

- **The Grand Rand Airshow**
- **Aviation Museums**
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**SPRINGBOK
CLASSIC AIR**

During our visit to the Republic of South Africa (RSA) and Zimbabwe you will experience the warm, yet professional hospitality of Captain Flippie Vermeulen and his crew. Pilot and owner of Springbok Classic Air, Flippie is a retired South African Airways Senior Captain on Boeing 747s and Airbus A340s, and currently captains a corporate Airbus executive airliner. He will be our host on this fabulous venture.

During our travels we have a ramp tour of Rand airfield; visit the War Museum in Saxonwold with its very interesting collection of aircraft; share some very important aspects of the history of South Africa at the Voortrekker Museum overlooking Pretoria; visit the second oldest air force base in the world, Swartkop, now home to the large number of aircraft in the excellent South African Air Force Museum; and attend one of South Africa's largest airshows - The Grand Rand Airshow - taking in the action either in the public area or, exclusively, from the balcony of Springbok Classic Air's own hotel: the "Dakota Lodge".



We fly around the RSA and to/from Zimbabwe in our very own DC-3 (pictured), routing:

- Rand – Pietersburg – Victoria Falls
- Victoria Falls – Bumi Hills
- Bumi Hills – Pietersburg – Rand Airport

Total flying time in the DC-3: 10hrs.

We stay next to one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World: the incomparable, majestic, Victoria Falls. Here you can relax and/or enjoy several exciting excursions, including those offered by the famous "Victoria Falls Steam Train Company": please see details on pages 7-9. Advance booking is essential to avoid disappointment. Please annotate your booking form if you wish us to book you a place.

In Zimbabwe we stay at the world famous, and luxurious, Bumi Hills Safari Lodge! There are several ways to go on safari with a professional guide: open vehicles (e.g. Land Rovers), on foot and by boat.

Our flights to/from Johannesburg are with British Airways from London's Heathrow Airport; transfers are by air-conditioned coach; and with our accommodation comes various meals as stated throughout the itinerary.

For those who prefer to join the tour in Johannesburg please see details of the special "Land Only" price on pages 5 and 12.

We make no apologies for the tour price! This is a superb, first class, tour – and to use a well-worn, but in this case a very apt phrase, this IS "the holiday of a lifetime"!

PROVISIONAL ITINERARY (all times local)

DAY 1: THURSDAY, 18th APRIL

Between 17:00hrs. – 19:20hrs. please check-in with British Airways in Terminal 5 at London's Heathrow Airport. Then meet your Ian Allan Tour Manager and fellow enthusiasts who will be standing by Column G, located in the Departures Hall immediately before the self-service check-in terminals and fast bag-drop desks. Latest check-in time is 19:20hrs..

→ London Heathrow Airport, Terminal 5

Flight: BA 57

Departs: 21:20

DAY 2: FRIDAY, 19th APRIL

→ Johannesburg

Arrives: 09:05

After the usual arrival formalities we will be transferred to the Dakota Lodge: Springbok Classic Air's, own three star, aviation themed, hotel at Rand Airport (pictured). Website: <http://www.springbokclassicair.co.za/page.php?15>



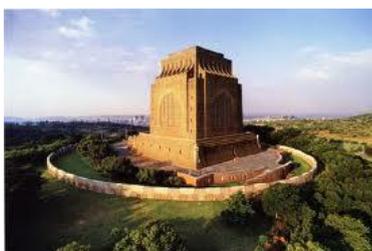
The remainder of the morning is free. Lunch, at your own expense, is available at the Harvard Café located next to the Lodge.

This afternoon we have a ramp tour around one of the oldest commercial airports on the African continent. Rand Airport is home to a wonderful collection of old aircraft, from the Tiger moth to one of the few surviving Douglas DC-4 Carvairs.

This evening we will be treated with a home cooked meal in the Lodge's dining room as the guests of Captain Flippie Vermeulen.

