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Founded in 2000, Africa Collection has established itself as one of the leading specialist tour operators to Africa in the UK.

Now, with our sister company, Indian Ocean Collection, we are excited to present our selection of sojourns into the magic of Southern and East Africa and the spectacular Indian Ocean.





Founders, James Westrip and Chris Fortescue

Africa Collection offers a unique product and service levels to be proud of. Many of the hotels, lodges and resorts that we feature are privately owned and all are carefully selected. You will not be just a room number, or even a name, but a welcome guest. As such you will be afforded hospitality and attention and gain genuine insight into the area you are visiting. You will not simply be a tourist, but a traveller – and we believe there is a big difference.

Have you ever thought that there is now just too much information available? How do you know what is good and what is bad when everything looks great! Well, we have done the hard work for you with the classifications explained on the next page. Whilst the ‘benchmark’ may be set at different levels in different countries, the same principle of ‘knowing what to expect’ applies.

Our passion is helping you with your travel arrangements and ensuring that you have a successful and trouble free experience.

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How we make sure you find the right holiday

We have classified the properties in this guide to convey the level of comfort and experience you can expect. This is not a grading system, as the standards in the destinations featured vary too much, but an attempt to ensure that you arrive at your chosen property with realistic expectations. The descriptions are:




- Luxurious – elite, deluxe, sumptuous, excellence in all areas
- Sophisticated – subtle, delicate, refined, tasteful, understated
- Elegant – good taste, semi-refined, elegant yet casual
- Casual – relaxed, comfortable, informal, laid-back
- Rustic – country style, provincial, simple décor
- Secluded – isolated, remote, off the beaten track
- Game Lodge – a wildlife experience, with guided activities, in open vehicles; boats; or on foot
- Nature Reserve – emphasising flora and fauna often with antelope and plains game
- Romantic – has a honeymoon suite or is just plain romantic
- Beach Resort – is located on, or very close to, a good sunbathing and/or swimming beach



Constance Lemuria Resort

Giving you the key facts ...

On the introductory page for each country we provide a panel of the essential information that you need to be aware of when travelling to that destination, such as currency, climate, culture and traditions.



Where you see one of the following symbols, it means those facilities are offered at that property, or on that itinerary.

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The Portfolio Collection
Established in 1982, this association has been a benchmark of the best quality accommodation in South and Southern Africa
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Spa / Health Treatments
Health Spa or Health & Beauty treatments offered
- 


Game / Nature Activities
Wildlife and nature activities available, or included
- 


Leisure Activities
Good sport and leisure facilities & activities available, or included
- 

Family Friendly
Property that is child friendly and/or offers inter-leading rooms and family suites and/or provides something extra for children

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Scuba Diving
Affiliated scuba diving centre on site
- 

Gourmet
Choice of restaurants and gourmet dining experience on offer
- 

Adventure
Something for those people with an enhanced spirit of adventure
- 

Bucket List
Things to see before you 'kick the bucket': Our wow factor recommendations to add to your personal list



The Tourism Grading Council of South Africa

The TGCSA gives an independent assessment of what you can expect to find at your accommodation, based on the overall quality but also taking into account the services and facilities. See: tourismgrading.co.za

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Reliable Air Travel

Africa Collection's preferred airline partner in South Africa is Africa's leading carrier, South African Airways.



South African Airways offer more flights per week from Europe to South Africa than any other airline. Their recently updated fleet offers the latest video-on-demand entertainment in all cabins and award winning flat-bed-seats in Business Class. Additionally, their domestic and regional network is the most comprehensive in Southern Africa. And we can't stress too much the advantages of having all of your flights booked on the same ticket – it is usually cheaper and always more sensible.

South African Airways - inspired by Africa's warmest hospitality.



Star Alliance member



British Airways needs little introduction as one of the world's foremost airlines. A member of the One World Alliance and a household name, they offer a world-class product and service. British Airways has a good network of domestic South African and Southern Africa regional services, and excellent UK regional connections means that British Airways is an ideal choice for many itineraries and combinations.

Their popular World Traveller Plus Cabin is an affordable alternative, guaranteeing that all-important extra space on board the aircraft and an all round more enjoyable travel experience. In addition their Club World and FIRST cabins continue to be market leaders and a benchmark for airlines around the world

We also work closely with:



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Flexible Car Rental



Africa Collection recommends Avis Car Rental in Southern Africa, a car hire company you can rely on. Recognised as one of the world's leading suppliers of rental cars, Avis has the most comprehensive network of rental locations, services and vehicles in Southern Africa.

From one-day rentals to long stay rentals we offer fully inclusive competitive rates and will help make your trip as smooth as is possible.



AVIS LUXURY CARS is the last word in vehicle rental. Prestige vehicles and a prestige service!

AVIS POINT 2 POINT is a private transfer service that will take you from everywhere to anywhere, any day of the week & all hours of the day. Whether you want to get from an airport to your hotel or from a sports event to your front door, a Point-to-Point chauffeur is only a call away.

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Guiding you to the perfect wedding destination

With weddings abroad becoming ever more popular, Africa Collection offers a comprehensive range of wedding options. We can deliver a unique, and cost-effective, 'day to remember' with a hand-picked selection of locations and properties. Share your love for one another in the most spectacular surroundings.

Southern Africa and the Indian Ocean have long been popular destinations for getting married abroad. Imagine marrying at the top of Table Mountain, overlooking the 'Mother City' of Cape Town; or on a private game reserve with the magic of the African bush as a backdrop. You may prefer a more tropical affair on a white sandy beach in Mauritius or the Seychelles, or amongst the vineyards at one of South Africa's top wine estates.

So let our team of knowledgeable staff indulge their passion for Africa and the Indian Ocean, to help you plan a memorable wedding and honeymoon.

A typical wedding package includes:

- Accommodation
- Magistrate, ceremony and all legal documentation
- All decor, flowers and wedding cake
- Complimentary bottle of sparkling wine

Each package may vary and we would be more than happy to tailor make to your individual requirements.



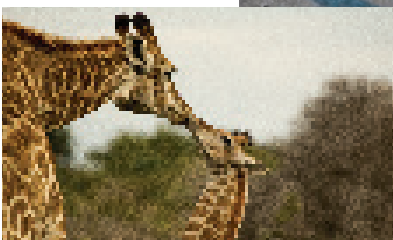
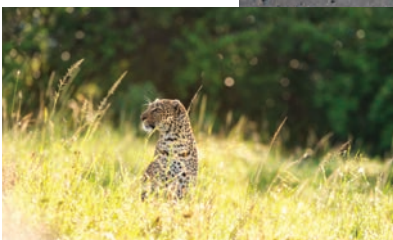
Your Accommodation

Nearly every travel brochure you pick up and website you read, will refer to the 'hand-picked' selection of hotels and lodges that they offer. In our case it really is true! The establishments we work with for weddings are our very closest partners, some of whom we have been working with for nearly 20 years. Using some 4-star, but mainly 5-star establishments, they offer the very best in creature comforts, facilities, cuisine & perhaps most importantly customer service and attention to detail. Nothing will be too much trouble and we just know that they will handle your big day exactly as has been meticulously planned.

The Special Touches

We have arranged plenty of surprises for you on your big day, and your honeymoon. We don't want to give our secrets away and spoil the surprises - but think room upgrades, welcome bottles of wine, unexpected dinners in the bush, romantic baths, and you won't be far wide of the mark. We will do everything possible to make your experience a truly memorable one.

And why not let us arrange a twin centre wedding and honeymoon trip, allowing you to combine your two dream locations? Or let us help make arrangements for your friends and family to join you.



PORTFOLIO PLACES

Discovering the best places for you

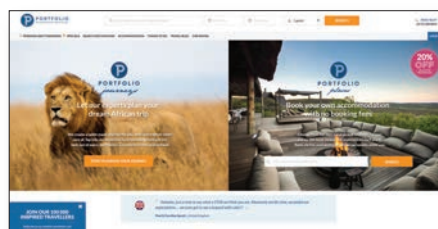
The Portfolio Collection is our close partner in South Africa and provides an informed choice for the independent traveller.

Portfolio Places represent a benchmark of the best quality accommodation in South Africa, ranging from private game reserves, fine country houses, boutique city hotels and charming guesthouses, to select bed and breakfasts in private homes. Established in South Africa in 1982, it represents over 750 establishments chosen for their ambience, atmosphere and warm hospitality. Each is personally visited and assessed, providing assurance that standards are maintained. Portfolio has choices to suit every discerning traveller, and the Portfolio rating system will assist you in your selection.

Many of the smaller independent establishments in South Africa featured in this brochure are Portfolio Places choices and you can be assured that their philosophy of 'Pride in Personal Service' will be evident. This reflects the friendly attitude, warm ambience and unique atmosphere, which is the spirit of Portfolio.



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Discovering the best for you



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Lairds Lodge, Plettenberg Bay



Rosenhof Outdtshoorn

Boutique Hotels Accommodation

Exclusivity and luxury are what Portfolio boutique hotels are all about. Each place expresses its individuality in decor and style. Be charmed by a Victorian manor in Port Elizabeth, a grand villa in Franschhoek or the geometric lines of a modern beauty in Amanzimtoti. Facilities include pools, spas, gyms, wine cellars, lounges, libraries - all the joys of the good life.

Apartments

Apartments are affordable options if you prefer independent travel. Maybe you're taking your kids, or maybe you're someone who likes to spread out your stuff. Portfolio offers you luxury apartments from the Garden Route down to Cape Town's Atlantic Seaboard.



Amanzi Island Lodge, Knysna

Bed and Breakfasts

Some of the best B&B's in the world can be found in South Africa, combining great value for money with exceptional standards.

Stay in someone's home and experience the truly personal touch... that's what B&B's are all about. You'll be welcomed like family by the owners as you share certain areas of their home with them. Awaken in your comfy bed to the sights and sounds of a bustling farm, crashing waves, serene village or busy city.







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*'I found a place in Africa . . .
a place where I was able to escape
the world and live in a dream of
tranquility for a moment in time.'*

INSPIRING NEW WAYS

South Africa

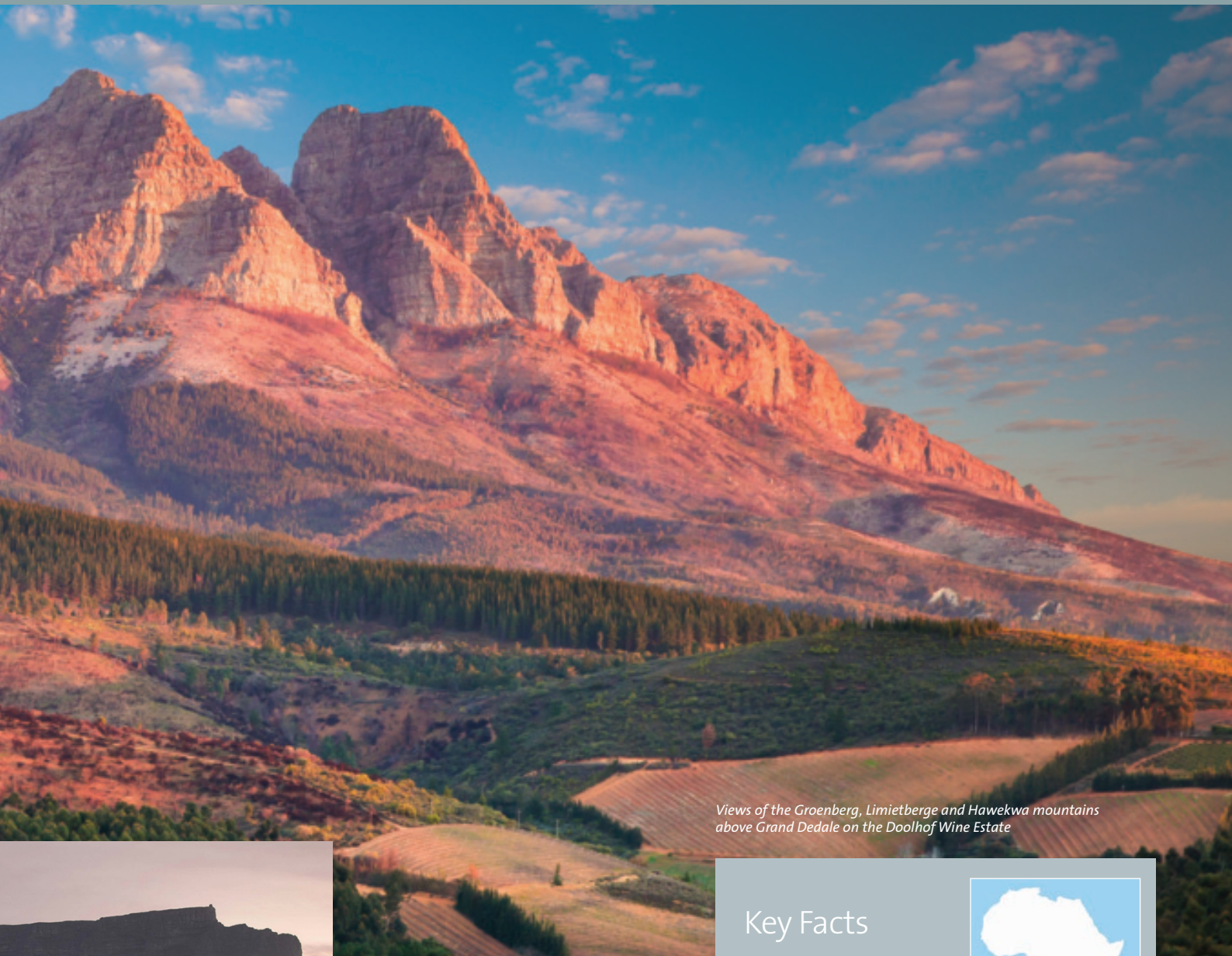
A cliché maybe but South Africa really is a 'World in one Country'.

There is the vibrant and colourful city of Cape Town, nestled in the shadow of Table Mountain. The Garden Route, stretching from the Cape Winelands to Port Elizabeth, one of the most popular tourist routes. KwaZulu-Natal, the Kingdom of the Zulu, offers travellers diverse attractions and landscapes. The provinces of Mpumalanga and Limpopo draw people with their scenery and of course Kruger National Park, which offers a wildlife experience that ranks along with the best in Africa.

Incredible safari experiences; the frenetic pace and energy of Gauteng; the wide golden plains of the Free State; the big skies and classic bushveld of Northwest Province; and South Africa's largest and mainly desert province the Northern Cape - there really is something for everyone.

Blue skies, beaches, rolling oceans, dramatic mountain scenery, local hospitality, golf, rugged coastlines, good surfing, diving, adventure activities, nature and wildlife reserves, animal sanctuaries, polo and hiking. Add into the mix the great infrastructure, standards and accessibility, and you have the modern 'Rainbow Nation' that is South Africa.





Views of the Groenberg, Limietberge and Hawekwa mountains above Grand Dedale on the Doolhof Wine Estate



Key Facts

The time zone is GMT +2 hours

South Africa has 11 official languages. English is spoken almost everywhere.



The Western Cape, Northern Cape and Eastern Cape have a Mediterranean type climate. The winter months (June - August) are mild and changeable and when most of the rainfall occurs; which is opposite to the rest of the country, which experiences summer rainfall.

The Kwazulu Natal coastline has a sub-tropical climate with lots of sunshine throughout the year. The summer months (November - April) can become very hot and humid (with up to 80% humidity) with high rainfall.

The Free State, Gauteng, Mpumalanga, Limpopo Province and North-West Province enjoy moderately cold winters and warm to hot summers (November - April). These areas get their rainfall during the summer months. During the winter months, there can be a significant difference between day and night temperatures.

The currency is the Rand (ZAR = International symbol for Rand). Credit Cards are widely accepted.





SEA POINT > CAPE TOWN > SOUTH AFRICA

Winchester Mansions

Elegant

The iconic Winchester Mansions on the Atlantic seafont in Cape Town, is not far from the V&A Waterfront or the city centre. The comfortable rooms and suites are a mixture of classic and contemporary décor, offering sea or mountain views. Harveys at Winchester Mansions offers South African cuisine with a European twist, and the beautiful Courtyard is perfect for an al fresco meal. Mix with the locals in the bar or on the sunset deck overlooking the ocean. The Ginkgo Spa offers a variety of holistic treatments, or simply relax at the hotel's heated swimming pool. TGCSA 4-Star Hotel.

51 classic or contemporary loft style rooms and 25 suites, including one presidential suite



CITY BOWL > CAPE TOWN > SOUTH AFRICA

Four Rosmead

Elegant

Four Rosmead is a contemporary classic, a lovingly restored Edwardian home built in 1903, with magnificent views of Table Mountain. The property is within walking distance of the city centre and popular restaurants, with the V&A Waterfront and the beautiful beaches of Camps Bay and Clifton a short drive or taxi journey away. Tastefully decorated rooms all have first-class amenities, most with private gardens, balconies or courtyard access. Delicious breakfasts, a heated swimming pool with loungers and warm, efficient and socially responsible hospitality. Wi-Fi is complimentary.

10 rooms



NEWLANDS > CAPE TOWN > SOUTH AFRICA

The Vineyard Hotel & Spa

Sophisticated

The ever-popular Vineyard Hotel is situated in 6 acres of landscaped gardens in Newlands, a leafy suburb just 15 minutes from the city centre and the V&A Waterfront. There are a variety of rooms and suites, with interleaving and paraplegic rooms available, all offering free internet access. The 12 apartments are ideal for families. A choice of 4 restaurants ranging from fusion cuisine to health cafe, a casual garden lounge to fine dining. The hotel has an Angsana Spa, indoor and outdoor pools as well as a state-of-the-art gymnasium.

114 Courtyard-facing rooms; 62 Mountain-facing rooms; 12 apartments; 26 suites.





V&A WATERFRONT > CAPE TOWN > SOUTH AFRICA

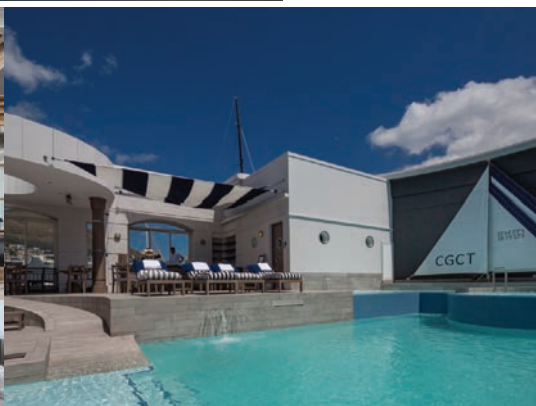
Cape Grace

Sophisticated

The Cape Grace is a classic boutique hotel, on Cape Town's vibrant V&A Waterfront. The rooms and suites each have their own unique décor fusing modern style with traditional Cape culture, not forgetting the fresh flowers and personally selected books. French windows open the rooms out to views of the marina or the harbour.

The Signal Restaurant serves innovative Cape cuisine while the popular Bascule Whisky, Wine & Cocktail bar houses over 400 whiskies from around the world and an impressive selection of the finest Cape wines. You can relax on the terrace beside the outdoor heated swimming pool, keep fit at the fitness studio or book a pampering session at the Spa. There is a complimentary chauffeur transfer service within a 10km radius.

120 rooms and suites



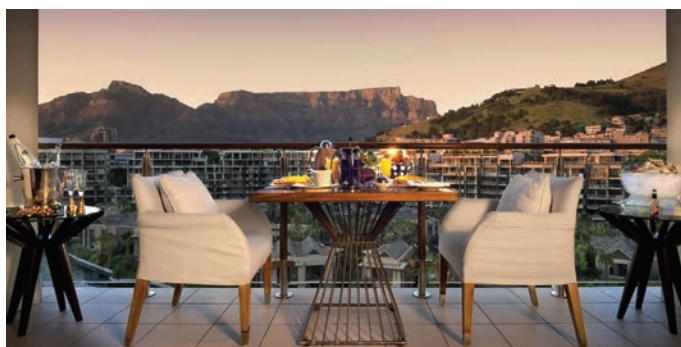
V&A WATERFRONT > CAPE TOWN > SOUTH AFRICA

One&Only Cape Town

Sophisticated

One&Only Cape Town on the V&A Waterfront, with views of Table Mountain, is a contemporary urban resort combining a chic island design with a strong African flair. With an emphasis on world class service and culinary experiences, the resort boasts Africa's only Nobu Restaurant; Reuben's at One&Only serves wholesome bistro fare, brasserie style. The Vista lobby lounge, Wine Loft and Isola on the Villa Island offering relaxed poolside dining, complete the options. Spacious rooms and suites have clean lines, dark African woods and contemporary artwork by local artisans. The soft furnishings reflect the warm tones of Africa, with bright splashes of vibrant colour. Other resort facilities include a Spa, Beauty, fitness and yoga centre. There are comprehensive programmes and facilities for children.

140 rooms and suites





NR CAMPS BAY > CAPE TOWN > SOUTH AFRICA

The Twelve Apostles Hotel and Spa

Luxurious - Romantic

This 5-star boutique hotel is 15 minutes from the city centre and the vibrant Victoria & Alfred Waterfront, via their complimentary car transfer service – quicker still if you use the helipad. Closest of all is the fashionable area of Camps Bay with its beautiful beach and many restaurants, cafés and bars.

The mountain or sea facing rooms and suites are an eclectic mix of contemporary African style and modern technology. A member of the Leading Small Hotels of the World group the hotel offers fine cuisine, excellent service and a world class Spa, all in a truly spectacular location. TGCSA 5-star hotel.

55 guest rooms and 15 suites



CONSTANTIA > CAPE TOWN > SOUTH AFRICA

The Cellars-Hohenort

Sophisticated

Positioned in 9 acres of manicured gardens in the Constantia Valley, 20 minutes from Cape Town city centre, is the beautiful city/country escape of The Cellars-Hohenort Hotel. Combining Edwardian ambience and contemporary elegance, the individually decorated rooms and suites extend over various buildings within the hotel grounds, with most including direct garden access and/or panoramic views. Guests are welcomed in the reception area and the Martini Bar and Lounge, a chic and intimate venue for evening drinks or high tea. There are two excellent restaurants; The Conservatory and The Greenhouse. There is also a Spa, tennis court and two swimming pools (one heated). Some favourite extra touches at the Cellars include bicycles; and easels and water colour/pastel paints.

51 rooms and suites





GARDENS > CAPE TOWN > SOUTH AFRICA

Belmond Mount Nelson Hotel

Sophisticated

Located at the foot of Table Mountain, this iconic and elegant pink hotel offers sophistication in a city centre setting. Each room is individually decorated with a classic charm and all have spectacular views of Table Mountain or across the beautiful and spacious hotel gardens. The Planet Bar, Lord Nelson Restaurant and the Oasis Bistro are chic spaces to enjoy contemporary cuisine and cocktails; the lounge and terrace are the venue for their (rightly) famous Afternoon Tea. There are two outdoor heated swimming pools, a fitness centre, floodlit tennis courts and one of Cape Town's leading spas. The V&A Waterfront, Table Mountain Cableway, Camps Bay, Clifton beaches and city centre are all a short drive.

198 rooms and suites



CAMPS BAY > CAPE TOWN > SOUTH AFRICA

The Bay Hotel and Spa

Sophisticated

The Bay Hotel is situated in the heart of trendy Camps Bay beach, opposite one of the best beaches in Cape Town. Step out of the hotel and enjoy the many bars, cafés and restaurants in this vibrant area. There is also a choice of restaurants and bars at the hotel, each with their own trendy coastal atmosphere. The 78 guest rooms are decorated with light, ocean style furnishings, while still ensuring comfortable finishes. There are four swimming pools to choose from within the hotel, as well as a wellness centre. The Camps Bay Squash and Tennis Clubs are within walking distance from the hotel.

78 rooms and suites. Children 8+



V&A WATERFRONT > CAPE TOWN > SOUTH AFRICA

Victoria & Alfred Hotel

Elegant

From its prime position on Cape Town's V&A Waterfront, The Victoria & Alfred Hotel enjoys spectacular views over the working harbour and Table Mountain. Built in 1904 as the North Quay Warehouse and converted in 1990 to a hotel, it is named in honour of an 1870 royal visit. Tastefully furnished and well appointed rooms overlook the dynamic piazza and Alfred Basin, and some rooms have an additional dining and lounge area. The hotel's guest spaces include a lounge, popular restaurant and terrace. The spa, gym and pool are a 2 minute walk away at the sister hotel, The Dock House.

94 rooms





V&A WATERFRONT > CAPE TOWN > SOUTH AFRICA

The Table Bay

Elegant

Ideally positioned, the Table Bay Hotel has views onto Table Mountain and the Atlantic Ocean and adjoins Cape Town's largest shopping and entertainment venue. With direct access to the V&A Waterfront, the Table Bay Hotel is only a minute's walk from the hive of activity, offering some of the city's finest restaurants, shops, galleries, boutiques and other major attractions. Combining neo-Victorian style with contemporary charm, the Table Bay Hotel includes 329 comfortable rooms and suites, and is a great option for families. Enjoy the excellent high tea in The Lounge overlooking the harbour; the Camissa Brasserie for stylish dining; the Atlantic Grill for the best breakfast in Cape Town; The Pool Bar, the Union Bar, the swimming pool and Camelot Spa.

392 rooms and suites



CONSTANTIA > CAPE TOWN > SOUTH AFRICA

Glen Avon Lodge

Elegant

Set in the scenic garden suburb of Constantia, 30 minutes from the city centre, Glen Avon Lodge has wonderful gardens and an 11-metre heated swimming pool. Stylish and tranquil air-conditioned garden-facing bedrooms offer modern comforts. Hearty breakfasts are served on the verandah overlooking the roses and the lawn, while gourmet dinners and cosy fireside conversations are all part of the tradition. Glen Avon lies within easy access of the M3 highway linking it to Kirstenbosch Gardens, Cape Point, the Cape Town Waterfront and the Atlantic and Indian Ocean seaboards. TGCSA 5-Star Country House. Children 12+ welcome.

16 rooms



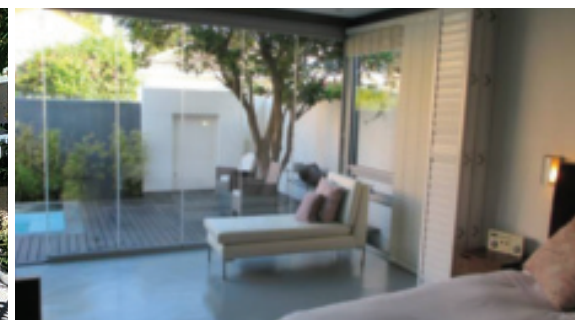
SEA POINT > CAPE TOWN > SOUTH AFRICA

Blackheath Lodge

Casual

Blackheath Lodge is an eclectic double-storey Victorian guest house situated below Signal Hill in Sea Point on the Atlantic Seaboard in Cape Town, a stone's throw from the City, V&A Waterfront and well-known beaches. Stylish bedrooms, excellent personalised service and warm hospitality, (satellite) DSTV and WiFi. Enjoy breakfast on the terrace overlooking the pool and garden. Return home to a sundowner after a busy day of sightseeing, knowing that a quiet and comfortable night's sleep awaits you. Children 14+ welcome.

13 rooms



CITY CENTRE > CAPE TOWN > SOUTH AFRICA

Dunkley House

Casual

In the heart of Cape Town, modern design and styling has transformed this historic family residence. Built in the 1900's in a quaint Victorian street, Dunkley House offers an urban escape in the City Bowl. Choose between classic or contemporary rooms, two with their very own private courtyard plunge pools. And one self-catering apartment ideal for longer stays. The refreshing courtyard pool and patio offers a quiet sanctuary from the city. With its close proximity to the sightseeing bus routes, restaurants, clubs, bars and shops, this is an ideal base for exploring the city.

10 rooms and 1 apartment



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Prefer a little more independence? *Villas and apartments*



The Villa @ Hog Hollow

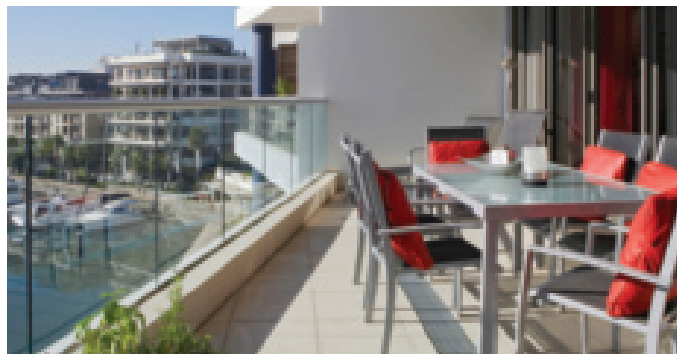
If you prefer a little more independence or are travelling as a large party or family group you may like to consider renting a house, villa or apartment. The properties on offer fall into the following main categories:-

- **Apartments in Cape Town** ranging from studios to luxury 4-bedroomed penthouse apartments. On the V&A Waterfront, in Camps Bay, Mouille Point or the historic De Waterkant area of Cape Town.
- **Prestige villas and houses** up to 10 bedrooms, with private swimming pools and grounds. We can arrange full servicing, catering, babysitting and much more. These are for a minimum of 5-night lets, increasing to 14 nights at many properties from mid-December to mid-January.
- Many of the B&B's, guesthouses and country house hotels have **family units or self-catering cottages** or apartments, ideal for shorter holiday lets and with the added advantage of being within a guest house or hotel environment.
- An increasing number of the smaller hotels and game lodges have separate **guest villas** that often come complete with valet, butler, chef and a private game ranger or guide. These can be found in Cape Town, in the Cape Winelands, along the Garden Route, in many game lodges, in Namibia, in Kenya, in Mozambique, in Mauritius - in fact nearly everywhere these days.

We can assist also with: sourcing chefs for an exclusive dining experience; all your transport requirements; team building and conference facilities; sourcing locations for film and photo shoots; arranging local day tours and excursions; and generally assisting in making your stay a special one.



Cape Town apartment



V&A Waterfront apartment



FRANSCHHOEK > CAPE WINELANDS > SOUTH AFRICA

Mont Rochelle

Luxurious - Romantic

Mont Rochelle is in a beautiful setting, surrounded by vineyards, high on a mountain overlooking the picturesque Franschhoek valley. The tranquil ambience is reflected in the elegant bedrooms which have spectacular views of the vineyards and mountains. Six individually decorated suites with spacious lounges offer the ultimate in luxury. Sophisticated MIKO Restaurant with its stunning views complements the cuisine, served with flair and style. At the nearby winery, The Country Kitchen serves informal Mediterranean cuisine. Relax around the pool or unwind in the sauna or gym, before a pampering massage. Gentler country pursuits include walking, horse riding through vineyards and private mountain forests, with golf and fly-fishing nearby.

26 rooms and suites



FRANSCHHOEK > WESTERN CAPE > SOUTH AFRICA

Leeu Collection South Africa

Sophisticated

Situated on the main street of Franschhoek Village, **Leeu House** is perfectly located within easy strolling distance of Franschhoek's award-winning restaurants, art galleries, boutiques and other delightful attractions. The stylish interiors are a contemporary take on Franschhoek's Cape Dutch heritage with strong French influences, and there's a lovely garden with swimming pool and shaded terrace. Leisurely meals and fine South African vintages from the cellar served in The Conservatory or alfresco on the terrace.

Le Quartier Français is a unique boutique hotel, home to the award winning La Petite Colombe restaurant, and its sister establishment Protégé. It is the friendly and efficient staff, the sophisticated rooms and the attention to detail that ensure that this charming Auberge is the ultimate spoiling.

Leeu House - 12 rooms; Le Quartier Français - 32 rooms and 2 villas



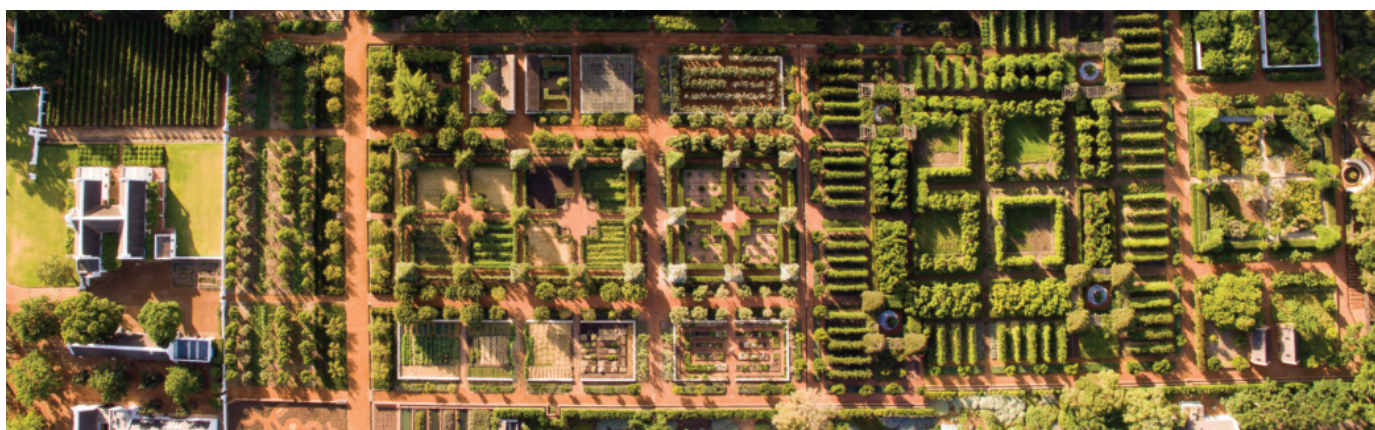
CAPE WINELANDS > SOUTH AFRICA

Babylonstoren Farm Hotel

Sophisticated

Babylonstoren is situated between Franschhoek and Paarl in the Cape Winelands, surrounded by the dramatic Simonsberg and Franschhoek Mountains. The magnificent gardens incorporate an ever changing seasonal variety of organic citrus, vegetables, herbs and vines, and the disused kraal was converted into the Babel Restaurant, which serves the freshest and healthiest breakfasts, using ingredients directly out of the gardens. There are 5 rooms in the Manor House, which is booked on an exclusive use basis. The rest of the cottages and suites are scattered around the grounds. The focus of the farm is the diverse garden, the resident Horticulturists proudly guide tours around the garden.

22 suites and cottages and The Manor House



WELLINGTON/TULBAGH > WESTERN CAPE > SOUTH AFRICA

Bartholomeus Klip Farmhouse

Elegant - Secluded - Nature Reserve

Surrounded by mountains, farmland and a large nature reserve, you are only an hour away from Cape Town. The friendly and courteous staff take pride in welcoming you to the Victorian farmhouse and showing you to your air-conditioned bedroom, with its period bathroom. The food is special, with lavish brunches and high teas, and a gourmet four-course dinner served in the conservatory. Explore the working farm and nature reserve on foot or by mountain bike. Bartholomeus Klip also offers stylish self-catering at Wild Olive House, perfect for families with children, with its own pool.

4 bedrooms, 1 suite and
1 self-catering/catered house



FRANSCHHOEK > CAPE WINELANDS > SOUTH AFRICA

Franschhoek Country House and Villas

Elegant - Sophisticated

A delightful boutique hotel, overlooking the beautiful mountains of the Franschhoek valley and surrounding vineyards. Stylish rooms and luxury suites are well appointed, some including open fireplace, private verandah or balcony. Enjoy contemporary cuisine at the acclaimed Monneaux Restaurant, voted one of the top restaurants in South Africa. Lunch indoors or alfresco under a giant pepper tree next to the fountain terrace. The huge Villa Suites are lavishly appointed and offer every luxury. There are two swimming pools, each with beautiful mountain vistas. TGCSA 5-Star Country House.

14 rooms and 12 villa suites



FRANSCHHOEK > CAPE WINELANDS > SOUTH AFRICA

Maison Chablis

Casual

Owner James Calderwood, offers a warm welcome to Maison Chablis Guest House, a Georgian style Guest House, set behind white-washed walls in a secluded garden in Franschhoek in the Cape Winelands. Stylishly decorated, quality air-conditioned bedrooms offer all luxury comforts. Breakfast at leisure then soak up the sun at the sparkling pool set in a secluded garden. A two-minute stroll from the historic Franschhoek village centre with its charming street cafés, award-winning restaurants, museums and galleries, and within easy reach of many wine estates. TGCSA 4-Star Guest House.

8 rooms



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HERMANUS > WESTERN CAPE > SOUTH AFRICA

The Marine

Sophisticated

The Marine Hermanus holds prime position on top of the cliffs at Hermanus, with spectacular seascapes over Walker Bay and the Overberg Mountains. Vibrant Origins at The Marine restaurant offers relaxed social dining in the comfortable surrounds of a modern, kitchen-focused restaurant; the menu highlights 'everyday' favourites, prepared with an Asian twist. The individually classically styled bedrooms and suites, are either sea-facing (all the suites are sea-facing) and some are mountain facing. Enjoy the Carchele Beauty Spa, which has a Steam Room, a Hydro Bath and a Vichy shower. Relax in the manicured gardens and internal courtyard which surrounds the heated salt water pool and then round off the day with a scenic sundowner at the stunning Sun Lounge cocktail bar.

42 rooms and suites



HERMANUS > WESTERN CAPE > SOUTH AFRICA

Harbour House Hotel

Elegant

Harbour House Hotel is a Cape Cod style building in the centre of bustling Hermanus, overlooking the Old Harbour. It consists of the restored Manor House with intimate Romantic Rooms, all with views over the garden and pool area; as well as the New Wing & Harbour Square, each with 18 spacious rooms, the New Wing rooms each with a kitchenette and lounge leading towards the private balcony. Hermanus is known as one of the world's best land based whale watching towns from June to December, so a visit to the region during the Whale Festival is an absolute must.

Harbour House room; 18 New Wing rooms; 18 Harbour Square



WALKER BAY > WESTERN CAPE > SOUTH AFRICA

Grootbos Nature Reserve

Sophisticated - Nature Reserve

In the heart of the Cape Floral Kingdom overlooking the whale-watching haven of Walker Bay, two hours from Cape Town. Garden Lodge lies in an indigenous garden with incredible ocean views, Forest Lodge is a contemporary architectural masterpiece, also with panoramic views. Creative cuisine using home-grown organic vegetables and the freshest local produce is complemented by fine local wines. Daily excursions explore the flora, fauna, bird and marine life of the area by foot, on horseback or in open 4x4 vehicles. From June to December marvel at the Southern Right Whales, which can be viewed from the cliffs, beach or by boat. TGCSA 5-Star Lodge.

Garden Lodge - 11 suites; Forest Lodge - 16 suites; 2 villas





OVERBERG > WESTERN CAPE > SOUTH AFRICA

The De Hoop Collection

Rustic - Casual - Secluded - Nature Reserve

On the coast near the southern-most tip of Africa, lies De Hoop Nature Reserve, a World Heritage Site encompassing a pristine coastline. The restored Opstal Village houses the restaurant, deli, shop, swimming pool and tennis courts. A charming collection of self-catering cottages, houses and homesteads is spread throughout the reserve. Whales (in season), dolphins, seals and other sea creatures abound. Spot 86 mammals, including Cape Mountain Zebra, bontebok, eland and other plains game. A birders and botanists paradise, enjoy a choice of guided tours including walks, mountain biking trails, interpretive marine walks and stargazing.

45 rooms, cottages and houses, from 1 to 4 bedroom



PATERNOSTER > WESTERN CAPE > SOUTH AFRICA

Strandloper Ocean Boutique Hotel

Elegant - Secluded - Romantic

Hidden away on the shores of the unspoiled and charming fishing village of Paternoster, 90 minutes from Cape Town. Directly on beachfront, surrounded by the West Coast's flora, this sophisticated hideaway has a long white, sandy beach on its doorstep, enabling visitors to experience this natural and restorative environment at its best. The spacious rooms and suites are a fusion of beach style and contemporary luxury; with organic lines, hues and textures and an overall feeling of simplicity. Each has its own terrace or courtyard, and wide doors that open out onto breathtaking views of sky, sand, sea and space.

14 rooms and suites



CEDERBERG MOUNTAINS > WESTERN CAPE > SOUTH AFRICA

Bushmans Kloof Wilderness Reserve and Wellness Retreat

Luxurious - Secluded - Nature Reserve - Romantic

Nestled at the foothills of the Cederberg mountains, 270km from Cape Town, Bushmans Kloof is the ideal wilderness getaway to escape the city and relax. Malaria and predator free, the reserve offers wide open plains, ancient rock formations, waterfalls and an abundance of flora and fauna. The spa uses unique products made from indigenous rooibos, flowers and plants. The service, organic cuisine, varied dining venues and superb facilities have won Bushmans Kloof international recognition. This Natural Heritage Site is also home to many exceptional San rock art sites. Guests can choose from a range of outdoor activities, or do absolutely nothing but succumb to the peace, quiet and tranquility. A Relais Châteaux property.

16 rooms and suites; 2 Villas





NR MOSSEL BAY > WESTERN CAPE > SOUTH AFRICA

Gondwana Game Reserve

Casual - Elegant - Game Lodge



Gondwana Game Reserve on the Garden Route, is inland from Mossel Bay, 4 hours drive from Cape Town & just 1 hour from George Airport. Activities on this 11 000-hectare malaria-free "Big 5" reserve include classic game drives in customised open 4x4 safari vehicles, horse-back safaris and guided nature walks.

The main **Kwena Lodge** has a chic open-plan lounge and bar, opening out to the large pool area, and there is also a traditional boma.

The 14 thatched & domed Kwena Huts are a modern take on traditional Khoi-San dwellings, opening onto shaded decks overlooking two waterholes, the valley and mountains. Kids of all ages can join the 'Junior Ranger Program', while you are pampered at the Africology Spa - open air treatments are an option!

14 Kwena Huts



Separate from the main camp are a selection of large and luxurious 3 and 4-bedroom Villas, ideal for families and small groups, on a catered or self-catering basis. **The Fynbos Villas** are close to the main Kwena Lodge for all meals, game drives and use of the Spa; the Bush Villas are further into the reserve and you are required to drive to one of the lodges for meals and activities.

Imagine a luxuriously spacious and stylish African villa with your own safari Guide, Chef and Butler. **Ulubisi House** is just that, situated in the reserve's 1,000 hectare walking area, surrounded by grasslands teeming with game. Three luxurious guest suites, with endless views, provide accommodation for up to 8 people. Facilities include a pool and jacuzzi/hot tub with deck area, private chef and private butler - this is the way to do a safari!

A 3 or 5 night conservation experience for individuals, families or groups who want to get more involved in Africa on their safari is available at the **Tented Eco Camp**. Participants will be involved in wildlife and veld (bush) management, learning bush skills and interpretation, with the research and findings used by Gondwana's conservation department. The itinerary includes game drives and bush walks. This is your chance to get involved with the important conservation work of a Big Five game reserve, and not only enjoy but contribute. Starts on a Thursday.



KLEIN KAROO > WESTERN CAPE > SOUTH AFRICA

Sanbona Wildlife Reserve

Sophisticated - Secluded - Game Lodge - Nature Reserve

Sanbona is a 54 000 hectare (130 000 acre) reserve, only 3.5 hours drive from Cape Town, and home to the Big 5. However, there is much more to Sanbona – wide open spaces; indigenous flora and fauna; rock formations and San rock art. Sanbona is also home to rare white lions as well as the even rarer riverine rabbits. But one of the real pleasures at Sanbona is the freedom to do nothing at all in considerable comfort. The 3 lodges cater for all types of visitor, including families, and for those looking for a more relaxed wildlife experience Sanbona is an excellent choice.

The Sanbona Explorer Camp is a unique 2-night walking experience, ideal for guests looking for an adventurous and authentic option with an ambience of a tented bush camp (operates October to April).



Tilney Manor – 6 rooms; Gondwana Lodge – 12 rooms;
Dwyka Tented Lodge – 9 rooms



NR OUDTSHOORN > GARDEN ROUTE > SOUTH AFRICA

La Plume

Casual

La Plume is a working ostrich, alfalfa and vine farm with spectacular views of the Swartberg mountains and Olifants River valley. A warm welcome awaits you at this charming 1902 Victorian homestead, where old world charm is combined with modern comforts, and good service is combined with personal attention. With private entrances, verandahs and many antiques, the air-conditioned bedrooms offer pleasant comforts. Cool off in the salt water pool with a view, set amongst rolling lawns. TGCSA 4-Star Guest House.

7 rooms, 8 suites
and 2 self-catering cottages



OUDTSHOORN > GARDEN ROUTE > SOUTH AFRICA

Rosenhof Country House

Sophisticated

Situated on the outskirts of Oudtshoorn in the Western Cape, is the carefully renovated 1852 Victorian homestead of Rosenhof Country House. Surrounded by a gorgeous rose garden, the rooms and suites are stylishly decorated and individually furnished. The two exclusive suites feature their own lounge, swimming pool and patio with tranquil views of the Swartberg Mountains. There is a cosy pub and traditional country cuisine, a large swimming pool with sun loungers and umbrellas, and the Wellness Centre with a gym, Jacuzzi and sauna.

14 rooms and suites



KNYSNA > GARDEN ROUTE > SOUTH AFRICA

Amanzi Island Lodge

Elegant

On the edge of the beautiful Knysna lagoon, this spacious beach house offers luxury, comfort, tranquility and spectacular views. After a warm Leisure Isle welcome, take a relaxing stroll across the rippled sand and return to enjoy a glass of wine on your private balcony or patio. Indulge in a delicious breakfast on the terrace each morning as you watch the tides slowly turn below the majestic Knysna Heads. Spacious rooms with views and air-conditioning, sunny secluded swimming pool, bicycles and canoes. TGCSA 4-Star Guest House. Children 6+.

15 rooms





KNYSNA > GARDEN ROUTE > SOUTH AFRICA

Belvidere Manor

Casual

Basking in the tranquillity of Knysna's lagoon lies Belvidere Manor, one of South Africa's most romantic and most relaxed getaways. Colonial-style cottages are set in colourful park-like gardens, each offering a wide verandah, an airy living room with comfortable sofas, fireplace, TV, kitchen and one, two or three en-suite double bedrooms. Enjoy lazy breakfasts on the terrace of Belvidere House and light lunches at the pool. Dinner is served at Caroline's bistro where country-style dishes are served with South African flair. Meet the locals at The Bell, Knysna's smallest pub, open daily for light meals. Swimming pool, tennis courts, boating and walking. TGCSA 4-Star Hotel.

28 cottages



PLETTENBERG BAY > GARDEN ROUTE > SOUTH AFRICA

Milkwood Manor On Sea

Casual

A stunning location in fashionable Plettenberg Bay, a stone's throw from the beach and several eateries. Awake to the sound of breaking surf and enjoy the breathtaking views of the ocean, against the backdrop of the Tsitsikamma mountains. Take a dip in a sea cove or the lagoon, or kayak across to the opposite shore, away from the crowds. Most of the pleasant rooms have a sea or lagoon view, and a terrace. The popular in-house Lemon Grass restaurant, serves fresh seafood and mouth-watering meats, all drawing influences from either International or traditional local cuisine. TGCSA 4-Star Guesthouse.

