ULTIMATE ADVENTURES

Guided Self-Drive 4x4 Tours

2020 TOUR COLLECTION
About Us

The name really speaks for itself! – Ultimate Adventures. It all started 11 years ago, with the dream of exploring Africa’s wildest destinations while delivering top quality self-drive tours that the whole family could enjoy. Attention to detail and personalized service was the foundation of our business and hasn’t changed throughout the years.

We offer off-road adventures in all corners of Southern and Eastern Africa. From the snow-capped mountains of Lesotho, to the wide open plains of the Serengeti.

Ultimate Adventures is our baby, and with a husband and wife partnership comes passion and dedication, differentiating ourselves from the rest. Our mission is to make every adventure memorable and to create stories that will be told for years to come. Every person on an Ultimate Adventures trip arrives as a guest and leaves as a family member! This is the Ultimate Adventures ethos.

One thing to remember....you don’t have to have the best 4x4 by far and you don’t have to be the most experienced camper. What you have to be is a lover of the outdoors seeking new adventures and new friends. One that enjoys sunsets and sunrises with a twist, may it be elephants in your view, or the never ending valleys and mountains of Africa’s finest destinations....let’s be honest, no one could say no to this!

Our Ultimate Adventures guarantee to you is that we will make sure that every tour is run professionally and efficiently, ensuring you make memories to last a lifetime and become a member of our ever growing family!
Simon Steadman is a registered Professional 4x4 Trails and Overland Tourist Guide, 4x4 driver training instructor and assessor and sat on the founding committee of OGATO (Overland Guides and Tour Operators). I have been guiding off-road trails and tours since 2006 to some of Africa’s wildest destinations including a 44-Day expedition to the Serengeti. One of his greatest assets as a tour guide is his ability to remain calm in the most trying of circumstances and to think clearly and logically while under pressure. Other good traits that go down well with his clients are his fine cooking skills, warm and gentle nature, and the great hospitality that anyone enjoys. The co-author of the very successful “4x4 Routes of Southern Africa” book published by Mapsource in 2011, contributing two chapters to the publication. The host and executive producer of the successful off-road DVD, “Ultimate Off-Road Guide Volume 1 & 2”

Desiree Steadman has a passion for the outdoors and the great desire to make every adventure memorable. She works well with groups of people and always brings the fun factor. With 5 years of corporate Sales and Marketing experience, it is in her to build relationships, and understand the needs and requirements of every client, ensuring Ultimate Adventures continuously delivers top quality service. She is passionate about conservation, making her the ideal candidate to head up our conservation department and is continuously on the lookout for new conservation initiatives for Ultimate Adventures to support. All of these qualities ensure that clients of Ultimate Adventures will always leave us feeling part of our adventure family.
About Our Tours

Our Prestige range of tours are aimed at the off-road adventurer that enjoys a bit more luxury on their travels and the intimacy of small groups. These tours are limited to a maximum of 4 guest vehicles and no children under 12 are permitted. Our qualified bush chef will spoil you with a delicious breakfast and dinner every day so you have more time to enjoy the bush and not worry about cooking. We pride ourselves on our exquisite bush cuisine and attention to detail.

Accommodation on our Prestige tours is a mixture of camping while out in the wild and lodges or guesthouses when on the road travelling to and from our destination. Relieving you of the task of pitching tent for just a one night stopover.

Our Prestige tours will take you to unique destinations that you have always dreamed of visiting but have never been brave enough to tackle alone. While exploring these exciting destinations, you will experience everything that the area has to offer to make sure you maximize the experience and don’t leave any rock unturned.

All of our Prestige tours are personally guided by Simon and Desiree Steadman, along with our qualified bush chef.

Our Prestige tours include the following:
• All accommodation and camping fees
• All park entry fees
• All activities
• Guide fees
• Breakfast & dinner daily
• Gift pack
• Photo book
• VHF radio hire
About Our Tours

Adventure Tours

Our Adventure range of tours are aimed at the off-road adventurer that is looking for a true bush experience, camping in Africa’s wildest destinations. These tours are limited to a maximum of 10 guest vehicles and children of any age are permitted. Our qualified bush chef will spoil you with a delicious dinner every day so you have more time to enjoy the bush sunsets and not worry about rushing back to camp and start cooking. We pride ourselves on our exquisite bush cuisine and attention to detail.

