

Botswana

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AUGUST 31
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\$300 PER PERSON



Lioness in the water © Ron Magill

Desert Sunset, Delta Dawn, Chobe Midday

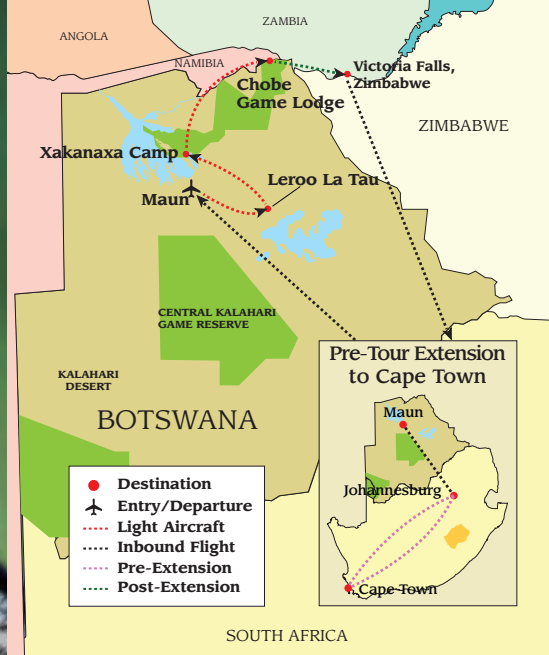
MARCH 1 TO 13, 2024

Adventure is wrapped in luxury in Botswana, where you wing your way from camp to camp on small planes. First stop, the Kalahari Desert and the otherworldly Makgadikgadi Salt Pans, where a glowing, white expanse of natural salt deposits create glittering mirages that seem to reach out into the horizon endlessly. Nearby the Nxai Pans are home to an array of animal and plant life, including the giant “upside down” Baobab trees that make the African skyline so spectacular. Then back on the plane for the most spectacular view over the Okavango. A wetland wilderness of looping channels, islands forested with palms and wide grassy floodplains, the Delta is home to a magnificent array of iconic birds and animals, from lion and elephant, to the ‘spirit of the Delta’, Pel’s Fishing Owl. End your adventure in Chobe National Park, home to one of the highest concentrations of elephant, buffalo, hippo, and much more!

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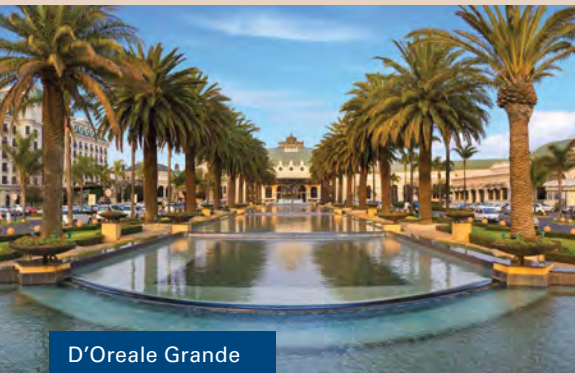
Paul Koch

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Paul is internationally known as an innovator in the use of chemistry as a forensic tool to determine the diets, habitats, and physiological states of individual fossil and of living animals. His recent work has focused on glean information that is useful for conservation efforts from the fossilized remains of living species, including California condors, the lemurs of Madagascar, the seals and sea lions of the Pacific Ocean and Antarctica, coyotes, sperm whales, and sharks. He has served as dean of the Physical & Biological Sciences Division since 2011.

D'OREALE GRANDE

This hotel is situated near Johannesburg International Airport, boasting luxurious accommodations, with palatial buildings set in a display of gardens, fountains, and statues with richly cloaked surroundings.



D'Oreale Grande

DAYS 1/2:

MARCH 1-2

USA

Johannesburg

Get set for your adventure as you board your overnight flight to Johannesburg, where you will be met and escorted to your hotel. Welcome to Jo'burg, as the locals say, where the vitality of South Africa's largest city is reflected in the gleaming facades of abstract modernist skyscrapers and the mercurial flow of its financial center. Gold was discovered in the adjacent Witwatersrand area in 1886. Its nickname, "the Rand", is also the name of South Africa's official currency.

