum amount of passengers to operate. Certain activities only operate at specific times of the year. Please contact our reservation office for further information. Should you wish to partake in an activity that is not listed below, we will gladly assist you with rates and reservations.

13 Minute Helicopter Flight	\$130.00
25 Minute Helicopter Flight	\$250.00
Boma Dinner	\$45.00
Sunset Cruise	\$45.00
Bungi Jump	\$132.00
Half Day Elephant Back Safari	\$120.00
Elephant Interaction with breakfast or lunch	\$121.00
Half Day Canoeing	\$110.00
Full Day Canoeing	\$125.00
Half Day Rafting	\$120.00
Full Day Rafting	\$130.00

Flying Fox	\$38.50
Gorge Swing	\$88.00
Zip Line	\$66.00
Half Day Lion Walk	\$130.00
Lion Cub Interaction	\$65.00
Wildlife Conservation and Awareness Safari	\$75.00

*Please note prices are subject to change

Jenman Voluntourism Programme

Many of our clients over the years have expressed the need and desire to do more than just TRAVEL through Africa. Given the staggering social and economic needs that are evident in most African countries - there must be a way to help out, take part, DO SOMETHING - that will make a small difference during your trip to Africa; a difference that will make your journey more meaningful, more memorable.

That's why we at Jenman Safaris have put together a series of day-excursions, to add to our regular safaris, and give our visitors a chance to have A UNIQUE AFRICAN EXPERIENCE! We have partnered with three very special programs, to enhance our tours and build on existing social projects that need a helping hand.

VOLUNTOURISM day one – Cape Town

Join us at a primary school in a disadvantaged area in the Western Cape, where we promote an ongoing literacy and counseling program. Many of the children here are extremely poor, and have suffered the effects of neglect and poverty. The program we support promotes social change in the lives of these kids, by offering them basic one-on-one literacy and counseling support. Here we spend our time in the literacy centre, reading to groups or single children, and assisting them in learning to read themselves. You will have a guided tour of the school, get a feel for the unique atmosphere of this school in a poorer suburb of Cape Town, and you will get to know some of the wonderful volunteers as well as the children who benefit from all the hard work this project has to offer. For every single person who takes part in this project, Jenman Safaris donates a portion of funds to our partner project, which will go directly towards the school. All additional funding at the school goes towards meals for hungry kids, many of whom get their only meal of the day at school.

VOLUNTOURISM day two – Swakopmund

Join us at our partner project in Swakopmund, where we assist in teaching fire awareness and safety in the local township. Fire prevention has become a huge priority in this township, as fires have caused enormous damage and many tragic deaths. The number of fires in the townships is staggering, and often there is no water, and no community emergency services available to assist. Spend the day with our guide, providing fire extinguishers to families in their homes, and take part in demonstrations to teach people how to use them properly. This excursion also includes lunch at a local shebeen. For every single person who takes part in this project, one family will be provided with a fire extinguisher for their home, and Jenman Safaris will donate funds to our partner project in Swakopmund to go directly to the cost of fire extinguishers. Our ultimate goal is to provide every home in the township with at least one fire extinguisher.

VOLUNTOURISM day three – Victoria Falls

Join us with our partner project in Victoria Falls, which promotes Wildlife Conservation and anti-poaching efforts in the Zambezi National Park. Spend the first part of the day with our guide, learning the history, challenges, and successes that have been achieved in the anti-poaching operations. Then take a field trip into the Zambezi National Park to record game sightings, identify spoor, patrol and sweep for wire snares, and visit new areas to investigate for any signs of poaching. Every time we run this tour, our partner project is able to patrol more areas within this expansive park. As a result, we provide a useful presence at ground level to deter various forms of poaching, and our conservation efforts become more effective. Jenman Safaris donates a portion of funds per participant to assist our partner project in these conservation efforts.

