

AFRICAN PRIDE





Hello and welcome to African Pride.

I am extremely proud to present our latest edition packed full of the inspirational delights and wonders of Africa & the Indian Ocean.

2024 will see us celebrate our Silver Anniversary and in looking back to those very early days it is amazing to see how much has remained constant – the African wildlife, the scenery and the people, but most of all the love and passion we all have for Africa and all it has to offer.

Over the years, we have developed strong and long-lasting relationships with our partners and suppliers across Africa. They have allowed us into their world and like us, their sole focus is to deliver the very best African experiences for you.

This brochure showcases what we consider to be some of the best experiences that Africa has to offer – but it is by no means the whole picture. Our expert, passionate and highly-skilled team are specialists at putting together the very best itineraries with each one being a unique, tailored journey exclusively for you.

Whatever your African holiday dream is, let African Pride make it a reality.

Liz Hall

Co-owner & Managing Director

“Our safari to Kenya was absolutely amazing. The lodges, the guide, the service and of course the spectacular scenery and wildlife were absolutely incredible. Truly a holiday of a lifetime for all of us. The holiday was incredibly well organised. Thank you so much for all your help in putting this together.” Mr R

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How we plan a holiday

We'd love to help plan and make your holiday dream a reality.

How we tailor-make your holiday

Your choice of holiday and safari to Africa & the Indian Ocean will be unique to you. Using our extensive knowledge, experience and passion for Africa built up over many years, we are perfectly placed to tailor your personalised itinerary.

Up to date knowledge & personal experience

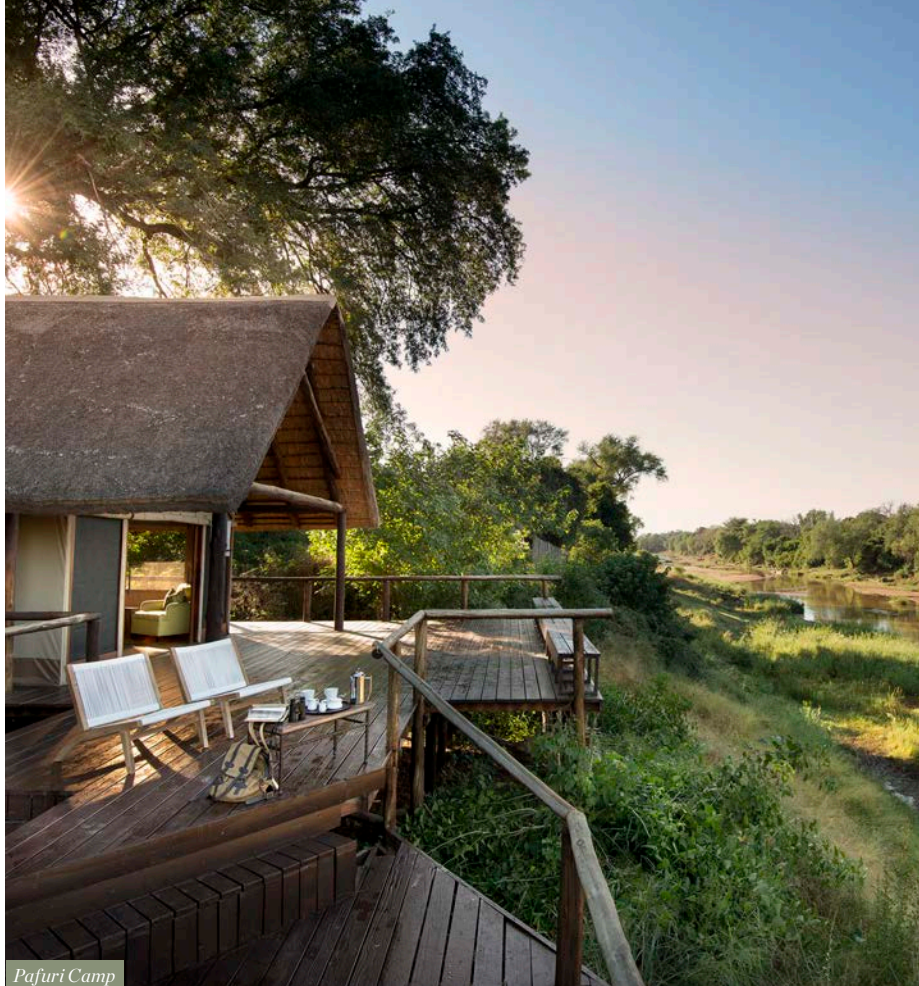
Our team aim to visit Africa many times each year, ensuring that our knowledge is always up to date on our long-established accommodation favourites and the newer choices. We have won awards – for the personalised service we deliver, for the quality of the product we offer, and are highly respected for the knowledge we share.

How to choose where to go?

The range of African & Indian Ocean destinations on offer is vast and covers all tastes. There is something for everyone. Choose which destinations or experiences you'd like and our friendly team will help you design your ideal holiday.

We understand your requirements

To understand what you want from your holiday, we like to talk to you or your travel agent in depth. We'll find out what you like and what your preferences and expectations are, what style and standard of accommodation you like and your preferred mode of transport. Using this knowledge, our experience and impartiality, we'll craft a holiday that suits you perfectly.



Pafuri Camp



“We had an amazing holiday thanks! It was super from start to finish. It was a really lovely holiday making memories that we will treasure always!! African Pride did us proud.” L-A & K.





Onguma Dream Cruiser

“African Pride were so helpful to tailor make an itinerary for us to meet our wish list of private safari driver, places to go on safari, tented lodge experience on safari, and luxury along the way. We got all of that and more with the itinerary. The warm welcome we received, quality of the accommodation throughout was amazing especially the tented lodge in the Serengeti, it was a unique and special experience.” The L Family



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Delivering the best value for money

On the day we start to prepare your holiday, we will use the latest deals and offers available to provide you with the very best price for your holiday. We have access to hotel special offers, great airfares with leading airlines and are a British Airways Appointed Operator.

The little extras

You may be travelling for a special celebration or simply fulfilling a lifelong dream to go on safari. Whichever it is, we have a wealth of experience to suggest places, experiences and hidden gems which will be the highlight of your holiday that you’ll be talking about for years to come!

We’ll be there when you need us

Before your trip we’ll provide you with practical advice to ensure your trip runs smoothly. We provide detailed and informative travel documents on the whole itinerary. While you are travelling, we operate a 24/7 helpline should the need arise.

Ensuring your holiday peace of mind

All our holidays are checked for quality and safety standards. In addition, travel arrangements are financially protected with either the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) under ATOL number 11344 or for those arrangements without scheduled flights by way of an insurance policy. Please refer to our Terms & Conditions for full details.

Awe-inspiring Wildlife

When it comes to wildlife Africa never ceases to amaze and inspire, with spectacles, encounters and experiences creating memories to last a lifetime.

The Big 5 in the Wild

Lion, leopard, buffalo, elephant and rhinoceros. Seeing these incredible, and increasingly endangered, animals in their natural habitat is an experience that's guaranteed to excite all the senses – listen to a lion's deep, thrumming roar, watch a leopard stalk its prey, smell the unmistakable odour of an elephant in musth. In nature, nothing is ever guaranteed, but we have travelled extensively, we know which parks and reserves offer the best experiences and we love to share our knowledge and passion for safari.



The Great Migration

Head to the *Masai Mara* or the *Serengeti* where the stage is set for this unique spectacle. It's an ongoing cycle, hundreds of thousands of wildebeest and zebra following the rains to pastures new. Where you'll find them depends on the rain, and that can be unpredictable, but our years of experience will help steer you in the right direction.



Mountain Gorillas & Chimpanzees

The rainforests of *Rwanda* and *Uganda* are home to these remarkable primates. Trek through forested hills in search of lively chimpanzees or spend a truly unforgettable hour in the presence of a gorilla family, watching youngsters playing under the ever watchful eye of the Silverback. Chimpanzees can also be found in Tanzania's *Mahale Mountains*.

Whale Watching

Southern Right whales migrate each year to the waters off *South Africa, Kenya, Mozambique, Madagascar* and *Mauritius*. You can see them from the sea, from the air and even from dry land – South Africa offers some of the best land-based whale watching in the world. We'll share our tips on when to go and where to stay – in some of our hotels and lodges, you can even spot the whales from the comfort of your room.



Captivating Meerkats

They may be tiny but these highly sociable creatures are utterly fascinating. Watch as they emerge from the burrow, one taking the role of sentinel as the others warm up and embrace the day. Ask us for our meerkat recommendations in *South Africa* and *Botswana*.



Encounter Lemurs

To see these engaging primates in their natural habitat it has to be *Madagascar*. Over a hundred lemur species exist only on the island. They can be found in many of the national parks and reserves and come in all shapes and sizes, from the largest Indri lemurs who can reach the size of a small child to the tiny mouse lemurs, the smallest primates in the world.



What to Expect On Safari

'Safari' is the Swahili word for 'journey'. A safari holiday is a journey of discovery, from the moment you set foot on African soil to the moment you leave. Every experience will be unique, no two wildlife sightings will be the same. If you are about to embark on your first safari (or even if you've been before), here are our tips on what to expect.



Early Mornings

There's no avoiding them, it's the coolest part of the day and animals, especially the nocturnal hunters, will be on the move before it gets too hot. Typical safari days start with a wake up call around 05.00hrs - 05.30hrs. Typically, you'll have 2 game drives a day, lasting anything from 2-4 hours depending on what you see. The second game drive goes out in the afternoon, as the heat of the day fades and animals begin to stir, returning to camp in time for dinner.

Connect With Nature

We find that for the brief period of time you are on safari, you are 100% connected with the wildlife around you and very engaged in the present moment, a privilege in our modern world.



Wrap Up Warm

Early mornings (and evenings) can be extremely chilly, but it will soon warm up as the sun rises, so we suggest you take plenty of layers. It's handy to be able to layer up or down as required. There's no need to be head-to-foot in khaki, but we do recommend comfy clothes in neutral colours. We provide a helpful packing list with all our holidays.

Bumpy Roads

You'll often be driving on dirt tracks, and on private reserves and conservancies you might enjoy some great off-roading – all part of the fun.



Be Patient

There may be long periods of time where you'll be scanning the landscape for the next sighting, but you'll be rewarded. Your ranger will help you to understand and experience everything there is, from the smallest dung beetle to the herd of elephants!

Feel Some Fear

Expect an adrenalin rush as a leopard casually pads past your vehicle or a lion yawns revealing his teeth. This is nature at its rawest, sometimes it can shock, sometimes it's heart-warming. It's all part of the experience.

Be Prepared

Take a light waterproof jacket for an unexpected shower, always have spare camera batteries and expect the unexpected, anything can happen!



Listen to Your Ranger

They are highly trained in animal behaviour and understand the environment. They are there to give you the very best experience, safely. They need to know that you will respect the environment and listen to their safety briefings. Trust them too when they whisk you away from the baboons you were watching – they know the baboons will be there tomorrow, but that pride of lions they've just heard might be a one off. And never be afraid to ask any question, the interaction with your guide enhances the whole experience.



Don't expect to have it all to yourself

Other people will be enjoying similar wildlife experiences, however in the private reserves the number of vehicles at each sighting is well controlled.

Specialist Safaris

Africa offers the most incredible, all-round safari experiences but if you have an interest in a particular species, a conservation experience or an activity that you want to explore in more depth, it delivers that too. And if you want to explore your interests in more depth, speak to us about a private guide, we are experts at finding guides who feel as passionately as you do.

Cameras at the Ready

Africa's landscapes and wildlife are perfect subjects for even amateur photographers. If photography is a skill you would like to enhance, we'd suggest you consider a *photographic safari*, where the vehicle is specially adapted and the guide is trained in both anticipating animal behaviour and in assisting you. Some camps even have photo labs where you can review your images and receive expert tips and guidance.



Birding Safaris

Africa's birdlife is extraordinary and is everywhere! Colourful carmine bee-eaters return in their thousands to breed in Zambia's *South Luangwa* in July and August; the Shoebill, with its pre-historic looks, can be found in Zambia's remote *Bangweulu Swamps* or in areas of Uganda's *Queen Elizabeth National Park*. The birdlife in Botswana's *Okavango Delta* is phenomenal with a sighting of the Pel's fishing owl high on most visitors' wish lists. Migrant bird species arrive in the southern hemisphere from November to March and we will happily recommend areas for the best birdwatching experiences.



Golf Safaris

South Africa has a number of exceptional championship courses around Cape Town, the Winelands and the Garden Route. Golf enthusiasts should speak to us about the special golf journeys offered by **Rovos Rail** with the opportunity to play on 5 courses. **Mauritius** has a variety of excellent courses too and in **Kenya** you can cross the equator, teeing off in the northern hemisphere and finishing in the south.



Smell the Flowers

Head to South Africa's **Namaqualand** or **Cederberg Mountains** in spring, when the ground is covered in a vibrant carpet of flowers. Or add a botanical safari at **Grootbos Private Nature Reserve** into your itinerary. Part of the unique **Cape Floral Kingdom**, over 900 plant species have been recorded here and enthusiastic guides will bring the fynbos and forest to life.

Silent Safaris

Many camps are introducing **electric vehicles**, which takes the game drive experience to a whole new level. With no engine noise to disturb, you can really tune into the sounds of the bush, the wildlife is more relaxed and your guide can listen out for alarm calls that often signal some thrilling interactions. **Solar-powered boats** enhance a river cruise too as they glide smoothly and silently along.

Bats in Their Millions

Each November up to 10 million straw-coloured fruit bats converge on Kasanka National Park in **Zambia** to feast on the fruits of a local tree. Witness this extraordinary phenomenon from a hide set 60 feet up on a tree top. Watching the bats disperse as dusk descends is simply spectacular.



Your Specialist Safari

These are just a small selection of the specialist safaris we are able to organise for you. Looking for something else? Speak to our team of expert consultants, who will be more than happy to help.



Giraffe Manor

Dine With Giraffes

Enjoy a bucket-list breakfast with the Rothschild's giraffes at Nairobi's *Giraffe Manor* (very early booking essential!), or have an equally exciting close encounter at the neighbouring giraffe sanctuary.

Unique Experiences

Ever wanted to kiss a giraffe? Or fly over the Serengeti in a hot air balloon? Africa excels in unique, one-of-a-kind experiences. Whether it's a visit to a meerkat colony at dawn, trekking with camels or sleeping under the stars, our experienced consultants can ensure your holiday is full of memorable experiences that will last a lifetime.



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Meet the Meerkats

These utterly captivating creatures can be seen at *Tswalu Kalahari* and *Gorah Elephant Camp* in South Africa or at 3 of Botswana's iconic camps – *Jack's Camp*, *San Camp* and *Camp Kalahari*.



Up, up & Away

Soar above some of Africa's most spell-binding scenery in a *hot air balloon*. Speak to our consultants about balloon trips in the *Serengeti*, the *Masai Mara* and over *Namibia's spectacular dunes*.

Sleep Under the Stars

Whether you choose a romantic star bed, a sleep out experience in the wilderness, or even sleeping above your safari vehicle, a *romantic sleep-out adventure* will be a night to remember! Sleep-outs are not just for couples either, families can enjoy the experience at *Loisaba Star Beds* in Kenya or The Malori at *Tswalu Kalahari* in South Africa.



Lion Sands

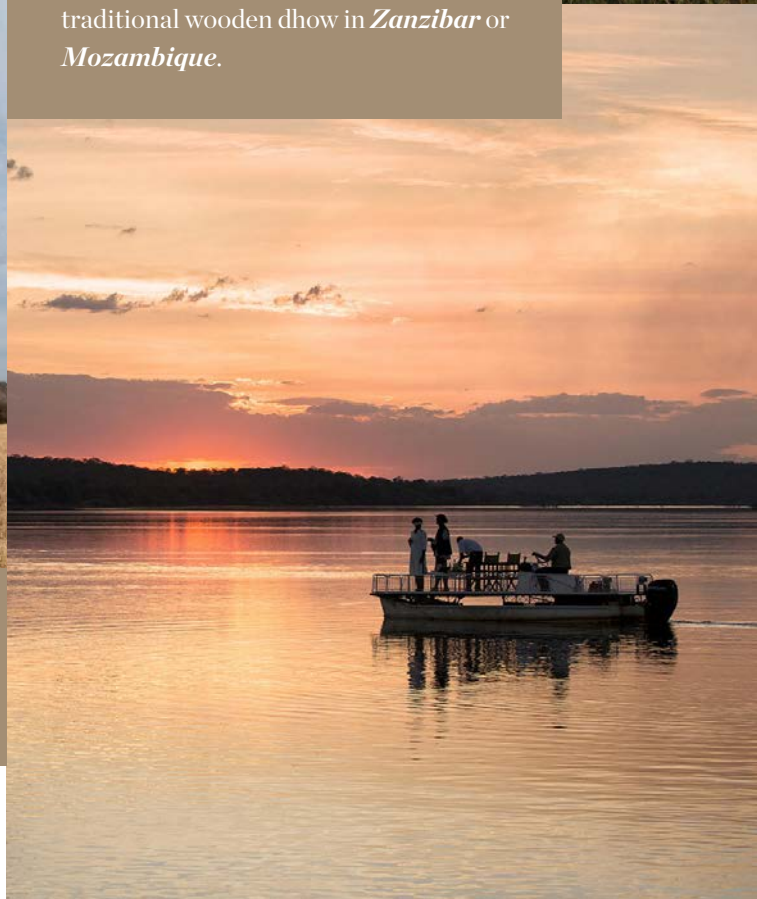
Sunset Sails

Sail into the sunset in style along the *Zambezi River*, take a sundowner boat trip on *Lake Malawi* or set sail on a traditional wooden dhow in *Zanzibar* or *Mozambique*.



Walk With Camels

Trek through pristine wilderness in *Laikipia*, Kenya accompanied by your own camel train.



Natural Wonders

Africa's unique landscapes, bio-diverse wetlands, plains, forests, mountains and coasts are some of the most spectacular natural wonders of the world.

Victoria Falls

With a curtain of water almost two kilometres wide, a drop of one hundred metres and spray that can be seen for miles, it's no wonder that Victoria Falls, straddling *Zimbabwe* and *Zambia*, is one of the seven Natural Wonders of the World.



Table Mountain

The views from the top of Cape Town's famous landmark are breath-taking. It's up to you whether you hike up with a mountain guide or take the cable car straight to the top, but we suggest you leave enough time for a good walk around and take plenty of photos.

Kilimanjaro

The *highest mountain* in Africa and an adventure that sits at the top of many bucket lists. It's a tough climb to the summit but as the sun rises and the views unfold, you'd be forgiven for thinking you were on top of the world.



The Okavango Delta

A Delta that doesn't flow into the sea is most definitely a natural wonder – and *Botswana's Okavango Delta* is also the 1,000th World Heritage Site. The wildlife viewing here is superb year round while nothing quite beats gliding silently through the reeds on a traditional mokoro canoe and seeing the world from a different perspective.



Towering Dunes

Deep in the *Namib Desert* you'll find some of the world's highest sand dunes. Huge drifts of sand rise up to 350 metres, their red and orange colours contrasting with the cracked white salt pans at their feet and the bright blue skies. *Sossusvlei* is perhaps the finest example.

Incredible Canyons

Blyde River Canyon in South Africa's Mpumalanga province is one of the largest canyons in the world. Take a moment to visit when you're in the Greater Kruger area and see for yourself how the viewpoint 'God's Window' got its name. When in Namibia, head south to *Fish River Canyon*, renowned for its dramatic scenery, deep gorges and rugged rock formations.

The Tsingy of Madagascar

These remarkable '*forests*' of limestone form a landscape like no other. Over millions of years, water has eroded the limestone plateaus, forming sharp pinnacles and gorges which in turn have become home to flora and fauna found only on Madagascar.



Underwater Worlds

Africa's natural wonders extend beneath the water too, with coral reefs that teem with colourful fish and an array of marine life. Popular spots include the *Bazaruto Archipelago* in Mozambique, beautiful *Lake Malawi* and *Watamu Marine National Park*, just off the Kenyan coast.



Ngorongoro Crater

Tanzania's famed crater is on most people's bucket list, and rightly so as it houses the *greatest concentration of wildlife* in Africa.

Which natural wonders are on your wish list?

Ask the friendly African Pride consultants to create a unique tailor-made experience to take in the wonders you wish to see.



Atolls & Islands

The Indian Ocean has more than its fair share of idyllic islands. Larger islands like *Zanzibar*, *Mauritius* and *Madagascar* combine coastal activities with cultural or wildlife experiences. For pure escapism and blissful relaxation look towards the *Seychelles*, *Fanjove*, *Pemba* or the islands of *Mozambique*.



Coastal Scenery

Tucked in between the mountain and the sea, we think *Chapman's Peak*, between Cape Town and the Cape of Good Hope, is one of South Africa's most scenic coastal drives. There are magnificent coastal views to be enjoyed too along the famed *Garden Route*, while on the tiny island of *St Helena*, sheer cliffs crash into the ocean, simply spectacular.

Coastal Adventures

Whether it has been shaped by rough Atlantic rollers or lapped gently by the Indian Ocean, Africa's coastline is both dramatic and divine.



Beautiful Beaches

Africa has beaches for everyone. Beaches where you can watch whales migrate, turtles lay their eggs, surf on the dunes or catch a wave to the shore. There are *blue flag beaches* in South Africa and a host of pristine coastal reserves. In stark contrast, Namibia's Atlantic coastline is windswept and dramatic, the beaches of the *Skeleton Coast Park* strewn with bleached whalebones and rusted shipwrecks.



Whale Watching

Africa's oceans offer some of the best whale watching opportunities in the world. From July to October, large numbers of *Southern Right whales* head to the warmer waters of the Indian Ocean just off the South African coast. Majestic *humpbacks*, known for their acrobatic displays of breaching and tail slapping, can be spotted on their annual migration off the shores of Kenya, Mozambique or Madagascar.



Underwater Discoveries

Beneath the surface there is much to explore. Many of our coastal resorts offer PADI-certified *dive courses*. If you prefer to stay in shallower waters, there are plenty of colourful *coral reefs* to explore with a snorkel too. And in the waters of the Knysna lagoon you may even spot an endangered *Knysna seahorse*.

Marine Life

The Atlantic and Indian Oceans play host to a wide variety of marine life. You may be fortunate enough to swim with a pod of *spinner* or *bottlenose dolphins*, snorkel with the *Cape fur seals* or kayak among a colony of *African penguins*. Between May and July, South Africa's Wild Coast hosts a truly unique marine migration: the *sardine run*, where vast shoals of sardines migrate north, a frenzy of predators following in their wake.





Desert Adventures

If you think of deserts as nothing more than vast expanses of sand, we'd encourage you to think again, Africa's deserts are as diverse as they are fascinating.



Colourful Dunes

In the *Namib Desert*, you'll find some of the highest sand dunes in the world. Huge drifts of sand rise up to 350 metres above sea level, their red and orange colours shifting as the sun rises, in stark contrast to the blue skies above and the cracked white salt pans at their feet. Soar over this sea of sand on a scenic flight or a hot air balloon to fully appreciate the scale.



The Living Desert

Far from being barren wasteland, desert ecosystems support life that has adapted to the harsh environment. Geckos, lizards and chameleons live in the sands of the *Namib*, while oryx, jackals and bat-eared foxes may be spotted around the dunes. The *Kalahari Desert* is home to colonies of meerkats.



Starry Skies

Star-gazing in the clear desert skies is exceptional. The *NamibRand Nature Reserve* is the only Dark Sky Reserve in Africa. Here you can sleep under a blanket of stars on a deck above your tent or in a lodge where the rooms have retractable skylights positioned right above the bed. A sleepout on the *Makgadikgadi Pans* in Botswana, an area so remote that there is no light or sound pollution, is a once-in-a-lifetime experience.



Desert-adapted Animals

Namibia's *desert-adapted lions* are lighter in colour and more slender in build to cope with the searing heat; *the desert elephants* have larger feet to walk on sand and longer legs than their bush counterparts, travelling long distances in search of food.



Tswalu Kalahari



Exceptional Dining in the Desert

Surrounded by the red sands and green grasses of the *Kalahari*, South Africa's first Michelin-starred chef and the talented team at *Tswalu* have created a one-of-a-kind culinary adventure. A modern dining experience that fuses storytelling, sustainable food and a unique setting beneath the desert sands.



A Bird's Eye View

For a truly unique perspective on the African landscape, take to the skies. From on high you get a bird's eye view of some remarkable scenery and a real sense of size and scale.



Fly-in Safaris

Flying into your safari destination is the quickest way to get around and see multiple areas, especially when the distances involved are vast. Flying over the orange-red dunes of *Sossusvlei*, along the dramatic *Skeleton Coast*, over the plains of the *Serengeti* or the watery expanse of the *Okavango Delta* adds a whole new dimension to the safari experience. Often the flights will be on light aircraft, flying low enough for you to spot wildlife on the ground.