DAY 3: SATURDAY, 20th APRIL

This morning we enjoy breakfast in the Dakota Lodge's dining room; from the balcony there is a beautiful view of the whole of Rand Airport as well as the Johannesburg skyline,



We then drive north to Pretoria, to Tshwane, and the huge Voortrekker Monument: a unique cultural and historic attraction which draws some 200,000 visitors annually. It was built to commemorate the Voortrekker pioneers and their journey, known as "The Great Trek". It is located on a hill in the Voortrekker Monument and Nature Reserve, south of Pretoria and is a fitting tribute to the bravery and persistence of the Afrikaner pioneers, who embarked north on the Great Trek between 1835 and 1854, from the British-controlled Cape Colony. Lunch, at your own expense, can be taken here.

We then visit the South African Air Force (SAAF) Museum located on Swartkop air base. This is one of the oldest air force bases in the world, and the first airfield of the SAAF, which was facilitated by an Imperial gift for the services of the South Africans who served in the Royal Flying Corps during World War I. For details of the large number of fabulous aircraft (50+) in this excellent museum please go to their website: <http://www.saafmuseum.org.za/>. We will ask to see any aircraft currently undergoing restoration, and those in storage.

Returning to Rand Airport, the evening is free to enjoy at your own leisure. Evening meal is at your own expense and we recommend the famous Harvard Restaurant, ideally located next to the Dakota Lodge.

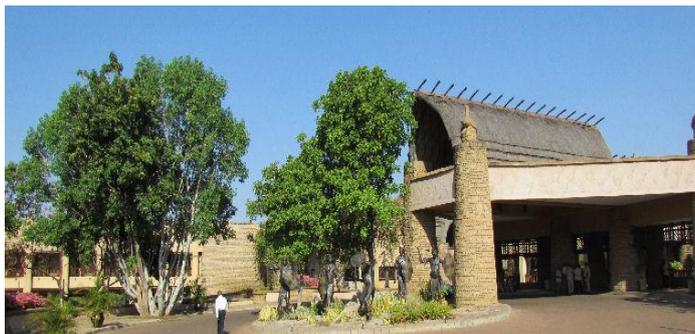
DAY 4: SUNDAY, 21st APRIL

After an early breakfast we board our DC-3 and at 10:00hrs. take off for Polokwane to clear RSA immigration; we then fly on to Victoria Falls. A snack lunch today is served on the aircraft. Estimated arrival time is 14:00hrs.. (Note: baggage on the DC-3 is strictly limited: see page 10 for details).

Please note that a Zimbabwe visa fee is payable on arrival at Victoria Falls. A Single Entry visa costs US\$30.00 and a Double Entry US\$45.00. If you purchase a Single Entry visa and then decide to leave Zimbabwe (by simply crossing from one side of the falls to the other), even for a few hours, you will need to buy another visa to re-enter Zimbabwe. We therefore recommend that everyone buys a Double Entry visa upon their arrival as this would be the cheaper option.

We transfer by coach to our hotel for the next 2 nights: The Kingdom Hotel, located within the Victoria Falls National Park and the Zambezi National Park.

This is a luxury hotel on the Zimbabwean side of the Victoria Falls, and the ideal choice for those who want comfort in an environment of natural beauty such as the Victoria Falls. The architecture of the hotel resembles that of the city of Munhumutapa, capital of an ancient civilisation in Zimbabwe. Accommodation is truly luxurious with all rooms being en-suite and equipped with air-conditioning, satellite TV, telephone, hairdryer, safe and tea/coffee-making facilities.



Facilities include a variety of restaurants: Whitewaters, Thundercloud Spur, the Burger Place, the Sweet Hut and Panarottis pizzeria; bars - Rapids Pool Bar, Quartermains Bar, Wild Thing Action bar, and the Pit; a casino with slot machines, Black Jack and American Roulette; 4 swimming pools; business centre; Internet café; and a spa and beauty parlour. Website: <http://www.kingdomhotelvictoriafalls.com/>

Adjacent is the world famous, Victoria Falls Hotel: the place where crews and passengers off the Imperial Flying Boats stayed overnight during the pre-war years services between the UK and South Africa!