Jenman Safaris has made a decision towards "Responsible Tourism" – which is that we DO NOT MAKE A PROFIT during the running of these day trips. After basic expenses are covered - vehicle maintenance, petrol, guide, food (where necessary) - the remainder of money paid goes into the projects. We guarantee a minimum donation each time we visit one of our partner projects, and any excesses will be donated thereafter. We at Jenman have become committed to social change in Africa, however small these changes may be. A JOURNEY OF A THOUSAND MILES BEGINS WITH ONE STEP.

The cost of our Voluntourism package is R1 500 per person.

Pre and post accommodation will be required in Cape Town and Victoria Falls, please contact our reservation office, who will gladly assist you in arranging this.

Pre-departure information

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Clothing & other items

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Participation

Visas

Pre and Post Tour Arrangements

Pre and post tour accommodation and transfers can be arranged on request.

Lady Hamilton – standard room (Cape Town)

€57 per person sharing (BB)

€102 per person single (BB)

One way airport transfer from Cape Town International Airport to Cape Town or vice versa - €22 per person (based on a minimum of two people)

Amadeus Garden Guest House – standard room (Victoria Falls)

€ 56 per person sharing (BB)

€ 88 per person single (BB)

One way airport transfer from Victoria Falls Airport to Victoria Falls Town or vice versa – €12 per person

Please note all rates are subject to change according to rate of exchange fluctuations

Should you require alternative accommodation or transfers to different points, please contact our reservation office, who will gladly assist you.

Departure

The Northern Experience Safari departs from Lady Hamilton Hotel in Cape Town.

Please note that the daily departure times are a guideline only and are subject to change due to seasonal variations, as well as unforeseen circumstances. The final decision rests with your guide who will advise you at what time you will be departing each day.

On the evening of Day 1, there will be a meeting presented by your guide, at 7pm, at the Lady Hamilton Hotel. It is imperative that all clients attend this meeting so as not to miss out on any critical information.

Transport:

Jenman Safaris uses fully equipped Toyota 4x4 land cruisers or appropriate vehicles with comfortable seating, large windows for game viewing and a music system. An off-road trailer is fitted with a field kitchen. All luggage is carried on the vehicle or trailer roof racks to ensure maximum comfort in the vehicle.

Accommodation

Camping safari: we make use of designated campsites either within a National Park, on the banks of a river, or other places of interest. All campsites have shared ablution facilities with showers, flushing toilets and running water (unless otherwise specified in the detailed itinerary). Jenman African Safaris tries to avoid crowded campsites and brings you to secluded spots, often supported by the local community. We make use of spacious 3-person dome tents, allowing two per tent. In addition, we provide 5 cm thick sleeping mattresses.

Fully accommodated safari: we make use of mid-range typical African standard lodge accommodation. Accommodation is situated either in National Parks, on the banks of a river, or in other places of interest. The accommodation will be a mix of lodges, chalets and tented camps. Most of them have a private bathroom with a shower and toilet, whilst others have shared ablutions available. Some properties are equipped with swimming pools and/or bar areas.

Spending money

Clients are advised to bring enough money to cover the purchase of curios, tips, alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks, water and additional entertainment. US Dollars, Pound Sterling, South African Rand and Botswana Pula are the most practical and convenient currencies.

Meals:

All meals are organized by the guide and are prepared by him/her with the help of the group. All clients booked on our camping safaris, half-accommodated or fully accommodated safaris will enjoy the same wholesome meals. These meals will be enjoyed together in the evening, often around a camp fire. Please advise us of any special dietary requirements in advance.

First Aid

Our guides are trained in basic first aid and the vehicle is equipped with a comprehensive medical aid kit. Preventative Malaria medication should be taken before the trip and throughout its duration, although it is advisable to consult a doctor prior to departure.

Luggage

Maximum baggage allowance: 12 kg. Jenman Safaris stipulates this luggage allowance, as an overloaded vehicle is a danger to both the clients and the guide. This does not include photographic equipment and a small daypack. Please bring a backpack or soft barrel bag, not a suitcase. Don't bring too much clothing, as there are washing opportunities along the way. Please adhere to the allowance specified as space for luggage is limited.