Accommodation on our Adventure tours is purely camping in order to keep them as cost effective as possible. We only utilize the best campsites in each area with most campsites having full ablution facilities. We spend a lot of time camping in unfenced campsites so you get the ultimate bush experience on every tour, with some great animal encounters all part of the deal.

Our Adventure tours focus on visiting Africa’s premier wilderness areas with new destinations added to the tour calendar every year. Destinations for these tours include gems such as the Okavango Delta, Serengeti National Park and the great Zambia migrations of wildebeest and fruit bats.

All of our Adventure tours are guided by one of our experienced overland guides, with dinners prepared by our famous bush chef.

Our Adventure tours include the following:

- All camping fees
- All park entry fees
- Guide fees
- Dinner daily
- Gift pack
2020 Tour Dates

PRESTIGE TOURS
Iceland Arctic Trucks Experience 14-21 March
Ultimate Kgalagadi Experience 13-25 May
Serengeti Fly & Drive Adventure 12-22 June
Luxury Okavango Delta Experience 27 June – 6 July
Shoebill Island Adventure 25 July – 8 August
Morocco Sahara Desert Experience 8-18 October

ADVENTURE TOURS
Ultimate Botswana Adventure 20-29 March
Kaokoland Expedition 10-26 April
Ultimate Kalahari Adventure 13-25 April
Richtersveld & Fish River Canyon Adventure 9-17 May
Khutse Game Reserve 12-16 June
Okavango Delta Adventure 26 June – 4 July
Hwange National Park 11-19 July
Mana Pools & Lake Kariba 31 July – 10 August
North & South Luangwa Expedition 23 Aug – 11 Sep
Molopo River Adventure 5-12 September
Northern KZN / Southern Mozambique 18-27 September
Baviaanskloof Adventure 10-17 October
Zambia Migrations Expedition 3-16 November
**ICELAND ARCTIC TRUCKS EXPERIENCE**

**Tour Date**: 14-21 March  
**Tour Cost**: R105 000 per person sharing  
40% single supplement

**Tour Details**
This once-in-a-lifetime experience should be on everyone’s bucket list. The thrill of driving your own modified Arctic Truck up glaciers, through frozen rivers and in the snow-covered highlands of Iceland will leave you breathless and wanting to go back over and over again. Each day is spent at a new hotel/lodge making sure that you get to experience everything Iceland has to offer with this being the best time of year to see the Northern Lights.

**Tour Highlights**
- Driving your own Arctic Truck  
- Spectacular arctic vistas  
- World class accommodation & meals  
- Driving in snow-covered mountains  
- Northern Lights

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**ULTIMATE KGALAGADI EXPERIENCE**

**Tour Date**: 13-25 May  
**Tour Cost**: R25 000 per person sharing  
R17 500 single supplement

**Tour Details**
The Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park is a wildlife photographer’s dream with its wide open spaces, red sand dunes and concentration of predators and birds of prey. The South African side of the park’s game viewing routes are in and around the two ancient riverbeds that run through the park, namely the Auob and Nossob. While the Botswana side of the park in Mabuasehube is made up of numerous pans which provide good grazing and hunting grounds for its wild inhabitants.

**Tour Highlights**
- Kielie Krankie Wilderness Camp  
- Spectacular vistas  
- Unfenced camping in Mabuasehube  
- Great predator sightings  
- Sunset game drive at Nossob camp

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**FULLY BOOKED**
Fly and Drive Serengeti Adventure

Tour Date: 12-22 June
Tour Cost: R89 000 per person sharing
25% single supplement

Tour Details
If there is one place you have to visit in your lifetime it is the Serengeti National Park to experience the annual wildebeest migration. You have all seen it on numerous documentaries on National Geographic but nothing compares to actually experiencing it first-hand. The vast plains of this magnificent wilderness will leave you breathless and leave you with memories to last a lifetime. On this tour we will fly in to Kilimanjaro and collect our fully equipped rental vehicles, we will start and end the tour in Arusha.

Tour Highlights
- Serengeti National Park
- The Great Migration
- Ngorongoro Crater
- Freedom of self-drive
- Wild unfenced campsites

Luxury Okavango Delta Experience

Tour Date: 9 – 17 July
Tour Cost: R48 500 per person sharing
25% single supplement

Tour Details
The Okavango Delta is a vast inland river delta in northern Botswana. It’s known for its sprawling grassy plains, which flood seasonally, becoming a lush animal habitat. After a scenic flight over the Delta we will make our way to various luxury lodges situated in the Delta where we will enjoy morning and afternoon game drives exploring this game rich area. There is no camping on this tour.