11 rooms



THE CRAGS > GARDEN ROUTE > SOUTH AFRICA

Lily Pond Country Lodge

Casual

Quietly situated amongst indigenous forest, Lily Pond Country Lodge offers comfortable accommodation near Plettenberg Bay. Renowned for its unique design, tranquillity, creative cuisine and relaxing ambience, this Afro-Zen style country lodge is ideally situated to explore Tsitsikamma National Park and is close to Nature's Valley beach and lagoon. Enjoy the lovely views of the beautiful lily ponds from individually decorated rooms with wooden decks. Good food sets the scene and Margret's culinary skills are not to be missed. Large salt water pool, outdoor jacuzzi and spa facility. TGCSA 4-Star Country House.

10 rooms



PLETTENBERG BAY > GARDEN ROUTE > SOUTH AFRICA

The Robberg Beach Lodge

Elegant

The Robberg Beach Lodge offers 29 rooms in four adjacent villas at stunning Robberg Beach in Plettenberg Bay (Plett to the locals). Together, Beachy Head Villa, Robberg House, Cottage Pie and Cordovan Villa offer a range of boutique accommodation, almost on the beach and just a few minutes from the bustling restaurants, coffee shops and bars of Plett's Main Street. Facilities include two pools, lounges, two honesty bars and a rooftop viewing deck.

29 rooms



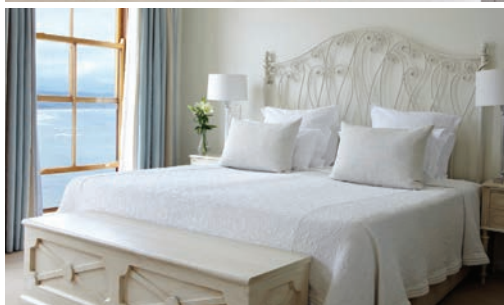
PLETTENBERG BAY > GARDEN ROUTE > SOUTH AFRICA

The Plettenberg

Luxurious

The Plettenberg, a 5-star Relais & Châteaux Hotel, is built on a rocky headland with breathtaking vistas. This exclusive hotel has 37 rooms and suites, two swimming pools - one of which is heated - Carchele Spa and an award-winning Wine Cellar. Sandbar is a modern and chic cocktail bar, whilst Sand serves progressive South African cuisine with the emphasis on fresh seafood and local produce. The Beach House and Look-Out Villa are family friendly private getaways situated close to the main hotel, with their own swimming pools and access to all hotel facilities.

37 rooms and suites, 2 villas



THE CRAGS > GARDEN ROUTE > SOUTH AFRICA

Hog Hollow Country Lodge

Elegant

Hog Hollow is set on the edge of an indigenous forest in a private nature reserve, near Plettenberg Bay, with panoramic views of the surrounding valleys and mountains. There are three lounge areas to escape to and at the centre of the Main House is a large dining table. Before dinner enjoy a drink at The Boma, a fire crackling nearby. The suites are situated in the gardens, using earthy colours with a bit of 'zing', each with a private deck. The Villa @ Hog Hollow is a luxury 3-bedroomed house with views, and the ideal option for families. TGCSA 4-star Country House.

16 rooms and The Villa



BETWEEN KNYSNA AND PLETTENBERG BAY > GARDEN ROUTE > SOUTH AFRICA

Lairds Lodge Country Estate

Elegant

This gracious Cape Dutch style homestead is set on a 24-acre estate, offering mountain views, wide open spaces and a secluded swimming pool. The high-ceilinged elegant rooms have air-conditioning, percale linen and quality toiletries. Perfectly positioned to explore the Garden Route, from Knysna to the Tsitsikamma forests. Superb breakfasts and convivial gourmet dinners, specialising in seafood and game dishes, are served in the Colonial dining rooms or the cosy wine cellar. At night, courtyards and verandahs with blazing braziers and the intimate Monkey Bar create a truly South African experience. TGCSA 4-Star Country House.

15 rooms



Golf in South Africa

South Africa is a golfers paradise, with an amazing variety of quality courses and facilities. There are the signature courses such as Fancourt and Pezula on the Garden Route, Sun City, and Leopard Creek at Kruger National Park, each club offering excellent clubhouse facilities, challenging and spectacular golf and luxury hotels. The Royal Cape Golf Club in Cape Town, Durban Country Club and Royal Johannesburg are historic and prestigious courses.

Then there are the 'normal' courses that won't cost as much but still offer great facilities and golf courses for all handicaps. To name just a few, picturesque Clovelly Country Club in Cape Town, Stellenbosch Golf Club in the winelands, Plettenberg Bay Country Club & George Country Club on the Garden Route, Serengeti in Johannesburg - there are nearly 500 golf courses in South Africa!

Africa Collection can arrange bespoke golf tours for individuals or larger groups, or you can simply squeeze in a few rounds on your holiday to South Africa.

Please contact us to discuss your exact requirements.



GEORGE > GARDEN ROUTE > SOUTH AFRICA

Fancourt

Elegant - Luxurious

Fancourt, at the foot of the Outeniqua Mountains, boasts three Gary Player designed golf courses, all ranked in the Top 20 in South Africa. The guest rooms are contemporary in style, some in the original Manor House, while the Garden Suites are set in the grounds. On offer is a variety of dining experiences, from casual and child friendly to elegant fine dining. There are also many attractions for non-golfers such as walking trails, tennis courts, kids club, indoor and outdoor swimming pools as well as a fully equipped health spa and gym.

Fancourt - 115 rooms; Fancourt Manor House - 18 Suites



PLETTENBERG BAY > GARDEN ROUTE > SOUTH AFRICA

Redbourne Country Lodge

Casual

Adjacent to Plettenberg Bay Country Club in the Piesang Valley, Redbourne Lodge is only a few minutes drive from the beach and town centre, and is amazing value. Comfortable guest rooms, some family rooms, each with a verandah. Relax in the lounge and bar area, enjoy a sunbather at the pool or on the deck overlooking the golf course. Golf bookings are no problem. TGCSA 4-Star Guest House.

16 rooms



CONSTANTIA VALLEY > CAPE TOWN > SOUTH AFRICA

Steenberg Hotel

Luxurious

Steenberg Hotel is a historic luxury hotel and wine estate located in the scenic Constantia Valley, 30 minutes drive from central Cape Town, with an environmentally diverse 18-hole championship golf course. Bistro Sixteen82 (innovative & fashionable) and Catharina's Restaurant (timeless fine dining) are the two fabulous dining options. The spacious rooms range from traditional to modern in décor, the 3 large Heritage Suites give a nod to the rich history that makes up the Cape. Relax at the pool and enjoy the views, explore the gardens and vineyards or get pampered at the Spa.

21 rooms, 3 Heritage suites



CAPE TOWN > HERMANUS > CAPE WINELANDS

Cape, Wine and Whales

10 nights

Departs from the UK every day

Day 1

Overnight flight from the UK to Cape Town.

Day 2-5

On arrival into Cape Town International Airport you will be met and transferred to your first hotel/guesthouse for your 4-night stay. Enjoy the attractions of one of the world's most spectacular cities at your own pace, including Table Mountain; the V&A Waterfront; Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens; the Cape of Good Hope; Robben Island, and many more. Cape Town is also a centre for adventure, exciting cuisine, shopping and some serious nightlife.

Day 6-8

Approximately 2 hours spectacular coastal drive to the south is the Cape South Coast and the charming town of Hermanus. From June to November this is an ideal area from which to see the Southern Right Whales that come into the warmer waters to calve. Outside this season one can experience the peaceful beaches & coastline, or visit nearby Cape Agulhas, the southernmost tip of Africa, the quaint fishing village of Arniston or De Hoop Nature Reserve.

This is also an ideal base from which to enjoy the many other marine experiences available. Travel to a nearby island for huge colonies of sea birds and delight in the behaviour of the 60 000 strong Cape Fur Seal colony. This area is also the habitat of the awesome great white sharks – you can view them from the safety of a boat or for the more adventurous be lowered in a cage to get a close up view!

Day 9-11

This morning after breakfast you will be collected for another spectacular drive, over the Franschhoek Pass and into the Franschhoek Valley in the winelands for a 3-night stay. Franschhoek is a town dedicated to tourism and the centre of a varied wine route. Visit some of the many estates for picnics, wine-tastings and cellar tours.



Whenever you decide to go this is a relaxed holiday in stunning surroundings, with an amazing amount of variety on offer. June to November is the whale watching season in South Africa, August and September is when the Spring flowers are in bloom. This is not a tour, but a multi-centre itinerary, with private road transfers between each of the three towns and cities, none longer than 2 hours. We have selected hotels/guesthouses in each place that are centrally located, with a good choice of restaurants nearby.

There are many estates involved in the production of much more than just wine - sparkling wines, brandy, cheese and olive oil are all produced in this beautiful area of The Cape. Franschhoek has also established itself as one of the gourmet capitals of South Africa, with a large and varied selection of restaurants, so mealtimes should be an event in themselves.

Day 12

You will be collected and returned to Cape Town airport in time for your return flight to the UK.

Tailpiece ...

Depending on traffic and weather conditions on Day 6, the drive may take an alternative route. A self-drive version of this itinerary is also available and will reduce the overall price.





GRAAFF-REINET > EASTERN CAPE > SOUTH AFRICA

The Drosdty Hotel

Elegant

The Drosdty Hotel is situated in the beautiful town of Graaff-Reinet, which was established in 1786 and is South Africa's fourth oldest town. The town contains over 220 heritage sites and has examples of magnificent Cape Dutch, Victorian and Karoo architecture. The Drosdty Hotel offers a total of 48 beautifully styled rooms. Stretch's Court incorporates 31 rooms, the Ferreira precinct hosts 7 rooms in their own secluded area and Kromm's Court an additional 10 rooms. De Camdeboo Restaurant and Imibala Art Gallery are both situated on site and besides a choice of 3 swimming pools, other facilities on offer include a state of the art gym and an Africology Spa.

48 rooms



NR KENTON-ON-SEA > EASTERN CAPE > SOUTH AFRICA

Sibuya Tented Camps

Casual

Sibuya is a scenic malaria-free game reserve, accessed solely by boat. Spanning the Kariega Estuary Sibuya is home to the Big 5, with cheetah breeding and lion introduction projects. Sibuya offers accommodation in three lodges.

Forest Camp has 8 comfortably furnished tents on wooden walkways tucked into the vegetation; **River Camp** has 4 spacious tents, ideal for families; **Bush Lodge** has only four secluded luxury thatched suites, and unlike the other 2 eco-lodges is on the national grid, so is ideal for those guests looking for a little more comfort. Professional guides offer game drives, bush walks and boat trips with excellent birding. TGCSA 4-Star Lodge.

Forest Camp - 8 tents, River Camp - 4 tents, Bush Lodge - 4 suites



EASTERN CAPE > SOUTH AFRICA

Pumba Private Game Reserve

Sophisticated - Game Lodge

In the malaria-free Eastern Cape, Pumba Private Game Reserve provides an authentic and luxurious safari experience, ideal as an add-on to the Garden Route. The reserve is home to Africa's Big 5, as well as white lion, hippo, hyena, cheetah, giraffe, wild dog and an abundant 270 bird species. Enjoy game drives in open Landrovers with experienced rangers, or on a guided walking safari. Pumba Water Lodge offers waterfront chalets overlooking Lake Kariega while Msenge Bush Lodge is set on a flood plain with scenic mountain views offering luxury thatch and glass chalets. Chalets at both lodges open onto private plunge pools.

Water Lodge - 12 Waterfront Chalets; Msenge Bush Lodge - 11 Bush Chalets



EASTERN CAPE > SOUTH AFRICA

Kariega Private Game Reserve

Elegant - Sophisticated

The 10 000 hectare malaria-free 'Big 5' Kariega Game Reserve is set in the pristine wilderness of the Kariega and Bushmans River Valleys, in the heart of 1820 Settler Country. Enjoy the magic of Africa in one of five diverse lodges, all combining game-viewing with an expansive variety of fauna, flora and birdlife in a landscape that spans five ecosystems, offering dramatic views and vistas. In addition to unforgettable game-viewing from open vehicles, the Kariega experience offers a diversity of activities, which include guided bush walks, river cruises, canoeing, fishing, spa and gym.

Settlers Drift offers a luxury tented safari experience in a stunning setting, strung out on a ridge in a secluded area of the reserve, overlooking the Bushman's River. Enjoy a traditional safari, blending an Afro-Chic atmosphere with contemporary design for absolute comfort and relaxation. The tented suites, each have a panoramic view of the plains below.

Ukhozi Lodge truly captures the romance and intimacy of Africa. Sculptured from wood, stone and glass, this stylish lodge nestles subtly into the surrounding landscape. Meandering bush paths connect the luxurious suites crafted from log, each with a private plunge pool and deck with breathtaking views and vistas

River Lodge meanders along the banks of the Bushman's River surrounded by rugged, hilly bushveld. The spacious, thatched suites are nestled amongst river vegetation, offering private viewing patios with tranquil river views. The double volume thatched guest area opens onto a large deck overhanging the river offering spectacular views.

Main Lodge is a comfortable safari lodge, expertly integrated with the surroundings, nestling on top of a hillside with views across the valley. All chalets have a lounge and fireplace, opening onto a private viewing deck (some have a plunge pool). The lodge offers a relaxed and friendly environment.

The Homestead is a sole use lodge which offers up to 14 guests all the comfort and convenience of their own home in the bush. With a dedicated game ranger and chef, guests have the flexibility to plan their day according to their own specific needs.



Settlers Drift - 9 luxury tents, Ukhozi Lodge - 10 suites,
River Lodge - 10 suites, Main Lodge - 24 log chalets,
The Homestead - 7 rooms





Hlosi Game Lodge



Safari Lodge



Woodbury Lodge



Woodbury Tented Camp



Bukela Game Lodge

EASTERN CAPE > SOUTH AFRICA

Amakhala Private Game Reserve

Casual - Elegant - Sophisticated

7,500 hectare Amakhala Private Game Reserve in the Eastern Cape is a malaria-free, Big 5 safari destination, in the Eastern Cape. Activities offered at Amakhala are morning and afternoon game drives, in customised open 4x4 safari vehicles. There are various options for day activities - guided bush walks, bird-watching and cruising the Bushmans River.

Hlosi Game Lodge is a family-friendly lodge set on a tranquil hillside, overlooking undulating grasslands. Choose from a one-bedroom suite/tent for a romantic safari experience or a two-bedroom family suite/tent. The main lodge is surrounded by shady verandahs offering panoramic views across the savannah, or towards the swimming pool and sun deck.

Safari Lodge lies in a valley of indigenous bush, with an African tribal feel. The thatched safari suites have king-size beds draped with mosquito nets, canvas blinds and a private plunge pool. The central lounge and traditional boma area overlook a waterhole, and the relaxing fireside area for after dinner star-gazing.

Woodbury Lodge and Woodbury Tented Camp are spectacularly set against a cliff above the Bushman's River valley, offering views across the open bushveld. Woodbury Tented Camp consists of eight large comfortable en-suite tents all on raised bases, each with their own private decks. At Woodbury Lodge guests are accommodated in seven comfortably appointed stone-and-thatch lodges, each with a private deck with magnificent views over the plains.

Discreetly positioned in the bush at the top end of an open valley, **Bush Lodge** is an intimate camp with eight canvas and thatched safari tents, exuding a relaxed atmosphere offering cool minimalism and rustic charm. The tents are all comfortable and spacious, with a free-standing bath and romantic outside shower, a private viewing deck and plunge pool.

Located in the southern region of the reserve, **Bukela Game Lodge** is a tranquil lodge tucked away at the top of a hidden valley, overlooking thick vegetation. Each suite or tent is individually styled in African simplicity, but with no compromise on comfort. The main lodge has a sitting area with a central fireplace, boma and pool deck that overlooks a small dam.

*Hlosi - 6 suites and 8 tents, Safari Lodge - 11 suites,
Woodbury Lodge - 7 rooms, Woodbury Tented - 8 tents,
Bush Lodge - 8 tents, Bukela - 4 suites and 8 tents*





EASTERN CAPE > SOUTH AFRICA

Kwandwe Private Game Reserve

Sophisticated - Luxurious

In the malaria-free Eastern Cape lies the 22,000 hectare Kwandwe Private Game Reserve, a pristine wilderness and scenic landscape. Comprised of just twenty-six rooms across five individual and distinct safari lodges and villas, Kwandwe is renowned for quality guiding and understated luxury.

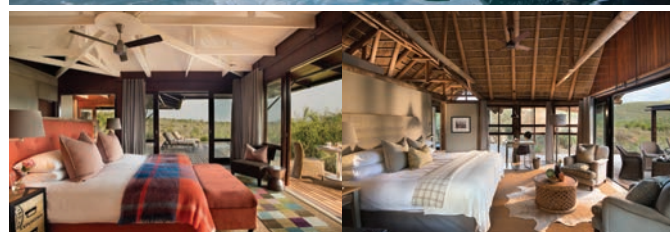
Twice daily game drives, nature walks accompanied by an armed ranger, big game walking safaris (tracking white rhino, black rhino, elephant and buffalo on foot, accompanied by an armed specialist ranger and tracker team) are all included in your stay.

Great Fish River Lodge is set along the lush green banks of the river after which the lodge is named, with expansive viewing decks and fine furnishings. The nine suites boast indoor and outdoor showers, and floor-to-ceiling doors fold back onto a spacious thatched verandah with private plunge pool.

Vibrant **Ecce Lodge** is also blessed with breathtaking views. The six spacious suites, of which 3 are dedicated to families, each have a private deck and plunge pool. Furnishings combine the colours and textures of the African people. Communal areas include an expansive viewing deck, swimming pool and children's play centre.

Three exclusive use houses offer the perfect escape for a family safari or a group of friends travelling together, with the services of dedicated chefs, butlers, rangers and trackers:

Melton Manor is an exclusive-use villa, beautifully positioned to overlook the valley. There is an extensive children's programme, allowing quality time with family and close friends, with relaxing siestas around the swimming pool and central courtyard.



Uplands Homestead offers a private safari experience for the sole use of families and parties of up to six. This elegant 1905 farmhouse has been lovingly restored, striking a mix between the genteel and the wild. There is a swimming pool and gazebo set amongst rolling lawns.

Featuring two master bedrooms and two twin suites, spacious relaxation and entertainment areas, **Fort House** comfortably sleeps families of up to eight. Peruse the wine cellar, help yourself to a snack from the guest pantry, spend some quiet time in the study or enjoy a massage in the spa treatment room.

*Great Fish River Lodge - 9 suites; Ecce Lodge - 6 suites;
Melton Manor - 4 rooms; Uplands Homestead - 3 suites;
Fort House - 4 rooms*



Shamwari Private Game Reserve

Sophisticated - Game Lodge - Rustic



Riverdene

Malaria-free Shamwari Private Game Reserve is an outstanding and pioneering Big 5 game reserve in the Eastern Cape, highlighting the importance of conservation coupled with responsible tourism. The reserve, one of the largest in South Africa, boasts five eco-systems, providing a sanctuary for a wide variety of birds and wildlife. Shamwari offers a special 'Kids on Safari' programme where kids aged 4 and older have a chance of a lifetime to see the Big 5 and go on an educational visit to the Born Free Foundation and Shamwari Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre

Bayethe Tented Lodge is an authentic, but luxury, wilderness style lodge, using a mix of stone walls and thatched roofing in the main lodge, which overlooks a waterhole. The luxurious tented suites each have a private plunge pool, perfect for honeymooners.

Sarili Lodge is a private African thatch contemporary designed villa with a spacious deck overlooking the Bushman's River in the southern section of the reserve. River view rooms each have a balcony with a view, 2 courtyard rooms have a terrace and garden, perfect for children.

Eagles Crag Lodge is tucked away in a gorge, surrounded by forest vegetation, offering privacy and tranquillity. 9 contemporary junior suites each have an outdoor shower and their own private viewing deck with plunge pool. Added features include a spa, elevated viewing deck and boma area.

Riverdene Family Lodge is a restored settler's lodge, the ideal lodge for families with young children. Riverdene offers light and airy interleading rooms - 3 pairs interleading, and 3 rooms which interlead in a row; plus an outdoor activity area with zip line, climbing walls and other facilities to entertain the children.

Lobengula Lodge is tucked away in the depths of the bush, offering a tranquil escape. Boasting stylish interiors with African touches, there are 3 pool view rooms and 3 suites with private decking areas and plunge pools.

Long Lee Manor offers a distinctive Colonial experience in a restored Edwardian Manor house, originally built in 1910, offering two swimming pools and a spa.

Explorer Camp is a unique 2-night walking trail (October to April), ideal for guests looking for an adventurous and authentic option, with an ambience of a simple tented bush camp.



Bayethe interior

Bayethe Lodge - 12 superior tents, Sarili Lodge - 5 luxury rooms, Eagles Crag Lodge - 9 junior suites, Riverdene Lodge - 9 rooms, Villa Lobengula - 6 suites, Long Lee Manor - 15 rooms and suites, Shamwari Explorer Camp - 3 tents



Eagles Crag



Lobengula Lodge

CAPE TOWN > STELLENBOSCH > OUDTSHOORN > GARDEN ROUTE > ADDO NATIONAL PARK

Cape Highlights Self-Drive

12 nights - Departs from the UK every day

This is our most popular itinerary in South Africa and a great introduction to the country. It combines Cape Town with the winelands and the ever-popular Garden Route, ending with the opportunity for a safari in the Eastern Cape.

The driving distances are reasonable, the food is excellent, the scenery is spectacular and the adventures exciting - you can see why it is our most popular itinerary.

This is our most popular itinerary but if its not exactly what you are looking for, we can also tailor-make a route to suit your personal requirements. This might include - Hermanus for whale-watching (in season); Franschhoek instead of Stellenbosch; Knysna or Plettenberg Bay - the options are endless.



Day 1

Overnight flight from the UK to Cape Town.

Day 2-4

On arrival into Cape Town International Airport collect your AVIS rental car, and using the detailed directions provided, make your way to your first hotel/guesthouse for your 3-night stay. If you prefer we can arrange for you to be met and transferred to the hotel, and the car can be delivered at your convenience.

Enjoy the attractions of one of the world's most spectacular cities, including Table Mountain; the V&A Waterfront; Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens; the Cape of Good Hope; Robben Island, and many more. Cape Town is also a centre for adventure, exciting cuisine, shopping and some serious nightlife.

Day 5-6

An hours drive this morning will bring you to the heart of the winelands. Stellenbosch is the second oldest town in South Africa and the centre of the largest and most varied wine route in South Africa. During your 2-night stay in this historic town enjoy any one of the 75 restaurants in the town or head to a wine estate for a cellar tour and tasting. Franschhoek and Paarl are both just 30 minutes drive away.

Day 7-8

Head east today along the scenic 'Route 62' to the heart of the Klein Karoo and Oudtshoorn, the Ostrich capital of South Africa, for a further 2-night stay. From here you can visit the Cango Caves, an Ostrich farm or drive over one of the most spectacular mountain passes in Africa, the Swartberg Pass, to the delightful Karoo town of Prince Albert – not for the fainthearted!

Day 9-11

An enjoyable 4-hour drive will take you to one of the most beautiful areas of the Garden Route, The Craggs and Nature's Valley, for your 3-night stay. The nearby town of Plettenberg Bay has great swimming beaches, Tsitsikamma National Park and Storm's River Mouth are close by, or just relax and soak up the peace and quiet of this stunning area.

This is an ideal base to explore all that the Garden Route has to offer - Knysna, George and Wilderness are easy drives. This is a great region for families with Monkeyland, Birds of Eden and Tenikwa Wildcat Park popular attractions, or spend the day on one of the areas great beaches; golf enthusiasts are also well catered for with 7 high quality courses within one hours drive; thrill seekers are in the right area too, with canopy tours, surfing and the highest bungee jump in the world; nature and wildlife enthusiasts can interact with dolphins and whales; or you can simply enjoy the people and hospitality of this amazing area. The choice is yours.

Day 12-13

Drive through the Tsitsikamma Forest and beyond Port Elizabeth to the Eastern Cape. From here you have a variety of game viewing and safari options to choose from. Private game reserves offer the most exclusive and luxurious option, in an authentic safari environment; country houses and retreats, or a guest house style establishment are more affordable options giving you total flexibility. Any of these options will give you access to the thrill of big game viewing in this non-malarial area of South Africa. Enjoy a 2-night stay.

Day 14

Drop your car at Port Elizabeth airport in time for your overnight flight to the UK, via Johannesburg.

Cape Highlights Semi-Escorted

12 nights - Departs from the UK on a Saturday

This is the perfect introduction to South Africa. A very popular itinerary and route, combining Cape Town with the Garden Route, ending with a safari in the Eastern Cape. You will be fully escorted for 4 days along the Garden Route, with a variety of day tours and excursions available in Cape Town, and safari options ranging from walking, to vehicles and Elephant back safaris.

It doesn't have to end ...

The itineraries in this brochure are suggestions, to help you with ideas. If you want to add another part of South Africa; or a beach extension; or Victoria Falls - just ask us!



Day 01

Overnight flight from the UK to Cape Town.

Day 2-6

On arrival into Cape Town International Airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel/guesthouse for your 5-night stay. Enjoy the attractions of one of the world's most spectacular cities, including Table Mountain; the V&A Waterfront; Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens; the Cape of Good Hope; Robben Island, and many more. Cape Town is also a centre for adventure, exciting cuisine, shopping and some serious nightlife.

Day 7

Depart Cape Town and travel through the picturesque Hex River Valley, surrounded by magnificent mountains. Enjoy a wine tasting en route. Continue to Matjiesfontein, a National Heritage Site and onto Prince Albert, another historic town, known for its fruit, vineyards, olives and local cheese. Overnight in Prince Albert.

Day 8

A spectacular drive through Meiringspoort Pass, with breathtaking rock formations, as the road winds its way through the Swartberg Mountains to the quaint Little Karoo village of De Rust. Continue to Oudtshoorn, the ostrich capital of the world. Enjoy a tour of one of the world's great natural wonders, the spectacular limestone caverns of the Cango Caves, sculpted by nature through the ages. In the afternoon, visit an Ostrich Farm for a guided tour. Overnight in Oudtshoorn.

Day 9

Travel over the Outeniqua Pass to George and Wilderness; and onto Knysna, on the banks of a beautiful lagoon. Enjoy a cruise to the Featherbed Nature

Reserve and a trailer ride to the top of the Western Head to enjoy panoramic views. The afternoon is at leisure to further explore this charming town set around a natural harbour lagoon. Overnight in Knysna.

Day 10

After breakfast you will be transferred (unescorted, driver only) eastward along the Tsitsikamma Forest to Port Elizabeth, where the tour ends, with an overnight stay in Port Elizabeth.



Day 11-13

You will be collected from your hotel and transferred to one of a variety of game viewing and safari options you can choose from. Private game reserves offer the most exclusive and luxurious option, in an authentic safari environment; country houses and retreats, or a guest house style establishment are more affordable options giving you total flexibility. Any of these options will give you access to the thrill of big game viewing in this non-malarial area of South Africa. Enjoy a 3-night stay.

Day 14

After a final game activity this morning, and lunch, you will be transferred to Port Elizabeth airport in time for your return flight to the UK, via Johannesburg.



HAZYVIEW > MPUMALANGA PROVINCE > SOUTH AFRICA

Rissington Inn

Casual

Rissington Inn is an affordable, award-winning lodge set in 20-hectares of bush with views over the Sabie River Valley, one kilometre down a good gravel road, just south of Hazyview, and an ideal base from which to explore the Panorama Route. Stylish, relaxed and informal. Individually decorated bedrooms have their own bathroom, ceiling fan, private entrance and verandah with views over the valley to the mountains beyond. Popular restaurant and bar.

16 rooms



SABI SAND GAME RESERVE > KRUGER NATIONAL PARK > SOUTH AFRICA

Chitwa Chitwa

Luxurious - Game Lodge - Romantic

In the world-famous Sabi Sand Reserve Chitwa Chitwa offers a safari experience in a stunning setting, adjoining the Kruger National Park. Swim in the pool whilst watching hippo and elephants in the large waterhole, or relax with a glass of wine or good book on the deck. Decorated in a sophisticated contemporary style, each suite has a private plunge pool. Chitwa House is an exclusive luxury villa, with a secluded pool and its own private ranger and Landrover. Morning and evening game drives in open Landrovers spotting the Big Five, or the nocturnal Night Five after dark.

6 luxury suites; 1 family suite; 1 two-bedroomed private villa



KRUGER NATIONAL PARK > SOUTH AFRICA

Rhino Post Safari Lodge and Rhino Walking Safaris

Elegant - Rustic - Game Lodge - Secluded

A private concession within the Kruger National Park, with an abundance of wildlife. Rhino Post Safari Lodge has been constructed to ensure minimal impact on the environment. The eight suites are built using natural materials of stone, wood, thatch and canvas to create an authentic bush experience, with a private viewing deck with excellent riverbed views. Activities available from Rhino Post Safari Lodge include twice daily game drives in the morning and afternoon (no off-road driving)!



Plains Camp is an intimate tented camp, in an Acacia Knobthorn thicket overlooking the Timbitene plain and waterhole, and is the base for the walking safaris. The traditional tents are en-suite with hot running water, 24 hour lighting and include a shaded deck with bushveld views. A walking safari allows you to discover nature's hidden wonders; highly qualified guides share their wealth of bush knowledge with you when identifying animals, trees, grasses, insects and birds. For a totally unique experience, walk to a Sleepout - elevated wooden platforms 4 metres high, where the night will be spent sleeping outdoors under the stars (weather permitting).

6 luxury suites; 1 family suite; 1 two-bedroomed private villa





NEAR HOEDSPRUIT > LIMPOPO PROVINCE > SOUTH AFRICA

Khaya Ndlovu Manor House

Sophisticated - Nature Reserve

Khaya Ndlovu, Sepedi for 'Home of the Elephant', is a rambling property in the Blue Canyon Conservancy with manicured colonial-style gardens and tranquil views of the surrounding bush. The spacious suites are well-appointed for guest comfort. Central spaces include a welcoming lounge with comfy couches and an indoor dining area. The shaded verandah extends to a rim-flow pool with elevated bushveld vistas. Spend days exploring the scenic Panorama Route and the Kruger National Park.

9 rooms and suites



KRUGER NATIONAL PARK > SOUTH AFRICA

Imbali Safari Lodge

Elegant – Game Lodge

Located within the Kruger, in the private Imbali Safari Concession, Imbali Safari Lodge spreads out along the banks of a dry riverbed. Spacious and stylish suites extend out to private decks with day beds and plunge pool, with spaces to relax between game drives. Delicious meals are served in the formal dining room, on candlelit decks or in the bush, under African skies. Socialise in the stylish lounge, perhaps savouring a nightcap whilst reliving an eventful day's game viewing. During hot summers, the central pool is the perfect place to cool off.

12 suites



KRUGER NATIONAL PARK > SOUTH AFRICA

Hamiltons Tented Camp

Elegant – Game Lodge

Hamilton's Tented Camp nestles under a grove of Jackalberry Trees, with views over a seasonal river and Ngwenyeni Dam, in a private concession within Kruger National Park. Colonial-style tented suites link to the main lodge by raised walkways, these romantic air-conditioned rooms have four-poster beds draped in mosquito nets and crisp white linen. Baths with a view and private outdoor showers complete the elegant rooms. The stylishly traditional lounge and dining area open onto a shaded viewing deck and swimming pool. Morning and afternoon game drives.

6 tents



TIMBAVATI GAME RESERVE > KRUGER NATIONAL PARK > SOUTH AFRICA

Motswari Private Game Reserve

Elegant - Game Lodge

Motswari Private Game Reserve is a down-to-earth lodge that provides a relaxed environment to enjoy a top game experience, with guided game drives and bush walks. The bungalows offer spacious, naturally furnished interiors and bush views. Socialise around a fireplace, or sip cocktails whilst appreciating the views from the deck; take respite from the heat of the summer sun in the pool. Adventurous sleep-outs in the 'Giraffe's Nest' platform can be pre-arranged for an extra charge. Motswari's Geiger's Camp is idea for small groups looking for exclusivity.

Main Camp - 15 bungalows, Geiger's Camp - 4 rooms



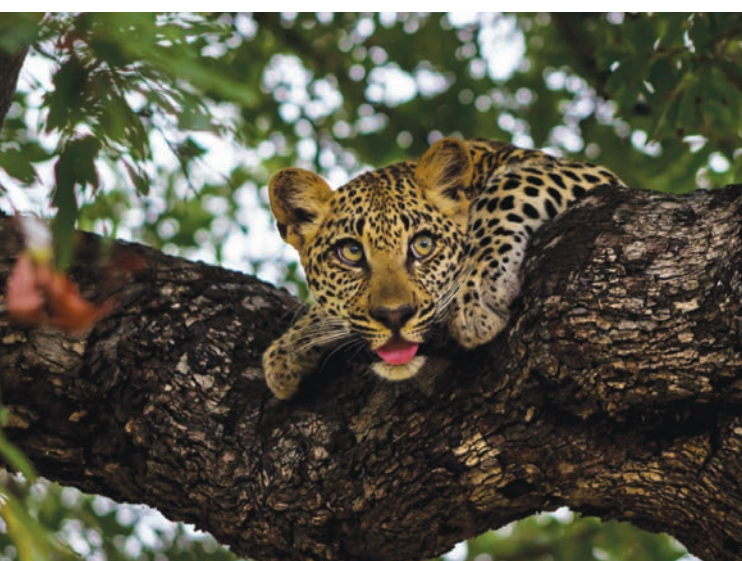
TIMBAVATI GAME RESERVE > KRUGER NATIONAL PARK > SOUTH AFRICA

Kings Camp

Sophisticated - Game Lodge

Kings Camp is situated in the bio-diverse Timbavati Game Reserve, surrounded by manicured lawns which roll down to the open savanna and bush beyond. The colonial style thatched suites are decorated in tones of dark wood, with Victorian ball-and-claw baths and indoor and outdoor double showers. The main viewing deck overlooks a waterhole, the spacious dining room has views over the bush. A traditional boma, gym, array of pampering treatments and swimming pool make up leisure facilities. Activities at Kings Camp include morning and late afternoon game drives and optional nature walks after breakfast. Waterbuck Private Camp is an exclusive-use villa, ideal for families or small groups.

9 suites and 4-bedroom villa



SABI SAND GAME RESERVE > KRUGER NATIONAL PARK > SOUTH AFRICA

Ulusaba

Luxurious – Game Lodge

Ulusaba, Sir Richard Branson's private game reserve in South Africa, has 21 rooms and suites spread over two lodges - Rock Lodge, including the beautiful Cliff Lodge, and Safari Lodge. Rock Lodge is set atop a rocky granite hill, 800-feet above the African savannah, with panoramic views over the bush below. Rooms and suites at Rock Lodge are built amongst the granite boulders. Just a short walk from the main house is Cliff Lodge, a private two bedroom suite. 500 metres away is Safari Lodge, built along the banks of a dry riverbed; guests cross swing bridges which pass through the tree tops to the exquisite tree house style rooms, allowing game to roam freely below. Ulusaba can be hired exclusively, for a family gathering or a group of friends.

Rock Lodge - 8 rooms and suites; Safari Lodge - 11 rooms



SABI SAND GAME RESERVE > KRUGER NATIONAL PARK > SOUTH AFRICA

Sabi Sabi

Sophisticated - Luxurious - Game Lodge

Sabi Sabi Private Game Reserve borders the unfenced western edge of the Kruger National Park, and is part of the renowned Sabi Sand Reserve, home to spectacular wildlife including the Big 5 - lion, leopard, rhino, buffalo and elephant - as well as cheetah, wild dog and some 200 other animal species indigenous to the area.

Sabi Sabi offers four completely separate lodges, each with a very distinct character and atmosphere, and nearly all the suites have a private viewing area.



Sabi Sabi Earth Lodge is sculpted into the earth, making it almost invisible in the surrounding landscape. There is an underground cellar, a secluded library, an art gallery, an Amani Spa and even a meditation garden. The 13 suites are innovative in design, totally different from traditional bush lodges, featuring bold wooden sculptures as well as individually designed furnishings, each opening out to wide patios and private plunge pools.



Sabi Sabi Little Bush Camp is tucked under the shade of indigenous riverine trees on the banks of the Msuthlu River and has been designed to accommodate families, friends, or small groups on an exclusive use basis. The 6 thatched luxury suites are all filled with contemporary African décor, genuine artifacts, wooden finishes and creative colours. There is a secluded swimming pool, which is reached by crossing the river on a wooden bridge.



Sabi Sabi Bush Lodge features two thatched viewing decks and two swimming pools, all overlooking a waterhole and the plains beyond. The ethnic artwork and heavy carved furniture is also prevalent in the cosy lounge area as well as the wine cellar and the wellness centre. The 25 thatched suites are very spacious and are decorated in a stylish ethnic theme, which merges well with the surrounding bushveld.



Sabi Sabi Selati Camp exudes a Colonial 'Out of Africa' style. The 8 thatched suites are privately set under shady indigenous trees, each with an outdoor shower. Relax beside the pool, which overlooks the Msuthlu riverbed and enjoy the tranquility of the camp.



KRUGER NATIONAL PARK > SOUTH AFRICA

Jock Safari Lodge

Elegant - Game Lodge

Jock Safari Lodge is situated on a 6 000 hectare private concession within the game-rich southern section of Kruger National Park. The **Main Jock** lodge fuses the elegance of the colonial era with the unique style of the Zulu & Shangaan cultures. Fine dining is arranged in intimate settings indoors or on the deck overlooking the pool and the rivers. The 12 individual thatched suites are screened by lush trees and reed walls, offering the utmost privacy. Each suite opens out to its own private 'sala' and plunge pool, overlooking the confluence of the Biyamiti and Mitomeni Rivers.

The intimate **Fitzpatrick's Lodge at Jock** has only 3 suites, which can be booked as individual suites or the entire lodge can be booked on an exclusive use basis. Along with the services of a dedicated chef, waitress and game ranger this lodge conjures notions of having your very own lodge in the bush, where you can enjoy meals and game activities at your own pace, and relax beside the inviting natural rock swimming pool.

Main Jock - 12 suites, Fitzpatrick's Lodge at Jock - 3 suites



Fitzpatrick's Lodge



SABI SAND GAME RESERVE > KRUGER NATIONAL PARK > SOUTH AFRICA

Arathusa Safari Lodge

Elegant - Game Lodge

Arathusa Safari Lodge lies in the northern sector of the Sabi Sand Reserve. The lodge has nine thatched suites that are within the perimeter of the camp; and there are four larger 'remote' suites slightly further removed from the main camp, each with a private plunge pool. All rooms have a separate indoor and outdoor shower, and a verandah to enjoy the surrounding views. The main camp is a warm, open-plan setting with wood and thatch, with a traditional open-air boma and a deck and infinity pool. Twice daily game drives in the morning and late afternoon and there is an optional bush walk.

13 suites



BALULE NATURE RESERVE > KRUGER NATIONAL PARK > SOUTH AFRICA

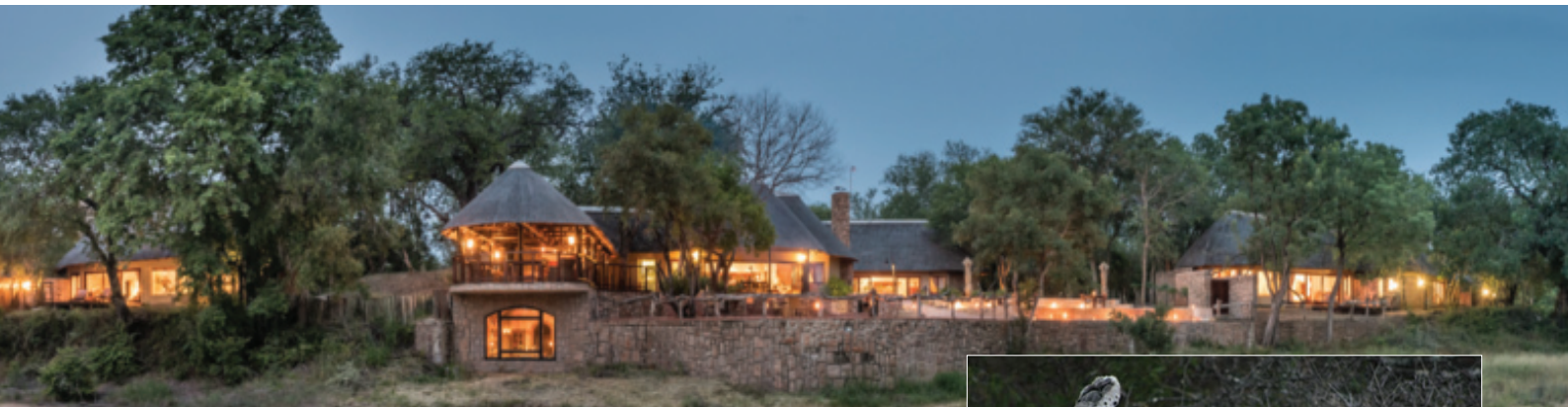
Mohlabetsi Safari Lodge

Casual - Game Lodge

Mohlabetsi is set in the large Balule Nature Reserve, part of the Greater Kruger Park, and the unfenced eastern boundary allows animals the freedom to roam. The rooms, with outside showers, have indigenous themes inspired by local tradition and culture. This is also reflected in the tasty meals served in natural surroundings. Explore this unspoilt ecosystem with your ranger in an open Landrover or on guided walks and enjoy the personal service on offer, at excellent value for money. TGCSA 4-Star Lodge.

6 Rondavels and 2 family lodges





THORNYBUSH PRIVATE NATURE RESERVE > LIMPOPO PROVINCE > SOUTH AFRICA

The Thornybush Collection

Sophisticated - Elegant

Thornybush Nature Reserve is 14,000 hectares of pristine African bush bordering Kruger National Park. The Big Five, as well as cheetah, smaller game and birds of prey can be encountered - experience abundant game at close quarters! There is a range of lodges and camps for all tastes and budgets.



Set under a canopy of trees on the banks of the Monwana River, **Shumbalala Game Lodge** overlooks the riverbed and waterhole frequented by game. The size of the lodge ensures exclusivity and privacy. Spacious chalets all have a viewing deck, a picture window bathroom, and outdoor shower. The Presidential Suite has a private pool. Excellent cuisine, open-air dinners and a selection of fine wine from the underground cellar overlooking the waterhole. TGCSA 5-Star Lodges.

4 Superior suites and 1 Presidential suite



Simbambili Game Lodge is situated in the northern Sabi Sand Private Reserve (not in the Thornybush Reserve) on the banks of the seasonal Manyeleti River. The region boasts a high concentration of leopard and is famed for its regular big cat sightings, the abundance of general game and excellent birding. The 9 individual African-styled thatched suites are sensitively placed on the banks of the riverbed, each with its own private plunge pool.

9 suites



Chapungu Luxury Tented Camp is tastefully furnished in a Colonial style, creating a classic safari atmosphere. There are 8 tented rooms on wooden platforms, connected to the main building by secluded pathways. Each tent is air-conditioned, well furnished, with an en-suite bathroom that boasts inside showers with views and romantic outside baths.

8 Tents



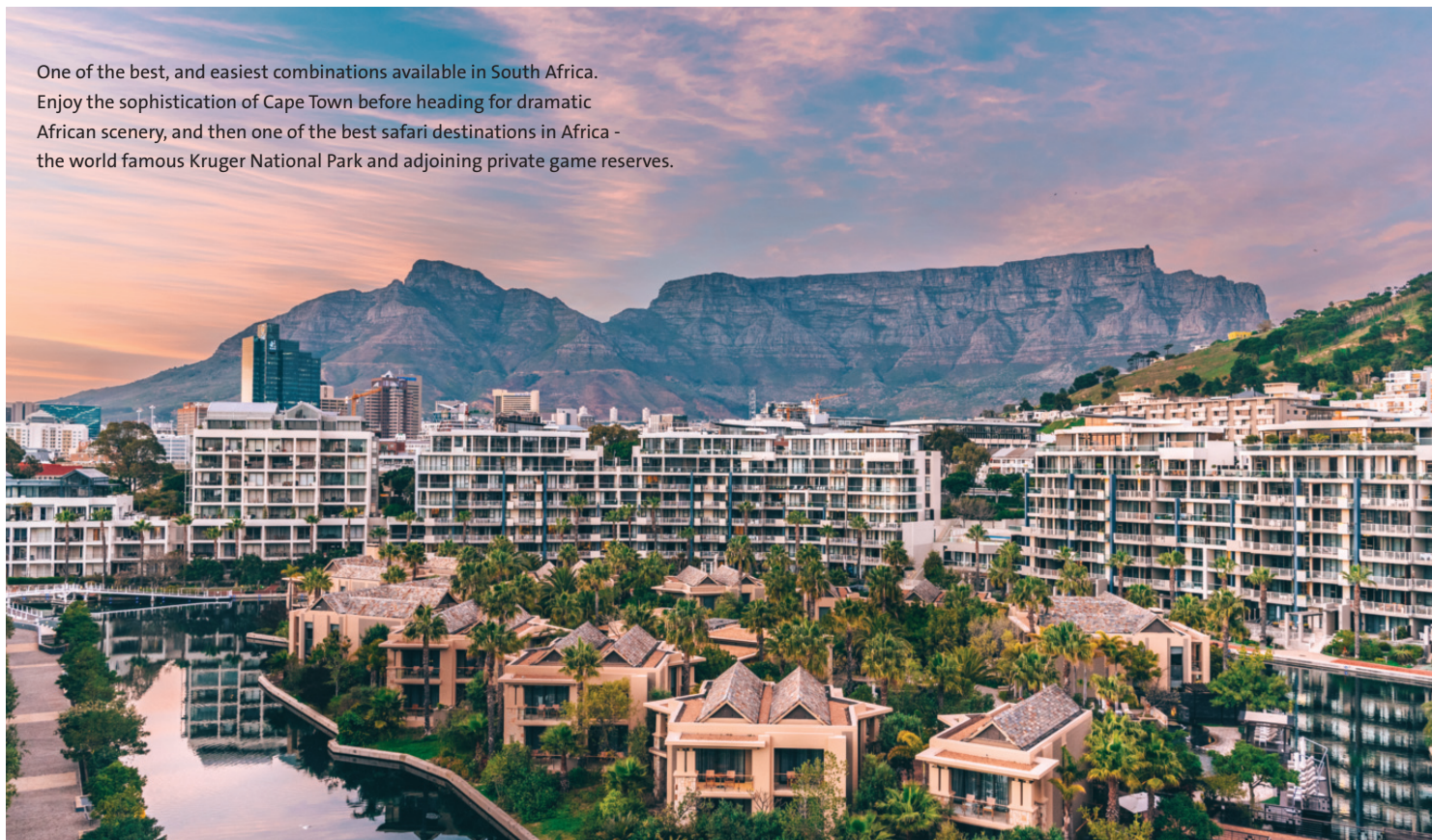
There are a further seven 4 and 5 star lodges in the Thornybush Collection, including an exclusive-use self-catering tented camp - there is something to suit every taste and budget.