Insurance:

It is compulsory for all travellers to have insurance covering their personal requirements, medical expenses and personal possessions. This is to be arranged before leaving your home country. Jenman Safaris has comprehensive public liability insurance.

Clothing and other items

shorts	camera	walking shoes
light trousers/jeans	swimming costume	sandals
t-shirts	sun hat	windbreaker
warm clothes (May – August)	long-sleeved shirts	
sleeping bag	torch & spare batteries	water bottle
pillow	UV protection	mosquito protection
towel		

Participation

The Northern Experience Tour is a semi-participation camping safari. This means, that the clients will be responsible for performing and helping with certain tasks, such as setting up and breaking down of overnight camps (tents, chairs, tables), packing and un-packing the vehicle, assisting with preparation of meals and cleaning dishes.

Sleeping bags

Jenman Safaris is able to supply sleeping bags during the tour if necessary. A fee of US\$ 30 / Euro 25 will be charged.

Visas

The onus is on the client to organize all visas required for clients to visit Zimbabwe, Botswana, Namibia and South Africa prior to departure.

Local Payment:

On most of our Safaris a local payment needs to be paid to the guide before the tours starts. Your local payment covers on-the-road expenses, such as National Park entrance fees, excursions and activities, as well as the use of local guides. This provides your guide with sufficient funds on the road and ensures that your money goes directly to the African communities.

Information on areas visited

Contents:

Cape Town

Cedarberg

Namaqualand

Namibia

Fish River Canyon

Sossusvlei

Sesriem

Namib-Naukluff NP

Swakopmund

Cape Cross Seal Colony

Brandberg

Twyfelfontein

Kamanjab Himba Village

Etosha

Western Caprivi

Botswana

Okavango Delta

Chobe National Park

Zimbabwe

Victoria Falls

Cape Town

Cape Town has traditionally been the gateway between Europe and Southern Africa and this is still evident in its atmosphere, its playful character, its people and even its architecture.

The 'Mother City' as it's known locally has no shortage of attractions. It's a magnetic, multi-cultural city with an array of diverse offerings within a small, accessible area, surrounded by spectacular topography. Spectacular beaches, mountains (incredibly unique bio-diversity), hiking, water-sport, shopping centers, markets, theatres, museums, historical & cultural attractions, a first-rate waterfront, galleries, night-clubs, restaurants and an abundance of activities to suit all, are prolific in this world-class destination.

Although tastes vary, some of the more popular sights include the following:

Table Mountain

This 1086 m sandstone landmark dominates the city and has to be ascended! This is a fantastic way to gain a perspective on the city, with some breathtaking views of the peninsula, as well as an opportunity to experience the most concentrated, yet diverse, ecosystems in the world.

The mountain is home to more than 1450 species of plants, many of which are not found anywhere else in the world, such as the Silver Tree and the wild orchid *Disa Uniflora*. Table Mountain is classified as the smallest of the six floral kingdoms of the world. The 'flat' top of the mountain is approximately nearly 3 km in length and sees almost a million tourist & hikers per year.

Visitors to the top can choose the six-minute trip to the summit via the modern cable car, one of the safest in the world, or alternatively make use of one of the 350 recognized paths all over the mountain. The easiest and quickest of these is the popular Platteklip Gorge route, a path up a ravine clearly visible on the front face of Table Mountain. The summit boasts a modern restaurant, souvenir shop and postal service.

Robben Island

With 150 years of dark, incarceration history, including the 18-year imprisonment of its most famous prisoner, Nelson Mandela, the island is a certain place of interest. After the fall of apartheid, the island was eventually declared a national monument in 1996, formerly opened its doors to the public in 1997, and declared an UNESCO world heritage site in 1999.

The Robben Island experience begins at Nelson Mandela Gateway to Robben Island, situated in the Clock Tower Precinct at the V&A Waterfront, where four ferries a day leave for the island. Each round trip is three and a half hours long and includes a visit to the maximum-security prison, a bus tour around the island and visits to the penguin boardwalk and museum shop. A number of antelopes can also be spotted on the island.