The majestic Victoria Falls is visible and within walking distance of the hotel. Flippie and his crew will accompany and guide our guests to the Falls.

The first white man to see the Falls, David Livingstone, explored this land of potent beauty and discovered one of the seven natural wonders of the world. In his footsteps, only moments away from the mighty Zambezi River with the dramatic torrent of the Victoria Falls as its natural milieu, a magnificent Kingdom Resort has been created as a testament to his discovery and in reverence to the splendour of this World Heritage site. His statue is a short walk from our hotel.

Journey to this magical place and witness the greatest mass of falling water on Earth as it plunges down a sheer rock face, spraying its mystical mist hundreds of metres in the air. The awesome Victoria Falls is much closer to you here - literally on the doorstep of The Falls Resort - it feels as if you could reach out and touch it, as it plummets into the chasm far below.

The afternoon is at leisure. See below some of the various optional excursions and activities available.

Evening meal is not included in the tour price.

DAY 5: MONDAY, 22nd APRIL

After breakfast the day is free for you to walk in the rain forest and see the mighty Falls, and surrounding area, at your leisure. Some of the favourite activities are:

- See the lunar rainbow over the spray of the Falls
- High tea at The Victoria Falls Hotel
- Sundowners on the Zambezi River: the time honoured way to end the day in Victoria Falls
- Evening of traditional African food and music at The Boma restaurant

Among the optional excursions available are:

- A boat cruise on the Zambezi - excellent for photography
- Elephant Back Safari - i.e. take an elephant ride out into the bush
- Walk with the Lions - amazing experience
- White River Rafting - commonly known as the wildest of the wild in the world
- Bungee Jumping - from the second highest bridge jump in the world

And The Victoria Falls Steam Train Company: see pages 7-9.

Participating in any of the above are not included in the tour price.

DAY 6 - 8: TUESDAY, 23rd APRIL – THURSDAY, 25th APRIL

Returning to the airport by coach we take our seats on the DC-3 and take-off on schedule at 10:00hrs..

We will do a low level scenic flight all along the Zambezi River, through Devils Gorge, the southern shores of Lake Kariba, to the warm hospitality of Bumi Hills on the banks of the Zambezi, landing on the local airstrip at approximately 11:45hrs..

We transfer by coach to the Bumi Hills Safari Lodge which is situated on top of a hill approximately 32 miles south west of Kariba town. With the Zambezi escarpment as its backdrop, the well-known Bumi Hills Safari Lodge overlooks the foreshore below and the vastness of Lake Kariba.



The Lodge offers a variety of activities which include game viewing in open safari vehicles, on foot accompanied by a professional guide and by boat. The sunset cruise provides guests with wonderful photographic opportunities especially of the famous Kariba sunsets. Bird watching, hide sits and casual fishing are also available.

We stay in Bumi 3 nights and 2 days, during which you can enjoy not only the optional game drives, sunset cruises, but also the swimming pool, terrace cocktail bar and wellness spa - each with awe-inspiring vistas over the lake and the game-rich shoreline. The elegant main lounge is equipped with guest internet, wildlife DVD's, reference books, card and board games.



Payable locally, is the optional National Park entry fee; boat and game viewing options.

All meals (breakfast, lunch and evening meal) are included during your stay at the Bumi Hills Safari Lodge.

DAY 9: FRIDAY, 26th APRIL

This morning we take off from Bumi Hills at 08:00hrs. for Polokwane to clear RSA immigration and customs, before flying on to Rand Airport and landing around 13:20hrs.. A light lunch and soft drinks will be served on the aircraft.

Having checked in to the Dakota Lodge again the rest of the afternoon is at leisure.

This evening Captain Flippie Vermeulen will host a farewell dinner.