Tour Highlights
- Okavango Delta
- Scenic Flight over the Delta
- AM & PM Game drives
- Luxury Accommodation
- Great predator sightings
**Shoebill Island Adventure**

**Tour Date**  
25 July - 8 August

**Tour Cost**  
R37 500 per person sharing  
25% single supplement

**Tour Details**
Bangweulu, ‘where the water sky meets the sky’ is one of the world’s great wetland systems, comprising Lake Bangweulu, the Bangweulu Swamps and the Bangweulu Flats or floodplain. The African Shoebill rightfully claims its name as Africa’s swamp king. Shoebills are the ultimate fans of large, rich, dense marshes, wetlands, and swamps. This makes the Bangweulu swamps in Zambia the best place to them. We will also be visiting the beautiful Kapishya Hot springs where we will spend some time relaxing in the natural hot springs. We will then end this tour with a sunset cruise down the Chobe River.

**Tour Highlights**
- Exploring the Bangweulu swamps
- Searching for the rare Shoebill Stork
- Relaxing in natural hot springs
- Sunset Cruise on the Chobe River

**Sahara Desert Experience**

**Tour Date**  
8 - 18 October

**Tour Cost**  
R 55 000 per person sharing  
40% single supplement

**Tour Details**
The Sahara desert is the largest hot desert in the world, and the third largest desert behind Antarctica and the Arctic, which are both cold deserts. The Sahara is one of the harshest environments on Earth, covering 3.6 million square miles (9.4 million square kilometers), nearly a third of the African continent, about the size of the United States. We will be driving fully equipped 4x4 vehicles through Morocco exploring the Sahara and staying in authentic desert camps along the way. All accommodation is in hotels, lodges and luxury desert camps.

**Tour Highlights**
- Self drive in the Sahara Desert
- Authentic desert camps
- Spectacular desert vistas
- Riding a camel in the Sahara
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Ultimate Botswana Adventure

Tour Date: 20 – 29 March
Tour Cost: R12 500 per person

Tour Details
The tour name says it all. On this tour we will be visiting 3 of the most popular game viewing destinations in Botswana, Khwai, Savuti and Chobe National Park. These areas are well known for great predator sightings, bird viewing and beautiful landscapes. If camping in remote areas, with unfenced camps is something you have always wanted to experience, this is it.

Tour Highlights
- Khwai Community Campsite
- Savuti
- Chobe National Park
- Wild unfenced camping

Kaokoland Expedition

Tour Date: 10 – 26 April
Tour Cost: R15 000 per person

Tour Details
Kaokoland is one of the last remaining wilderness areas in Southern Africa. It is a world of incredible mountain scenery, a refuge for the rare desert dwelling elephant, black rhino and giraffe and the home of the Himba people. The topography in the south of the area is characterised by rugged mountains which are dissected by numerous watercourses, but north of the Hoarusib River the scenery is dominated by table-top koppies. Van Zyl’s Pass is the most notorious pass in Namibia and something every off-road adventurer should have on their bucket list.

Tour Highlights
- Van Zyl’s Pass
- Epupa Falls
- Marienfluss
- Desert Elephants in Puros
Ultimate Kalahari Adventure

Tour Date: 13-25 April
Tour Cost: R15 500 per person

Tour Details:
This is a new itinerary added to the calendar for 2020 and in our opinion, one of the best of the year. Visiting the Kalahari in April is the best time of year for game viewing with all of the game gathered on the lush plains after the summer rains. This combination of the Central Kalahari and Mabuasehube Game Reserves promises to deliver the ultimate Kalahari experience. We recommend getting your bookings in early for this one.

Tour Highlights:
- Game viewing in Deception Valley
- Predator encounters in Mabuasehube
- Unfenced campsites
- Unspoiled Kalahari wilderness

Richtersveld Fish River Canyon Adventure

Tour Date: 09 - 17 May
Tour Cost: R11 000 per person

Tour Details:
The Richtersveld National Park is a mountainous desert landscape characterised by rugged kloofs and high mountains. It offers great biodiversity and camping next to the Orange River is something that every adventurer should experience. This tour combines the Richtersveld with a visit to the Fish River Canyon, the second largest canyon in the world and the largest in Africa. After a long day exploring the dusty vistas you can cool off with a swim in the Orange River and rejuvenate your soul in the natural hot springs at Ai-Ais.