D'OREALE GRANDE (No Meals)

Leroo La Tau



LEROO LA TAU

Built on the cliffs above the Boteti River, guests can view at a vantage point resulting in spectacular wildlife sightings.

DAYS 3/4/5:

MARCH 3/4/5

Maun

Makgadikgadi & Nxai Pans National Parks
Khumaga Village

Fly to Maun and board a light aircraft to Leroo La Tau at the edge of Makgadikgadi Pans National Park, named for ancient Lake Makgadikgadi, which disappeared thousands of years ago. Next day, drive to Nxai Pan National Park. The available activities at Leroo La Tau give travelers the opportunity to explore the majority of the area. These include game drives, night drives, and boat cruises on the Boteti River. On your last day, drive to the nearby Khumaga Village for an enlightening cultural experience. An open-air dinner with traditional storytelling will bookend your day.

LEROO LA TAU (All Meals Daily)

"Sub-Saharan Africa is a tremendously beautiful part of the world. There's a spirituality to it — there must be few people who visit the area and don't feel moved by it. Once you have experienced that, it makes great emotional claims on you."

—ALEXANDER MCCALL SMITH

AUTHOR OF THE NO.1

LADIES' DETECTIVE AGENCY

Lilac Breasted Roller
© Sergey Uryadnikov



Game Drive © Classic Escapes

XAKANAXA CAMP

The camp consists of spacious all-canvas, classic Meru-style luxury safari tents with en-suite facilities. The dining room is open fronted with reed walls and a thatched roof, and has a fully stocked bar.



Xakanaxa Camp

DAYS 6/7/8:

MARCH 6/7/8

Moremi Game Reserve

Then fly to Camp Xakanaxa in the Moremi Game Reserve. Moremi includes a wide variety of terrain from permanent swamps and floodplains to open savannah and forests of acacia trees. This unique ecosystem supports the most diverse wildlife in the Okavango system. Moremi Game Reserve supports the most diverse habitat and animal populations in Botswana, with possible sightings of wild dogs, cheetahs, and leopards as well as lions, elephants, buffalos, hippos, giraffes, hyenas, zebras, kudus, lechwe, tsessebe, and Sable and Roan antelope. Activities here include game drives by open land cruiser, and boating up channels and across lagoons, all the while viewing the goings on of the delta residents. Return to camp for lunch and do it again in the afternoon as the nocturnal civets, genets, servals, and aardwolves begin to wake up.

XAKANAXA CAMP (All Meals Daily)

Chobe Game Lodge



CHOBE GAME LODGE

The only lodge located within Chobe National Park, it is beautiful with yellow-gold stucco décor, open and colonial in style. The rooms have electricity, air conditioning, minibar, and balconies.

DAYS 9/10/11:

MARCH 9/10/11

Kasane/Chobe National Park

Fly to Kasane and transfer to Chobe National Park, where you will spend the next two days on wildlife viewing and boat activities. A major feature of Chobe National Park is its abundance of elephants, often seen at the riverfront, bathing in the water. It is the second largest park in Botswana, and the first declared national park. The park covers a wide variety of ecosystems; riverine forest, floodplain, periodic marsh, mopane, miombo woodland, and a few rocky outcrops. Such a diversity of habitats implies a wide variety of wildlife, which ranges from water animals such as hippos, crocodiles, otters, and fish, to forest and dry land species such as elephants, and buffalo, giraffes, zebra, and eland. Keep an eye out for some of the most incredible wildlife Africa has to offer, from the gentle, towering giraffe to the daring flight of the African skimmer.

CHOBE GAME LODGE (All Meals Daily)

Did you know ... Batswana is the plural term for people who live in Botswana. The singular term is Motswana.



Bush Dance at Leroo La Tau
© Desert & Delta Safaris



Wild Dog © Ron Magill



Malachite Kingfisher with fish © Ron Magill

DAYS 12/13:
MARCH 12/13

Chobe Game Lodge USA

Enjoy a last game drive this morning and a hearty breakfast before flying back to Johannesburg via Kasane, where you connect with your flight home, bringing with you the memories of all the wonderful sights of Southern Africa.

