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Cruise Details

Name:	Stars of South Africa
Reference:	AMAZQ270503ZS
Operator:	Ama Waterways
Cruise Type:	River
Cruise Rating:	Luxury
Ship:	Zambezi Queen
Regions:	Chobe
Departs On:	30 Apr 27
Departs From:	Cape Town
Arrives On:	14 May 27
Arrives At:	Kruger National Park
Cruise Nights:	14
Total Vacation Days:	15

Itinerary

Day 1: Cape Town (South Africa)

ARRIVE IN CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA. Situated amidst majestic mountains and lined with pristine beaches, Cape Town has a rich cultural heritage with extraordinary attractions. After being greeted at the airport by an AmaWaterways representative, transfer to your Cape Town hotel. Get to know your Tour Director and fellow travelers at the Welcome Reception. (WR)

Arrives On: 30 Apr 27

Day 2: Cape Town (South Africa)

CAPE TOWN. Embark on a full-day exploration along one of the world’s most stunning routes, taking you past the 12 Apostles, Hout Bay and Chapman’s Peak. Stop at the Cape of Good Hope, first rounded in modern times in 1488 by the Portuguese in their attempt to establish trade in the Far East and still a significant landmark for sailors today. Visit Boulders Beach, home to thousands of African penguins, and then be treated to lunch with drinks overlooking beautiful False Bay.

(B,L)

Arrives On: 01 May 27

Day 3: Cape Town (South Africa)

CAPE TOWN. Take a cableway up to Table Mountain followed by a trip to the Cape Winelands where you'll visit two of its best vineyards, complete with wine tasting. A delicious lunch will be included along the way. You also have the choice to explore another side of Cape Town at famous Robben Island, once used as a prison for many political inmates, including Nelson Mandela. Ferry over to the island where you will take a tour led by a former warden. Back in Cape Town, enjoy lunch, and then visit the colorful historic Bo Kaap neighborhood before boarding the cableway to Table Mountain's summit. (B,L)

Arrives On: 02 May 27

Day 4: Cape Town (South Africa)

CAPE TOWN – VICTORIA FALLS, ZIMBABWE – ZAMBEZI QUEEN – EMBARKATION. In the morning, transfer to the airport for a flight to Victoria Falls. Here, you will be transferred to the Chobe River that forms the border between Botswana and Namibia. Then board tender boats that will take you to the Zambezi Queen moored on the Namibia side of the river. Settle into your stateroom, enjoy a mid-afternoon snack, and in the evening, be treated to a Welcome Cocktail Reception and Dinner. (B,D)

Arrives On: 03 May 27

Day 4: Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe)

Arrives On: 03 May 27

Day 5: Chobe National Park (Botswana)

ZAMBEZI QUEEN. Embark on an exhilarating, morning boat safari to explore the Chobe River's diverse game viewing. Afterwards, return to the Zambezi Queen for lunch. As the Zambezi Queen cruises along the Chobe River, relax on board in the afternoon and enjoy what nature has to offer. Be sure to spend time in the splash pool or perhaps catch-up with your favorite book. Later in the day, revel in panoramic view with another thrilling boat safari. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 04 May 27

Day 6: Chobe National Park (Botswana)

ZAMBEZI QUEEN. Join a full-day safari of Chobe National Park in open-top 4x4 vehicles. For lunch, take a seat under the trees and savor a delicious picnic. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 05 May 27

Day 7: Chobe National Park (Botswana)

ZAMBEZI QUEEN. Visit a typical African village where you'll spend time with the village children as well as its elders. Back on board and following lunch, you'll have a choice to take a boat safari, bird watch or fish. Enjoy your last evening aboard with a festive African- themed dinner hosted by your crew. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 06 May 27

Day 8: Kasane (Botswana)

ZAMBEZI QUEEN – DISEMBARKATION. Disembark your cruise in Kasane. (B)

Arrives On: 07 May 27

Day 8: Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe)

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Day 9: Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe)

VICTORIA FALLS. A local guide will take you on a tour of the awe-inspiring Victoria Falls. You'll learn about its history, and the flora and fauna that make this area so unique. In the evening, embark on a private sunset cruise along the Zambezi River. Relax on board as you observe a variety of game while enjoying a delicious mix of tapas with drinks, followed by a special dinner with live local entertainment at the hotel. (B,D)

Arrives On: 08 May 27

Day 10: Johannesburg (South Africa)

VICTORIA FALLS – JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA. Fly to Johannesburg. Transfer to the Fairlawns Boutique Hotel with its parklike setting and wonderful Spa. (B)

Arrives On: 09 May 27

Day 11: Johannesburg (South Africa)

JOHANNESBURG. Get an in-depth look at Soweto's unique neighborhoods, the center of the uprising against the apartheid state. Walk the footsteps of Nelson Mandela, followed by a lunch at Sanctuary Mandela, savoring one of Mandela's favorite meals cooked by his former at-home chef for lunch. Before dinner, gather with a local expert for an informative discussion and afterwards enjoy a multi-course dinner. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 10 May 27

Day 12: Kruger National Park (South Africa)

JOHANNESBURG – KRUGER NATIONAL PARK AREA. Fly to Greater Kruger National Park in the morning where you'll be transferred to your luxurious game lodge. During the afternoon, set out on a game drive in search of the country's "Big Five" and other native wildlife. Spend your first night and every night, if you wish, gathering with fellow travelers, sharing stories of the day's adventures. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 11 May 27

Day 13: Kruger National Park (South Africa)

KRUGER NATIONAL PARK AREA. The early morning is the perfect time to go on safari as the wildlife is prolific. Your open-air vehicle provides the ideal way to explore your private game reserve, located just a stone's throw from the game-rich Kruger National Park. The rest of the morning can be spent enjoying the facilities at your lodge. Later in the afternoon, you'll go on another game drive deep into the bush, where you may encounter South Africa's top predators: cheetahs, hyenas and lions. (B,L,D)

Arrives On: 12 May 27

Day 14: Kruger National Park (South Africa)

KRUGER NATIONAL PARK AREA. Go on two exhilarating game drives today, as well as enjoy ample leisure time to relax and enjoy your game lodge. (B,L,D)

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Day 15: Kruger National Park (South Africa)

KRUGER NATIONAL PARK AREA – JOHANNESBURG. Be treated to an early-morning game drive before returning to the lodge for breakfast. Afterwards, transfer to the airport for your flight to Johannesburg for your connecting flight home or extend your journey with four nights in magical Rwanda. (B) Note: Please do not schedule your onward flight before 4:30 p.m

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Day 15: Johannesburg (South Africa)

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