

Gauteng to Botswana

Including the 'Caprivi' & Victoria Falls

Self-Drive Guided Road Trips hosted by Platteland Tours
Travel in your own vehicle

Duration: 14 Days/13 Nights **Dates:** 1st to 14th May 2027 Bots # 1 **Fully booked**
2nd to 15th Oct 2027 Bots # 2
Saturday to Friday

Depart: Total Petroport Panorama West
On N1 North of Pretoria

Arrive: Total Petroport Panorama East
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Departure time: 10:00 (Route briefing and welcome **at 09:30**)

Price: R27900 per person
R3000 pp Single supplement

Distance: 3800+ km
About 450 km on gravel roads

Last Updated: 28th July 2026

Tour Details:

Go and visit our beautiful neighbouring countries (with the focus on Botswana) and discover interesting tourist spots, breath taking landscapes, beautiful nature, lots of wild animals, wide rivers, excellent accommodation, friendly people, good food, stunning fauna and flora, hidden gems and interesting back roads on our annual Road Trip to the neighbouring country.

You'll travel mainly on tar roads, some gravel roads (**NO** 4x4 needed), good jeep tracks and easy bush tracks!

We'll stop en route for sightseeing, snacks, road stalls, photographic opportunities, toilets, coffee/tea, tourist destinations and less familiar places. Enjoy the drive and ride in your own vehicle. This is the ideal opportunity to experience Botswana.

Come and enjoy and experience it with us at an affordable price, staying at good and interesting venues (NO camping) and going home with lots of pictures and many good memories. Visit our Facebook Page and see many pictures of previous tours: https://www.facebook.com/plattelandtours

At night and en route you'll have the opportunity to mix, mingle and have fun with the other people on the trip. It is an informal and casual tour, though thoroughly planned and organised.

Departure & Return Location: Depart from Total Petroport Panorama West, on the N1, just North of Pretoria. (There is a restaurant built over the highway). The Road Trip will end at the same venue, late afternoon on the last day, or **you can join or leave** the group at a suitable place en route closer for you to home. Just inform us accordingly on the Booking Form.

Price includes: Accommodation for 13 nights (B&B), two dinners (first & last evening), a tour leader with his own vehicle, all administration and leading of the tour (including booking of accommodation, meals & excursions, etc.), high frequency two-way radio per vehicle to use during the tour, LOTS of relevant info, lots of photos, daily briefings of the tour, limited vehicle breakdown support, group safety, peace of mind, new friends & new routes.

Tour price excludes: Other meals on tour (breakfasts are included), fuel for vehicle, Comprehensive Travel Insurance, gratuities, entry fees to venues or places, drinks, breakdown recovery costs and personal expenses.

Accommodation: We stay overnight in good family guest houses, guest farms, hotels, river lodges & lodges. Only two persons per room – all with en suite bathroom facilities.

Dinner: Two dinners are included in the tour package. All other meals are **optional**, but budget for about R350+ pp/dinner.

Lunch: Enjoy your own snacks en route. We don't stop for official lunch breaks.

Bookings: Bookings have opened and will close once all the available places are booked. (All the 2023, 2024, 2025 & 2026 tours were quickly fully booked). In 2027 we'll only host one tour. A completed Booking Form, with the Proof Payment (PoP) for the deposit, must be send to us at info@plattelandtours.co.za and it will secure your place on this Road Trip. Your booking will be confirmed in writing.

Deposit: At least 25% of the tour price with the booking, another 25% three (3) months before departure date and the outstanding balance by latest 6 weeks before departure date. Book **NOW**.

If booked within the 3 months period prior to departure of the Road Trip, 50% deposit is required.
If booked within the 6 weeks period prior to departure of the Road Trip, full payment is needed.

Take on tour (suggested): Your vehicle, your family & friends, pocket money (cash), a smile and goodwill. Some other extras should include: Sneakers (walking shoes), a hat, binoculars, toilet paper, wet wipes and eateries in your car, drinking water, camera, torch and sunglasses.

Vehicle: Any 4 x 2 or SUV or 4 x 4 or Sedan vehicle **with high ground clearance**, for when traveling on the gravel roads, is suitable for the tour. Low profile tyres are not recommended. We do not speed whilst on tour, but we expect all vehicles to travel at the speed set by the tour leader.