Unique Experiences

How about removing the doors of the helicopter, allowing you *uninterrupted views* of the incredible landscape and wildlife below? Or dipping down onto a palm-fringed island with a bottle of chilled champagne, to pop an all important question? Or perhaps a flight over a vast expanse of desert to spend a romantic night under the stars? We know *special places* where all these are possible, and more! Ask our team for their recommendations.



Hot Air Balloon Trips

Gliding silently over the *Masai Mara* or the *Serengeti's* plains as the sun rises is a magical start to any day. Equally impressive is watching the changing colours of the sands from your balloon as the sun rises over the *Sossusvlei* dunes.

Helicopter Tours

Scenic helicopter flights – or ‘heli flips’ as they are often called – offer a unique perspective on some of the continent’s greatest sights. Who could fail to be impressed by *Victoria Falls* when seen from the sky, especially when the Zambezi River is in full flow and the Falls are at their most spectacular? A short flight from *Cape Town's* waterfront will reward you with a whole new take on Table Mountain, Robben Island, the 12 Apostles mountains and the beaches of Camps Bay.



Getting there & back

We work with all the main airlines and are a *BA Appointed Operator*. Ask our team about upgrading your flights to premium, business, first class or private charter. We can organise this for as few or as many of your flights as you wish and your preferred spend allows.



Arrive in Style

Upgrade your arrival – or departure – with a helicopter transfer and enjoy the views at the same time. We can arrange for you to arrive in style on an island in *Mozambique*, your riverside lodge near *Victoria Falls*, at a remote camp in *Botswana* or at your resort in *Mauritius*.



The Freedom of the Road

Travelling around Africa by road is a wonderful way to see the country up close, to experience the exotic sights, sounds and smells and to connect with the local communities you meet along the way.

Self-drive Road Trips

Experience the joy of the open road and the freedom to stop when and wherever you want on a self-drive holiday. We will help plan your itinerary, provide directions and book all your accommodation in advance, leaving you free to enjoy the scenery, stop at a viewpoint or head towards a fabulous beach. *South Africa* and *Namibia* are great countries for road trips.

Letaka Mobile Camp



Private Guided Safaris

If you want to explore by land but would rather someone else did the driving, we would suggest a private guided safari, with an experienced guide who will also double as your driver. This is our recommended way to explore *Tanzania*, *Madagascar*, *Kenya*, *Rwanda* and *Uganda* but we can arrange driver/guides in *South Africa* and most other countries too.



Small Group Tours

Travel with a small group and a driver/guide who knows the roads and can bring the destination to life. Enjoy sociable evenings with your fellow travellers. Group sizes vary according to the tour, our team will be happy to advise. We offer group tours in *South Africa, Namibia, Botswana, Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda.*

Adventure Tours

We offer a range of adventurous, overland tours which can be a great way to immerse yourself into Africa, visiting *multiple countries* in one trip. You will explore with like-minded travellers in a purpose-built vehicle. Most tours are available with camping or accommodated options.





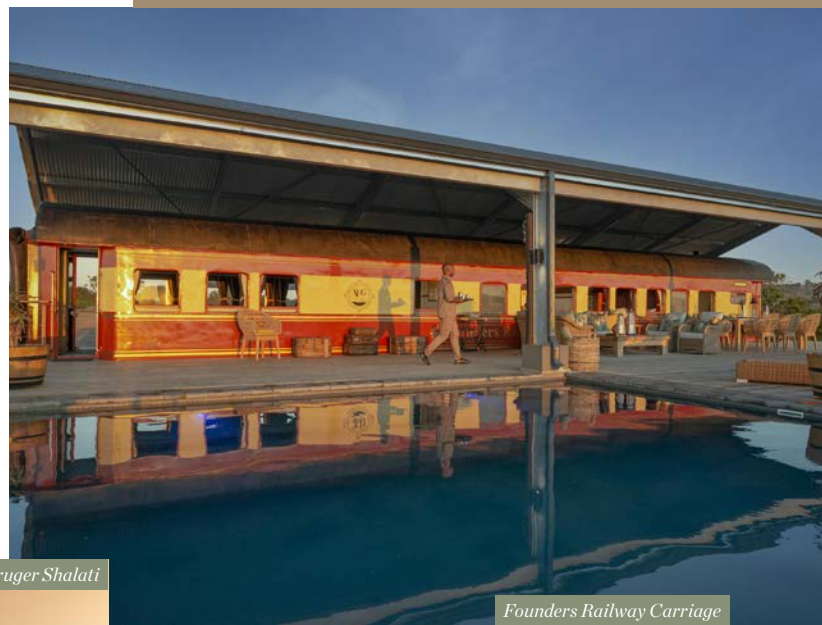
Rovos Rail

Rovos Rail

Rovos Rail fully deserves its reputation as one of the most luxurious trains in the world. We love the elegance of the beautifully restored carriages, crystal glasses and crisp white linens. Travel between *Cape Town* and *Pretoria* or further afield to *Victoria Falls* or *Namibia*. Golfers, please enquire about the *African Golf Collage*, a journey through South Africa and eSwatini with golf included at a number of courses along the way.

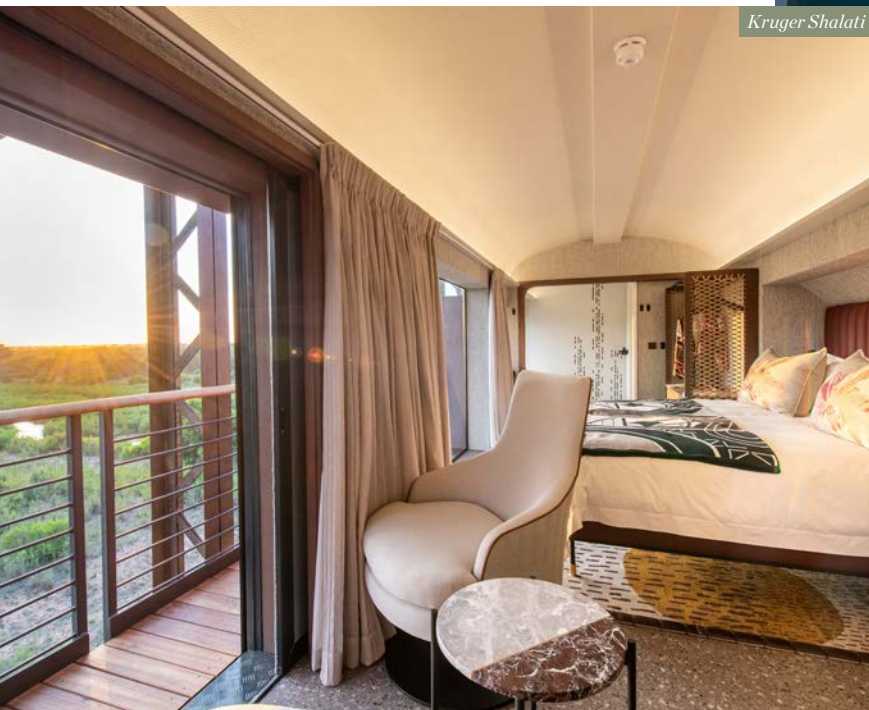
Travel by Train

Travelling in style on one of South Africa's iconic trains conjures up memories of the golden age of travel. We can include these epic rail journeys in your tailor-made itinerary and can suggest some other rail options you might not have thought of too.



Kruger Shalati

Founders Railway Carriage



Sleeper Trains

For something completely different, why not sleep on board a stationary train? The *Kruger Shalati* 'Train on the Bridge' offers luxuriously converted rooms on a train that is parked on a bridge in Kruger National Park. In South Africa's Eastern Cape, the *Founders Railway Carriage* is stationed atop a hill and accommodates 5 guests. With its outdoor deck, boma and pool, it's a great choice for families.

Elephant Express



All aboard the Elephant Express!

A transfer with a difference! Guests staying at Camelthorn and Bomani camps in *Zimbabwe* can hop aboard the Elephant Express en route to *Hwange National Park*. Lunch is served in the one-of-a-kind game viewing railcar as it sets off along the park's eastern border, stopping to admire any wildlife encountered en route.

The Madaraka Express

Relax in first class comfort and enjoy the scenery on Kenya's express train from *Nairobi* to *Mombasa*. Or follow a safari in *Tsavo National Park* with a train ride to Mombasa and some time on the beach.

Africa Coast to Coast

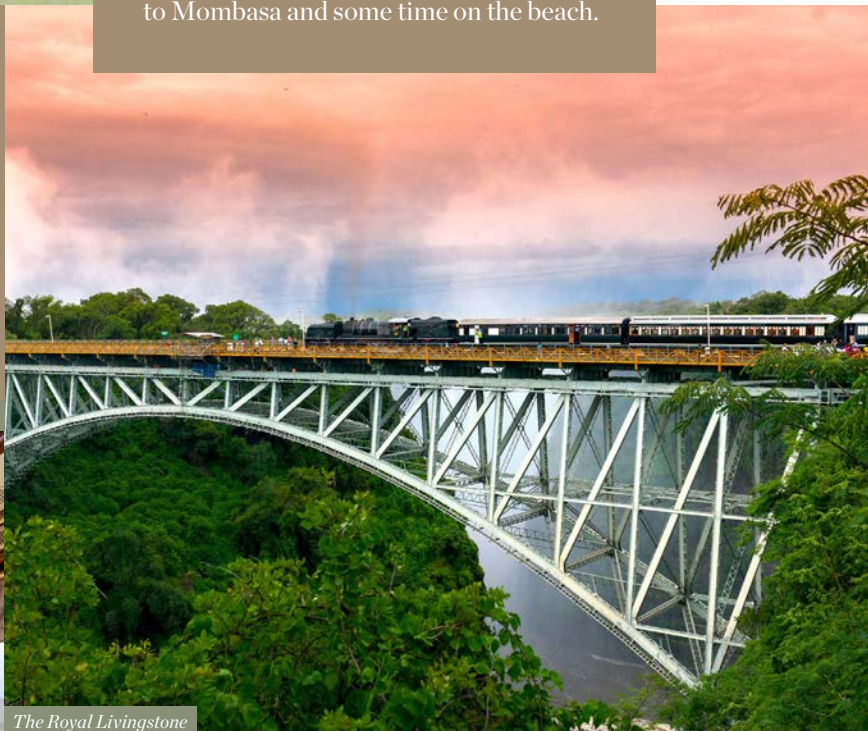
One truly iconic journey is the Rovos Rail *'Trail of Two Oceans'*. The train sets off from the Tanzanian capital, *Dar-es-Salaam* on the continent's east coast and travels 4,300km over 15 days, to finish in *Lobito*, an Angolan harbour town on the west coast. The trip also runs in the opposite direction.

The Blue Train



The Blue Train

The Blue Train offers modern, air-conditioned comfort and elegance. Relax with afternoon tea in the lounge car and enjoy the 24-hour butler service as the train traverses South Africa between *Cape Town* and *Pretoria*.



The Royal Livingstone

Wining & Dining

The best views of *Victoria Falls* are from the Victoria Falls Bridge, so take a trip on the *steam train*, watch the sun set over the Falls and enjoy a 5 course dinner on board. And while it's not strictly a train, a fun way to explore some South African vineyards is to hop aboard the *Franschhoek wine tram*, a combination of trams and buses that links many of the local vineyards.

Aquatic Adventures

With an extensive coastline, world-renowned rivers, lakes and wetlands of international importance, it comes as no surprise that so many of Africa's adventures take place on the water.

Ocean Cruising

The combination of an African safari and a *luxury cruise* is an irresistible one. We have partnered with some of the best cruise lines currently sailing around the African coast and will tailor-make your land arrangements to compliment your cruise experience. Give our team a call to discuss who's sailing where and when.



River Cruising

Spend a few nights on board a stylish houseboat on the *Chobe River* and experience a different kind of safari. The uninterrupted views of the wildlife from the river are quite extraordinary.



Zambezi Queen



Watersports

Imagine *paddle-boarding* among a colony of African penguins, *snorkelling* with seals or *kayaking* along peaceful lagoons. We can arrange *deep sea fishing* off the Kenyan coast or tiger fishing on the Zambezi River. Many of our Indian Ocean beach resorts offer a range of *watersports* too.

As the Sun Sets

What could be more romantic than a *sunset cruise*? Whether it's along a world-renowned river with elephants drinking at the banks, on a gorgeous lake, in the peace and calm of the Okavango Delta or on a traditional dhow sailboat off an Indian Ocean island, we are confident it will be a sundowner to remember.



Whales & Dolphins

Take a boat trip from the South African coast between July to November when the migrating *Southern Right whales* are in the area, or if you're in Kenya, go searching for *humpback whales* who frequent the waters between June and November. *Dolphins* can often be seen along the African & Indian Ocean coastlines and love to ride alongside a boat or cruiser.

Island Hopping

Explore the *Seychelles* on a mega yacht, dropping anchor in secluded ports, exploring on land and snorkelling in crystal clear waters. Speak to us about our 3, 4 and 7 night cruises.



Step by Step

Africa's wilderness areas and national parks are perfect outdoor playgrounds. Natural environments that excite all the senses and deliver a rush of adrenalin. Not to mention some world famous mountains to conquer too.

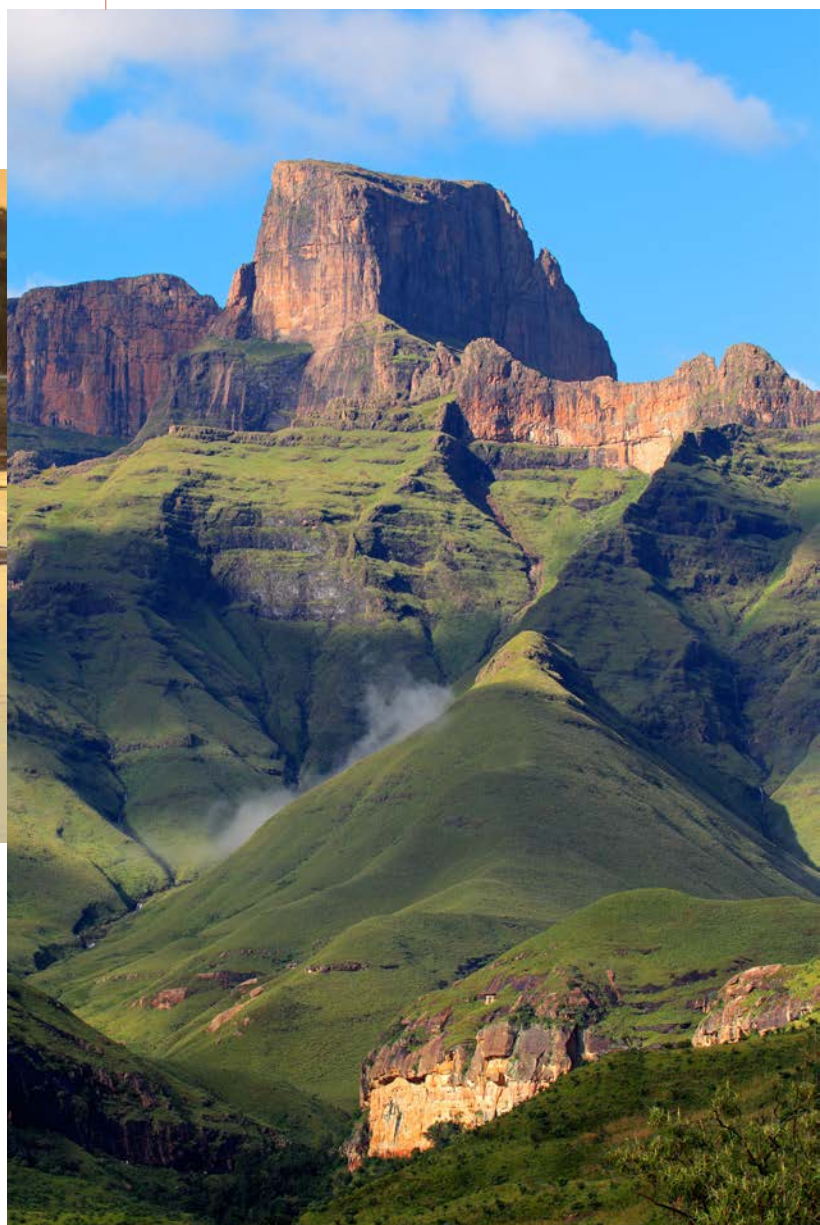
South Africa's Mountains

Ascending *Table Mountain* by foot can be steep in places but worth the effort, especially with a trained mountain guide. Take a picnic, don your walking boots and head into the *Drakensberg Mountains* in KwaZulu-Natal where there are many scenic trails to explore. A walk among the sandstone outcrops of the *Cederberg Mountains* will reveal ancient rock art paintings dating back more than 10,000 years.



Africa on Foot

Getting close to Africa's wildlife is a thrilling experience. Whether you're exploring the astonishing biodiversity and exquisite landscapes of the *Kruger* or trekking through *Zambia's* sun-baked parks, being on foot heightens the senses and connects you with nature in a primal way. In *Tanzania* and *Kenya*, expert guides will lead you off the beaten track and into areas of pristine wilderness.





Climbing Kilimanjaro

Reaching the summit of *Africa's highest mountain* is an adventure that sits at the top of many bucket lists. A number of routes lead to the top of *Mount Kilimanjaro*, some more challenging than others, and the final ascent is tough – but the sense of achievement is priceless. If you prefer a shorter climb, we suggest Tanzania's second highest mountain, *Mount Meru*.



Guided Walking Tour

Join a small group of fellow walkers on a *15 day guided walking tour*, taking in South African highlights such as the *Blyde River Canyon*, KwaZulu-Natal's famed *battlefields*, the *Drakensberg Amphitheatre* and a day of walking in the hills of neighbouring *Eswatini*.

Conquer a Sand Dune

Climbing up one of Namibia's massive sand dunes can be a real test of endurance, but the views from the top are utterly worth the effort.



Camel Treks

Camel trains have long been used as a form of transport. In the hills and valleys of northern *Kenya*, we offer a specialist *camel safari*, where the camel train is the only traffic for miles. A wonderful way to explore the wilderness on foot.



Family Time

Africa is a great adventure for children with its fascinating wildlife, awe-inspiring natural wonders and colourful people. Keeping the whole pride happy, including children, parents and grandparents is the key.

What age is best to take children on safari?

Many lodges will only accept children from 8 years, or sometimes 12 years plus. For lodges that accept younger children but don't permit them to go on game drives, activities such as making pizzas with the chef may be as much fun as watching giraffes!



Health & Safety for Families

The choice of safari area will depend on whether anti-malarials are recommended and if the family is happy to take them. Child seats or booster seats do not always come as standard in Africa. We can make the required arrangements with our ground suppliers.

Exclusive Family Spaces

Exclusive-use houses and villas are a great option for families, especially multi-generational ones. We know some special places in the finest locations – contact us to find out more.



“To truly reconnect, you need to go where the WiFi is weakest”

The right guide can bring all ages – from tots to teens – out of their shell. Many lodges do have WiFi, but there will be so much to see and do on safari, that teenagers don't have a chance to miss their gadgets.





School Holiday Peaks

We know that accommodation can be hard to find over school holidays. We are experts at thinking beyond the obvious and personalising itineraries to make them work for you.



Creating Memories

Watch an elephant herd splashing and playing in a waterhole. Unleash their warrior instincts as your children learn the skills of a Masaai Warrior. Sleep out on a skybed under the stars and channel your inner 'Lion King'! Precious family moments will leave memories that last a lifetime.

Masai Mara

The Masai Mara is a great choice for a family safari for many reasons - the abundance of game, the chance to see the Great Migration, learn Maasai warrior skills and for Kenyans' love of children! And what better way to learn about other cultures, wildlife and conservation than by being immersed in it.

Shamwari Private Reserve

In a malaria free game reserve in South Africa, Shamwari have really thought of everything for families: Childminding services for when you are on a game drive, a Kids on Safari Adventure Centre with an outdoor area to burn off energy and indoor area for creative fun. Accommodation has been thoughtfully designed to give space and privacy for families with inter-leading rooms and with menus deliciously crafted to appeal to children – everyone will be happy!

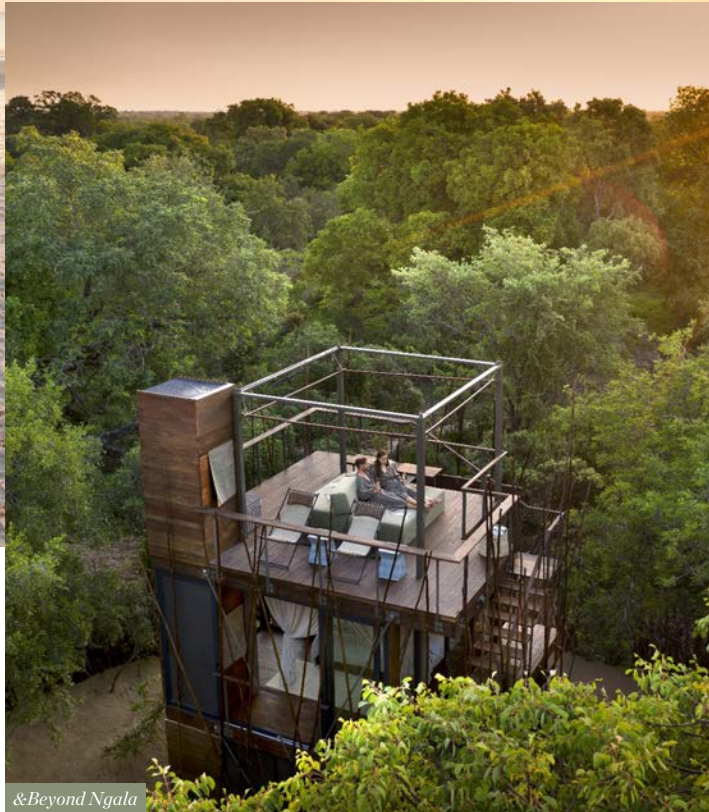
Ask the African Pride team for their recommendations on safari lodges ideal for families and multi-generational groups.





Romantic Escapes

If you're looking for a special place to get engaged, take a honeymoon or somewhere unique to celebrate an anniversary, we've some captivating suggestions that will have you falling in love – over and over again!



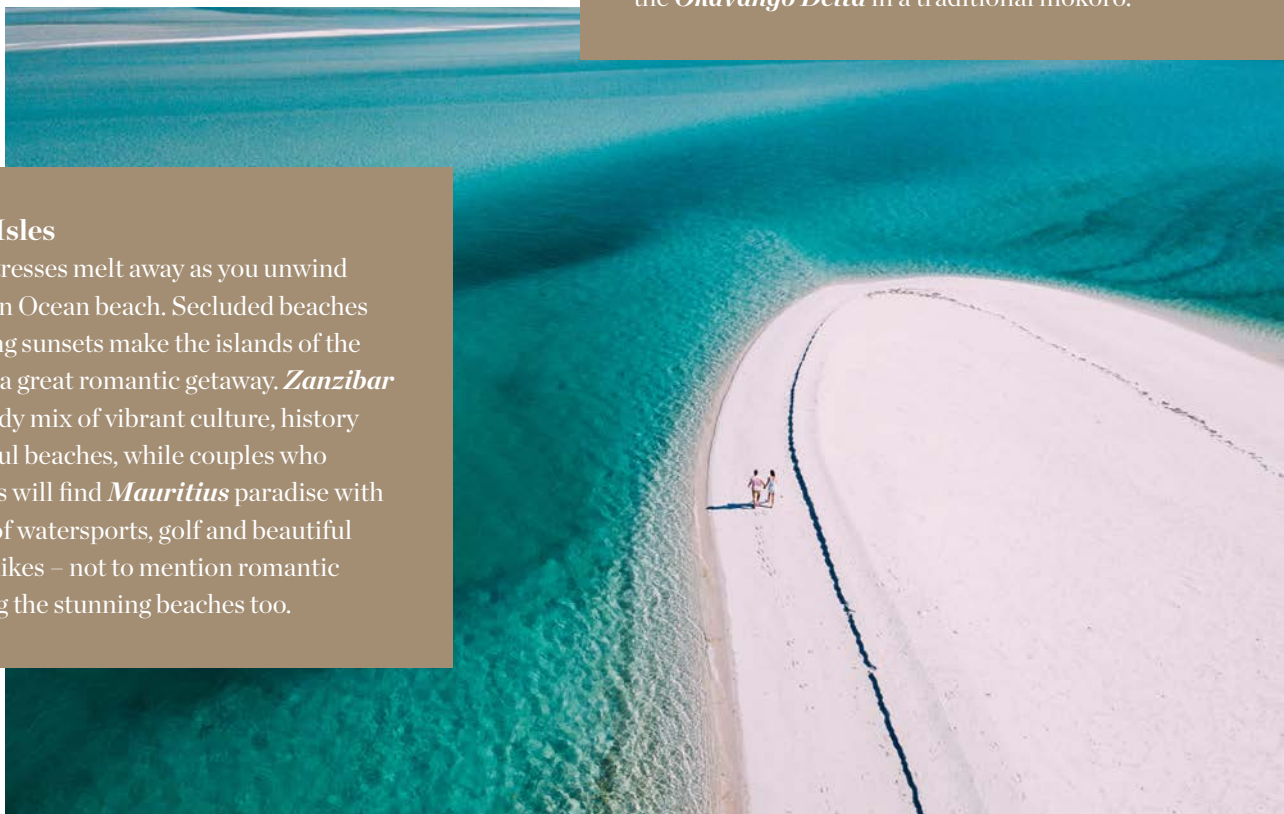
&Beyond Ngala

Celebrate on Safari

What could be a more perfect way to celebrate your special event in 'life's journey', than on safari, which means 'journey' in Swahili? See the Great Migration in the *Serengeti* or *Masai Mara*, marvel at the big cats of the *Kruger* or explore the serene waterways of the *Okavango Delta* in a traditional mokoro.