CAPE TOWN > HAZYVIEW > KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

Cape, Canyons and Carnivores

12 nights. Departs from the UK every day.

One of the best, and easiest combinations available in South Africa. Enjoy the sophistication of Cape Town before heading for dramatic African scenery, and then one of the best safari destinations in Africa - the world famous Kruger National Park and adjoining private game reserves.



Day 01

Overnight flight from the UK to Cape Town.

Day 2-7

On arrival into Cape Town International Airport you will be met and transferred to your first hotel/guesthouse for your 6-night stay. Enjoy the attractions of one of the world's most spectacular cities at your own pace, including Table Mountain; the V&A Waterfront; Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens; the Cape of Good Hope; Robben Island, and many more. Cape Town is also a centre for adventure, exciting cuisine, shopping and some serious nightlife.

Day 8-10

This morning you will be transferred back to Cape Town airport for your 2½ hour flight across this vast country to Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport. Collect your rental car and using the directions provided head for Rissington Inn in Hazyview, your home for the next 3 nights. Rissington Inn is the perfect base from which to explore the attractions of the lowveld, the Panorama Route and Blyde River Canyon. This is a very interesting and scenic area of the country and Rissington Inn are experts in assisting their guests on planning their days out.

Day 11-13

This morning after breakfast head into Greater Kruger National Park, or one of the adjacent private game reserves, for the start of your safari. The world-renowned Kruger National Park offers a wildlife experience that ranks with the best in Africa. Established in 1898 to protect the wildlife of the South African Lowveld, this national park is nearly 2 million hectares. Kruger National Park is unrivalled in its diversity and a world leader in advanced environmental management techniques and policies.

A normal day on safari is an early morning game drive, breakfast or brunch, maybe a mid-morning walk, followed by lunch and then a siesta or just time relaxing around camp. Then back into the bush after tea, for an afternoon drive and (depending on your choice of lodge) a night drive. And finally dinner, possibly al fresco or in the boma. And then do it all again!

Day 14

You will be collected and returned to Kruger airport in time for your overnight flight, via Johannesburg, to the UK.





MAPUTLAND COAST > KWAZULU NATAL > SOUTH AFRICA

Thonga beach Lodge

Casual

On the pristine Maputland coast, with unspoilt beaches, forests and lakes, Thonga captures the essence of a rustic hideaway. Each air-conditioned chalet is tucked away in the coastal dune forest and raised on stilts, with a deck, some with sea views. Scuba diving (and snorkelling) is phenomenal and the dive boat launches directly from the beach. Enjoy the Open Ocean Experience, spotting marine wildlife including game fish, bottlenose dolphins, whale sharks, turtles and Humpback whales (seasonal). Morning guided kayaking trips or sundowners on the shores of Lake Sibaya. November to February, witness the rare sight of turtles laying their eggs or hatchlings returning to the ocean.

10 chalets, 2 family units



ELEPHANT COAST > KWAZULU NATAL > SOUTH AFRICA

Thanda Private Game Reserve

Sophisticated - Elegant

Thanda is a private Big 5 game reserve in northern Zululand. Built under thatch, and based on traditional Zulu design, the Main Lodge has sweeping views of bush and mountains. The Bush Suites each have a private splash pool, deck, sala and bathroom with indoor and outdoor showers. Thanda's Tented Camp has 15 tents, each with viewing deck. The Royal Private Villa offers exclusive use with 5 bedrooms. Game drives in open Landrovers through the reserve and bush walks with rangers. Or visit a traditional Zulu homestead and cultural experience. TGCSA 5-Star Lodge.

9 Bush suites, 15 tents and Villa iZulu



RORKE'S DRIFT > KWAZULU NATAL > SOUTH AFRICA

Fugitive's Drift

Casual - Elegant

Experience the extraordinary saga of the Anglo Zulu War. Set within the Fugitives' Drift Game Reserve, which overlooks the battlefield of Isandlwana, both the **Lodge** and **Guest House** have extremely comfortable and spacious cottages, each with a veranda. The Lodge houses a veritable museum of memorabilia, artefacts and relics. Both have swimming pools. The 15-mile river frontage includes the graves of Lieutenants Melvill VC and Coghill VC who lost their lives saving the Queen's Colour. Battlefield tours are conducted daily to Rorke's Drift and Isandlwana.

8 Lodge rooms and 6 Guest House rooms and a 3-bedroom house



NR SPIOENKOP > KWAZULU NATAL > SOUTH AFRICA

Three Tree Hill Lodge

Elegant

Tucked away in an indigenous forest setting, Hluhluwe River Lodge and Adventures offers comfortably appointed thatched Chalets with private decks. The relaxed main lodge has a restaurant, lounge and an expansive terrace commanding spectacular views of the Hluhluwe River floodplain. Popular activities include game drives to Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Reserve and birdwatching boat trips on the river. For adventure seekers, horseriding, mountain biking and guided canoe trips. Relax at the pool, or take a self-guided walk. Dinners served alfresco under the stars. TGCSA 4-Star Lodge.

6 twin/double cottages, 2 family cottages



NORTHERN DRAKENSBURG > KWAZULU NATAL > SOUTH AFRICA

Montusi Mountain Lodge

Casual

This is an exclusive lodge in the northern Drakensberg mountains, a World Heritage Site, offering superb views of the magnificent Amphitheatre from each of the individual garden suites. Hike or horse ride in the mountains, swim, play tennis, enjoy birding and fly-fishing. Swing on the flying trapeze at the Adventure Centre nearby. Enjoy good cuisine and delicious home-made bread. Personalised service from friendly staff make this owner-run lodge very popular. Relaxation massages offered in-house. Close to the Amphitheatre Golf Course. TGCSA 4-Star Country House.

12 one-bedroom suites and 4 two-bedroom suites



UMHLANGA ROCKS > KWAZULU NATAL > SOUTH AFRICA

The Oyster Box

Luxurious

Situated on the ocean's edge, a short walk from Umhlanga, the Oyster Box Hotel opened its doors in 1947. The combination of colonial charm, impeccable service, tropical gardens and seaside, still appeals today. With 86 rooms to choose from The Oyster Box can accommodate every type of visitor. Each one is designed to provide comfort and style, with the colonial charm preserved. Enjoy sundowners in the Lighthouse Bar, casual dining at the Ocean Terraces, fine dining at the Grill Room, or a cold beer in the Chukka Bar - the culinary experience of the Oyster Box is a good one. Spa and gym, golf nearby.

86 rooms, suites & villas



SHAKA'S ROCK > KWAZULU NATAL > SOUTH AFRICA

Lalaria Lodge

Elegant

Relax at the pool, soak up the sun and enjoy spectacular sea and beach views. A warm welcome, generous comfort and friendly personal service await you at this spacious Mediterranean style residence, north of Durban. Stylish air-conditioned bedrooms have every modern comfort and all bathrooms have bath and separate shower. The cocktail bar leads to the spacious deck, ideal for sundowners and dolphin spotting. Leisurely beach walks and safe swimming. Golf, horse riding and restaurants nearby. TGCSA 5-Star Guest House.

5 bedrooms



ZULULAND > KWAZULU NATAL > SOUTH AFRICA

Ghost Mountain Inn

Casual

At the foot of the Ghost Mountain lies the relaxed Ghost Mountain Inn. Nature enthusiasts will appreciate the abundance of wildlife and the scenery of this diverse region during game drives, guided walks and boat cruises in the company of knowledgeable guides. Back at the Inn, unwind with a soothing spa treatment or enjoy the warmth of the African sun within the indigenous gardens. All rooms have private patios. Well located for those travelling between Kruger National Park, Swaziland, Durban and Mozambique. TGCSA 4-Star Hotel.

49 bedrooms, 4 suites



KAMBERG VALLEY > KWAZULU NATAL > SOUTH AFRICA

Cleopatra Mountain Farmhouse

Elegant

If it's amazing food, pleasant scenery and tranquillity you're after, then Cleopatra mountain farmhouse in the heart of the Drakensberg mountains is for you. Excitingly different, Richard and his chefs offer fine gourmet food, prepared with love, care and especially flavour. The use of local ingredients and home-grown herbs and vegetables makes dining a delightful experience. Fauna, flora, San rock art, walking, birding and riding create memories never to be forgotten. TGCSA 5-Star Country House.

5 rooms, 4 suites and 2 cottages



NR LADYSMITH > KWAZULU NATAL > SOUTH AFRICA

Nambiti Game Reserve

Casual - Elegant - Sophisticated



Nambiti Private Game Reserve, not far from the town of Ladysmith, is a malaria-free Big 5 game reserve, offering a choice of lodges.

Esiweni Lodge is a luxury lodge with a unique cliff top position offering dramatic views over the Sundays River.

Springbok Lodge offers a tented safari experience, the 15 spacious elevated air-conditioned tents.

Nambiti Hills Game Lodge, rustic yet sophisticated, overlooking a valley of thorny trees and rocky grasslands.

Nambiti Plains Game Lodge offers privacy and exclusivity, sensitively constructed within the indigenous forest on the edge of an active waterhole.

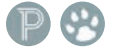
Esiweni Lodge - 5 suites;

Springbok Lodge - 15 standard tents

and 6 family tents;

Nambiti Hills - 9 suites;

Nambiti Plains - 7 suites



HLUHLUWE IMFOLOZI PARK > KWAZULU NATAL > SOUTH AFRICA

Rhino Ridge Safari Lodge

Elegant - Game Lodge

Rhino Ridge Safari Lodge is situated on the western boundary, within Africa's oldest proclaimed Game Reserve, Hluhluwe iMfolozi Park, offering spectacular scenery and excellent safari opportunities within the heart of Big 5 territory. Safari Rooms and Bush Villas are positioned to take advantage of the spectacular views and offer guests utmost privacy, including 2 Honeymoon Villas each with a private plunge pool. Some rooms are arranged in pairs leading off a common lobby ideal for families or couples travelling together. Daily Game Drives and guided safari walks; Bird Watching; Day Trips to St Lucia.

18 rooms and villas



ISIMANGALISO WETLAND PARK > KWAZULU NATAL > SOUTH AFRICA

Makakatana Bay Lodge

Elegant - Secluded

An intimate contemporary rustic hideaway set on the banks of Lake St Lucia, within the iSimangaliso Wetland Park World Heritage Site, Africa's largest natural marine estuary. The Lodge is positioned in the forest on the edge of the lake, and accommodates only 20 people. The park supports 367 bird species, five different eco-systems, increasing wildlife reintroduction and turtle nesting grounds in the marine reserves. Activities include safaris into the wetlands by vehicle or boat and trips to the coastal beaches.

8 rooms (including 2 family suites)



DRAKENSBERG > BATTLEFIELDS > HLUHLUWE > SHAKA'S ROCK

KwaZulu Natal Self Drive

12 nights. Departs from the UK every day.



Blessed by a sunny year-round climate KwaZulu-Natal, known as the Kingdom of the Zulu, offers travellers diverse attractions. Landscapes range from mountains and forests to wetlands and long beaches, while activities include deep-sea diving, white-water rafting, hiking, historical tours, horse riding, trout fishing, safari, golf and much more.

Zulu, Indian and European influences have created a cultural mosaic that is fascinating and accessible. This itinerary is particularly popular with families. This is our most popular itinerary in KwaZulu Natal but we can also tailor-make a route to suit your personal taste.



Day 1

South African Airways overnight flight from Heathrow to Johannesburg.

Day 2-4

As you leave the hustle and bustle of the suburbs of Johannesburg, you will be struck by the sense of space and contrasts of the spectacular scenery as you make the 3½ hour journey to the Drakensberg region, situated approximately halfway between Johannesburg and Durban. Settle into the laid back rhythm of the 'Berg' where you will spend the next 3 nights. Activities available in the area include hiking, climbing, golf, tennis, horse riding, fly fishing, mountain biking and township and cultural tours.



Day 05-07

After a hearty breakfast and one last look at the view, head east for 3 hours (approximately) and you will arrive in the Battlefields area of KwaZulu Natal, just in time for lunch. Enjoy a slice of history during your 3-night stay in this region, with optional tours to the battlefields of Rorke's Drift and Isandlwana, sites of some of the most dramatic events in British military history that occurred during the Anglo-Zulu War of the 19th century. Alternatively stop on the way at Spionkop, the scene of another bloody conflict, this time from the Anglo-Boer War.

Day 08-10

A further 3 hour drive will take you towards the oldest game reserve in Africa, Hluhluwe iMfolozi, famous for saving the White Rhino from extinction and also home to the rest of the 'Big 5'. You will also be on the doorstep of Greater St Lucia Wetland Park, a World Heritage Site and Africa's largest marine estuary. The park supports coastal wildlife and turtle nesting grounds in the marine reserves. During your 3 night stay in the Hluhluwe region you can enjoy days trips to the Hluhluwe iMfolozi Game Reserve, Lake St Lucia, Cape Vidal, Kosi Bay or visit a Zulu cultural village to learn more of the history and culture of the indigenous Zulu people.

Day 11-13

Another 3 hour drive, this time down the coast, will bring you to Shaka's Rock, a popular and relaxed coastal town. After the activities further north spend a few days relaxing on the beach, swimming or enjoying the nearby restaurants.

Day 14

Drop your car at nearby Durban airport in time for your overnight flight to Heathrow, via Johannesburg, with South African Airways.

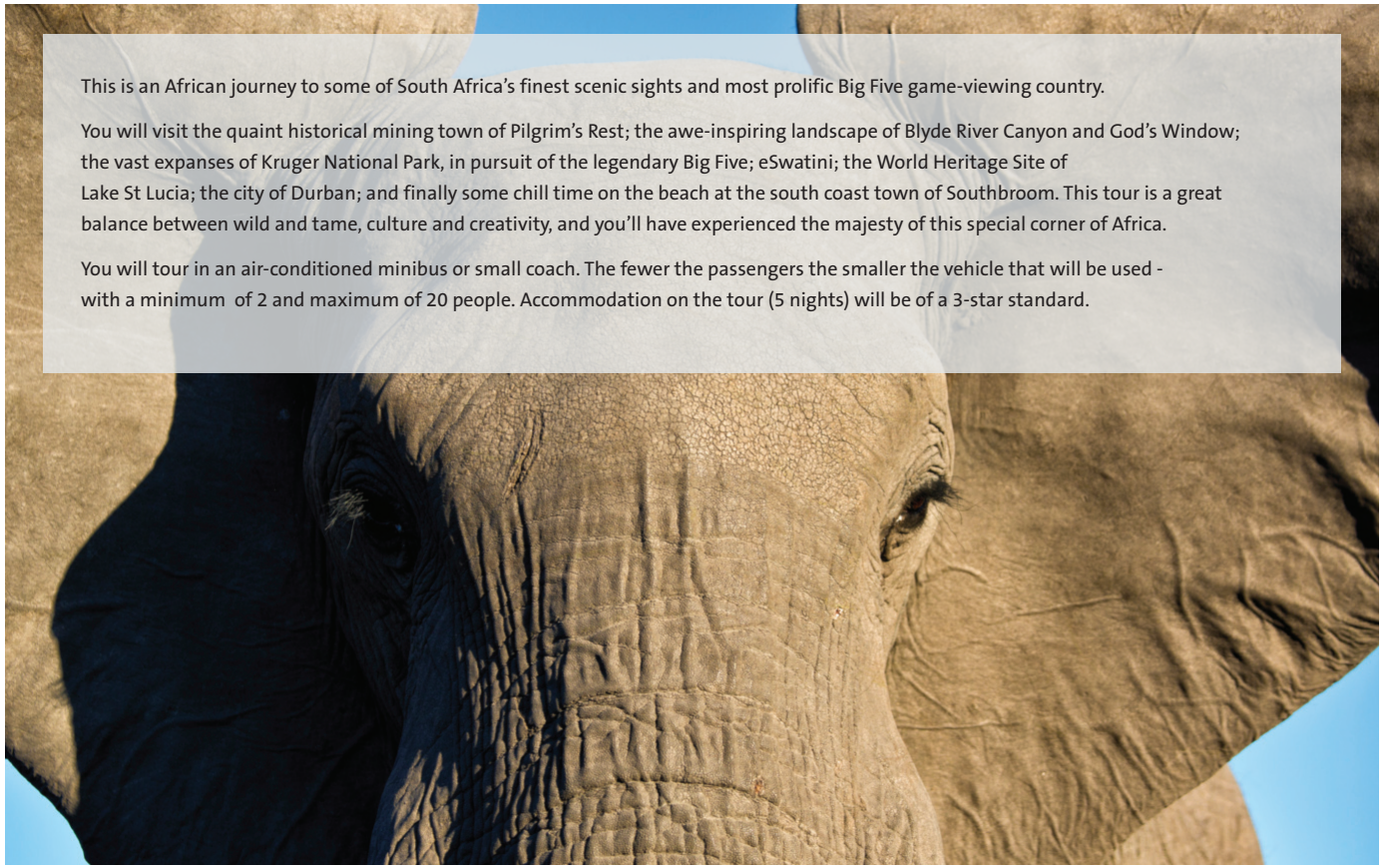
Kruger, Kingdoms and Coast Semi-Escorted Tour

12 nights. Departs from the UK every Saturday.

This is an African journey to some of South Africa's finest scenic sights and most prolific Big Five game-viewing country.

You will visit the quaint historical mining town of Pilgrim's Rest; the awe-inspiring landscape of Blyde River Canyon and God's Window; the vast expanses of Kruger National Park, in pursuit of the legendary Big Five; eSwatini; the World Heritage Site of Lake St Lucia; the city of Durban; and finally some chill time on the beach at the south coast town of Southbroom. This tour is a great balance between wild and tame, culture and creativity, and you'll have experienced the majesty of this special corner of Africa.

You will tour in an air-conditioned minibus or small coach. The fewer the passengers the smaller the vehicle that will be used - with a minimum of 2 and maximum of 20 people. Accommodation on the tour (5 nights) will be of a 3-star standard.



Day 1

South African Airways overnight flight from Heathrow to Johannesburg.

Days 2-3

Transfer to the hotel and under own arrangements for the rest of the day on Day 2. Day 3, begin your journey with a brief visit to downtown Johannesburg, then continue to the Apartheid Museum, the first of its kind, which illustrates the rise and fall of apartheid in South Africa.

Days 4-5

Depart Johannesburg and travel to the 'Land of the Rising Sun - Mpumalanga - via the magnificent Panorama Route, which starts at "Bourke's Luck Potholes" and ends at the "Three Rondavels". Time and weather permitting, stop at God's Window. On day 5 you will depart on an open vehicle safari through the Kruger National Park. The world-renowned Kruger National Park offers a wildlife experience that ranks with the best in Africa. Optional evening safari (at additional charge).

Day 6

Travel to the Royal Kingdom of eSwatini (formerly Swaziland) and enjoy a showcase of the traditional Swazi culture followed by lunch at the Matsamo Cultural Village. Continue to the Ngwenya Glass Works to see master craftsmen create beautiful sculptures and artwork from molten glass. After spending some time at the craft markets, arrive at your hotel located in the beautiful Ezulwini Valley.

Days 7-8

Enjoy a morning visit to the Swazi Candle Factory before travelling via Big Bend into KwaZulu-Natal. Embark on an afternoon scenic drive for views over Lake Jozini. As the setting sun transforms the sky into a tapestry of colours, stop for sundowners. The drive will be combined with a visit to a local and authentic Zulu homestead. On Day 8 you will transfer to the Hluhluwe-iMfolozi Game Reserve for an afternoon of game viewing.

Day 9

Continue the journey along the Elephant Coast of KwaZulu-Natal to the iSimangaliso Wetland Park - a World Heritage Site. At St Lucia, embark on an estuarine boat trip. See crocodiles, hippo and numerous bird species, including the majestic African Fish Eagle, in their natural habitat. Continue to Durban.

Days 10-13

This morning you will embark on a brief Durban City Tour where you will discover the cultural and historical contrasts of the city. The tour ends and you will be dropped-off at your chosen hotel on the tropical Indian Ocean Coastline. Sunshine, sea, and sand... the classic summer holiday trio, only here you get it all year round.

Day 14

Transfer to the airport for your overnight flight to Heathrow, via Johannesburg, with South African Airways.





A WINDOW TO THE SOUL OF SOUTH AFRICA

The Blue Train *Luxurious and Romantic*



The Deluxe coaches have four suites per coach; one suite with a bath and the others with showers. The Deluxe suites feature either twin beds with a shower, or double beds with a bathtub and handheld shower.

The luxury suites are a metre larger, and these twin or double-bedded suites have baths only. The luxury suites also have a large choice of radio and movie channels with a private digital entertainment centre and a selection of music CDs and movies on DVD.

Since its inception the Blue Train has been synonymous with elegance and luxury – its name has become associated with the ultimate in comfort and personal service. The suites on the Blue Train live up to its reputation, and each coach has a butler on call to attend to your needs and ensure that your experience is as memorable and comfortable as possible.

The fully air-conditioned trains accommodate between 74 - 82 guests, depending on which 'set' is used. Each 'set' has two lounges - the main lounge car which is a meeting place for drinks and high tea, and the club car where guests can relax over an after dinner drink or watch the large screen which provides a drivers-eye-view of the track ahead. Cuisine aboard the train features South African delicacies complemented by fine South African wines.

The routes of the Blue Train take guests through some of the most breathtaking countryside to be found anywhere in the world. When you choose to travel on the Blue Train, you choose to travel in a world of grace, elegance and romance

The route between Pretoria and Cape Town is a 2 night journey of 1 600 kilometres (994 miles), through some of the most diverse and spectacular scenery on the continent. The train stops at the famous diamond town of Kimberley where guests can explore the Diamond Museum and the Big Hole, the biggest man-made hole in the world.





GREAT TRAIN ADVENTURES > SOUTH AFRICA

Shongololo Express

Elegant

Now part of the Rovos Rail stable, Shongololo Express can be best described as a 'touring train', underwritten by the tradition and quality of Rovos Rail. The three journeys of 12 to 15 days traverse South Africa, Namibia, Swaziland, Mozambique and Zimbabwe.



Generally, the train travels at night, arriving each day at a new destination and after breakfast you will take guided day trips. When on board the train you can relax in the air-conditioned bar and restaurant. The well appointed dining cars set the classic scene for dinner on the move, accompanied by a selection of fine South African wines. There is also a bar carriage, smoking lounge and an observation car with an open air balcony situated at the rear of the train.

There are two categories of accommodation, Emerald Suites and Gold Suites, each with ample storage space and cupboards.

Emerald Suites are approximately 10sq metres, larger than most luxury train compartments around the world; they have a small sitting area. The smaller Gold Suites are 7 sq metres (still a good size). Both categories have an en-suite bathroom with shower, WC and wash-hand basin.

The 15-day **Good Hope** journey is the classic 'Highlights of South Africa' trip, running from Pretoria to Cape Town (or vice versa).

Highlights include Pretoria and a Soweto tour; the Panorama Route and a Kruger National Park safari; eSwatini (formerly Swaziland); Hluhluwe iMfolozi Park drives; St Lucia Wetland Park, a World Heritage Site; Durban & the Battlefields; Bloemfontein & Kimberly, often overlooked; Graaff Reinet in the Eastern Cape; the Klein Karoo, Cango Caves and an ostrich farm visit; Knysna on the heart of the Garden Route; Hermanus; and finally the Mother City of Cape Town.

The two 12 day tours are: **The Southern Cross**, running from Pretoria to Victoria Falls via Kruger National Park, Mozambique, Great Zimbabwe and Hwange National Park; and the Dune Express from Pretoria to Walvis Bay in Namibia via Kimberley, Fish River Canyon, Sossusvlei, Windhoek and Etosha National Park.

Both journeys are also available in reverse.





THE PRIDE OF AFRICA

Rovos Rail

Luxurious and Romantic

Rovos Rail has earned a reputation for classic journeys lasting 24 hours to a fortnight, linking some of Africa's greatest destinations - Cape Town and Dar-es-Salaam, game reserves and Victoria Falls, Namibia and the Karoo, the Garden Route and Swaziland.

Rovos Rail even has its own railway station, the rebuilt Capital Park Station and locomotive yard in Pretoria, which is the headquarters of this private railway company.

The trains - which may be hauled by steam, diesel or electric locomotives at various stages of the journey - carry a maximum of 72 passengers in 36 superbly appointed suites.

The remodelled wood-panelled coaches have been refurbished to mint condition, allowing you to recapture the atmosphere of a bygone era. Enjoy fine cuisine and Cape wines in five-star luxury. Traditional furnishings and period décor ensure an atmosphere of elegance in the Dining, Lounge and Observation cars.

The most popular route is the weekly 48-hour journey between Pretoria and Cape Town, or vice versa. This 1600-kilometre (994 mile) journey travels through the gold-rich Highveld, Kimberley, the Great Karoo desert and the spectacular mountain ranges of the Cape.



The epitome of luxury, each spacious air-conditioned suite has a private bathroom, bar fridge, writing desk, personal safe and seating. Room service is available 24 hours a day.



Royal Suites, each of which take up half a carriage, measure 16 sq metres. Each has its own private lounge area and full bathroom with Victorian bath and separate shower.

Deluxe suites are 11 sq metres and also accommodate two passengers in either twin or double beds and have a lounge area and en-suite bathroom with shower.

Pullman suites are 7 sq metres in size and while having an identical bathroom to that of the deluxe suites, the bedroom is smaller with a one up / one down bunk for twin requirements or a double bed for couples. During the day this is converted into a comfortable couch.



WELGEVONDEN GAME RESERVE > LIMPOPO > SOUTH AFRICA

Nedile Lodge

Elegant - Game Lodge

Nedile Lodge is situated in the malaria-free, Welgevonden Private Game Reserve, home to one of the the largest collections of privately owned White Rhino, as well as Lion, Elephant, Buffalo and Leopard. Friendly staff welcome you to the charming Lodge, which has been stylishly and creatively designed and decorated to create a warm and most relaxed ambience. Nedile Lodge accommodates up to 10 Guests in 5 rooms. Whether enjoying a delicious dinner around the camp fire in the starlit boma, relaxing at the pool, or on a game viewing safari, Nedile will restore your soul. TGCSA 5-Star Lodge.

5 rooms



MADIKWE GAME RESERVE > NORTH WEST PROVINCE > SOUTH AFRICA

Thakadu River Camp

Elegant - Game Lodge

Thakadu River Camp is a stylish tented lodge in the malaria-free Madikwe Game Reserve. This Afro-Asian style tented camp is set in the riverine forest on the tranquil banks of the Marico River. Spacious, air-conditioned tents have sliding doors opening onto private decks with river views. Relax over fine cuisine in the boma under a canopy of trees, in the open-air dining room or on the pool deck. TGCSA 5-Star Lodge.

12 tented suites



MADIKWE GAME RESERVE > NORTH WEST PROVINCE > SOUTH AFRICA

Tuningi Safari Lodge

Sophisticated - Game Lodge

Tuningi Safari Lodge is on the western side of the Madikwe Game Reserve, a 75 000-hectare malaria-free Big Five game reserve bordering Botswana. The main lodge is spacious and luxurious with a rim-flow pool overlooking a waterhole. Walkways lead to the spacious and stylish air-conditioned thatched chalets. Little Tuningi sleeps 6 and can be booked exclusively; offering a private boma, pool and vehicle. Rise early to be guided by your knowledgeable ranger in an open game vehicle in search of the Big Five, as well as wild dog, for which the reserve is renowned.

4 chalets and 2 family units



MADIKWE GAME RESERVE > NORTH WEST PROVINCE > SOUTH AFRICA

Madikwe Hills Private Game Lodge

Luxurious - Game Lodge

Madikwe Hills is an exclusive lodge, ingeniously constructed around huge boulders and age-old Tamboti trees, on a hill at the edge of the Marico River. The main building houses the welcoming lounge and library, separated from the long bar and dining area by a character-filled boulder, with fine cuisine enhanced by superb wines from the cellar. The 10 luxurious suites are totally private with Afro-chic décor integrating natural elements and colours, all fronted with concertina glass doors, folding away to the decks and private plunge pools, offering majestic views. Laze under a cool umbrella on the pool deck overlooking the waterhole or be pampered at the health spa, when not on an exciting game drive.

10 Suites



WATERBERG > LIMPOPO PROVINCE > SOUTH AFRICA

The Ant Collection

Elegant - Game Lodge

On the edge of a cliff overlooking a waterhole, **Ant's Hill** bush home offers breathtaking views across the Waterberg. With spacious rooms, the thatched lodge blends into the bush, while exotic furniture and brightly coloured African fabrics make it both sophisticated and comfortable. Set in a natural amphitheater **Ant's Nest**, the original homestead, has a classic relaxed African atmosphere, offering a real home away from home experience; wide verandahs spill out to extensive lawns with indigenous gardens that surround the year-round heated swimming pool. Ant's offers up to three activities a day including stunning game viewing by horseback, no experience required. Game drives are offered in the morning and afternoon as well as bush walks.

*Ant's Hill - 2 honeymoon cottages,
2 family cottages, 1 double room; Ant's Nest - 6 rooms*



WELGEVONDEN GAME RESERVE > LIMPOPO PROVINCE > SOUTH AFRICA

Makweti Safari Lodge

Elegant - Game Lodge

Five elegant thatch and stone suites complete this personal lodge experience, with no more than ten guests at any one time. Located in the malaria-free Welgevonden Game Reserve, Makweti offers panoramic views of vast savannas and a vibrant waterhole a mere 80 metres from the relaxing lounge deck. Each secluded suite offers views of the bushveld from its private deck, and the stunning furnishings make this lodge an intimate haven - 2 of the suites have a plunge pool. The gourmet cuisine is phenomenal, whether it is served in the formal dining room or out under the stars.

5 suites



Sun City Resort

Elegant - Sophisticated



Just two hours from Johannesburg, nestled in the mountains of the North West Province and close to Pilanesburg National Park, lies Sun City, a playground for children and adults alike. Described as 'A world within a city', the resort has a unique heartbeat and an African rhythm of its own, and has become renowned for its extensive leisure facilities, casino, choice of restaurants and spectacular shows. A variety of entertainment ranges from slots to safaris; horse riding to golf; the Valley of Waves to The Lost City, and has plenty to satisfy everyone's personal taste. There are four unique hotels



The Palace of the Lost City, takes its architecture and interior themes from a lost African tribe fantasy. Surrounded by mosaics, larger than life statues and artworks, 25 hectares of botanical jungle, water features and meandering pathways. The spacious rooms and suites are richly decorated reflecting the lavish surroundings; family rooms include a pull out sleeper couch. Offering excellent facilities and services, guests have a choice of five restaurants and bars.

The Cascades Hotel is named for the tumbling waters flowing through lush tropical forest in which it is set, and is home to some beautiful tropical birds. The Cascades Hotel is centrally situated within close proximity of the Entertainment Centre and the Gary Player Golf Course. In addition, the Gary Player Country Club is adjacent to the hotel and easily accessible for those wishing to play a round of golf or make use of the health club and spa. The landscaped pool area features a tanning island and a small private beach, and has a distinctly tropical feel with umbrellas, swaying palms and rocky water features.

The glamorous **Soho Hotel** is Sun City's original hotel and focal point to the resort.

The Cabanas Hotel is situated at the Sun City Waterworld Lake, offering guests a contemporary twist and great 'base' to explore the resort.

The Cascades



The Palace of the Lost City

Palace of the Lost City - 335 rooms; Cascades - 241 rooms;
Cabanas - 380 rooms; Soho Hotel - 340 rooms



WESTERN CAPE AND NORTHERN CAPE > SOUTH AFRICA

The Spring Flowers

In the South African spring, peaking over August and September, a brilliant array of diverse wild flowers transforms the semi-arid West Coast landscape into an unforgettable scene of exceptional beauty. You can witness these floral displays in a variety of ways, an extraordinary spectacle of nature.

From Cape Town you can travel north in your own vehicle, or as part of a guided tour, to the Cape Floral Kingdom. Areas to visit include the Postberg Nature Reserve, part of the West Coast National Park, a flower conservancy only open to visitors during the flower season.

From Vredendal head for the interior region of Nieuwoudtville, where the wild flowers form an extraordinary carpet of many colours. The Ramskop Nature Reserve at Clanwilliam, with its 250 different species of flora, is another option.

Flower Season at South African National Parks includes Agulhas, Bontebok, Namaqua and Tankwa Karoo. There are annual flower shows in Hopefield, Clanwilliam, Darling, Hermanus, Betty's Bay and others. And of course Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden in Cape Town hosts two free daily walks, led by The Botanical Society's volunteer garden guides.



K GALAGADI TRANSFRONTIER PARK > NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE > SOUTH AFRICA

!Xaus Lodge

Casual - Secluded - Game Lodge

50,000 hectares of the National Park is managed by Khomani San and Mier communities, in a harsh desert environment, and all proceeds from the operation go to the neighbouring communities from which local staff are employed, and trained at the lodge. What you can expect at this community lodge are warm, genuine staff and an authentic guided experience. Comfortable thatched chalets all overlook the pan. A small (& cool) swimming pool and a deck area, form the basis of the main lodge. Activities include game drives, sunset drives, after dinner drives, guided walks, visits to the Bushman craft village, birding and stargazing. Access is by 4x4 transfer.

12 chalets



NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE > SOUTH AFRICA

Tswalu Kalahari

Sophisticated - Secluded - Game Lodge

Tswalu Kalahari is South Africa's largest private game reserve, over 110,000 hectares of spectacular grasslands and mountains against the dramatic backdrop of the Korannaberg Mountains, with just two lodges. That means no more than 30 guests at any one time can discover the beauty of this arid savannah, its diverse wildlife and the serenity of one of South Africa's great wilderness areas. Tswalu Motse & Tarkuni fuse contemporary comfort with traditional African style. Game drive, or walk through the Kalahari biosphere, inhabited by the rare desert-adapted black rhino, meerkat colonies, pangolin and brown hyena.

The Motse - 9 suites, Tarkuni - 5 suites and The Malori Sleepout



MADIKWE GAME RESERVE > PRETORIA > THE BLUE TRAIN > CAPE TOWN

Safari, Luxury Rail and Cape Town

11 nights. Departure dates from the UK, on request.

A luxury journey for the most discerning of travellers. Starting with a safari in the malaria-free Madikwe Game Reserve on the Botswana border; then enjoy one of life's real treats on board a luxury train journey from Pretoria to Cape Town; and finally enjoy one of the world's great tourist cities, Cape Town. If you are looking for a special celebration holiday, then this is the one for you.

The departure dates of this holiday are determined by the train schedules. Rovos Rail, another luxury train that operates on the same route (takes 2 nights) is an alternative to The Blue Train. This itinerary can easily be operated in the reverse direction. Call us to discuss details.



Day 1

Overnight flight from the UK to Johannesburg.

Day 2-4

On arrival into Johannesburg airport you will be met by a representative of Fedair who will transfer you to their exclusive departure lounge in time for your onward light aircraft transfer to Madikwe Game Reserve. On arrival you will be met by your game ranger and transferred, by safari vehicle, to your safari Lodge for your 3-night stay. Enjoy 2 full days of game viewing activities in open vehicles and on foot. The Madikwe Game Reserve, situated against the Botswana border, is one of South Africa's prime safari destinations and one of the largest game reserves in South Africa. The rich diversity of vegetation ensures a wide range of game and the topography offers ideal game viewing opportunities. Madikwe is home to 66 mammal species including the Big Five and approximately 300 resident and migrant bird species.



Day 5

After a final game drive and breakfast you will be returned to the airstrip for your return flight to Johannesburg where you will be met and transferred to nearby Pretoria. This afternoon you may want to take any one of the many local tours available.

Day 6

You will be collected and transferred to the station in Pretoria, where you will be welcomed with a glass of champagne in the private departure lounge, whilst your bags are tagged and loaded onto one of the most luxurious trains in the world – The Blue Train. The two night journey takes you through spectacular scenery on your way to the Mother City of Cape Town. Relax in your spacious compartment or suite and enjoy the unforgettable experiences of the lounge car, dining car and observation car.

Day 8-12

This final leg of your journey into Cape Town this morning is probably the most scenic of the whole route and a perfect way to be introduced to this stunning city. You will be met at the station and transferred to your hotel for your 5-night stay. Included in your stay is a full-day private guided tour of Cape Town, with picnic lunch. Other alternative activities are a helicopter trip to the Winelands for lunch; shopping at the V & A Waterfront; breakfast on the top of Table Mountain; a picnic at Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens; or dinner at one of the many fine restaurants in the city.

Day 13

You will be transferred to Cape Town airport today for your overnight flight to the UK.





SAFARI > MAURITIUS

Safari and Mauritius

11 nights. Departs from the UK anytime.



The perfect Bush and Beach combination. Enjoy the exhilaration and excitement of game viewing in the malaria-free Welgevonden Game Reserve, a mountain bushveld reserve with a climate that makes it worth a visit all year round. Welgevonden is certainly one of the finest places to watch wildlife, sense wilderness and touch the spirit of true Africa, with antelope from the largest eland to the diminutive duiker, and cheetah, lion and leopard always close by. Then fly to the Indian Ocean island of Mauritius to relax on a tropical beach. A perfect honeymoon perhaps.

If you are looking for a variation we can also use game lodges in Kruger National Park, Madikwe Game Reserve or the Waterberg area as a combination with Mauritius. Please contact us for a tailor-made quotation.

Day 01

Overnight flight from UK to Johannesburg.

Days 2-5

On arrival into OR Tambo (Johannesburg) International Airport you will be met and transferred by road (approx. 2 hours) to the Welgevonden Game Reserve in Limpopo Province. Welgevonden Reserve is a declared heritage site of 37,000 hectares adjoining the Marakele National Park in the breathtaking Waterberg Biosphere. A true bushveld environment and home to Africa's most sought after game species, with one of the largest collections of white rhino. From your lodge, where you will stay for the next 3 nights, join a guided safari or specialised bush walk with an experienced ranger to view elephant, lion, leopard, buffalo, giraffe, zebra, eland and many other antelope species with the opportunity to spot the aardvark, brown hyena or the rarely seen honey badger and bush pig. After your safari spend an overnight in Johannesburg.

Days 6-12

Early this morning you will be transferred back to Johannesburg airport for your 4 hour flight to Mauritius. Relax in the sophisticated surroundings of your resort hotel and enjoy the beaches and many other activities and leisure facilities on offer in this tropical playground. With fine seafood and talented chefs, the culinary experience is also a good one. Most of the resorts have full kids and teen clubs on site. Mauritius is also a popular destination for people to get married or to visit on honeymoon.

Your stay on this beautiful tropical island can be as relaxing or activity filled as you wish. The hotels and resorts are sophisticated with a large range of activities on offer. These include comprehensive watersports facilities, tennis courts, gyms and diving schools. The deep sea fishing in Mauritius is amongst the best in the world and available from all of the hotels. There are several golf courses available on the island. Other activities include scenic helicopter flights, a Submarine Safari, full and half day catamaran cruises and trips to nearby islands, or an organized excursion to Black River Gorge National Park, Pamplemousses Botanical Gardens, Grand Bassin sacred lake, Domaine du Chasseur, or the crowded, loud & colourful capital city of Port Louis.

Day 13

You will be collected and returned to Mauritius airport in time for return flight to the UK.



SAFARI > CAPE TOWN > GARDEN ROUTE > JOHANNESBURG > KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

South Africa Holiday Highlights

15 nights. Departs from the UK Saturday

This really is a 'highlights' tour of South Africa, a 16 day tour that includes Johannesburg and Cape Town; a visit to the Cape Winelands; open vehicle game drives in Kruger National Park; the Garden Route; Oudtshoorn, famous for the Cango Caves and ostrich farms. The ultimate South Africa holiday tour with great scenery, exciting wildlife and diversity. Small, personal groups with expert guides.

The hotels used for this tour are typically of a good 4-star standard throughout, unlike many escorted tours which use 3-star touring hotels



Day 01

Overnight flight from the UK to Cape Town.

Days 2-5

Spend the first afternoon at leisure. On the afternoon of Day 3 you will be collected from the hotel for a scheduled City Tour – a geographical and cultural extravaganza showing you Cape Town from its historical beginnings to modern buildings and shopping malls.

Day 4

You will be collected for your full day Cape Point and Peninsula Tour – an awe-inspiring tour passing magnificent beaches, breath-taking views and historic and picturesque coastal villages to the towering headland known as Cape Point (or Cape of Good Hope).

Day 5

Today you embark on a scheduled full day Cape Winelands Tour. This is a delightful drive, which winds its way to the heart of the Cape Winelands through superb mountain ranges, vineyards and Cape Dutch homesteads.

Day 6

Depart Cape Town and travel along Route 62 to Oudtshoorn – the 'feather capital' of the world. Visit a working ostrich farm for a guided tour.

Days 7-8

Enjoy a morning tour of the Cango Caves – one of the natural wonders of the world. Continue to the lagoon side town of Knysna – a gem of the Garden Route. Enjoy some time at leisure at the Knysna Waterfront before proceeding to The Craggs near Plettenberg Bay. Embark on an informative cruise up the Keurbooms River. After breakfast the following day (Day 8) get up-close-and-personal with nature at the Elephant Sanctuary.

The visit presents you with the opportunity to photograph these gentle giants. Travel to Plettenberg Bay for a visit to Birds of Eden - the largest free-flight bird aviary in the world. The nearby town of Plettenberg Bay has great swimming beaches.

Day 9

Journey along the final leg of the Garden Route to the beautiful Tsitsikamma National Park. Described as the 'garden of the Garden Route', the Tsitsikamma Forest and National Park actually deserves a more vivid description to encapsulate the beauty of the place. Enjoy a walk along the suspension bridge across the Storms River mouth gorge which offers visitors incredible views and photo opportunities.

Days 10-11

Fly to Johannesburg, the City of Gold. Afternoon Johannesburg City Tour. Explore the area close to City Hall, Newtown Cultural Precinct and Maboneng Precinct, which has completely transformed the Market Theatre and surrounds. Followed by a morning visit (Day 11) to Soweto. It is from here that most of the struggle was fought against the injustices of the apartheid regime and is home to sites of historical importance, followed by a visit to the Apartheid Museum.

Day 12

Travel to the 'Land of the Rising Sun – Mpumalanga – via the magnificent Panorama Route. Time and weather permitting, stop at God's Window, looking out across the Blyde River Canyon.

Days 13-14

Morning and evening game drives in open 4 x 4 vehicles bring you into close contact with the Big Five as well as the other wildlife. Highly experienced guides will take you on foot to bring into clear focus the magic of the bush with its myriad of busy insects and resplendent birdlife during your stay. Enjoy 2 days of being treated like African Royalty whilst creating a memorable safari experience on the scheduled game viewing activities on offer.

Day 15

Fly from Johannesburg to the UK.



Two deluxe
Bush and Beach
combinations



SOUTH AFRICA SAFARI > MOZAMBIQUE

Safari and Mozambique

8 nights

Combine the 'jewel in the crown' of South African Safaris, the Sabi Sand Reserve, with the pristine beaches and exclusive lodges in Mozambique.

Day 01

South African Airways overnight flight from Heathrow to Johannesburg.

Day 2-4

You will be met and transferred to your departure lounge for your onward air shuttle service to the private airstrip at Chitwa Chitwa lodge in the Sabi Sand Reserve. Enjoy the next 3 nights combining nature & luxury, with a safari in a Big 5 reserve. This is some of the best game viewing in South Africa. And when you are not out on a game drive relax by the pool, enjoy a spa treatment or simply enjoy the bush.

Day 5-9

This morning transfer by road to Kruger Airport in time for your onward flight to Mozambique. A short boat or air transfer will take you to your chosen lodge for the next 5 nights. The beach lodges in Mozambique are not large resort hotels but small and exclusive African lodges. The beaches are pristine, the seafood fresh, the scuba diving & game fishing some of the best in the world – kick back, and relax.

Day 10

You will be collected and returned to the airport in time for a flight to Johannesburg, connecting with your overnight South African Airways flight to Heathrow.

SOUTH AFRICA SAFARI > MAPUTALAND COAST

Thanda and Thonga

8 nights

The appeal of a tented safari lodge is second to none, and after all that excitement head for the unspoilt beaches of the northern KwaZulu Natal coast.

Day 01

South African Airways overnight flight from Heathrow to Johannesburg.

Day 2-4

You will be met and transferred to your departure lounge for your onward air shuttle service to the private airstrip at Thanda Private Game Reserve. Your 3 night stay is at Thanda Tented Camp, each luxury tent has a viewing deck so you can take in the vistas and wildlife at your leisure, when not on a game drive.

Day 5-9

This morning transfer by road to Thonga Beach Lodge, tucked away in the coastal dune forest. The lodge is relaxed and during your 5 night stay you can walk on the beach, go snorkelling, take a scuba diving trip, do some kayaking on Lake Sibaya or enjoy the regular Open Ocean Experience looking for sharks, dolphins, whales and turtles.

Day 10

Transfer by road to Richards Bay in time for a flight to Johannesburg, connecting with your overnight South African Airways flight to Heathrow.



'Something for everyone.'

Key Facts

The time zone is GMT +2 hours.

The official language in Zimbabwe is English, with Shona and Sindebele dialects.

The Zimbabwean Dollar was abandoned early 2009. The country has adopted a multi-currency scheme; the US Dollar and South African Rand can be used for domestic transactions, and credit cards are very widely accepted.

Located in the tropics, temperate conditions prevail all year, as the climate is moderated by altitude and the inland position of the country. The hot and dry season is from August to October, and the rainy season from November to March. The best months to visit are April to May and August to September. Night-time temperatures can fall below freezing.



LET US GUIDE YOU

Zimbabwe

Zimbabwe remains one of Africa's finest safari and tourist destinations, despite recent instability. And it's not all about Victoria Falls, although that is undeniably one of Zimbabwe's highlights and a popular 'add-on' in its own right.

Hwange National Park is a world-class safari destination, home to large herds of elephant; a private houseboat on Lake Kariba, or a lodge on the shore, gives access to the impressive Matusadona National Park; Mana Pools National Park is surely one of the most beautiful areas in Zimbabwe, rich in game and perfect for an adventurous canoe safari; and that's not to mention the Eastern Highlands, Matobo Hills and the ruins at Great Zimbabwe. Zimbabwe really does have something for everyone.