DAY 10: SATURDAY, 27th APRIL

After breakfast, we attend one of South Africa's largest and most popular airshows: The Great Rand Airshow. You are at leisure to wander around the static display area, and to watch the flying display from either the public area or the exclusive viewing area at Flippie's hanger.

Flippie will do his, by now, famous DC-3 flying display with either his daughter Petro or his son Peet as the co-pilot, both of whom are airline pilots.

Evening meal is at your own expense (in the Harvard Café?).



DAY 11: SUNDAY, 28th APRIL

At 10:00hrs. we depart for nearby Saxonwold, 30 minutes away, and the National Museum of Military History and its excellent collection of aircraft which includes rare examples of the only surviving dual seater Me 262 Nightfighter (pictured), Fw 190 Nightfighter, 2 Me 109's, Spitfire Mk IX, Hurricane Mk II, DH Mosquito, SE 5a, Hartebees, Douglas C47A, Mirage III, Impala Mark 2, Mirage FI and Blackburn Buccaneer (the flying brick). Website: <http://www.ditsong.org.za/militaryhistory.htm>

Returning to Johannesburg, we check-in at the airport for our British Airways flight back to London; latest check-in time: 16:20hrs..

✈ Johannesburg

Flight: BA 56

Departs: 19:20

DAY 11: MONDAY, 29th APRIL

✈ London Heathrow Airport, Terminal 5

Arrives: 05:15

Whilst waiting for our luggage we bid each farewell – until we meet again!

PRICE PER PERSON	TOUR: 227321
<p>From £ 4,375.00</p> <p>From £ 640.00</p> <p>From: £3,550.00</p>	<p>Package price based on sharing a twin bedded room on a bed and breakfast basis, with return flights from London</p> <p>Single room supplement</p> <p>Land-only (NO international long-haul flights to/from South Africa) <i>PLEASE SPEAK WITH ONE OF OUR CONSULTANTS BEFORE BOOKING YOUR FLIGHTS</i></p>

TOUR PRICE INCLUDES

- ⇒ Return scheduled flights from London Heathrow Airport with British Airways
- ⇒ UK & South African airport taxes, and UK Passenger Service Charge, currently £395.09 (subject to change)
- ⇒ 6 days charter of Springbok Classic Air's DC-3
- ⇒ Hotel and meals for Springbok Classic Air's crew
- ⇒ 9 nights accommodation sharing a twin-bedded room with private facilities
- ⇒ Breakfast each morning
- ⇒ Other meals as stated each day in the itinerary
- ⇒ All transfers and transportation by chartered air-conditioned coach, as stated
- ⇒ Admission to all aviation museums
- ⇒ Admission to the Voortrekker Monument
- ⇒ All game drives and game walks at Bumi Hills
- ⇒ Services of an Ian Allan Tour Manager

NOT INCLUDED

- ⇒ Departure tax of US\$50.00 at Victoria Falls: only payable locally
- ⇒ Zimbabwe Visa: required by all. Local purchase only on arrival Victoria Falls: see General Information
- ⇒ South African visa: not required by UK citizens: see General Information
- ⇒ Meals, other than those stated above
- ⇒ Optional activities at The Kingdom Hotel
- ⇒ Optional excursions/activities at Victoria Falls
- ⇒ Optional trips on The Victoria Falls Steam Railway Company & Victoria Falls Tram
- ⇒ Travel Insurance – see General Information
- ⇒ Personal expenditure, for example, telephone calls, laundry, drinks, etc
- ⇒ Gratuity for coach drivers: collected on tour

The Victoria Falls Steam Train Company



The Victoria Falls Steam Train Company was established in late 1996. It was a joint agreement between Zambia Railways and National Railways of Zimbabwe to allow a private operator to run historical excursions for tourists between Victoria Falls and Livingstone. The company has recently undergone remodelling and an exciting re-launch.

The refurbishments and upgrades add to the promise of creating exceptional experiences for all passengers and steam train enthusiasts alike.

