



# SAMPLE ITINERARY: VICTORIA FALLS MARATHON

One of the most thrilling and scenic races in Africa, the Victoria Falls Marathon offers runners the unique chance to run through a National Park and World Heritage Site with one of the seven natural wonders of the world as their background.

It is the best way to set yourself a challenge while seeing breathtaking landscapes, the mighty Victoria Falls, and perhaps even glimpse some wildlife on the way! We'll celebrate your success with a sunset cruise on the Zambezi River and a 3-day safari in wildlife-rich Chobe National Park, home to thousands of elephants and many other big game species.







## **DAY ONE**

### ARRIVE AT VICTORIA FALLS AND MEET THE TEAM

Arrive at Victoria Falls Airport and transfer to Victoria Falls Safari Lodge. Enjoy uninterrupted views of spectacular sunsets at the on-site watering hole and meet the team over a welcome dinner.

You will be briefed about the adventure ahead while getting to know your running mates!

# **DAY TWO**

### **TOUR VICTORIA FALLS**

Morning visit to the spectacular Victoria Falls, one of the natural wonders of the world. At 1.7 kilometres long and 100 metres high, it is the world's greatest sheet of falling water and a breathtaking sight of awe-inspiring beauty and sheer power.

In the afternoon, join one of many optional tours and conclude your day with a group dinner back at the hotel.

# **DAY THREE**

### DAY OF LEISURE AND RACE PREP

Today you have a chance to rest and stretch for the big race tomorrow. No activities are booked today but can be easily arranged upon request.







## **DAY FOUR**

## THE BIG RACE!

Wake up refreshed and ready to tackle your challenge! The full marathon (42.2 km) and the half marathon (21.1 km) will lead you through the town of Victoria Falls, over the border into Zambia and, as you cross the bridge, you will see the full majesty of the Falls and the gorges below. The route returns to Zimbabwe and continues through the outskirts of town and along the Zambezi River. There is a chance of seeing game and National Park staff will be monitoring the route. The finish for both races will be at the Community School along the Kazangula Road. Regular water points are provided.

The 7.5km Fun Run follows a different route - from the same start, it heads downhill, turning left on Zambezi Drive, passing the big tree and some lovely scenery along the river. You may even be lucky to see some game! From there the route heads back up to the finish at the school on the Kazangula Road.

Celebrate your successful accomplishment with a sunset cruise on the Zambezi River. You will get to view hippo and crocodile as well as an abundance of birdlife.

Continue the evening festivities with a traditional Boma Dinner. The Boma nestles in a Gusu Forest and is partly open to the spectacular African night sky. Enjoy a night of entertainment with Shangaan dancers, singers and a local witchdoctor who is available for fortune telling.







## DAYS FIVE-SEVEN

### WILDLIFE SPOTTING IN CHOBE NATIONAL PARK

The next three days are teeming with wildlife adventures as you head to Chobe National Park, a safari-lover's Mecca. With over 75 species of mammals, including tens of thousands of elephants, and over 450 species of birds for bird enthusiasts, you'll have plenty of opportunities for spectacular sightings. Enjoy guided game drives while staying at Cresta Mowana Safari Resort and Spa, searching for giraffe, buffalo, lion, leopard, cheetah and bushbuck.

Other activities available in Chobe include:

## **River Boat Cruise**

Explore the Chobe River by boat and get an introduction to the various animals and bird species that frequent it. Witness the sheer beauty of the African sky at sunrise or sunset as it gradually changes color and animals approach the water to drink - a truly magical moment.

## **Fishing**

The abundance of fish in the Chobe River provides fishing aficionado with the opportunity to try their hand at tackling the infamous Tiger Fish, or anticipating the bite of the timid tilapia.

# DAY EIGHT

### **DEPARTURE**

Transfer to the airport for your departure. You also have the option to customize an extension to your trip in the region.

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