Tour Highlights:
- Richtersveld National Park
- De Hoop campsite on the Orange River
- Fish River Canyon
- Ai-Ais Hot Springs
Khutse Game Reserve

Tour Details

This little gem of a game reserve is perfect for a long weekend getaway so why not come and join us on this great bush breakaway to the magnificent Kalahari in Botswana. The 2,500 square kilometre Khutse Game Reserve was opened in 1971, on Bakwena tribal land. Prior to this date, due to the almost complete absence of surface water and the fragile vegetation, very few people lived in this area of undulating plains of dry Kalahari bush savannah.

Tour Highlights

- Kalahari wilderness
- Unfenced campsites
- Spectacular sunsets
- Predator encounters

Okavango Delta Adventure

Tour Details

The Okavango Delta (or Okavango Swamp), in Botswana, is the world's largest inland delta. The delta provides a seasonal habitat to numerous different species. Among these are Elephants, Buffaloes, Hippos, Lechwe, Crocodile, Lion, Cheetah, Leopard, Wild Dog, Spotted Hyena as well as over 400 species of birds. The Delta is a wildlife photographer's dream with spectacular sunsets and wildlife encounters second to none. You will also have the chance to experience the Delta from the air on a scenic flight as well as from the water in a mokoro

Tour Highlights

- Unfenced campsites in one of Africa's wildest destinations
- Prolific game viewing
- Spectacular sunsets
- Scenic flight over the Delta
- Mokoro excursion
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HWANGE NATIONAL PARK

TOUR DATE  11 – 19 July
TOUR COST  R15 500 per person

TOUR DETAILS

Hwange is one of Zimbabwe’s prime destinations as well as its largest National Park. With no natural water sources within the park all the game has to congregate around the numerous man made waterholes in the park. This provides spectacular game viewing opportunities and animal interactions. Hwange is home to 108 species of mammals, and over 400 bird species.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Large herds of Elephant
- Abundant wildlife at waterholes
- Diverse landscapes
- Great predator sightings

MANA POOLS AND LAKE KARIBA

TOUR DATE  31 July – 10 August
TOUR COST  R16 500 per person

TOUR DETAILS

This unique park is a World Heritage Site, based on its wildness and beauty, together with the wide range of large mammals, over 350 bird species and aquatic wildlife. Mana Pools is one of Zimbabwe’s most popular parks, and it is easy to see why it falls into this profile. Once you have experienced Mana Pools, you will understand what all the hype is about and will be longing to go back over and over again. Camping at Chitake Spring in the middle of the park and then along the banks of the Zambezi will engrain memories that you will cherish forever.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Camping on the banks of the Zambezi River
- Unfenced campsites with lots of animal encounters
- Prolific bird life
- Some of the best game viewing in Africa
- Lake Kariba
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North and South Luangwa

Tour Date: 23 August – 11 September
Tour Cost: R35 000 per person
Tour Details
North Luangwa is the wilder of the 2 parks. Cooksons Wildebeest and Crashay’s zebra can also be found in the area. South Luangwa is one of Africa’s finest wildlife destinations with the Luangwa valley being home to the largest density of leopard in the area. Game viewing along the Luangwa River is unprecedented and a wildlife photographers paradise.

Tour Highlights
• Wild unfenced campsite in North Luangwa
• Spectacular game viewing
• Prolific birdlife
• Kapishya Hot Springs

Mabuasehube Game Reserve

Tour Date: 22 – 29 August
Tour Cost: R10 500 per person
Tour Details
The Mabuasehube Game Reserve is located in the Kalahari Desert covering an area of almost 2,000 sq. km. The unforgiving desert terrain is characterised by high red dunes and scattered vegetation. In 1992 the reserve was incorporated into the Gemsbok National Park, and in 2000 it was also integrated into the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park. The reserve’s name is derived from the Senalonga language, and means “red earth”. The reserve was once home to the San people, sometimes called Bushman, and to small groups of inhabitants called Kgalagadi.

