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"The only man I envy is the man who has not yet been to Africa - for he has so much to look forward to."

Chimhavira brings you a 8 day Free State and Lesotho walking Safari

We look forward to welcoming you on our exclusive Free State & Lesotho Walking Safari, through South Africa and Lesotho.

Nature of the Tour:

Your journey will test you 4x4 skills and you will truly enjoy an 'off the beaten track' experience with mountain roads and passes which also allow for some fantastic walking routes.

What can be more relaxing than being up in the fresh mountain air overlooking the amazing scenery with a professional run tour of two of South Africa's walkers paradise parks and viewing South Africa's highest single drop falls, Maletsunyane, at 192m.

The group will consist of a maximum of eight participants plus a professional guide whom will drive the back-up vehicle and will meet up with you at the campsites in the evening and be your host.

Participants must be a minimum of 25 years of age.

Safari dates:

Johannesburg to Johannesburg

Arrival/Start – **Daily**
Departure/End – **To be confirmed**

Basic Itinerary:

Day 1	White Mountain Resort	- South Africa
Day 2	Giants Castle	
Day 3	Golden Gate	
Day 4	Clarens	
Day 5	Ladybrand	
Day 6	Maletsunyane Falls	- Lesotho & South Africa
Day 7	Linga Longa Guest House	
Day 8	Departure	



Safari Cost:

Cost is based on a per person sharing rate, please email info@chimhavira.com with the dates that you would like to book this safari along with number of people sharing for a quotation.

Our prices include:

- Your fully customised Land Rover and all equipment including fully enclosed roof-top tents
- Support vehicle and team leader costs
- Route planning, itineraries, bookings and travel guidance
- Field guides, maps and documents required for cross-border travel
- Complete introduction to the vehicle, equipment & basic 4x4 driver training where necessary
- Vehicle exchange when serious mechanical breakdown occurs
- Comprehensive vehicle insurance cover (full details available upon request)
- Free airport transfers to and from our Johannesburg offices
- Our individual service
- All fuel, toll road and border fees
- An emergency medical kit, and all guides are first aid trained
- Two full meals per day plus snacks
- Drinking water and cordial

Our prices exclude:

- International/regional and domestic airfares to and from collection/departure points
- The optional hire of a satellite phone and/or GPS for navigation
- Visas and personal travel insurance
- Alcoholic beverages, mixers and soft drinks
- All beverages and food out of camp
- Laundry services
- Clothing, toiletries and all other personal items e.g. cameras, sun block etc
- Fees for non-scheduled excursions, activities, entrance fees etc
- Gratuities
- Costs for any upgraded accommodation to that listed above and below.

Passport Visa Requirements:

We will be travelling in South Africa & Lesotho:

- South Africa – Visas are generally required at the port of entry. You will be given a three month visa which is free of charge.
- Lesotho – Your South African Visa will suffice. Lesotho is part of the CCU (Common Country Union).

This information is correct as of today's date, please double check with the relevant embassy in your home country before you travel. Chimhavira cannot be held responsible to any changes to these requirements that are beyond our control.

Items of interest:

Total driving Distance: Approx 1,800 km (1,118 miles)
Diesel consumption based on 3 vehicles: 772 litres (204 UK gallons)

Borders crossed:

Maseru border post

Suggestions:

African kids love asking tourists for sweets and pens. If you have space in your suitcase bring a couple bags of both with you. The kids will smile and be happy; you will enjoy it for little cost. Old clothes are good for bargaining with adults for curios or local fruits etc.

8 - Day walking safari itinerary

Meal Key: B – Breakfast, L – Lunch, D – Dinner

Day 1: Arrival in Johannesburg - Overnight White Mountain Resort

Drive through extensive farming land which attracts a multitude of birds the most prevalent species being the Paradise Whydah. The scenery is breathtaking, vast fields of grass used for hay, maize and wheat as far as the eye can see, this certainly is South Africa's bread basket.