They offer a variety of memorable trips across the historical bridge and into the neighbouring Zambezi National Park, all commencing from their base in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. Marvel at the most spectacular sunset in Africa aboard an authentic steam train while indulging in gourmet food and chilled refreshments. The train stops halfway across the bridge on every run, giving guests a breathtaking opportunity to wander along this impressive landmark or to relax in the luxurious lounging cars.

Journeys

Sunset Bridge Run

Embark on a magnificent 2-hour sunset trip across the Victoria Falls Bridge (pictured above), including drinks and gourmet canapés.

Depart from the Victoria Falls Station, (opposite the Victoria Falls Hotel), and sip on champagne while the train stops halfway across the bridge. Unwind in the luxurious lounging cars or stroll along the majestic bridge while experiencing unparalleled views of Victoria Falls and the turbulent water in the gorge below. This impressive trip will also take you briefly through the neighbouring Zambezi National Park.

The breath-taking sunset journey was voted by British Airways' Horizons Magazine as the 6th Most Spectacular Sun downers Spot in the World.

Price: 1st class ticket currently US\$80.00 per person including champagne, gourmet canapés & drinks.

Zambezi Lager Party Express

Embark on a scheduled Sunset Bridge Run and take a trip aboard the Zambezi Lager Party Express to the smoke that thunders. Climb aboard Zimbabwean heritage onto Carriage 264, a historical baggage van that was used on the old passenger trains on trips throughout Southern Africa. The carriage still houses the original safe that was used to safeguard valuables including those of royalty who were on their African journeys.



The carriage, with Zambezi Lager's help, has been converted into "A Party Like No Other", view the magnificent Victoria Falls through one of our four large viewing doors and have access to your own party bar. The party express is the most affordable activity in Vic Falls and your ticket price includes all drinks. What better way to celebrate the beginning or ending of your African journey, than enjoying Zimbabwe's own lager above one of the Seven Wonders of the World.

Price: currently US\$40.00 per person including all drinks and "A Party Like No Other".

Moonlight Dinner Run



An African bush dinner in Zambezi National Park will provide the venue for this unique dinner experience which begins in the same manner as the Sunset Bridge Run, by embarking on a sunset journey to the middle of the Victoria Falls Bridge. Savour chilled refreshments and gourmet canapés, stroll along the bridge, and relax in the elegant carriages as the sun sets over the magnificent Victoria Falls.

The slow, luxurious journey continues into the Zambezi National Park where one can partake in a romantic 3-course dinner under the African night sky or in the comfort of the timeless lounging cars. A roaring bonfire for cooler nights will keep away the chill, while a soft, cool breeze refreshes on warmer summer nights.

As the night progresses, you may wish to unwind to the gentle sounds of the night, or celebrate with a party under the stars. Whether a themed dinner with traditional African entertainment or the standard Dinner Run, the attentive hosts will ensure that your every need is tended to. Either way, this journey into wild Africa promises to be truly unforgettable.

Price: currently US\$170.00 per person, including Sunset Bridge Run, 3-course dinner, champagne & all drinks.

African Safari Dinner Run

This late afternoon journey begins with welcome drinks at the Victoria Falls station. Thereafter, experience a meandering journey into the Zambezi National Park in the timeless lounge carriages whilst being served gourmet canapés and champagne.



On our journey through the national park, your wild African Sunset will be complimented when your locomotive comes to a halt for the crossing of one of the big five or any other wild animals we may encounter. This will provide the photographic opportunity to capture the true African wild or that once in a lifetime shot.

Then as the African night sky takes over, passengers will embark on a culinary adventure complimented with traditional African entertainment and bonfires.

Price: currently US\$150.00 per person, including gourmet canapés, champagne, all drinks and a 3 course dinner.

Victoria Falls Tram

Daily Tram Journeys

We are pleased to announce the addition of a vintage-styled Diesel Tram to our luxury travel offering. The Tram offers an affordable travel alternative with all the 5-star elegance passengers have come to expect.