Paradise Isles

Feel life's stresses melt away as you unwind on an Indian Ocean beach. Secluded beaches and stunning sunsets make the islands of the *Seychelles* a great romantic getaway. *Zanzibar* offers a heady mix of vibrant culture, history and beautiful beaches, while couples who enjoy sports will find *Mauritius* paradise with a plethora of watersports, golf and beautiful mountain hikes – not to mention romantic strolls along the stunning beaches too.

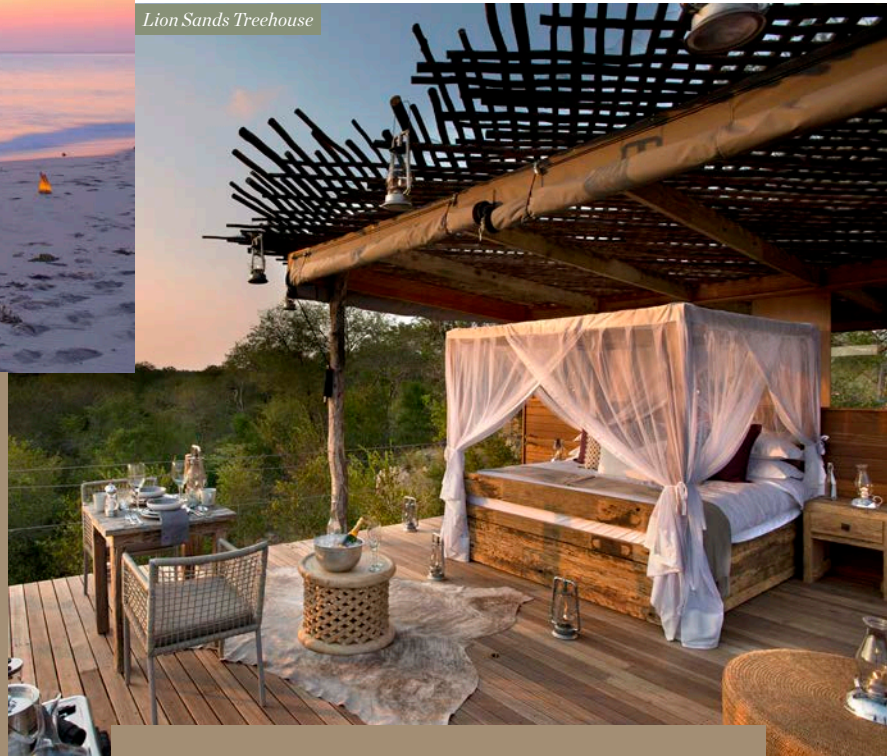




Pure Island Escapism

For the ultimate ‘get away from it all’ location, *Mozambique’s Bazaruto Archipelago* is an unspoiled gem, ideal for honeymooners, with private and secluded beachfront villas and intimate romantic dinners on the beach. Just off the coast of Tanzania lie the *private islands* of *Fanjove* and *Mnemba*, idyllic retreats that combine perfectly with a safari.

Lion Sands Treehouse



Honeymoon Extras & Special Experiences

Many accommodation choices offer *honeymoon specials*, such as discounts, room upgrades and unique experiences for the happy couple. A *private safari vehicle*, a *honeymoon suite with private jacuzzi*, a *romantic starbed* under the night sky, a *pampering couples massage* or a trip in a *hot air balloon* – be it by the beach or on safari, our team will be delighted to help with suggestions.



Rockfig Safari Lodge

Destinations to Fall in Love With

Seeing a ‘wonder of the world’ is on many romantic wish lists and *Victoria Falls* is one of the best! Choose from one of the uniquely secluded lodges along the Zambezi River, where you can enjoy spectacular sunsets and romantic riverside picnics. *Cape Town* is simply breathtaking and the perfect location for date night after date night!



Onguma Dream Cruiser



Sussi & Chuma



Solo Travellers

Travel under your own steam, set a timetable that works for you and visit the places that you want to see. No need to worry about any tricky logistics or hotel reservations either, our expert team of safari planners is on hand to help you design your perfect trip, just for you.

Independent Travel

Let our team know what you want to do and see and they will design an itinerary that fits the brief. Flying into a strange airport? We can arrange a personalised meet and greet to assist you on arrival. Want to travel at your own pace but don't fancy driving? No problem, we will arrange a driver/guide to accompany you. If you're going on safari, you'll often find yourself sharing a game drive vehicle with other guests and reliving your shared experiences around the campfire.

Small Group & Special Interests

Travel with a small group and a driver/guide who will bring the destination to life. Ask about our group tours in **South Africa, Namibia, Botswana, Kenya, Tanzania** and **Uganda**. If you have a particular interest, we can help you choose a specialist safari where you'll be in the company of fellow enthusiasts.

A Room of Your Own

Travelling on your own can raise concerns about the costs and availability of single rooms or rooms for sole occupancy. We understand how important it is to have your own space on your travels, so will work with our suppliers to ensure we offer the best options for your requirements and budget.

Wanderlust

Consider a **cruise** if you want to tick off a number of countries, or if you'd prefer a more adventurous trip we would suggest an **overland tour**. These trips take in multiple countries, travelling by road in specially adapted vehicles. Most are available with camping or accommodated

options and are a great way to explore with like-minded travellers.

Excursions

You may prefer to explore independently, but if there's somewhere on your 'must see and do' list we can help too. We have access to a range of **pre-bookable excursions** to visit must-see sights, as well as more off-the-beaten track options. Ask the African Pride team for more details.

Peace of mind

Whilst on your travels you will have access to a **24/7 helpline** should the need arise.

Recharge & Rejuvenate

Going on a safari is a tonic for mind, body and soul as you reconnect with nature.

Wellbeing in the Wilderness

Safari lodges are renowned for their delicious food and drink offerings, but camps are now mindful that guests want to go home feeling *fit and fabulous*. At some camps you'll find fully equipped gyms, others will provide a 'gym in a bag' in your room or offer yoga sessions on decks with the most calming wilderness views. Many feature swimming pools or private plunge pools, which may also double as watering holes for the wildlife.

Soulful Spas

Step into the serene surroundings of the Garden Spa at *Babylonstoren* in South Africa's Winelands, where body wraps are infused with seasonal herbs straight from the gardens. Or unwind under the milkwood trees on the *Grootbos Reserve* where the birds and the trees create a soothing soundtrack.

In the *Greater Kruger*, combine a safari with a holistic wellness retreat at *Londolozi's Healing House*, in the company of wellness practitioners, reiki masters, life coaches and sound healers. There are many spas to choose from, our team will be happy to advise.

Workouts in the Wild

Join a *cycling safari* in the *Okavango Delta* or take a 10 mile *self-guided walk* along the South African coastline between two extraordinary lodges in the beautiful *De Hoop Nature Reserve*.

Your luggage will be transported for you, so you can make the most of the views, whale watching (in season) and sandboarding. In *Kenya*, start your day with a morning run with a ranger across the plains of Ol Pejeta or join a Maasai warrior for a jog in the wild in neighbouring *Tanzania*.



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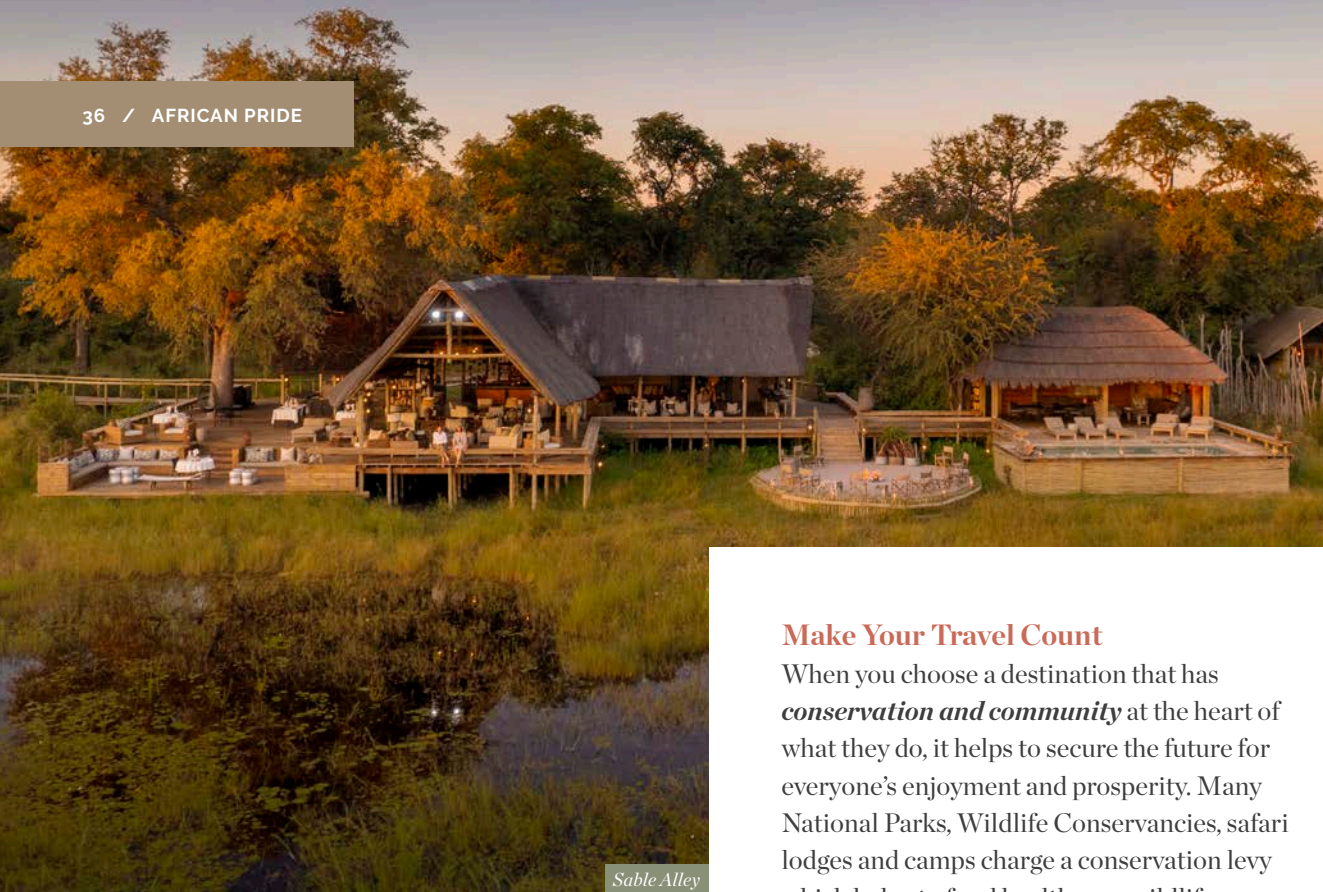


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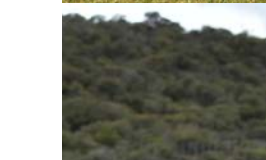




Sable Alley

Make Your Travel Count

When you choose a destination that has **conservation and community** at the heart of what they do, it helps to secure the future for everyone's enjoyment and prosperity. Many National Parks, Wildlife Conservancies, safari lodges and camps charge a conservation levy which helps to fund healthcare, wildlife conservation, anti-poaching and vital resources. Your stay really does make a difference.



Responsible Travel

Travelling with a purpose helps to safeguard wilderness and communities for future generations.



Shamwari Private Reserve

Shamwari, in the Eastern Cape of South Africa, is well known as being the home to the **Born Free Big Cat Sanctuaries**, where animals are rescued from captivity. The reserve also operates a wildlife rehabilitation centre, conservation experience, community healthcare initiative and an anti-poaching unit.





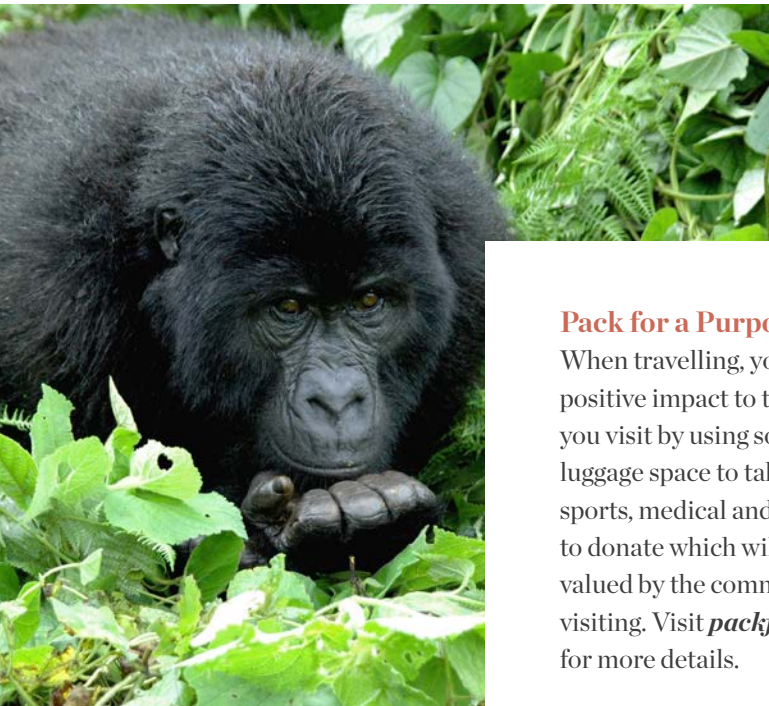
House in the Wild

Kenya's *House in the Wild* is a wonderful example of a world class conservation project that has seen over-grazed farmland turned back into healthy habitat for wildlife while simultaneously improving the lives of local communities. Improving access to education and business enterprise development, particularly for women and girls is a key focus. Co-operatives that supply vegetables to the kitchens and a 'Wild Women' tree nursery all aim to be self-sustaining. A secondary school has been built and primary school improved.



Conservation Safaris

In Botswana's *Khwai Private Reserve*, we can offer the unique opportunity to *spend a morning with a ranger*, tracking, patrolling and capturing data – a rare glimpse into the work that goes on behind the scenes at our lodges and camps. Or take a *conservation safari* where, in addition to an incredible safari experience, you'll get to meet the people behind a number of wildlife and community projects.



Get Involved

In Uganda you can trek with the *gorilla habituation team* and spend 4 hours with mountain gorillas to observe, photograph and learn how gorilla behaviour adapts to human presence. In Nairobi, Kenya, take time to visit the *Elephant Orphanage* and *Giraffe Sanctuary*; get an inside look at a *K9 anti-poaching unit* at Governors' Mugie in Kenya or Last Word Kitara in South Africa. From *tracking lions* to *sanctuaries for rhinos*, conservation takes many forms – to explore your interests further, speak to our team.

Pack for a Purpose

When travelling, you can make a positive impact to the communities you visit by using some of your spare luggage space to take educational, sports, medical and other useful items to donate which will be needed and valued by the communities you are visiting. Visit packforapurpose.org for more details.



Culture & Community

From the Cradle of Humankind and ancient tribes right through to vibrant townships and 21st century cities, African cultures and communities are as diverse as they are fascinating.

Colourful Tribes

Tribes such as the *Maasai* and *Samburu* lead a pastoral way of life, their traditional garments and intricate beadwork a vibrant splash of colour in the bush. Namibia's *Himba* people are an ancient and semi-nomadic tribe, their skin and hair caked in a distinctive red/orange ochre paste. In Northern Tanzania, the *Hadza* are among the last hunter-gatherer tribes in Africa, while an encounter with the *San* people of southern Africa will introduce you to their unique techniques for survival in their natural environment.



Art in the Hills

World Heritage Sites such as the *Tsodilo Hills* in Botswana and *Twyfelfontein* in Namibia are sites of great historic importance, their rocky outcrops the canvas for ancient paintings by the San bushmen. More fascinating examples of this early art can be found in South Africa's *Cederberg Mountains* or in the *Matobo Hills* of Zimbabwe.



Community Engagement

Many people tell us that their engagements with local communities were the highlight of their trip – we are happy to arrange visits to township communities that we know have been thoughtfully and sensitively organised. When you stay in a safari lodge, you are helping to support the local village, providing vital employment, healthcare and education. Most lodges will take you to meet their community, if you wish.

The Rainbow Nation

South Africa's 'Rainbow Nation' title comes from its *multicultural society*. As you travel through the country you will encounter many rich cultures, from the colourful houses of the Cape Malay in Cape Town to the Zulus in KwaZulu-Natal. Thriving townships such as Soweto sit alongside vibrant cosmopolitan cities. If you are in Johannesburg, we recommend a visit to the Cradle of Humankind.



Rwanda's Museums

The Genocide Museum in Kigali is a moving memorial to Rwanda's past and the Ethnographic Museum will give you an insight into the country's fascinating cultural heritage.



Historic Battles

In South Africa, the hills and valleys of *KwaZulu-Natal* set the scene for Boer and Zulu battles, vividly and evocatively brought to life by passionate storytellers.



Adventures in Africa

If it's thrills you're after, Africa will deliver. Beyond the game drives, which are thrilling in themselves, there are action-packed adventures and activities that will really get your pulses racing.

Saddle-up

If riding into the sunset is something you've always dreamed of, where better to give it a go than on a horseback safari. Whether you want to splash through the waters of the Okavango in *Botswana*, gallop alongside big game in *Kenya* or canter across the Kalahari sands, speak to our team who will happily advise on multi-day safaris for experienced riders and camps where you can ride a horse, no experience required.



Cycle Rides

Whether it's a cycle ride along a beachfront promenade, mountain biking in a nature reserve, e-bike trails in the bush, or fat bikes on the dunes, there are cycling adventures for all. For those with real pedal power, we can also arrange a 6 night guided *cycling safari* in Botswana's Okavango Delta.



Trek With Camels

An adventure with a difference. Head across the plains of northern *Kenya* with your specialist guide and a herd of camels, who will transport your entire camp as you walk. Pitch your tent each night in a different location and unwind at the campfire.



Water Thrills

White-water rafting on the Zambezi River and Uganda's swirling Nile rapids is guaranteed to get the adrenalin pumping; a canoe safari at Mana Pools provides excitement at a gentler pace.



Add an Adventure

We are experts in tailor-making tours to suit your requirements, so if you want to build in a few nights in a mobile camp, or add on some exciting activities, we'll be happy to make the arrangements. Speak to us too for some adventurous group tours, from multi-country journeys on overland vehicles to a mobile adventure in Botswana.

Sleep Under the Stars

Spend a night on salt pans so vast they can be seen from space. Or pitch up on the banks of a Zambian river or a Delta island, with just a mosquito net between you and the stars. A night *fly camping* is a truly unforgettable, thrilling experience. And if you prefer a sleep out with a little more luxury, just let us know, we are happy to recommend camps with *beautiful outdoor bedrooms*.



Savour the Flavours

From street food to tasting menus and biltong to bunny chow, Africa presents a smorgasbord of delicious dining experiences.

Culinary Tours in Cape Town

Walking tours with a culinary slant are a great way to experience a city's culture, roots and food trends. Eat like a local on a tour of Cape Town's city centre, or take a walk of discovery through the colourful Bo-Kaap district followed by a delicious Cape Malay meal – or a demonstration on how to cook the famed Cape Malay curry.

Jack's Camp



Gibb's Farm

Fine Dining

With world class chefs and a constant supply of seasonal produce, South Africa boasts some of the finest dining experiences. **Cape Town** in particular is a gastronome's paradise with an ever-evolving and exciting restaurant scene. Just outside in the **Franschhoek Valley** there are many exceptional restaurants with locally renowned chefs at the helm. But sometimes there's nothing better than a fresh plate of fish and chips by the ocean, pizza served from a truck in the bush or a tasty morsel from a local farmers market.





Babylonstoren

Farm-to-fork

Many of our lodges and safari camps are championing the farm-to-fork movement, growing much of the produce used in their menus on their own organic gardens. Working wine farms such as *Babylonstoren* and *Boschendal* just outside Cape Town create innovative menus with the freshest of ingredients farmed right on their doorsteps.

Wine Adventures

What could be better than sipping a glass of wine in the vineyard that produced it? Hop aboard the wine tram in *Franschoek* and visit a number of local vineyards. If you want to be a little more active, we'd suggest a guided tour by pedal bike, e-bike or even on horseback. Wine enthusiasts should talk to us about the *Overberg* where you'll find lesser known wine estates with equally fabulous wines, or a wine history tour with a specialist wine guide.



Chitwa Chitwa



Boschendal

Sundowners

A magical moment of any day in Africa. Whether you are immersed in the bush on a safari of a lifetime, around a campfire or atop a mountain with the most incredible views, take a moment to enjoy your sundowner.

Exceptional Experiences

Deep in the Kalahari, South Africa's first Michelin-starred chef and the talented team at *Tswalu* have created a truly unique culinary adventure. This modern dining experience is a remarkable fusion of storytelling and sustainable food all served in an atmospheric root cellar beneath the desert sands. For special occasions or romantic proposals, follow the meandering path through the Milkwood Forest at *Grootbos Reserve* to a magical spot illuminated by a twinkling sea of fairy lights. From candlelit wine cellars to private dining in the bush, our team will help you plan your celebration.



When One Country Isn't Enough

With ever-increasing air networks across the African continent, visiting more than one country is not only possible but a great idea. Experience vibrant cultures, savour authentic foods and enjoy the diverse landscapes and natural wonders. The wildlife you'll encounter in each country varies too.

Victoria Falls

With an excellent network of direct flights from both Victoria Falls and Livingstone towns, the Victoria Falls can be easily combined with many of Africa's highlights. Add on to a holiday in *South Africa*, a few days in Cape Town or a safari in the Kruger. Relax at the Falls after a trip to the *Okavango Delta* or fly directly to Nairobi for a few days safari in the *Masai Mara*.



The Great Migration & Mountain Gorillas

Follow the migrating herds of wildebeest in Tanzania's *Serengeti* then fly directly to Entebbe, from where you can fly on to *Bwindi Forest*, home of the Mountain Gorillas. Or fly from the Serengeti to Kigali in Rwanda and drive up to see the gorillas in the *Virunga Mountains*.





Kaya Mawa

Rivers & Lakes

Zambia and *Malawi* are close neighbours and perfect partners. Spend a few days on safari exploring the Zambezi and Luangwa rivers in Zambia before flying across to Lilongwe in Malawi for your choice of lakeside retreat on beautiful Lake Malawi.



Rovos Rail

Four Countries

Zambia, Zimbabwe, Namibia and *Botswana*

– these four countries join borders close to Victoria Falls, so you could start in Botswana's beautiful Okavango Delta, fly to Chobe National Park, dip into Namibia for a lodge stay or river cruise, continue by road (or air) to Victoria Falls, then finish with a few days on safari in Zambia's South Luangwa or Kafue Parks.

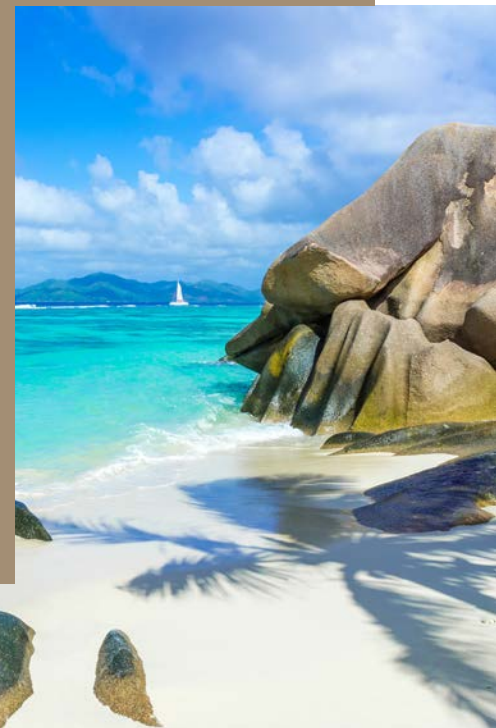
Travel by Train

Journeys on the iconic Rovos Rail train are a great way to sit back and relax as you travel through the changing African landscapes. Choose between the many regular trips between *South Africa* and *Victoria Falls*, combine South Africa and *Namibia* or embark on an epic journey, travelling from Cape Town to Dar-es-Salaam in *Tanzania* or across Africa from east to west.