The Wine Routes

Constantia, a meager 20 minutes from the city centre, is the birthplace of the wine farming industry in South Africa. Still today, five wine farms in this area produce world-class wines, recognized for their escalating quality.

Further from the city, a drive of approximately 45 minutes north from Cape Town brings you to a region where grand mountains form a dramatic backdrop to lush vineyards and historic gabled Cape Dutch homesteads.

Almost 100 wine farms on four wine routes in this region alone boast not only a multitude of award winning wines, but also restaurants, wine tasting and activities. In the wine regions visitors can also experience a number of quaint villages & towns (especially Paarl, Stellenbosch & Franschoek), cheese shops, a crocodile farm, a cheetah rehabilitation centre, hikes and rivers activities.

The Victoria & Alfred Waterfront

As one of the most successful developments in the history of Southern Africa, the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront is a comprehensive shopping and recreational destination ranking amongst the best waterfronts in the world. It's Cape Town's most popular local attraction and has over a million visitors per year, 70% of which are Capetonian.

An array of shops, markets, restaurants, cinemas, a theatre, boat trips, helicopter trips, a brewery, hotels as well as a newish residential development can all be found within walking distance and surrounded by a working harbor.

Additional attractions worth a visit are the Waterfront Craft Market & the Red Shed craft market, where visitors can watch artists & craftspeople produce as well as buy their wares. The Two Ocean Aquarium offers a constantly updated peak into indigenous Southern African fresh and seawater creatures. Next door to the aquarium the South African Maritime Museum has the largest collection of model ships in the Southern Hemisphere and some fascinating artifacts.

Cedarberg

Two hours north of Cape Town, over the Pienekierskloof pass; you descend into a different world – of wild, raw, dramatic beauty. The towering mountains, often a brilliant purple in the late afternoon light, preside over fruit-filled valleys and true rock wilderness. The magnitude of this wilderness is truly awe-inspiring.

Deep into the Cedarberg wilderness area one is able to walk in the mountains, explore ancient San rock art, relax in natural rock pools and enjoy the peace of this unspoiled paradise. North of the Cedarberg wilderness, hour's drive from the highway lays the Biedouw Valley (the world's first producers of Rooibos tea) where city folk flock in August & September for the spectacular sight of wild spring flowers. Once through this picturesque valley the historic mission village of Wupperthal lies deep in the Cedarberg.

Namaqualand

Namaqualand is the famous flower wonderland. This desert landscape has extremely sensitive veld conditions and fascinating plants unique to this area. Come the brief rainy season the landscape undergoes a drastic transformation and the wild spring flowers provide a spectacular flower show. Flowering starts north and spreads southward, but is hard to predict and depends on weather conditions especially berg winds. The flower season progresses as the weather becomes warmer.

Some of the specific areas of interest include the Skilpad Flower Reserve, an ideal place to observe the spring flower spectacular during July and September. The Richtersveld National Park desert reserve is known for its prolific bird life, while Goegap Nature Reserve has 600 types of flower and 45 mammal species, especially the bat eared-fox.

NAMIBIA

'Namibia' means 'open plains' in the ancient Hottentot language. It is a sought after tourist destination defined by endless sunshine, scenic beauty and unusual and contrasting topography. Namibia is sandwiched between two deserts - the Namib Desert, said to be the oldest in the world, on its western coastline and the Kalahari Desert in the eastern interior. Northern Namibia features the great Etosha National Park, with the country's largest concentration of game and in the south the majestic Fish River Canyon plunges 550 m and extends for 160 km. Between these four highlights lies over 820 000 km² (the size of France & Britain combined) of contrasting scenery.

The world's highest dunes are found in haunting scenery inspiring somber reflection. Pre-historic rock art, the ancient fossil plant, *Welwitschia mirabilis* and fossilized dinosaur footprints are preserved in the ancient, rocky mountain ranges.

Many of the features of this country are of particular scientific interest and attract scientists from all over the world.