(B, Meals Aloft)

YOUR JOURNEY COSTS

MARCH 1 TO 13, 2022

prices per person

Land package, (double occupancy)\$9,295

Single room supplement, additional....\$2,995

International Air Arrangements: The cost of your program does not include international airfare. If you require assistance, please contact Classic Escapes at 718-280-5002 and we will happily provide air quotes to you.

YOUR JOURNEY INCLUDES

All flights within Africa. Program starts in Cape Town or Johannesburg and ends in Johannesburg. • Superior accommodations throughout as indicated or similar • All meals while on safari. Other meals are as specified in the itinerary. • All wildlife viewing by 4X4 open vehicles, driven by professional rangers. • A host from UC Santa Cruz will escort the group with 15 travelers on the main and 10 travelers on the extension programs. • Laundry and all local beverages during the safari in Botswana except for Champagne and imported spirits. • Complimentary bottled water in vehicles throughout. • All applicable hotel and lodge taxes and gratuities for baggage handling. • All park entry fees and sightseeing as specified. • Complimentary baggage tags and a water bottle. • Complimentary emergency evacuation insurance.



Leopard lounging in a tree © Juritt62



OPTIONAL POST-EXTENSION TO VICTORIA FALLS, ZIMBABWE

Continue to Zimbabwe for the idyllic experience of Victoria Falls. This incredible spectacle — “The Smoke That Thunders,” as it is known to locals — is the world’s largest waterfall. Enjoy a sundowner cruise on the Zambezi River while watching hippos snort, elephants drink on the riverbank, birds fly overhead, or pose for a photograph on the branches, and much more.

POST-EXTENSION ACCOMMODATIONS

ELEPHANT CAMP: An intimate luxury lodge under canvas, built in a private concession and bounded by the Masuwe River and Zambezi Gorges.

YOUR POST-EXTENSION COSTS

RETURNS MARCH 16, 2024

prices per person

Victoria Falls, double occupancy.....**\$2,895**
Victoria Falls, single supplement, additional.....**\$495**

OPTIONAL PRE-EXTENSION TO CAPE TOWN

View Table Mountain and take the coastal route to the Cape of Good Hope to discover charming seaside towns, spectacular wildlife, and the braying African Penguins at Boulders Beach. Tour the brilliant Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens, and spend a day in the famed Boland Valley wine region. Visit the settlement of Khayelitsha with a township guide, and rub elbows with the locals at Cape Malay.

PRE-EXTENSION ACCOMMODATIONS

TAJ CAPE TOWN HOTEL: Located in the city center, the hotel is steps from the popular area of St George’s Mall, a vibrant pedestrian precinct with cafés and bars.

YOUR PRE-EXTENSION COSTS

DEPARTS FEBRUARY 26, 2024

prices per person

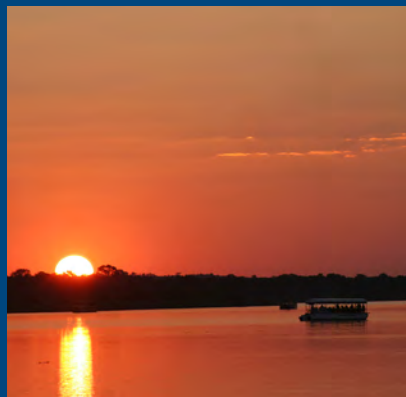
Cape Town, double occupancy.....**\$2,995**
Cape Town single supplement, additional.....**\$1,295**



Victoria Falls © hannesthirion



Table Mountain
© South Africa Tourism



Sunset In Zimbabwe Over Zambezi River © Ice

CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL

HOW TO BOOK: Fill out and sign the enclosed reservation form and send it, along with the deposit of \$2,000 for the main trip and \$700 for each extension, per person, to: **UC Santa Cruz**, attention: Nichole Silva at 1156 High Street, Santa Cruz CA 95064. Upon receipt of your signed reservation form and deposit, we will, subject to availability, reserve your spot on the tour. You may consider your booking confirmed when you receive a confirmation notice and invoice from us.