Invite friends and family to travel with you in your vehicle and share the travel costs. We all know that fuel has become very expensive.

Who should go on this tour: People who love travelling, enjoy back roads, singles, couples, those who have never been to Botswana & Vic Falls and those who'd like to go again; people who would like

to enjoy the natural beauty and friendliness of the local people, people who are unfamiliar with driving at foreign places, people who'd prefer to travel with other people in a safe environment; people who don't like getting lost; those who'd like to be well informed as they drive along; those who like driving their own cars; people who like sharing their lives, interest, knowledge, fun and care with others. People who enjoy life at an easy pace.

Who should NOT go on this tour: Moaners, groaners, whiners, speedsters, hooligans, boozers, people who can't drive on a gravel road, etc. People talking about their illnesses, medicines and operations they've had!

VHF Radio: We provide each vehicle with a high-quality two-way radio for the duration of the tour in order to communicate with everyone. It charges on the vehicle's cigarette lighter. (Please make sure your vehicle's cigarette lighter is working **before** the tour starts).

Money: A credit or debit card, plus some cash, will be needed. You can't use RSA money in Botswana. Their currency is a Pula and Cents. Currently (Apr 2026) one Pula = +-R1.20.

Cell phones: You can purchase a temporary Botswana SIM card as we enter Botswana. No documentation needed. Though WiFi is available at all the places where we stay.

Fuel: We'll stop regularly to fill up. RSA Petro cards and Garage cards are **NOT** accepted in Botswana, but **Credit & Debit cards can be used** to purchase fuel. Fortunately fuel is somewhat cheaper in Botswana than in the RSA!

Clothing: Casual – warm during the day and it can get cold at night.

Excursions: Entry fees are not included in the tour price. You can book and pay an excursion on the day of arrival at the venue or earlier if so informed.

What you DO need: (Before departure)

- A vehicle in a good condition (check the tyres, spare wheel & tools to replace a flat tyre)
- A valid passport – with at least six months before expiry date & three blank pages when entering Botswana, Namibia & Zimbabwe
- No Visa is needed for any of the countries to be visited if you are a RSA citizen
- Your vehicle's documents to be able to cross international borders
- Travel insurance – we can refer you to someone to help with it
- A credit or debit card, as well as some cash (pocket money). RSA notes can be used in Namibia.
- All your personal medicines
- Respect for your neighbouring countries
- Energy to drive long distances – it is after all a Road Trip
- A big smile

Note: We'll be crossing international borders on six occasions during this trip. You'll need patience!

What to expect: An orderly and well-planned Road Trip, with a few surprises en route. Good food, beautiful countries, interesting roads and routes, tar and gravel roads, no mountain passes but many very small towns and villages, cute shops and road stalls, bushveld, one of the natural Wonders of the World (Vic Falls), interesting landscapes, friendly people and something new…

Just some of the places to be visited on tour:

Makgadikgadi Pans, a baobab 'forest', Okavango Delta, Kavango River, Popa Falls, Tsodilo Hills, various National Parks, majestic Victoria Falls, swamps and much more… PLUS the towns of Maun, Sepupa, Divundu, Katima Mulilo, Kasane, Nata, Francis Town and many more….

We are looking forward to welcoming you on this Road Trip.



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Note: On Day # 1 we overnight at a venue, on a guest farm, with limited liquor. Please bring your own drinks for the evening. All the other overnight venues do sell drinks on site.



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14-day Road Trip

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Itinerary:

Day # 1 **Total Panorama on the N1 – Pretoria to Stockpoort** **338 km**
Saturday

Welcome, briefing & handing out 2-way radios before departing via Modimolle, Vaalwater and Lephalale to Stockpoort.

Book in, enjoy dinner and stay overnight on a guest game farm. This venue, on the bank of the Limpopo River and in the bushveld, will put you in the right mood for the remainder of the tour. The first evening will be spend around a pit fire.

Dinner is included in the tour package.



Limpopo River



First night's venue

Day # 2 **Stockpoort to Nata** **513 km**
Sunday

On Day # 2 we travel via Stockpoort Border post into Botswana and will go through towns like Mahalapye, Palaye, Serule and Francistown before arriving at our first overnight stop in Botswana at Nata.

Today you'll start to experience a natural phenomenon of the country – the Makgadikgadi Pans. The possibility of observing free roaming game the further we travel increases by the minute.