Namibia is the first country in the world to include protection of the environment and sustainable utilization of wildlife in its constitution. About 15,5% of the country has been set-aside as national parks. In these areas, rare and endangered species of animals, birds and plant life are preserved and protected. They serve as a living reminder to us all, and to the generations of the future, of how it once was in Africa.

Fish River Canyon

The Fish River Canyon is surely one of the natural wonders of Africa, as well as the second largest natural gorge on the continent. It is a 161 km long, 27 km wide ravine with a maximum depth of 550 m, surrounded by high, forbidding cliffs, and gashed into the plateau with startling abruptness. There are many awesome viewing sites to this breathtaking and immensely powerful natural phenomenon, along a 56 km stretch between its northernmost & southernmost points.

Sossusvlei

The visual spectacular in the Sossusvlei area is unsurpassed. Amongst the continuous towering dunes as far as the eye can see is arguably the highlight of the Namib Desert, the Sossusvlei, an enormous clay-pan, enclosed by dunes. After a heavy rainfall, rare in this area, the vlei fills with water and, as the clay layers are virtually impermeable to water, a turquoise lake remains for quite some time.

The dunes and their rich tints vary from pale apricot to vivid reds and oranges, and contrast vividly with the dazzling white surfaces of the white clay pans, or lakes, below.

During the rainy season one of the larger of these pans creates a haven for water birds, often including flamingos. Even during the dry season, Oryx, springbok and ostriches can be seen feeding off the sparse vegetation along the watercourses.

The dunes of the Namib Desert developed over a period of many millions of years and are shaped by strong-multi-directional winds. It is thought that the vast quantities of sand were carried into the Atlantic Ocean by the Orange River. The surf pushed the sand back onto land and coastal dunes formed. Dunes have subsequently shifted inland and northwards. Wind continuously re-stacks the sand of the huge shifting dunes of the Namib Desert. It tirelessly forces the grains of sand on the flat windward slope upwards to the crest of the dune. Here they fall down in the wind shade. The leeward slope, therefore, is always considerably steeper than the windward side.

Sesriem Canyon

Erosion of many centuries has incised a narrow gorge through which the Tsauchab River disappears dramatically down a steep gorge in the plain. This gorge, Sesriem Canyon, about 1 km long with pools along the ways and a 30-40 m pool at its end. These pools of water on a gravel bed in an otherwise arid region, attracts many birds and animals.

Namib-Naukluff National Park

The Namib-Naukluff National Park is an incredibly unusual and diverse 'super-conservation' area. There is nothing quite like it. It's probably the most unusual in the world – an ancient land with an ageless spirit. It covers almost 50 000 km² and is ranked as the 4th largest in the world (the largest nature conservation area in Namibia) with landscapes including an impressive mountain massif, desert plains, high sand dunes, deep gorges and an estuarine lagoon. In truly African light show there is often clear and sometimes sudden shift in the mood of the moment, as light, textures and shadows give desert landscapes entirely new characters.

Survivors in this harsh landscape include the Oryx, springbok and zebra as well as the Welwitschia mirabilis, an odd-looking desert shrub. One large, protected specimen is estimated at 1 500 years old.

Swakopmund

A true oasis and respite from the solemn desert and its monotonous heat. A seaside holiday resort full of old-world charm and modern amenities, from the quaint German colonial influences to a funky Internet café. The tranquil setting includes promenades, palm trees and beautifully tended public gardens, the Swakopmund museum (covering natural history, mineralogy, botany, historical and ethnological aspects), the National Marine & Research Centre, an aquarium, a public library, an Olympic sized, heated indoor swimming pool and a grassed golf course in a desert setting. This 'middle of the desert' feel is one of its attractions – one can enjoy the wild expanse of the adjacent desert and sea and yet be within easy reach of the creature comforts of Swakopmund's hotels, restaurants, bars and a much-needed laundries!

There is plenty to see and do and activities include quad biking, sand boarding, rock & surf fishing and skydiving. There is also a tannery, manufacturing well-known kudu leather shoes, a brewery producing fine beers in the German tradition.

