### **CRUISE OFFERS VALUE HOLIDAYS**

invite you to join them on board MSC Opera

# Natural Wonders of Southern Africa

**CRUISE & TOUR** 

Cape Town, South Africa; Walvis Bay, Namibia; Victoria Falls & Hwange National Park, Zimbabwe





Southern Africa has received its share from Mother Nature resulting in a wide diversity of scenery; rugged coastlines, lush and tropical vegetation, vast deserts, dramatic mountain ranges, natural oasis, pristine nature and dazzling white sandy islands. On this tour you will travel to the Hwange National Park for three nights and see one of the largest elephant herds in Africa. Nothing will prepare you however for the majesty of the Victoria Falls, the worlds largest waterfall. We will then spend several days in the beautiful city of Cape Town before experiencing a cruise up the west coast of Africa to Namibia and visit the dramatic landscape of the desert. Join us on this incredible journey of southern Africa, an unforgettable experience.



#### **Itinerary**

#### Day 1 Wednesday, 25 March 2026 Depart Australia

We depart Australia today on our flights to South Africa.

#### Day 2 Thursday, 26 March 2026 Hwange National Park, Zimbabwe

On our arrival into Johannesburg airport this morning we transfer to our connecting flight to Victoria Falls Airport. On arrival we are transferred to Hwange National Park and our Safari Lodge. Named after a local Nhanzwa chief, Hwange National Park is the largest Park in Zimbabwe, occupying roughly 14,650 square kilometers. It is located in the northwest corner of the country about one hour south of the mighty Victoria Falls. It became the royal hunting grounds to the Ndebele warriorking Mzilikazi in the early 19th century and was set aside as a National Park in 1929. Hwange boasts a tremendous selection of wildlife with over 100 species of mammals and nearly 400 bird species recorded. The elephants of Hwange are world famous and the Park's elephant population is one of the largest in the world.





#### Day 3 Friday, 27 March 2026 Hwange National Park

Today we have our first safari at Hwange National Park. We will hopefully see the 'Big 5' – Lion, Leopard, Elephant, Rhino and Buffalo. We'll also see many varieties of colourful birds Our experienced guide will help us spot hard-to see animals, so we make the most of the safari.

#### Day 4 Saturday, 28 March 2026 Hwange National Park

Our second day on safari in the Hwange National Park is sure to be another day of great wildlife sightseeing and memorable experiences. The afternoon is free to relax.

#### Day 5 Sunday, 29 March 2026 Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

This morning we travel to Victoria Falls and enjoy a sightseeing tour. Victoria Falls are among the most spectacular waterfalls in the world. The Zambezi River, which is more than 2 km wide at this point, plunges noisily down a series of basalt gorges and raises an iridescent mist that can be seen more than 20 km away. A great day to experience one of the major natural wonders of the world.

#### Day 6 Monday, 30 March 2026 Victoria Falls

Today is a free day to explore the Victoria Falls area.

#### Day 7 Tuesday, 31 March 2026 Victoria Falls

A free day to explore the Victoria Falls area. Perhaps try riding the rapids down the Zambezi River or a helicopter flight over the falls.

#### Day 8 Wednesday,1 April 2026 Cape Town, South Africa

Today we fly to the city of Cape Town, South Africa. Known as the "Mother City", Cape Town is the oldest city in South Africa. Perched between the ocean and Table Mountain, with a national park as its heart, there is nowhere like Cape Town. On arrival we will be transferred to our hotel.

#### Day 9 Thursday, 2 April 2026 Cape Town

Today we enjoy a sightseeing tour to see many fabulous sights such as the imposing brick and stucco Houses of Parliament, the Victoria and Alfred dock area, and the Bo-Kaap area, where the Cape







Malays live in brightly-coloured cube houses dating from the 18th and 19th centuries. We take the cable car up Table Mountain for wonderful views of Table Bay, the city and the sea (weather permitting).

#### Day 10 Friday, 3 April 2026

#### Cape Town

Today is a free day to enjoy Cape Town. You might wish to take a full day tour to the Cape of Good Hope and Cape Point, the most south-westerly tip of Africa.

#### Day 11 Saturday, 4 April 2026

#### Embarkation

Today we are transferred to the port to board the MSC Opera for our cruise up the west coast to Namibia. Please note we are travelling on a Jazz Themed Cruise.

#### **Day 12** Sunday, 5 April 2026

#### At Sea

A free day to enjoy the facilities of the ship.



Day 13 Monday, 6 April 2026 Walvis Bay, Namibia

At 4.00pm, we arrive in Walvis Bay, a small port on the Skeleton Coast of Namibia and the gateway to the Namib Desert. Sheltered by the Pelican Point sand spit, its tidal lagoon is home to abundant birdlife including flamingos, pelicans and Damara terns. The harbour is busy with fishing boats and ships. Dolphins, whales and Cape fur seals inhabit the Atlantic waters around the Pelican Point Lighthouse.



Day 14 Tuesday, 7 April 2026 Walvis Bay

Take a tour into the desert or explore the curio markets, craft shops, art galleries, museums and the beachfront. The MSC Opera sails at 2.00pm.

#### Day 15 Wednesday, 8 April 2026 At Sea

A free day to enjoy the facilities of the ship.

#### Day 16 Thursday, 9 April 2026

#### Disembark/Cape Town

After disembarking the MSC Opera we are transferred to our hotel. The rest of the day is free.

#### Day 17 Friday, 10 April 2026

#### Depart Cape Town

This morning we are transferred to the airport for our flights back to Australia

Day 18 Saturday, 11 April 2026

#### Arrive Australia

Today we arrive in Australia and the tour concludes.



