



Ultimate Africa Safari!

Botswana, Zambia & Zimbabwe

February 3-20, 2018

Join your friends from Southern Exposure on this exciting safari adventure in February 2018. You'll observe elephants in Chobe National Park...enjoy a warm welcome when your small group visits a village near Hwange National Park...feel the rumble of Victoria Falls roaring in the distance...and exchange stories with your travel companions around a fire under a star-filled African sky. In the morning, wake to birdsong and begin another day on the safari of your dreams.

You'll experience small lodges and tented camps, game-viewing drives and guided walks with our sharp-eyed trip leaders, and local village visits. From world-famous Chobe National Park to the lush Okavango Delta, from Africa's spectacular big game to its colorful local cultures – this is indeed the ultimate African safari. Best of all, you'll travel in style with your friends from Southern Exposure!

REMINDER: Space for this special journey is available on a first-come, first-serve basis and is truly limited. To reserve your place today, please call the Southern Exposure office at (269) 962-1255. If you haven't experienced a Southern Exposure travel adventure before, feel free to ask questions or stop by for a friendly chat.



Snapshot Itinerary: Ultimate Africa Safari 2018

This unique group travel adventure (February 3-20, 2018) offers you an authentic safari experience in the very heart of Africa. Below is a quick look at our itinerary. Read on for additional details for each day.

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Day 2 – Arrive Johannesburg, South Africa

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Day 16 – Explore Victoria Falls / Optional Tours

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For more information, please read on or call the Southern Exposure office during business hours at **(269) 965-1255**. Or e-mail us at: southernexposurefarm@comcast.net.

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Itinerary: Ultimate Africa Safari 2018

Day 1 – Depart U.S. On to Flight to Africa

We will travel via luxury coach from Southern Exposure Farm to Detroit Metro Airport, where we will board our evening flight to Africa.

Day 2 – Arrive Johannesburg, South Africa

Today, arrive in Johannesburg to rest before flying to Victoria Falls and transferring to Hwange National Park tomorrow morning. You will be met and transferred to your hotel for a short overnight stay. Here, you'll be joined by those who traveled on our optional Thornybush Game Reserve: Quest for Africa's Big 5 extension.

Day 3 – Fly from Johannesburg to Victoria Falls / Transfer to Hwange National Park

This morning, we'll fly to Victoria Falls, arriving in the early afternoon. Then, we drive to Hwange National Park, Zimbabwe's largest park. Our total transfer time is up to 6 hours. Hwange is home to many diverse habitats, from teak forests to palm islands to vast savannah plains. Likewise, you may behold a rich menagerie of game that can include elephant, buffalo, eland, wildebeest, impala, lion, leopard, cheetah, and more than 400 known bird species. The park is also known for its herds of sable antelope, an elegant animal with large, graceful horns.

In the late afternoon, we'll enjoy a short game-viewing drive, followed by dinner at our lodge this evening.

Day 4 – Wildlife viewing at Hwange National Park

Today, we'll have the opportunity to enjoy morning and evening game-viewing drives with one of our professional guides in Hwange National Park, which offers game viewing year-round due to its man-made waterholes.

During these drives, you will learn about the region's flora and the intricate cycle of life in the bush. We will learn to identify which animals have passed through the area. Our expert guides may also expound on everything from how elephant dung can be used as mosquito repellent, to how the giraffe is able to eat leaves off of the thorny acacia trees. After our first drive, we'll stop to enjoy brunch back at the lodge.

After our second game-viewing drive, we'll return to our camp for some time at leisure before dinner together.

Day 5 – A Day in the Life of a Hwange Community / Game viewing / Foundation Visit

Today, we'll take a break from game viewing to learn more about Zimbabwe's residents as we enjoy A Day in the Life of a village near the park. We'll meet a village leader, who takes us on a short tour that reveals how local people live, tend to their animals, and raise their crops. We'll learn a few words in the language of the local Nambya people, before sitting down with a family to gain insight into their culture first-hand. We'll also have an opportunity for hands-on discovery when we take part in some farming activities (season permitting)—like planting, milking cows, and collecting eggs.



Then, we'll visit St. Mary's Primary school (when in session), which is supported in part by Grand Circle Foundation as part of the World Classroom initiative. We have the unique opportunity to meet the teachers and children. Once we return to camp, we'll enjoy an included lunch and a game-viewing drive before dinner.