VICTORIA FALLS > ZIMBABWE

The Victoria Falls Hotel

Elegant

One of Africa's great colonial-era hotels (built in 1904), in undoubtedly the best setting of any hotel in the Victoria Falls region, with a private path direct to the falls themselves. From the terrace and grounds you have a spectacular view down the gorge towards the Victoria Falls bridge. 161 traditionally styled rooms and suites, in a variety of categories. The dining options are almost legendary! The Livingstone Room for fine dining in Edwardian opulence; Jungle Junction for great entertainment; and Stanley's Bar and Terrace for afternoon tea and sundowners, continuing a 100 year plus tradition. If this is the only reason you come to Zimbabwe, then it is worth it.

152 rooms and 9 suites



VICTORIA FALLS > ZIMBABWE

Ilala Lodge

Elegant

One of the closest hotels to 'The Falls'. From the welcoming gardens and neat surroundings; the Palm a la Carte Restaurant has a cosy indoor section under thatch; the outdoor area extends along the rounded building, to a social pool bar and lounge, with the inviting pool set to the side. The upper rooms have thatched roofs and balconies, the lower level rooms open out to garden patios. The National Park borders the front of the property, you may see animals grazing on the lawns, with the spray of the falls in the background.

56 rooms and suites



ZAMBEZI NATIONAL PARK > ZIMBABWE

Chundu Island

Elegant - Secluded

Chundu Island is located 21km upstream from Victoria Falls in the Zambezi National Park. The main lodge is wrapped around magnificent trees and boasts incredible views of the Zambezi River. River Suites each have their own deck overlooking the river; there are also two Family Suites. The secluded swimming pool and bar area overlook a seasonal beach and the mighty Zambezi River. Activities include guided walks or game drives in the National Park; a sunset cruise on the water with cocktails and snacks; or from a canoe, spotting elephants drinking from the banks..

8 suites





VICTORIA FALLS > ZIMBABWE

Victoria Falls Safari Lodge

Elegant

Set high on a natural plateau, Victoria Falls Safari Lodge borders the Zambezi National Park and is 4km from the thundering Victoria Falls, removed from the tourist 'hubbub'. The rooms, all with small private decks, are spread along the plateau to maximise the views over the African landscape to the active waterhole below.

The lounge, bar and dining areas are spread over three levels with chunky beams supporting the thatch and exuding a traditional safari lodge feel. Facilities include the Makuwa-Kuwa restaurant; the Buffalo Bar; swimming pool and sun deck; fitness room; lounge with satellite television; a small Spa; and a hide at the waterhole.

72 rooms

Victoria Falls Safari Lodge Resort has a daily shuttle that runs scheduled transfers into Victoria Falls town for guests looking to experience the full spectrum of Victoria Falls and available activities.

The Boma Restaurant, a popular dining and entertainment experience that offers a fusion of mouth-watering local cuisine, energetic dance performances, interactive drumming and traditional storytelling, is just a short walk away. Family-friendly two and three-bedroom Lokuthula Lodges are a value-for-money self-catering option nearby.



VICTORIA FALLS > ZIMBABWE

Victoria Falls Safari Suites

Elegant

Situated within the Victoria Falls Safari Lodge grounds, Victoria Falls Safari Suites are ideal for families looking for flexibility and privacy, while retaining access to all of the facilities of the main lodge. Four 2-bedroom suites and two 3-bedroom suites provide comfortable accommodation, and contemporary furnishings boast an African flavour while providing modern comforts. Each suite is split-level with a spacious lounge, floor-to-ceiling sliding doors opening to a patio with lovely bush scenery. Breakfasts are served at the main lodge, or continental baskets may be brought to the suites.

6 units



VICTORIA FALLS > ZIMBABWE

Victoria Falls Safari Club

Sophisticated

Victoria Falls Safari Club is one of three hotels in the Victoria Falls Safari Lodge Resort. The thatch structure and wilderness setting creates an appealing lodge-feel, with uninterrupted bush views. Guests may make use of the resort facilities, but Victoria Falls Safari Club facilities are reserved for the exclusive use of its guests. Rooms and suites extend out to private balconies. Complimentary afternoon tea, and sundowner cocktails and snacks, allow guests time to socialise with fellow travellers.

20 rooms and suites



VICTORIA FALLS > HWANGE NATIONAL PARK > LAKE KARIBA > MANA POOLS > HARARE

Encountering Zimbabwe

Luxurious

Day 1

Fly from the UK to Harare.

Days 2-3

Enjoy a 2-hour guided sunset cruise. On Day 3 take a private tour of the Falls, a truly awe-inspiring experience. You will be accompanied through the Rainforest by a qualified Guide, who gives a brief history of the Falls and the surrounding flora, fauna, bird and wildlife.

Victoria Falls Rainbow Hotel is situated just a short walk from the town itself, and is one of the original hotels in the region, with 85 comfortable rooms and suites.

Days 4-5

Transfer by private vehicle to Hwange National Park and your afternoon game drive, spending the following day on game drives and walks, with visits to the local community upliftment experience and the Painted Dog Conservation Centre.

On the eastern border of Hwange National Park in a private 6 000-acre concession is the eco-friendly tented camp, Elephant's Eye, with 8 spacious tented canvas and thatch chalets.

Days 6-8

Board the Zambezi Cruise and Safaris Transcruiser vessel for your 3 night Lake Kariba cruise, setting sail at midday. The main vessel will moor on the shoreline in the afternoon allowing the use of the smaller tender boats to explore the remote Sengwe River system. Dinner is a relaxed beach braai (bbq) around the camp fire.

Cruise the iconic lake, which borders both Zambia and Zimbabwe, arriving in the Bumi basin in the Matusadona National Park for afternoon tender boat activities and evening sundowners.

Plenty of experiences on offer here from iconic Victoria Falls, via a houseboat cruise on Lake Kariba, to stunning Mana Pools.

A real highlights trip and safari in Zimbabwe



Day 7

Morning activities from the tender boats or optional game activities drive/walk or visit the remote Tonga fishing community, followed by lunch while you cruise. Spend the afternoon exploring the lakeshores and bays for wildlife.

The Zambezi Adventurer (Transcruiser), is an 37m long 18-cabin vessel, fully-equipped for Lake Kariba cruises. The plunge pool is located on the second deck and the large bar, dining and lounge area, and game viewing sundeck are on the third deck.

Days 9-10

After disembarkation transfer by road and boat to Mana Pools Safari Lodge, spending the next day appreciating all that Mana Pools has on offer through guided game drives and walks, and simply relaxing in the magnificent setting.



*'A pristine land of untouched natural beauty;
of vastness, of awe-inspiring contrasts and mystical
splendour such that it touches the soul.
You take it with you forever'*

LAND OF CONTRASTS

Namibia

With a land mass over 3 times that of Great Britain and with a population of around 2 million; Namibia boasts one of the world's lowest population densities. Man has made so little impact on Namibia's landscape that it can be said that Namibia truly reflects nature in its original form.

Namibia derived its name from the Namib Desert, home to the immense sand dunes of Sossusvlei, one of Namibia's premier attractions and only a 4-hour drive from the capital Windhoek. Heading further south you can discover the coastal town of Luderitz, close to the ghost town of Kolmanskop where the first diamond was found and even further south is Fish River Canyon, the second largest canyon in the world.

The north is dominated by the Etosha National Park, with its defining features being the vast Etosha Pan offering excellent game viewing. Also in the North you can find the dramatic Skeleton Coast and the neighbouring Damaraland region, a true wilderness area where the desert adapted Elephants miraculously survive, and the Caprivi region.

The capital Windhoek is certainly worth an overnight stay and the coastal resort of Swakopmund, Namibia's curious premier 'seaside' town is an adventure lover's paradise.



Key Facts

Time Zone is GMT + 2 hours.

The official language is English. Herero, Ovambo, German and Afrikaans are frequently used.

Namibia is a hot and dry country, there are however a range of local climates, which vary extremely. The Atlantic coast is subject to mists in summer and hot, dusty winds in winter.

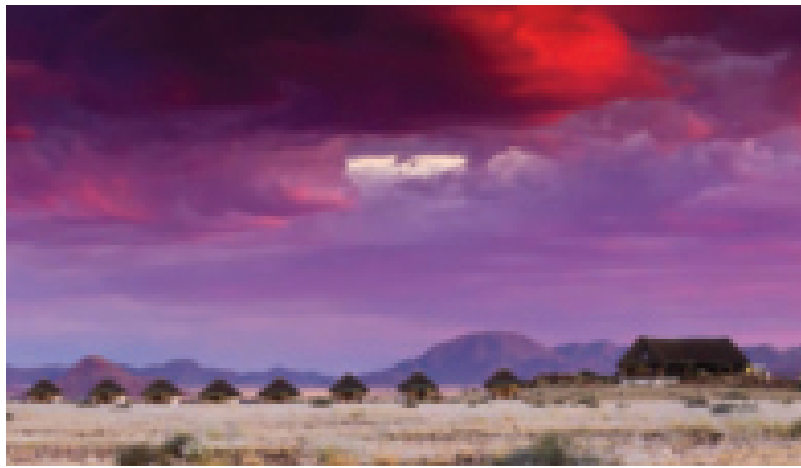
The border regions with Angola and Zambia are tropical - hot and humid. Most of the interior land surface is desert or semi-desert, where summer daytime temperatures can climb to over 40°C. Temperatures in the Central Plateau (including Windhoek) are generally lower than in the rest of the country. December is the hottest month everywhere. There are two rainy seasons: the infrequent rain period from October to December and the main rainy period from January to April.

The currency is the Namibian Dollar (N\$). It is directly linked in value to the South African Rand, which is accepted as currency in Namibia.

Local tip

Namibia is a year round destination, however the best time to visit is April until October, with March and November still pleasant. December to March can be very hot, African style!





SOSSUSVLEI REGION > NAMIBIA

Kulala Wilderness Reserve

Casual - Secluded - Nature Reserve

The scenic Kulala Wilderness Reserve is a 37 000 hectare private reserve, the closest reserve to Sossusvlei itself. The en-suite Canvas and Thatch 'Kulalas' (meaning 'to sleep') at **Kulala Desert Lodge** have flat rooftops - bedrolls can be placed there so you can enjoy a night's sleep under the stars. **Little Kulala** is a luxury desert retreat consisting of 11 climate-controlled, thatched "kulalas". The varied activities bring the desert to life. These include 4x4 excursions into the Namib Naukluft Park, and nature drives and early morning walks on the Kulala Wilderness Reserve. Hot air ballooning is also available.

Desert Lodge – 23 canvas and thatch 'Kulalas'; Little Kulala - 11 'Kulalas'



SOSSUSVLEI REGION > NAMIBIA

Desert Homestead and Outpost

Casual - Secluded

Desert Homestead Lodge is a friendly lodge in the Namib region, 32 km south of Sesriem, with views extending to the Rotterkaum Mountains from each of the verandas of the 20 comfortable en-suite thatched chalets - powered by wind and solar power. **Desert Homestead Outpost** offers relaxed hospitality with a wonderful natural Namibian atmosphere. Enjoy the impressive panoramic view from the chalets (Kulalas), the family apartment or the main lodge with a restaurant, lounge and pool area. Excursions to Sossusvlei, vehicle nature and sundowner drives as well as horse-safaris, are on offer.

*Desert Homestead Lodge – 20 chalet
Desert Homestead Outpost - 12 chalets*



WINDHOEK > NAMIBIA

Olive Grove Guesthouse

Casual

Located in a peaceful area of Windhoek, but close to the city center, Olive Grove is a great spot to start or end your Namibian experience. Each air-conditioned room is well appointed and has its own veranda and has emphasis is on simplicity and elegance. Breakfast is served on your veranda and lunches and dinners are available on request. Other facilities include an honesty bar, indoor and outdoor lounges, a plunge pool, laundry service and pleasant gardens. Secure parking available.

11 rooms



SWAKOPMUND > NAMIBIA

Strand Hotel

Elegant

The Strand Hotel is located directly on the main promenade, surrounded on three sides by the Atlantic Ocean, and just a few minutes walk to the historic centre of this charming, German/Victorian era seaside town, with its shops, cafés, restaurants and bars. One of the town's prime dining spots, with a selection of local and international cuisine on offer, and sea facing terraces. The modern rooms feature spectacular ocean, beach or garden views. The main guest area features a dramatic ocean-view atrium that travels right through the hotel.

125 rooms



OMARURU REGION > NAMIBIA

Erongo Wilderness Lodge

Casual - Secluded - Nature Reserve

Erongo Wilderness Lodge is nestled amid granite formations in the beautiful Erongo Mountains – just over 2 hours drive north of Windhoek. The lodge has 11 en-suite thatched tented chalets, built on stilts, each in a niche amongst granite formations, with netting across all windows and doors, allowing only the breeze to enter. With its own private deck, bush-style mini-bar, and spectacular setting, each chalet is the best way to experience the lush Erongo environment. Professional guides offer personalised game drives and rewarding walks with excellent birding.

11 tented chalets



EASTERN ETOSHA REGION > NAMIBIA

The Mushara Collection

Casual - Elegant - Game Lodge

The main attraction of Mushara is its proximity to Etosha National Park, home to numerous predator, mammal and bird species. Great attention has been paid to the décor, which is an eclectic blend of traditional, African and modern art. Each thatched en-suite chalet at **Mushara Lodge** is extremely spacious with air-conditioning and good amenities. A feature of Mushara Lodge is its large swimming pool. **Mushara Outpost** is a luxury traditional tented camp and **Mushara Bush Camp** offers a down-to-earth tented bush camp experience which is well suited as an affordable base for independent travellers and families. Guided game drives into the park allow guests to experience a fascinating perspective of wildlife in Etosha. Experience the best of both worlds in the two large, luxurious and exclusive villas, each with private plunge pool.

*Mushara Lodge - 10 chalets; Mushara Villa - 2 Villa
Mushara Outpost - 8 tented chalets
Mushara Bush Camp - 12 tents and 4 Family units*



Mushara Lodge



Mushara Outpost



Mushara Bush Camp



CENTRAL ETOSHA REGION > NAMIBIA

Ongava Game Reserve

Casual - Elegant - Sophisticated - Game Lodge

The private 30 000-hectare Ongava Game Reserve borders the Etosha National Park to the north. Mornings are normally spent within Etosha and afternoons on the reserve, which is home to Black and White Rhino, Lion, Leopard, Cheetah, Elephants, plains game and prolific birdlife. There are 4 camps on the reserve. **Anderssons Camps** and **Ongava Tented Camp** are both traditional tented camps. **Ongava Lodge** is the 'main' camp and **Little Ongava** is a very exclusive small lodge situated atop a hill. The lodge, Anderssons and the tented camp all have family units and each camp/lodge has a small swimming pool. Etosha National Park is Namibia's premier wildlife area and one of Africa's largest parks.

*Anderssons Camp - 8 tented units; Ongava Tented Camp - 8 tented units
Ongava Lodge - 13 chalets and 1 family unit; Little Ongava - 3 units*



ETOSHA REGION > NAMIBIA

Onguma Game Reserve

Elegant - Game Lodge

In the local Herero language, Onguma means, 'the place you don't want to leave.' Situated on the eastern side of Etosha, Onguma Private Nature Reserve is a 34,000 hectare reserve boasting over thirty different animal species consisting of plains game and predators, Black rhino and more than 300 bird species. Enjoy game drives on Onguma or into Etosha National Park, the largest national park in Namibia. **Tented Camp** overlooks a waterhole, with seven en-suite safari tents with private patios, and has a rim flow pool. **Treetop Camp** has 4 thatch and canvas rooms, and also overlooks a waterhole. **Bush Camp** is ideal for families; the swimming pool and thatched bar and lounge overlook the extensive waterhole.

*Tented Camp - 7 safari tents; Treetop Camp - 4 thatched rooms;
Bush Camp - 18 rooms*





TWYFELFONTEIN CONSERVANCY > DAMARALAND REGION > NAMIBIA

Mowani Mountain Camp and Camp Kipwe

Casual - Elegant - Secluded - Nature Reserve

In the unspoilt wilderness area of Southern Damaraland, these comfortable lodges offer magnificent scenery and desert fauna and flora. Activities include nature drives in search of the elusive desert adapted Elephants, excursions to Twyfelfontein to see the bushman paintings and nature walks. **Mowani Mountain Camp** has luxury East African style tents and 'Kipwe' has rooms round in shape, all with large outside decks to admire the wonderful Damara landscape. The outside, partially open bathrooms adjoining the bedrooms have boulder, cement and rock walls, and roofs of rough mopane branches. Hot water is supplied by wood-burning 'donkey' boilers.

*Mowani Mountain Camp - 13 luxury tents and 2 suites
Camp Kipwe - 9 rooms and 1 suite*

NAMIBIA

Natural Selection

Casual - Elegant - Secluded - Nature Reserve

Natural Selection provide unique safari experiences driven by conservation, and their camps are carefully positioned in some of the most untouched parts of Namibia. **Hoanib Valley Camp** in remote Kaokoland blends seamlessly with the environment, a joint venture between the local communities and the Giraffe Conservation Foundation, in a rugged landscape.

Uniquely designed around the shipwrecks that line Namibia's Skeleton Coast, there's nowhere on the continent quite like **Shipwreck Lodge**.

Safarihoek Lodge is perched on top of a hill, overlooking the vast plains below;

Etosha Mountain Lodge is situated on the southwest border of Etosha National Park in sweeping panoramic views.

*Tented Camp - 7 safari tents; Treetop Camp - 4 thatched rooms;
Bush Camp - 18 rooms*



NAMIBIA'S ZAMBEZI REGION > NAMIBIA

Namibia's Zambezi Region

(Formerly The Caprivi Strip), uniquely Namibian

Sometimes known as the Okavango Strip, this oft overlooked region of Namibia offers great wildlife viewing in a lush environment on four river systems, in stark contrast to the rest of Namibia. The gateway is the town of Rundu in the east, where we recommend **Hakusembe Lodge**. From here you will continue east to **Ndhovu Lodge** on the Okavango River, near the Popa Falls. **Susuwe Island Lodge** on the Kwando River and **Impalila Island Lodge** on the Zambezi (close to the confluence with the Chobe River) offer the chance to traverse these amazing waterways and experience a remote corner of Africa, with great big game, birdlife and superb fishing.

For the more adventurous traveller this region can be accessed on a self-drive basis, or on a fly-in basis.





WATERBERG REGION > NAMIBIA

Okonjima

Casual - Elegant - Sophisticated - Game Lodge

Okonjima, in the Omboroko Mountains in the Waterberg Plateau, is home to The AfriCat Foundation, a non-profit organization committed to long-term conservation of Namibia's large carnivores, especially cheetahs and leopards. A visit to Okonjima will give you an opportunity to witness some of AfriCat's work. **Plains Camp** is the original family homestead and **Bush Camp**, their luxury lodge. They also have **The Villa** and **The Bush Suite**, luxury units ideal for families or large groups, complete with their own chef, host and game-viewing vehicle. Other activities at the lodge include game drives, bush walks and guided Bushman trails. Okonjima is conveniently located between Windhoek and Etosha National Park.

*Main Camp - 10 view rooms, 14 standard rooms, 6 garden rooms
Bush Camp - 8 chalets, 1 suite and 3 safari tents; The Bush Suite - 2 bedrooms;
The Villa - 2 rooms in main villa and 2 separate suites*



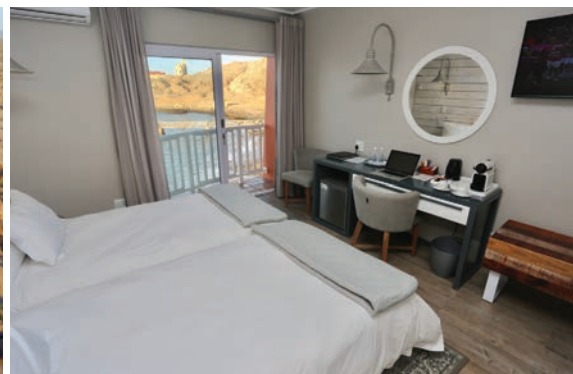
NAMIBRAND NATURE RESERVE > NAMIBIA

The Wolwedans Collection

Rustic - Casual - Elegant - Secluded - Nature Reserve

These small safari camps are aimed at nature lovers in search of a unique desert experience, off the beaten track and without pretence, with varying levels of comfort on offer. They urge you to share an amazing way of life, and the dream of conserving the nature they live in. The camps range from the seasonal **Dune Camp** and **Boulders Camp**; the comfortable **Dunes Lodge**; the **Private Camp**; and the exclusive **Mountain View Suite**. Activities include scenic drives in open vehicles, nature walks with resident field guides, picnics in the wild, sundowners on the dunes and hot air ballooning. Should you be pressed for time, a 3 or 4 night fly-in safari, combining Wolwedans and Sossusvlei might be the answer.

*Dune Camp - 6 tents; Dunes Lodge - 9 chalets; Boulders Camp - 5 tents;
Private Camp (sleeps 6); Mountain View Suite (sleeps 2)*



KALAHARI REGION > NR MARIENTAL > NAMIBIA

Bagatelle Kalahari Game Ranch

Rustic - Secluded

Bagatelle Ranch lies on the edge of the Southern Kalahari in the mixed tree and shrub savanna, 35 km north-east of Mariental, characterized by huge red dunes. It is an ideal stopover between Windhoek (270 km) and Southern Namibia. There are four wooden chalets built atop a sand dune, six 'hay bale' chalets and four garden rooms. All rooms are en-suite. The property also has a swimming pool, viewing platform, offers nature drives and walks and has a small cheetah sanctuary.

*4 wooden chalets; 6 hay bale chalets
4 garden court rooms*

NEAR FISH RIVER CANYON > NAMIBIA

Canyon Lodge

Rustic - Secluded

20km from the main lookout point at Fish River Canyon, Canyon Lodge is ideally situated for visits to the canyon in the Nama Karoo. The 30 wood and thatch en-suite chalets are nestled between massive boulders. Much of the produce used in the dining room is a result of the properties farm and self-sufficiency centre. Highlights are drives to the canyon edge or scenic flights over the canyon. The lodge is approx. 320 km from Mariental and 600 km from Windhoek.

*25 twin chalets, 2 family chalets
1 single chalet, 2 triple Rooms*

LUDEKITZ > NAMIBIA

Luderitz Nest Hotel

Casual

Situated in the coastal town of Luderitz, the Nest Hotel is the ideal place from which to explore the attractions in and around Lüderitz. These include Diaz Point, the ghost town of Kolmanskop, the forsaken mining town of Pomona or take a sailing boat (weather permitting) to Halifax Island, home to more than 1200 'Jackass' penguins. The hotel offers fresh seafood in the restaurant and has a swimming pool.

70 rooms and 3 suites

Classic Namibia Guided Tour

Departs UK selected dates, available on request

This guided safari takes you to some of Namibia's highlights. Climb the world's highest dunes at Sossusvlei and discover the Namib Desert. Be enchanted by Swakopmund, a charming town on the Atlantic coast. Marvel at the rough terrain of Damaraland and the abundant wildlife in the world renowned Etosha National Park, on this classic Namibia tour

Day 1

Departure from the UK to Windhoek.

Day 2

Arrival at Windhoek International airport, where you will be met by your guide. Take a city tour, where modern Africa blends with history. Overnight in Windhoek.

Day 3

Today drive into the red dunes of the Kalahari Desert, for an overnight.

Days 4 and 5

Further south the routing takes you via Maltahöhe into the low plains of the Namib Desert. Early morning visit to Sossusvlei, a clay pan surrounded by some of the highest sand dunes in the world, which is filled with water in years of good rainfall. Visit the Sesriem Canyon; it is said that the canyon got its name during the time of the ox wagon, when a person had to use six harnesses to haul water from the bottom of the canyon.

Days 6 and 7

The route takes you north via the Kuiseb Canyon to Swakopmund. Highlights en route include a drive to the 'Moon Landscape' and the ancient desert plant, 'Welwitschia mirabilis'. This is a quaint desert town with its old-world charm and relaxed atmosphere, surrounded by desert and sea. Morning dolphin cruise on the Walvis Bay Lagoon.

Days 8 and 9

Departure from Swakopmund along the Atlantic Coast, heading north to Henties Bay and onwards to the seal colony at Cape Cross. The journey continues via Ugabmund to the southern Skeleton Coast Park to inspect a shipwreck. Then experience the harsh transition from the Namib Desert to the Damaraland highlands, with its impressive landscape and rugged valleys. A highlight of your stay will be the rhino tracking excursion.

Days 10 and 11

Travel via the Grootberg Pass to Kamanjab and further to Etosha National Park, a magical wilderness experience. Discover the mysteries of the African bush in Etosha National Park whilst travelling in an easterly direction through the park. Spend the day on game drives in the park and visit the numerous waterholes that attract a diversity of animal and bird species, many endemic to the country.

WINDHOEK > SOSSUSVLEI > SWAKOPMUND

Southern self-drive

Departs UK selected dates, available on request

This short self-drive itinerary is an ideal stopover on your way to or from South Africa, or can be combined with the Northern self-drive itinerary to create the Highlights of Namibia. It combines the worlds highest sand dunes & the adventure and ocean at Swakopmund



Day 1

On arrival at Hosea Kutako International Airport you will collect your vehicle at the AVIS desk. A 45-minute drive will take you to Windhoek city centre for an overnight stay at Olive Grove Guesthouse. Our local representative will meet you to give you your full documentation and debriefing. You will have the afternoon at leisure to laze around the pool or do some sightseeing around Windhoek.

Day 2-3

After breakfast travel south, passing through the small town of Rehoboth. You will reach Solitaire and then Sesriem after which you will then reach your lodge, for a 2-night stay. From here enjoy the activities available on your chosen property or take an excursion to the world famous sand dunes at nearby Sossusvlei in the Namib Naukluft Park. On the standard itinerary stay at the Desert Homestead, and on the superior itinerary stay at Kulala Desert Lodge / Wilderness Camp.

Day 4-5

This morning after breakfast head north past the Naukluft Mountains, through Solitaire, over two passes, towards Walvis Bay. Carry on along the coastline to your final destination, Swakopmund, Namibia's most popular holiday destination. Optional activities include dolphin cruises, a flight over the skeleton coast or the adventure activities on offer. Your 2-night stay is at the Central Guesthouse on the standard itinerary and at Swakopmund Boutique Hotel on the superior itinerary.

Day 6

Head back to Windhoek today and drop your car, before continuing your journey. Or head up to Damaraland, the first stop on the Northern self-drive to make the Namibia Highlights self-drive.



The Deep South - for an extended visit to the south of Namibia you could include the following additional stops, between Day 1 and day 2 on the current itinerary. Kalahari Bagatelle Ranch for a Kalahari experience; Canyon Lodge to see Fish River Canyon, the 2nd largest canyon in the world; The Nest Hotel at Luderitz.



Canyon Lodge



The Nest Hotel



Northern self-drive

Search for desert adapted elephants, see the Twyfelfontein rock engravings, view the animals in Etosha and admire the conservation work at Okonjima. When combined with the Southern self-drive this creates the fantastic Highlights of Namibia.



Day 1-3

Today you will arrive at either Camp Kipwe (standard itinerary) or Mowani Mountain Camp (superior itinerary) where you will stay for 3 nights. The rest of the day is at leisure. Both lodges are situated within the Twyfelfontein Conservancy and conveniently close to Twyfelfontein, the Burnt Mountain and the Organ Pipes. Both boast magnificent desert scenery, a unique variety of desert flora and fauna and fascinating geological formations.

Day 4-7

After breakfast travel through Khorixas and then Outjo and then even further north. Here you will find Ongava Game Reserve where you will spend 2 nights. Ongava Private Game Reserve is situated at the Okaukuejo/Ombika Gate of the Etosha National Park. Walking trails and game drives are offered in the 75 000 hectare reserve and game viewing excursions into Etosha National Park can be arranged on request.

After Ongava you will spend an amazing day driving through Etosha National Park (Ongava will provide a packed lunch - own expense) and pass through the Von Lindequist Gate where you will find your lodge just outside the park. Stay at the Mushara Collection lodges for 2 nights. Activities at the lodges include nature walks and game drives into the park.

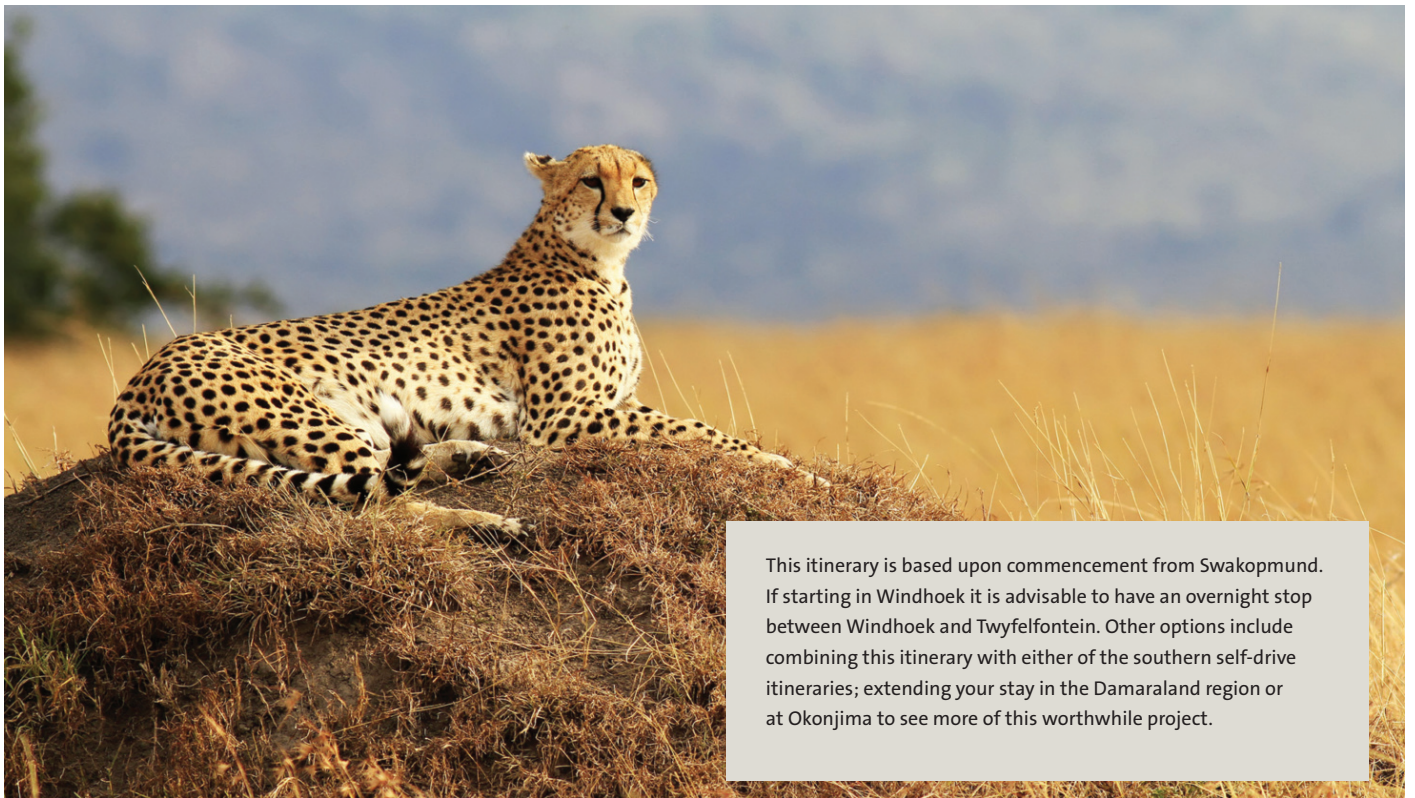


Day 8-9

After breakfast you will be on the road again, traveling south. You will pass through Tsumeb and then Otjiwarongo. Just outside Otjiwarongo you will find Okonjima Lodge where you will spend 2 nights. Okonjima is home to the AfriCat Foundation, which aims to conserve and protect threatened wild cat species such as cheetah and leopard. Guests have the opportunity to see the programme at work and learn more about these beautiful animals.

Day 10

Head back to Windhoek today and drop your car, before continuing your journey.



This itinerary is based upon commencement from Swakopmund. If starting in Windhoek it is advisable to have an overnight stop between Windhoek and Twyfelfontein. Other options include combining this itinerary with either of the southern self-drive itineraries; extending your stay in the Damaraland region or at Okonjima to see more of this worthwhile project.

AFRICA'S FINEST, NATURALLY

Botswana

'Botswana's story is one of immense success. So successful has the social, political and economic development been that you will often hear the country referred to as the 'Switzerland of Africa.'

*Ian Michler - The Insider's Guide to Botswana
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Botswana is one of the true, remaining wilderness areas in Africa. 35% of the country is dedicated to conservation and Botswana has the 2nd largest area (in % terms) allocated to nature, of any country in the world. This is a country committed to conserving its abundant wildlife.

It is also home to one of Africa's great natural attractions – the Okavango Delta, a wetland within a desert, getting its waters from rain falling in central Africa over 1000km away, and sustaining a huge diversity of wildlife.



AFRICA'S FINEST, NATURALLY

Botswana



Key Facts

Time Zone is GMT + 2 hours

The official language is English, with Setswana being the most common local language.

Straddling the Tropic of Capricorn, Botswana experiences extremes in temperatures up to 40°C in the dry season and occasionally low night-time temperatures. In the Kalahari, sub-zero night-time temperatures are common in June & July.



The country's rainfall mainly occurs from December to March and usually only in northern and eastern regions. Winter days are typically clear, warm and sunny while the nights can be pretty cold. Different regions have specific variances, as the terrain varies from hilly bushveld in the east, through the semi-desert conditions of the central regions and on to the semi-tropical conditions of the northern areas.

The local currency is the Pula (P). Take US Dollars with you for tipping.

But there is much more to Botswana. Chobe National Park (incorporating Savute) is renowned for its predator and Elephant populations; Moremi Game Reserve has an amazing variety of wildlife; the Tuli Block offers great game viewing, archeological and conservation projects and easy access from South Africa; and the Boteti River on the western boundary of the Makgadikgadi Pans National Park encompasses cultural and wilderness experiences.

The best time to visit the country is May - September (the dry season), with highest rainfall December - February (mid-summer) and the other months being the 'in-between' months.



XAKANAXA LAGOON > MOREMI GAME RESERVE > BOTSWANA

Camp Moremi

Elegant - Game Lodge

This elegant lodge within the Moremi Game Reserve is situated on the Xakanaxa Lagoon in the heart of the Okavango Delta. Boasting spacious modern styled thatched safari tents, with private decks offering views over the Moremi Game Reserve, which has one of the most diverse habitat and animal populations in Botswana. Camp Moremi's communal areas includes a sunken bar, built around a large termite mound and ebony tree, a lounge area leading towards a private deck - a perfect place to share your day's adventures. These areas connect by boardwalk to the fireplace in front of the camp. In addition, an open air boma and secluded swimming pool complement the public areas.

12 safari tents and 1 family tent



NXARAGHA ISLAND > OKAVANGO DELTA > BOTSWANA

Camp Okavango

Elegant - Game Lodge

Camp Okavango is situated on the remote Nxaragha Island in the heart of the permanent Okavango Delta and is the ideal base from which to discover the secrets of this wetland eco-system. Accommodating just 24 guests in Safari suites and one Family suite consisting of two bedrooms.

Each of the guest suites have been built on individual raised wooden platforms and set beneath the thick Okavango Delta vegetation. The sliding doors open onto a private open-air viewing deck offering beautiful views over the Okavango Delta. Cool down in the rim flow pool and enjoy stunning views of the tranquil floodplains and natural surroundings.

11 safari suites and 1 family suite



Game viewing activities are conducted by experienced guides and include water-based activities and game drives (not Camp Okavango) in open 4x4 vehicles.

CHOBE NATIONAL PARK > BOTSWANA

Savute Safari Lodge

Elegant - Game Lodge

Savute Safari Lodge offers an exclusive safari experience in the renowned Savute Channel/Marsh area of Chobe National Park. Tasteful, contemporary style Safari Suites are spacious with large glass sliding doors and private viewing decks. The lounge, library and cocktail bar are in the spectacular thatch and timber main building, which has an upper-level viewing deck to watch the African sunsets. Game viewing is excellent year round. Dry season game viewing concentrates on Savute's resident Bull Elephants, Lion and much more. The summer rains bring migrating Zebra and Wildebeest, and swell Savute's already prolific bird-life.

12 suites



XAKANAXA LAGOON > MOREMI GAME RESERVE > BOTSWANA

Xakanaxa Camp

Casual - Game Lodge

Located in the Moremi Game Reserve which lies within the Okavango Delta, this is one of the original authentic bush camps. With an idyllic location on the banks of the Khwai River overlooking the Xakanaxa Lagoon, the camp provides guests with a year round land and water game viewing experience. The Meru-style classic safari tents are raised on decks, are tastefully furnished and have en-suite facilities and a private viewing deck. Xakanaxa's elevated and thatched lodge area, fire deck and plunge pool provide a restful sanctuary with magnificent lagoon views.

12 tents



XUGANA LAGOON > OKAVANGO DELTA > BOTSWANA

Xugana Island Lodge

Elegant - Game Lodge

From its position on an island, the lodge overlooks one of the most spectacular permanent water sites in the Okavango Delta. Meals are served in the open boma or al fresco dining area facing the pristine waters of the Delta. The lounge, bar and dining areas are set under a canopy of fig and leadwood trees and the swimming pool in the gardens in the center of the island. The recently refurbished raised and shaded reed & thatch chalets each have a private deck and lagoon view.

8 reed/thatch chalets



Game viewing activities are conducted by experienced guides and include game drives in open 4x4 vehicles and by boat (not Savute Safari Lodge).



EAST CAPRIVI STRIP > BOTSWANA

Chobe Savanna Lodge

Elegant - Game Lodge

Situated in the East Caprivi area of Namibia, just over the border from Botswana, Chobe Savanna Lodge overlooks the vast floodplains of the Puku Flats. The emphasis is on appreciating the beauty of the area and getting away from it all, although there are many activities available including a visit to one of the remote villages to see first-hand the traditions and culture of the local people. The spacious air-conditioned thatched chalets have a contemporary African theme, and each have a private deck. Local staff perform traditional dancing in the open boma, and there is a swimming pool set in the gardens. Fishing is available at Chobe Savanna Lodge.

12 thatched chalets, 4 of which are inter-leading for families



CHOBE NATIONAL PARK > BOTSWANA

Chobe Game Lodge

Elegant - Game Lodge



The only permanent game lodge within Chobe National Park, Chobe Game Lodge is set on the banks of the perennial Chobe River, overlooking the fertile floodplains of Namibia. Each of the air-conditioned river-facing rooms has a private terrace or balcony, and in addition the four luxury suites have private plunge pools and sundecks. Home to an estimated 45 000 Elephants, Chobe National Park is one of the best places in Africa to see these magnificent creatures in their natural habitat, and in large numbers. And overlooking the river, Chobe Game Lodge offers great game viewing opportunities without having to leave the confines of the lodge.

MAKGADIKGADI PANS NATIONAL PARK > BOTSWANA

Leroo La Tau

Elegant - Game Lodge

Leroo La Tau is situated on the banks of the Boteti River in the Makgadikgadi Pans National Park. The raised main lodge area and swimming pool offer guests the opportunity to sit back and relax while listening to the variety of sight and sounds so characteristic of the African bush, with herds of Zebra and Wildebeest often seen around the lodge grounds and the waterhole. The camp comprises twelve luxury thatched and glass en-suite chalets, each on a raised wooden deck. Day and night game drives yield sightings of Lions and many other predators, Crocodiles, Elephants and even Hippo. Access is via road from Maun or by light aircraft.

12 glass and thatch chalets



Game viewing activities are conducted by experienced guides and include game drives in open 4x4 vehicles (not Chobe Savanna) and by boat (Chobe Savanna).



42 standard rooms; 1 family room; 4 suites





BOTSWANA

Kwando Safaris

Elegant - Game Lodge

Kwando Safaris has two large private concession areas, the 17,500 hectare Kwara concession on the northern edge of the Okavango Delta, and the original 232 00 hectare Kwando concession along the Kwando River, in the far north. Kwando Safaris has built a circuit of exclusive camps around northern Botswana, enabling guests to enjoy the best of Botswana's wilderness areas and wildlife. The focus is on the overall safari experience.



Lebala

One of only two camps in the huge Kwando concession **Lebala** sits on the floodplains of the Kwando River and the special ecosystem is home to a wide variety of Africa's plains game, away from the dense mopane woodland and perfect for big game. The other is **Lagoon Camp**, on the shady banks of the Kwando River among tall and ancient African Ebony and Marula trees. A special feature of this camp is the afternoon river cruise; the unique double deck boat allows guests the opportunity to drift along the river while enjoying spectacular views.

Lebala - 8 tents (1 family tent); Lagoon - 8 tents (1 family tent)

Kwara's location allows access to the permanent waterways of the Delta as well as expansive dry land areas, admired for their quality game viewing. Kwara offers a wide variety of activities. In addition to game drives, both day and night, the camps offer power boating, game walks, mokoro trips and fishing. The main areas of the camp overlook the lagoon, which is great for game viewing in itself. **Little Kwara** is the sister camp to Kwara.

Kwara 8 tents; Little Kwara - 5 tents

Splash Camp, also within the Private Kwara Reserve, offers a relaxed, friendly and authentic atmosphere. The area has long been known as Splash due to the huge water crossings that had to be negotiated to access the camp, which is located around a pan. Each room has a private veranda, the perfect place to relax and take in the magnificent views.

12 tents

Nxai Pan is located on the western edge of the fossil pan from which the camp takes its name, with great views over both the Pan itself and the permanent watering hole that attracts a variety of game. The minimalistic white-washed design of the camp is in keeping with the surrounding white salt pans.

9 tents

Tau Pan Camp is located in the heart of the Central Kalahari Game Reserve in central Botswana, recognised for its stark beauty and remoteness. Tau Pan offers truly incredible views from the elevated ridge of an ancient sand dune, an unusual experience in a land as flat as Botswana.

9 tents (1 family)



Splash Camp



Lagoon Camp



Nxai Pan

BOTSWANA

Natural Selection

Elegant - Game Lodge

At the heart of a safari with Natural Selection is the belief that the greatest luxury of all is experience. This means the priority is comfortable and welcoming camps and one-of-a-kind experiences, that are full of character, and providing truly unique safari experiences driven by conservation. The camps are carefully positioned in some of the most untouched parts of Botswana.

Mapula Lodge is in an area on the northern fringes of the famed Okavango Delta, an enormous, 220,000 acre concession. It's an iconic Delta landscape, and an exquisite environment in which to enjoy the abundance of wildlife. In the middle of it all, on a large tree island, is the laid back Mapula Lodge. It's one of only a handful of camps in the concession making for exhilarating game viewing in a wonderfully uncrowded area.
7 twins, 1 double, 1 family

Located in the Khwai reserve is Sable Alley and Hyena Pan. Each of Sable Alley's spacious canvas tents features their own private terrace; a swimming pool and lounge offer further relaxation with a view. **Sable Alley's** biggest draw is its game-drive experience. **Hyena Pan** looks over a watery lagoon of the same name. This isn't a place for those looking for opulence and extravagance; it's a private piece of authentic and wild big-game Africa. If you are after a truly unique way to spend time in the bush then look no further than the fantastic **Skybeds**. Each 'room' is actually a three-story raised platform, overlooking the wildlife-spotted plains of Khwai. There are only three Skybeds, making for a perfect intimate add on to a stay at Sable Alley or Hyena Pan.

Sable Alley - 12 tents; Hyena Pan - 8 tents; Skybeds - 3 rooms

The three Natural Selection camps in the Kalahari are Jack's Camp, San Camp and Camp Kalahari. At **Jack's Camp**, in the Bedouin-style tents, you can expect Persian rugs atop polished floors, vintage lithographs and muslin-draped walls, along with a museum of vintage artefacts. **San Camp** consists of a smattering of billowing white tents, shaded by desert palms and surrounded by a thousand acres of desert landscape. **Camp Kalahari** is an understated and affordable base in the heart of the great Kalahari.

Jack's Camp - 10 tents; San Camp - 7 tents; Camp Kalahari - 11 tents

Meno a Kwena is perched on a rocky clifftop above the Boteti River, with a multitude of activities, including day trips to the Makgadikgadi Pans, guided walks with the San bushmen, and wildlife-watching boat trips.

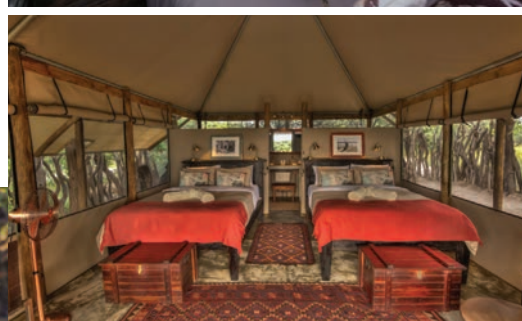
10 tents



Sable Alley



Hyena Pan



Skybeds



Meno a Kwena



CHOBE FOREST RESERVE > BOTSWANA

Ngoma Safari Lodge

Elegant - Game Lodge

Located within the Chobe Forest Reserve on a private concession, close to the Ngoma gate entrance of the Chobe National Park, the lodge sits on the edge of a rocky bluff. It overlooks the Chobe River, with spectacular views right across into Namibia's Caprivi Strip, where you are likely to see a variety of wildlife. Each suite has a private plunge pool. Meals are served in the thatched dining room or on the open decks, and a swimming pool with adjacent sun deck offers refreshment. Activities to be enjoyed include game walks, game drives and full day game adventures on land and water, as well as visits to the local village, clinic and school.

8 rooms



CHOBE NATIONAL PARK > BOTSWANA

Ghoha Hills

Elegant - Game Lodge

This lodge is run on solar power, providing all of its energy requirements and significantly reducing its environmental impact. Perched high on a hilltop retreat with 180 degree views and an active waterhole at the bottom of the hill. To the south east of the lodge, the Savuti Marsh (often dry!) has unique game viewing opportunities. Each tented room has a private viewing deck, and there are two family tented rooms that sleep four, and are suitable for two adults and two children.

9 twin/king tents, 2 luxury family tents



CHOBE NATIONAL PARK > BOTSWANA

Nogatsaa Pans Lodge

Elegant - Game Lodge

Nogatsaa Pans Lodge is in a remote location overlooking the Kwikamba Pan, and built with great sensitivity for its environment, situated 80 km south of the busier Chobe River front area. The Nogatsaa region has a unique cluster of clay-bottom pans which fill up during the rainy season and are supplemented during the dry season, attracting an abundance of wildlife. Each tented room at this eco-aware lodge (full solar power) is comfortable and contemporary in style, with private viewing decks.