We dine at the venue where we overnight.



Baobab tree at night

Day # 3 **Nata to Maun** **323 km**
Monday

The road will take us today to the tourist capital of Botswana, the town of Maun. From a humble 'outback village' some 30 years ago to a buzzling town nowadays. This town is the main entry into the Okavango Delta.

We suggest that you book a place on a 45 minute flight for this afternoon to see the Delta from above. (We'll assist with it). This is **'Must do # 1'** on this tour and will give you a total new perspective of the size of the Delta. Price available closer to the date.

We overnight in a hotel with a history! Dinner is available at this venue.



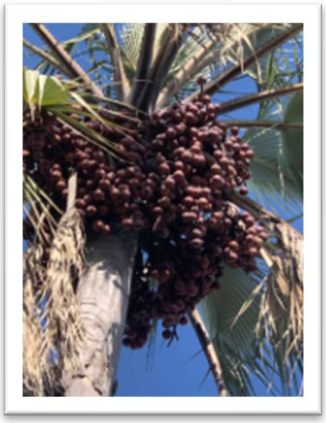
Pedestrians crossing the road



Cosy accommodation



Close to Planet Baobab



Palm tree

Day # 4 **Maun to Sepupa** **339 km**
Tuesday

This day will take you through a number of small villages, pass Lake Ngami, via Gumare to Sepupa before arriving at our lodge for two days.

En route you'll travel on an interesting jeep track through the bush.

We overnight on the bank of the river at a historical venue – from the days of tough buffalo and elephant hunters. The view from the observation deck, with something cold in the hand, will mesmerize you.

Enjoy dinner at the venue.



'Lekker' Jeep track



Many of these to be seen

Day # 5 **Sepupa** **0 km**
Wednesday

Today you don't need to drive but we highly recommend that you do the sunset Cruise on the Kavango River. This is **'Must do # 2'** on this tour. When doing this excursion you'll experience nature at its best. The locals will share their knowledge, experience and humour about the hippos, crocodiles and elephants with you, whilst floating through the reeds and channels.

We overnight at the same venue and again a pit fire will make you feel at ease. The clear night sky will give you the opportunity to enjoy the stars.

Enjoy dinner again at the same venue.



Ready for sunset cruises



Mokoro

Day # 6 **Sepupa to Divundu** **175 km**
Thursday

After breakfast we travel to the Tsodilo Hills – a UNESCO heritage site – for a short, guided tour.

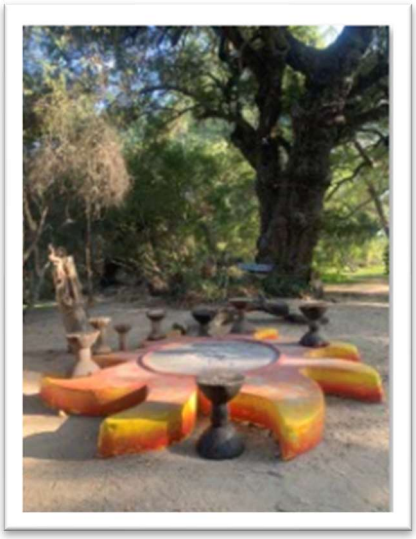
We cross the border into Namibia at Mohembo and arrive at the resort where we stay for two nights. The accommodation, leisure area, view over the river, animal sounds, bush, good food and fun will invite you to stay longer.

For two nights you'll be sleeping on the banks of the Kavango River and hear animal sounds through the night.

Dinner is very special at this venue.



Tsodilo Hills



Fire pit

Day # 7 **Divundu** **45 km**
Friday

Today you'll have the opportunity to enjoy the facilities & activities of the venue and late morning we drive to the Popa Falls.

The sunrise over the river is magnificent. Don't miss it and have your camera ready.

We overnight at the same venue for the second night and enjoy dinner again.



River cruise



Sunrise over the river

Day # 8 **Divundu via Katima Mulilo to Kasane** **453 km**
Saturday

We travel from West to East via the Zambesi region, previously called the Caprivi Strip. We stop en route at the Kwando River and swamps before arriving in the town of Katima Mulilo on the Zambesi Riverbanks.

From there it is a short trip to the Botswana border gate at Ngoma, leaving Namibia behind.

Late afternoon we arrive in Kasane, another tourist town – in the North of Botswana, close to Zambia, Namibia and Zimbabwe.