Day 6 – Overland to Livingstone / Fly to Kafue, Zambia

After an early breakfast this morning, we drive from Hwange, Zimbabwe to Livingstone, Zambia, where we'll take a light aircraft transfer to Kafue National Park. Our total transfer time today is up to 7 hours.

One of Zambia's most impressive parks, Kafue is one of the first to join an initiative to link the national parks of five African countries into what will eventually become a 108,000-square-mile park, to be known as the Kvangozambezi Transfrontier Conservation Area (also the Okavango-Upper Zambezi TFCA). Our campsite is situated in the northern section of the park along the banks of the Kafue River, one of the three rivers nourishing the park. From the decks of our safari-style tented rooms, we can view the slow-moving river—where we might enjoy the chance to fish for bream and pike during our stay.

After we settle in, we enjoy our first game-viewing excursion, by boat or safari vehicle. Kafue boasts a distinction that we'll appreciate on our game-viewing drives: in addition to an impressive 55 mammal species, it is home

to 500 species of birds—as many in this park as in all of Europe. Our guides will help us keep our eyes peeled for Black-cheeked Lovebirds, Bohm's Bee-eaters, Pel's Fishing Owls, a variety of cranes, and Zambia's only endemic species, the Chaplin's Barbet. We'll also be on the lookout for the elegant puku, an antelope found only in Zambia and the Congo.

We return to camp in time for dinner, gathering around the campfire afterward to compare notes on the animals we saw today.

Day 7 – Explore Kafue National Park

Today, we'll enjoy two game-viewing excursions during the most temperate hours—early morning and late afternoon—when the wildlife is at its most active. Keep your eyes peeled for the yellow-billed oxpecker, trumpeter hornbill, and grey crowned crane.

Along the rivers that feed the park, we might also encounter the white-backed night heron, African finfoot, or saddle-billed stork. Between wildlife excursions, you may choose to linger at camp, enjoying Kafue River views at leisure, or elect to join our Trip Leader on a nature walk.

We gather for dinner this evening at the camp.



Day 8 – Explore Kafue National Park

Two more game-viewing excursions await you this morning and afternoon, as you explore the outer reaches of the park by boat or safari vehicle. It's impossible to exhaust the discoveries at Kafue, one of the continent's largest national parks—at 8,600 square miles, it is roughly the size of the entire state of New Jersey. Kafue's habitats span riverine forests, floodplains, woodlands, and dambo (open grasslands). There will also be opportunities to fish along the banks, as well as a sundowner cruise in the afternoon.

We gather for dinner tonight, swapping memories of all we've encountered on our explorations in this truly stunning locale.

Day 9 – Fly to Chobe National Park

We'll take a morning flight to Livingstone, Zambia, enjoying a game drive en route to our flight. Then we'll transfer overland to Chobe National Park in northern Botswana, enjoying a light packed lunch on our way. Our total transfer time is up to 5 hours. After arriving at our lodge, we'll get a briefing on the area and share an afternoon tea. This afternoon, take a game-viewing drive before returning for dinner at the lodge.

Day 10 – Wildlife viewing at Chobe National Park

The next two days are devoted to seeking out game in Chobe National Park, the second-largest (and first-established) national park in the country. Chobe National Park is home to one of the world's largest elephant popula-

tions—the present herd is estimated at 50,000. This enormous region offers variety in both wildlife and terrain. Riverine forest, flood plains, and mopane are home to large and small game. Elephants gather around baobab trees, drawn by the water stored in their bark.

During the dry season, the Chobe River attracts so much game that thousands of animals may congregate on its banks, and hippo are submerged in its waters. Large groups of giraffe amble about the land, and hyena, cheetah, leopard, and wildebeest may also be glimpsed in this thickly populated habitat. The birdlife here is spectacular, ranging from eagles and bustards to plovers and rollers, and bee-eaters bustle near their sandbank nests. There are also water birds, such as egret, ibis, and heron, along the river.

This afternoon we visit Mabele Village, where we get to know the local people. While there, the village women will show us their weaving and we may even try our hands at the craft ourselves. We return to camp just before sunset and gather to soak in the views of the golden sun sinking behind a nearby watering hole. We then sit down to enjoy dinner together.

Day 11 – Explore Chobe National Park

Our safari schedule in Chobe today features a full-day game-viewing drive in Chobe National Park—which has one of the greatest concentrations of game found on the African continent and is sure to be a highlight of our safari adventure. During a full day of game viewing in the



park, we'll spot some of the park's magnificent elephants, in addition to zebra, Cape buffalo, hippo, and crocodile. We will be out in our vehicles during lunchtime, so we will take along a picnic lunch.