# Natural Wonders of **Southern Africa**

#### **Tour & Cruise**

25 March to 11 April 2026

#### **Tour inclusions**

- Travel on MSC Opera in the selected cabin category
- All meals and entertainment on MSC Opera
- Economy-class airfares from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth to Johannesburg and from Cape Town back to Australia
- Economy-class flight from Johannesburg to Victoria Falls
- Economy-class flight from Victoria Falls to Cape Town via Johannesburg
- 3 nights accommodation in Hwange National Park including breakfast, lunch and dinner
- 3 nights' accommodation in Victoria Falls including breakfast
- 4 nights' accommodation in Cape Town including breakfast
- Sightseeing tours of Victoria Falls and Cape Town
- Professional English-speaking guide in Cape Town, Hwange National Park and Victoria Falls
- 2 game drives in Hwange National Park
- Cruise and air taxes

#### Not included in the cruise price:

- Additional travel arrangements not detailed in the itinerary These will be quoted for separately
- Drinks on board
- Sightseeing tours onboard the MSC Opera
- Meals not listed in the itinerary
- Gratuities and services charges on the MSC Opera. An amount of US\$70 per person will be added to your onboard account

#### **Price per person in Australian Dollars**

Stateroom	Cabin	Deck	Twin-share Fare (PP)	Single Fare
Interior Bella	IM1	7,8	\$ 6299	\$ 7709
Ocean View Bella	OM1	7,8	\$ 6399	\$ 7879
Balcony Bella	BM1	9,10	\$ 6499	\$ 8039
Included port & handling charges Included air taxes as at 1/11/24 Included ship gratuities			\$ 240 \$ 400 \$ 70	\$ 240 \$ 400 \$ 70

**Availability:** All cabins are subject to cabin availability.

Please call for fares and information on other cabin categories. Please call for details on 1800 630 343.

**Extending:** You can stay longer in southern Africa for minimal cost. Please contact Cruise Offers Value Holidays on 1800 630 343 for more information.



## **General Information and Booking Conditions**

Touring can involve a considerable amount of walking and stair climbing in the places visited and it is important that all tour participants have a level of physical fitness that allows them to take part in this activity without the need of assistance from others.

**TOUR OPERATOR:** Cruise Offers Value Holidays (a division of Travelrite International Pty Ltd — ABN 64 005 817 078) is the tour organiser.

**TOUR COSTS**: The tour costs are based on airfare, shipping, general transport, accommodation costs and foreign exchange rates at 1 November 2024 Cruise Offers Value Holidays reserves the right to alter the costs if any of these factors change, giving any passenger that has booked the right to withdraw with full refund of monies paid or modify arrangements.

DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS: A non-refundable deposit of \$1,500 per passenger is required at the time of booking. Full payment will be required 92 days before departure of the tour from Australia. A 1.5% administration fee will be charged for payment by Visa. Mastercard and AMEX cards.

AIR TAXES: Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne and Perth as listed in the itinerary. Please contact us for airfares from different cities. Air taxes are valid as at 1 November 2024. If they change due to government and airline charges and currency variations, Cruise Offers Value Holidays reserves the right to charge additional amounts.

**CANCELLATION CONDITIONS:** Number of days before sailing.

 Days prior to Departure
 Cancellation Fee

 Over 92 days
 \$1500

 92 - or less
 100% of full fare

 Non-appearance/no written notice:
 100% of full fare.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: Travel insurance is recommended to cover the costs of cancellation fees due to illness, death in family, etc.

MINIMUM TOUR NUMBERS AND CONDITIONS: The tour has been priced on the basis of a minimum number of passengers having booked 92 days prior to departure. Travelrite International reserves the right to cancel the tour, giving a full refund of all monies paid or offer arrangements to proceed with the tour at a modified cost.

TOUR ORGANISATION: Cruise Offers Value Holidays reserves the right to change advertised entrances if necessary, for the smooth operation of the tour.

REFUNDS: The tour is based on arrangements that do not allow for any refunds in respect to sightseeing, accommodation, meals, airfare or other services not utilized after the tour has commenced.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: All passengers will require a valid passport with at least six months validity from your return date. Visas will be required for Zimbabwe for Australian passport holders and are obtained on arrival into Victoria Falls. If not an Australian passport holder, please contact your local embassy for visa information.

**BAGGAGE:** All passengers qualify for a 20kg free baggage allowance (1 piece per person).

RESPONSIBILITY: Cruise Offers Value Holidays is the tour organiser. Travelrite International acts only as an agent in the making of arrangements for hotels, transportation, restaurants or any other service and do not assume any liability whatsoever for any injury, damage, death, loss, accident or delay to person or property due to an act of negligence or a default of any hotel, carrier restaurant company or person rendering any services included in the tour, or by act of God. Further no responsibilities are accepted for any damage or delay due to sickness, pilferage, labour disputes, machinery break-down, quarantine, government restraints, weather, terrorism or other causes beyond their control. No responsibility is accepted for any additional expense, omission, delays, re-routing or acts of any government authority. The passage contract between the carriers concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the carriers and the purchasers of this tour and/or the passengers. The right is reserved to withdraw any tour and/or make such changes in the tour as may be found desirable or necessary for the convenience of the parties and the proper carrying out of the tour. This contract shall be construed in accordance of the laws of the State of Victoria, Australia and any legal action must be taken in the State of Victoria. Attention is also directed to the terms and conditions of the MSC Opera cruise passage contract with MSC Cruises, detailed on their website www.msccruises.com.au. If you do not have a copy of this please contact Cruise Offers Value Holidays and we will send one to you.

DELAYS AND UNFORESEEN EVENTS: You engage Travelrite International to book this tour on your behalf and you acknowledge that Travelrite International acts as your agent for the purpose of making contracts between you and the various

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