Cape Cross Seal Colony

The Cape Cross Seal Colony is north of Swakopmund. During breeding season as many as 200 000 Cape fur seals (the world's largest fur seal) gather in the cold waters along this coast. The numerous islets and isolated parts of the shore are used as nurseries for their young.

Brandberg

About 100 km further south lay the imposing Brandberg massif; the highest peak in Namibia at 2574 m. Besides being a major challenge to rock climbers the Brandberg is most famous for rock paintings. One of the paintings discovered in 1917, can be viewed on an overhang in Maack's Shelter, named after this first discoverer. In 1955 however, Breuil, a well-known French archaeologist and historian copied, described and named the painting as the '**The White Lady**', thinking that the figure resembled a lady of Greek or Egyptian origin. Although 'The White Lady' has since been the subject of much controversy, scientists now seem to agree that the painting portrays a young man. This is due to the lower part of 'his' body being painted white, a magical hunting spell, as was customary to the Himbas and the Hereros.

This area is also the haunt of the extremely rare Desert Elephant, one of the true natural wonders of the world, surviving as they do in this thirsty land. This is also one of the few places in the world where animals are completely wild in a mountain desert landscape. With the help of locals these elephants can be tracked – an experience not easily forgotten.

Twyfelfontein

Twyfelfontein is known as Namibia's largest open-air art gallery exhibiting pre-historic artists. One of Africa's richest collections of rock engravings is on display. It is believed ancient hunters painted these **Bushman Paintings**, mostly of lions, giraffes and elephants, while in wait for wild animals at the waterholes. Although the exact age of the paintings are unknown, it is estimated that they are between a few hundred and several thousand years old.

Burnt Mountain, south of Twyfelfontein is a panorama of desolation, with coloured rocks contrasting vividly against the grey-black surroundings.

The Organ Pipes, a mass of basalt slabs in a ravine gouged out by a river, is another geological curiosity in this area.

Etosha

Consisting of over 22 000 km² of saline desert, savannah and woodlands, the Etosha National Park is one of the largest game reserves in Africa and one of the major sanctuaries for wildlife. Its definitive feature is the Etosha Pan, a vast shallow depression of about 5 000 km². This great, white expanse locals call 'great place of dry water', often shimmers with mirages and herds of game can be seen within this eerie setting.

There are 144 mammal species in the park, including elephant, giraffe, blue wildebeest and black rhino, predators such as lion, cheetah, leopard, wildcat, hyena and jackal.

The black rhino population of 300 is one of the few growing populations in the world and the local elephant are reputed to be the largest in Africa - the tallest standing at 4 m at the shoulder. Their tusks however are relatively small due to genetic defects and mineral deficiencies in their diet.

The majestic eland, the tiny, shy Damara dik-dik (45 cm high) and the striking gemsbok, with its dramatic black and white markings are common. Bird life is prolific and some 340 species have been identified, including Namibia's national bird, the vividly coloured crimson-breasted shrike. During the more rainy seasons Etosha is also one of the most important breeding grounds for flamingos.

Etosha is also known for its expert game management and attentive protection of the unspoilt environment.

Western Caprivi

A part of the Western Caprivi previously known as the Golden Triangle is a pristine wilderness area, practically untouched by any. The area was formerly under government jurisdiction – a 'no man's land' so wild that both private landowners and even nature conservation officials had no authority until the early-nineties. The land was finally handed over to nature conservation officials who now have prominent presence in the area. A spectacular part of this area is well known as '**The Horseshoe**', a meandering part of the Kwando River now cut-off to form a horseshoe teeming with game. A 10-12 km drive through swamp and savannah takes you directly there while the return trip follows the Kwando River. Not only are hippos abundant in this area, but also a resident pride of lions. The Horseshoe is also on the buffalo migration route north.

Other animals to be seen are elephant, giraffe, hyena, tebe, lechwe, kudu and over 400 identified bird species.

BOTSWANA

The San were among the first human inhabitants of this region before the Setswana migrated southwards and slowly occupied the region from the 16th century onwards, until early in the 19th century. By mid-century missionaries arrived, including David Livingstone and Robert Moffat, and by 1885 the territory was a British protectorate. Botswana gained its independence in 1966 and has been the most stable democracy in Africa. The first president ruled from 1966 until his death in 1980, the second till 1994 (re-elected twice, then resigned) and the third from 1998.