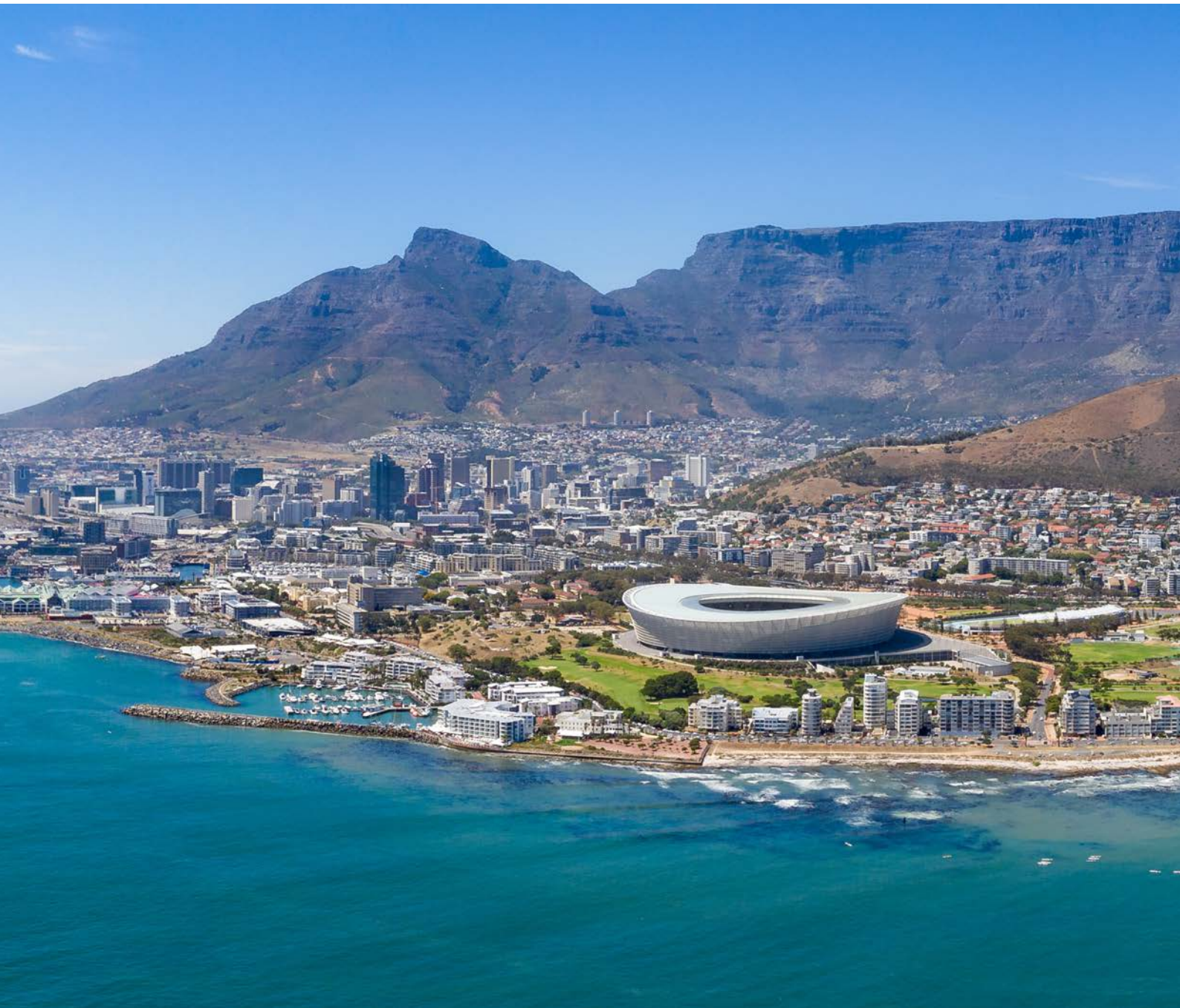
Safari & the Beach

A popular combination with families and honeymooners alike, there are many options. Our favourites include *South Africa* or *Kenya* and the *Seychelles*; the *Serengeti* and *Zanzibar*; *South Africa* and *Mauritius* or the islands of *Mozambique*. For something a little different, fly directly from Johannesburg to *Madagascar* where the beaches, lemurs and islands around Nosy Be await.



South Africa

Majestic scenery, a beautiful coastline, magnificent game viewing, lush winelands, haunting battlefields and vibrant cities: South Africa and its people can truly claim to be ‘A World in One Country’.





Best time to travel

South Africa's summer months, from December to March/April are great months to visit Cape Town, the Winelands and the Garden Route – you can expect warm, sunny days on the whole and limited rainfall. May to October will be cooler (and probably wetter) in the Western Cape but it's drier in the safari areas and as the grasses die down it becomes easier to spot the wildlife. For whale spotting, the best months tend to be July to November; for carpets of spring flowers, we suggest August.

Climate

South Africa's climate varies depending on where you are in the country – we have included temperature and rainfall guides relevant to specific areas on the following pages.



South Africa is Extraordinary

With its breath-taking scenery, unique experiences, incredible wildlife and world-class attractions, we firmly believe South Africa has something for everyone. We have explored the country extensively so we know just how amazing and diverse it is.



Fondly referred to as the ‘Mother City’, **Cape Town’s attractions** are well known, from Table Mountain and Robben Island to beaches and historical attractions. There is a real cosmopolitan feel and an ever evolving, vibrant and innovative restaurant scene.

There’s no denying that the big draw card for many is the wildlife, but why stop at the **Big 5** when there is also the **Marine 5**, some of the best land-based **whale-watching** in the world and incredible birdlife. In the Kalahari, you may even encounter **meerkats**.

Some of the country’s most spectacular scenery can be found in the **National Parks** so it is well worth planning your route to include a few. Kruger, Table Mountain and Addo are among the more well-known parks, but there are hidden gems too which we are happy to recommend.

The vine-clad hills of the **Winelands** are populated with wine estates serving up the latest vintage. Explore by horse, bike or tram. Wine enthusiasts should also talk to us about the **Overberg** where you’ll find lesser known wineries with equally as delicious wines.



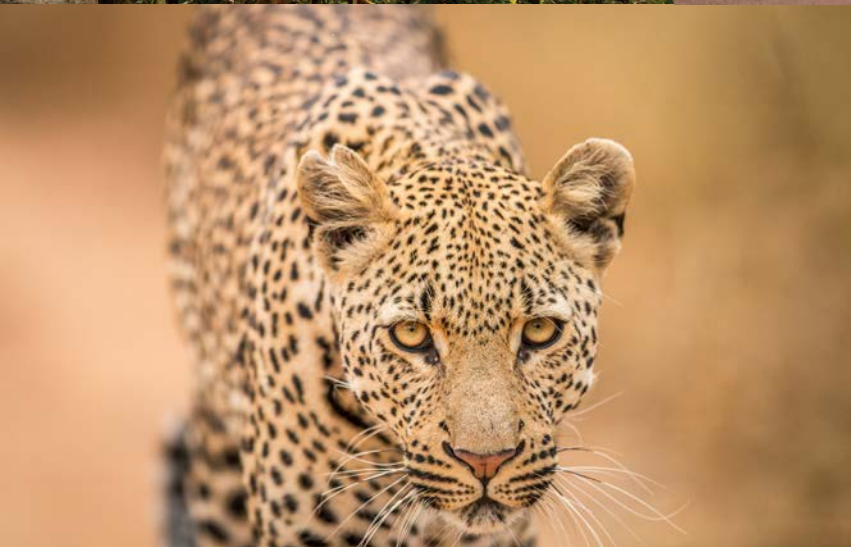
Lion Sands Treehouse



Beautiful beaches pepper the coastline, some ideal for surfing, others with dunes that are perfect for sandboarding. For a stunning coastal drive, try the Garden Route, Chapman's Peak or north of Cape Town to Paternoster.

If it's thrills you're after, *South Africa* delivers. Try zip-wiring through Tsitsikamma Forest, ride fat bikes across the dunes at Walker Bay, snorkel with seals, go kayaking or take to the skies for a scenic helicopter ride.

Sleep under the vast African skies surrounded by untamed wilderness and the sounds of nature. An *African sleep-out* is an immersive and intimate experience, sleeping under dark, unpolluted skies ablaze with stars and waking at sunrise to a chorus of birdsong. Whether you choose a *stylish treehouse* or an elevated *bush bedroom*, it will be a night full of lasting memories.



We tailor our holidays to match your interests with *creative tours* that will enhance your stay – be it a battlefield in KwaZulu-Natal, a visit to a thriving township or cooking up a storm on a culinary tour in Cape Town. Many people tell us that their engagements with *local communities* were the highlight of their trip – we are happy to arrange visits to township communities that we know have been thoughtfully and sensitively organised.

We love to share our *knowledge* and *passion* with anyone planning a visit, whether you're a first time visitor or have been multiple times and are looking for something a little bit different.

Travel Your Way

South Africa is huge and journeys can often be longer than they look on a map so we're here to help plan your trip in the most efficient way.

Lekkerwater Beach Lodge



Driving around South Africa can be a pleasure, there are many beautiful routes to explore with the independence to stop whenever you like. Some of our favourite drives include Chapman's Peak just outside Cape Town, the stunning 'Route 62' through the Karoo and of course the Garden Route from the Winelands to Port Elizabeth. Allow us to plan your route, book your accommodation and provide driving directions, leaving you to enjoy the ride.



If you enjoy the freedom of the road, but don't want to drive yourself, consider a **private guided trip**, with your own driver/guide who will navigate the roads, make sure you see the main sights – and uncover some hidden gems along the way too.



Some distances are just too great to cover by road. Luckily South Africa has a **great network of flights** linking its key destinations. Light aircraft flights will take you right to the heart of the bush too, a wonderful way to arrive at your safari destination, the bird's eye view adding to the experience.



Travelling in style on one of **South Africa's iconic trains** conjures up memories of the golden age of travel. Rovos Rail and the Blue Train offer journeys from Cape Town to Pretoria. Rovos Rail will also take you on longer journeys from South Africa to Namibia and Victoria Falls.



Travelling with a small group can be an affordable and sociable way to see the country. Our group tours depart on set dates, range from 4-14 days and are accompanied by a driver/guide who can bring the destinations to life. They are great options for solo travellers too.



The combination of an African safari and a **luxury cruise** is an irresistible one. We have partnered with some of the best cruise lines currently sailing around the South African coast and will tailor-make your land arrangements to compliment your cruise experience.



South Africa combines very well with many of its neighbours and with the Indian Ocean Islands if you

One&Only Cape Town



River Sands

prefer to finish on a beach. Speak to our team about including a few days in the **Okavango Delta**, a visit to **Victoria Falls**, a safari in **Zambia** or a flying visit to **Namibia's** famous dunes.

Weekly flights link Johannesburg to the tiny island of **St Helena**. It may be just a drop in the ocean but it's absolutely fascinating. It's a British Overseas Territory, the final resting place of Napoleon and a nature lover's paradise. No wonder it's on so many bucket lists!



Whether you prefer the full services of a **five star hotel** or the homely welcome at a **family-run guesthouse**, we offer both, and plenty in between. Returning visitors or families may prefer the freedom of a **self-catering apartment**, or a fully staffed **private villa**. On safari, there are beautiful **boutique lodges**, small hotels and **tented camps** to choose from.

Your accommodation can also be a **once-in-a-lifetime experience** – how about a fully-catered camping trip in the Kruger or an unforgettable night under the stars?

HOLIDAY INSPIRATION



South Africa in Style

Arrive **Cape Town**, 3 nights Mount Nelson Hotel

Train to **Pretoria**, 3 nights on board Rovos Rail

Transfer to **Johannesburg**, 1 night The Residence

Fly to the **Kruger**, 3 nights RockFig Safari Lodge

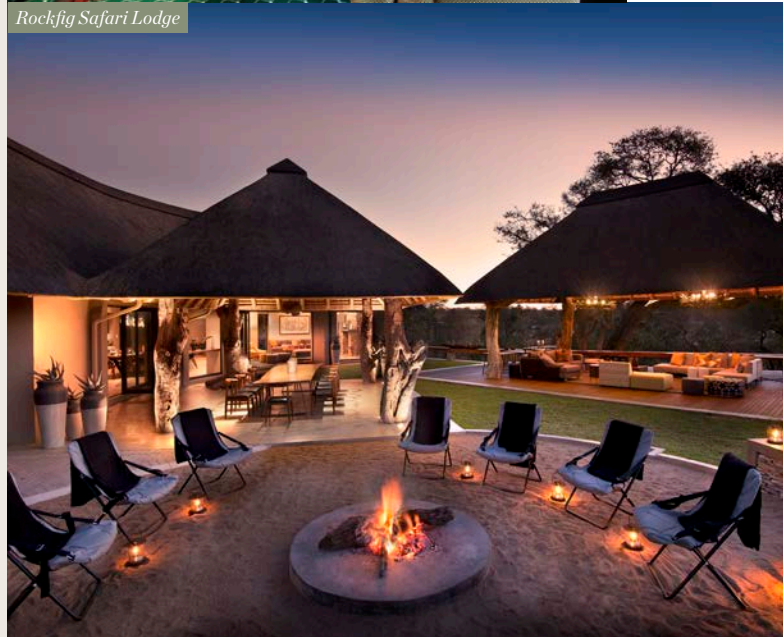
Fly to **Johannesburg** or continue your journey. Many exciting destinations are within easy reach, including the **Okavango Delta** in Botswana, **Victoria Falls** in Zimbabwe or Zambia, **Mauritius**, **Madagascar** and **Mozambique**



Rovos Rail



Rockfig Safari Lodge





Brookdale Estate



One&Only Cape Town



Babylonstoren

The Cape

With its breath-taking scenery, unique experiences, incredible wildlife and world-class attractions, South Africa's Cape region has something for everyone.

Table Mountain, Robben Island, beautiful beaches and historical sites – Cape Town's attractions are world-renowned. There is a real cosmopolitan feel and an ever evolving, vibrant and innovative restaurant scene – we find new restaurants to recommend every time we visit. The **V&A Waterfront**, with its shops, restaurants and bars, positively buzzes with life while delicious Cape Malay cuisine can be found in the colourful streets of **Bo-Kaap**. The open-top, hop on/hop off bus is a great way to get your bearings.

Around **Camps Bay** and **Clifton** there are a number of golden sand beaches and at **Boulders Beach** a colony of African penguins. We highly recommend the stunning coastal drive along **Chapman's Peak** and on to **Cape Point**.

Whichever direction you take from Cape Town, you will soon find yourself surrounded by **incredible scenery, beautiful beaches, mountains and vineyards**. Spend a few days exploring the vine-clad hills and pretty villages of the **Winelands** – the wine routes are

well marked and there are plenty of wine estates to stop off at and sample the latest vintage. **Stellenbosch** has a café culture vibe while **Franschhoek** is arty, crammed with boutique shops and fantastic restaurants. Hop aboard the wine tram for a fun day out.

Hermanus is one of the best spots in the world for land-based **whale watching**. From July to November you can often spot the Southern Right whales from the shore, or take a boat trip. A little further along the coast is **De Hoop Nature**



“As a Capetonian there are so many reasons why I love Cape Town. Beautiful beaches, friendly people, so many things to do, weekend markets, gorgeous scenery, diverse entertainment and glorious food – the list goes on and on....”

Carla, African Pride Tours Consultant

Reserve where you can sandboard down dunes, picnic on unspoilt beaches, cycle among antelope and zebra or spot whales from the shoreline.

Follow the Capetonians and drive north of Cape Town to the **West Coast National Park** where you'll find unspoiled beaches and excellent restaurants in the seaside village of **Paternoster**.

The Cape is full of nature's bounty too. Experience the treetop canopy walkway at **Kirstenbosch Botanical Garden** or head to the dramatic **Cederberg Mountains** where you can hike, cycle or canoe through pristine wilderness and see bushman rock art that dates back 10,000 years.



Kensington Place



HOLIDAY INSPIRATION



Classic South Africa

Arrive **Cape Town**, 4 nights Four Rosmead Boutique Guest House
 Drive to **Franschhoek**, 2 nights Avondrood Guest House
 Drive to **Oudtshoorn**, 2 nights Rosenhof Country House
 Drive to **Plettenberg Bay**, 3 nights The Old Rectory
 Drive to **Kariega Game Reserve**, 3 nights on safari
 Return to **Gqeberha/Port Elizabeth**



Cape Explorations

Arrive **Cape Town**, 3 nights Cape Cadogan
 Drive to **De Hoop**, 2 nights Lekkerwater Beach Lodge
 Drive to **Franschhoek**, 3 nights Mont Rochelle
 Drive to the **Cederberg Mountains**, 3 nights Cederberg Ridge
 Drive to **Paternoster**, 2 nights Strandloper Ocean Boutique Hotel
 Return to **Cape Town**



PLACES TO STAY

Cape Town has a wide choice of accommodation ranging from **self-catering apartments** and **boutique guest houses** to **luxurious 5 star hotels**. We are happy to advise on the different locations and help select the properties that are right for you.

In the Winelands, we love the working wine farms such as **Boschendal** and **Babylonstoren** where you can immerse yourself in the daily activities and feast on fresh farm-to-fork cuisine. For a really unique experience, alongside great food, local wines, seasonal whale watching and plenty of activities, **Grootbos Private Nature Reserve** sits high on our list.

CLIMATE

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°C	26	26	25	22	20	18
Rain	2	2	3	5	7	9

	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
°C	17	18	19	21	23	25
Rain	10	7	5	4	2	2

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Lion Sands River Lodge

On Safari in South Africa

If you've ever wondered what it would be like to see an elephant or giraffe in the flesh, hear or even feel the power of a lion's roar, then a safari should be on your travel list.

Kruger National Park is one of the largest game reserves in Africa and renowned for the exceptional game viewing. Choose to stay in the National Park itself or in one of the private reserves that adjoin it. These are all Big 5 areas and unfenced, leaving the wildlife free to roam. The Sabi Sand Reserve in particular has carved a reputation for leopard sightings, though as with all wildlife, nothing can ever be guaranteed! Pafuri, in the far north of the Kruger, is a scenically beautiful area where you can explore on foot.

The game reserves of the **Eastern Cape** are malaria-free making them a great choice for families. They are also easily combined with a drive along the Garden Route to the Winelands and Cape Town. While these are mostly Big 5 reserves, the ever-elusive leopard is rarely spotted.

Just over four hours' drive (or a short flight) from Johannesburg and you'll be in **Madikwe**, the fourth largest reserve in the country. It is home to the Big 5 along with cheetah and wild dog and as it's malaria-free it is popular with families

and those who prefer not to fly.

The Waterberg is also a short drive from Johannesburg. We wouldn't recommend it if you're intent on ticking off the Big 5, but we would recommend it for couples or families who want to enjoy some great wildlife viewing in scenic locations. There are exclusive-use villas ideally suited for families and lodges that offer a wide range of activities from horse riding and fishing to bush walks.

In KwaZulu-Natal, **Hluhluwe-iMfolozi**





Lepogo Noka Camp

“For me the Kruger never disappoints, in fact it always, always exceeds my expectations. Every day there will be at least one sighting that will leave you feeling humbled by the magnificence of the natural world.” Liz, Managing Director

Game Reserve is South Africa's oldest nature reserve and a true conservation success story. It's also close to **iSimangaliso Wetland Park** where you'll find the largest free-roaming population of hippos in the country. Inland, malaria-free **Nambiti** is within easy reach of the region's famous battlefields.

Set against the rolling dunes and red sands of the **Kalahari** is South Africa's largest private game reserve and a one-

of-a-kind safari experience. At **Tswalu**, look out for endangered species such as the pangolin or desert black rhino, as well as the Kalahari black-maned lions, cheetah and entertaining colonies of meerkats.

Safari in South Africa is a **year round activity** but we think the cooler and drier months from April to November are best for viewing the wildlife – the grass is shorter, the vegetation less dense and the animals easier to spot.



Climate – Greater Kruger Area

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
°C	32	32	31	29	28	26
Rain	9	9	7	4	1.5	1
	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
°C	26	27	29	30	30	32
Rain	1	1	2.5	4	6	9

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HOLIDAY INSPIRATION

Cape Town, Safari & Victoria Falls

Arrive **Cape Town**, 4 nights
Cape Grace

Fly to **Kruger**, 3 nights
MalaMala Camp

Fly to **Victoria Falls**, 3 nights
Palm River Hotel

Continue your journey or
return home

Family Safari Adventure

Arrive **Johannesburg**, 1 night
African Rock Hotel

Road transfer to **Madikwe Reserve**,
2 nights Tuningi Safari Lodge

Road transfer to **Marataba Reserve**,
2 nights Marataba Safari Lodge

Road transfer to Johannesburg,
fly to **Cape Town**, 4 nights Lawhill
Apartments

Continue your journey

Speak to our consultants for more
safari suggestions.

PLACES TO STAY

Safari lodges come in all shapes and sizes. There are ultra-stylish boutique lodges with well stocked wine cellars and spas, lodges with tented suites that combine life's luxuries with the romance of sleeping under canvas or traditional chalets built from stone and thatch. Explore the Kruger like the South Africans do, hire a car and stay in the park's rest camps or opt for something completely different: the **Kruger Shalati** 'Train on a Bridge' permanently stationed in the park.

In the Eastern Cape, **Shamwari's Riverdene Lodge** is designed with young families in mind, with interconnecting rooms, a timetable worked around the children's needs and a huge outdoor playground. Exclusive-use safari houses also work well for multi-generational families, with a dedicated chef, guide and private vehicle.

Trails or walking camps can be an exciting way to explore the bush on foot, walking through scenically stunning areas of the Kruger or the Eastern Cape, fully immersed in the sights, sounds and scents that surround you. **Luxurious treehouses and sleep out decks** make for unforgettable nights under the stars. Speak to our team for their recommendations.



Fairview House

The Garden Route

Despite the name, don't go expecting wall-to-wall, manicured gardens! Instead expect a spectacular and dramatic road trip, forests filled with adventurous activities, boat trips, beaches that stretch for miles and a collection of pretty coastal towns and resorts.

It is generally accepted that the **Garden Route** means the whole of the journey from Cape Town to Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth). However, the Garden Route proper is the 200 kilometres /120 miles between Mossel Bay and Storms River. It can be fun to drive yourself, but if that doesn't appeal, we offer scheduled small group tours or your own driver. We suggest you allow between four and seven days to take it all in.

The coastline is peppered with laid-back towns and resorts. With cliffs and wide beaches on one side and

the National Park's forests, lakes and rivers on the other, **Wilderness** is an attractive base. Just along the coast is **Sedgefield** where you can enjoy watersports like kayaking, paddle boarding and sailing on the lagoon, or long walks along the pristine beaches. **Knysna**, with its lagoon, islands and annual oyster festival, is a popular stopping point. Guarding the lagoon are the iconic sandstone cliffs known as the Knysna Heads. Watersports are popular here, look for the Knysna seahorse in the lagoon or take a ferry to the nature reserve for a hike.

Plettenberg Bay, or Plett as it is affectionately known, is famous for its nature reserves and stunning beaches – many of them with Blue Flag status and popular with surfers. Just down the road is the **Tsitsikamma Forest**, where adventures include kayaking, climbing, zip-wiring, mountain biking or hiking.

Along the Garden Route there are plenty of **family activities** – aside from building sandcastles on the beaches, there are ethically-run wildlife sanctuaries such as Birds of Eden and Monkeyland. Just an hour's drive inland from Wilderness





“I have never been anywhere quite like South Africa! Jaw dropping scenery, world class food and outstanding service - it blew me away! Seeing elephants and lions in their natural environment was such a special experience – it moved me to tears.” Sam, African Pride Tours Consultant

is **Oudtshoorn**, with its ostrich farms and the Cango Caves. We can also arrange boat trips for whale or dolphin spotting, depending on the time of year (generally speaking, these operate June to November for whales and December to May for dolphins).

Why not extend your Garden Route adventure with a few days on safari? The malaria-free reserves of the **Eastern Cape** are a short drive from Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth).