Approximate distance: 520 km
Accommodation: White Mountain Resort
Meals: B, L, D

Day 2: Giants Castle

This park does not offer much in the way of drives, but it is home of the eland and the majestic bearded vulture, lies in the Central Drakensberg region of the Ukhahlamba Drakensberg Park, a World Heritage Site. Giant's Castle hutted camp is situated on a gassy plateau among the deep valleys running down from the face of the High Drakensberg, offering glorious views for hikers and mountain climbers.

Approximate distance: 150 km
Accommodation: White Mountain Resort
Meals: B, L, D

Day 3: Giants Castle to Golden Gate

The park derives its name from the brilliant shades of gold cast by the sun on the park's sandstone cliffs, especially the imposing Brandwag rock.

Generaalskop, the highest point in the park, reveals a breathtaking tapestry of red, yellow and purple hues as its warm shades merge with the cool mountain shadows towards evening

Approximate distance: 210 km
Accommodation: Golden Gate National Park
Meals: B, L, D

Day 4: Golden Gate to Clarens

Clarens is an Artists haven with many well known artists either living in or frequenting the village on a regular basis with many art galleries scattered around the village square. The tranquil village ambience combined with scenic views and a mild climate. Another feature which adds to the picturesque atmosphere of the village is the many sandstone buildings.

Approximate distance: 80 km
Accommodation: Clarens Camp Site
Meals: B, L, D

Day 5: Clarens to Ladybrand

Ladybrand was one of the towns established by the Voortrekkers to stabilize the "conquered territories" taken from the Basotho in the war of 1865. Later it was the British against the Boers during the Anglo-Boer war when in March 1900 the British occupied Ladybrand, but were defeated by a Boer Commando who lifted the siege within a matter of days. Today Ladybrand offers tourists spectacular mountain scenery.

Approximate distance: 110 km
Accommodation: Ladybrand Camp site
Meals: B, L, D

Day 6: Ladybrand to Semonkong return

The Maletsunyane Falls is the highest waterfall in Southern Africa, falling 196 metres in a single drop. Maletsunyane is nearly twice as high as Victoria Falls, though a fraction of the width. The village of Semonkong is nestled on the banks of the Maletsunyane River, upstream from the Maletsunyane Falls. It is called 'The Place of Smoke' after the characteristic haze created by the waterfall plummeting into the gorge.

Approximate distance: 266 km
Accommodation: Ladybrand Camp site
Meals: B, L, D

Day 7: Ladybrand to Johannesburg

We choose not to travel by motorway and head off on the village roads passing through farming villages. It is fair to say that the roads are not that well maintained, there are numerous potholes and it does feel like you are driving a gauntlet but it is also fair to say travelling on the back roads is far more interesting than following the masses!

Approximate distance: 440 km
Accommodation: Linga Longa Guest house
Meals: B, L, D

Day 8: Day of Departure

You will be transferred to the airport where you say goodbye to the guides and the group...

– End Of Services –

Arrival:

You will be met at the airport and transferred to your accommodation (where required).

Departure:

If you require an airport transfer this will be arranged for you.

Transport:

Chimhavira Overland Safaris cc use fully equipped 4x4 Land Rover Defender/Discovery vehicles.

Accommodation:

Accommodation will be in your vehicle roof top tents. Should you want to upgrade please ask your guide to assist you. Where possible your guide will try to upgrade you as to your requirements but

this will be dependant on availability. Please note upgrades are not included in your Chimhavira Overland Safari cc invoice and will therefore necessitate you paying for upgrades directly.

Spending money:

Clients are advised to bring enough money to cover the purchase of curios and personal items.

Meals:

All meals are organized by the guide and are prepared by our cook. Meals are nutritious and filling, drawing on fresh local produce where possible. We buy groceries along the way, so our clients have a say in what type of meals are eaten. Please advise us of any special dietary requirements before tour commencement.

First Aid:

Our guides are trained in basic first aid, Chimhavira Overland Safari cc guides are trained to level III St John's or equivalent standard, our vehicles 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: 20kg. Chimhavira Overland Safaris cc 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. Please adhere to the allowance specified as space for luggage is limited.

Sleeping bags:

Chimhavira Overland Safaris cc can provide sleeping bags and pillows, please advise us if this is required at your time of booking. If you prefer to bring your own please feel free to do so.