10 twin/king tents, 2 luxury family tents





Savute Safari Lodge



Camp Okavango



Camp Moremi

CHOBE NATIONAL PARK > OKAVANGO DELTA > MOREMI GAME RESERVE

Botswana highlights

The classic Botswana safari

This itinerary is easily combinable with a stay in Victoria Falls, before or after your safari in Botswana. A suggested itinerary can start or finish in Maun or Kasane and can operate in either direction. It can also be extended, or if you are tighter on time you could combine just two camps and areas. There are plenty of options so please don't hesitate to contact us for a detailed quotation and advice.

Day 1-2

Your adventure will start in Kasane, easily accessible by road from Victoria Falls in 1½-2 hours. A light aircraft transfer (approx. 40 minutes) will take you to the Savute area of Chobe National Park. Savute Safari Lodge is known for its excellent predator viewing and large herds of elephant, and your stay here is 2 nights.

Day 3-4

Another light aircraft transfer today, with amazing views of the landscape en route, will take you into the heart of the Okavango Delta and Camp Okavango for a 2-night stay. The Okavango Delta is a unique system of inland waterways and a highlight of any visit to Botswana. Guided activities from this permanent water site are by canoe, river boat or on foot. Fishing is also available in season.

Day 5-6

After another light aircraft transfer you will be at Camp Moremi on the Xakanaxa Lagoon for a further 2-night stay. The Moremi Game Reserve has one of the most diverse habitat and animal populations in Botswana, so your game viewing activities by river powerboat and in open 4x4 vehicles, should be both varied and exciting.

Day 7

After a final day on safari it is time to bid farewell to this special country and one final light aircraft transfer will take you to Kasane or Maun, for your onward journey.

BOTSWANA

Full Service Tented Mobile Safari and Victoria Falls

Botswana (en-suite Dome Tented Safari) - Eastern Caprivi, Namibia - Victoria Falls



A genuine mobile safari for those looking for a more adventurous experience. Maximum group size is 9 and accommodation is in comfortable dome tents, with en-suite 'bathroom'. There is no participation required in camp chores as this is a full service safari. This outstanding mobile safari gives you an opportunity to gain an insight into areas and wildlife not necessarily available on a typical fly-in safari.

Day 1

Flight from the UK to Johannesburg.

Days 2-4

Connect with an onward flight to Maun, and your onward charter flight to the Moremi Game Reserve where you will be met by your guide. Explore the Xakanaxa region and the surrounding wilderness on morning and afternoon game drive excursions. Moremi lies on the eastern extremity of the Okavango Delta. Habitats here range from wide-open floodplains, marshes, lagoons, papyrus fringed channels, vast stands of Miscanthus and Phragmites, woodland and savannah. As a result of the extremely variable habitat the diversity of both wildlife and birdlife is excellent.

Days 5-7

Take a slow drive through Moremi Game Reserve north-east towards the Khwai Community Area, one of the most scenic areas of the Okavango. The Khwai River forms a boundary between the reserve and the community area. Camp at an exclusive campsite in the community area, exploring the Khwai floodplains on game drives both during the day and at night. You will have the opportunity to explore the surrounding wilderness on foot and enjoy an up close and personal encounter with Botswana's flora and fauna. Truly one of Botswana birding Mecca's.

Days 7-8

Back to Khwai Airstrip in time for your onward flight to Kasane, and Chobe Savanna Lodge for 2 nights. The lodge overlooks vast floodplains, with varied activities available, and is the perfect way to end your tented safari adventure - and do some laundry!

Days 9-10

Road transfer today to Victoria Falls for a 2 night stay in Zimbabwe, one of the Natural Wonders of the World.

Day 11

Return flight to the UK.



Some FAQs:

Any extras I need to take along?

Do not leave home without a head torch, binoculars and a good attitude (the most important item). This will help you deal with the many trials and tribulations that travel in Africa can throw your way.

Is it safe in my tent?

Yes, so long as you follow the safety instructions from your guide.

What is the minimum and maximum age accepted on safari?

The minimum age is 12 years (unless a private safari), there is no maximum age but a basic level of mobility and fitness is required.

Can I use my mobile phone or access internet whilst on safari?

No, but this is one of the pleasures of an authentic safari, the only sounds you hear are the sounds of Africa.

Should I bring any money with me?

Not necessary, the mobile safari is fully inclusive, unless you wish to leave a tip for your guide and crew.

Is laundry available whilst on safari?

The camp crew will do laundry upon request on full days in camp.



BE AWESTRUCK

Zambia

*'The entire Zambezi leaps wildly into a black two kilometre wide abyss.
The falls hiss and roar as if possessed, they rumble and crash like thunder.
Vast clouds spew and billow out from the seething cauldron of its dark impenetrable depths.'*

Jumbo Williams, Zambezi, River of Africa. 1988



Zambia is one of the most exciting safari destinations in Africa, with an emphasis on walking safaris. The South Luangwa National Park is the hub for walking safaris, famous for its Ox Bow lagoons and high concentration of animal and bird species. The other major parks are the beautiful Lower Zambezi National Park, the very large and wild Kafue National Park and the remote North Luangwa National Park.

And then of course there is the Victoria Falls, described by the local tribesman as 'Mosi-oa-Tunya' - 'the Smoke that Thunders', in reference to the colossal columns of spray. Some of the lodges and activities in South Luangwa are seasonal, but Zambia is a good year round safari destination. A popular combination is with Lake Malawi, often used for 'R&R' after a safari.

Key Facts

The time zone is GMT +2 hours.

The official language is English, with over 70 regional dialects.

The currency is the Kwacha, and payments within Zambia can only be made in Kwacha. Credit cards are widely accepted.

With one of the gentlest climates found in Africa, Zambia's countryside forms a plateau approximately 1 300 metres above sea level, ensuring a degree of comfort even at the height of summer. There are three main seasons: May to September is cool and dry, October and November are hot and dry and the hot, rainy season is from December to April. Temperatures vary from a minimum of about 10°C to over 35°C in some places, depending on the time of year.





ZAMBEZI RIVER > NR VICTORIA FALLS > ZAMBIA

Islands of Siankaba

Elegant - Romantic

Islands of Siankaba is a unique lodge on two untouched islands in the Zambezi River, upstream from the Victoria Falls. There is a wide range of activities available, including a visit to the falls, canoeing, nature trails, a sunset cruise and a visit to a local village and school. The seven secluded chalets are linked by an overhead walkway, each with its unique and individually different view of the river; the Honeymoon Suite has a private dining area. They in turn are linked by a foot bridge to the island, where you will find the bar and restaurant.

6 themed chalets; 1 honeymoon suite



VICTORIA FALLS > ZAMBIA

Avani Victoria Falls Resort

Elegant

Surrounded by the Mosi-Oa-Tunya National Wildlife Park and a short walk from the spectacular Victoria Falls, the Avani Victoria Falls Resort offers affordable accommodation in a convenient location. The hotel is Adobe styled, with an African twist. The comfortably appointed rooms are welcome after a busy day exploring all the wonders of Victoria Falls. An atmosphere of warm hospitality can be felt throughout this family-friendly property. Wholesome meals are served in a number of settings, from the casual poolside grill to the more formal restaurants. A highlight is the free access to the Falls and the scenic nature walks through the rainforests. The activity centre offers numerous optional excursions.

212 rooms



ZAMBEZI RIVER > NR VICTORIA FALLS > ZAMBIA

David Livingstone Safari Lodge

Elegant

On the banks of the mighty Zambezi River, just a short drive from the Victoria Falls, this thatched structure is furnished in a distinct Afro-Colonial style with dark woods and leathers, interesting stone in-lays in the flooring, and colourful wall hangings. The feature of the main area is the huge castle-like double door entrance of impressive heavy carved wood. The Kalai Restaurant is situated in the main lodge next to the reception area and The Pool Deck, Gwembe Terrace is right on the rivers edge around the pool, offering a relaxed and casual meeting place to sip cocktails at sunset

77 rooms



VICTORIA FALLS > ZAMBIA

Royal Livingstone Hotel by Anantara

Sophisticated

Sprawled along the banks of the Zambezi River, the luxurious Royal Livingstone Hotel by Anantara offers colonial elegance and a world-class location. Lush gardens extend down to the river banks and the spray can be seen from the hotel and sun decks at the water's edge. Rooms and suites enjoy an elegant, Victorian-style décor, clean lines and modern conveniences which run throughout the property. Private patios or verandahs allow guests to absorb the ambience. Enjoy candlelit dinners and African cuisine, served in style or relax in the sophisticated main areas or verandahs, socialising with fellow guests. The rainforests and Victoria Falls are a 15 minute walk from the hotel, and guests have unlimited access through a private gate.

173 rooms and suites





MFUWE REGION > SOUTH LUANGWA NATIONAL PARK > ZAMBIA

Time+Tide Chinzombo

Sophisticated - Game Lodge

The camp is set within 60 acres of private land with Luangwa River frontage, with direct access into one of the most game rich areas of the National Park all combining to make this a special place. With an emphasis on design Chinzombo brings levels of comfort, style and elegance previously unseen to the Luangwa Valley. There are six stunning villas, one of which is a family unit, each with its own private pool, cooled sleeping areas, and massive bathroom. Chinzombo Camp is the perfect place from which to explore the majestic wilds of the Luangwa in style, luxury and exclusivity – all year round.

6 villas



SOUTH LUANGWA NATIONAL PARK > ZAMBIA

Time+Tide Bush Camps

Rustic – Game Lodge

Three seasonal bush Camps, each with 4 rooms, in prime locations in the heart of South Luangwa National Park. Luwi is a remote and rustic camp on the banks of a permanent lagoon - walking safaris are the thing here (not many roads!). Nsolo is situated on a bend in the Luwi River that runs through the park, a river system renowned for its Lion population - this is big game viewing on foot and at its best. Safari activities from Kakuli will usually be a mixture of game drives and walking safaris - guests decide. These rustic bush camps offer guests a true traditional walking safari and African bush experience.



SOUTH LUANGWA NATIONAL PARK > ZAMBIA

Time+Tide Mchenja

Elegant - Game Lodge

Mchenja is set beneath a magnificent grove of Ebony trees on the banks of the Luangwa river. The camp comprises four stylishly designed tents under thatched roofs, each with a deck in front overlooking the river and inside baths/outdoor showers. There is a small pool adjacent to the bar, within the thatched main lodge. Offering bush-style luxury, Mchenja is an ideal camp to complete a walking safari, or for those guests seeking a little more comfort.

6 villas



LIUWA PLAIN NATIONAL PARK > ZAMBIA

Time+Tide King Lewanika

Sophisticated - Game Lodge

One of Zambia's most exclusive camps, it is the only permanent camp in Liuwa National Park, with incredible opportunities for wildlife and photography. Despite its luxurious design, the lodge retains its safari authenticity with canvas walls, indoor and outdoor showers, decks overlooking the plains and the use of natural materials. With award-winning guides, explore one of the longest protected areas in Africa, home to Africa's second biggest Wildebeest migration, magnificent birdlife, a growing Cheetah population and the famed Lady Liuwa Lion pride.

6 villas



LOWER ZAMBEZI NATIONAL PARK > ZAMBIA

Time+Tide Chongwe

Elegant - Sophisticated - Game Lodge

Bordering the Lower Zambezi National Park is one of the most established Lower Zambezi operations, Chongwe Safaris. Chongwe River Camp, has nine classic safari tents under thatch, and is relaxed and comfortable, with an open sandy campfire next to the river and a swimming pool. The two Chongwe River Suites offer seclusion and privacy, ideal for honeymooners or families, each with with a plunge pool overlooking the river. Albida sleeps four, with two spacious bedrooms either side of a private dining room and lounge area with fire pit. Cassia is an ultra private suite for two, with a canopied lounge and dining area. Chongwe House is a spectacular and unique private home, with sensational views, sleeping up to eight guests, and is the ideal safari base for a family or group of friends. Activities - day and night game drives; walking safaris; boat cruises, canoeing safari and tigerfishing; sleepout under the stars; wildlife hide.

Chongwe River Camp - 9 tents and 2 tented suites
Chongwe House - 4 rooms



SOUTH LUANGWA NATIONAL PARK > ZAMBIA

The Bushcamp Company

Casual - Elegant - Game Lodge



In Zambia's iconic South Luangwa National Park, The Bushcamp Company operates six exclusive Bushcamps in the remote south of the park, and Mfuwe Lodge just inside the main park gate. They guarantee an unrivalled wildlife experience in one of the last unspoilt wilderness regions of Africa.

Mfuwe Lodge - The perfect place to start and finish your journey.
18 chalets

Chindeni Bushcamp - A tented camp on the edge of a permanent lagoon, with the Chindeni Hills providing a breathtaking backdrop.
4 tents

Kuyenda Bushcamp - A charming and rustic camp that offers a true taste of the African bush.
4 chalets

Bilimungwe Bushcamp - Warm and welcoming, blending with its surroundings.
4 chalets

Chamilandu Bushcamp - A breathtaking camp on one of the South Luangwa's prime river locations.
3 chalets

Kapamba Bushcamp - A remote and romantic camp situated in a prime location on the Kapamba River, and one of only two Bushcamps to be open from April to January - the other being Zungulila.
4 chalets



Mfuwe Lodge

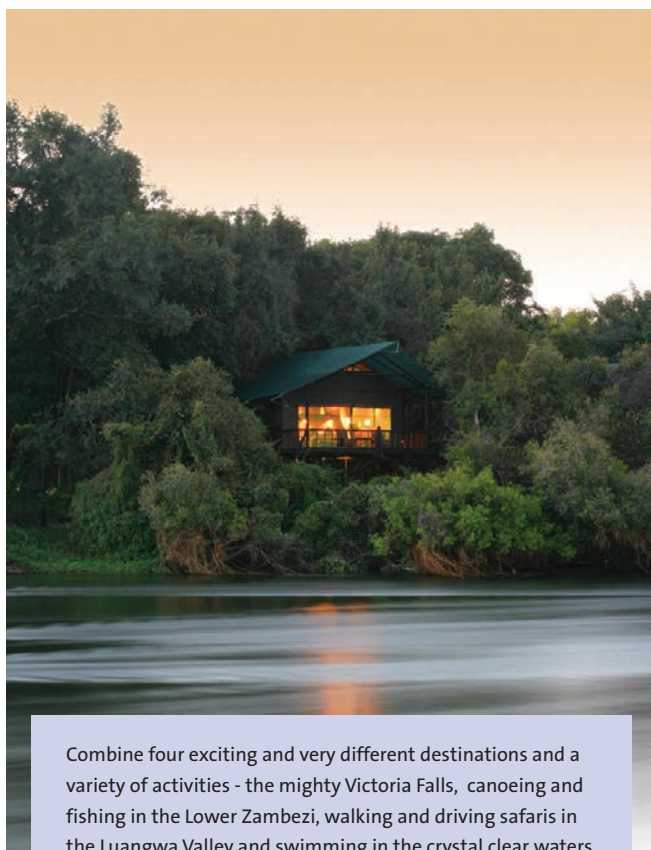
Kuyenda Bushcamp

LOWER ZAMBEZI NATIONAL PARK > ZAMBIA

Lower Zambezi National Park, a true gem

Declared a National Park in 1983, the Lower Zambezi National Park is continuously recognised as one of the best parks in Africa – both for its incredible, untouched beauty, and the camps that blend in harmoniously with the area.

On the banks of the Zambezi River in Zambia you'll find the **Anabezi Camp**, large luxurious tents positioned on raised wooden decks make for a truly comfortable and mesmerising experience. 3 km away is the rustic and charming **Amanzi Camp** with 4 traditional and comfortable safari tents. There's also a family unit. **Sausage Tree Camp** is the epitome of bush chic, set in a stunning location along the Zambezi River Accommodation is in 5 luxurious suites. **'Kigelia House'** is the perfect choice for small groups or families. The sister camp, **Potato Bush Camp** has a panoramic view overlooking the Zambezi River and is comprised of 3 well-appointed Safari Tents and also a 2-bedroom Family Tent.



Combine four exciting and very different destinations and a variety of activities - the mighty Victoria Falls, canoeing and fishing in the Lower Zambezi, walking and driving safaris in the Luangwa Valley and swimming in the crystal clear waters of Lake Malawi - an unforgettable safari experience.

VICTORIA FALLS > LOWER ZAMBEZI NP > SOUTH LUANGWA NP > LAKE MALAWI

Ultimate Zambia and Lake Malawi

Day 1-3

Arrive Livingstone International Airport in Zambia where you are met for the transfer to the Islands of Siankaba. You can head to the Victoria Falls, go for a boat cruise on the Zambezi or white water rafting, a swim in the Devil's Pools (both seasonal activities), canoeing, a visit to the nearby local village, fishing or lunch on a private island.

Days 4-6

Today fly to Royal Airstrip (via Lusaka) and onto Chongwe River Camp. Activities are varied with the choice between fishing, walking, day and night drives or for the more adventurous a canoe trip along one of the many channels off the Zambezi frequented by hippo and elephant.

Days 7-11

Fly to Mfuwe for the South Luangwa NP, the premier wildlife area of Zambia. The Norman Carr Safaris camps are situated in the heart of the National Park and offer walking and 4x4 safaris. Their guides are some of the most knowledgeable in Africa.

Days 12-15

Today you will fly via Lilongwe onto Likoma Island in the midst of the crystal clear waters of Lake Malawi, and Kaya Mawa. Lake Malawi is home to a wide variety of aquatic life - the clear waters around Likoma Island are excellent for diving and snorkelling. The Island itself has plenty of treats in store and you are free to explore on foot, by bicycle or on quad bikes.

Available all year **except** 15th January – 15th March

THE WARM HEART OF AFRICA

Malawi



Key Facts

The time zone is GMT +2 hours.

English and Chichewa are both official languages. Chichewa is widely spoken but the language of the business community is English.



The climate varies from cool in the highlands to warm around Lake Malawi. Winter (May to July) is dry and nights can be chilly, particularly in the highlands. The rainy season runs from November to March.

The currency is the Malawi Kwacha = 100 tambala.

Malawi is a land locked country south of the equator, sharing borders with Tanzania to the north, Zambia to the west and Mozambique to the south and east. Its main tourism attraction is Lake Malawi, which dominates the country, the 'Calender Lake' so called because it is 365 miles and 52 miles at its longest and widest points respectively. But there is more to Malawi than just the lake.

Other attractions include national parks and game reserves, beautiful mountains and plateaux and a rich cultural heritage. And of course there is also the friendly people of Malawi, the legendary welcome is there for all who wish to experience the combination of lake, landscape, wildlife and culture in one of Africa's most beautiful countries.



LIKOMA ISLAND > LAKE MALAWI > MALAWI

Kaya Mawa

Elegant - Secluded

Kaya Mawa, located on fascinating Likoma Island in Lake Malawi, was built in partnership with the local community. Stone and teak framed structures are set into a granite headland, and sandy beaches stretch in both directions. The rooms face the lake at the foot of a rocky promontory, or have expansive lake views from the elevated bedroom and the verandahs, one is a private island. There are 2 family houses on the main beach, 2 two luxury houses ideal for honeymooners, and a 4-bedroom villa. Explore Likoma Island on foot or by bike or quad bike. The locals are very welcoming and the island culture is very accessible, including the remarkable cathedral. Excellent diving and snorkelling can be enjoyed here, as well as kayaking, windsurfing and sailing.

7 rooms, 2 family units, 2 houses, 1 villa





*'Everything in Africa bites,
but the safari bug
is worst of all.'*

Brian Jackman, travel writer

NATURALLY WONDERFUL

Tanzania

Tanzania boasts some of the most iconic game reserves in Africa, Serengeti National Park being perhaps the most renowned. In addition the Ngorongoro Crater floor teems with wildlife, whilst the Selous Game Reserve in the south of the country is larger than Switzerland. Lake Manyara National Park is one of the oldest in East Africa, and is famed for the tree-climbing lions. Tarangire National Park completes the picture of the main safari areas.

When you factor in the Great Lakes of Lake Victoria and Lake Tanganyika; the annual animal migration; the Great Rift Valley; Mount Kilimanjaro; and numerous smaller parks, reserves and conservancies, Tanzania really does offer everything that the avid safari-goer and wildlife enthusiast could want.





Key Facts

The time zone is GMT +3 hours.

Swahili and English are the official languages. Other African languages (such as Bantu) are also spoken.

The climate is tropical and coastal areas are hot and humid. The rainy season lasts from March to June. The central plateau is dry and arid. The northwestern highlands are cool and temperate and the rainy season here lasts from November to December and February to May. Tanzania can be visited year-round, although the best time for travelling is outside of the rainy season between June and October, when temperatures stay well below their summer peaks. Beach side locations like Zanzibar are fine to visit during the hottest months of December and January.

The currency is the Tanzanian Shilling (TSh), US Dollars are useful for tips.



The human population is equally as fascinating with over 120 ethnic groups in Tanzania. The tall, proud and striking red-clad Masai, who still lead a semi-nomadic lifestyle of cattle-herding, are found in northern Tanzania.

The coastline, the Swahili Coast, was a favoured stop on ancient trading routes between the Indian sub-continent and the Middle-East, and blends African, Asian & Arabic cultures. Today it offers an exotic beach extension to your safari whether it is on the mainland coast or the fascinating islands of Mafia or Zanzibar. Traditional dhows still ply these waters.





KARATU REGION > NGORONGORO CONSERVATION AREA > TANZANIA

Kitela Lodge

Elegant

Kitela Lodge is an exclusive lodge situated on top of a valley overlooking a coffee plantation, the Eastern wall of the Ngorongoro crater and a beautiful waterfall, affording visitors a different, 'non-safari' perspective on Tanzania. It consists of 20 spacious rooms in cottages built in the style of an old colonial farm offering guests a relaxing, quiet atmosphere surrounded by beautiful gardens. Includes pool and African Spa.

20 rooms



TARANGIRE NATIONAL PARK > TANZANIA

Oliver's Camp

Elegant - Game Lodge

Located in the remote south of Tarangire National Park, Oliver's Camp is an exclusive tented camp offering undisturbed 4x4 safari vehicle game drives, adventurous private fly camping and walking safaris that allow for a rare chance to stalk elephant on foot, as well as privacy and exclusivity. Tarangire National Park boasts large herds of elephants and buffalo, plus a large concentration of big cats and arguably the best bird diversity in East Africa.

10 tents



NGORONGORO CRATER > TANZANIA

Ngorongoro Serena Safari Lodge

Casual - Game Lodge

This lodge is on the rim of the magnificent Ngorongoro Crater, one of Africa's best-known wildlife arenas and has been designed to blend into the landscape - it is largely invisible from the crater floor 600 metres below. All rooms enjoy uninterrupted views over the crater, each with its own balcony, and the dining and bar area also overlook the crater below, with a broad viewing terrace. Location, location, location!

74 rooms, 1 suite



NEAR TARANGIRE > LAKE MANYARA NATIONAL PARKS > TANZANIA

Maramboi Tented Lodge

Elegant - Game Lodge

Maramboi Tented Lodge is ideally placed to explore the ecosystems of both Tarangire and Lake Manyara National Park, situated on a 25,000 hectare communal ranch. During the wet season the 'pans' of this area fill with water, which attracts huge flocks of flamingoes and other water birds. The camp offers spacious and stylish tents, all surrounded by timber decks.

38 tents, 6 family tents



LAKE MANYARA NATIONAL PARK > TANZANIA

Lake Manyara Serena Safari Lodge

Casual - Game Lodge

Standing high on the edge of an escarpment with panoramic views over the waters of Lake Manyara, the lodge has 67 rooms and is a good base from which to explore Lake Manyara National Park. The lodge offers a good blend of wildlife and relaxation. A range of adventure activities include mountain biking, canoeing and forest walks, while cultural tours of the neighbouring kw and sukuma people are also offered.

66 rooms, 1 suite





SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK > TANZANIA

Serengeti Serena Safari Lodge

Casual - Game Lodge

Commanding panoramic views across the Serengeti, this lodge is centrally located in the Serengeti National Park, and has been designed to blend into the landscape. A series of traditional domed 'rondavels' are spaced throughout the grounds, and on the very edge of the ridge is a horizon pool looking out over the 'endless plains' after which the Serengeti is named.

66 rooms



SOUTHERN SERENGETI > TANZANIA

Lake Masek Tented Camp

Elegant - Game Lodge

Situated just south of the Serengeti National Park and northwest Ngorongoro Conservation area, known as the Ndtutu Area, this is one of the best areas for the migration from December to May and there is resident game all year round in this area. The luxury tents are en-suite and built on raised wooden platforms, with a verandah from which guests can observe the wildlife visiting Lake Masek. The camp is eco-friendly as all the electric power is supplied by solar panels and water is collected during the rainy season.

20 tents



SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK > TANZANIA

Dunia Camp

Sophisticated - Game Lodge

Tucked between the prime wildlife areas of central and southern Serengeti, Dunia Camp combines elements of style and luxury with an incredible wildlife experience. The Great Migration passes through this area that is well known for its abundance of predators and the rare chance it offers to see the black rhino. The secluded and tranquil setting close to the Moru Kopjes is in one of the most exclusive and scenic parts of the Serengeti.

8 tents



SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK > TANZANIA

Kati Kati Tented Camp

Casual - Game Lodge

A permanent camp, in a mobile camp style, well located in Central Serengeti to access the vast Serengeti Plains. The camp offers comfortable accommodation and a unique opportunity to enjoy a traditional safari camp experience. A mess tent is located in the centre of the camp where meals are served. The campfire is ready every evening for appetisers and snacks before dinner. 10 tents with en suite facilities.

10 tents, 1 family tent (multiple sites) at each site



SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK > TANZANIA

Sayari Camp

Luxurious - Game Lodge

In the majestic and very exclusive landscape of the far northern Serengeti, Sayari Camp is one of the best, far from the tourist track. Between mid July and October, the Great Migration typically visits the area and crosses the Mara River in search of good grazing, and the resident game is good year round. The 15 chic spacious tents each have a king-size bed, en-suite bathroom and a private veranda. The dining area, lounge area and campfire create a perfect bush setting, with Africa as the backdrop. A very special place.

15 tented suites





SELOUS GAME RESERVE > TANZANIA

Siwandu

Elegant - Game Lodge - Secluded

Siwandu, situated on the shores of Lake Nzerakera, is in one of the most attractive areas of the huge Selous Game Reserve. All tents are widely spaced along the lake shore ensuring maximum privacy and wonderful views. The 10 spacious octagonal tents enable guests to gaze upon the animals as they saunter past. The camp has its own swimming pool, bar and dining area and has its own host, game viewing vehicles, jetty for boat safaris and walking guides.

10 tents



SELOUS GAME RESERVE > TANZANIA

Selous Riverside Safari Camp

Casual - Game Lodge

200 km South-West of Dar Es Salaam lies the mighty Selous Game Reserve, one of Africa's least known yet wildest conservation areas, and at 55,000 sq km Selous is four times larger than the Serengeti. This reserve is home to over 1,000,000 large animals and is home to over half of Tanzania's Elephant population. The camp is about 6 km outside of the reserve, consisting of ten en-suite tents, equipped with comfortable beds, electricity and verandahs.

10 tents



RUAHA NATIONAL PARK > TANZANIA

Jongomero

Elegant - Game Lodge - Secluded

Jongomero Camp is set in the shade of acacia trees on the banks of the seasonal Jongomero River in the remote south-west sector of Ruaha National Park, one of Tanzania's wildest and most unspoilt parks. The comfortable tents are situated along the edge of the sand river, all built on raised wooden platforms and under thatched roofs giving you a private verandah. The main lodge areas and swimming pool also offer a view of the African bush.

8 tents



TANZANIA COAST > TANZANIA

Ras Kutani

Elegant - Beach Resort - Romantic

Ras Kutani, 35 km south of Dar Es Salaam, is set on a white sandy beach and offers a tranquil hideaway, ideal for the start or finish of your holiday (or both!). The lodge is flanked by a fresh water lagoon adjoining a coastal forest. Accommodation is constructed of natural, local materials and furnishings, in a casual but stylish design. The chefs pride themselves on preparing the fresh fare from ocean.

9 cottages, 4 suites and a family unit



SELOUS GAME RESERVE > TANZANIA

Mivumo River Lodge

Elegant - Game Lodge

On the banks of the Rufiji River, with views down to Stiegler's Gorge, Mivumo River Lodge has twelve comfortable air-conditioned thatch and timber chalets, each with private viewing deck and plunge pool. The lodge offers the ultimate escape to one of the world's wilderness frontiers, coupled with creature comforts. The spacious central dining room, lounge, library and bar all offer excellent views.

12 rooms





TANZANIA

Lemala Authentic Camps and Lodge

Elegant - Sophisticated – Game Lodge

Lemala Ewanjan Tented Camp - A deluxe camp with beautiful tented suites set within the game-rich Seronera Valley in a secluded part of Central Serengeti. The camp offers breathtaking views of the Serengeti plains and its prolific wildlife and sunsets.

Lemala Kuria Hills Lodge - The Lodge has a clean and contemporary design that remains undeniably African at heart, 15 glass-fronted tented suites.



Lemala Ndotu and Mara Tented Camps - One camp in two locations. Lemala Ndotu and Lemala Mara Tented camp moves with the seasons to ensure guests enjoy ringside seats to the spectacle of the Great Migration year round.

Lemala Ngorongoro Tented Camp - An intimate camp set in a delightful ancient acacia forest on the rim of the crater, next to the quiet Lemala access route. A key advantage of staying at Lemala Ngorongoro is the quick and easy access into the Crater floor.



KATAVI NATIONAL PARK > TANZANIA

Mbali Mbali Katavi

Casual - Game Lodge - Secluded

Home to the Tanzania's largest crocodile and hippo populations, Katavi National Park is the third largest yet least visited park in Tanzania - you will rarely see another vehicle. The main deck houses a swimming pool, lounge and dining facilities, the comfortable and spacious en suite Safari Tents are on raised platforms and each have a private deck. Game drives in the customised 4x4 vehicles centre around the woodland areas along the seasonal lakes, where most of the game can be found, including the big cats.

11 safari tents



LAKE TANGANYIKA > TANZANIA

Mbali Mbali Mahale

Casual - Game Lodge - Secluded

On a golden beach overlooking the waters of Lake Tanganyika Mbali Mbali Mahale is the perfect blend of comfort and relaxation. Candlelit dinners are served either on the beach, or in the dining area, to the unique sounds of Africa - the perfect way to relax after a perfect day! Famous for chimpanzee tracking (12 years+), this part of Lake Tanganyika also offers some of the best fresh water fishing in Tanzania. Light and airy and spacious tents are furnished in the traditional 'safari' style. Activities include chimpanzee treks, boat trips, fishing or just time spent relaxing while listening to the lapping of the waves.

9 beach tents



TARANGIRE/LAKE MANYARA NATIONAL PARK > SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK > NGORONGORO CRATER

Classic Tanzania Safari

7 nights

One of the best safaris you will ever go on, to some of the most famous and game-rich areas of Africa. This itinerary is a sample, albeit our most popular in Tanzania. There are many variations on the same theme - longer, shorter, group departures, super luxury, fly-ins - the options are myriad so please contact us for your tailor-made quote.

After the excitement and activity of a safari, Zanzibar and Pemba Island are popular beach extensions - unwind with a cocktail in hand by the azure seas of the Indian Ocean. We can also offer Mauritius, Seychelles or some of the smaller Tanzania islands such as Mafia or Fanjove.

Day 1

Overnight at the Kibo Palace Hotel in Arusha.

Days 2-3

You will be met this morning by your driver/guide for the start of your safari, and transferred in your customised 4x4 safari vehicle to Maramboi Tented Camp for a 2 night stay. Maramboi Tented Camp is ideally placed to explore the ecosystems of both Tarangire and Lake Manyara National Park.

Days 4-6

Today sees you heading for the world famous (and we don't say that lightly) Serengeti National Park, one of Africa's truly great safari destinations. Your home for the next 3 nights is Kati Kati Tented Camp, a permanent camp, in a mobile camp style. The camp is well located in Central Serengeti to access the vast Serengeti Plains, and from June to November where the greatest concentration of animals can be found. The camp offers comfortable accommodation and a unique opportunity to enjoy a traditional safari camp experience.

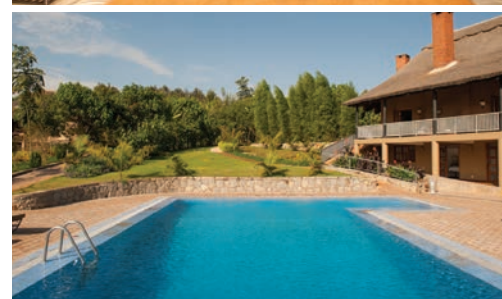
The Serengeti hosts the largest concentration of wildlife in the world, and is home to one of the great wonders of the natural world, the Great Migration. Over a million wildebeest and some 600,000 zebra move through the eco-system, with lion, leopard, cheetah, hyena, wild dog and crocodiles making sure only the strongest survive. The sheer volume of numbers combined with the daily dramas of life and death make this an unforgettable experience.

Day 7

Continue on to Kitela Lodge in the Karatu region, an exclusive lodge situated on top of a valley overlooking a coffee plantation, the Eastern wall of the Ngorongoro crater and a beautiful waterfall, affording visitors a different, 'non-safari' perspective on Tanzania. The Ngorongoro Conservation Area is close to the Lodge and after a short drive you will reach the edge of the crater (altitude 2,300m) and then enjoy a crater tour. With a diameter of 19 kilometres the abundant wildlife feeds on the grazing grounds and the groundwater of the crater floor. And where there are grazers, there are predators!

Day 8

Your safari ends today in Arusha or Kilimanjaro from where you can continue your journey.



Maramboi

Kati Kati

Kitela Lodge

Southern Tanzania

9 Nights

Southern Tanzania is still relatively unknown on the safari circuit yet offers some of the very best safari country in Africa. The Selous Reserve and Ruaha National Park are large and quite wild, great if you don't want to see too many other vehicles. In true modern-day safari tradition you will finish with a few days on the beach, unspoilt Tanzanian-style.

Mafia Island is an alternative beach extension, very laid back and traditional, so please contact us for your tailor-made quote.

Ras Kutani



Day 1

A light aircraft flight this morning from Dar-es-Salaam to Ruaha National Park, the largest National Park in Tanzania. For those looking for a genuine African wilderness experience, Ruaha National Park will satisfy your urges. 3 nights at **Jongomero**.

Day 4

Another light aircraft flight, to the mighty **Selous Game Reserve**. At approximately 50,000 sq km Selous is almost twice the size of Belgium, and if you include the Selous ecosystem as a whole, which is made up of a few conservation areas, the area covers over 90,000 sq km of wilderness. To put it another way, that's only 30% smaller than England. I think you get what we are trying to say – it's big!

Day 7

Fly to the Tanzanian Coast today and **Ras Kutani**, an idyllic beach getaway on the Indian Ocean. Well-appointed bandas (posh beach huts) are scattered in the coastal forest adjacent to long stretches of pristine beach and the inviting ocean. After the excitement and action of your safari you can spend the next 3 nights/4 days at Ras Kutani reflecting on your adventure.

Day 10

Back to Dar-es-Salaam for your onward journey.

Ras Kutani



Jongomero Camp

Siwandu





The Migration

The annual migration in East Africa is a safari 'must see'. The river crossings are spectacular, but simply witnessing thousands of animals on the plains, with the attendant predators, is a sight in itself – and a year round event. The migration is relatively predictable, but is of course dependent on weather conditions.

See over the page for more information.

1. January to March

The southern Serengeti plains and the Ngorongoro Conservation area in northern Tanzania are home to giant herds of wildebeest, zebra and other antelope (calving season).

2. April to June (rainy season April/May)

The herds migrate west and north to the grassier plains and woodland of the Serengeti's western Corridor in Tanzania.

3. July to August

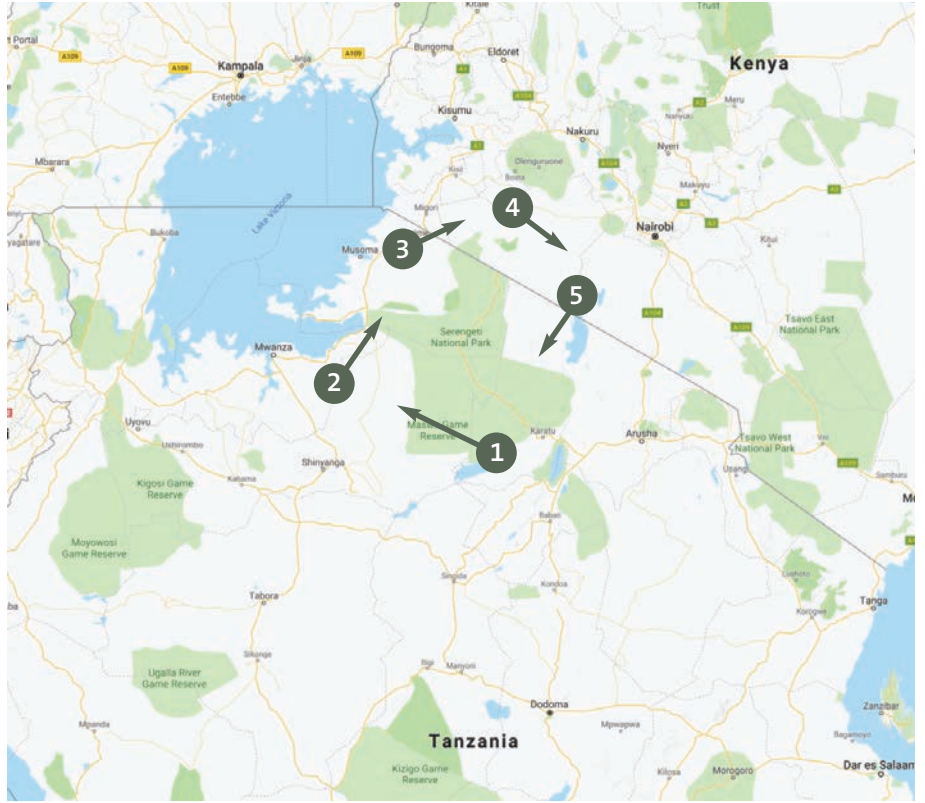
The herds reach the Grumeti River in Tanzania, the first of the dramatic river crossings. Before they get to the lush plains of the Masai Mara in Kenya, they have to make another crossing, across the Mara River.

4. September to October

The Mara plains in Kenya teem with large herds.

5. November to December

The herds begin their long trek back down to the Serengeti plains in Tanzania.



Courtesy Google maps





THE BIRTHPLACE OF SAFARI

Kenya

'Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness. Broad, wholesome, charitable views of men and things cannot be acquired by vegetating in one little corner of the earth all one's lifetime.'

Mark Twain

Kenya is the birthplace of the modern safari, the word safari means 'journey' in Swahili. And the Masai Mara is quite simply one of the best known game reserves in Africa, and not without good reason. This is classic big game country, rich with nature's most feared predators.

Other game reserves and National Parks in Kenya (over 40 in total) such as Amboseli, Samburu and Tsavo mean that parks, reserves and private conservancies account for 10% of Kenya's surface, spanning desert, grasslands and the dense mountain forest.





THE BIRTHPLACE OF SAFARI

Kenya

But there is more to Kenya than just a 'regular' safari (if there is such a thing!). The various lakes afford an opportunity to see amazing birdlife, and also a traditional way of life for local fishermen on Lake Victoria. It is possible to combine wildlife with camel, horse and bicycle safaris in the Laikipia Plateau region. Walking, mobile and lower-budget adventure safaris are available throughout. Kenya has a great range of experiences for everyone.

The Kenyan coastline offers an exotic beach extension to your safari, with some beautiful beaches and some good quality hotels. Watamu, north of Mombasa near Malindi, is one of Kenya's finest beaches and the site of a Marine National Park offering excellent snorkelling and scuba diving.

South of Mombasa is Diani beach, 10km of soft, white sand.

The further north and south from Mombasa, the more remote and authentic it becomes, so a little extra effort and expense is well rewarded.



Msambweni Beach House

Key Facts

Time Zone is GMT +3 hours

English is the official language, Swahili is the national language. There 42 ethnic languages used.

Throughout the country, the hottest months are December to March. The coastal areas are tropical, with particularly high humidity in April and May, but tempered by monsoon winds. The lowlands are hot but mainly dry, while the highlands are more temperate with four seasons. Nairobi has a very pleasant climate throughout the year due to its altitude. Near Lake Victoria, the temperatures are much higher and rainfall can be heavy.

The currency is the Kenyan Shilling (KSh). 1 Kenyan Shilling = 100 cents.





MASAI MARA RESERVE > KENYA

Entim Camp

Elegant - Game Lodge

Situated in the heart of Kenya's legendary Masai Mara Game Reserve Entim Camp is right in the middle of some of the very best game-viewing areas in Africa. With only 10 tastefully furnished & well-equipped ensuite tents, this stylish camp is small and traditional. There is a cosy lounge area with a small library, separate bar and dining area, which is open-fronted allowing guests to watch the animals move to and from the river to drink and forage for their food.

12 tents



NR MASAI MARA RESERVE > KENYA

Ilkeliani Camp

Casual - Game Lodge

Ilkeliani is an eco-friendly camp, centrally located near the Masai Mara Reserve. The Camp environs have been preserved, to retain as natural an environment as possible (no manicured lawns here). Each ensuite tent is positioned on the edge of the Talek River looking out onto the plains of the Masai Mara, accessible via a private footbridge where you join your safari vehicle. Lighting in guest tents is provided by solar power. The bar, lounge and dining tents are lit by the paraffin lamps - this is a traditional safari experience.

17 tents



NR MASAI MARA RESERVE > KENYA

&Beyond Kichwa Tembo Tented Camp

Elegant - Game Lodge

Kichwa Tembo is located where the riverine forest meets the sweeping plains in the path of the awe-inspiring Great Migration. Laid out along the Sabaringo River, the tented camp looks out onto the plains of the Masai Mara. Set on a private concession in the north of the Mara, the camp offers seclusion and abundant wildlife. The luxury tents are set in the forest and are traditional in style, with canvas walls and stone bathrooms. The superior tents are set either on stilts or right on the edge of the savannah giving guests a prime view.

12 classic tents, 20 superior tents and 8 Superior view tents



NR MASAI MARA RESERVE > KENYA

&Beyond Bataleur Camp

Sophisticated - Game Lodge

Set among forests on the edge of the iconic Masai Mara Reserve, the intimate &Beyond Bataleur Camp reflects the ambience of Kenyan explorers of old. This region boasts excellent year-round game viewing, and of course the Great Wildebeest Migration - an unsurpassed wildlife experience. There are two camps of 9 tented suites in each (including one family tent). A refreshing lap pool provides cool comfort in between game viewing adventures. Delicious meals are served in a memorable setting beneath the stars, followed by fireside port and cigars. Bush breakfasts and romantic sundowners on the edge of the Rift Valley offer an unforgettable African experience.

18 tents





NR MASAI MARA RESERVE > KENYA

Mahali Mzuri

Sophisticated - Game Lodge

Mahali Mzuri, Sir Richard Branson's tented camp in the Masai Mara ecosystem is located in the 13,500 hectare Motorogi/Olare Orok Conservancies. There are 12 unique and visually striking luxury tented suites, each on a raised platform with a large deck with views over the landscape. The central Main Tent features a lounge area and large deck, and iPads for guest use, a games console and a TV/DVD player for those who wish to keep in touch with the rest of the world. Or just spot game from the 12 metre infinity pool.

12 tents



KENYA

Kicheche Camps

Elegant - Game Lodge

Exclusive, Authentic, Transformative - The Kicheche Experience. Three camps in conservancies bordering the famous Masai Mara Reserve, and one camp in the spectacular Ol Pejeta Conservancy.

Kicheche Bush - Located in a superb wildlife area in the Olare Motorogi Conservancy bordering the Masai Mara Reserve. The game viewing is first class and the exclusivity of the Conservancy ensures a high quality experience with low density tourism. Game drives start right from the camp itself and it is the ideal location to witness the annual Wildebeest migration.

Kicheche Mara - A classic tented camp hidden in a beautiful valley in a prime wildlife area of the Mara North Conservancy. The luxury tents are laid out alongside a seasonal stream from where you can observe the resident birdlife and plains game beyond.

Kicheche Valley - Located in acacia woodlands in a secluded valley of the Naboisho Conservancy, is an intimate luxury tented camp. The six luxurious tents, built in a unique style incorporating high eco-standards, are set on platforms and provide the perfect base to see the stunning wildlife and wilderness.

Kicheche Laikipia - A small tented camp nestled in the shadows of Mount Kenya, 30 minutes drive from Nanyuki airstrip, at the foot of an indigenous forest overlooking a waterhole. With 90,000 acres of wilderness, the Ol Pejeta Conservancy is home to Kenya's largest population of Black Rhino, large numbers of Elephant, Cheetah, Lion, Leopard, African Wild Dog and plentiful plains game.



KENYA

Porini Safari Camps

Elegant

The 6 Porini Safari Camps offer visitors the experience of staying in small, quality safari camps in wildlife conservancies in some of the finest big game areas in Africa, without the crowds. Walk with Masai warriors, take game drives (day and night) in open-sided 4x4 safari vehicles with expert safari guides, for the best wildlife safari viewing, in exclusive wilderness areas.

All the camps are run on environmentally sound principles, with no permanent structures, solar-generated electricity and water heated with sustainable charcoal briquettes. The traditional safari tents are comfortably furnished with private bathrooms. All game activities are included in the price as are all meals and drinks.

Four of the camps are in conservancies in the Mara eco-system, bordering the Masai Mara Game Reserve (**Porini Mara, Porini Lion, Porini Cheetah** and the **seasonal Porini Bush**), one is in the huge Ol Pejeta Conservancy near Mount Kenya (**Porini Rhino**) and one in the Selenkay Conservancy adjacent to Amboseli National Park (**Porini Amboseli**), overlooking Mount Kilimanjaro.

The Amboseli and Masai Mara conservancies are owned by the local Masai communities, and the camps are operated and managed with the objective of creating income and providing benefits for the local people so that they can gain from participating in tourism.



Porini Amboseli Camp – 9 tents; Porini Mara Camp – 6 tents
Porini Lion Camp – 10 tents; Porini Rhino Camp – 6 tents reed/thatch chalets
Porini Bush Camp - 8 tents; Porini Cheetah Camp - 6 tents



MASAI MARA GAME RESERVE > KENYA

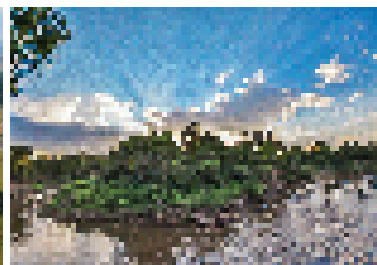
Governors Camps Masai Mara

Casual - Elegant

In the quieter North Western section of the Masai Mara Game Reserve, staying in one of the Governors' Camp properties puts you right in the heart of the action. Created in 1972 the Governors Camps in the Masai Mara have been setting the benchmark for nearly 40 years in classical tented safaris, offering attentive personal service.