We overnight in a lodge in Kasane for two nights. Dinner available at this venue or in town.



Popa Falls



Zambezi River

Day # 9 **Kasane** **0 km**
Sunday

Botswana (especially the Northern area) is well known for its abundance of elephants, hippos, buffalo and crocodiles, as well as other game.

We suggest you take an early morning 3 hour drive on a game view vehicle. You'll be collected at the lodge. On return you'll enjoy breakfast at the lodge and relax until you do the (suggested) 3 hour afternoon cruise on the game viewing boat on the Chobe River. This is **'Must do # 3'** on this tour.

We overnight at the same venue for the second night. Dinner available at this venue.





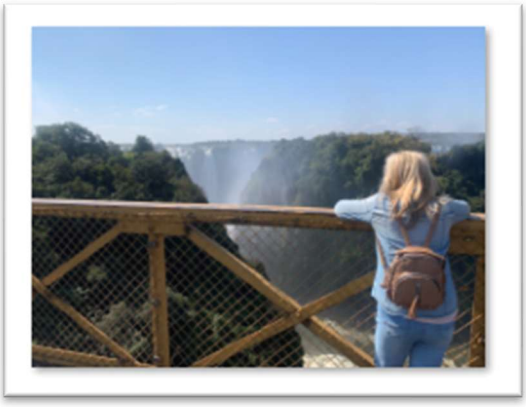
Day # 10 **Kasane to Victoria Falls** **84 km**
Monday

Shortly after breakfast you'll cross the border into Zimbabwe en route to the town of Victoria Falls.

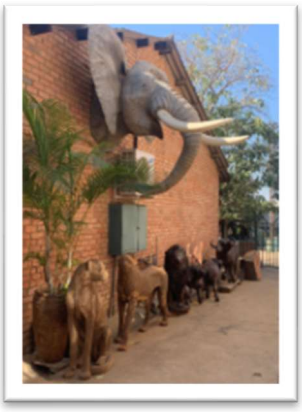
On arrival at Vic Falls we'll do an orientation drive in town, as well as visiting interesting venues.

We suggest you visit the actual Victoria Falls mid-afternoon or early morning. This is **'Must do # 4'** on this tour.

Tonight we'll dine at a very special venue and we overnight for two nights at a fancy lodge!



Vic Falls seen from the road & rail bridge



Craft market

Day # 11 **Victoria Falls** **0 km**
Tuesday

Today you'll have the opportunity to do a variety of things. It could include some of the following:

- Visit the Falls again (at the Zambia side)
- Walk over the bridge downstream from the Vic Falls
- Visit the local African market
- Drink a cold beer at the craft beer restaurant
- Take a helicopter or micro light flight over the falls
- Do a bungee jump
- Do a canopy tour over the Zambesi River (it's breath taking!)
- Do a swing over the Zambezi River
- Do river rafting (if open)
- Elephant experience
- Do shopping
- Ride on the sunset tram onto the bridge
- Play golf at Elephant Hills golf course
- Sit back and relax at the 'Lookout' point of your lodge
- Ride in a local taxi to the bridge



Vic Falls' tram



Local taxi

Day # 12 **Victoria Falls to Nata** **386 km**
Wednesday

We cross the border again into Botswana en route to Elephant Sands. Today you'll have the opportunity to take close pictures of elephants. You'll learn about the Pandamatenga project.

The back roads and interesting border post will keep you busy.

Enjoy a good dinner at our venue.



Elephant Sands

Day # 13 **Nata to Groblersbrug** **445 km**
Thursday

Today's trip will take you from Nata to Francistown and Serule to Groblersbrug, where you'll cross the border (for the 6th and final time) into South Africa.

We spend the final night as a group together again on the banks of the Limpopo River, on the South African side, on a guest farm. The last pit fire of the tour will be enjoyed.

Dinner is included in the tour package.



Groblersbrug over the Limpopo River



Final sunset on tour

Day # 14 **Groblersbrug to Pretoria** **376 km**
Friday

Although it is the last day of the tour, the tour is not over yet.

We'll travel via Tomburke, Marnitz, Baltimore & Mokopane, onto the N1 South towards Pretoria, still sharing lots of info with you.

Mid-afternoon the tour will end where it has started 14 days earlier.