Enjoy a leisurely journey around Victoria Falls and its beautiful surrounds, with daily schedules including stops at Victoria Falls Bridge, rain forest transfers to various game reserves, bomas, elephant tours, lion walks and many exhilarating activities on the rail line south to Jafuta and Sekuti.

Perhaps travel a little further afield to Zambia, with runs from Palm Grove Siding (opposite the Royal Livingstone) and Livingstone Station, with plenty of exciting things to see and do on either side of the border.

Modelled after the open-sided Brill Trams of circa 1890, engineers have painstakingly retained the classic design, exceptional quality and traditional feel of a late 19th century Tram. An inboard bar and refreshment service will also ensure that guests' needs are always catered to.



The Tram seats approximately 32 passengers on 8 comfortable benches, 6 of which have flipped-over, tram-style seatbacks that allow passengers to enjoy the spectacular views in either direction. The Tram is able to attain a leisurely yet efficient speed of 25km/h, along with the necessary certification for night travel. Roll-down awnings protect passengers from any inclement weather, while two low-raiser, nonslip fixed steps along either length of the Tram allow for safe and easy alighting and disembarking.

Daily Tram Schedules and Prices:

Victoria Falls Tram Morning Bridge Tour: check in 09:45hrs., departure 10:00hrs..

Price: currently US\$60.00 per person

Victoria Falls Tram & Bridge Champagne Sunset Tour: check in 16:30hrs., departure 16:45hrs.

Price: currently US\$60.00 per person

Departure times are seasonal and may be affected by scheduled passenger/good trains.

Payment for Ian Allan Aviation Tours

A deposit of £300.00 per person should accompany your Booking Form, with the balance due 10 weeks prior to the tour's departure. Please see your Booking Confirmation/Invoice for the exact date. Please note that a reminder of the payment date will not be sent.

Passports and Visas

Citizens of the UK are required to be in possession of a Full UK Passport which must be valid for at least 6 months from the date of your return to the UK. UK and EU citizens do not require a visa to enter Norway. You may also refer to the World Travel Guide website: www.wtgonline.com for general information on passports, visas and health requirements.

Visas are not required by UK passport holders to enter the Republic of South Africa or Zimbabwe.

Non-UK and EU citizens should contact the South African and Zimbabwe Embassy in their country of residence for specific information and instructions.

FCO Consular Advice

The FCO's consular service is a major operation. Every hour of every day consular staff around the world are advising and helping British nationals. We suggest you visit www.fco.gov.uk/knowbeforeyougo for up-to-date passport, visa and security information on the destination you intend visiting.

In addition, the Association of British Travel Agents (ABTA) provide an Information Line, telephone: 0901 201 505 (calls currently charged at 51p per minute).

Baggage Regulations – British Airways – Departing from London's Heathrow Airport

Checked Baggage: British Airways will transport 1 piece of 'checked' baggage per person free of charge, the total dimensions of which must not exceed 190cm x 75cm x 65cm (75in x 29½in x 25½in), including the handle, pockets and wheels. Maximum weight is 23kg (50lb).

Cabin Baggage: for travel out of London's Heathrow Airport you may take 1 carry-on bag (and 1 personal item). Your main piece of hand baggage can be up to the dimensions of 56cm x 45cm x 25cm (22in x 18in x 10in), including handles and wheels. You must be able to lift the bag into the overhead locker unaided. Carry-on baggage must be stowed in carry-on compartments of the aircraft, under a seat, or in an overhead locker. Your bag must also fit into the bag gauge, available at the check-in area. All larger-sized items must go in the aircraft's hold.

Hand, or cabin, baggage is limited to one item no bigger than 25cm (9.85 inches) deep x 56cm (22 inches) long x 45cm (17½ inches) high, and which you must be able to lift unaided into the overhead locker onboard the aircraft, plus one 'personal item', i.e. laptop, briefcase, etc..

Baggage Regulations – Springbok Classic Air

Baggage on the DC-3 is strictly limited to 1 soft bag 26.5lbs (12kgs), plus a hand or camera bag not exceeding 6.6lbs (3kgs). Suitcases and any items of clothing not needed whilst we are away from Rand Airport can be stored in Dakota Lodge.