The **Main Camp** is the original, and offers good value for money in a wonderful setting; **Little Governors Camp** is for those looking for total peace and quiet; **Il Moran** is perfect for those guests looking for a little more luxury; and **Governors Private Camp** is ideal for families or groups wanting total exclusivity.

Governors Camp - 37 tents; Little Governors Camp - 17 tents
Il Moran Camp - 10 tents; Governors Private Camp - min 4, max 16 guests





LAKE NAIVASHA > KENYA

Loldia House

Elegant

Loldia House is an ideal spot to relax, taste the pleasures of Kenyan country life and explore the Great Rift Valley. There are beautiful views of the dormant volcano, Mount Longonot. Wild animals roam free on the farm and in the evenings hippo munch quietly by the waterside. Loldia House is only a two hour drive from Nairobi, and is also conveniently located for day trips to the famous Lake Nakuru National Park.

8 rooms and 1 three-bedroom cottage



MERU NATIONAL PARK > KENYA

Elsa's Kopje Meru

Sophisticated

Named after Elsa the lioness, made famous by George and Joy Adamson's biographical book and film "Born Free", Elsa's Kopje blends into the rocky crags of the "kopje" (small hill), built above the site of George Adamson's original campsite, in a spectacular setting. Every cottage is the ultimate 'room-with-a-view', uniquely designed and crafted, incorporating the natural features of the rocky hillside.

6 cottages, 3 honeymoon suites and a two bedroom family cottage



LEWA WILDLIFE CONSERVANCY > LAIKIPIA PLAINS > KENYA

Lewa Safari Camp

Elegant

Lewa Wildlife Conservancy is a prolific wildlife conservancy with some of the most spectacular wildlife viewing that Kenya has to offer. Large tented bedrooms with verandahs and full en-suite bathrooms offer authentic comfort. Cosy log fires in the sitting room are perfect for relaxing after a day in the 65,000 acres of private protected wilderness. Should we mention the royal engagement?

11 tents and 2 family suites



KENYA

Saruni Camps

Elegant - Game Lodge

A collection of intimate safari lodges in Kenya's private conservancies, from Samburu to the Masai Mara.

Saruni Mara - A small, boutique lodge in the Mara, with five elegant cottages, one family villa and one private villa. The lodge is nestled in a secluded valley in the heart of the Mara North Conservancy, an exclusive, private wildlife concession bordering the world-renowned Masai Mara Reserve.

Saruni Samburu - The six spacious eco-chic villas have spectacular views over Kalama Conservancy and Mount Kenya, the only lodge in over 200,000 acres of unspoiled wilderness teeming with wildlife, guided by Samburu warriors passionate about their land and culture.

Saruni Rhino - Offering the first rhino tracking experience in East Africa, an amazing walking safari that provides a thrilling adventure, but also allows guests to actively contribute to the protection of this iconic species. In the 350,000 hectare Sera Conservancy, in the undiscovered Northern frontier of Kenya.

Saruni Wild - A tented camp, comfortably furnished, located in the heart of the Masai Mara plains, on the border between Lemek Conservancy and Mara North Conservancy. Surrounded by tens of thousands acres of pristine wilderness, the camp has the most classic Masai Mara setting.

10 tents, 1 family tent (multiple sites) at each site

NAIROBI > SAMBURU NATIONAL RESERVE > LAKE NAKURU > MASAI MARA RESERVE

Kenya Escapes Safari

7 nights

Day 1

You'll be met on arrival at Nairobi International Airport and transferred to the Southern Sun Mayfair hotel for an overnight.

Day 2-3

After breakfast depart Nairobi and head north to Samburu National Reserve – checking in to Elephant Bedroom Camp for 2 nights. This exclusive camp of 12 luxury tents has a lovely setting within the Reserve, on the banks of the Ewaso Nyiro River surrounded by doum palms and indigenous trees and shrubs. After an afternoon game drive stop for drinks at a scenic point to watch the sun go down over the African wilderness. The following day enjoy morning and afternoon game drives to explore Samburu National Reserve and the animals for which Samburu is noted such as the endangered Grevy's Zebra and the Reticulated Giraffe.

Day 4-5

Today set off towards the stunning scenery of Kenya's Great Rift Valley and check-in to Mbweha Safari Camp for 2 nights. Mbweha is a high quality safari camp set on the 6400 acre Congreve Conservancy near the southern border of Lake Nakuru National Park and has spectacular views of the surrounding mountainous landscape. Take a guided nature walk from Mbweha for a close-up view of the local flora and fauna.

The following day explore the Lake Nakuru National Park which is famous for the spectacular pink flamingos that gather on its salt encrusted shores as well as for other bird species including African fish eagles and pelicans.



A classic big game safari, with game drives in 4x4 safari vehicles (not vans), and an expert guide throughout. Exclusive wilderness areas and the most famous wildlife reserve in Kenya, excellent for Lion and Cheetah.

It couldn't be any more classic!



Day 6-7

Continue your safari by heading to the world-famous Masai Mara National Reserve, arriving at Tipilikwani Mara Camp for lunch where you will stay for 2 nights. Tipilikwani Mara Camp has 20 luxury riverfront tents located on the banks of the Talek River overlooking the iconic Mara plains. After lunch there will be a game drive for the first chance to see the wildlife of the Mara, followed by a full day with morning and afternoon game drives in the Masai Mara in search of the big cats for which the Mara is renowned. You will also see a wide variety of Kenya's other species - great and small – such as Elephants, Buffalo, Giraffe, plains game and much more.

Day 8

After breakfast depart the Masai Mara and back to Nairobi.

MASAI MARA RESERVE > KENYA COAST OR ZANZIBAR

Masai Mara and Beach

8 nights. Departs from the UK every day.



Combine the 'jewel in the crown' of Kenyan game viewing, the Masai Mara, with the tropical Indian Ocean beaches of the Kenya Coast or Zanzibar.

You can also combine a Kenya Safari with Mauritius or the Seychelles. This will require an overnight stay in Nairobi and is subject to non-daily flight schedules.

Day 01

Kenya Airways overnight flight from Heathrow to Nairobi.

Day 2-4

You will be met and transferred for your onward flight into the heart of the world famous Masai Mara Game Reserve and Ilkeliani Camp. Enjoy the next 3 nights in this traditional tented camp on the Talek River, and on safari. The dining area and bar are also under canvas, both great spots to sit and watch for game. Morning and afternoon game drives are included, with experienced guides. Enjoy the African bush.

Day 5-9 (Kenya Coast)

This morning, after a final game drive, transfer back to the airstrip for your onward flight to Mombasa / Ukunda on the Kenya Coast. You will be met and transferred to Diani Blue, a small and relaxed guesthouse style property at the southern end of Diani beach. Spend 5 nights relaxing by the ocean, reflecting on your safari.



or

Day 5-9 (Zanzibar)

This morning, after a final game drive, transfer back to the airstrip for your return flight to Nairobi. After lunch at a nearby hotel transfer to the airport in time for your onward flight to Zanzibar. You will be met and transferred to Pongwe Beach Hotel, an unpretentious, well run, good value for money and authentic African beach lodge on the east coast of the island. Spend 5 nights relaxing by the ocean, reflecting on your safari.

Day 10

You will be collected and returned to your nearest airport in time for a flight to Nairobi, connecting with your overnight Kenya Airways flight to Heathrow.





WATAMU MARINE PARK > KENYA

Hemingways Watamu

Elegant

Hemingways Resort lies within the Watamu Marine National Park, on Turtle Bay beach. The rooms all have ocean views and are close to the stunning beach. The Residences (apartments) enjoy full access to all hotel facilities. Out to sea there is dolphin-watching, snorkelling, diving and world class big-game fishing. The hotel has a small spa and gym and there is a programme of excursions to local towns and attractions. The hotel combines a relaxed atmosphere with good standards of service and cuisine. Please note: between April-October the beach in front of the hotel can be affected by seaweed, due to the prevailing winds.

39 rooms and 1, 2 and 4 bedroom apartments



GALU BEACH > SOUTH COAST > KENYA

Pinewood Beach Resort and Spa

Casual

Pinewood Beach Resort and Spa is a friendly and casual hotel at the southern end of Diani, at Galu Beach. The rooms and suites are each comfortable and casual, the suites each have a kitchen and a private chef who will prepare a private dinner in your suite, should you so choose. The resort has 3 restaurants, 3 bars and 3 lounges where guests can relax. The sports facilities and watersports available include windsurfing, snorkelling, scuba diving & kite surfing. Or you can go deep sea fishing, enjoy a Jet Ski safari or take an Eco-tour by mountain bike amongst other fun activities. The resort has a Spa and fully equipped gym.

38 rooms in main house; 20 suites;



DIANI BEACH > NR MOMBASA > KENYA

Diani Blue

Casual

Diani Blue is a relaxed Swahili style guest-house on the seafront at Diani Beach, south of Mombasa. There are five guest rooms, each tastefully decorated with a combination of African, Afghan, European and Swahili art, fabrics, and carpentry. All rooms have king-sized beds with mosquito nets, air-conditioning, ceiling fans and mosquito netting on all windows. 'The Ledge' is their al fresco feet-in-the-sand terrace, directly overlooking the beach. Dinners are Table D'hote, changing daily, and offering the best local produce and seafood.

12 classic tents, 20 superior tents and 8 superior view tents



DIANI BEACH > SOUTH COAST > KENYA

Waterlovers Beach Resort

Casual

WaterLovers is a small and casual beach resort on Diani Beach, on Kenya's South Coast, which is known for its white sands and turquoise warm waters - a perfect setting for a beach holiday. The resort has eight spacious suites, a penthouse apartment and a self-contained villa, all oceanfront. The restaurant is set by the pool overlooking the ocean, and uses fresh and quality ingredients. Everything is homemade - fresh pasta, warm bread and mouth-watering cakes and desserts. There is also a beach bar, a small Spa and a beach house for watersport activities.

8 rooms; 1 penthouse; 1 villa



KIGALI > VOLCANOES NATIONAL PARK

Gorilla Trekking in Rwanda

3 nights.



Day 1

Kigali is a great place to begin or end any Rwanda journey. The city is clean and safe, and you can enjoy exploring some of the many cultural activities.

Day 2

A morning city tour with a visit to the Genocide Museum - later depart on a scenic drive to Ruhengeri (Musanze), the base for Gorilla trekking at the Parc National des Volcans, a small and friendly city that has great views of the surrounding volcanoes.

Day 3

An early departure to Volcanoes National Park HQ's for registration. The park staff discuss your fitness level and advise you of the trekking times and conditions to the various groups based upon their location in the park the previous evening.

There are a total of 80 gorilla permits available each day with a maximum of eight trekkers visiting any one group. The guides stop frequently to allow trekkers a chance to rest and take photos along the way. At the end of your trek you will be transferred back to the lodge for lunch; thereafter, the afternoon can be spent at your leisure, or you may choose to visit the twin lakes of Bulera and Runhondo or visit the local markets!

Day 4

Leaving from the foothills of the Virunga Volcanoes, drive South past coffee, tea and banana plantations on a breathtaking scenic drive to Kigali (driving time approx. 2 hours). Everything and everywhere, sheer green and hanging on the hills; Rwanda truly - land of a thousand hills!

Key Facts

The land of a thousand hills and home to one of Africa's true bucket list experiences, a trek in the Virunga Mountains in Volcanoes National Park, in the hope of finding rare mountain gorillas.

It is truly a humbling and even emotional adventure, and one of the most unique wildlife adventures to be found in Africa. Gorilla tracking in Rwanda is often described as 'life changing' and with good reason. With only an estimated 880 Gorillas left in the world, to see these gentle creatures in their natural habitat is a truly unique moment.

Hikes in the mountains can last anywhere from 2 to 6 hours + depending on the family allocated to your group and their location. Expert guides give a pre-trek briefing on specific protocols and rules. Porters are available to help carry backpacks and cameras.



ENTEBBE > BWINDI IMPENETRABLE FOREST > QUEEN ELIZABETH NATIONAL PARK > KIBALE FOREST

Classical Uganda

9 nights



Key Facts

Uganda, dubbed the Pearl of Africa, boasts an ecological diversity that rivals many larger countries. Bordered by the mountains, Africa's largest lake, Lake Victoria, it's a beautiful country bursting with bird and wildlife. In no other African destination can you see such a variety of primates with so little effort. For most the highlight is found amongst the forests in Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, where coming face to face with Endangered Mountain Gorillas in their natural habitat is one of the most profound wildlife encounters you will ever experience.



Day 1

Overnight Entebbe.

Day 2

Bwindi Impenetrable Forest is one of the richest ecosystems in East Africa and home to over 120 mammals, 345 species of birds, 200 species of butterflies and 160 species of trees. The park contains an estimated one half of the world's population of the endangered Mountain Gorilla, making it an extremely valuable conservation site.

Days 3-4

It's up early today as one of the most enthralling wildlife experiences imaginable awaits your discovery. Coming face to face with an endangered mountain gorilla is something words cannot aptly describe. Please note that gorilla trekking is strenuous, with treks ranging from 45 mins up to eight hours, at high altitudes in hot African conditions. Although sightings cannot be guaranteed, viewing success rates are well over 95%. Those with additional pre-purchased permits will depart for a second gorilla tracking experience. Guests not tracking have the day free to explore the Bwindi area.

Days 5-6

Continue this morning onto southern Queen Elizabeth National Park, with a brief stop en-route at the Ishasha Community Uplift project. Immerse yourself in Agatha's 'Taste of Uganda' tour - an interactive experience for the inquisitive visitor who wonders how a rural Ugandan woman lives. The park is home to a wide variety of wildlife including Elephants, Leopard, Lions, Hippos, Buffalo and many species of birds.

Day 7

Enjoy a leisurely boat cruise along the Kazinga Channel, a haven for numerous birds, including many migratory species as they make their way south to warmer climates.

Days 8-9

Depart early this morning to Kyambura Gorge to enjoy Chimpanzee trekking. A fun photo stop as you cross the Equator can be squeezed in. Your Kibale Forest chimp trek will generally take place in the morning.

Day 10

Depart after an early breakfast for the drive back to Entebbe, arriving back late afternoon.



INSPIRING NEW WAYS

Adventure in Africa



What's on your bucket list?

Africa is the birthplace of adventure travel, with the first 'grand safaris' allowing people to see Africa the way many think it should be seen - on the ground, meeting the locals and experiencing Africa at its untamed best. We fully subscribe to this type of travel and there are plenty of great adventures on offer. Over the next four pages you can be assured that a genuine adventure travel experience awaits you.



Mount Kilimanjaro and Mount Kenya Climb

Mount Kilimanjaro, 'The Roof of Africa' is the highest peak in Africa (5 895 metres/19 342 feet), and you can climb it with the comfort of knowing that we have your safety and well-being as paramount. The climb will be a physical and a mental personal challenge and something you will remember for the rest of your days - it really is that special. Mount Kenya is Africa's second highest mountain, venerated by the Kikuyu people as the dwelling place of their God - Kikuyu homes were once built to face the mountain. Kilimanjaro and Mount Kenya can be climbed by any physically fit person and no climbing experience is necessary, but you do need to be pretty fit and well prepared.

Shark Cage Diving

The little town of Kleinbaai in South Africa, close to Hermanus and Gansbaai, is the site for one of the most amazing experiences on offer.

Board your shark-chaser (!), climb into a large cage which is then lowered into the water, and you will soon have an opportunity to come face to face with a Great White Shark, separated only by galvanised steel mesh.

That has to classify as an adventure, surely?





Horse Riding in Africa

Safaris in Africa are an intimate experience. There is simply no better way of taking in the African bush, than by horseback. Becoming part of a herd of zebra or giraffe as they canter across the plains, or quietly approaching a grazing rhinoceros is a truly amazing feeling. Africa is a very special place, but Africa on horseback is truly magical.

Slack Pack Hiking Trails

What better way to experience the unspoilt beauty of the Garden Route National Park than with a stunning hiking trail. This four day fully inclusive trek travels through lush forest and over the Storms River Suspension Bridge along the magnificent Tsitsikamma Coast. With only your day bag and camera to carry between luxury rest lodges, take the weight off your shoulders and enjoy a stress free, fully guided hike.

Camp and Cruise in Namibia and Botswana

If you are of a slightly more adventurous persuasion then you might like to consider this as an option. These brilliant 4x4 vehicles, suitable for 2-4 people, come fully equipped with all the necessary camping equipment. We will then make all the necessary campsite bookings and provide you with maps, driving directions and the required information to complete your trip.

This is real Africa, made easy!





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LET US GUIDE YOU

Welcome to Indian Ocean Collection



The hotels, lodges and resorts we feature are all carefully selected - you will not be just a room number, or even a name, but a welcome guest. As a valued guest you will be afforded hospitality, attention and a genuine insight into the area you are visiting.

Not simply a tourist, but a traveller – we believe there is a big difference.



"The World is a book, and those who do not travel read only a page."

St. Augustine

We are proud to present the very best selection of islands, resorts, hideaways and authentic travel experiences in the region.

Luxury can take many forms, and we believe that the new luxury is not only about traditional creature comforts. The new luxury is also about rarity of experience and location; about service with a smile; about celebrating nature; about enriching cultural encounters; about self discovery. Oh, and some world class beaches thrown in.

We have selected what we believe to be the most varied array of accommodation options on offer. From 6-Star hotels to rustic island retreats; from exclusive and luxurious private island stays to understated barefoot adventures. We are confident that we have most of the bases covered!

Some of the places you will discover in the following pages of this brochure are genuinely slow-paced and unpretentious. Not all of them have air-conditioning and satellite TV, or 24-hour room service and sumptuous spas.

But what our barefoot adventures can offer is a more meaningful and immersive experience, allowing you to engage with local people and natural surroundings. At the other end of the scale we feature a collection of truly outstanding deluxe hospitality experiences. Choose one or the other, or why not do both?

And don't forget that our heritage and roots are in Africa. A short safari or a visit to the Mother City of Cape Town, or a combination with Dubai or Oman, are all well within our remit. We have tried to highlight as many combinations in the region as possible, but please ask us if you can't see what you are looking for - we like a challenge. But if you simply want to spend two weeks on the beach and never leave your resort, that's fine with us too. We realise that sometimes you just need to kick back and get some serious beach and pool time.

So whether you are planning a honeymoon, a family holiday or simply a well deserved beach break, we have an Indian Ocean Collection experience with your name on it, waiting just for you.



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We have classified the properties in this guide to convey the level of comfort and experience you can expect. This is not a grading system, as the standards in the destinations featured vary too much, but an attempt to ensure that you arrive at your chosen property with realistic expectations.

The descriptions are:

- Luxurious – *elite, deluxe, sumptuous, excellence in all areas*
- Sophisticated – *subtle, delicate, refined, tasteful, understated*
- Elegant – *good taste, semi-refined, elegant yet casual*
- Casual – *relaxed, comfortable, informal, laid-back*
- Rustic – *island style, tropical, simple décor*
- Hideaway – *exclusive places, not easy to reach, but worth the effort*
- Romantic – *has a honeymoon suite or is just plain romantic*

Where you see one of the following symbols, it means those facilities are offered at that property, or on that itinerary.



Spa / Health Treatments
Health Spa or Health & Beauty treatments offered



Leisure Activities
Good sport and leisure facilities & activities available, or included



Family Friendly
Property that is child friendly and/or offers inter-leading rooms and family suites and/or provides something extra for children



Adult Only
Properties that only cater for adults of 18 and over



Kids Club
Supervised facilities with structured activities for children



Scuba Diving
Affiliated scuba diving centre on site



Gourmet
Choice of restaurants and gourmet dining experience on offer



Bucket List
Things to see before you 'kick the bucket'. Our wow factor recommendations to add to your personal list



Barefoot
Relaxed, low key, sometimes rustic, always inspiring. Not about the pace of the service or the length of the wine list. It's about being a traveller again, and exploring somewhere different

Giving you the key facts ...

On the introductory page for each country we provide a panel of the essential information that you need to be aware of when travelling to that destination, such as currency, climate, culture and traditions.



AS PURE AS IT GETS

Seychelles

Seychelles is all about island life – 115 of them - spread over 1 400 000 square km and six island groups lying 500 - 1 600 km from the African Coast. Seychelles is also about enticing beaches, warm turquoise waters and island-hopping opportunities. There are 43 granite 'inner' islands and 72 coralline 'outer' islands; Seychelles is unique in being the only location in the world where you can experience both granite and coralline islands together in one place.

The smaller island resorts are a popular way of enjoying this fascinating country. They are mostly exclusive, self-contained hideaways, usually accommodating no more than 40 guests. Picture yourself on a private island 6 km long and 1 km wide, with acres of coconut palms fringed by the purest white sandy beaches and sheltered by an encircling reef. The private islands are typically accessed by boat or short flight from the main island of Mahé.

Island hopping is therefore a major attraction. The main island of Mahé is the gateway, from where you can head for the 2nd island of Praslin, boasting some of the best lodges, resorts and scenery. Also home to Vallee du Mai where you will find the wondrous double coconut of the Coco de Mer and can explore this UNESCO World Heritage Site, reputed to be the site of Garden of Eden. Ask us for the correct side of Praslin to stay on to best avoid the seaweed issues that do seasonally affect parts of Praslin.

After Praslin, perhaps catch the ferry and step back in time to La Digue where you'll discover transport is mainly in the form of bicycles and oxcarts and the beaches are proper powder. Then perhaps wing your way across to one of the coral islands like the sanctuary of Bird Island or one of the other exclusive island resorts, some of which can be booked for private use.

The temperature rarely drops below 24°C, so Seychelles really is a year-round destination. There are daily flights (via the Middle East), and regular direct flights from the UK. There are also good connections from Johannesburg, Nairobi, Mauritius, Reunion and Addis Ababa, so there are plenty of exciting combinations possible.

Many of the properties we feature offer spectacular weddings or blessings, so let us advise you on how hassle-free and memorable we can make this. Please also ask us about combining your Seychelles stay with South Africa, Kenya, Mauritius or the UAE for some really contrasting options.

"like pearls on a thread ..."

Key Facts

Time Zone is GMT + 4 hours.

The official language is Creole, but French and English are widely spoken.



Seychelles enjoys an idyllic and fairly constant temperature of around 29°C. Lying outside the main Indian Ocean cyclonic belt, means that big storms are rare. January and February are the wettest months, but rain occurs in heavy showers rather than as continuous downpours. July and August tend to be the driest months. For scuba-diving and snorkelling, the best time is March-May and September-November when the seas are calmer and underwater visibility is at its best. Being close to the equator and tropical you can expect short showers at any time of the year.

The currency is the Seychelles Rupee.

Blue Safari Alphonse



MAHÉ > SEYCHELLES

Banyan Tree

Sophisticated - Romantic

Occupying an area of 116 hectares overlooking Anse Intendance on the south west coast, the luxurious Banyan Tree is considered one of Mahé's finest hotels. Contemporary creole-style villas, each with its own private plunge pool, are nestled into the lush tropical hillside overlooking the Indian Ocean. In addition to a choice of four varied restaurants 'Destination Dining' is also offered - under the stars; overlooking the sea; in a Moonlight Gazebo; or on the beach. The resort has a tennis court, gym and an infinity pool right on the beach, with a bar. Diving and snorkelling, as well as mountain biking, canoeing and visiting other islands. Pamper yourself in the spa with a wide variety of treatments, drawing on Asian techniques. All this with the sight and sound of the ocean around you! Between May and September, the sea at Anse Intendance can develop strong swells and undercurrents - during these times swimming will be better at the glorious infinity pool or in the privacy of your own villa.

63 suites and villas



MAHÉ > SEYCHELLES

Four Seasons Resort Seychelles

Luxurious - Romantic

On the south-west coast of the Seychelles main island, on a verdant hillside, overlooking a picturesque bay, the Four Seasons Resort Seychelles is comprised of 67 sumptuous Creole-style guest villas and suites mostly perched on stilts and scattered through the hillside offering breathtaking views over the bay. All accommodation has a private terrace or balcony and plunge pool. Just a short walk or buggy ride down to the beach of Petite Anse, one of the best on the island. The spa is located at the top of the hill, adults and children are welcome. The main ZEZ Restaurant offers Mediterranean specialities and Middle Eastern dishes; Kannel is a beachside restaurant serving Creole and international fare, with fresh fish and seafood; ZEZ Lounge offers sushi and sashimi, pre-dinner cocktails, after-dinner drinks, wines, cigars and shisha pipes; In-villa dining is available from all menus.

62 guest villas, 5 two and three -bedroom suites,
7 private residences



MAHÉ > SEYCHELLES

Constance Ephelia

Elegant

The Constance Ephélie Resort occupies 120 hectares of lush tropical vegetation, a headland with a beach at either end. Accommodation ranges from well-appointed suites to a selection of luxurious villas with private pools. Restaurant options include the buffet-style Corossol serving international cuisine, Helios with Mediterranean dishes, or the Adam & Eve Grill and Seselwa for relaxed and casual meals. For a stylish alternative, Cyann offers haute cuisine. The resort features five bars, ranging from casual pool or seaside locations to the elegance of the Cyann bar. Non-motorised water sports are offered as well as a Kids Club. The Spa features a Shiseido Pavilion with 3 treatment rooms, complemented by an additional 12 treatment rooms. A yoga pavilion, sauna, thermal pool, jet pool and salon complete the spa experience.

42 tropical garden view rooms, 184 junior suites,
40 senior suites, 47 villas.



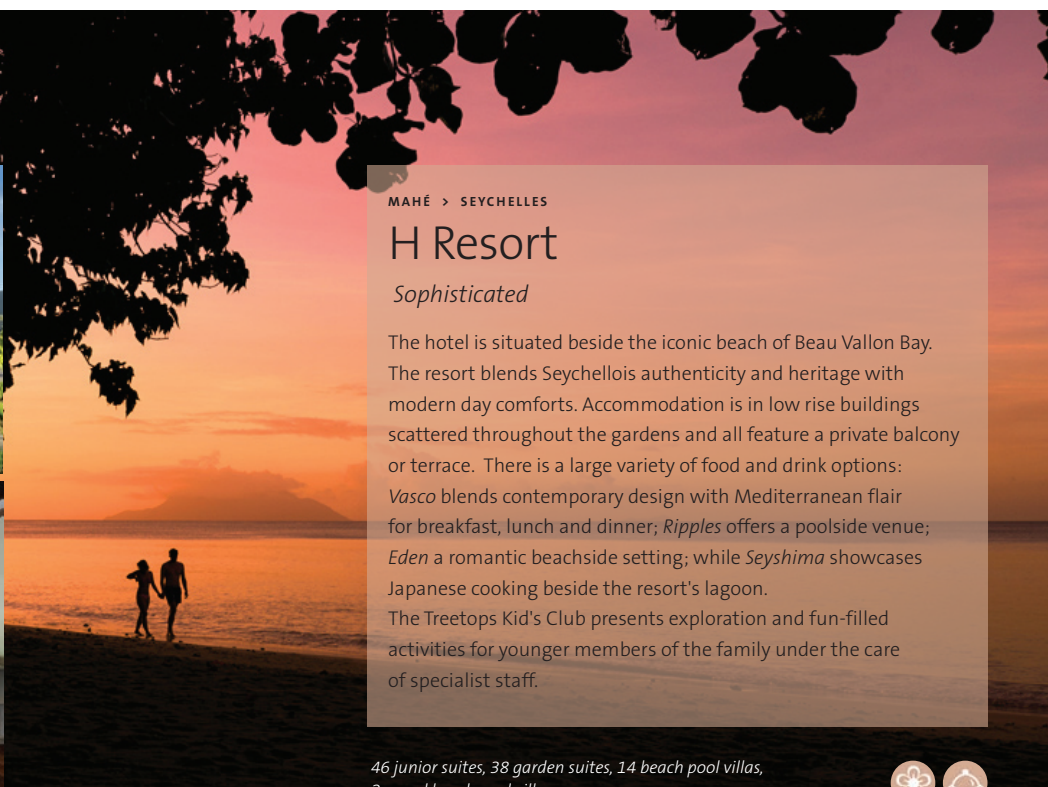
MAHÉ > SEYCHELLES

H Resort

Sophisticated

The hotel is situated beside the iconic beach of Beau Vallon Bay. The resort blends Seychellois authenticity and heritage with modern day comforts. Accommodation is in low rise buildings scattered throughout the gardens and all feature a private balcony or terrace. There is a large variety of food and drink options: *Vasco* blends contemporary design with Mediterranean flair for breakfast, lunch and dinner; *Ripples* offers a poolside venue; *Eden* a romantic beachside setting; while *Seyshima* showcases Japanese cooking beside the resort's lagoon. The Treetops Kid's Club presents exploration and fun-filled activities for younger members of the family under the care of specialist staff.

46 junior suites, 38 garden suites, 14 beach pool villas,
2 grand beach pool villas



MAHÉ > SEYCHELLES

MAIA Luxury Resort and Spa

Luxurious - Romantic

A lush 30-acre private peninsula on the south west coast of Mahé is the setting for thirty private villas, each with a dedicated butler available to you 24-hours a day, for the duration of the stay. In the hotel's own words the dining philosophy is 'Whatever, Wherever, Whenever' - dining when you want it, not when the kitchen wants it; eat at the restaurant, in your villa, on the beach, in the garden, under stars or under covers. Private villa luxuries like Hermès amenities and Bose sound, a private infinity pool, and sunken outdoor baths. Swimming with turtles or helicopter rides to uninhabited islands, marlin grappling or mind-renewing yoga, sunseeker cruising or complimentary scuba diving.



30 villas



MAHÉ > SEYCHELLES

Carana Beach

Elegant



This boutique all-suite hotel overlooks a delightful small white sand beach on the north-east coast of Mahé, with the rooms only a few steps from the beach and framed by the lush forest and granite boulders. The chalets boast a unique design and modern comforts with rustic touches, from aged driftwood to polished corals. All rooms have been designed to cater for couples as well as families. The main restaurant 'Lorizon' offers breakfast and à la carte dinner. Lunch and an all day-dining/tapas menu is available at the 'Carana Beach Bar' by the waterfront, including beach orders. The hotel's spa provides guests with a wide choice of relaxing and therapeutic spa treatments, using locally made products.

28 oceanfront suites, 12 oceanfront pool suites





MAHÉ > SEYCHELLES

Hilton Seychelles Northolme Resort and Spa

Sophisticated - Romantic

Enjoy a stunning hillside location at this secluded Seychelles boutique retreat, the world's smallest Hilton, and a favourite with James Bond author Ian Fleming. Choose between the traditional Seychellois styled hillside Villas, or one of the stilted private pool Suites nestled amongst secluded beach coves. The Duniye Spa is the perfect place to soothe the body, stimulate the mind and enliven the senses, or cool off in the sparkling outdoor infinity pool with breathtaking ocean views. Experience some of the best snorkelling in Mahe. Freshly prepared local seafood and traditional Creole Cuisine are the order of the day. Ideal for island-hopping itineraries or for a longer stay.

40 villas + 16 suites



MAHÉ > SEYCHELLES

Kempinski Seychelles Resort Baie Lazare

Elegant

Situated on Baie Lazare, the resort nestles alongside the offshore reef-protected beach, with a tropical lagoon and commanding forested granite hillside to the rear. The rooms are set in 6 wings within the lush gardens and are either ocean or lagoon facing. Offering a wide variety of activities, accommodation and dining options - Café Lazare is buffet themed for breakfast and dinner, for fine dining L'Indochine offers exquisite seafood and Asian fusion gastronomy. Windsong Beach offers a beachside setting for lunch and dinner. Take advantage of the Olympic length pool or be pampered at the tranquillity of the Seasonal Spa. Fun for all the family with the kid's club offering a full activity service.

143 rooms, 7 suites



PRASLIN > SEYCHELLES

Le Domaine de La Reserve

Elegant

Enjoying what is essentially a private beach at Anse Petit Cour, and a bay setting bounded by granite boulders and with views out to Curieuse Island. William Bar and Grill is a relaxing spot next to the large swimming pool, popular with guests and locals alike. L'Orbizan offers a romantic dining experience, located on the jetty with the twinkling lights of nearby yachts in the bay whilst the chef prepares freshly caught fish, Creole and international cuisine. Accommodation is in attractive ground and first floor rooms, most of which are ocean-facing and all just a few steps from the beach. The perfect spot for enjoying all the main sights that Praslin and La Digue have to offer.

36 villas, 4 suites



PRASLIN > SEYCHELLES

Le Duc de Praslin

Elegant

The turquoise ocean, lapping the fine white sands of Cote d'Or beach, is just a few footsteps from this family-owned hotel. Tropical gardens and orchids, giant tortoises and koi carp ponds, and three mineral magna pools all make for a natural outdoor experience. This extends into the comfortable rooms and suites offering spacious contemporary styled accommodation. There are one and two-bedroom suites and set in the hillside are four luxury 3-4 bedroom villas. The dining experiences offer Creole fusion cuisine, mouth-watering seafood and gastronomic dishes, and a Tapas Lounge Bar combining an entertainment lounge with finger food. There is a spa and well-equipped gym.

40 rooms, 8 suites, 4 villas





PRASLIN > SEYCHELLES

Hotel L'Archipel

Elegant

Located in the north-east region of Praslin, L'Archipel is a boutique hotel surrounded by tropical gardens overlooking the picturesque Anse Gouvernement beach at the end of the famous Côte d'Or Bay. Framed by beautiful granite rock formations, the hotel offers a secluded retreat for guests to soak up the sun on the beach or enjoy swimming and snorkelling in the azure oceans. Nestled on the colourful and exotic hillside, the comfortable cottages and two restaurants offer magnificent garden and ocean views. L'Archipel can be used as a stepping stone to explore the other smaller neighbouring islands such as La Digue or Curieuse where you will be greeted by friendly giant tortoises..

18 deluxe rooms, 5 superior rooms, 7 senior suites and 2 family suites



PRASLIN > SEYCHELLES

Constance Lemuria

Sophisticated

In an idyllic location on the north-west coast of the island, washed by the warm waters of the lagoon and sheltered from the prevailing winds. The suites are scattered along two pristine beaches, just metres from the shore, all with a dining pavilion, pool deck, open-air bath, swimming pool and terrace. Three restaurants offer varied refined and relaxed options, including the popular Beach Restaurant set on a small peninsula overlooking the ocean and offering seafood specialties. A wide range of water and land sports are available including a spa, gym and fabulous 18-hole golf course. 'Turtle Club' welcomes children between the ages of 4 and 11 years.

88 junior suites, 8 senior suites, 9 villas



PRASLIN > SEYCHELLES

Raffles Praslin

Sophisticated

Flanked by nearby Curieuse Island, Raffles Praslin on the north-east of the island overlooks the bay of Anse Takamaka with direct access to a stretch of white sand beach and sparkling ocean. The luxuriously appointed spacious one and two bedroom villas, each serviced by the signature 24-hour Raffles Butler Service (included within the price for the larger villa-suite categories) offer private plunge pools and sheltered terraces. Guests will find a spa, gym, choice of bars and restaurants and a selection of land and water sports. The bespoke gastronomic options include Sushi, Asian and Indian Ocean cuisine. The resort features a choice of leisure activities including 'eco-golf', where you drive biodegradable golf balls from the beach which, when they hit the water, release fish food!

86 villas



PRASLIN > SEYCHELLES

Paradise Sun

Casual

The Paradise Sun hotel is located on the stunning sheltered Cote d'Or Beach, with 80 stylish air-conditioned rooms in chalets set in the lush grounds. It is a relaxed and casual hotel, ideal for those wanting to do lots of activities. There is a swimming pool, volleyball court and water-sports centre where you can arrange kayaks, snorkelling and dive trips. The Beach Restaurant and Bar overlooks the beach where breakfast, lunch and buffet dinners are served. There is regular evening entertainment, and the hotel has a small spa. Ideal for families.

70 superior rooms, 10 deluxe/family rooms





LA DIGUE > SEYCHELLES

Domaine de L'Orangerie

Elegant

A blend of contemporary beach club style, and casual tropical elegance, nestled in an idyllic setting amidst a lush tropical garden. The beachside all-day dining area-cum-beach club, a few steps away from famous Anse Severe beach, has two restaurants offering Mediterranean and Creole cuisine, the pool and bars offer a stylish and relaxed area to admire the stunning scenery. The Spa offers magnificent views over the sparkling lagoon. The villas are nestled in the hillside, starting at ground level and rising upwards. Each villa has its unique features, blending rustic-chic with a Zen influence, situated in an exceptional natural environment to create a unique and enchanting experience.

20 garden villas, 31 villas de charme, 8 garden suite residences,
3 villas de charme elegance, 1 presidential villa



LA DIGUE > SEYCHELLES

Le Nautique Luxury Waterfront Hotel

Elegant

This small boutique hotel retains some distinctive Creole features - high ceilings & wide verandahs - and an eye for coastal design. With a contemporary and, at times, quirky design, all guestrooms feature modern creature comforts including king-size beds, WiFi, walk-in rain showers and Nespresso machines. The dining experience for breakfast, lunch and dinner offers delicious local and international cuisine in the perfect island setting, in both the waterfront restaurant or around the pool. Local dishes showcase the best of the Seychelles. Hiring a bicycle is the best way to explore La Digue.

7 rooms and 2 villas



PRASLIN > SEYCHELLES

Indian Ocean Lodge

Casual

A comfortable and affordable independent beachfront hotel, Indian Ocean Lodge is situated on Grand Anse beach, one of the longest beaches on the island with shallow flats that extend far out to the reef, making it ideal for family activities or simply strolling up and down the coastline. The hotel is about 20 minutes from Cote D'Or beach (a hotspot for diving and island excursions) with shuttle transfers, and 35 minutes away from the world famous beach of Anse Lazio. The rooms are nestled along the beach across eight two-storey structures of traditional Creole architecture and surrounded by tropical gardens.

32 rooms



PRASLIN > SEYCHELLES

Coco De Mer Hotel and Black Parrot Suites

Elegant/Romantic

This modern beach hotel lies in 200 acres of tropical gardens on the south-west of Praslin. All of the comfortable and airy rooms are ocean-facing, the Black Parrot Junior Suites are perched on a granite outcrop with a 270 degree view of the ocean and allow children 14 and above only. The main Hibiscus restaurant offers international and Creole cuisine, the Mango Terrace Bar and Grill offers a mouth-watering à la carte lunch and dinner menu. Activities available at the hotel include non-motorised water sports, tennis, canoeing, a gym, snorkelling and cycling. There is a swimming pool with poolside snack bar and the hotel also provides regular evening entertainment and a shuttle transfer to Anse Lazio.

30 rooms and 12 suites





DENIS ISLAND > SEYCHELLES

Denis Island

Elegant - Romantic - Private Island

Denis Island is the archetypal tropical island escape, 375 acres fringed by coconut palms, sand and coral reefs, and is one of the Seychelles most exclusive and popular islands resorts, just a short daily light aircraft flight from Mahe. The spacious and secluded cottages and villas are all just a few footsteps away from the beach.

Deluxe Beach and Beachfront Spa Cottages all have a sala and the Beach Villa has a private plunge pool. Resort facilities include a bar, lounge, library, billiards, and a floodlit tennis court. Denis Island prides itself on its cuisine, with much of the fresh produce coming from the island's own farm and gardens. Meals can be enjoyed in the restaurant, on the deck of your cottage or on the beach.

Guests have complimentary use of bicycles - ideal for exploring this idyllic island. A range of Spa treatments is also available, taken in the comfort of your own cottage or sala. There is no mobile signal, and no WiFi (or a TV) in any of the cottages - you can truly get away from it all.

25 cottages and villas



DESROCHES > AMIRANTES ARCHIPELAGO > SEYCHELLES

Four Seasons Desroches

Sophisticated - Romantic - Private Island

Four Seasons Desroches is a private island resort, approximately 6 km long and 1 km wide with 14 km of beaches, accessed via a short daily light aircraft flight from Mahé. Guest accommodation - villas, suites, bungalows, residences - all options are spacious, stylishly furnished with every modern convenience, indoor and outdoor bathrooms, private gardens, private dining areas and your own private pool. 1-5 bedroom villas are also available. There is a selection of restaurants and bars offering French and Italian specialities, plenty of fresh seafood and tempting takeaways are available from The Deli.

The spa and anti-gravity yoga pavilion, fitness centre and tennis court are there for the more active. There are excellent sport and leisure facilities as well as a dive centre and deep sea fishing centre. And finally, there is the sparkling infinity pool, overlooking the ocean. Four Seasons Desroches is a haven for those who enjoy unassuming comfort and exclusivity - it's a great place to relax in the natural surroundings and enjoy the amazing facilities on offer.

71 suites and villas





NORTH ISLAND > SEYCHELLES

North Island

Luxurious - Romantic - Private Island

Located around 30km (20 minutes by helicopter) from the main island of Mahé, North Island, one of the 'inner' islands, is a place of barefoot luxury for those seeking a truly spectacular and exclusive tropical retreat. Accommodation consists of only 11 elegant guest villas, never more than a few footsteps from the eastern beach. Each villa (except Villa 11), features a study that can be made into a second bedroom, for families. The lounge, dining room and library, scenically located health spa and gym, dive centre, and a rim-flow swimming pool are all built into a granitic outcrop. A sunset bar and restaurant are tucked away on the western beach of the island.

North Island is also an inspirational example of an ecologically sensitive arrangement, with natural habitats being rehabilitated and critically endangered Seychelles fauna and flora are being reintroduced. A heady combination of natural beauty, conservation and luxury.

10 villas, 1 presidential villa



FÉLICITÉ ISLAND > SEYCHELLES

Six Senses Zil Pasyon

Luxurious - Romantic - Private Island

Granite outcrops and the coral fringed beaches of Félicité Island, seamlessly fuse the land and the ocean. This eco-conscious boutique property has an ocean-front pool, with a selection of dining options offering the freshest seafood and produce from the on-site organic gardens. Get in tune with nature, or swim with the turtles while enjoying a destination that offers every comfort. The Villas and Residences are nestled between the verdant foliage and turquoise waters of the Indian Ocean, the large windows and external deck space offering breathtaking panoramas. The larger units - up to 5 bedrooms available - are ideal for families travelling with children or a group of friends. Dip into your private pool, snorkel in the island's crystal-clear waters, and let your troubles fade away in the beach-side Six Senses Spa. In the evening, sip from a jar of house-made rum and watch as the sun melts into the horizon. Located 30 nautical miles northeast of Mahé, a 20 minute helicopter flight or 20 minutes by speedboat from either Praslin or La Digue.



30 villas, 17 private residences

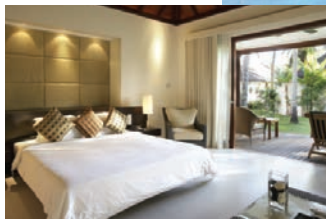


SILHOUETTE ISLAND > SEYCHELLES

Hilton Seychelles Labriz Resort & Spa

Sophisticated

On the idyllic island of Silhouette, just 45 minutes by boat or 15 minutes by helicopter from Mahé, this secluded Seychelles retreat comprises private villas (including 17 Private Pool Villas) perched on the lush hillside or nestled amongst secluded beach coves. With freshly prepared local seafood, traditional Creole and Japanese cuisine and La Pizzeria, there is a varied dining experience. The Spa, nestled in the hillside among the granite boulders, is the perfect place to soothe the body. Silhouette Island is the third largest Seychelles island, so plenty to explore and experience. Stay active in the fully equipped 24-hour fitness center, enjoy the ocean kayaking, sailing, snorkeling, tennis court or diving at the PADI scuba-dive centre. Walks aplenty through the National Park make this a peaceful and relaxed resort, in a stunning island setting.



111 villas



FREGATE ISLAND, COUSINE ISLAND, ALPHONSE ISLAND, ENCHANTED ISLAND RESORT AND CERF ISLAND > SEYCHELLES

Resort islands

Seychelles offers many other coral and granite resort islands for idyllic stays.

Fregate Island is home to rare tropical birdlife and the Aldabra tortoise. Just 20 minutes by helicopter from Mahé, this private island offers 16 Villas - 1 and 2 bedroom, each with private pool and jacuzzi and offering a true sanctuary for couples and families.

Alphonse Island is a refuge for people looking for an authentic beach and unspoilt island experience with some of the best fishing (line and bone) in Seychelles. With a choice of 5 beach suites with private pool and 21 beachside Bungalows, this remote coral island experience is a 60 minute light aircraft flight from Mahé.

Cousine Island is a small private nature reserve off the coast of Praslin, just 15 minutes by helicopter from Mahé, with boat crossings available from both Mahé and Praslin. Restored to its pristine natural state through concerted conservation and restoration efforts, and with only 5 Villas all with a pool, this makes for a memorable private island experience. Or why not take over the whole island for that truly special stay with friends and family? Includes unlimited use of the island's solar powered catamaran!

Enchanted Island Resort is in the middle of the Sainte Anne National Marine Park and just 15 minutes speedboat ride from Mahé. The 10 spacious villas face the ocean like a clock face on this round island and all have a private pool with direct beach access. The perfect luxury spot for an island escape but close enough to easily explore Mahé and the islands.

Cerf Island is another island located in Sainte Anne National Marine Park off Mahé and just 10 minutes boat crossing from Mahé. This small and lush island has several accommodation options including Cerf Island Resort (Elegant) with 19 spacious villas and 5 Tortoise suites (2 bedrooms), all nestling in the dense tropical hillside and offering All Inclusive as an option (children 7 years and above only). L'Habitation (Rustic) is a small guesthouse also on Cerf Island, designed as an old colonial plantation house along the white sandy beach and with just 12 rooms and suites for an authentic and affordable Seychelles stay.



Alphonse Island



Cousine Island

Get closer to the 'real' Seychelles



BIRD ISLAND > SEYCHELLES

Bird Island

Rustic – Private Island

Bird Island is the antidote to all homogenous, corporate hotels and resorts. This is all about the destination, conservation and sustainability. There is no outdoor lighting (battery-free torches are provided), no air-conditioning, no fridges or TVs in the rooms. The lodge is simple, but comfortable, the food is wholesome, not 'gastronomique'. However, the nature, the beaches and the ocean are amazing. Snorkelling, kayaking, deep sea fishing and nature walks/boat trips are all available. 60 miles from Mahé, reached by daily flights. This isn't for everyone, but if you are happy to share your space with the natural world, then you will love it.