Final Border Post



Kalahari Ferrari in the Bushveld

GENERAL

Please note that we'll stop at many more places, not mentioned in the above itinerary. On a Road Trip the leader driver can fit in anything interesting at any time….

Note: Travellers can leave the group on the final day at any place en route to turn off for home.

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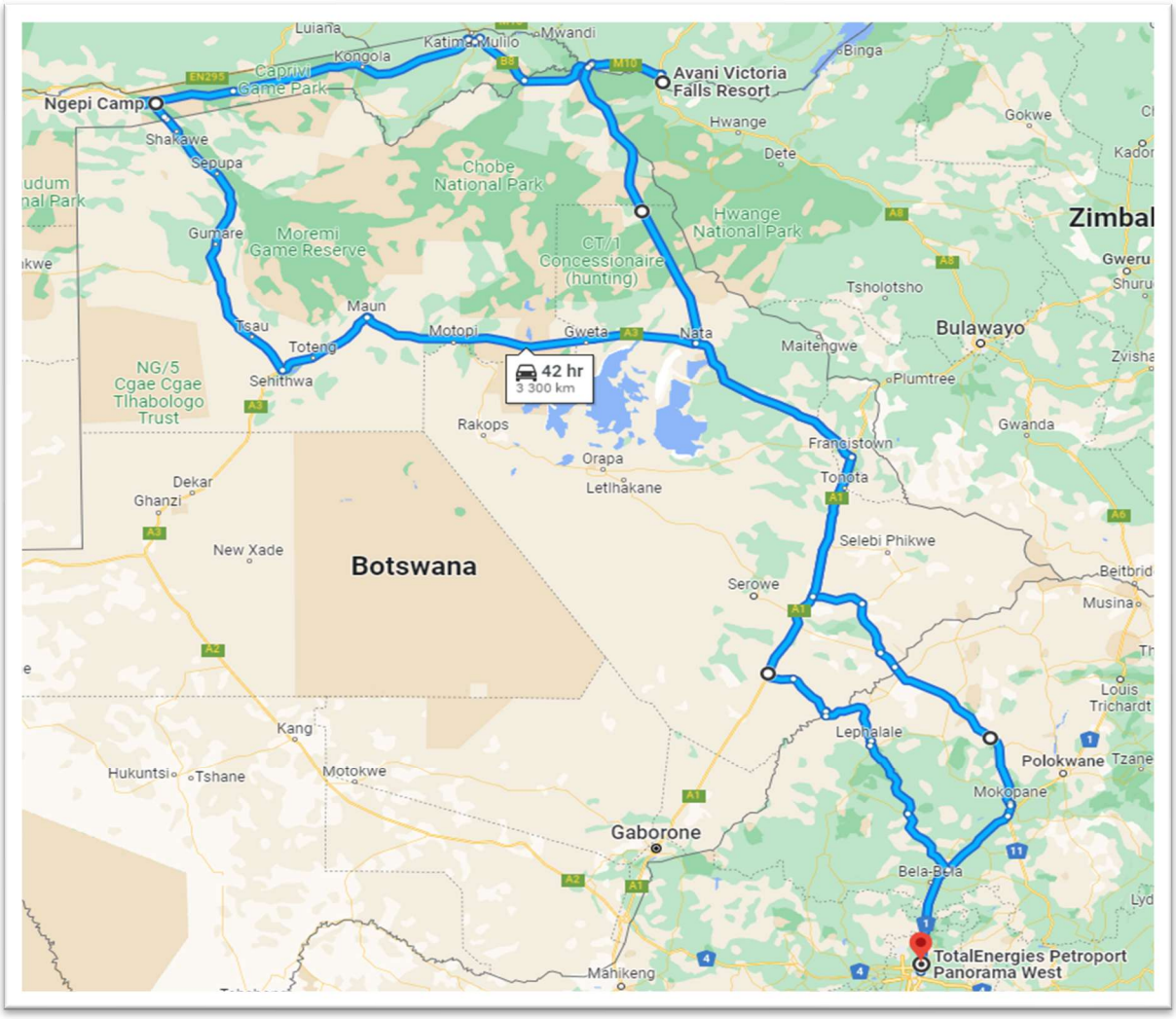
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Map:

Note: The Road Trip could & will deviate from the map. I.e.: Due to visits to places not mentioned in the itinerary.



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