RATES: Rates are based on a minimum number of guests, plus airfare costs, currency exchange rates and other factors and are subject to change. Though it is rare for Classic Escapes to make a price adjustment after promotion of an itinerary, we do reserve the right to assess a surcharge if the minimum is not met, or if increases are forced upon us by airlines or other partners or because of changes in currency exchange rates.

INSURANCE: It is a condition of booking that the sole responsibility lies with the guest to ensure that they carry the correct comprehensive travel and medical insurance to cover themselves, as well as any dependents/traveling companions for the duration of their trip. This insurance should include cover in respect of, but not limited to, the following eventualities: cancellation or curtailment of the program, emergency evacuation expenses, medical expenses, repatriation expenses, damage/theft/loss of personal baggage, money and goods. Classic Escapes, including their representatives, employees and agents will take no responsibility for any costs, losses incurred or suffered by the guest, or guest's dependents or traveling companions, with regards to, but not limited to, any of the above mentioned eventualities. Guests will be charged directly by the relevant service providers for any emergency services they may require, and may find themselves in a position unable to access such services should they not be carrying the relevant insurance cover.

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CANCELLATIONS: Cancellations are only effective on receipt of written notification: For any travelers who are currently booked on the program, the deposit cannot be refunded and only given as credit towards a future trip. For any NEW bookings, the following terms apply:

- Up to 6 months prior to departure (September 3, 2023), \$300 per person administrative fee.
 - 6 months to 96 days prior to departure (September 4 to November 26, 2023), \$300 per person administrative fee, plus \$750 non-refundable deposits given to suppliers.
 - 95 days to 76 days prior to departure (November 27, 2023, to December 16, 2023), deposit is forfeited.
 - 75 days to 60 days prior to departure (December 17, 2023 to January 1, 2024), 50% refund is possible.
 - 59 days or less prior to departure (January 2, 2024), no refund is possible.
- These cancellation fees are also in addition to any imposed by airlines.

RESERVATION FORM: (Please Print)

Enclosed is my deposit for \$ _____ (\$2,000 per person for the main trip and \$700 for each extension) to hold _____ place(s) on the Wildlife Safari to Botswana with UC Santa Cruz departing **March 1, 2024**. Final payment due date is **November 27, 2023**. Please make check payable to **Classic Escapes, Inc.**, and mail, with completed reservation form, to: **UC Santa Cruz**, attention: **Nichole Silva**, **1156 High Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95064**.

Method of payment for the deposit: Check MasterCard Visa Discover American Express

NAME ON CARD _____

CARD NUMBER _____ EXP _____ CVN _____

FULL PASSPORT NAME: _____ DATE OF BIRTH (M/D/Y) _____

FULL PASSPORT NAME: _____ DATE OF BIRTH (M/D/Y) _____

BADGE NAME IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE: 1) _____ 2) _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: () _____ MOBILE: () _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

- The two of us above are sharing a room and, where possible, would like a room with:
 ONE TWO Beds (Make one selection only)
- I am sharing with _____ (form sent separately)
- I need assistance in securing a roommate. I understand if UC Santa Cruz or Classic Escapes cannot locate one for me by final payment date, I agree to pay the additional single supplement amount.
I prefer to share with: Smoker Non-smoker
- I desire single accommodations, if available, and will pay the single supplement additional cost of:
 \$2,995 for the main trip \$1,295 for the Cape Town pre-extension
 \$495 for the Victoria Falls post-extension.
- I/We wish to participate in the optional extension(s) at an additional per person cost of:
 \$2,995 for the Cape Town pre-extension \$2,895 for the Victoria Falls post-extension.

We strongly recommend that you obtain travel insurance. Reservations are accepted subject to tour conditions and will be confirmed only if accompanied by completed form signed by the tour participant(s). I/We have read the conditions of travel on this brochure and understand and agree to the terms and conditions stated herein:

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR RESERVATIONS, PLEASE CONTACT

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