Tour Highlights
• Unfenced Camping
• Kalahari Landscapes
• Incredible predator sightings
**Molopo River Adventure**

**Tour Date**
5 - 12 September

**Tour Cost**
R9 500 per person

**Tour Details**
The Molopo River is one of the main and oldest rivers in Southern Africa and snakes its way through some of the most spectacular scenery the Northern Cape has to offer before disappearing into the Orange River. Starting at the source in Mafikeng we follow this ancient river’s 960 km course all the way to its mouth near Riemvasmaak. Along the way we will enjoy some great dune driving at Loch Maree and soak away our troubles in the natural hot spring at Riemvasmaak, one of the best camping spots you will ever experience.

**Tour Highlights**
- Follow the course of the Molopo River from source to mouth
- Spectacular scenery of the Northern Cape
- Driving the red dunes at Loch Maree
- Riemvasmaak

**North KZN and South Moz**

**Tour Date**
18 - 27 September

**Tour Cost**
R9 500 per person

**Tour Details**
Northern KZN and Southern Mozambique is a tropical paradise with some spectacular snorkelling destinations, great sand dune driving opportunities and pristine beaches. Lake Sibaya is home to the second largest population of hippo and crocodiles in the KZN Province and it serves as an important breeding, roosting and feeding habitat for a wide variety of bird species.

**Tour Highlights**
- Snorkelling at Cape Vidal and Kosi Bay
- Sand dune driving
- Birdlife at Lake Sibaya
- Untouched beaches
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**ZAMBIA MIGRATIONS EXPEDITION**

**Tour Date**
1-14 November

**Tour Cost**
R17 500 per person

**Tour Details**
Each year, Zambia plays host to 2 of the best kept secrets in the natural world. These 2 wildlife spectacles are only ever witnessed by the avid adventurer due to the remoteness of the areas in which they occur. Liuwa also forms part of a remarkable annual wildebeest migration route. Herds cover 200km from an area to the northwest of the park in June to concentrate in the southern region of the park by November. Up to ten million “straw-coloured fruit bats” converge upon Kasanka National Park as the fruits of a local tree ripen. These bats roost in a specific woodland and literally cover the trunks of the trees like thick icing. Then at sunset they all take off and fly out to forage. This experience should be on every offroad adventurer’s bucket list!

**Tour Highlights**
- Wildebeest migration at Liuwa Plain National Park
- Bat migration at Kasanka National Park
- Tiger fishing on the Zambezi River
- Sioma Falls

**Baviaanskloof Adventure**

**Tour Date**
10 - 17 October

**Tour Cost**
R9 500 per person

**Tour Details**
Baviaanskloof is a world heritage sight and is home to the biggest wilderness area in the country and is also one of the eight protected areas of the Cape Floristic Region. The Baviaans is the ultimate destination to experience the best nature has to offer in its purest form and life as it was intended to be lived.

**Tour Highlights**
- Addo Elephant National Park
- Baviaanskloof Nature Reserve
- Makkedaat Caves
- Camping at the mouth of the storms river

**Ultimate Adventures**
Terms and Conditions

• 30% non-refundable deposit required to secure booking. Balance payable 6 weeks before tour date
• Children aged between 6 & 12 years of age pay half price
• Children under 6 years of age are free
• Itineraries may change at our discretion depending on availability and size of group
• Tour costs subject to change due to exchange rate fluctuations
• Cancellations will only qualify for a 100% refund (not deposit) if cancelled 45 days or more before tour date. Cancellations within 45 - 30 days of tour date will forfeit 50% of amount paid. Cancellations within 30 days will forfeit 100% of fees paid
• Group sizes will be limited to a max of 10 vehicles. In certain areas this will be less
• VHF radios are compulsory on all 4x4 Self-Guided tours and can be hired from us
• No rowdy or unruly behaviour will be tolerated on our tours. We reserve the right to remove any individual from the tour that negatively affects the rest of the group
• No generators will be allowed on any of our tours
• No previous off-road experience is necessary as we provide on-going training/guiding on each tour
• All guide vehicles are fully equipped with all the necessary recovery equipment
• While travelling in remote areas, the guides will make every effort to create a safe and fun environment for you and your family
• All litter is to be carried with you as there are no dustbins in most of the wilderness areas visited
• Cross-border insurance is compulsory on all of our tours. Should you not have cross-border insurance, we can assist with recommendations and obtaining the correct insurance
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