

Namibia, Botswana & Zimbabwe Overland (30 Days)



Expedition cost £4100 pp and includes:

- International flights (rtn)
- 2 Venture Force expedition leaders
- 2 School teacher leaders (fully funded- excluding vaccinations)
- Emergency Operations room (24 hr coverage)
- Leader's International communications pack - Sat phone, PLB, SPOT messenger system, In-country mobile phone.
- Tried & tested comprehensive travel insurance
- In-country agent support
- Team T- shirts & heavy duty travel bags
- Overland truck home and transport

Activity Phases

- Cheetah Wildlife Conservation Project
- Interactive Community Project - Okavango
- Wildlife Safari – Etosha National Park
- White Water Rafting – Zambezi
- Victoria Falls visit
- 2 x Day Canoe Safari – Okavango Delta
- 4 x Day Naukluft Mountain Trek
- Sossusvlei National Park visit

Aims and Objectives:

The specific aims and objectives of this expedition will be agreed between the school and Venture Force but will embrace the goals and ethos of the School/College whilst reflecting the philosophy of Venture Force.

Expedition Content:

Student development;

Our overland expeditions are specifically designed for student development. On arrival in-country VF teams are handed the itinerary & budget and are expected to manage the expedition themselves. Our leaders and teachers facilitate teams, watching over safety and budget management. Progressively teams take more and more responsibility over day to day tasks – learning from both success and failure! Our overland trucks offer the perfect medium for development, taking teams wherever and whenever they wish but also providing facilitation reviews at every stage. Expeditions offer differing phases designed to challenge and inspire students, no matter their individual strengths and ultimately molding them into a cohesive and motivated team. Ideal attributes for any employer!

Wildlife Safari Etosha, Okavango Delta;

Namibia, Botswana and Zimbabwe are home to remarkable and rare species. Huge areas of land are set aside as peaceful and protected lands for wild animals. It's a wonderful opportunity for our students to see animals in a wild setting. Our Overland trucks provide an ideal and safe platform from which students witness animals in their natural environment. Our adventure will take to the Etosha National Park and Okavango delta.

White Water Rafting:

Venture Force consider rafting as an essential team building tool, not just a fun adventure! Teams descend the mighty Zambezi from the very foot of the magnificent Victoria Falls working as team to navigate the world class rapids through stunning gorge scenery. Great for team building – without working together you won't get too far!

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Cheetah Conservation Project:

Venture Force consider project work an essential component of a well structured expedition, drawing on the enthusiasm, ingenuity and hard work of the team all to the benefit others. The Cheetah has long since been hunted into near extinction and the sanctuary provides both protection and re-integration for the Cheetah but also essential education for those wishing rid of this beautiful creature.

Okavango Delta:

The Delta is one of the most beautiful areas on our planet, where storm waters enter a natural bowl but never leave. The annual flood creates a stunning green oasis where animals & plants flourish among the myriad tiny islands. Escorted by local experts teams are paddled into the delta, camping on one of the many small islands where they will be treated to local dancing, food, entertainment and wildlife foot safaris. The visit will not only enlighten students, but in turn support local communities whose very existence depends on the preservation of this natural wonder.

Sossusvlei Sand Dunes:

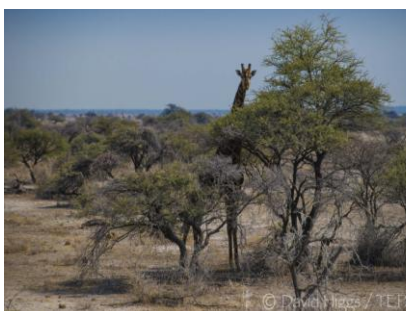
Over many years winds from the Southern Atlantic have formed largest and most beautiful dunes that you'll ever see. Teams visit the dunes to walk in this heaven amongst amber and crimson sand blown into the most beautiful and massive formations. Sunset and sunrise are a sight to behold!

Community Project:

A major part of the Venture Force ethos dictates that we undertake community projects only if they tackle 'real life' problems for the host community. We don't travel thousands of miles to paint a wall and leave with a smile! Projects are thoroughly researched ensuring that they're worth-while but also interactive. Our students leave projects knowing that they have helped others but also knowing more about the lives of people from different cultures, religions and backgrounds. Global Citizenship!

Trekking Phase:

The Naukluft Mountains provide the ideal opportunity trekking opportunities. Although guided and accompanied by our experienced VF mountain leaders, teams will navigate through these beautiful mountains, choosing campsites, cooking their meals and literally carrying their home on the backs. Another great team building tool!

**Safety**

Safety is one of the cornerstones of all Venture Force Expeditions. Our norm is to provide two experienced and qualified expedition leaders supported by two school teachers (2 X 2) whose focus is the pastoral welfare of the team. We value the work of the teachers who are a vital and integral part of the leadership team. The entire expedition is monitored all day and everyday by our Emergency Operations team and is covered by fully comprehensive insurance (inclusive of medical repatriation cover) purchased by us.

Expedition cost does not include:

Vaccinations (approx £200). Venture Force try hard to provide a true cost for the expedition. However where vaccinations are concerned our hands are tied. We recommend that at an early stage you visit your travel clinic, taking along our itinerary, for professional advice.

Personal Equipment: In an effort to keep cost to a minimum our kit list is based around what the average person will already have. We arrange an evening presentation either at the school or at an outdoor clothing outlet for advice and an idea of expected cost. There is no pressure for clients to purchase items from the outlet.

Visa: Only required for Zimbabwe at US\$50 or arrival

Overview:

By immersing students in an environment that is challenging both physically and mentally we encourage them to reflect on their skills, personality and strengths and to address any areas where change may be needed.