24 bungalows



LA DIGUE > SEYCHELLES

Cabanes des Anges

Casual

Cabanes des Anges provides warm hospitality in a guesthouse environment, just 5 minutes off the Anse Reunion beach and situated in a peaceful and exotic tropical garden. Only 15 minutes walk from the port, these apartments offer excellent value for money, with all the facilities you need. The 6 modern apartments are built with an elegant Creole touch, and each consist of an en-suite bedroom, private verandah and kitchen, with breakfast available on request. The property also has a small swimming pool and garden shower facility, shared by all guests.

3 standard double rooms, 6 apartments



PRASLIN > SEYCHELLES

Les Villas D'Or

Casual

A complex of six serviced 1-bedroom and 2-bedroom villas, located directly on the spectacular and pristine Cote d'Or beach on Praslin. Les Villas d'Or offer good value for money and an authentic Seychelles experience. If you prefer not to self-cater then continental breakfast can be arranged in your villa daily, and recommendations can be made locally for nearby restaurants. Each comfortable and stylish villa has a separate lounge area, kitchen and sea-facing verandah.

6 villas



LA DIGUE > SEYCHELLES

Le Repaire

Casual

Le Repaire is an upmarket small property near the centre of La Digue's main village of La Passe and on a private beach, looking out towards Praslin. The modern rooms are clean, spacious, and sunlit, with connecting rooms available for families. The restaurant serves excellent Italian food with a Seychellois twist, popular with locals and tourists alike. The pool is ideal for relaxing and unwinding after a busy day exploring fascinating La Digue.

9 rooms



MAHÉ > SEYCHELLES

Sables d'Or Apartments

Casual

Situated on the beautiful Beau Vallon Beach, each of the four comfortable apartments combines island style and beach living. Fully air-conditioned bedrooms, modern open-plan kitchens and lovely large balconies with views of the ocean. Walk to restaurants, shops and watersports facilities. There is a daily maid service, Wi-Fi, BBQ facilities and sunloungers. Breakfast is available on request. A private beach garden area is the perfect location to watch the stunning sunsets, maybe with a sundowner!

4 apartments

SEYCHELLES

Island Hopping Opportunities

Two excellent examples of combining some of Seychelles island gems into one itinerary. These are for guidelines only so please let us know what you might want to see and experience, so that we can tailor your own exceptional trip.

SEYCHELLES > PRASLIN, LA DIGUE, MAHÉ

Island Charms

10 Nights / 11 Days



Le Repaire

Experience the real Seychelles in smaller properties

The classic three island trip highlighting stunning Praslin beaches, relaxed laid-back La Digue and one of the world's smallest capitals.

- Day 1** Overnight flight from UK to Seychelles (Mahé)
- Day 2-7** Onward flight from Mahé to Praslin for 6 nights in Praslin (Villas d'Or)
- Day 8-10** Ferry from Praslin to La Digue for 3 night stay (Le Repaire)
- Day 11** Ferry from La Digue to Mahé for 1 night on Mahé (Carana Beach)
- Day 12** Flight back to the UK



Le Repaire

SEYCHELLES > PRASLIN, DESROCHES, MAHE

Seychelles Splendour

16 Nights / 17 days



Raffles Praslin

Treat yourself to some of the best that Seychelles has to offer

Combine the granite inner islands of Mahé and Praslin with the coral outer island of Desroches, whilst experiencing the lavish comfort of some of Seychelles most magnificent resorts.

- Day 1** Overnight flight from UK to Seychelles (Mahé)
- Day 2-5** Onward flight from Mahé to Praslin for 4 nights (Raffles Praslin)
- Day 6-11** Flight from Praslin to Mahé to connect with charter flight to Desroches for 6 nights (Four Seasons Desroches)
- Day 12-17** Charter flight back to Mahé for 6 night stay (Four Seasons Mahe)
- Day 18** Flight back to the UK



Four Seasons Desroches

UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE

Mauritius

*Mauritius was made first, and then heaven;
and heaven was copied after Mauritius.*

Mark Twain

LUX* Le Morne

A perfect tropical beach holiday destination, for couples and families alike.

Relax in the sophisticated surroundings of your resort hotel and enjoy the beaches, watersports, golf courses, scuba diving, deep sea fishing and many other activities and leisure facilities on offer in this tropical playground.

With its Creole and European influences, fine seafood and talented chefs, the culinary experience is also incredible. Several of the resorts we recommend offer wedding packages and have full kids and teen clubs on site.

The island is approximately 40 miles north to south and 28 miles east to west, making it an ideal size to explore. You might like to rent a soft-top jeep and spend a day or two visiting the markets, shops, towns, public beaches and tourist sites of this safe multi-cultural island.

Key Facts

Time Zone is GMT + 4 hours

The official languages are English and French. Creole (a mixture of French and African languages) is the most widely spoken. Hindi, Bhojpuri, Urdu and Chinese are also spoken.

With its wonderful tropical climate, Mauritius is very much an all-year-round destination. The island has a maritime climate that is characterised by mild temperatures with small seasonal and daily variations. November to April are the hottest months with temperatures averaging 27°C. It is coolest between June and September when the mercury drops to around 22°C. It is fairly dry from June to October and there is a marked wet season during the summer months between November and February. Cyclones may occur between November and February, peaking in January and February. The relative humidity is fairly high.

The currency is the Mauritian Rupee (MR).

1 Rupee = 100 cents



*LUX* Grande Gaube*

With regular flights from Southern and East Africa, and in the Indian Ocean region, Mauritius offers an ideal beach extension to both your Southern and East African adventures. It is also a world-class beach holiday and tourist destination in its own right, with regular direct flights from London and Europe. Mauritius also combines well with the many islands in Seychelles and the volcanic ruggedness of nearby Réunion.

*Dinarobin Beachcomber Resort and Spa*

LE MORNE > MAURITIUS

Dinarobin Beachcomber Resort and Spa

Luxurious - Romantic

Situated on the south-west of the island and positioned on a spectacular site at the foot of Le Morne Mountain, the hotel is a haven of luxury suites, spa, an extensive range of watersport activities, and has access to a championship 18-hole golf course at the Paradis Hotel and Golf Club (2 further courses are also available nearby). Everything is geared to well-being and relaxation. Luxury accommodation is housed in six crescents of suites, five of which house infinity pools, and the suites all have their own terrace or balcony. The hotel thrives on their excellent dining options - The main restaurant L'Harmonie has an extensive international buffet; La Plage specialises in fresh seafood; the Tuscan restaurant Il Gusto; and finally the Pan-Asian restaurant Umami. 'The Club' is for clients staying in selected Suite and Villa categories, offering snacks and beverages, plus dedicated check-in and concierge to make your stay even more special. The beautiful Zen Suites are all located in one adult-only crescent. Guests have the added benefit of sharing facilities with the Paradis Hotel and Golf Club next door, and the shared Dinarobin and Paradis beach is one of the finest in Mauritius, providing seven kilometres of relaxation.

172 suites and 3 villas



LE MORNE > MAURITIUS

Paradis Beachcomber Golf Resort and Spa

Sophisticated- Romantic



The Paradis Hotel and Golf Club occupies a superb location on the Morne Peninsula, and prides itself on a large variety of quality accommodation. The beach stretches seven kilometres along the coastline and offers a good variety of water sports activities. A plethora of other sports activities and a spectacular golf course, make the hotel a playground for pleasure seekers. Surrounded by lush gardens the accommodation stretches along the golden beach, and ranges from luxurious rooms and suites (including family suites), to villas which are on private beaches close to the water's edge. Each of the modern sea facing rooms is focused on space, with large bathrooms. The Paradis Villas each have three bedrooms with a private beach, club car, exclusive villa valet service and yet still offers guests access to the hotels main facilities. The hotel offers four restaurants each with their own theme and atmosphere. Guests can also share dining facilities with the neighbouring Dinarobin hotel. The spa has beauty therapists skilled in modern and traditional techniques. There is also a warm welcome for children at the resort with the Bob Marlin mini-club, allowing parents to sit back and relax.

263 rooms, 17 suites and 13 villas



BLUE BAY > MAURITIUS

Shandrani Beachcomber Resort and Spa

Elegant

A deluxe fully inclusive resort located on a protected peninsula surrounded by three stunning beaches in the South East of the island, lapped by the clear waters of a Marine Park, and a short boat ride away from Ile aux Aigrettes nature reserve. Leisure facilities include a 9-hole pitch and putt golf course, diving centre affiliated to PADI and National Geographic, sailing club, kite surf school, water skiing, tennis, and a Bob Marlin mini-club for children aged 3 to 12. Rooms range from superior rooms to senior and family suites. The hotel boasts four restaurants with a mix of international cuisine, a Mediterranean restaurant, a Thai restaurant and a gastronomic restaurant - there is something for everyone. The 'Serenity Plus' package includes gastronomic menus and 'A La Carte' dining in all of the hotel's restaurants; unlimited French champagne; premium wines and famous brand spirits; beach and pool service; minibar and waterskiing. Shandrani is situated relatively close to the airport. Mauritius is a small island and flights are fairly infrequent (key times being early morning and late evening), but they can be seen and heard from the hotel.



287 rooms, 36 apartments and 4 suites



POINTE AUX PIMENTS > MAURITIUS

Victoria Beachcomber Resort and Spa

Elegant

Situated half way between the lively village of Grand Baie and the capital Port Louis, Le Victoria is located on the north west coast of Mauritius. Known for its spacious accommodation, each of the rooms and suites in the main resort section, have their own terrace and balcony. There are 15 family apartments which feature two bathrooms making it a perfect destination for families. Special attention is given to children with an activities programme coinciding with school holidays. There is a huge selection of water and land-based activities at the hotel including tennis, football, water-skiing, wind surfing, sailing, kayaking, glass bottom boats and snorkelling. There are four restaurants at Le Victoria and six bars and the option to upgrade to the 'Beachcomber All Inclusive Package'. Additionally, there is the exclusive Adult Only 'Victoria for 2' wing, with 23 Ocean View Room and a further 17 Swim-Up rooms, with its own bar and à la carte restaurant, offering the perfect setting to reconnect and spend precious time together.

76 superior rooms; 154 deluxe rooms; 15 family apartments;
9 suites, 17 swim up rooms, 23 ocean facing



TROU AUX BICHES > MAURITIUS

Trou Aux Biches Beachcomber Resort and Spa

Luxurious - Romantic

A two-kilometre long beach, one of the best in Mauritius, crystal clear waters and breath-taking sunsets are the charm of Trou Aux Biches. The hotel is a luxury village-style tropical resort - the hotel consists of suites and villas set within fabulous tropical gardens leading to the lagoon and swimming pools. The suites are located around swimming pools and shielded by slate roofs with an essence of wood, nature and stone. The beach front suites are surrounded by white sandy beaches, with thatched roofs, outdoor showers, and their own private swimming pools facing the sea. The villas each have their own large private swimming pool surrounded by spacious decks. There is a choice of six restaurants at the hotel ranging from international, Thai, Indian and Italian. Guests can enjoy the spa by B(e) Beautiful which has two saunas, two hammams and 17 massage cabins including a hair dresser and beauty parlour. Other services at Trou Aux Biches include a mini club for children aged 3 to 12 years, a teens club, a sports and fitness centre, a Beachcomber tennis academy, and a huge range of land and water-based activities.

200 junior suites; 40 family suites; 66 beachfront suites; 27 villas



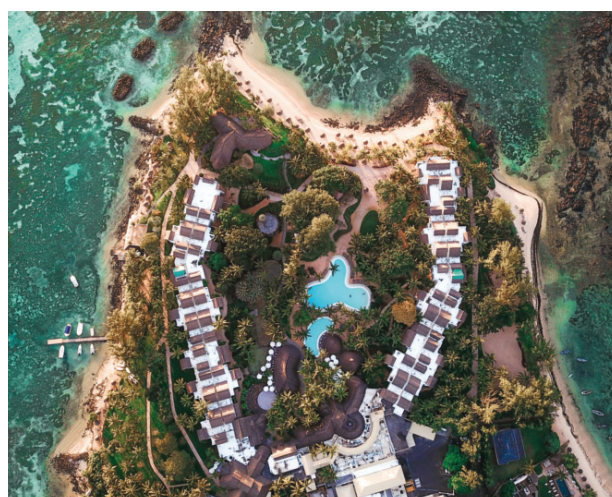
GRAND BAIER > MAURITIUS

Canonnière Beachcomber Resort and Spa

Elegant

Canonnière Beachcomber Resort and Spa combines excellent facilities, modern amenities and beautiful tropical surrounds, resulting in a remarkable holiday destination perfectly equipped to meet your every need. This stylish family resort is set on a peninsula in the far north of Mauritius and enjoys a beautiful beachside location with breathtaking views of the Indian Ocean and nearby islets, and has a unique historic character with relics such as a lighthouse and cannons dotted throughout the resort's gardens. Canonnière offers dining at three excellent restaurants, each positioned to make the most of the natural setting; Le Planteur Bar in the centre of the resort serves drinks and snacks all day, Le Navigator Bar offers late night entertainment. You can also dine at the nearby Mauricia Beachcomber. Stay active with an amazing array of onsite activities, from archery to yoga, from mountain-biking to tennis. Alternatively, take to the waters and turn your hand to sailing, wind surfing or scuba diving. There is a great range of entertainment on offer, from retellings of local folktales to disco and live bands. Reduced green fees and prime tee off times at Mont Choisy Golf Course are available.

103 standard rooms, 96 superior rooms, 16 deluxe rooms,
41 family duplexes, 25 family apartments and 2 suites



BELLE MARE > MAURITIUS

LUX* Belle Mare

Sophisticated - Romantic

This elegant and stylish resort overlooks a beautiful beach and the seductive waters of the Indian Ocean at Belle Mare, on the east coast of the island. Enjoy the marine life of the coral-protected lagoon. Sport and leisure facilities available include water-skiing, windsurfing, floodlit tennis courts, scuba diving, deep-sea fishing and much more. The hotel boasts a stunning large swimming pool that overlooks the lagoon. The resort has a selection of restaurants and bars to suit your every mood and culinary taste. International cuisine, Indian, Asian, Mediterranean and Seafood specialities – all fused with Mauritian know-how and produce. The well-equipped spacious and airy suites are located in separate wings set in lush gardens that stretch along the beach. All of the suites have a balcony or terrace with sea view and offer a high degree of beach-house-style comfort and sophistication. For guests looking for further refinement and privacy there are 12 luxurious and exclusive villas, each with a private heated pool and a private butler service. Also on offer is a kids club, babysitting service, 24-hour room service, regular evening entertainment, the Aphrodite Spa and a modern gym.

174 suites and 12 villas



GRAND GAUBE > MAURITIUS

LUX* Grand Gaube

Sophisticated - Romantic

A stylish contemporary resort hotel overlooking a cove and lagoon, with the beach directly in front - an ideal spot for a sophisticated and romantic getaway. Inspired by authentic island living, the retro-chic styled guest rooms epitomise a modern first-class hotel room, each being spacious with a balcony or terrace. The Deluxe rooms are located in an exclusive and tranquil adults-only area. The LUX* Me health complex combines Thalasso and Spa therapies and offers a range of health and beauty treatments, and a modern gym. Extensive land and water sports facilities, the PLAY mini-club (3-11 years), Studio 17 teens club, babysitting service, 24-hour room service and a 500 square metre swimming pool ensure that there is plenty to keep you occupied. Speciality restaurants are available for a choice of dining options during the day and in the evening. They range from seafood delicacies to Creole and International cuisine; the bars, cafés and lounges offer an extensive range of coffee, snacks and drinks, along with live music and entertainment at night.

69 superior rooms, 46 deluxe rooms, 62 suites, 11 family suites and 3 villas



LE MORNE > MAURITIUS

LUX* Le Morne

Sophisticated

Overlooking a turquoise lagoon and long stretch of beach in the south-west of the island, traditional and attractive architecture combined with contemporary design and modern amenities, results in a relaxed, charming and sophisticated holiday experience. The rooms are furnished in natural and traditional materials and colours, each with a full or partial seaview and a balcony or terrace, nestled in lush tropical grounds of the hotel which are home to the five swimming pools. The leisure facilities ensure that the more active guest is also well catered for, including water-skiing, tennis, fitness room, sailing, scuba-diving and much more. Savouring the hotels fine cuisine in one of the three restaurants, or sipping drinks in one of the three bars whilst enjoying the regular evening entertainment, is the perfect ending to a relaxing day. The large LUX* Me Spa and Fitness area has an infinity pool, whirlpool, sauna and hammam. Also on offer is a Kids Club (3-12 years), Teens Club, babysitting service, boutiques, a hairdresser and more. An all-inclusive option is available.

103 standard rooms, 96 superior rooms, 16 deluxe rooms, 41 family duplexes, 25 family apartments and 2 suites



POSTE DE FLACQ > MAURITIUS

Constance Prince Maurice

Luxurious - Romantic



Prince Maurice combines state-of-the-art facilities with an exclusive, yet relaxed ambience and effortless service. Drinking and dining here is a pleasure with four restaurants and three bars to choose from. Restaurants include the main restaurant L'Archipel, Le Barachois and Asian. The top table here has to be at Le Barachois, where tables are set on five floating decks on the lagoon next to the floating bar – perfect for a sundowner. Enjoy wine tasting at the resort's Wine Cellar, with over 25,000 bottles. Spacious and luxurious suites and villas are decorated in earthy spice tones, with colourful Mauritian textiles. Junior Suite on Stilts are built over the lake, with a deck overlooking the water and incredible sunset views. Family Beach Villas have their own heated private pool; some are set right on the beach. Extensive facilities include the U Spa by Constance, a kite-surfing school, a beachfront infinity pool and kids' club. You can also enjoy a round of golf on the two courses at the nearby sister resort. Nestled further in the grounds is the second more secluded pool.

64 junior suites, 12 family suites and 13 villas



TROU D'EAU DOUCE > MAURITIUS

Shangri-La Le Touessrok

Luxurious - Romantic

Nestled along the eastern coast at Trou d'Eau Douce Bay, with tranquil and uncrowded beaches, the resort offers privacy in an atmosphere of refined island luxury. Every room and suite incorporates contemporary indigenous island touches, with uninterrupted views, embodying sophistication and style. In addition, the fashionable restaurants, bars and entertainment venues are set against the backdrop of a dramatic tropical landscape and offer bespoke experiences. The resort provides everything needed to keep the more active traveller entertained. The crystalline waters with vibrant marine life beckon for thrilling water sports and island activities, customised to suit any guest's unique interests. Just off the resort's pristine shore, there are two paradisiacal islands - Ilot Mangénie, which is open to Shangri-La's guests and features a trendy beach club and on-island butlers, and Ile aux Cerfs with a spectacular 18-hole Bernard Langer designed championship golf course. Gastronomes will enjoy taking amazing culinary journeys at the resort's exceptional restaurants and bars - the vibrant atmospheres, cutting-edge concepts and artistic collaborations at the resort's dining venues create dining experiences that are more than just outstanding meals.



200 rooms and 3 beach villas



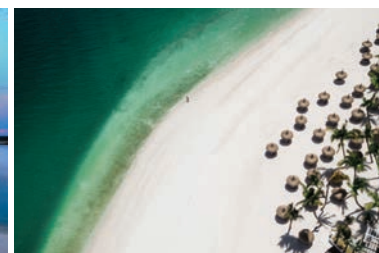
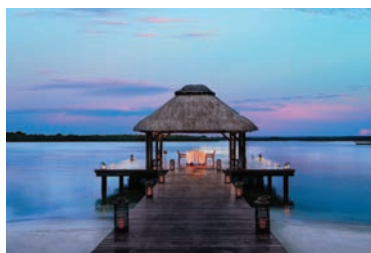
BELLE MARE > MAURITIUS

One & Only Le Saint Geran

Luxurious - Romantic

This stunning resort on the Belle Mare Peninsula is the perfect retreat for guests seeking lavish accommodation in an elegant setting. The rooms and suites all feature enhanced outdoor spaces, with either a private terrace or first floor balcony facing either the ocean, beach or lagoon. The rooms have been designed to bring the Mauritian landscapes indoors, using disappearing patio doors, continuous indoor/outdoor flooring and island-inspired colour palettes. Suites have the option to connect to create 2 and 3 bedroom spaces for larger groups and families. Dining is an experience to remember with a selection of restaurants ready to tempt and spoil you, serving cuisine with local and international influences. The water-sports pavilion offers a variety of complimentary activities from Hobie Cats to glass-bottom boat trips. Other activities include a state-of-the-art fitness centre, two Padel Courts, tennis and a spinning room. The blissful One&Only Spa has private gardens and relaxing treatment rooms. A total of three pools will offer families, couples and spa visitors their own dedicated spaces to relax and enjoy the unique atmosphere of this exclusive resort.

142 rooms and suites and 1 villa



DOMAINE DE BEL OMBRE > MAURITIUS

Heritage Awali

Sophisticated

Backing onto 2,500 hectares of beautiful green hills, and with the turquoise depths of the southwest Indian Ocean at its feet, the Heritage Awali Golf and Spa Resort is the perfect place to drink in the relaxing culture of Mauritius. Inspired by ethnic themes and traditional African décor, the hotel offers a fantastic array of land and water based activities, which include complimentary water-skiing, a kids' and teens' club for 3–17 year olds and a spectacular 18-hole golf course.

Tucked away close to a nature reserve, it has the feel of a hideaway. The resort is perfectly situated to explore the unparalleled island terrain, and guests can take advantage of guided tours to the Château de Bel Ombre, or spend a day hiking through the hills. The real culture of this hotel is epitomised in its name - 'awali' in Africa means a return to the sources. Famed for their outstanding All Inclusive package with French Champagne, branded alcohol, 5 restaurants and even a spa treatment all part of the package.

154 deluxe rooms, 5 senior suites and 1 villa



DOMAINE DE BEL OMBRE > MAURITIUS

Heritage Le Telfair

Sophisticated



Heritage Le Telfair is located in 'Domaine de Bel Ombre' in the unspoilt southern part of Mauritius, a combination of beach, nature, relaxation and adventure. Stretching from the hills to a turquoise lagoon, the 'Domaine of Experiences' offers truly authentic Mauritian moments for everyone. Infused with the charm of its sugar plantation past, this refined hotel retains a colonial style. Suites are spacious, with an impressive range of amenities and a private butler at your service. Guests have access to 12 restaurants and eight bars across the Domaine de Bel Ombre - there's a wonderful selection of dining at Heritage Le Telfair, including Annabella's on the banks of the river with an interactive show-kitchen, and Gin'Ja serving Pan Asian cuisine on the beach. Treat yourself to a meal at Le Chateau de Bel Ombre, an enchanting 19th-century manor house, or head to the trendy lifestyle hotspot, C Beach Club. The Seven Colours Spa is a serene haven to harmonise body, mind and energy. There are two lovely pools, sports in abundance and a nearby championship golf course.

158 suites



GRANDE GAUBE > MAURITIUS

Veranda Paul et Virginie

Elegant - Romantic

A relaxed adult-only All Inclusive hotel in the fishing village of Grand Gaube on the north coast of Mauritius, with only 81 rooms and good facilities. Each room opens onto a balcony or terrace, well appointed in fresh and calming decor. There is a choice of two restaurants and a bar - Isle de France, situated between the swimming pool and the sea, serves a variety of Mauritian and International cuisine; the seafood restaurant Le Saint Géran perches on the end of a jetty. The small beach is dotted with thatched sunshades and the boathouse offers non-motorised watersports free of charge. Also available is water-skiing and a PADI dive centre. The Seven Colours Wellness Spa offers massage and body treatments. A free shuttle service twice a week is offered to Grand Baie, and there is also access to other hotels in the same group (subject to availability, inter-hotel transfers and any chargeable extras). Paul et Virginie is a relaxed and popular property that offers great value for money - we think it is the best value standard 4-star hotel on the island.



12 comfort rooms, 57 superior rooms, 12 privilege rooms



POINTE AUX PIMENTS > MAURITIUS

The Oberoi

Luxurious – Romantic

Embraced by 20 acres of lush sub-tropical gardens, Oberoi is an all-suite hotel on the shores of Turtle Bay, a natural marine park with a vibrant coral reef, with access to six hundred metres of white sand beaches, which are blessed with magnificent sunsets. The thatched villas each have their own garden and dining gazebo, many of them with a private swimming pool and sea views, ideal for those seeking privacy. The resort offers a range of sport and recreation facilities such as wind surfing, water skiing, diving and sailing. The Restaurant, one of three luxury dining restaurants at The Oberoi, features a roof of palm-thatched timbers and panoramic views across the Indian Ocean. Also enjoy the pool bar, the Wine and Cigar Lounge and the more casual On The Rocks restaurant or the French colonial battery Gunpowder Room (open twice a week). The stunning Spa offers state of the art facilities including a beauty parlour and gym.

71 villas



FLIC EN FLAC > MAURITIUS

Maradiva

Luxurious - Romantic

This resort is an all-villa resort, designed for those seeking a discreet Mauritian experience. Situated along the white sands of Flic en Flac, this collection of boutique villas gaze out across the renowned Le Morne Mountain Peninsula. Soak in the sun-kissed waters of your very own private pool and rejuvenate in the award-winning Maradiva Spa. Witness the spectacle of contemporary Pan Asian gastronomy at Cilantro or Mediterranean Creole fusion cuisine at Coast 2 Coast restaurant. Featuring Hermès decoration and amenities, an outside living area and shower, the villas boast a mix of traditional and contemporary designs. Cocooned in one of the sixty-five villas nestled in the lush gardens along the coastline, with view of the ocean or the garden, you will enjoy the privacy an individual pool in every villa. A real haven for relaxation and rejuvenation, Maradiva is also the ideal place for an exclusive romantic getaway.

65 villas



POINTE JEROME > MAURITIUS

Preskil Island Resort

Elegant - Romantic

On an island situated off the South East Coast of Mauritius at Pointe Jérôme, and enjoying a prime location in Mauritius' largest natural private peninsula, the resort is just a short walk across the bridge to the historical village of Mahébourg and a mere 15-minute drive from the airport (but away from the flightpath). This 4 star superior resort is set in luxurious tropical gardens overlooking idyllic white sandy beaches, bordering a lagoon of crystal-clear blue waters which leads to the marine park of Blue Bay and offers panoramic views. With a natural Creole style and splashes of pastel coloured furnishings, most rooms are ocean facing. There are family rooms that consist of two separate bedrooms sleeping up to 2 adults and 3 teens. A relaxed dress code for the 3 restaurants offering delectable buffet options at the Main Restaurant; a sharing platter style A La Carte menu at the Mediterranean Restaurant; and fine dining by the beach at the 1810 Restaurant. All Inclusive is also an option.

117 superior rooms, 40 family rooms, 12 deluxe rooms,
34 prestige rooms, 11 junior suites





BEL OMBRE > MAURITIUS

Tamassa by LUX*

Elegant

Located in the southern region of the island, this casual resort combines a picture postcard location with contemporary design. The resort is set on a fantastic beach, beyond which is a beautiful turquoise lagoon. Leisure facilities are extensive and include an exotic spa, watersports facilities, tennis and a gym. Choose from a wide variety of relaxing and rejuvenating treatments in the LUX* Me spa, or enjoy one of the resort's four pools. With 64 interconnecting rooms, a kids' and teens' club, this hotel is perfect for families and couples alike. You might enjoy on-beach film screenings or yoga classes, then head to a retro-style ice cream parlour, or the snack truck, along with many other little touches for a memorable holiday experience.

206 rooms, 8 deluxe family rooms



POINTE AUX PIMENTS > MAURITIUS

Veranda Pointe aux Biches

Casual

Veranda Pointe aux Biches is modern Mauritian 'eco-chic', situated near Grand-Baie, and is the perfect choice for those who want to enjoy a 'barefoot' holiday experience. With direct beach access and impressive lagoon views, the hotel is built with rustic, raw materials and sand-floored restaurants with great seasonal Mauritian food. While the resort is very much family friendly, with facilities to cater for all ages, it also includes Sandy Lane, an exclusive area reserved specifically for adults; with separate accommodation and an adult only swimming pool. A free shuttle service means that the restaurants, bars and shops of Grand Baie are easily accessible.

41 comfort rooms, 24 family rooms,
30 privilege rooms, 20 superior rooms



TAMARIN BAY > MAURITIUS

Veranda Tamarin

Casual

Located along the golden shores of Tamarin Bay, the ideal place to experience the beauty, leisure and lifestyle of Mauritius, in this understated 3-star hotel. Relax in your trendy room or dine on fresh Mauritian fare at the restaurant. Soak up the vibe at two buzzing bars or chill out in the large swimming pool. In the evenings, sway to Seggae and smooth jazz with live entertainment every night. Beach lovers can hit the waves at the island's infamous surf hot spot just a few minutes away. Or explore land and sea with hiking, diving, snorkeling, boating, kite surfing and much more. Veranda Tamarin is cool and casual.

46 comfort rooms, 12 comfort family mezzanine rooms
32 superior rooms, 26 privilege rooms



BELLE MARE > MAURITIUS

Solana Beach Mauritius

Casual

A 4 star adult only resort with a 'hippy-chic' vibe, interspersed with trendy eye-catching décor. The bright and airy rooms are spread along the beach, overlooking the ocean from either balconies or terraces. Cinnamone offers an international buffet with live cooking stations, and the two further à la carte restaurants, Pomelo and Secrets Corner, ensure guests enjoy excellent dining options. The Coco Bar offers lunch and afternoon snacks overlooking the lagoon and in the evening, the Indigo Bar is the perfect place to unwind or try one of the 100 local rums on offer at the Lakoz Rum Bar. All Inclusive is offered as an option. A wide range of land and water activities is also available.

82 superior rooms, 13 deluxe rooms,
14 prestige rooms, 8 junior suites



CAPE TOWN > MAURITIUS

Cape Town and Mauritius

12 nights - Departs from the UK Thursday and Saturday

Day 1

Overnight flight from the UK to Cape Town.

Days 2-7 - On arrival into Cape Town International Airport you will be met and transferred to your first hotel/guesthouse for your 6-night stay.

Enjoy the attractions of one of the world's most spectacular cities at your own pace, including Table Mountain; the V&A Waterfront; Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens; the Cape of Good Hope; Robben Island, and many more. Cape Town is also a centre for adventure, exciting cuisine, shopping and some serious nightlife.

Days 8-13 – This morning you will be transferred back to Cape Town airport for your 5 hour flight to Mauritius, with Air Mauritius. Relax in the sophisticated surroundings of your resort hotel and enjoy the beaches and many other activities and leisure facilities on offer in this tropical playground.

Your stay on this beautiful tropical island can be as relaxing or activity filled as you wish. The hotels and resorts are sophisticated with a large range of activities on offer. These include comprehensive watersport facilities, tennis courts, gyms and diving schools. The deep sea fishing in Mauritius is amongst the best in the world and available from all of the hotels. There are several golf courses available on the island.

Day 14

You will be collected and returned to Mauritius airport in time for your flight to the UK (overnight, or daytime) with Air Mauritius.



VICTORIA FALLS > CHOBE NATIONAL PARK > MAURITIUS

Victoria Falls, Chobe National Park and Mauritius

12 nights - Departs from the UK Sunday, Thursday and Tuesday

Days 1-7

Overnight flight from the UK to Victoria Falls. Spend 2 nights at the colonial era Victoria Falls Hotel & 3 nights on safari at Chobe Game Lodge.

Fly back to Johannesburg for an overnight stay.

Days 8-12

Flight to Mauritius. Relax in the sophisticated surroundings of your resort hotel and enjoy the beaches and many other activities and leisure facilities on offer in this tropical playground, for a 6 night stay. Flight back to the UK.



LUX* Belle Mare

MASAI MARA – MAURITIUS

Masai Mara and Mauritius

9 nights - Departs from the UK daily



A combination suggestion



Day 1-5

Flight from the UK to Nairobi, with onward connection to the Masai Mara. Spend 3 nights on safari in the world famous Masai Mara Reserve, followed by an overnight in Nairobi.



Day 6-12

Fly to Mauritius. Relax in the sophisticated surroundings of your resort hotel and enjoy the beaches and many other activities and leisure facilities on offer in this tropical playground, for a 6 night stay. Flight back to the UK.



PEARL OF THE MASCARENES

Rodrigues



560 kilometres north-east of Mauritius lies autonomous Rodrigues, one of the three main Mascarene Islands, is an 18 km by 8 km island surrounded by a crystalline blue lagoon twice its size.

The secure waters of the lagoon and the trade winds that gently buffer the island provide many opportunities for the adventurous visitor. Rodrigues is a wonderful destination for scuba divers who will enjoy the diverse coral reef eco-system and its colourful assortment of sub-aquatic flora and fauna. Equally, the island appeals to those with a love of windsurfing, kite-surfing, sailing and fishing. Thanks to its outer reef edges sitting nearly 10 km away from the coastline, Rodriguan waters are rich in fish. In fact, no fewer than three world record catches have been hooked here since 2005.

With only a handful of small hotels and guesthouses, Rodrigues is quiet, charming and unique. With daily flights from Mauritius it's also an opportunity for something different, and an interesting combination with its big brother Mauritius.



THE THRILLING ISLAND

Réunion

There is much more to this beautiful island than simply the imagined beaches of an Indian Ocean Island. There is its intriguing status as an overseas department of France to start with. The mountains of the interior are of volcanic origin, up to 3,000 metres high and a major attraction for hiking enthusiasts. The three diverse Cirques of Mafate, Salazie and Cilaos offer breathtaking scenery, and the active volcano of Piton-de-la-Fournaise is a 'must see' for all visitors. If you enjoy scenery, hiking, canyoning, paragliding, mountain biking, scuba diving or surfing, the chances are that you'll enjoy Reunion. Other highlights include the people and the unique fusion of Creole and French culture.

Réunion is a small, nearly circular island, that has a good road network of 240 km, and the ideal way to get around the island is on a self-drive itinerary. The tourist accommodation on the whole is casual but comfortable, with most establishments being intimate in size and ambience. The emphasis is undoubtedly on the raw beauty of the destination, with a vague undercurrent of French sophistication.

There are short daily flights from Mauritius, making this an easy combination with the out-and-out beach resort appeal of Mauritius. There are also regular flights from South Africa, Seychelles, Madagascar and Mayotte, there are lots of possibilities. Réunion is not well known outside of France, but maybe it should be!



Key Facts

The time zone is GMT + 4 hours.

French is the official language.

Réunion enjoys an ever-lasting summer in a tropical climate with temperatures made milder by the East-South-East domineering trade winds. The differences in temperature and rainfall can be significant and vary according to altitude and wind exposure. The east coast (the windward coast) is damper because of the trade winds. The west coast (the leeward coast) is protected by the massifs and so is much drier. The 'dry and cool' season is from May to October, and the November to April 'damp and warm' season brings two thirds of the annual rainfall. Altitude, together with a whimsical relief and trade wind exposure, generate countless micro-climates that make Réunion a very special place... and a weather forecaster's nightmare!

The local currency is the Euro (EU).





SAINTE-ANNE > PITON DE LA FOURNAISE > SAINT-PIERRE >
CIRQUE DE CILAOIS > SAINT-LEU

Classic Réunion

8 Days - 7 Nights

Day 1

On arrival into Réunion collect your rental car and using the detailed directions provided take the short and scenic drive (approx. 1 hour) to Sainte-Anne for a 2-night stay. The Piton de la Fournaise ('peak of the furnace') is one of the world's most active and accessible volcanoes, and one of the islands main attractions. With plenty of hiking routes, horse-riding trails, and 4x4 trails, you can reach the site in a normal rental car, or on foot, with well marked paths.

Day 3

Saint-Pierre is a port town on the southwestern coast. Lively cafes and restaurants line its waterfront, notable landmarks include the 18th-century Town Hall, and a museum chronicling the history of rum production on the island. Terre Sainte, a fishing village, is southeast of the town.

Day 4

After Breakfast self-drive to Cilaos, via a mountain road with a reputed 400+ bends, taking you up to the high valley and the Cirque De Cilaos island (Cirque > Caldera > Collapsed Volcanic Crater), and the heart of the Island. This charming and scenic village is known for its thermal springs, the local cuisine and some fine scenery. Dominated by the massive Piton des Neiges, which rises to 3,071m, this Creole high mountain village is the gateway to nearly 80 km of trails which are scattered around the cirque, including hikes to the Piton des Neiges, the roof of the Indian Ocean.

Days 5-7

After the activity and travelling of the previous few days you will now head to Saint-Leu on the west coast and Réunion's mini-Riviera! The town's beach is known as a surf and paragliding hub.

Day 8

Drop your rental car at Roland Garros Airport today in time for your onward flight/travel arrangements.



Other options include: a 7 night activity & adventure itinerary including paragliding, hiking, climbing, rafting, canyoning, body surfing and windsurfing; a 7 night hiking and biking itinerary; 8 and 14 night cross-island hiking adventures, staying in mountain huts for some of the nights; or a combination with nearby Mauritius.

LAND OF SMILES

Mozambique

Mozambique has plenty to offer, from world-class beaches, diving and deep-sea fishing, to an interesting history and culture and exciting adventure opportunities. It is also home to some genuinely spectacular Indian Ocean island resorts, and has over 2500km (1500 miles) of clean sandy beaches and rugged coastline - all just waiting for you to enjoy and explore.

The capital Maputo makes an interesting stopover, retaining much of its Portuguese charm, fused with modern Africa. Visitors to the city can enjoy the refreshing sea breeze at the many restaurants serving locally caught seafood, and one of the regions great colonial-era hotels – The Polana.

We offer accommodation choices in the Bazaruto Archipelago, further north in the Quirimbas Archipelago, on the mainland and Maputo itself. The lodges and hotels are of a good standard and are typically 20-50 rooms in size. Mozambique is for those looking for an exclusive African beach experience, to get away from it all and to enjoy solitude and adventure.



Key Facts

Time Zone is GMT + 2 hours.

The official language is Portuguese and, of the many African languages spoken, the main ones are Shangaan, Manyika and Ronga.

Mozambique has a tropical climate, with hot humid weather during the summer from December to March; this is the wettest season. During the dry season the coast has warm, mainly dry weather tempered by sea breezes, although the nights can be cool. The coast experiences hotter weather with less rainfall than the interior; climate varies according to area.

The currency is the Mozambique Metical (MT). US dollars and South African Rands are readily accepted.



BENGUERRA ISLAND > BAZARUTO ARCHIPELAGO > MOZAMBIQUE

Azura Benguerra Island

Sophisticated - Exclusive Hideaway - Romantic

Positioned on the western side of Benguerra Island just 14km off the coast of Mozambique, lies Azura Benguerra. A 10-minute helicopter flight from the mainland over glittering turquoise waters delivers you to deserted beaches of white sand. A blend of luxury chic, traditional Mozambique and modern comforts, the villas are nestled along the beach amidst indigenous gardens. Each villa features a private infinity swimming pool, sundeck, outdoor sala and shower and a Mozambican butler-host service. The water sports centre offers a fully equipped PADI dive centre and training pool, snorkelling, fishing charters and island hopping explorations. Dining is all part of the experience, from breakfast at the water's edge; to a picnic on a remote sand island; to dining on a candlelit beach beneath the stars, or romantic private dinners at your villa.



20 villas

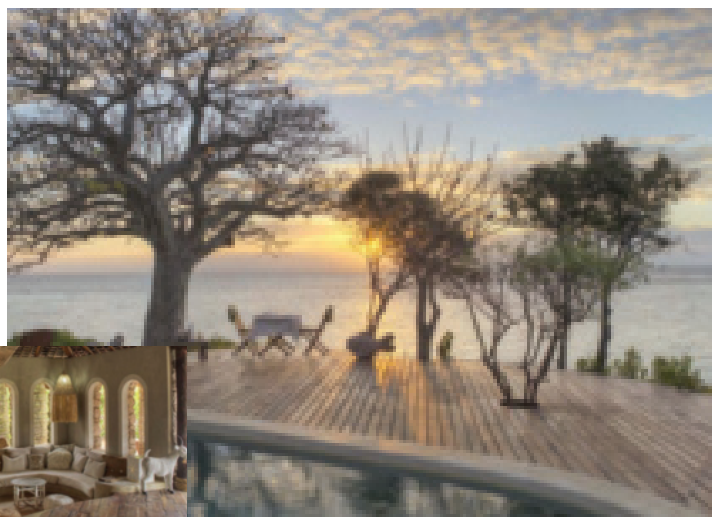


QUIRIMBAS ARCHIPELAGO > MOZAMBIQUE

Azura Quilalea Private Island

Sophisticated - Private Island - Romantic

This small private island getaway promises a wealth of adventure, on shore, at sea, or below the ocean's surface. Surrounded by the pristine waters of the Quirimbas Archipelago Marine Sanctuary, Azura Quilalea is spread along two of the four sandy beaches, a true island paradise. Makuti thatched seafront villas offer the ultimate hideaway. Constructed organically with the use of natural local materials, glassless windows allow through sea breezes, and reed shutters for extra privacy at night. Azura Quilalea is the perfect setting in which to do absolutely nothing. For the more adventurous there is diving and snorkelling at the PADI dive centre, fishing, dhow sailing, kayaking, picnics, dolphin and seasonal Humpback Whale watching; or a walking trail to Turtle Beach where you can look out for nesting turtles, or enjoy a romantic picnic.



9 villas



MAPUTO BAY > MOZAMBIQUE

Machangulo Beach Lodge

Elegant - Exclusive Hideaway

Machangulo is a comfortable beach lodge, easily accessed from Maputo by boat, in a wonderful location with pristine beaches and natural forests. There are 17 air-conditioned rooms, including 2 Villas, each with private deck and all connected by walkways to the main buildings and the beach.

A pool and deck are situated by the Beach Bar for you to cool down and the main building includes a large inviting lounge with bar area and large dining area. Whether you need to simply relax and soak up the sun or experience the thrill of having a big game fish at the end of your fishing line, the activities staff will ensure that you are well looked after. The lodge has a small Spa.

17 rooms



BAZARUTO ISLAND > MOZAMBIQUE

Anantara Bazaruto Island Resort

Sophisticated - Romantic - Exclusive Hideaway

Located on the western side of Bazaruto Island, a proclaimed national park, Anantara Bazaruto Island Resort is only a 15-minute flight from Vilanculos on the mainland. The villas are constructed of natural materials, blending into the surrounding tropical vegetation that lines the beachfront. Facilities include a variety of dining venues, bars, swimming pools and an activity centre. The adventure options here are myriad - water-skiing, knee-boarding, kayaking, windsurfing, cultural drives, horse-riding, dune-boarding, birdwatching, as well as whale and dolphin watching. Sunset cruises, island excursions to Paradise Island and traditional dhow excursions are an idyllic way to explore the beauty of Bazaruto Island.

44 villas



QUIRIMBAS ARCHIPELAGO > MOZAMBIQUE

Anantara Medjumbe

Elegant - Romantic - Private Island

A private island in the Quirimbas Archipelago marine sanctuary, offering secluded comfort in 12 Beach Pool Villas each, allowing direct access to expanses of white sand beaches and shimmering azure waters. Discover an underwater world that is home to over a hundred species of coral and hosts a large population of rare dugongs. This island offers a gorgeous sleep-out under the stars. In the Jahazi Restaurant or Bahari Lounge Bar savour the tastes of island life. Sleep under a thatched roof on this private island jewel in the Indian Ocean, with everything you need for an intimate island escape.

12 villas



BENGUERRA ISLAND > MOZAMBIQUE

&Beyond Benguerra Island

Sophisticated - Romantic - Exclusive Hideaway

This understated and exclusive lodge offers pristine beaches and unspoiled reefs, is surrounded by brilliant diving sites, and has some of the world's best catch-and-release deep sea fishing. Island expeditions explore both the coastline and the interior of the island. The thatched rooms with wooden shutters and four-poster beds each have verandahs that lead to outdoor dining areas and plunge pools. With a relaxed island feel, the guest areas offer views of the tropical garden and the ocean beyond, and the lodge's rim flow swimming pool. A colourful traditional dhow has been transformed into the perfect setting for al fresco meals, with your toes in the sand.

10 casinhas; 2 cabanas; 1 villa





PONTA MAMOLI > MOZAMBIQUE

White Pearl

Sophisticated - Romantic

White Pearl is situated 100km south of the Mozambican capital, Maputo, and 25 km north of the Kosi Bay/South Africa border, overlooking a secluded bay. The main guest areas and the air-conditioned suites are set in the dunes. The décor of crisp whites and pastel aquas, exude a cool coastal comfort, ceiling to floor windows and doors open the rooms and sitting areas out to the elevated decks with private plunge pools. You can fill your days with scuba diving, relaxing at the main pool and bar, or book an in-room massage treatment on your private deck. Kayaking, horse-riding and endless walks are the order of the day - and shoes are strictly optional.

22 suites



VILANCULOS > MOZAMBIQUE

Bahia Mar Boutique Hotel

Elegant - Romantic

A small and stylish boutique hotel, experience personal and friendly service in a stunning location, and accommodation options which can be mixed and matched to suit your party and requirements. Activities range from sea safaris and diving to dhow and canoe trips, horse riding, tuk tuk tours and more. Mayara, a 40-foot luxury power boat, allows you to spend days out at sea, snorkelling, island hopping, and even wake-boarding, water skiing or tubing with an accompanying tender boat. The shared hotel space consists of a restaurant, a lovely lounge, and a beautiful swimming pool with a swim-up bar.



MAPUTO > MOZAMBIQUE

Serena Polana

Casual

Built in 1922, the magnificent Polana Serena Hotel has long been considered one of Africa's finest hotels, well located to allow you to experience what vibrant Maputo has to offer. Many of the rooms offer wonderful views of the Bay of Maputo, and feature classic or contemporary décor and furnishings inspired by Maputo's culture, art and natural beauty. Located on the leafy boulevards of one of Maputo's most exclusive residential districts, the 'Grande Dame' of Maputo offers a choice of three restaurants: the all-day dining Varanda Restaurant, the Delagoa fine-dining experience in the French style, and the more casual Aquarius. And of course the classic Polana Bar.

142 rooms





There's no place on earth like Zanzibar

Pongwe Beach Hotel

BEACH, NATURE AND HERITAGE

Zanzibar

Zanzibar is an archipelago in the Indian Ocean, 15-30 miles off the east coast of the Tanzanian mainland. Although consisting of over 50 islands and islets, Zanzibar is largely made up of two islands, Unguja (the bigger and most populated of the two - often referred to as Zanzibar) and Pemba.

There are a number of fabulous hotels and resorts on Zanzibar, many with spectacular ocean-front locations with staggering views of the powder white sand and the tropical waters beyond. From large, exclusive resorts to boutique hotels, to authentic African beach lodges, Zanzibar boasts a fantastic array of accommodation to ensure your visit is truly memorable.