The country has a strong currency with one of the highest per capita incomes in Africa, maintains a neutral international political stance. It is heavily reliant on mining (especially diamonds) & tourism and maintains close ties with its neighbor South Africa, an economic powerhouse for the region.

Wildlife is abundant in Botswana and includes lion, giraffe, leopard, antelope, elephant, crocodile and ostriches. Botswana is semiarid and has an average annual (summer) rainfall of 640 mm (about 25 in) in the north to less than 230 mm (less than 9 in) in the Kalahari. Drought is therefore not uncommon and the vegetation is mostly savannah.

Geographically Botswana is relatively flat (the average elevation of about 1000 m) and can be viewed (for all intents and purposes) as three major regions as follows:

Chobe National Park in the north, another outstanding wilderness area of enormous diversity – lion and elephant can be viewed from river cruises or 4x4 game drives.

The Okavango Delta is a vast marshland and one of the largest inland river deltas in the world – 15 000 km² of wilderness and prime safari area. The Kalahari Desert in the central and southwestern regions occupies over half the land area of Botswana. It is a mystical, harsh and unspoiled landmass.

The salt pans of north-central Botswana and the Tuli block in the far eastern corner of Botswana are also areas of significance.

Chobe National Park

Chobe is approx. 11 000 km² of wilderness area watered by the Chobe & Savuti Rivers and thus attracting huge concentrations of game. This includes lion and some of the highest concentration of elephant in Africa – an estimated population of around 25 000 in winter. Game viewing is renowned and in the Northern areas near Kasane, both the riverboat game viewing experience and the 4x4 vehicle option are popular.

In addition the spectacular annual summer migrations of plains game, especially Zebra, is a highlight, as well Giraffe, Warthog and numerous antelope including Sable, Roan, Oribi, Reedbuck, Lechwe and the colourful Chobe Bushbuck.

Bird watching opportunities in Chobe are ample and include some 350 species including the awesome African Fish Eagle, the rare Pell's Fishing Owl, saddle-billed storks, long-toed Plovers, pink-backed Pelicans, African Skimmers, Bradfield's Hornbills and Carmine Bee-eaters. In addition, the sunsets are spectacular.

ZIMBABWE

This is a country blessed with great natural beauty, game reserves and mineral wealth. The diverse landscape changes from mountainous to wilderness to typical Bushveld. The country is also home to large animals and a large bird population. Zimbabwe is a country located in the southern part of the continent of Africa, between the Victoria Falls, Zambezi river, Kariba Dam and the Limpopo river. Zimbabwe is bordered by South Africa to the south, Botswana to the west, Zambia to the north and Mozambique to the east.

Victoria Falls

'So lovely it must have been gazed upon by angels in their flight' said David Livingstone of the supreme Mosi-oa-Tunya ('The smoke that thunders'). This legendary traveler first saw the Falls from the Zambian side and his memory is enshrined in the nearby town of Livingstone. The views from the Zimbabwean & Zambian side are quite different, varying dramatically depending on the season and water flow. The Falls are over a mile in length and boast the largest curtain of water in the world - over 500 million liters of water per minute go over the falls and drop 100 m at Rainbow Falls on the Zambian side. Not surprisingly is it the seventh wonder of the world and fast becoming one of the top adventure destinations in the world.

The river is divided into a series of braided channels that descend in many separate falls. Below the Falls the river enters a narrow series of gorges, which represent locations successively occupied by the falls earlier in their history. Since the uplifting of the Makgadikgadi Pan area some two million years ago, the Zambezi River has been cutting through the basalt base rock, exploiting weak fissures, and forming a series of retreating gorges. Seven previous waterfalls occupied the seven gorges below the present falls, and Devil's Cataract in Zimbabwe is where the next cut back will form a new waterfall that will eventually leave the present falls lip high above the river in the gorge below.