Limited quantities of liquids (individual containers must not exceed 100ml or 3.5 fl oz), are now allowed as hand baggage but must be carried separately through security in a clear plastic, zip-top or re-sealable bag that does not exceed 20cm x 20cm (8 inches x 8 inches), or quart size. Items must fit in the bag comfortably and the bag must be completely closed. Hand baggage can contain shampoo, suntan lotions, creams, toothpaste, hair gel and hair spray, perfumes, cosmetics such as mascara and lip gloss, water and other drinks, soups and syrups and other items of a similar consistency. Also prescription medicines in liquid form, e.g. diabetic kit.

Cigarette lighters are NOT permitted in hold baggage or through the security search. These may be purchased airside.

Hand baggage can also include electronic equipment including mobile phones, digital cameras and MP3 players (such as i-Pods). Laptops must be removed from the bag for x-ray.

At security all remaining items should be placed in the tray provided for screening, e.g. car keys and fobs, cash, solid food, books, newspapers, cigarettes and tobacco, belts and shoes. Pushchairs and walking aids are permitted but must be x-ray screened. All wheelchairs will be subject to search. Please note: you may be subject to a hand search by the security team and required to remove footwear to be x-ray screened.

Once in the departure lounge passengers may purchase certain items in any shop and take it onto the aircraft as normal. Passengers may be subject to a secondary search at the departure gate before boarding. Any items not on the approved list will be removed.

Baggage Weight Restrictions – UK Airports

Since 1st June 2004, any single piece of checked baggage weighing more than 70lbs (32kgs) has not been accepted at check-in by any airline operating from London's Heathrow Airport. The BAA may introduce this limit at their other airports in the UK (and so might non-BAA airports), in an attempt to reduce manual handling injuries amongst airport staff. Please bear this in mind when packing.

Meals

Meals are not normally included in the price of our tours unless they are included within the room rate as we realise that not everyone wants three meals a day. In-flight meals when included within the cost of the air ticket form part of the tour price.

Breakfast is included each morning in the hotels, plus other meals as stated each day in the itinerary.

Health Requirements

There are no known mandatory (compulsory) precautions for the regions of the Republic of South Africa and Zimbabwe we are visiting. However, we do strongly recommend that you consult your local doctor or health centre for the latest information.

Climate and Dress

South Africa: many visitors prefer to visit Johannesburg during early autumn, from March to April, as the climate is ideal for sightseeing in comfort and, outside of the main holiday periods, Johannesburg is likely to be less crowded. The temperature will range from highs of around 75°F to 54°F in the evening.

Victoria Falls: up to the end of April it is generally hot with highs between 32-34°C (90-93°F) and lows from 15-19°C (59-66°F).

We therefore recommend you also take summer clothing, with a jacket/cardigan for the cooler evenings.

Currency

South Africa: the Rand is the currency. It takes its name from the Witwatersrand, or *White-waters-ridge*, in English: the ridge upon which Johannesburg is built and where most of South Africa's gold deposits were found.

Zimbabwe: the use of the Zimbabwean Dollar as an official currency was effectively abandoned on 12th April 2009, when the Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe legalized the use of foreign currencies for transactions. Foreign currencies such as the South African Rand, Pound Sterling and the US Dollar are used instead.

We recommend that if you take traveller's cheques they are either in Pound Sterling or American Dollars.

Credit Cards

South Africa: automated teller machines (ATMs) can be found in most large towns, and all over the cities. ATMs are linked to all major international networks, and it is possible to draw currency from them. They accept Cirrus or Maestro cards as well as all major credit and debit cards, and you will not be charged any fees over and above those levied by your own bank.

All major credit cards can be used in South Africa, with American Express and Diners Club enjoying less universal acceptance than MasterCard and Visa. If you have a so-called "chip card", you will be required to enter your pin code. Pin-based debit cards are often accepted too. Remember to notify your bank in advance that you will be travelling abroad, or they might think your debits are fraudulent and could block your card.