Climate

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Rain	2	2	3	5	7	9
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Rain	10	7	5	4	2	2

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HOLIDAY INSPIRATION



The Floral Kingdom, Garden Route & Safari

Arrive **Cape Town**, drive to Grootbos Reserve, 3 nights
Grootbos Forest Lodge

Drive to **Sedgefield**, 3 nights
Kambaku at Sea

Drive to **Plettenberg Bay**, 2 nights
Fairview House

Drive to **Shamwari Game Reserve**, 3 nights on safari

Return to **Gqeberha/Port Elizabeth** and continue your journey



Garden Route Splendour

Depart Cape Town, travel to **Oudtshoorn**, 2 nights La Plume Guest House

Travel to **Knysna**, 2 nights Rex Hotel

Travel to **Tsitsikamma**, 1 night
Tsitsikamma Village Inn

Travel to **Gqeberha/Port Elizabeth** where the tour ends

Our consultants will advise on how to combine the Garden Route with other areas of South Africa and neighbouring countries.



PLACES TO STAY

We will gladly advise you on where to stay. Our selection includes family-run guesthouses, lodges perched on high with stunning views or tucked away in the hills, hotels, resorts and boutique B&Bs either inland or by the sea.

In Knysna, we love the warm welcome that our guests receive at **Kanonkop House**, and the urban-chic style of **The Turbine** and **Lofts** on Thesen Island. In Plettenberg Bay, for unparalleled sea views, look no further than **The Plettenberg** and for contemporary design we suggest **The Old Rectory**. Treehouse-style suites are suspended over the forest canopy at **Tsala Treetop Lodge**, just 15 minutes from Plettenberg. **Simbavati Fynbos on Sea** and **Kambaku at Sea**, both on the outskirts of Sedgefield, and **Fairview House** just outside Plettenberg Bay all have unbeatable views from their hilltop locations.



Leopard Mountain



Cathedral Peak

KwaZulu-Natal

Affectionately known as ‘KZN’ this area is famous for its beautiful scenery, historic battlefields, game reserves, National Parks and Indian Ocean beaches. In fact we often refer to it as ‘South Africa in a nutshell’. It’s also the homeland of the Zulu who proudly display their colourful culture and traditions.

Bottlenose dolphins can frequently be spotted along the *Dolphin Coast* and the beaches north of Durban are great for a relaxing start or end to your holiday. The coastal towns of *Umhlanga* and *Ballito* are a short drive from Durban and the airport, yet have a holiday feel to them, with a good choice of cafés and restaurants.

Stretching from Lake St Lucia to Kosi Bay the *Elephant Coast* is an area of pristine beaches, wildlife reserves and untouched wetlands – it’s the

unspoiled nature that we find so appealing. *iSimangaliso St Lucia Wetland Park*, South Africa’s first World Heritage Site, has waterways, lakes, grasslands and forests that you can explore by canoe, boat or on foot. It’s home to South Africa’s largest population of hippos, incredible birdlife and turtles nesting on the beaches (usually December/January).

Isandlwana, Rorke’s Drift, Blood River, Spionkop. KwaZulu-Natal’s famous battle sites may sound familiar

but, unless you’ve been before, we can almost guarantee that you’ll never have heard their stories told quite like this. Our partners in this area include some of the most talented storytellers we have experienced, passionately retelling these epic battle tales in the very spots where the battles took place.

The *Drakensberg* mountain range, originally called uKhahlamba or the ‘Barrier of Spears’, is woven into the very fabric of South African history. Did you know, for example, that the famous





HOLIDAY INSPIRATION



KZN in a Nutshell

Arrive Durban, drive to **Umhlanga**, 1 night The Oyster Box

Drive to the **Drakensberg Mountains**, 2 nights Cathedral Peak

Drive to **Spionkop**, 1 night Three Tree Hill

Drive to **Rorke's Drift**, 2 nights Fugitives Drift

Drive to **Manyoni Reserve**, 2 nights at Leopard Mountain

Drive to the **Dolphin Coast**, 3 nights at Sala Beach House

Return to Durban and continue your journey

'Amphitheatre' in the Royal Natal National Park was the setting for the film 'Zulu'? Our mountain lodges have a great range of outdoor activities and often offer complimentary guided walks.

Along the coast from Durban, there are a number of great game reserves such as **Phinda**, **Manyoni** and **Hluhluwe iMfolozi National Park**, South Africa's oldest nature reserve and a true conservation success story. Inland, the malaria-free **Nambiti** and **Babanango** Reserves combine well with a visit to the battlefields and the Drakensberg Mountains.

The roads are well sign-posted so this is an ideal area to explore on a self-drive holiday. The '**Midlands Meander**' will take you to local artisans, art galleries, restaurants, landmarks and activities, a great way to discover hidden gems. At Nelson Mandela's capture site near Howick, there's an interesting exhibition and a sculptural monument that creates an image of Mandela's face. If you have a head for heights, the drive up the **Sani Pass** into the beautiful kingdom of Lesotho is spectacular but also very rough and steep so a 4x4 vehicle is a must, or take a tour.



PLACES TO STAY

Along the coastline, choose from full service resort hotels, boutique guesthouses by the sea or lodges in the coastal forest and wetlands. We love the stylish décor and friendly vibe at **Sala Beach House** and the back-to-nature setting of **Thonga Beach Lodge**. While on safari, choose whether you want to sleep under canvas or in a stylish lodge.

Battlefield tours can be combined with mountain biking, nature walks and other activities at **Three Tree Hill** and **Fugitives Drift**. For a gastronomic experience, we recommend a stay at **Cleopatra Mountain Farmhouse** and **The Oyster Box** in Umhlanga for the exceptional curry buffet and afternoon tea.

Climate

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
°C	28	28	28	27	25	23
Rain	13	13	13	7	4	2
	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
°C	23	23	23	24	25	27
Rain	4	7	9	10	12	10

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Kenya

Named after Mount Kenya or ‘Kirinyaga’, the mountain of whiteness, Kenya offers a dazzling array of experiences in iconic places that are known to millions worldwide.





Best time to travel

The dry seasons months of January to March and July to October are generally the best times to visit for safari – the days are cooler but still warm and it is generally dry. The Great Migration typically arrives in the Masai Mara between July and September. In November and December, the 'short rains' arrive so expect short, sharp showers, but generally not enough to spoil the game viewing experience. On the coast, visit between October and March for clearer water and hotter temperatures however if you want to spot the migrating humpback whales, August is usually the best month.

Climate

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
°C	26	28	27	25	24	23
Rain	4	6	9	13	12	3

	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
°C	22	23	26	27	25	24
Rain	1	1	2	4	11	8

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Kenya is Captivating

The Great Migration, vast cinematic safari plains, dramatic mountains, sparkling lakes and palm-fringed beaches – Kenya’s outstanding natural wonders are matched by the warmth and friendly smiles of its people.



You are spoilt for choice with over 30 iconic national parks and reserves to go on safari in. While the *Masai Mara* might be a ‘must-see’ on many wish lists, *Samburu* or *Amboseli National Parks* offer unique wildlife, experiences and breath-taking views. And talking of views, gliding over the Mara in a hot air balloon at sunrise is quite spectacular.

Warm smiles abound in Kenya and you’ll receive a friendly welcome on your travels. Kenya has a rich cultural heritage

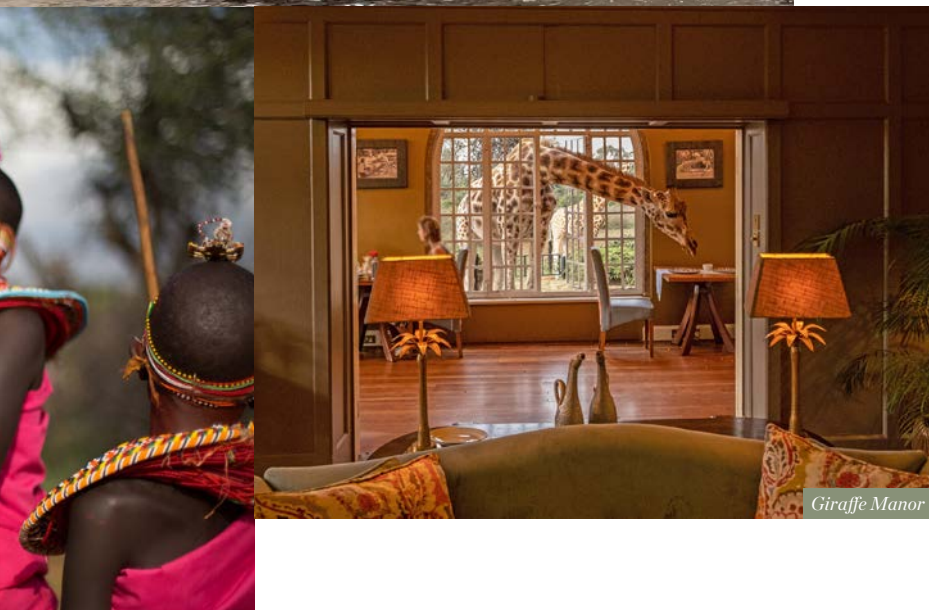
with over 40 different ethnic groups, each with their own unique customs and traditions. Spending time visiting local communities is a rewarding experience.

The *Great Migration* takes place in the Masai Mara between July and September when hundreds of thousands of wildebeest and zebra dot the plains, but you can enjoy exceptional safaris here year-round. Wildlife is abundant and the area is known for its lion prides.



White sand beaches with crystal clear waters are found along Kenya's **Indian Ocean coast**. Idyllic beach resorts offer watersports, snorkelling and diving among the marine life of the coral reefs. **Migrating whales** can also be seen along the coast from July to September.

For a night to remember, sleeping out under the stars with the sound of the wilderness lulling you to sleep is an experience unlike any other. **Romantic star beds** are available at camps in the **Mara, Amboseli and Samburu**, while at **Loisaba** the whole family can share the experience.



Giraffe Manor

Reconnect and immerse yourself in nature with a walk in the wilderness. Whether it's a stroll along the shores of one of Kenya's sparkling lakes, a hike up **Mount Kenya** or a walking safari with a camel train in **Laikipia**, adventurers will be in paradise.

Kenyans love children! We are happy to recommend the best camps for younger guests where we know they'll have fun learning new skills with their Maasai guides.

Breakfast with the giraffes at Nairobi's **Giraffe Manor** is a unique experience. However it is extremely popular and limited in numbers so we recommend that you contact us early to secure your spot.

Travel Your Way

Kenya can be explored in a variety of different ways, with options designed to suit all budgets. There is an impressive range of accommodation options too, our knowledgeable consultants are on hand to talk through the choices and create your ideal holiday.



Our **tailor-made itineraries** are as individual as our customers! We will use our experience to design your holiday around your dates and requirements. In Kenya, our touring safaris will be accompanied by a driver/guide who knows the roads and is a knowledgeable wildlife guide too.



Fly-in safaris are the quickest way to travel around and see multiple areas, especially when distances involved are vast. Flights will most often be on light aircraft and the bird's eye views add to the experience. Fly-in safaris can be tailor-made or organised as part of a small group on set dates



Travelling with a small group can be an affordable and sociable way to see the country. Our group tours depart on set dates and are accompanied by a driver/guide who can bring the destinations to life. They are great options for solo travellers too.



Follow your safari with some time on the beach – options include the **Kenyan coast, Zanzibar, Mauritius** or the **Seychelles**. Or combine a trip to Kenya with neighbouring **Tanzania**, the mountain gorillas of **Rwanda** and **Uganda, Cape Town** or **Victoria Falls**.



Travel by express train from Nairobi to Mombasa, an interesting way to see the country. You can also take the train between Tsavo National Parks and Mombasa.



Kenya has accommodation choices to suit all tastes and budgets. Choose from **world class hotels and resorts** to **boutique properties** brimming with character and style. On safari, options range from bricks and mortar lodges to **sleeping under canvas** (though our stylish camps are definitely more 'glamping' than camping!). Tented lodges offer a combination of both – a more solid structure with the added attraction of sleeping under canvas.

You can also choose whether to stay inside the **National Parks** or in a **community-owned conservancy** where there are fewer vehicles and night drives and walks are permitted. Our consultants will happily talk through the options.





HOLIDAY INSPIRATION



Classic Kenya

Arrive **Nairobi**, 1 night Eka Hotel

Travel with driver/guide to **Masai Mara**,
2 nights Mara Serena

Continue by road to **Lake Naivasha**,
1 night Naivasha Sopa Lodge

Continue by road to **Amboseli**,
2 nights Amboseli Serena

Continue by road to **Tsavo**, 2 nights Kilaguni Serena

Return to **Nairobi** or continue your holiday on the
Kenyan Coast



Lewa Wilderness



Loisaba Starbeds

On Safari in Kenya

Kenya's National Parks, conservancies and private reserves showcase the country's natural beauty and abundant wildlife. While the Masai Mara is on most people's bucket list, and rightly so, we recommend visiting one or two other areas for the ultimate all-round experience.

The **Masai Mara** is known worldwide for the **Great Migration** when hundreds of thousands of wildebeest and zebra dot the plains. Between July and September this is a spectacular sight but if your visit falls outside these months, we think you'll enjoy the Mara just as much. There is excellent resident game and the area is known for its lion prides.

To the north of Nairobi are a number of scenically beautiful game reserves and parks offering excellent game viewing and diverse activities, including guided

walks, mountain biking, camel treks and horse riding. Set against a backdrop of plains, forests and mountains, the wildlife conservancies of **Laikipia** focus on delivering a safari experience with conservation and sustainable tourism at its core.

The semi-arid plains of **Samburu** are home to the Samburu 'Special 5' – unique wildlife species that have adapted to the drier environment. Here you will often enjoy a less crowded safari experience alongside cultural

encounters with the Samburu people and strikingly beautiful landscapes.

Kenya has many soda lakes along the line of the Great Rift Valley. **Lake Nakuru** is a popular lake for migrating birds from December to March as well as wildlife including a large population of rhinos. **Elementeita** is one of our favourites for walks along the shore and forests. **Lake Naivasha**, the highest of the Rift Valley lakes, is a freshwater lake popular for boating and world-class birding.



Ol Lentille



If you want to capture that iconic photo of an elephant with Kilimanjaro in the background, head south to **Amboseli National Park**. As well as abundant wildlife, the park is well known for its herds of elephants, while the marshes, forests and seasonal lakes attract a wide range of birdlife.

Together, **Tsavo East** and **Tsavo West** form Kenya's oldest and largest national park. You'll see Kilimanjaro's peak in the distance and with so much space you are unlikely to encounter many other vehicles on game drives. Dust baths in the red volcanic soil have given the elephants here a distinctive reddish hue and in Tsavo West you can visit the black lava fields of the Shetani Lava Flows.

HOLIDAY INSPIRATION



Kenya by Air

Arrive **Nairobi**, 1 night
Nairobi Tented Camp
Fly to **Amboseli**, 2 nights
Porini Amboseli camp
Fly via Nairobi to **Laikipia**,
2 nights Porini Rhino Camp
Fly to **Meru**, 2 nights Porini
River Camp
Fly to **Masai Mara**, 2 nights
Porini Mara Camp
Fly to **Nairobi** and continue
your journey



Kenya Adventure Safari

Arrive **Nairobi**, 1 night Emara
Ole Sereni
Fly to **Laikipia**, 3 nights Tumaren
Camp or embark on a walking
safari staying in mobile camps
Fly to the **Masai Mara**, 3 nights
Governors' Camp
Fly to the **Kenyan Coast**, 5 nights
Kinondo Kwetu
Return to **Nairobi** and continue
your journey

Our team are experts at crafting
unique Kenyan safaris.



PLACES TO STAY

You can opt to stay inside the
national parks or in private
conservancies that adjoin them.
Accommodation options include
stone-built lodges, stylish tented
camps and traditional **Meru-style
canvas tents**, some featuring the
safari-style bucket shower.

We are happy to recommend the
best camps for younger guests
where we know they'll engage with
the Maasai guides and have fun
learning new skills. Starry sleep-
outs aren't just for couples either, at
Loisaba Star Beds, the whole family
can enjoy the experience.



Manda Bay



The Kenyan Coast

With its white sands, turquoise waters, World Heritage Sites and rich Swahili culture, Kenya's Indian Ocean coastline is a paradise for land and sea lovers alike.

There are plenty of *watersports* to choose from, including wind or kite surfing and deep sea fishing in the *Marine Protected waters*, as well as reefs for snorkelling and sunset cruises on traditional wooden dhows. On dry land, there are resorts with tennis courts, spas and gyms, as well as an 18-hole championship golf course with dramatic ocean views at Vipingo Ridge.

Diani Beach, south of Mombasa, is a lively resort with restaurants, shops, beach bars and a beach that stretches for 17 kilometres. Naturally there are plenty of watersports, including dolphin-spotting boat trips, kite or wind surfing, diving and snorkelling in the warm waters. Away from the sea, visit the Kaya Kinondo sacred forest, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and Colobus

Conservation, dedicated to supporting endangered Angolan colobus monkeys.

Nestled between the beaches and the forest, *Watamu* has a natural, unspoiled beauty. The Watamu Marine National Park is home to colourful coral reefs, sea turtles and world-class deep sea fishing. Take a boat trip to spot dolphins or, from June to September, the migrating



Kinondo Kwetu

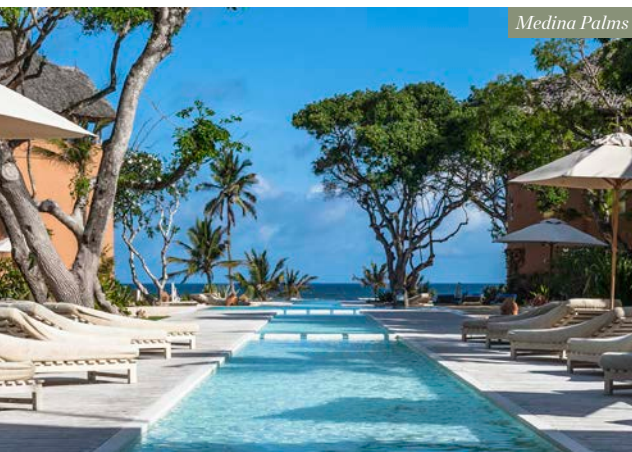
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humpback whales. The beach is also a nesting site for green and hawksbill turtles. Inland take a guided nature walk through the Arabuko Sokoke coastal forest or visit the Gede ruins dating back to the 12th century.

The beautiful and unspoiled beaches of the *Lamu Archipelago* invite

relaxation. Explore the calm waters of the mangrove creeks by kayak or paddle board and sail around the islands in a motor boat or dhow. Lamu Old Town, one of the oldest Swahili settlements in East Africa, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, its narrow, winding streets a delight to explore.



Medina Palms



HOLIDAY INSPIRATION



Kenya Safari & Beach

Arrive **Nairobi**, 1 night Eka Hotel
 Travel with driver/guide to **Amboseli**, 2 nights Amboseli Serena
 Continue by road to **Tsavo West**, 1 night Kilaguni Serena
 Continue by road to **Tsavo East**, 1 night Ashnil Aruba
 Continue by road to **Diani Beach**, 5 nights Baobab Beach Resort
 Return to **Mombasa**, fly to Nairobi or continue your journey



Kenya Uncovered

Arrive **Nairobi**, 1 night Eka Hotel
 Travel to **Samburu**, 2 nights Samburu Sopa Lodge
 Travel to the **Kenyan Highlands**, 1 night Maiyan Resort
 Travel to **Lake Naivasha**, 1 night Naivasha Sopa Lodge
 Travel to **Masai Mara**, 2 nights Mara Sopa Lodge
 Return to **Nairobi** and continue your journey – extend your holiday with a stay at a beach resort in Kenya or **Zanzibar**



PLACES TO STAY

In the coastal villages you'll find **resort hotels** ranging from three to five stars, **villas** and **oceanfront boutique hotels** with varying levels of entertainment and activities. Meal plan options include half board, full board and all-inclusive depending on the hotel, our consultants are happy to advise.

Family-run **Kinondo Kwetu** has a home-from-home feel, with horse-riding and tennis to supplement the water-based activities. Families are well catered for at resorts such as **Baobab Beach Resort** and **Medina Palms** with kids programmes to keep younger guests entertained.

Tanzania

Tanzania's game viewing experiences are widely regarded as some of the finest in Africa. Alongside the wildlife, the country is also home to incredible World Heritage Sites, Mount Kilimanjaro, the highest point on the African continent, and some breath-takingly beautiful islands.





Best time to travel

For a general safari experience, the best months are usually January to early March and June through to December. In November it's the turn of the 'short rains' so expect short, sharp bursts of rain which, in our experience, are not enough to spoil the game viewing, and the dramatic skies make a great backdrop. If you are visiting to see the Great Migration, the huge herds are usually in the Serengeti from October to June, please speak to our team for further advice. On the islands, the best weather is from July to October when you can expect hot, sunny days and little rainfall.

Climate

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Rain	7.5	7.5	12.5	22	7.5	2

	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
°C	26	27	29	31	32	32
Rain	0	0	0	2	12.5	10

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Tanzania is Awe-inspiring

With iconic experiences from the Great Migration to climbing Mount Kilimanjaro, it is little wonder that a trip to Tanzania is on so many bucket lists.

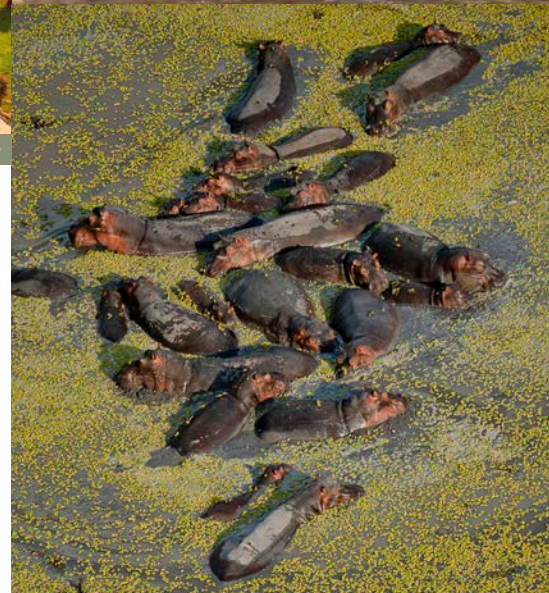


Sandies Baobab Beach

Steep-sloped craters, lakes, plains and mountains – Tanzania's national parks and reserves are not only scenically beautiful, but the ***wildlife experiences rank among the finest in Africa.***

Chimps play in the forests of the Mahale Mountains, large herds of elephants roam among Tarangire's towering baobab trees and in Manyara the lions have a reputation for climbing trees.

In the ***Serengeti***, huge herds of wildebeest and zebra roam across the plains: this is the ***Great Migration***, one of the greatest wildlife spectacles on earth. The Serengeti delivers exceptional wildlife encounters year round, the plains and rocky outcrops are prime big cat territory.

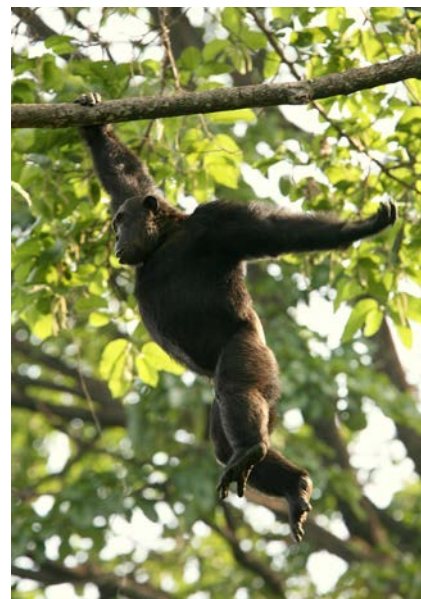


The *Ngorongoro Crater* is a natural wonder and World Heritage Site. Referred to as the 'Garden of Eden' the crater floor covers 100 square miles and is home to a vast array of animals, including the Big 5.