Whilst Zanzibar provides a great opportunity for an African beach holiday, there is also a wonderful array of wildlife to be seen. Jozani Chwaka Bay National Park is Unguja's national park where you can see the endemic Zanzibar red colobus monkeys, the Zanzibar Servaline Genet and the endangered Aders' Duiker. You will also be treated to 50 species of butterfly and 40 species of birds.

Venturing out in to the Indian Ocean provides you with the opportunity to experience Zanzibar's under water beauty. Many different types of hard and soft coral life create a backdrop for the myriad of stunning aquatic life. Schooling barracuda can be spotted. Sailfish, dorados and waahoo thrive in the warm waters at Leven, you may even catch a glimpse of a whale shark as they migrate past Zanzibar twice a year.

Key Facts

The time zone is GMT +3 hours.

Swahili and English are the official languages. Other African languages (such as Bantu) are also spoken.

Zanzibar experiences a warm tropical climate, with high temperatures all the year. The average temperature is 27°C. Ocean breezes during daytime and the continental wind in the night, make the conditions more comfortable. February is the warmest, August is the coolest. There are two rainy seasons, the heaviest rain is March to May, lesser rains in November and early December.

The currency is the Tanzanian Shilling (TSh), US Dollars are useful for tips.



Constance Aiyana

SOUTH EAST COAST > ZANZIBAR

Baraza Resort and Spa and The Palms Zanzibar

Sophisticated

With just 30 villas located on a beautiful stretch of white sand beach, Baraza Resort is a luxury fully inclusive resort, ideal for couples and families. The spacious villas feature luxury Swahili-style interiors, hand carved furniture and brass lanterns, large bathrooms, as well as a spacious terrace and private plunge pool. The resort has a great range of lounges, restaurants, and bars. Ocean Lounge is the place to go for light lunches, featuring Pizza of the Day and some speciality salads. The Sultan's Dining Room offers delicious dinners, inspired by a number of cuisines – local, Arabic, Indian, Persian, and Swahili. For a little relaxation and revitalisation, you need only head to Baraza's Frangipani Spa, with a lap pool, a well-equipped gym and tennis court. The resort also has a general-use pool. Guests have access to the nearby Rising Sun Dive Centre, Zanzibar's only PADI 5* Gold Palm and National Geographic Dive Centre. The watersports centre offers a range of activities including wind surfing, snorkelling kite surfing and sailing.

Baraza Resort – 14 one-bedroom villas and 16 two-bedroom villas



SOUTH WEST COAST > ZANZIBAR

The Residence Zanzibar

Sophisticated

Cocooned among 32 hectares of tropical gardens and fringed by a pristine mile-long beach, every one of the 66 stand-alone contemporary villas at The Residence Zanzibar is stylishly furnished, each with a private deck overlooking a well-sized private swimming pool, with wicker chairs and day beds to relax and enjoy the views, great for those guests seeking seclusion. Bicycles are also provided with each villa to explore the gardens and local area. On a mile long beach, The Residence offers varied dining opportunities, a pleasant main pool area that looks out towards the ocean, and a modern and peaceful spa. Complimentary activities including sailing, kayaking, tennis and snorkelling, and children are well catered for with a daily club.

66 one and two bedroom villas



KENDWA > ZANZIBAR

Zuri Zanzibar Hotel and Resort

Sophisticated

Zuri Zanzibar offers guests access to its own section of pristine beach. Here, a 300-metre-long stretch of private sunset-facing beach embraces the colours of the Indian Ocean, while the hotel's spice garden immerses guests in the aroma of the island's exotic flora, providing a glimpse into Zanzibar's spice trading history. The property's bungalows and villas are complete with hammocks, luxury furnishings, and thatched or shingled roofs that epitomize the modern-meets-traditional African design running throughout the hotel. Organic products from the socially conscious Seaweed Center, palm-shaded gardens, a Jacuzzi, massage cabanas, a library, and a cocktail bar on the beach combine to create a luxurious retreat, while the island's rich offerings lay right on the doorstep. There are three restaurants and four bars to choose from, or opt for a more private experience with Zuri's 'Dining by Design'

55 villas and bungalows



SOUTH EAST COAST > ZANZIBAR > TANZANIA

Breezes Beach Club and Spa

Elegant

On the South East coast of the island Breezes is a popular independent hotel, on a wonderful stretch of tidal beach, with good facilities and it retains a personal feel and plenty of atmosphere. Featuring brilliant attention to detail, intimate and private dining, its beautiful Zanzibari decor with stunning carving, glistening brass and rich fabrics creates an elegant and unique atmosphere.



The pleasant air-conditioned rooms and suites are furnished in a relaxed Zanzibar style, each with a terrace or balcony. Facilities include a spa, gym, swimming pool, tennis court, good watersports facilities and one of the best dive schools on Zanzibar. There is a choice of 3 restaurants and 3 bars offering a range of choices and flavours, and The Chai Room, a Zanzibar style cafe.

70 rooms



EAST COAST > ZANZIBAR > TANZANIA

Pongwe Beach Hotel

Casual



Pongwe is an unpretentious, well run, good value for money and authentic African beach lodge on the east coast of the island, set in pleasant grounds and bordering a lovely sandy beach and the ocean. The 20 cottages at Pongwe are all built in traditional Zanzibari style with thatched roofs, white-washed walls, walk-in shower and handcrafted local furniture and have a relaxed and peaceful feel. Most of the rooms have a sea view, all have a terrace. The food is good, serving a blend of seafood, local dishes and international fare. The infinity pool, with pleasant deck, is a great spot to enjoy a cool drink and enjoy the view.

20 rooms



NORTH COAST > ZANZIBAR > TANZANIA

Essque Zalu

Sophisticated

Essque Zalu is a 'Zanzibar-chic' resort. There are 40 one bedroom suites, styled with local materials and crafts, each offering views over the tropical grounds or the ocean from the terrace or balcony.



For families and those in need of extra space there are 9 spacious three and four bedroom villas, each with a private swimming pool. There are 3 restaurants, a café, 2 bars, and an in-suite dining facility. Good watersport and leisure activities are on offer as well as an outdoor gym and a spa, and a large swimming pool. The longest jetty in Zanzibar has a bar and restaurant, with steps directly into the ocean. There is a full children's programme run 3 times each day (included) and a full babysitting/child-minding service. During low tide the beach below the cliffs is accessible by stairs – at high tide the sea comes right in and the sand is submerged.



40 suites & 9 x 3 and 4 bedroom villas





NORTH EAST COAST > ZANZIBAR

Kasha Boutique Hotel

Elegant

This intimate beach lodge is positioned above a coral cliff with beautiful ocean views and boasts a lovely pool area with bar, restaurant and Shisha bar as well as just 11 luxurious and spacious open-plan villas, incorporating the best of Zanzibar style, each with a plunge pool. During low tide the small sandy beach below the low cliffs is accessible by stairs – at high tide the sea comes right in and the sand is submerged, but a 5 minute walk will take you to a neighbouring cove where there is always white sand no matter the level of the tide.

11 pool villas



NORTH EAST COAST > ZANZIBAR

Diamonds Mapenzi Beach

Casual

This all inclusive hotel is in a prime location and has the vague feel of a large beach lodge rather than a resort hotel. There are 87 comfortable and simple rooms, some overlooking the garden and the higher category rooms are closer to the beach, all set in pleasant grounds. Stretch out on a sun bed, relax in the pool or enjoy one of the activities or water sports offered by the local animation team. Dining facilities include a main buffet restaurant, a beach pizzeria, an a la carte restaurant and 2 bars offering refreshing drinks and snacks, and cocktails in the evening.

87 rooms



NORTH EAST COAST > ZANZIBAR

Matemwe

Elegant - Sophisticated

Matemwe lies perched on a coral rock, surrounded by the best beaches and right opposite the Mnemba Atoll, which offers spectacular diving and snorkelling. **Matemwe Lodge** consists of 12 bungalows, built from local materials and surrounded by lush garden. Each suite has a private veranda with a hammock and couch, overlooking the Indian Ocean.

Matemwe Retreat consists of 4 private villas, each with views of the ocean.

Matemwe Beach House is a 3-bedroom beach house just metres from the beach, within its own walled garden, and looks out over the plunge pool to the beach and sea beyond. Three great options, at a genuine beach lodge, in a great location - casual African beach chic at its best.

Matemwe Lodge - 12 rooms,
Matemwe Retreat - 4 villas,
Matemwe Beach House - exclusive use villa



NORTH EAST COAST > ZANZIBAR

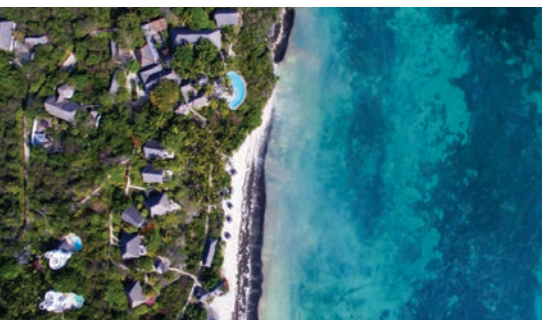
Bluebay Beach Resort and Spa

Elegant

Situated on a fine beach, most of the spacious rooms at the Bluebay Beach Resort have a view of the sea, are decorated in Swahili style and will accommodate up to 2 children under 16 with their parents, or in interconnecting rooms. The 2 Sultan Suites are virtually on the beach, have enormous double beds, and are ideal for honeymoon couples. With 1,000+ palm trees planted in the gardens, there is plenty of shade for lying around the pool! There are good leisure facilities and a choice of dining options, kids club, a spa and a scuba diving centre. This is a good independently owned 4-star+ resort, with a nice 'feel' to it. The resort shares a 500m stretch of beach with its sister property - Sultan Sands Island Resort.



112 rooms



EAST COAST > ZANZIBAR

Shooting Star Lodge

Casual

This boutique beach lodge is located just a moments walk from the beach at Kiwengwa, surrounded by tropical gardens with stunning views across the Indian Ocean. Your choice of accommodation comprises 2 two-bedroom villas with private pool, 11 comfortable seaview cottages with verandahs overlooking the ocean, and 5 more budget-friendly rooms with terraces opening onto the garden, all decorated in a traditional Swahili style. The hotel offers à la carte dining in the main restaurant and a trendy beach bar and BBQ.

16 rooms, 2 villas



STONE TOWN > ZANZIBAR

Zanzibar Serena Hotel

Elegant

The Serena Inn is an authentic Swahili style hotel in Stone Town, the 'old town' in Zanzibar City. It has a wonderful ocean-front location and great views from the pool terrace, rooftop and main restaurants. The light and airy well-equipped rooms are decorated in typical Swahili/Zanzibar style, each with a balcony, the suites and prime rooms with amazing views and added comfort. When not exploring fascinating Stone Town spend a day at the exclusive Serena Beach Club in the north of the island. The dining options are varied.

41 standard rooms, 6 prime rooms,
1 honeymoon room, 3 suites

STONE TOWN > ZANZIBAR

Zanzibar Palace Hotel

Casual

Tucked away in the Kiponda area of Stone Town, Zanzibar Palace Hotel is a boutique hotel in a beautifully restored Zanzibari house. With just nine large rooms over three floors around a central covered courtyard, this hotel has a peaceful and spacious ambience. Rooms are decorated in traditional style; some have tiled Arabesque bathtubs in the room itself; others have a separate private bathroom; and most have a private balcony. There is a small restaurant and bar area on the ground floor and a spa adjacent to the hotel.

9 rooms



PEMBA ISLAND > ZANZIBAR ARCHIPELAGO

Fundu Lagoon

Casual - Exclusive Hideaway

Fundu Lagoon is a funky and exclusive, yet casual, beach lodge located on the south-west of the island of Pemba, in the Zanzibar Archipelago. Pemba Island couldn't be more different from Zanzibar (Unguja), with a real feeling of peace and quiet. The resort's main areas are open sided with thatch roofing. There are three bars, an excellent restaurant and a beautiful infinity pool, all designed to blend naturally with the unique setting. The Fusion Spa has a range of exclusive treatments using specially formulated blends of local spices and, for the more active, there is the resort's fully equipped dive centre ready to take you out to explore the marine life on the surrounding coral reefs and deep drop offs. Wooden walkways and paths lead to the thatch and canvas rooms and suites (some with private plunge pools), all comfortably furnished, all with ocean views and privacy. Hillside accommodation enjoy fantastic views and a cooling breeze, the beach front rooms are shaded by tropical trees, with the beach on your doorstep. Superior Suites can be used as Family Rooms, sleeping 4. A stay at Fundu Lagoon is all about making the most of this virtually untouched and beautiful island, exploring the forests and villages on foot, sailing the myriad of deserted coral islands, diving and snorkelling. Children 12+.



18 rooms and suites

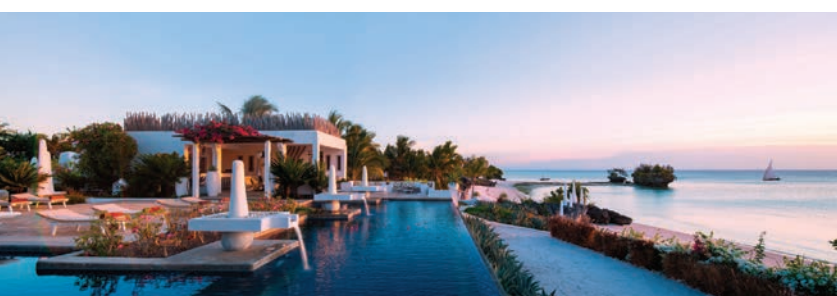


PEMBA ISLAND > ZANZIBAR ARCHIPELAGO

Constance Aiyana

Elegant - Exclusive Hideaway

Architecturally individual Aiyana is situated in the north of remarkable Pemba Island, in a stunning location. The lobby and reception boast spectacular sea views with their large flowing areas, allowing the sea air to be a constant source of relaxation and refreshment. Each of Aiyana's villas is essentially beachfront and all enjoy spectacular sea views, the decor style could accurately be described as minimalist luxury, but very chic. The main area is comprised of a restaurant serving fusions of Zanzibar and international flavours and is a celebration of farm to table cuisine with 'catch of the day' fresh fish and seafood being a speciality. The hotel also features a private bar, a shisha tent, a spa and a well stocked wine cellar. Included in your stay are selected watersports including boat trips, pedal boats and snorkelling. You can cycle to nearby villages, and get a taste of real Pemba and real Africa. Aiyana is something very different, a unique proposition in a unique destination, perhaps aimed at a unique type of traveller!



30 villas



MNEMBA ISLAND > ZANZIBAR

Mnemba Island Lodge

Sophisticated - Private Island

Mnemba Island Lodge is situated on an exclusive island just 4 kilometres off the north-eastern coast of Zanzibar in the azure Indian Ocean. Surrounded by an atoll of breathtaking coral reefs, it boasts some of Africa's most wonderful dive sites. Each of the 12 private beach bandas on Mnemba Island has a spacious verandah and is hidden in the shade of a tropical beach forest, fringed by the pristine beaches that halo the Island. Sheer unpretentious paradise, the architecture of Mnemba Lodge offers rustic exclusivity and privacy. Thatched dining and sitting/bar areas have beautiful open views of the beach and spectacular coral reefs beyond. Baskets of fresh fruit, fish, lobsters, crabs and prawns are sailed into Mnemba daily on traditional ngalawa outriggers, and prepared as exotic delicacies. Two dives daily, led by experienced dive instructors, are included in your stay at Mnemba Island (please note that a valid diving certificate is required.) The island is a protected nesting place for green turtles, so they abound in the surrounding waters. Humpback whales roam offshore, along with dolphins and whale sharks. All that, and hundreds of species of coral reef fish, and you've got a scuba and snorkel paradise where the clear blue seas provide unsurpassed visibility for both snorkelling and scuba diving enthusiasts.

12 bandas



NORTH EAST COAST > ZANZIBAR

Kilindi

Sophisticated - Exclusive Hideaway

Kilindi Zanzibar comprises of a series of white-domed Pavilion guest rooms all set in 50 acres of lush tropical gardens. Originally designed for Benny Andersson - one of the members of the 1970's pop group ABBA - Kilindi is a true blend of the very best of diverse cultures to be found in Tanzania and on its adjacent island of Zanzibar. Kilindi achieves the perfect marriage between Scandinavian minimalism and the dramatic architectural overtones of Middle Eastern heritage, whilst encouraging an open air, 'back-to-nature' ambience throughout. In each of the Pavilion Suites, white wooden-slatted shutters embrace wide-arched glassless windows, each affording spectacular views over the Indian Ocean. Pavilion Suites each have cascading waterfall pools, magnificent ocean views and butler service. These uniquely designed rooms have a domed bed chamber with stained glass skylight and a spacious wet room with a rainfall shower, the beds having a 'Cool Air' air-conditioning system over and around the bed. Kilindi also boasts a fine dining room with a lovely alfresco terrace and spacious public sitting area just near to the bar.



15 pavilion suites





Constance Aiyana

CAPE TOWN – ZANZIBAR

Cape Town and Zanzibar

12 nights - Departs from the UK Thursday, Saturday and Monday

This is one of our more unusual combinations, but it works really well! Exploring the 'Mother City' of Cape Town and relaxing on the white sandy beaches of Zanzibar in the Indian Ocean, 15-30 miles off the east coast of the Tanzanian mainland.

Day 1

Overnight flight from the UK to Cape Town.

Days 2-5

On arrival into Cape Town International Airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel/guesthouse for your 4-night stay. Enjoy the attractions of one of the world's most spectacular cities, including Table Mountain; the V&A Waterfront; Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens; the Cape of Good Hope; Robben Island, and many more.

Days 6-12

On arrival into Zanzibar you will be met and transferred to your hotel where you will spend the next 7 nights. There are a number of fabulous hotels and resorts on Zanzibar, many with spectacular ocean-front locations with staggering views of the powder white sand and the tropical waters beyond. From large, exclusive resorts to boutique hotels, to authentic African beach lodges, Zanzibar boasts a fantastic array of accommodation to ensure your visit is truly memorable.

Although consisting of over 50 islands and islets, Zanzibar is largely made up of two islands, Unguja (the bigger and most populated of the two - often referred to as Zanzibar) and Pemba.

Day 13

Fly back to the UK.

SERENGETI NATIONAL PARK . PEMBA

Serengeti National Park and Pemba Island

10 nights - Departs from the UK Daily

Days 1-4

Fly from the UK to Kilimanjaro in Tanzania and then onto the world famous Serengeti National Park. Spend 3 nights in the sprawling landscape of the Serengeti - whatever wonders you see in the Serengeti, you can be sure that they will never leave you.

Days 5-11

Flight to Pemba Island. Relax in the relatively undiscovered surroundings of your beach lodge/resort hotel and enjoy the beaches and many other activities and leisure facilities on offer on this unique and laid-back tropical island, for a 6 night stay. Flight back to the UK.





DIVERS PARADISE

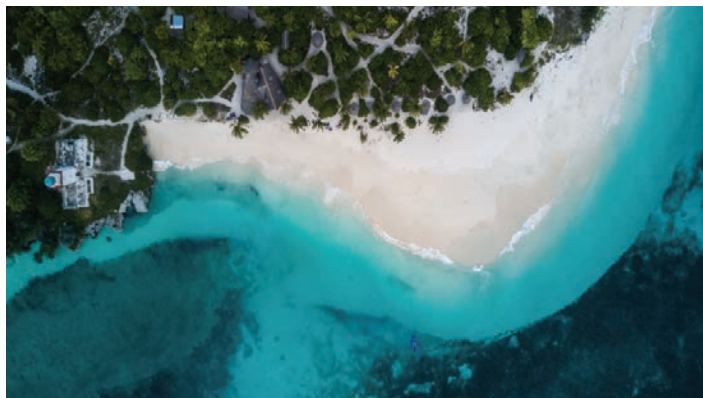
Mafia Island

A short flight from Dar es Salaam or the Selous Game Reserve and just 25km off the mainland, Mafia Island is the largest of a small archipelago of islands and atolls, a divers paradise and one of the foremost destinations in the world to see the planet's largest fish, the Whale Shark. The friendly islanders are mainly fishermen or farmers growing coconut, paw-paw, rice and cassava; the atmosphere is relaxed and laid-back.

The 2 lodges we feature on Mafia are

Pole Pole Bungalows has seven comfortable bungalows, set amongst the coconut palms overlooking Chole Bay. Italian owned, this is reflected in the cuisine, with traditional Swahili dinners served once a week. The resort has a pleasant swimming pool and deck. Complimentary dhow day-trips are offered.

Chole Mjini Lodge on tiny Chole Island has unusual tree-houses on stilts in baobab trees, and is a great place to experience village life, and also offers great diving, snorkelling and dhow trips. In their own words - 'as the first treehouses hove into view, the last vestiges of the 21st century recede: no roads, no cars, no electricity'.



FANJOVE ISLAND > TANZANIA

Fanjove Private Island

Rustic - Private Island

There are six A-Frame wood and thatch Bandas (Swahili for 'hut'), each with an open-air ensuite bathroom, which are stretched along the main beach to guarantee privacy. Each has a view of the ocean and an upstairs balcony/lounge. All have been designed with the environment in mind, specifically to have the lowest impact on the island and are solar-powered. Fanjove Island is a tropical paradise, white sandy beaches and plenty of wildlife. Home to nesting turtles (hatching April - July) and an 11km coral reef with a large array of marine life. Activities include diving; snorkelling; dolphin watching - spend a couple of hours on the boat to try and see either Spinner Dolphins or Bottlenose Dolphins; bird watching - from November to March the island is home to many migratory birds; kayak safaris; dhow sailing; fishing; and the Fanjove Nature Trail. The flight arrives to neighbouring Songo Songo Island, from where it is around 40 minutes by boat to Fanjove.

Fanjove is a genuinely rustic eco-lodge, in a remote and poor part of Africa. If this sounds like your thing, then we heartily recommend it. If it doesn't, then we **really, really** don't!

6 Bandas





TREASURE ISLAND

Madagascar

Madagascar is the 4th largest island in the world (nearly 3 times the size of Great Britain), 400km off the coast of East Africa. Separation from the super-continent of Gondwanaland nearly 100 million years ago has resulted in a totally unique flora and fauna, a biodiversity anomaly, with 90% of the wildlife unique to the island. It is almost 'the land that time forgot'. In addition there are stunning beaches and islands, an incredibly distinct culture, spectacular mountain and forest scenery - diversity was a word coined just for Madagascar.

Travel here isn't always easy, schedules are guidelines rather than strict timetables, but if you visit with an open mind it's a very rewarding experience.

Key Facts

The time zone is GMT +3 hours

Malagasy (related to Indonesian) & French are the official languages. Other dialects are spoken; English is not widely spoken.

Madagascar has a diverse subtropical climate, with temperatures 25-30 °C year round. It is a very large island, so the weather varies from coast to coast, and coast to inland. The wet season is December to March, with storms and cyclones prevalent January to March.

The currency is the Malagasy Ariary (MGA).



Time + Tide Miavana

LITTLE MADAGASCAR

Mayotte

Located between Africa and Madagascar, and an overseas department of France, Mayotte has an abundance of endemic and diverse flora and fauna. For example the Maki, a type of lemur, is found only on Mayotte. There's also the roussette (flying fox - a large bat), and the island is home to giant Baobabs and magnificent wild orchids, of which there are nearly 50 species. To discover this rich wildlife, a 100 km hiking trail runs around the island. Mayotte is surrounded by a typical tropical coral reef, enclosing one of the world's largest and deepest lagoons, all forming a National Marine Park. Swim in the lagoon with giant turtles and see the humpback whales and dolphins.

Culturally divergent Mayotte has a mosaic of influences - African, Persian, Asian, Madagascar, European and Arabic, forging a rich and varied culture. Lodges and hotels are small and simple; flights are from East Africa, Madagascar, Réunion and Mozambique. But it's all worth it, if you want to go somewhere totally different - we pretty much guarantee you will have bragging rights!



NOSY ANKAO > MADAGASCAR

Time + Tide Miavana

Luxurious - Romantic - Private Island

A genuinely remote island sanctuary in the Indian Ocean, off the north coast of Madagascar, Miavana offers a luxury castaway experience for adventurous travellers, and brings a new level of luxury to Madagascar. Dotted along the pristine beach are stunning 'designer' one, two and three bedroom villas, with ocean views and direct beach access from every villa. From your villa, explore the island using the complimentary bicycles or electric buggy. Despite the remoteness of the destination Miavana's culinary team create lovely meals using the finest local ingredients - dine under the stars, in the privacy of your villa, right on the beach or in the 'grotto'. Browse the wine cellar or savour your drink at the beachfront bar, rooftop terrace or beach bonfire.

From November to April/May, the days are warm with light rains (mainly overnight), making it best for diving, fishing, snorkelling and spotting sea turtles. May to October has cooler days with seasonal winds, making it perfect for intrepid guests who want to see whales, terns, or go kite/windsurfing. Helicopter excursions are available to the incredible national parks of northern Madagascar, and you can see Madagascar's world-famous lemurs on forest walks on neighbouring islands. Also available are scuba diving, snorkelling, jet skis, stand-up paddle-boards, fly fishing and deep sea fishing (seasonal).

Access is by helicopter from Nosy Be or Diego Suarez, which can be accessed from South Africa, Kenya, Réunion, Mayotte, Ethiopia. Or via the capital of Madagascar, Antananarivo, which can also be reached from Europe, Africa and additionally Mauritius

14 Villas



TSARABANJINA > MADAGASCAR

Constance Tsarabanjina

Elegant - Romantic - Private Island

A remote and sacred island resort off the north west coast of Madagascar, about 40 miles from the island of Nosy Be. We occasionally believe that clichés are the best way to accurately describe a place - barefoot luxury, virgin white sand beaches, turquoise water, lush vegetation, Robinson Crusoe chic - they all apply here! The comfortable villas all have a thatched roof, private terrace and seaview. Twelve villas have their bed area air-conditioned and thirteen villas are completely air-conditioned. They are built on two beaches, North and South. The Restaurant serves buffet for breakfast and lunch, and a 3-course dinner. The cuisine consists mainly of freshly caught seafood. The Bar, facing the lagoon, has a floor of sand and is an ideal spot to watch the sunset while enjoying a cocktail.



25 Villas



Tsarabanjina offers plenty of activities, some of which are included in the price. These include snorkelling, kayaking, volleyball, pétanque, guided walks, aquagym and beach tennis. For an additional fee there is Scuba Diving, for beginners or qualified divers, with PADI courses on offer. Fishing, birdwatching and boat trips to nearby islands are also available. This is an authentic island hideaway, aimed at those travellers who are searching for a laid-back and understated experience, with a lack of pretension - luxury can take many forms!

ANTANANARIVO - ANDASIBE - MANTADIA NATIONAL PARK - AKANIN'NY NOFY - ÎLES SAINTE MARIE

Wildlife and Beach

12 nights - Departs from the UK Daily

This itinerary, with a private car and driver, combines a visit to the Andasibe-Mantadia National Park - with its unique wildlife, orchids and other rare plants, many species of lemurs, reptiles, amphibians - and the paradise island of Sainte Marie. A short highlights trip to this amazing island.

Days 1 and 2

Overnight flight from the UK to Antananarivo, for an overnight stay including a city tour.

Days 3-5

Drive to Andasibe-Mantadia National park, 3½ hours travelling through the highlands with their paddy fields and red-brick houses, for a 3 night stay. Enjoy full day excursions to the Rainforest of Andasibe-Mantadia National Park. Night walk in Perinet and at V.O.I.M.M.A Community Reserve.

Days 6-7

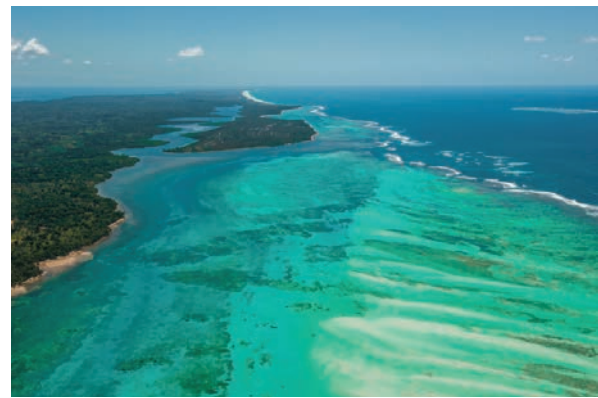
Head east to Manambato where you will be transferred by boat to Akanin'ny nofy with its rich and evergreen eastern coastal forest, for a 2 night stay. Visit the Palmarium reserve.

Days 8-11

Take a boat transfer to Toamasina, about 3 hours. On the way, you will have the opportunity to see the everyday life of the local people living along the Pangalanes channel. Once in Toamasina, you will be driven to the airport for your flight to Îles Sainte Marie, where you will enjoy 4 nights at leisure. Beaches, coconut palms and a cheerful population, the island is perfect for sea and land excursions. Its lush vegetation and various crops such as vanilla, cloves, coffee, cinnamon give it a fresh and unique aroma. Humpback whales passing from mid-June to September makes it even more attractive. Princesse Bora Lodge & Spa is a charming small eco-lodge, with 20 villas.

Days 12 and 13

Fly back to the Antananarivo for another overnight before returning to the UK.



MAYOTTE - RÉUNION - RODRIGUES

Island Life

12 nights - Departs from the UK Daily

Three very different islands, all largely unknown, this is one for the proper travellers out there - normal tourists need not apply!

Days 1-4

Fly from the UK to Dzaoudzi in Mayotte, known as Little Madagascar. Explore this little known island with its amazing reef and the chance to see Lemurs.

Days 5-8

Fly to Reunion, another unique island, home to one of the most active volcanoes in the world. Spectacular scenery and hiking on this mountainous tropical island.

Days 9-15

Fly to nearby Rodrigues, via Mauritius, and relax in the surroundings of your beach lodge/hotel and enjoy the beaches and many other activities and leisure facilities on offer on this charming tropical island, for a 5 night stay. Flight back to the UK.



NOWHERE LIKE IT

Dubai

Where the desert meets an energetic, vibrant and modern city - there is something epic about Dubai. Once the clichéd 'fishing village', now home to the world's tallest tower, the first seven-star hotel, the reclaimed islands and an indoor ski slope - Dubai has a mission to be the biggest and the best. Visitors stream through Dubai's new airport terminal, which houses the world's largest single floor space, and flock to Dubai Mall, the world's largest shopping centre. You have to admire the vision of the Emiratis who had the courage and ambition a decade ago to build something extraordinary out of the desert.

Enjoy unlimited sunshine, safe swimming beaches, excellent shopping, a large variety of sport and leisure facilities, award winning hotels and a choice of restaurants that will leave any foodie satisfied. Cross the creek on an abra (water taxi), dine underwater at the Atlantis Hotel, or play golf on a desert turned green.

Dubai has something to offer everyone. This Emirate is friendly, safe and virtually crime free. Easily accessed from most UK cities and a mere 7 hour flight, Dubai makes an ideal stopover. Contrast the natural splendour of Africa with the man made splendour of Dubai, or stopover on your way to/from Mauritius or the Seychelles. Or simply visit Dubai to just to get away from it all, and enjoy the delights in the sun. Overlooking the warm waters of the Persian Gulf and with a perfect winter climate, this is a great place to unwind and relax for a few days.

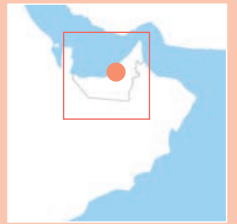
Key Facts

The time zone is GMT +4 hours.

Arabic is the official language, English is widely spoken.

Dubai enjoys an arid subtropical climate, with blue skies and sunshine all year round. The hottest months are between June and September, when temperatures can soar to 113F (45C) and more during the day and humidity levels are very high. Even the sea temperature touches on 104F (40C) during the summer months, and swimming pools at hotels are usually cooled to be refreshing. Temperatures are only slightly more moderate the rest of the year, the coolest time being between December and March. There is very little rainfall in Dubai, but when showers do fall it is mainly in the cooler months.

The currency is the UAE Dirham (AED).





There is a lot to do in Dubai

Desert safari adventures; 4 x 4 dune tours; desert camp night; camel safari; dhow or luxury yacht cruises, including a gourmet dinner; moonlit dinner on the dunes; private yacht charters; fishing trips; diving; camel polo; golf; high performance motor sports; helicopter/seaplane rides; hot air ballooning; shopping tours; or visit the neighbouring Emirates and discover Emirati culture and heritage as you drive through Sharjah and Ajman.

Dubai is deal as a winter break, and also as a stop-over to or from Africa and the Indian Ocean Islands.



We can also assist with stopovers in Abu Dhabi, an eventful city that hosts a Formula 1 Grand Prix, the World Cup of sailing, a PGA golf championship, international art, music, sport, gourmet, heritage and cultural festivals. Or enjoy the history and culture of the Sultanate of Oman.

Booking conditions

1. The Contract

The following booking conditions form the basis of your contract with Africa Collection UK Limited (in accordance with English Law) whose registered office is Chancery House, 30 St Johns Road, Woking, Surrey, GU21 7SA and the contract will be effective once we have issued a confirmation/invoice for a confirmed booking. No verbal discussions can override or vary these Booking Conditions unless we confirm them in writing.

2. Your Financial Protection

Holidays with flights: The air holidays and flights in our brochure and on our website are ATOL Protected, since we hold an Air Travel Organiser's Licence granted by the Civil Aviation Authority. Our ATOL number is ATOL 6514. For further information, visit the ATOL website at www.atol.org.uk.

When you buy an ATOL protected flight or flight inclusive holiday from us you will receive an ATOL Certificate. This lists what is financially protected, where you can get information on what this means for you and who to contact if things go wrong. We, or the suppliers identified on your ATOL Certificate, will provide you with the services listed on the ATOL Certificate (or a suitable alternative). In some cases, where neither we nor the supplier are able to do so for reasons of insolvency, an alternative ATOL holder may provide you with the services you have bought or a suitable alternative (at no extra cost to you). You agree to accept that in those circumstances the alternative ATOL holder will perform those obligations and you agree to pay any money outstanding to be paid by you under your contract to that alternative ATOL holder. However, you also agree that in some cases it will not be possible to appoint an alternative ATOL holder, in which case you will be entitled to make a claim under the ATOL scheme (or your credit card issuer where applicable). If we, or the suppliers identified on your ATOL certificate, are unable to provide the services listed (or a suitable alternative, through an alternative ATOL holder or otherwise) for reasons of insolvency, the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust may make a payment to (or confer a benefit on) you under the ATOL scheme. You agree that in return for such a payment or benefit you assign absolutely to those Trustees any claims which you have or may have arising out of or relating to the non-provision of the services, including any claim against us, the travel agent (or your credit card issuer where applicable). You also agree that any such claims may be re-assigned to another body, if that other body has paid sums you have claimed under the ATOL scheme.

Holidays without flights: In compliance with the UK Package Travel, Package Holidays and Package Tours Regulations 1992 we protect all payments made to Africa Collection via our membership of ABTA (Y5882), in respect of the travel arrangements offered by Africa Collection UK Ltd and to cater where necessary for a refund of such monies and/or your repatriation to the UK in the unlikely event of our financial failure.

3. Payment

For bookings made 10 weeks or more before the first service being provided a deposit of 15% of the total booking value is required. The balance of the payment is due no later than 10 weeks prior to the first service being provided. Failure to pay the balance by the date shown on your confirmation/invoice may result in your booking being cancelled, with cancellation charges applying. For bookings made within 10 weeks of the first service being provided, full payment is due at the time of booking. Cheques must be made payable to Africa Collection UK Ltd. We are not responsible for postal delays. Please contact us for our bank details should you wish to pay by bank transfer.

Please Note: In some instances airlines require full payment of the airfare at the time of booking & charge 100% of the airfare in the event of cancellation, and other service providers sometimes require larger than usual deposits (e.g. over peak periods) – you will be advised of such conditions at the time of booking. When a part payment equal to more than 15% is made prior to 10 weeks before the first service being provided, that part payment is deemed to then form the deposit for the purposes of section 5. CANCELLATION BY YOU.

4. Price

Prices are based upon the prevailing rates and conditions at the time of booking. We reserve the right to change our prices. Rates are subject to surcharges on government action, fuel and currency. We are obliged to absorb 2% of any surcharge. Should the price increase by more than 10% you will be entitled to cancel with a full refund of any money paid, provided you have advised Africa Collection within 14 days of the date of the revised confirmation / invoice. The above conditions require financial commitment on our part therefore we regret, that in the event of the pound strengthening in value since the issue of our confirmation / invoice, no reductions will apply

5. Cancellation by you

The date of cancellation will be deemed to be the date we receive the written instructions of the cancellation. You will be liable for cancellation charges in accordance with the following scale, based on the number of days prior to the first service we have booked for you, of the date of cancellation:-

- Less than 15 days prior – 100% of total holiday cost
- 28-15 days prior – 90% of total holiday cost
- 41-29 days prior – 70% of total holiday cost
- 69-42 days prior – 50% of total holiday cost
- 70 days or more prior – loss of deposit

Any variations or changes to these conditions are at the discretion of each service provider. On occasion there may be a variation to the flight portion cancellation fee, as mentioned in section 3. PAYMENT – these are available on request. If the reason for your cancellation is covered by your insurance policy you should be able to make a claim and recover your cancellation fee. If you cancel a portion of your arrangements you will be charged the cancellation fee on the portion cancelled.

6. Amendments by you

Any amendments made after the confirmation / invoice has been issued, but before the full balance has been paid will be charged at £ 25.00 per amendment, in addition to any fees levied by the individual service provider concerned. Any amendments made after the full balance has been settled (or is due to be settled) may be adjudged to be a cancellation and rebooking, and therefore potentially subject to the cancellation conditions shown in section 5. CANCELLATION BY YOU of these booking conditions. No credit or refund is available for any unused services once the arrangements have commenced.

7. Amendments by us

We reserve the right to make changes to your travel arrangements at any time, as may be occasionally necessary. If the change is minor we will do our best to notify you or your travel agent in advance but we are not obliged to do so. Examples of minor changes include alteration of your outward/return flights by less than 12 hours, changes to aircraft type, change of accommodation to another of the same or higher standard, changes of carriers. If the change is material or significant we will notify you as soon as is possible with your choice of alternative arrangements. Air transportation is by scheduled services. We reserve the right to substitute alternative airlines or aircraft types. Such alterations do not constitute a significant change to your travel arrangements and you will not therefore be entitled to cancel or change your travel arrangements, as a result.

8. Our liability to you

If the contract we have with you is not performed or is improperly performed by us or our suppliers we will take the appropriate measures. However we will not be liable where any failure in the performance of the contract is due to: you; or a third party unconnected with the provision of the travel arrangements and where the failure is unforeseeable or unavoidable; or unusual and unforeseeable circumstances beyond our control, the consequences of which could not have been avoided even if all due care had been exercised; or an event which we or our suppliers, even with all due care, could not foresee or forestall. Our liability, except in cases of death, bodily injury or illness, shall be limited to a maximum of 1.5 times the cost of your travel arrangements. Any such claims must be notified in writing within 60 days and it is a condition that you give Africa Collection and our insurers your full co-operation, as well as assigning your rights to pursue any third party.

Our liability will also be limited in accordance with and/or in an identical manner to:

(a) The contractual terms of the companies that provide the transportation for your travel arrangements. These terms are incorporated into this contract; and

(b) Any relevant international convention, for example the Montreal Convention in respect of travel by air, the Athens Convention in respect of travel by sea, the Berne Convention in respect of travel by rail and the Paris Convention in respect of the provision of accommodation, which limit the amount of compensation that you can claim for death, injury, delay to passengers and loss, damage and delay to luggage. We are to be regarded as having all benefit of any limitation of compensation contained in these or any conventions. You can ask for copies of the transport contractual terms, or the international conventions, and these will be provided to you on request.

9. Force Majeure

Africa Collection shall not be liable for any failure to perform the contract which is due to circumstances beyond the control of Africa Collection or our suppliers, including but not limited to; war; the threat of war; riot; civil strife; industrial dispute; terrorist activity and its consequences; natural and/or nuclear disaster; fire; adverse weather conditions; epidemics and pandemics; technical problems with transport; closure or congestion of airports, ports or roads.



Please Note

The Booking Conditions may change over the lifetime of this brochure.

Please contact us for the most up-to-date Booking Conditions or visit our website - africacollection.com

10. Complaints and Arbitration

Problems or dissatisfaction with any of the accommodation or services we have arranged for you should, in the first instance, be brought to the attention of the establishment or service provider manager. Failure to do so will limit the opportunities for Africa Collection to seek redress on your behalf. If you wish to follow up with Africa Collection, please do so within 21 days of your return to the UK.

We are a Member of ABTA, membership number Y5882. We are obliged to maintain a high standard of service to you by ABTA's Code of Conduct. We can also offer you an arbitration scheme for the resolution of disputes arising out of this contract. The scheme is arranged by ABTA and administered independently. It is a simple and inexpensive method of arbitration on documents alone with restricted liability on you for costs. The upper limit on claims is £5,000 per person and £25,000 per booking. The scheme doesn't apply to claims which are solely in respect of physical injury or illness or their consequences. It can however deal with claims which include an element of minor injury or illness subject to a limit of £1,500 on the amount the arbitrator can award per person in respect of this element. Your request for arbitration must be received by ABTA within eighteen months of the date of return from holiday. For injury and illness claims, you can request the ABTA Mediation Procedure and we have the option to agree to mediation. Further information on the Code and ABTA's assistance in resolving disputes can be found on www.abta.com. We are also members of AITO (the Association of Independent Tour Operators) who operate a similar scheme, further information can be found at www.aito.co.uk.

11. Bookings made through travel agent

If you book through an agent, any money that the agent accepts from you is held by that agent on behalf of and for the benefit of the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust at all times but subject to the agent's obligation to pay this to us for so long as we do not fail. If we fail, any money held at that time by the agent, or subsequently accepted by the agent, will be held by the agent on behalf of and for the benefit of the Trustees of the Air Travel Trust without any obligation to pay that money to us.

12. Passport, visa and immigration requirements

Your specific passport and visa requirements, and other immigration requirements are your responsibility and you should confirm these with the relevant Embassies and/or Consulates. We do not accept any responsibility if you cannot travel because you have not complied with any passport, visa or immigration requirements.

13. Travel Insurance

We strongly advise that you have adequate insurance cover in place at the time of making your booking. Your insurance should include cover for cancellation or curtailment of your holiday as well as the cost of repatriation in the event of death, accident, injury or illness.

14. Brochure and/or website accuracy and images

Every effort has been made to ensure that the information contained in our brochure and on our website is accurate, and that the images use reflect the current appearance of the hotel and its surroundings. However, please bear in mind that the brochure may have been produced some time before you travel, and that hotels and their surroundings change periodically, sometimes without our knowledge. E&OE.

Health Risks and Immunisation

Health facilities, hygiene and disease risk vary across the region. Malaria is encountered in many areas of the region. It is recommended to take anti-malaria tablets before entering any malarial regions (consult your GP or pharmacist for details). Also, ensure that you are well covered with mosquito repellent. When coming from a yellow fever zone, a yellow fever vaccination certificate will be required in all areas. This applies to any person over one year of age. The following vaccines are recommended for some areas: Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Typhoid, Tetanus, Polio and Meningitis. Please consult your GP or health professional. For the latest advice we recommend you go to www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice. In some areas (South Africa, for example) private medical facilities are good. In other areas, these facilities are often limited. When visiting a doctor/hospital, immediate cash payment is often required (credit cards are generally accepted). Please ensure that you have adequate insurance to cover these costs.

Health, Safety and Security

Although most visitors enjoy their travels to the region without incident visitors are advised to take note of the following points:

- Avoid walking alone at night in deserted / quiet areas - ask hotel/lodge staff for advice.
- Do not openly display expensive cameras, jewellery etc.
- Do not carry large sums of cash - credit cards are widely accepted.
- Ensure that credit cards, credit card numbers and personal identification numbers are protected.
- While staying at hotels / guesthouses, make use of safety deposit boxes and lock the door securely at night.
- Drink bottled water (not necessary in South Africa).
- Hitch-hiking is not recommended.

Visas and Passports

You will need a full 10 year passport to travel to the countries we feature in this brochure. Some destinations also require visas – Kenya, Tanzania, Mozambique, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Malawi, Madagascar, Rwanda and Uganda. It is also advisable to ensure that you have a minimum of 2 blank facing pages (per country visited), and to ensure that your passport has a minimum validity of 6 months beyond your intended stay (30 days for South Africa). However, before departing check with the nearest Consulate or Embassy of the countries you are visiting for any possible changes regarding the visa and entry requirements. For the latest advice we recommend you go to www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice. This information is accurate at the time of going to press (February 2019).

Disabled Travellers

There are limited facilities in South Africa for people with disabilities. It's best to check with the individual properties exactly what is available. The Association for the Physically Disabled can provide information about facilities and outdoor activities for those with disabilities, Tel: +27 (0) 11 646 8331. Passenger aid units are available at all major airports. Many hotels offer facilities for the disabled as do most rest camps in the Kruger National Park. Africa Collection can provide vehicles with hand controls through our partners at Avis. Africa Collection will do its very best to accommodate your requirements, but please be aware that Africa does not have stringent regulations about provisions for people with disabilities. Frustrating, but a fact.

On Safari

All large game at the wildlife reserves/parks/conservancies is to be considered dangerous and therefore the reserves rules should be strictly adhered to. To avoid snakebites while on a walking safari, wear boots, socks and long trousers. Neutral coloured clothing is recommended and in the cooler months warm clothing is recommended for game drives. Do not swim in the rivers in wildlife areas. Most private game reserves will ask you to sign a certificate of indemnity at the start of your stay.

Driving (South Africa and Namibia only)

Driving is on the left-hand side. Requirements for driving in South Africa and Namibia are a valid national licence provided that it carries a recent photograph & signature, or an International Driving Licence. In general, road conditions are good, although in both countries (especially Namibia) you will have to drive on sand/gravel roads at times. During the rainy season in Namibia (December-April) it is important to have a 4x4 vehicle. Along the main highways, petrol is available 24 hours a day in South Africa. In Namibia you are advised to fill up regularly as filling stations can be infrequent in certain areas. Driving in South Africa and Namibia can be an adventurous affair, so travellers are advised to drive defensively. Always wear seatbelts. It is a law in both countries that back-seat passengers should wear their seatbelts as well. Cellular telephones are not allowed to be used in a car without a hands-free kit.

Weather

Weather patterns around the world are becoming less reliable and any reference to climate and seasons in this brochure are intended as a broad guideline, to try and assist you in your choice of timing of your holiday.







let us guide you



Southern Africa
East Africa



Dubai
The Indian Ocean

We hope that the products and services in this brochure are of interest to you and have whetted your appetite to visit this wonderful region.

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