Zimbabwe: is a cash society and the use of credit cards is almost non-existent. Visitors need to plan that their debit and credit cards will be unusable.

However, in Victoria Falls the major hotels, such as the **Kingdom Hotel** will accept credit cards for hotel expenses only. But, credit cards and debit cards cannot be used to obtain cash. Travellers to Zimbabwe must bring cash for all recreational activities. Recreational activities in Victoria Falls are usually managed by agencies independent of the hotels and these agencies do not have card facilities.

Travel Insurance

For citizens of the United Kingdom, Ian Allan Aviation Tours can provide competitive and comprehensive insurance cover for the duration of your tour. However, if you do not wish to take out our insurance, you must ensure that comparable or greater cover is taken. The number of your Insurance Policy should be written, if known, on your Booking Form at the time of making the reservation, but no later than the date when final payment is due. A copy of the policy must be forwarded to Ian Allan Aviation Tours.

Individual insurance policies are arranged through CoverMore Insurance Services Limited; the premiums for which will vary according to your circumstances. Full details are available on request.

Wheelchair Assistance at Airports.

Anyone requiring wheelchair assistance at airports must have this service requested and confirmed in advance. Airlines and/or airports can no longer provide this service without prior confirmation, therefore, please annotate your booking form accordingly.

Flexible Itinerary

We are very happy for enthusiasts to take time away from the printed itinerary to pursue their own interests, so long as they inform the Tour Manager. It will be the individual's responsibility to ensure that they re-join the group in the hotel at the stated time on the day of departure.

Land Only Price

For enthusiasts who would prefer to join the tour at Johannesburg Airport, instead of flying from the UK with the main group, we are happy to provide a 'Land Only' price on request. This price will *not* include flights to/from South Africa, but WILL INCLUDE the flights on the DC-3. Before you book any long haul flights you are strongly advised to contact us in the event that there has been a change to the published itinerary.

Please note that the 'Land Only' price is based on you meeting the tour as stated above and includes both arrival and departure airport transfers. Should you not travel with group, for whatever reason (e.g. delayed flight), we are unable to refund the cost of the transfers.

Flight Timings & Connecting Travel Arrangements to Departure Airport

All flight departure and arrival times are correct at the time of preparing each itinerary; however, airlines may change these times with little or no prior warning. In practice such changes are only a few minutes either way and the final itinerary will show the actual times. Clients making their own arrangements to get to the departure airport by air, rail, coach etc., should bare the above in mind if purchasing non-refundable or non-changeable tickets. Ian Allan Aviation Tours cannot be held responsible for any changes to flight times and any privately arranged travel tickets to the airport becoming invalid.

Pre-departure

For connecting flights from UK regional airports - please call Ian Allan Aviation Tours on 01932 255625 for the latest special offers available.

Airport Hotel and/or Car Parking - we can offer special rates for the above at most UK airports, please ask for details.

Meet & Greet Car Parking: from your home or overnight hotel, simply drive directly to Terminal 5, towards the "Pick-Up and Departure" point; as you go up the ramp, you will see a sign for "Short Stay Car Park", on your right-hand side. Follow the signs, keeping in the left-hand lane marked "Fast track

Business Parking". Drive to the barrier, take a ticket, and then park in Zone L-M the special 'valet parking' area. Here you will be met by a chauffeur and your car will then be taken to an off-airport, secure, car park while you walk the few yards to the lift and go through into the terminal! On your return the chauffeur and your car will be waiting for you at the same place you dropped it off. Simple and very convenient. Recommended by our Tour Managers – please call for details.

Pleasure Flights – Disclaimer

Should you decide to undertake any pleasure/sightseeing flights which have not been offered or sanctioned by us; Ian Allan Aviation Tours will not be held liable for any injuries or death resulting thereon.

Tours Affected by World Events or Unforeseen/Unplanned Circumstances

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