We'll cap off the day with a relaxing sundowner with our fellow travelers. Then, dinner tonight is a traditional South African braai, similar to our barbecue but more closely connected to the outdoor life, culture, and laid-back lifestyle of southern Africans.

Day 12 – Fly to the Okavango Delta / Moremi Area

After breakfast, we board a minibus that takes us to Kasane, Botswana. From here, we catch a light aircraft flight to our camp in the Okavango Delta region. Our total transfer time is up to 4 hours.

Our lodge is a Tented Camp adjacent to the border of the Moremi National Park in the northern region of the Delta. Upon arrival, we enjoy a game-viewing drive en route to our camp, followed by lunch. Afterward, you are free to relax at our lodgings before we gather together for another game-viewing drive, returning to our lodge for dinner this evening.

Day 13 – Explore the Okavango Delta / Moremi Area

This morning, we'll have the opportunity to enjoy a game-viewing drive with one of our professional guides. During this drive, you will learn about the region's flora and the intricate cycle of life in the bush. We will learn to

identify which animals have passed through the area. Our expert guides may also expound on everything from how elephant dung can be used as mosquito repellent, to how the giraffe is able to eat leaves off of the thorny acacia trees. During our drive, we'll stop to enjoy lunch in the bush.

After our game-viewing drive, we'll return to our camp for some time at leisure. Tonight, we'll experience traditional African drumming, followed by dinner together.

Day 14 – Explore Okavango Delta

Today, we'll take a break from game viewing to learn. Today, we continue to search for wildlife in the Okavango Delta region. We'll again split into groups and explore the area by mokoro on the Delta (if conditions permit), followed by a game drive. After lunch in camp, we enjoy an afternoon game-viewing drive in the neighboring savannah.

Please note: Mokoro excursions are dependent on safety and water levels, which fluctuate constantly in the Delta, regardless of the season. When you arrive in the Delta, your Trip Leader will monitor conditions and advise you of whether it's possible to explore by boat.



Day 15 – Transfer to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

After breakfast, we depart our camp and drive to Victoria Falls. Our total transfer time is up to 4 hours. Here we visit the largest curtain of water in the world—and one of the world’s Seven Natural Wonders. These awe-inspiring cataracts, whose African name (Mosi-oa Tunya) means “the smoke that thunders,” are nearly twice as high as Niagara, one and a half times as wide, and generate three times as much water. On a clear day, you can see the mist sprayed into the air from these crashing waters from more than 50 miles away. At peak flood times, 1.4 billion gallons of water per minute pass over its edge.

After lunch, we’ll enjoy a guided tour which includes exploring walking trails and lookout points—each with different views. There are five main cataracts, including the most dramatic, the Main Falls and Devil’s Cataract. The flora around the falls is naturally profuse: You’ll see ebony, fig trees, and many flowering species. The rain forest surrounding the falls is particularly lush, fed by Victoria’s perpetual spray. (It’s a good idea to wrap your camera equipment, cash, and other valuables in plastic.) This evening enjoy dinner at our hotel.

Day 16 – Explore Victoria Falls / Optional Tours

After breakfast, enjoy a walk through Chinotimba township, where we can observe everyday life in the neighborhood that is home to the majority of people living around Victoria Falls. Then, after lunch back at our hotel, you can join a combination of optional tours, one of which

includes a helicopter ride over Victoria Falls. Or, you can walk through town on your own to check out the local handcrafts, such as the famous Shona stone carvings and a variety of wooden carvings.

You’ll also find a selection of brilliant African textiles, malachite, basketry, and more. This is one of the places where bartering is appropriate, often expected—and can be great fun. American goods like T-shirts, sweatshirts, and baseball caps with designer logos can be good “currency” here.

Please ask your Trip Leader for advice about where else it may be appropriate to barter in this manner. This evening, we’ll enjoy our Farewell Dinner while cruising along the Zambezi River.

Day 17 – Fly to Johannesburg / Return to U.S.

After breakfast this morning, we’ll gather for a talk on the life of David Livingstone before we drive to the airport and board our flight. Both the flight for the post-trip extension Cape Town & the Cape of Good Hope and the return flights to the U.S. depart in the late afternoon or early evening.