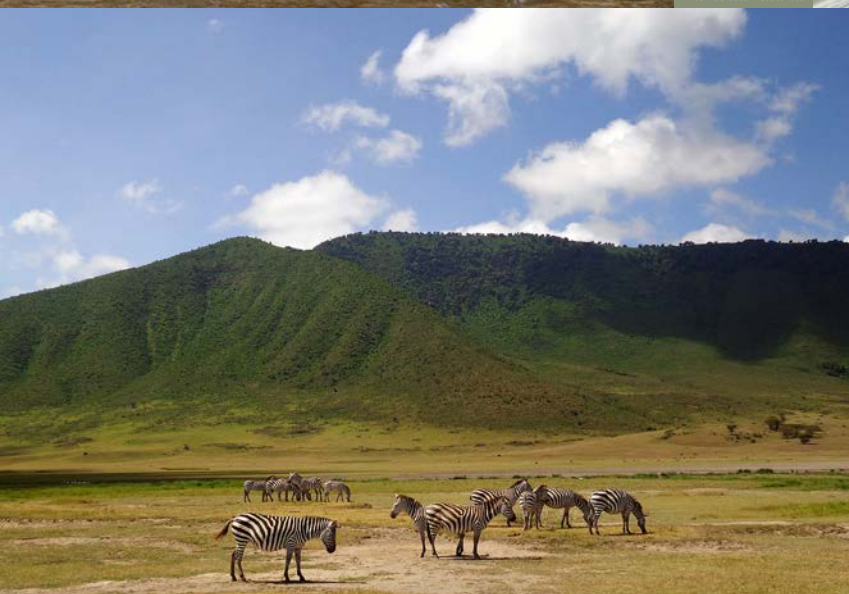
Take the path less travelled and visit one of Tanzania's southern parks – *Nyerere* and *Ruaha* may be trickier to get to but

that is a huge part of their appeal. They are raw, wild and unspoiled.

Unleash your inner adventurer on a walking safari. Immerse yourself in the *Ruaha* wilderness, walking among the wildlife with an experienced guide, sleeping under canvas and cooking over the camp fire, an authentic back-to-nature experience.



Zumbua Ruaha



Mount Kilimanjaro – at 5,895 meters, it is the highest mountain in Africa. If you aspire to reach the top and have a basic level of fitness, speak to us about our expeditions led by experienced guides who will escort and encourage you throughout.

Tanzania's idyllic islands invite relaxation. *Zanzibar*, the Spice Island, has a rich cultural heritage and a wide range of resorts. Private islands such as *Fanjove* or *Mnemba* offer blissful barefoot luxury and true escapism while *Pemba* feels far from civilisation and beautifully close to nature.

Travel Your Way

Tanzania is huge with parks in every corner so careful planning is required to make the most of your time. Our knowledgeable consultants will be happy to discuss the best way to get around and help create your holiday.



In Tanzania, our **tailor-made touring safaris** are designed around your dates and requirements and will be accompanied by a driver/guide who not only knows the way but is knowledgeable about the flora and fauna too.



Fly-in safaris are the quickest way to travel around and see multiple areas. Tanzania has a good network of domestic flights connecting the parks and islands. Flights will most often be on light aircraft and the bird's eye views add to the experience. Fly-in safaris can be tailor-made or organised as part of a small group on set dates.



Travelling with a small group can be an affordable and sociable way to see the country. Our group tours depart on set dates and are accompanied by a driver/guide who brings the destinations to life. They are great options for solo travellers too.



Follow your safari with some time on the beach – the islands of the **Zanzibar** archipelago are all easily reached. Combine a safari in Tanzania with neighbouring **Kenya** or fly to Kigali for a trip to the mountain gorillas of **Rwanda**.



Climbing Kilimanjaro is a severe test for anyone, you will require a basic level of fitness. We work with carefully chosen partners who have years of experience on the mountain and are ready to advise you on the best way to climb it. There is a choice of routes to the summit, some longer than others and some tougher. We recommend a longer route that allows time for you to acclimatise as you go. Equipment can be hired from our local partners.



On safari, accommodation options are varied and range from bricks and mortar **lodges** to sleeping under canvas, which can be anything from a **stylish camp** (more 'glamping' than camping!) to **fly camping** in a dome tent with basic facilities and safari-style bucket showers. Tented lodges offer a combination of both – a more solid structure with the added attraction of sleeping under canvas. On the islands, choose from **boutique hotels**, **lively resorts**, **luxury hotels** or **lodges on the beach**. Our consultants will happily talk through the options.

HOLIDAY INSPIRATION



Classic Tanzania & Zanzibar

Arrive **Arusha**, 1 night Moivaro Coffee Lodge

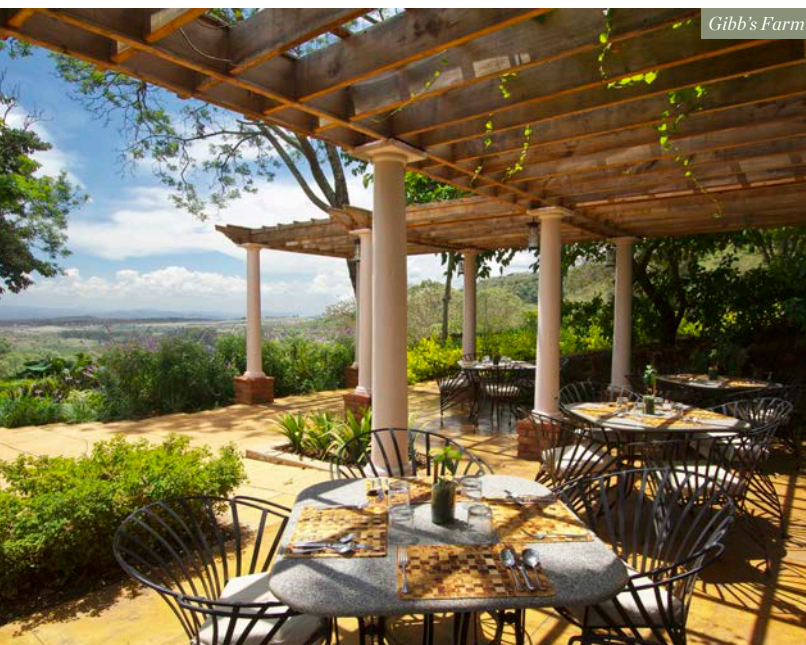
Travel with driver/guide to **Ngorongoro Crater**,
2 nights Ngorongoro Farm House

Continue by road to the **Serengeti**, 2 nights
Kafi Kafi Camp

Continue by road to **Lake Manyara**, 1 night
Kirurumu Manyara Lodge

Continue by road to **Tarangire**, 1 night Lake Burunge
Tented Lodge

Return by road to Arusha, fly to **Zanzibar**, 6 nights
Blue Bay Beach Resort



Gibb's Farm



Roho ya Selous

“Awe-inspiring! The Ngorongoro Crater has a uniqueness like nothing else I’ve seen. It’s the largest intact volcanic caldera in the world and due to its enclosed nature, the area is teeming with wildlife, providing a game experience like no other. Fabulous memories that will stay with me forever.”

Gail, African Pride Tours Consultant



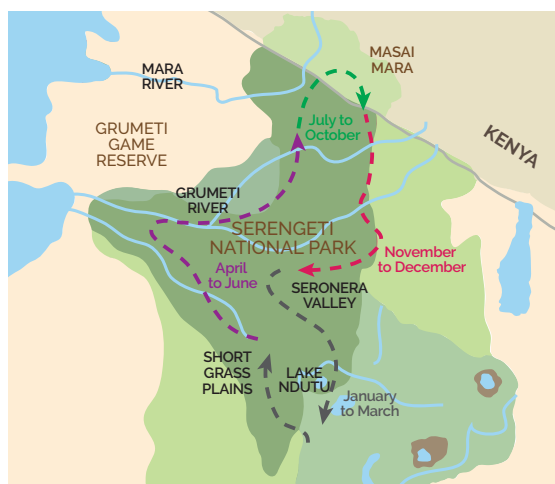
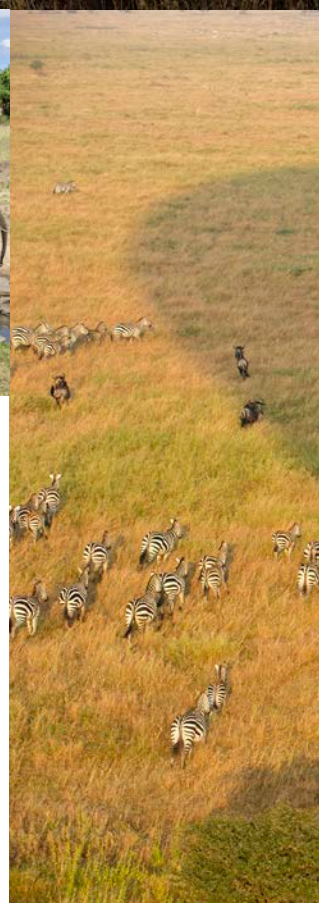


On Safari in Tanzania

From mountains that shelter troops of chimpanzees to vast plains that teem with wildebeest, zebra and large herds of elephants, Tanzania's safari experiences are diverse and thrilling.

The Great Migration. Over 2 million wildebeest and zebra follow the rains around the Serengeti – and just like the rains their movements can be unpredictable. What you can be sure of is that they are always somewhere, the trick is making sure you are in the best possible position. Their paths are not set in stone but their circular route roughly follows this pattern.

The *Serengeti* isn't only about the Great Migration though – there is a resident population of lion, cheetah, elephant and giraffe as well as impressive birdlife. In our opinion, it's an exceptional safari experience, with or without the wildebeest.



The '*Northern Circuit*' comprises three national parks that are within easy reach of each other and the Serengeti. *Tarangire* is beautifully scenic with large herds of elephants – visit between August and October when herds in their hundreds head to the river.

Pink flamingos, storks and herons flock to *Lake Manyara* during the rainy season. You might also see the famed tree-climbing lions in the mahogany and acacia trees and we've always found the numerous baboons very entertaining to watch.

Ngorongoro Crater is on most people's bucket list – and rightly so as it houses the greatest concentration of wildlife in Africa. Don't expect to be there on your own though, it is a popular stop for most visitors. For that reason, we recommend choosing a lodge on the crater rim – not only will you get amazing views, but you will be first in line to get into the park.

Tanzania's *southern parks* are more remote and as a result, much less frequented. *Nyerere* (formerly called Selous) is four times the size of the Serengeti and a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site. *Ruaha* is known for its predators, large herds of elephants and buffalo, baobab-studded hills and rocky escarpments.

For primates, head west – you'll find chimpanzees in the forested slopes of the *Mahale Mountains* and *Gombe Stream National Park*. Both are on the shores of *Lake Tanganyika* where you can go kayaking and enjoy sundowner cruises. In *Katavi National Park*, three lakes are linked by the Katuma River which during the dry season is the only source of water for miles. It attracts game in vast numbers, in particular elephants, buffalo and hippos.



HOLIDAY INSPIRATION



Tanzania's Northern Circuit

Arrive **Arusha**, 1 night Arusha Coffee Lodge

Travel with driver/guide to **Tarangire**, 2 nights Lake Burunge Tented Lodge

Continue by road to **Lake Manyara**, 1 night Kirurumu Manyara Lodge

Continue by road to **Serengeti**, 2 nights Kati Kati Camp

Continue by road to **Ngorongoro Crater**, 2 nights Ngorongoro Farm House

Return to **Arusha** and continue your journey



Chimps & the Best of the West

Arrive **Arusha**, 1 night Arusha Coffee Lodge

Fly to **Katavi**, 4 nights Chada Katavi

Fly to **Mahale Mountains**, 3 nights Greystoke Mahale

Fly to **Arusha** and continue your journey



PLACES TO STAY

Accommodation in and around the northern parks ranges from large hotels and lodges to **authentic camps** with traditional bucket showers. **Tented lodges** combine the romance of sleeping under canvas with a bit more luxury. **Mobile migration camps** move around the Serengeti following the wildebeest herds so you are always in the right place at the right time without sacrificing any creature comforts. They leave a light footprint too.

In Ngorongoro, we love the cosy feel and beautiful surroundings of **The Manor at Ngorongoro** and the views from lodges on the crater rim, such as **&Beyond Ngorongoro Crater Lodge** are utterly breath taking.

In Ruaha, combine a mobile walking safari, sleeping in dome tents, with a few nights at **Zumbua**, a stylish thatch and canvas camp. On the shores of Lake Tanganyika, the wood and thatch bandas of **Greystoke Mahale** are wonderfully rustic and authentic.



Island Escapes

Lying just off the Tanzanian coastline is a collection of atolls and islands, with rustic beach lodges, island hideaways and first class resorts. The turquoise waters brim with colourful marine life, deserted sandbars beckon for beach picnics and in the local villages the ancient Arabic influences, Swahili cultures and traditions are very much alive.

With a beautiful coastline and laid-back vibe, we think the ‘Spice Island’ of **Zanzibar** is an ideal place to unwind after a safari. The northwest coast typically has the best beaches for all day sunbathing and swimming, while on the east coast you’ll find beaches that are ideal for kite surfing.

Stone Town is Zanzibar’s cultural heart. The historic centre is a UNESCO World Heritage Site with narrow winding alleys, cultural landmarks and bustling bazaars. Colourful spice stalls hint at the

island’s past – discover more on a spice tour and savour the flavours in the local cuisine.

Snorkel or dive among colourful **marine life** in the surrounding atolls, try a spot of dolphin watching or take a **sunset cruise** on a traditional dhow. The Jozani Forest is home to the endangered **Zanzibar red colobus monkey**, found only on the island.

Pemba is like the Zanzibar of yesteryear – much less developed and full of rustic

charm. There are primitive forests, hidden beaches, lagoons and unspoilt coral reefs. Pemba may feel far from civilisation but we think it is beautifully close to nature.

Fanjove Private Island is the smallest island in the Songo Songo archipelago and a barefoot paradise. Sandy beaches lined with palms, unspoilt coral reefs, crystal clear water, incredible marine life and just ten eco-friendly beach villas, each with an open front to make the most of the stunning sea views.



Fanjove Island



Breezes Beach Club



Fanjove Island

Known for its unspoiled natural beauty and protected waters of the Marine Park, **Mafia Island** is popular with divers and snorkelers. Between October and March, whale sharks pass by on their migration.

HOLIDAY INSPIRATION



Tanzania Adventure Safari

Arrive **Dar-es-Salaam**, 1 night Onomo Hotel

Fly to **Nyerere**, 3 nights Siwandu Camp

Fly to **Ruaha**, 3 nights Zumbua & 2 nights Kidogo Fly Camp

Fly to **Zanzibar**, 5 nights Kisiwa on the Beach, or fly onto Pemba, 5 nights Fundu Lagoon

Return home or continue your journey



Southern Explorer

Arrive **Dar-es-Salaam**, 1 night Best Western

Fly to **Nyerere**, 3 nights Rufiji River Lodge

Fly to the **Southern Highlands**, 3 nights Mufindi Highland Lodge

Fly to **Ruaha**, 3 nights Ruaha River Lodge

Return to **Dar-es-Salaam** and continue your journey – extend with a few days on a **Zanzibar** beach



PLACES TO STAY

Zanzibar is the largest island in the Zanzibar Archipelago so, as you would expect, there is a range of hotels and resorts, many offering watersports, kids clubs and recreational amenities. Choose from **5 star luxury hotels, all-inclusive resorts, boutique beach lodges** and **family-friendly villas**. The tide has a great impact on Zanzibar's beaches – at high tide some are practically non-existent and at low tide the water can go out several hundred metres, so for that reason we recommend choosing a hotel with a swimming pool.

Fundu Lagoon on Pemba Island, is a beautifully laid-back, Robinson Crusoe style lodge with thatch-covered tented suites overlooking the ocean. Or for a night to remember, try the unique underwater room at **Manta Resort**.

Namibia

This is a land of wide-open spaces, spectacular scenery, almost year-round sunshine, wildlife and unique experiences. The contrasts and stark beauty will leave a lasting impression.





Namibia is a **great country to drive** around – open roads, very little traffic and incredible scenery along the way. We will plan your route, book your accommodation and provide driving directions, leaving you free to explore as you wish.



If you relish the freedom of the road but would rather not drive yourself, we can arrange for a **driver/guide** to accompany you, who not only knows the way but is knowledgeable about the flora and fauna too.



Distances in Namibia can be deceptively large so flying between areas saves on travelling time, plus the views from the sky of the dunes and coastline are spectacular.



Travelling with a small group can be an affordable and sociable way to see the country. Our group tours depart on set dates and are accompanied by a driver/guide who can bring the destinations to life. They are great options for solo travellers too.



A gentle cruise along the Chobe River in a floating hotel can be a relaxing way to start or end a trip and offers a different perspective on wildlife when seen from the water.



A few days in **Cape Town** can be easily added onto a Namibian holiday, while Namibia's Zambezi Region borders **Botswana, Zambia and Zimbabwe**.



Best time to travel

Namibia really is a year-round destination, however the winter months of May to October are generally the most comfortable – you can expect warm temperatures during the day and little chance of rainfall. These months are also the best months for game viewing – as it's dry, the animals tend to head to water. For this reason, it's peak season and you'll need to book early.

Climate

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Namibia is Unique

Whether it's the vast dunes, the dramatic Atlantic coast, the ancient rock art or the nomadic tribes, here you will find experiences that you simply won't encounter elsewhere. The scenery is diverse, beautiful and at times otherworldly: mountains, canyons, deserts and wetlands, it is a land of captivating contrasts.



Onduli Ridge

Flying over *Namibia's famous dunes* is a breath-taking experience, the rolling sea of sand stretching as far as the eye can see. Rising up from the parched earth, the dunes are equally as impressive when seen on foot.

Coastal mists roll in from the sea over the *Skeleton Coast*, a haunting and mystical sight and a vital source of water for desert-adapted animals and plants.

Namibia is home to many ancient and semi-nomadic tribes, including the *Himba* with their distinctive ochre colouring and intricate hairstyles and the *Herero* people known for their unique and colourful clothing.

Damaraland's beauty is raw and untamed, the rugged terrain punctuated by rocky outcrops, towering mountains on the horizon and deep canyons carving



through the land. The views are quite simply amazing.

Seeing iconic wildlife against a backdrop of *Etosha's shimmering salt pan* is quite spectacular, but Namibia's varied wildlife encounters don't end there. Track rhino on foot, look for desert adapted species or see first-hand the AfriCat Foundation's conservation work at *Okonjima Reserve*.



Nambwa Tented Lodge



Shipwreck Lodge

Sail out to sea in search of dolphins and colonies of seals, ride a fat bike or sand board in the desert dunes, go kayaking with the seals or uncover the hidden wonders of the Living Desert; the coastal town of *Swakopmund* has plenty of adventures in store.

Hemmed in by the Zambezi and Chobe Rivers, Namibia's wetlands of the *Zambezi Region* offer a lush and colourful contrast to the arid desert landscapes. Head out on a boat trip, weaving through the floodplains and papyrus islands to see hippos, crocs and a huge variety of birdlife.



Kwessi Dunes

Namibia's capital, **Windhoek**, is the starting point for most visitors and we think it's wise to spend a night or two here before you head off, especially if you are driving yourself. The city is an interesting blend of modern and traditional with some German architecture thrown in.

Lüderitz, Walvis Bay and **Swakopmund** are old fishing and diamond settlements that retain much of their historical charm. Swakopmund in particular is a lively resort where you can go sand boarding or on a desert tour. Dolphin and seal cruises depart from nearby Walvis Bay.

The **Namib Desert** is the oldest desert in the world and it's here that you'll find some of the world's highest sand dunes. Huge drifts of sand rise up to 350 metres, their red and orange colours contrasting with the white salt pans at their feet and the bright blue skies – **Deadvlei** and **Sossusvlei** are two famous examples. We recommend visiting at sunrise when the colours are at their most spectacular.

There are wildlife encounters, parks and reserves across Namibia. The premier safari area is **Etosha National Park**, the enormous salt pan and semi-arid desert are home to a huge array of game,

including lion, cheetah, giraffe and the endemic black-faced impala. Stay in a private reserve just outside the park and you'll have the option to see nocturnal species on a night drive too.

Evocative, mysterious, remote and spectacular: the **Skeleton Coast** is where the hot desert meets the cold Atlantic resulting often in early morning mists. It's a harsh coastline, the beaches are strewn with bleached whalebones and rusted shipwrecks and animals have had to adapt to the environment.

Damaraland is untamed and scenically beautiful. Deep river gorges and



“A stunning country with vast open spaces, endless skies and some of the most beautiful scenery I have ever experienced, so different to the rest of the Africa yet truly breath-taking.”

Carole, African Pride Reservations Manager

granite koppies or hills break up the flat landscapes. See the prehistoric rock engravings at *Twyfelfontein* and go rhino tracking on foot, a thrilling experience.

In the far north, *Kaokoland* is a sparsely populated area of true wilderness, with mountains, valleys, rivers and waterfalls. It is also the home of the Himba people, an ancient and semi-nomadic tribe.

Over to the east, the wetlands of the *Zambezi Region* are part of the *KAZA Transfrontier Conservation Area*, one of the largest conservation initiatives in Africa, protecting the wildlife of this pristine area.

Fish River Canyon lies in the far south, a geological masterpiece in the desert and the world's second largest canyon. It is as surprising as it is awe-inspiring.

Desert Quiver Camp



HOLIDAY INSPIRATION



Classic Namibia

Arrive **Windhoek**, 1 night
Galton House

Travel with driver/guide to **Sossusvlei**, 2 nights Dead Valley Lodge

Continue by road to **Swakopmund**, 2 nights The Delight

Continue by road to **Damaraland**, 2 nights Camp Kipwe

Continue by road to **Etosha** area, 3 nights Ongava Tented Camp

Return to **Windhoek** via the AfriCat Foundation



Namibia by Air

Arrive **Windhoek**, 1 night
Hotel Thule

Fly to the **NamibRand**, 2 nights
Kwessi Dunes

Fly to **Swakopmund**, 1 night
Strand Hotel

Fly to **Twyfelfontein**, 2 nights
Camp Kipwe

Fly to **Ongava Reserve**, 2 nights
Ongava Lodge

Fly to **Okonjima Nature Reserve**, 1 night
Bush Camp

Fly to **Windhoek** and continue your journey



Namibia Adventure Safari

Arrive **Windhoek**, 1 night Villa Violet
Drive to **Sossusvlei**, 2 nights Desert Hills Glamping Camp

Drive to **Swakopmund**, 3 nights
Casa al Mare

Drive to **Twyfelfontein**, 2 nights
Malansrus Tented Camp

Drive to **Etosha Heights Reserve**, 2 nights
Safarihoek Lodge

Drive through **Etosha Park** to Etosha East, 2 nights
Mushara Bush Camp

Drive to **Windhoek**, 1 night
Na'ankuse Lodge

Botswana

One of the last wilderness areas of Africa, with truly unique landscapes and some of the finest game viewing. The jewel in the crown is the seasonally flooded Okavango Delta – a wetland paradise within a desert.





Flying between camps is the best way, and in some cases the only way, to get around. Flying over the Okavango Delta is a unique experience in itself, its vastness perhaps best appreciated from the air. Flights are on light aircraft and in some areas a scenic helicopter transfer can be arranged.



Travelling with a small group can be an affordable and sociable way to see the country. In Botswana, our group tours are mobile safaris, travelling in open game viewing vehicles with experienced guides and staying for two or three nights in each wilderness area in a mobile camp (and while you're out enjoying a game drive, the dedicated camp staff will pack up the entire camp and move it to the next location.)



We can arrange for an **experienced private guide** to accompany you on your travels who will take care of the driving too. This can be a great way to travel with your extended family or group of friends.



Combine a Botswana trip with some time in **South Africa**, or add on a few days at **Victoria Falls**. The Falls can be easily reached by road from the Chobe/Kasane area, or cross into **Namibia** for a cruise along the Chobe River.



Best time to travel

To see the Delta at its watery finest, we recommend visiting between June and October, though as the amount of water in the Delta depends on rainfall in Angola in the preceding months, this can be a moveable feast. Days at this time of year should be hot and dry. This is also the best time to visit Chobe as the lack of rain brings the migrating wildlife down to the river. You can visit the Makgadikgadi Pans year round – for parched desert landscapes and quad biking over the pans, you will need to go between April and October; from November to March, the desert becomes a green oasis with herds of migrating wildebeest and zebra.

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Botswana is Breath-taking

A remarkable inland delta; deserts and salt pans that are visible from space; incredible rivers, wildlife and culture. Botswana's experiences are one of a kind.



Explore the waterways of the **Okavango Delta**. For a water-level perspective, take a ride in a traditional mokoro canoe, you'll see tiny, colourful reed frogs, an amazing array of birdlife and the Delta's abundant wildlife. With no on board motor, there is nothing to disturb the peace.

Sundowners on the Delta are incredibly special moments. Cruise out to a peaceful

spot and watch as the sun sets, casting bright orange and red reflections on the water.

Take to the skies on a **scenic helicopter flight**. In the Delta, you can have the doors removed for unrestricted views of the watery channels, islands and wildlife below. Flying over the vast desert salt pans is a different experience entirely.

Fall asleep to the sounds of the bush under a canopy of stars and awake to a chorus of bird song. *Sleep out* in a beautiful bush bedroom, *go fly camping* on a Delta island or on one of the largest salt pans in the world, with nothing between you and the vastness that surrounds you. *A life-changing experience.*

Botswana's wildlife is exceptional. Large herds of elephants congregate along the Chobe River; lion prides roam the Savute plains; in the Delta, unique water-adapted antelope share their watery paradise with Africa's iconic Big 5 while brown hyena and colonies of meerkats burrow under the desert sands.

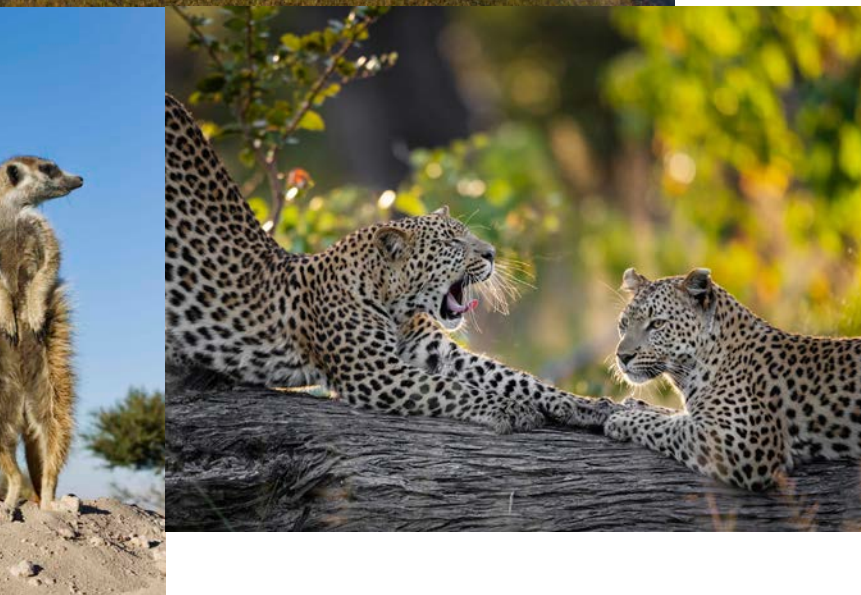


Skybeds

Head out on a *guided walk* and feel the thrill of approaching wildlife on foot; saddle-up for a *horseback ride* through the desert or the shallow Delta waters; hop on a bike for a guided *cycling safari*. Botswana has plenty of activities to keep you active.

The vast *Makgadikgadi Pans* are an impressive sight. Changing with the seasons, they go from dry salt flats to a green oasis, the rains bringing with them flocks of pink flamingos and migrating herds of zebra and wildebeest.

Cultural encounters showcase Botswana's *rich and fascinating heritage*. Take a walk with the Zu/'hoasi Bushmen, an ancient community with finely-tuned survival skills. In the *Tsodilo Hills*, you'll find a cultural site of huge significance, over 4,500 rock art sites, the paintings and engravings of the San people dating back thousands of years.





A delta that doesn't flow into the sea: it's a natural wonder, and the 1,000th World Heritage Site. The Okavango River fans out over floodplains to create the magnificent seasonal wetlands of the **Okavango Delta**. The wildlife viewing here is superb year round and the experiences vary depending on your camp location and the time of year. Choose between camps that offer pure water-based activities, exploring the channels by traditional mokoro or motorboat and camps that combine thrilling game drives with seasonal boating activities. We suggest a combination of both for the best all-round Delta experience.

Splashing through the Delta waters on an open game viewer is tremendous fun.

Experienced horse riders can take this one step further with a **horse back safari**.

At the heart of the Delta is **Moremi Game Reserve**, a large, permanent island renowned as being one of Southern Africa's premier wildlife areas. **Chief's Island**, the largest island in the Delta, is a haven for wildlife as the water levels rise resulting in an exceptionally rich concentration of game.

The key draw for **Chobe National Park** is the Chobe River where, during the dry season months (typically May to October) you can often see large numbers of elephants and other wildlife congregating at the river's edge. The town of Kasane lies on the park's

doorstep – there are a number of lodges and boutique properties here, though if you prefer a quieter environment surrounded by nature, we recommend a lodge within the park itself.

West of Chobe are the private reserves of **Kwando** and **Linyanti** and the mysterious **Savute Channel** – it's unpredictable, it floods then dries up and can remain without water for decades. The wildlife is drawn to the pockets of water and we've seen some incredible game sightings in this area, sometimes without even having to leave the camp.

Surrounded by the Kalahari Desert, the **Makgadikgadi Pans National Park** has one of the largest salt flats in the





&Beyond Sandibe Okavango

“As a self-confessed city girl, I was totally captivated by the Okavango Delta. I loved the whole wilderness experience, the stunning scenery, the unique game viewing experiences, the friendliness of the people. The feeling of peace and serenity will stay with me forever.”

Ainslie, African Pride Tours Consultant

world. The landscape here is strikingly beautiful with uninterrupted views as far as the eye can see. The Pans themselves are only accessible when they are dry so plan your visit between June and October if you want to camp out overnight. When the rains arrive, typically from December, they bring wildlife and flamingos to the pans and the desert is transformed. It's too wet to access the pans, but the draw card at this time of year is the huge herds of migrating zebra.

The Kalahari sands are the ideal habitat for colonies of *meerkats*.

Stay at *Jack's Camp*, *San Camp* or *Camp Kalahari* and observe these captivating creatures as they emerge from their burrows and greet the day.

Known as 'Land of Giants', *Mashatu Game Reserve* sits on the banks of the Limpopo River. It is beautiful and remote, with breath-taking scenery and excellent game viewing. Explore on mountain bikes or spend a morning in an underground hide, a wonderful place to watch the elephants.



Khwai Leadwood



HOLIDAY INSPIRATION



Classic Botswana & Victoria Falls

Arrive **Victoria Falls**, 3 nights
Batonka Guest Lodge

Travel by road to **Chobe**, 3 nights
Muchenje Safari Lodge

Fly to the **Okavango**, 3 nights
Setari Camp

Fly to **Okavango/Moremi**, 3 nights
Okuti Camp

Fly to **Maun** and continue
your journey



Botswana Explorer

Arrive **Kasane/Chobe**, 2 nights
Chobe Game Lodge

Fly to **Savute**, 2 nights Savute
Safari Lodge

Fly to the **Okavango**, 2 nights
Camp Okavango

Fly to **Okavango/Moremi**, 2 nights
Camp Moremi

Fly to **Makgadikgadi**, 2 nights
Leroo La Tau

Fly to **Maun** and continue
your journey



Botswana Adventure Safari

Arrive **Maun**, fly to Moremi, travel
with driver/guide to camp site,
3 nights tented camp

Continue to **Mababe**, 3 nights
tented camp

Continue to **Chobe**, 3 nights
tented camp

Continue to **Kasane**, where your
group tour ends. Why not add on a
few nights at **Victoria Falls**?

Zimbabwe

An ancient land known the world over for the iconic Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe has a wealth of spectacular scenery, excellent game viewing, fine accommodation and a warm and friendly people.





A **fly-in safari** is the most convenient way to visit a number of Zimbabwe's parks, flying on light aircraft between camps. The size and locations of the parks mean that careful planning is required but we love working out the best way to get around.



The iconic **Rovos Rail** train links Victoria Falls with Pretoria in South Africa, an elegant way to experience the country with a game drive in Hwange National Park en route. Three and four night journeys are available. Hop aboard the **Elephant Express**, this unique railcar travels to Bomani and Camelthorn Camps in southern Hwange, with lunch and game viewing along the way.



While the parks are spread out, it is possible to do some journeys comfortably **by road**. We can arrange transfers leaving you free to sit back and enjoy the scenery.



Hop across the border to see the Falls from the **Zambian side** or combine with the **Okavango Delta** in Botswana. Tick off several bucket list items in one trip – regular flights link **Victoria Falls** to **Cape Town**, the **Kruger** and **Nairobi**, for the **Masai Mara**.

Best time to travel

For the safari experience, the best time to visit is in winter, from May to October. It's still warm during the day but it is also dry, this means the vegetation is less dense and the animals are drawn to water. This is when you are most likely to see the huge herds of elephants and buffalo in Hwange National Park. It can however get exceptionally hot in September and October.

The Victoria Falls can be visited year round, though the water levels do vary with the seasons. From February to May the amount of water roaring into the Falls is phenomenal. You get a real sense of the power of the water but you will also get drenched! From June onwards the water levels recede and you can get some spectacular pictures. It seems incredible but when the Zambezi River is particularly low, the Falls can be reduced to little more than a trickle on the Zambian side, though the Zimbabwean side usually still manages a good display.



Climate

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Rain	19	17	10	3.5	1	0
	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
°C	19	22	25	27	27	25
Rain	0	0	0	4	9	18

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Bumi Hills



With a curtain of water almost two kilometres wide, a drop of one hundred metres and spray that can be seen for miles, it's no wonder that **Victoria Falls** is one of the seven Natural Wonders of the World. The Falls form part of the border between Zimbabwe and Zambia so you can visit from either country. The KAZA visa, obtainable on arrival, allows entry to both countries.

Victoria Falls town is a bustling place with a craft market, a brewery, restaurants and a good selection of hotels and boutique guest houses. It's also the starting point for most activities, from sunset cruises and township lunches to white water rafting and scenic helicopter

flights. Choose whether you want to be in the thick of it all or retreat to a lodge on the banks of the river. Most lodges will also offer game drives in the park.

Hwange National Park, Zimbabwe's oldest and largest park can be reached by road or air from Victoria Falls. Known for its large herds of elephant and buffalo and good general game, the park is also scenically diverse with granite hills and forests in the north and drier open plains in the south. Activities include game drives and walks and visits to local villages but we find we have just as much fun sitting at a waterhole or in a log pile hide and just watching what wildlife comes by.

Lake Kariba is dotted with islands and a magnet for wildlife and birds. We recommend a couple of nights here, the blue of the lake is such a contrast to the browns and greens in the parks and the sunset cruise among the skeleton trees may well be a holiday highlight.

The **Matopos** or **Matobo Hills** are strikingly beautiful, with huge granite boulders that somehow seem to balance on top of each other. Here you can track black and white rhino on foot and take a guided walk for incredible views and the opportunity to see some fine examples of ancient rock art.

On the banks of the Zambezi River, **Mana**



Victoria Falls River Lodge

“Unmissable Victoria Falls always has a warm welcome, but then I’m biased as it’s my home town! You’ll be immersed in the wildlife experience, with elephant and buffalo roaming through the town regularly. For the adrenalin seekers there’s white water rafting on the mighty Zambezi. You’ll enjoy outstanding safari experiences at Mana Pools and Hwange, two of my favourite places in this beautiful country.”

Nicky, African Pride Tours Consultant

Pools National Park is a scenically beautiful park, a haven for wildlife and a World Heritage Site. Stay in a tented camp along the river, where you can go canoeing and take scenic cruises as well as game drives, or go deeper into the park.

Tucked away in the south east of the country, **Gonarezhou National Park**

sits on the border with South Africa and Mozambique. It’s a little bit off the beaten track, but worth the effort. It is remote, natural, pristine and undeveloped, with forests, plains, hills and rivers and of course the wildlife.



Linkwasha Camp



HOLIDAY INSPIRATION



Classic Zimbabwe

Arrive **Bulawayo**, transfer by road to Matobo Hills, 3 nights Amalinda Lodge

Road transfer to **Hwange**, 3 nights Khulu Bush Camp

Road transfer to **Victoria Falls**, 3 nights Ilala Lodge

Continue your journey – Chobe in Botswana is within easy reach, or fly on to South Africa or Kenya



Zimbabwe Adventure Safari

Arrive **Victoria Falls**, 2 nights 528 Victoria Falls

Fly to **Hwange**, 3 nights The Hide

Fly to **Lake Kariba**, 3 nights Changa Safari Camp

Fly to **Mana Pools**, 3 nights John’s Camp

Return to **Victoria Falls** and continue your journey



A Tale of Three Countries

Arrive **Pretoria**, 1 night Castello Di Monte



Train to **Victoria Falls**, 4 nights Rovos Rail

Arrive **Victoria Falls**, 3 nights Victoria Falls Hotel

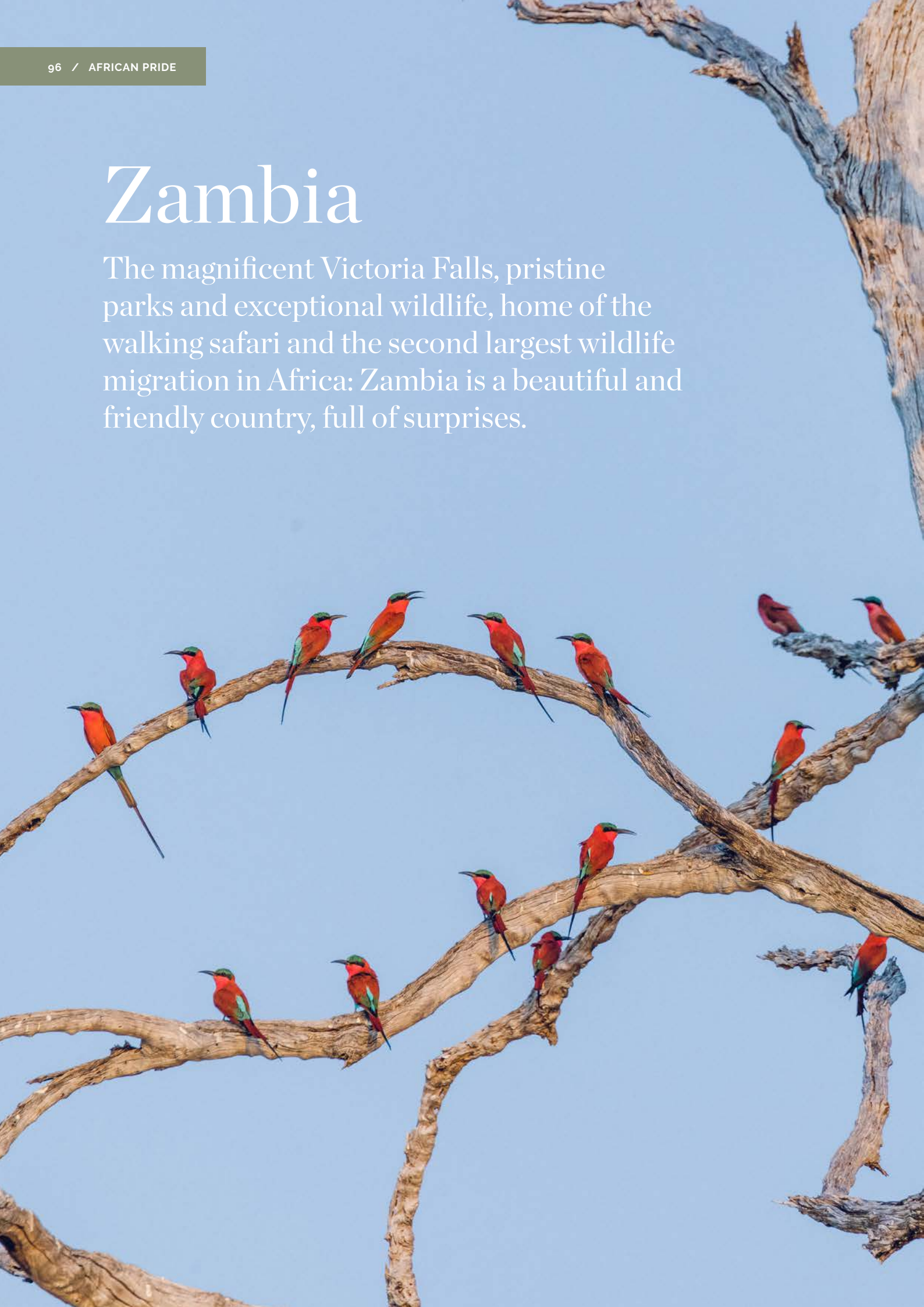
Travel by road to **Chobe**, 3 nights Chobe Chilwero

Return to **Kasane** and continue your journey

Our consultants will gladly assist in planning your tailor-made holiday to Zimbabwe.

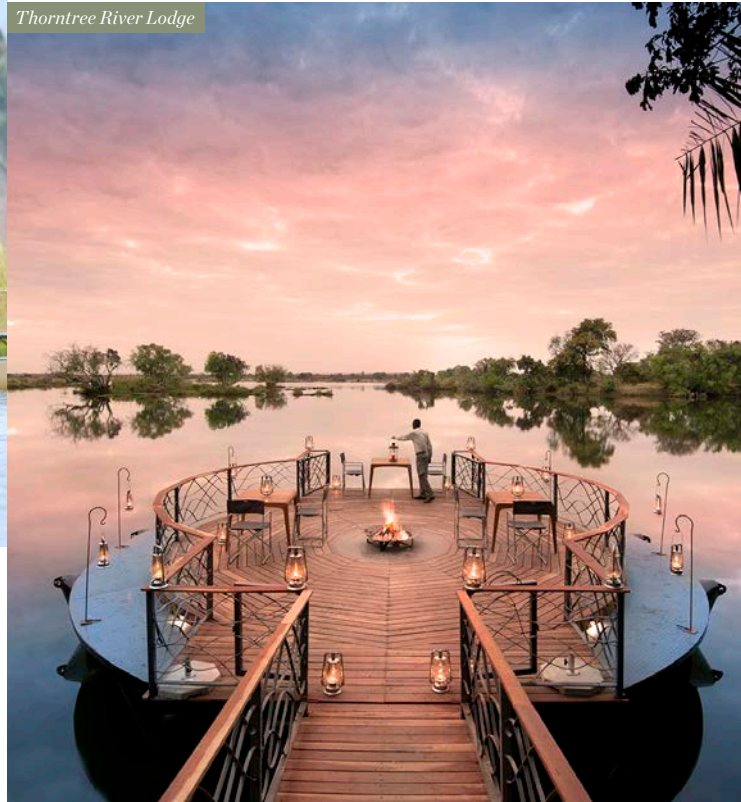
Zambia

The magnificent Victoria Falls, pristine parks and exceptional wildlife, home of the walking safari and the second largest wildlife migration in Africa: Zambia is a beautiful and friendly country, full of surprises.





Thorntree River Lodge



Zambia's parks are spread out so **flying** is the best way to travel between them. Flights are by light aircraft.



From Livingstone, it's a short transfer across the border to **Zimbabwe** or **Botswana**. A good flight network connects Livingstone with **Cape Town** and the **Kruger**. Neighbouring **Malawi** is known as 'the warm heart of Africa', with friendly, welcoming people, game reserves, highlands and plateaus, tea plantations and a magnificent lake dotted with sandy beaches and idyllic lakeside retreats. It is an ideal spot for relaxation following a safari in Zambia or in Malawi itself. Speak to our consultants for further advice.



Join a small group of like-minded people for a walking safari in the South Luangwa, staying in mobile camp sites and exploring the wilderness on foot, a thrilling adventure.



Best time to travel

The dry winter season from June to November is best for safari activities and bush walking. It can be exceptionally hot in September and October so perhaps too hot for walking, but the lack of water means the animals are more visible at the waterholes. Many camps close during the rainy season from November to May though some lodges remain open year-round and the birding at this time of year is exceptional. If you want to see the wildebeest migration in Liuwa Plain, the herds follow the rains so you should visit after the rains arrive in November.

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Rain	1	1	2	6	11	16

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Kafunta River Lodge

When the river is in full flood between February and May there's a chance that there is so much spray you'll barely see the **Victoria Falls**, but it is a very intense experience nonetheless and with the KAZA visa we recommend popping over to Zimbabwe to see the Falls from that side too.

Livingstone is at the heart of the Falls activities, which include tours of the Falls on foot, scenic helicopter flights, river cruises and dinner on board the Royal Livingstone Express. Stay in a hotel near Livingstone to be close to the action or further upstream in a lodge on the banks of the river.

Set along the Luangwa River, **South Luangwa National Park** boasts a diverse range of animals and birds and has a particularly good reputation for leopard sightings. Stay in lodges and camps along the river or head deep into the bush to an **authentic bush camp**. The park is renowned for its **walking safaris** – pioneers such as Robin Pope and Norman Carr led the way – and walking between camps will bring you very close to nature.

With a towering escarpment on one side and the Zambezi River on the other, wildlife in the Lower Zambezi National Park naturally congregates on the valley

floor. Here you can enjoy river-based activities as well as game drives but just don't expect to see any giraffes, they have never been recorded in this area.

Zambia's largest national park, **Kafue**, is vast, unspoiled and largely unexplored. The open plains, lakes and wetlands attract an incredible variety of wildlife. Kafue isn't about huge numbers of animals, it's more about the diversity of wildlife, the pristine environment, the space and the remoteness.

Liuwa Plain National Park may be remote and harder to reach but as a result it has remained beautifully untouched.





Chindeni Bushcamp

“Zambia amazed me. It felt like I had this beautiful wilderness all to myself. I loved the back-to-nature feel of the bush camps – and the pampering in the luxurious riverside lodges. Fantastic leopard sightings, sundowners with pink fizz, and the people, so warm and welcoming everywhere.”

Ainslie, African Pride Tours Consultant

It's described as a 'Serengeti meets Delta' kind of experience – the annual rains arrive in November bringing with them vast herds of blue wildebeest, the second largest wildlife migration in Africa.

Zambia offers some unique *wildlife experiences*. Visit between August and November to see the *carmine bee-*

eaters, colourful birds that migrate to the banks for the Zambezi and Luangwa rivers to breed. Join an annual small group tour to the Bangweulu Swamps for a chance to see the huge and extraordinary *Shoebill* or join the Kasanka *Bat Safari* each November when up to 10 million fruit bats converge on Kasanka National Park.



Chiawa Camp



HOLIDAY INSPIRATION



Classic Zambia

Arrive **Lusaka**, 1 night Latitude 15 Hotel

Fly to **South Luangwa**, 3 nights Kafunta Three Rivers & 2 nights Island Bush Camp

Fly to **Lower Zambezi**, 2 nights Potato Bush Camp

Fly to **Livingstone**, 2 nights Waterberry Lodge

Return home or continue your journey



Zambia Adventure Safari



Arrive **Lusaka**, 1 night Latitude 15 Hotel

Travel by road to **Kafue**, 4 nights Musekese Camp

Return to Lusaka by road, fly to **Lower Zambezi**, 4 nights fly camping

Fly to **Lusaka** and continue your journey



Zambia Explorer

Arrive Lusaka, fly to **South Luangwa**, 2 nights Tafika Camp

Travel by road and boat to **Chikoko Tree Camp**, 2 nights walking safari

Fly to **North Luangwa**, 3 nights Mwaleshi Camp

Fly to Lusaka, continue by road to **Kafue**, 3 nights Musekese Camp

Return by road to **Lusaka** and continue your journey

Mozambique

Mozambique is a beautiful country – inland there are national parks and reserves and along the Indian Ocean coastline you'll find stunning beaches and a string of dreamy island archipelagos.

This *once Portuguese colony* retains much of its colonial charm, often reflected in the food, architecture and culture. The toes-in-the-sand *beach retreats* may lack some of the sophistication of the larger resorts in Mauritius but that is precisely why we love them. You still feel like you're in Africa, with all its warmth and friendliness.



Lying just off the south east coast is a beautiful collection of islands, the *Bazaruto Archipelago*. Benguerra Island's sandy shores are lined with beautiful beach lodges and flying in by helicopter is a breath-taking way to arrive.

The crescent-shaped island of *Ilha de Moçambique* is actually linked to the mainland by a long bridge. It's a UNESCO World Heritage site, full of charm and character. Fly to Nampula, stay by the sea at *Coral Lodge* and visit by boat.



Within a short drive of *Vilanculos* you'll find rustic and romantic beach lodges and boutique hotels on the Indian Ocean coastline. In the far south of the country, just across the border from South Africa, is *Ponta Mamoli* and *White Pearl Resorts* with sandy beaches and dunes that stretch for miles. Loggerhead and Leatherback turtles nest on these unspoilt shores between November and February.

Diving, snorkelling, kite surfing, fishing and paddle boarding are popular water-based activities, while on land, try horse-riding or hiking in the dunes. For a touch of romance, take a dhow cruise at sunset or picnic on a remote sandbar.



&Beyond Benguerra Island



Santorini Mozambique



Best time to travel

We think the best time to visit is during the drier months from May to October – it's still hot but much less humid. This coincides with the best months for safari in the neighbouring countries so a bush and beach combination works very well. During the summer months from December to April there can be heavy downpours – often short in duration but it can be very humid at this time. We wouldn't recommend the Bazaruto Archipelago in January or February due to the risk of cyclones and torrential rain. From July to October you might see the humpback whales off shore.



Arriving by helicopter is the best way to reach the island lodges.



You can **drive up** from KwaZulu-Natal to the border at Kosi Bay from where we will arrange a transfer by 4x4 vehicle to White Pearl at Ponta Mamoli. Alternatively, fly to Maputo and travel down by 4x4.



Combine a holiday in **South Africa** with a beach stay, there are regular flights between Johannesburg and Vilanculos, Maputo and Nampula and from Cape Town to Vilanculos and Maputo. There are also flights from **Nairobi** to Nampula.