Pricing Summary & Trip Dates

Trip Name:	Ultimate Africa Safari 2018
Trip Dates:	February 3-20, 2018
Base Price:	\$3,895
Rd. Trip Airfare:	\$1,500 (DTW)
Trip Insurance:	\$599 (highly recommended)
Cost Per Person:	\$5,994 (with optional trip insurance)

Trip Cancellation Coverage – Trip cancellation insurance for “Ultimate Africa Safari 2018” is not required but is highly recommended. For details, please contact Southern Exposure at (269) 962-1255 during regular business hours.

Reservation Deposit: The deposit to reserve your space on this trip is \$500 per person, fully refundable until 65 days prior to departure.

Need Help? For personal assistance or more information about this trip in the meantime, please call the Southern Exposure office during normal business hours at **(269) 962-1255**, Monday - Friday.

TOUR RESERVATION POLICY:

Reservations can be made by calling Southern Exposure Farm at **(269) 962-1255**. A \$500 deposit is required to guarantee your place (check, cash or credit card accepted), fully refundable until 65 days prior to departure. Remaining balance due 90 days before departure.

Note: The information, dates and prices provided in this document are estimates only based on currently available information. Pricing and itinerary are subject to change.

Pricing Disclaimer: *Every effort will be made to provide accurate pricing information. Operator reserves the right to correct promotional or pricing errors at any time, or to increase the trip price in the event of cost increases due to changes in airfares, cruise fares, currency fluctuations, venue fee increases, taxes, or fuel surcharges, or other reasons, unless you pre-paid according to the terms of the Good Buy Plan prior to the cost increase going into effect. For more information, please contact Southern Exposure at **(269) 962-1255**.*

What to Expect:

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We will make every effort to accommodate your travel needs and make sure you have a pleasant, memorable experience. At the same time, it is important to note the following advisories:

■ **Pacing:** 6 locations in 16 days with one 1-night stay. Early morning game-viewing drives on safari days, rising at 5 a.m. Your longest transfer between camps will be up to 9 hours on Day 3

■ **Physical Requirements:** Not appropriate for travelers using wheelchairs, walkers, or other mobility aids. You must be able to walk unassisted while carrying hand luggage; expect 2-4 hours of physical activities on some days. You will need to access vehicles by ladder without aid. Not appropriate for travelers in need of CPAP machine.

■ **Climate:** The hottest months are October-February; mid-day temperatures can reach more than 104° F. Daytime temperature between May-August can be 70-80°F, and as low as 40°F at night. December-March brings heavy rain & thunderstorms.

■ **Terrain:** Travel on roads in poor condition that can cause problems for travelers with leg or back issues. During game-viewing excursions, we'll travel over bumpy, dusty terrain and walk on sandy, uneven terrain in the Okavango Delta and at our camps.

■ **Transportation:** On game-viewing drives, we travel overland in open-sided safari vehicles with bench seating and no air-conditioning; dugout canoe and motorized boats.

■ **Accommodations & Facilities:** We spend 12 nights in comfortable but basic lodges and tented camps. Our lodges use generator electricity and lantern lighting at night, and do not have air-conditioning. There could be a 1- to 5-minute walk from our tents to the main lodge. All accommodations feature private baths.

Vaccinations Information

For a detailed and up-to-date list of vaccinations that are recommended for this trip, please visit the CDC's "Traveler's Health" website at www.cdc.gov/travel. In addition, we recommend that you have both a health checkup, dental checkup before leaving.

What's Included in the Package:

- International round-trip airfare from Detroit
- Accommodations for 15 nights
- 42 meals, including daily breakfasts, 13 lunches, and 14 dinners
- Up to 27 small group activities, including up to 19 game-viewing drives, boat cruises, and walks, plus park fees
- Services of a resident, English-speaking Trip Leader and driver-guides
- Unlimited filtered water at camps
- Gratuities for local guides, drivers, lodge and camp staff, driver-guides, and luggage porters
- Safari duffle and laundry service at tented camps

Passport & Visa Information

Your passport should meet these requirements for this itinerary: It should be valid for at least 6 months after your scheduled return to the U.S. It should have the recommended number of blank pages. The blank pages must be labeled "Visas" at the top. Pages labeled "Amendments and Endorsements" are not acceptable. U.S. citizens will need visas for Zambia and Zimbabwe, but not for Botswana or South Africa. For more information, please contact Southern Exposure at **(269) 962-1255**.

Travelers who are booked on this adventure will be sent a complete Visa Packet – with instructions, applications, and a list of visa fees – approximately 100 days prior to their departure. If you are not a U.S. citizen, do not travel with a U.S. passport, or will be traveling independently, then your entry requirements may be different. Please check with the appropriate embassy or a visa servicing company.