Holiday Inspiration



Safari & Island Escape

Arrive Johannesburg, fly onto **Greater Kruger** area, 4 nights &Beyond Kirkman's Kamp
Fly via Johannesburg to **Vilanculos**, helicopter to **Benguerra**, 6 nights Azura Benguerra
Return to Vilanculos and continue your journey

Rwanda

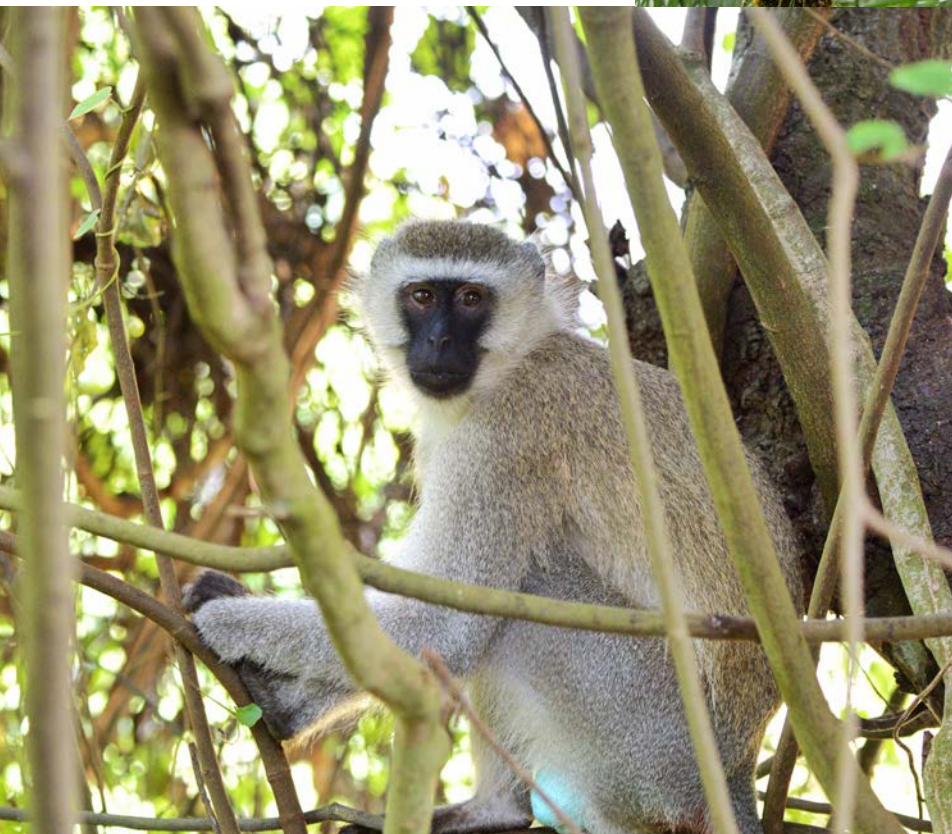
The ‘Land of a Thousand Hills’, Rwanda is a land of stunning scenery, incredible wildlife, including the awe-inspiring mountain gorillas, and remarkable, resilient people.

Most visits to Rwanda will start or end in **Kigali**, the vibrant capital city where it’s worth taking some time to reflect at the Genocide Memorial as well as sampling Rwandan cuisine and exploring the arts and crafts scene.

Rwanda’s primates are on most bucket lists. **Volcanoes National Park** is one of only three places in the world where you can see the remarkable **mountain**



One&Only Gorilla's Nest



gorillas in their natural habitat. You’ll also find golden monkeys, caves and Dian Fossey’s resting place so we recommend adding on an extra day or two to explore. For **chimpanzees**, colobus monkeys, hiking and tea plantations, head to **Nyungwe Forest** and immerse yourself in nature on the treetop canopy walk.



A safari in *Akagera National Park* will reveal a diverse habitat that hosts an amazing variety of birdlife and wildlife, including elephants, giraffes, lions and rhino. The park is the largest protected wetland in Central Africa and a conservation success story.

For some lakeside relaxation, we suggest a stay on the scenic shores of *Lake Kivu* where you'll find lakeside resorts with sandy beaches, kayaking excursions and even a brewery in *Rubavu*.



Best time to travel

Gorilla and chimpanzee trekking are year-round activities however we recommend you plan your visit during the two dry seasons from June to September and again from mid-December to February. These are the best months for game viewing on safari too. We suggest you avoid March to May if you can, the rains are heavy and persistent, the wildlife is less visible and gorilla treks can be steep and muddy.



Explore Rwanda by road on a **tailor-made itinerary** designed to fit your requirements, accompanied by a driver/guide throughout.



Tick off two bucket list items in one trip and combine the **mountain gorillas** with the **Great Migration** in Kenya or Tanzania.

Holiday Inspiration



Classic Rwanda

Arrive Kigali, travel with driver/guide to **Akagera National Park**, 2 nights Ruzizi Tented Lodge

Continue by road to **Kigali**, 1 night Park Inn

Continue by road to **Nyungwe National Park**, 3 nights Nyungwe Top View Hill Hotel

Continue by road to **Lake Kivu**, 1 night Lake Kivu Serena

Continue by road to **Volcanoes National Park**, 3 nights Ingagi Park View Lodge

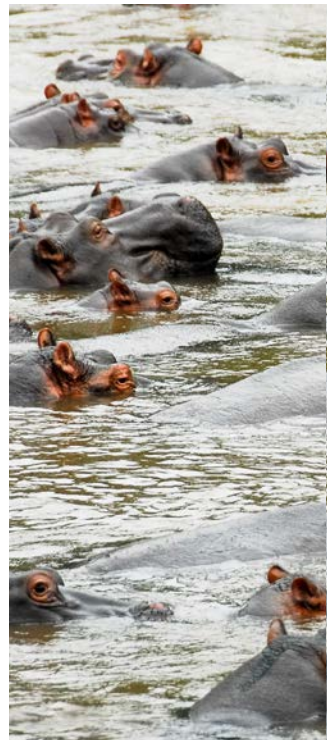
Return to **Kigali** and continue your journey

Uganda

The 'Pearl of Africa' is a land blessed with exceptional natural beauty. The rivers, lakes, mountains and forests are home to an incredible array of birds and wildlife, including the iconic mountain gorillas.

Uganda's primates are a prime attraction. Trek through the forested and sometimes steep slopes of Bwindi Impenetrable Forest or the Virunga Mountains to spend an hour observing the *mountain gorillas*. *Chimpanzees* are one of 13 species of primate found in Kibale National Park – join a chimpanzee trek here or in the Kyambura Gorge.

Beyond the primates, you'll find a wide array of wildlife in Uganda's parks. Game drives in *Queen Elizabeth* and *Murchison Falls National Parks* deliver



the classic safari experience, with lions, elephants and Cape buffalo among other wildlife species present.

Africa's most iconic river, the *Nile*, begins its journey in *Lake Victoria*. At Jinja, take a boat trip to the river's source or go white water rafting on the powerful Nile rapids. At Murchison Falls, the Nile explodes dramatically through a narrow gap in the rocks, an impressive sight whether seen by boat or via a trek to the top.

Idyllic Islands

White sandy beaches lined with swaying palms and lapped by gentle waves; rugged interiors revealing mountains, lakes and forests; remarkable wildlife and warm friendly people – this is paradise found.



Constance Tsarabanjina



Madagascar

The world's 4th largest island, unchanged by time, with landscapes, flora and fauna found nowhere else on earth – including over one hundred species of lemur.

Mauritius

Sandy beaches, turquoise waters, mountain and marine adventures, challenging golf courses and an exceptional range of world-class hotels and resorts all on one friendly island.

Seychelles

Beautiful sandy beaches that regularly feature in 'Top 10' listings, exotic Creole cuisine, boutique resorts, forested hills and private island hideaways – an escapist's dream.





The Best of Both Worlds

For many the dream ending to an African adventure is relaxing on a beautiful Indian Ocean beach, a combination that is popular with honeymooners and families alike.

Something a Little Different

At just 47 square miles, St Helena is a tiny drop in the Atlantic Ocean but it is utterly fascinating. The remote location means that it has remained beautifully unspoiled. You won't come here for the beaches, but you will find centuries of history and links to Napoleon, spectacular walking and hiking trails and adventures at sea. With a weekly flight from Johannesburg, the island is no longer out of reach – talk to our consultants for further information and advice.

Madagascar

Madagascar is astounding. It's the 4th largest island in the world, the landscapes are unique and much of its flora and fauna is found nowhere else on earth, including around 100 species of lemur.



The *lemurs* are a highlight for many visitors. From the Indri, the largest that can grow to the size of a small child, and the nocturnal Aye-aye, to ring-tailed, crowned and rare golden bamboo, there are over *100 lemur species* and sub-species found only on Madagascar and the neighbouring Comoros Islands.

Extraordinary creatures inhabit *Kirindi Forest* – from the island's largest carnivore, the nocturnal and elusive fossa, to the smallest primate in the world, Madame Berthe's mouse lemur. Other lemur species, including Verreaux's sifaka and the hedgehog-like tenrecs live here too.



Breathtaking landscapes cover the island: sandstone plateaus with canyons, waterfalls and rock pools, lush rainforests that are home to a dazzling array of birds and wildlife. In *Ankarana National Park* you'll see the spectacular red Tsingy, a 'forest' of towering limestone needles; in *Tsimanampetsotsa National Park* a spiny forest of prickly plants covers the limestone plateau, alongside baobabs, banyan trees and grassy coastal dunes.

Madagascar has some *stunning beaches*, where verdant forest meets golden sands and azure seas. Just offshore are some



beautiful islands – *Nosy Be* and the surrounding islets, with wild lemurs and exceptional marine life, the *Sainte Marie archipelago* off the eastern coast and many more.

The *Malagasy people* are warm and friendly, their towns and cities full of character. Explore the steep, cobbled streets and stone churches of *Antananarivo's* Upper Town, see the intricate wood carvings of the Zafimaniry people in *Ambositra* and in *Antsirabe*, take a ride in a 'pousse-pousse', a hand-drawn rickshaw.

For a quick *lemur fix*, fly into Antananarivo and spend a night in the city before heading out with a driver/guide to Andasibe. Spend a couple of nights at Mantadia Lodge, take a guided night walk in Voimma Reserve and visit the Analamazaotra Special Reserve and Vakona Reserve, both havens for various species of lemur.



Tsara Komba



Best time to travel

Madagascar is a year round destination, however December to March is the wet season with monsoons a possibility so we recommend travelling between April and December. September to November is often the warmest and driest period; July and August are the coolest months, which can be more comfortable for exploring. For whale spotting, the best months are July to September.



The island is large, so flying between different areas saves on travelling time.



While the roads may be long and bumpy, exploring with a **private driver/guide** is a great way to delve into the country.



Direct flights from Johannesburg link **South Africa** with Madagascar's lemurs and beaches.

Holiday Inspiration



Classic Madagascar

Arrive **Antananarivo**, 1 night Palissandre Hotel



Fly to **Morondava**, 2 nights Palissandre Côte Ouest Resort

Travel with driver/guide to **Antsirabe**, 1 night Couleur Café

Continue by road to **Fianarantsoa**, 1 night Tsara Guest House

Continue by road to **Isalo**, 2 nights Isalo Rock Lodge

Continue by road to **Toliara**, 1 night Bakuba Concept Lodge

Continue by road to **Anakao**, 3 nights Anakao Ocean Lodge

Fly back to **Antananarivo**, 1 night Palissandre Hotel

Mauritius

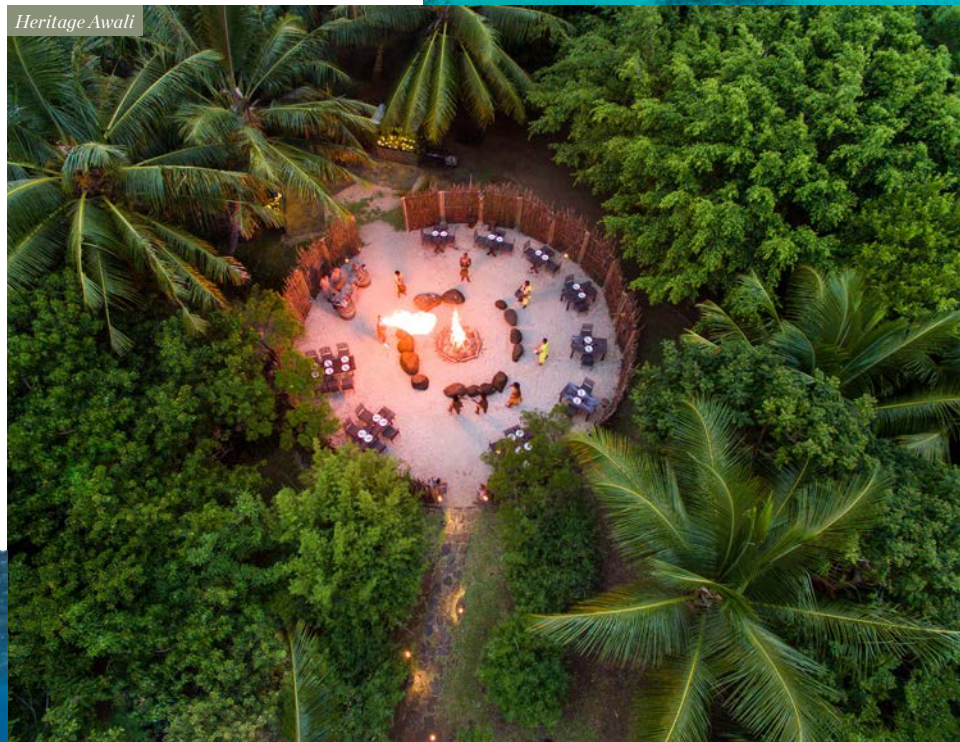
Whether you have a passion for watersports, golf or simply relaxing on a gorgeous beach, Mauritius offers something for everyone.

The beaches on the west coast are protected from the trade winds so here you'll find calm waters ideal for snorkelling, water-skiing and kayaking. For kite and wind surfing, head to *Le Morne* between May and October where the south easterly winds create the best conditions.

We love a *day at sea* on a speedboat or a catamaran – especially when we encounter pods of dolphins along the way. Swimming with these incredibly intelligent creatures is an experience you're unlikely to forget.



Heritage Awali



Tee off on one of the island's *golf courses*, there are several to choose from, many with stunning ocean views.

The little island of *Ile Aux Cerfs* is worth a visit. Lying just off the east coast, there are stunning beaches, a range of restaurants, plenty of watersports and an 18-hole golf course.



Museums, mansions and tea estates all offer a glimpse of the island's rich colonial past. In the capital, **Port Louis**, there's a vibrant market and Champs de Mars, the oldest racecourse in the southern hemisphere. Races take place at weekends from March to November.

Mauritian food is a feast for the senses, a real fusion of French, Indian, Chinese and Creole flavours. Spices such as saffron, cinnamon and cloves are used along with local fruits and fresh seafood, with chillies for heat and coconut to lend a subtle flavour. Cook with a local on a culinary tour then wash it down with a tot of Mauritian rum.



Beachcomber Mauricia



Best time to travel

Mauritius has a mild climate year round and just two seasons, summer and winter. April to June and September to December are the most comfortable times to visit, avoiding the peak summer months of January to March when it can become very humid, with periods of heavy rainfall in February and March. From May to October it is warm with less rainfall and humidity. The prevailing winds at this time come from the east and southeast so it can be a few degrees warmer and drier on the north and west sides of the island. July and August are the windiest months, ideal for wind and kite surfers.



Combine a **South Africa** holiday with Mauritius, there are direct flights from Johannesburg and Cape Town to the island, or see the Great Migration in **Kenya** and fly down from Nairobi.

Holiday Inspiration



The Honeymoon

Arrive **Cape Town**, 4 nights Cape Grace

Fly to **Kruger**, 3 nights Savanna Private Game Reserve

Fly to **Johannesburg**, 1 night The Residence

Fly to **Mauritius**, 5 nights Paradise Cove

Seychelles

With turquoise blue waters and white sandy beaches, world class resorts and lodges on the beach, the 115 islands of the Seychelles are an escapist's dream.

Fly into *Mahé*, it's the largest island and home to the country's capital city. With over sixty beaches and coves to explore you are spoilt for choice, but we think the coastline between Anse Royal in the southeast and Anse Louis in the southwest is particularly beautiful. Away from the coast you'll find forests and mountains, waterfalls and nature reserves.



Praslin is much less developed, with a sleepy, laid-back atmosphere and incredible beaches. It's also where you'll find the famous Coco de Mer plants as well as the Seychelles' only 18-hole golf course. *La Digue* feels like stepping back in time. The smallest of the three main islands, it is accessible only by boat and best explored by bike.



For a true castaway experience, head for a *private island* – *Denis Island* is one of our personal favourites. It's a 'shoes off' destination, ideal for a few days escapism.

With so many islands to choose from, why limit yourself to just one? Our consultants will advise on ferries and flights that link the islands, or take an island-hopping voyage of discovery on a mega yacht, dropping anchor at a different island each day.



Anantara Maia



Denis Private Island



Best time to travel

The Seychelles seasons are determined by the trade winds. From November to March the winds from the northwest bring the warmest temperatures and the heaviest rain. December and January are the wettest months. Between May and October the southeast winds bring slightly cooler temperatures and much less rain. The transition months between the seasons (April, May, October and November) can be the most pleasant.



Sail around the islands on a yacht, our consultants can arrange 3, 4 and 7 night island-hopping cruises.



With the direct flight between Nairobi and Mahé, we think a safari in Kenya and a Seychelles beach is a beautiful combination. Or you can combine with a trip to South Africa, flying to Mahé from Johannesburg.

Holiday Inspiration



Safari & Beach

Arrive Nairobi, travel by road to **Lake Naivasha**, 2 nights Loldia House

Fly to **Laikipia**, 3 nights Governors' Mugie

Fly to **Masai Mara**, 3 nights Little Governors' Camp

Fly to **Nairobi**, 1 night Karen Blixen Cottages

Fly to **Mahé**, 4 nights Carana Beach Hotel

Continue your journey, perhaps visit another island or take a cruise

Important Information

TRAVEL INSURANCE

It is a condition of our accepting your booking that comprehensive travel insurance is in place for all travellers named on the booking from the date of confirming your booking to the date of return. The insurance should cover the total cost of your travel arrangements and all of your activities for the whole duration of your trip.

COST OF YOUR TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

The cost shown on our quote is based on the best prices applicable at the time of quoting and consequently will be subject to change until your booking is confirmed. Once your booking is confirmed the cost will not change unless under special circumstances. Our Booking Conditions show further information in this regard, see www.african-pride.co.uk.

DEPOSITS

Deposits are usually 15% of the total cost of your holiday, however, certain services require a higher deposit to secure the booking particularly at peak periods of travel. You or your travel agent will be advised of the required deposit at the time of booking. Deposits are non-refundable and subject to our Booking Conditions.

QUOTES AND CONFIRMATIONS

These will be sent to you based on the instructions and information received from you or your travel agent and will show the flight and ground arrangements that make up your itinerary along with the cost. They will include other important information e.g. passport, visa and health advice, local laws and customs, credit card and currency use, driving advice, electricity wattage and gratuities in addition to a range of other useful advice. It is important you read all this information carefully.

PASSPORT AND VISA REQUIREMENTS

Information relating to the passport and visa requirements will be included with your quote and confirmation and is based on British Citizens holding a 10 year passport. Ensuring that your passport and visas are valid is your own responsibility and while advice is provided we cannot be held responsible if you are not able to travel as a result of the non-compliance of your passport or visa. Be aware that some countries require that two or three blank consecutive pages in your passport are available. Some countries now only issue visas via an online portal and cannot be obtained on arrival. The UK Passport Service may be contacted on www.gov.uk/browse/abroad/passports and links to various Embassies, High Commissions and Consulates are shown on our website www.african-pride.co.uk.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

The main health requirements for the destinations in your itinerary will be included in your quote and confirmation. Such information is for your guidance and you should consult with your GP or other medical authority to ascertain the latest requirements for each destination you are visiting. Should these arrangements change prior to travel we will endeavour to advise you or your travel agent but we cannot be held responsible for any omission or amendment to any health requirements as they can change without notice. Please refer to www.travelhealthpro.org.uk for the latest health information for the destinations you are visiting.

SAFETY

We take the safety of our clients very seriously. The Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) issues travel advice on destinations, which includes information on passports, visas, health, safety and security. It is important that you visit www.gov.uk/foreign-

travel-advice before deciding to book and before you begin your holiday to ascertain the most recent advice of the FCDO and if relevant to you or anyone in your party. In certain parts of Africa, wild game roams freely. Every precaution is taken by the lodges to ensure your safety but you will usually be asked to sign a disclaimer on checking in and abide by their local rules and regulations. You should always take the advice from the accommodation you are staying in and abide by what they tell you. As anywhere, you should avoid displays of money and goods, particularly in towns and cities.

CHILDREN

We are very experienced in putting together holidays and safaris for families and children of all ages. Most accommodation allows for extra beds to sleep three, some will sleep four or more. Not all game-viewing areas allow children and we will be pleased to provide guidance and advice on the suitability of holiday types and accommodation for children of all ages.

SPECIAL REQUESTS

We will endeavour to assist and accommodate any special request you may have e.g. special dietary requirements, airport assistance, mobility restrictions etc. However, nothing will be guaranteed. Whenever possible, providing we are advised of such restrictions, we will endeavour to provide information relating to accessibility.

AIRLINE RESERVATIONS, TICKETS & CHECK-IN

Flight reservations are made in compliance with the airlines schedules at the time of booking and are subject to change. Should this occur we will make every effort to contact you or your travel agent and assist as per our Booking Conditions. Physical tickets are no longer issued and ticket numbers and airline booking references (PNR) are in your

travel documents. Specific seat requests may be made on most airlines and usually attract a payment which should be made direct to the airline. Checking-in for your flights differs per airline so please check the airline's own website for full information on all aspects of your flight.

AIRPORT TAXES AND ADDITIONAL CHARGES

All airport taxes and additional charges as known at the time of booking are shown in the quote and confirmation. However, these can change at any time and should this happen we will try to advise you or your travel agent as soon as possible. Some taxes and charges need to be paid locally and are your responsibility. We will endeavour to advise you of these but cannot be held liable for any omissions or changes.

BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE

Baggage allowance limits are usually strictly enforced and differ between airlines both internationally and domestically and by class of travel. Details of the latest information relating to the limits allowed will be supplied with your travel documents but should be checked further on the airline's own website shortly before you travel. Some flights within Africa and the Indian Ocean may be on light aircraft with usually lower limits in terms of size, weight and type of bag, which will be advised with your documents.

ASSISTANCE WHILST OVERSEAS

Should you require assistance while you are overseas, details of our local travel partners' and our own emergency UK contact numbers are included with your travel documents whereupon all efforts will be made to assist you as necessary.

FLIGHT DELAYS AND DENIED BOARDING

Should a delay to your flight occur, then arrangements for meals, accommodation etc. should be met by the airline, subject to their terms and conditions, which may be found on the airline's own website. Under the Denied Boarding, Cancellation and Delay Regulations you may be entitled to compensation from the airline, refer to www.caa.co.uk/passengers/ for further information.

ACCOMMODATION, CHECK-IN AND TOURS

Unless otherwise stated in your documentation, accommodation is usually in a twin or double bedded room with private facilities. Higher grade rooms are often available for which a supplement will apply. Check-in is usually from 15:00 with check-out between 10:00-12:00. For early arrivals and late departures, it is recommended that earlier or later arrangements be made, usually at a full night's charge, although this can sometimes be arranged locally for an additional charge. Tours and excursions are operated by our local partners with pick up times shown in your travel documents or advised locally.

ACCURACY IN THIS BROCHURE

Every effort is taken to ensure the accuracy of the information in this brochure. However, changes to such information can be made at any time and we reserve the right to make such changes after publication. As far as possible, the quote and travel documents will contain relevant information and where we are notified of such changes we will make every effort to advise you or your travel agent. However, should we not be able to do so we cannot be held liable for such changes. We accept no responsibility for information and advice provided by any third party websites or telephone numbers shown herein.

PRIVACY OF YOUR DATA AND PERSONAL INFORMATION

We take our responsibilities seriously and comply with the relevant legislation relating to your privacy and data. Please refer to www.african-pride.co.uk and our Booking Conditions.

OUT OF DATE RANGE BOOKINGS

Airlines usually permit flights to be held 11 months prior to a proposed departure date whereas we are usually able to secure accommodation and other ground arrangements outside of this time limit. When necessary we will estimate the cost for your itinerary and confirm this to you once the flight cost is known. Please see our Booking Conditions for more information.

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