

Travel with Purpose

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Celebrate 35 years with some unique adventures!





On the eve of our 35th birthday we sat back and contemplated what it is that we really do – and have been doing – for the past three-and-a-half decades.

Through it all – even in the beginning when we had no staff, no camps, no planes and just one old Land Rover – there has always been one overriding purpose: to conserve and restore Africa's wilderness and wildlife. How we planned to do it way back in 1983 was through an innovative approach that would later be defined as ecotourism.

This is something enshrined in our internal charter and vision statement, and undoubtedly beats in the heart of every single Wilderness Safaris employee. This underpins everything and truly is the cause that drives our enthusiasm for ecotourism as our chosen medium for making a difference.

With that in mind, how to celebrate our 35th?

What better way than to indulge in 12 months of adventurous and impactful journeys to exciting destinations accompanied by locally connected experts and authorities and with absolutely unique, privileged, behind-the-scenes access to the conservation and community processes of Wilderness Safaris and our partners!

So we considered the places we'd choose to be, and when we'd choose to be there (and with whom) over the next year. We came up with 12 itineraries with limited capacity (generally 6 guests per trip) that take in some truly spectacular destinations – of course with all proceeds channelled back to the conservation and community projects and partners that we'll be exposed to.

Invited to join us in 'travelling with purpose' are our trade partners and our guests...people who have shared our 35-year journey with us and who have done so much for us over the years.

The trips are not about luxury (many will be very basic). They are not about bells and whistles ("flexible" and "spontaneous" are our watchwords). They are certainly not about making money (all proceeds will be donated). They are fun, enlightening expeditions to interesting places with interesting people that make a real difference to those same interesting places.

These journeys are based on one or more of our <u>14 Reasons to Believe</u>.

Read more below and let us know which journey you'll be joining us on.*

(*costs & exact details to follow)











Great Apes and Rainfolests Two countries, three great apes, reforestation and park expansion

May 2019 Rwanda and Democratic Republic of Congo 6 spaces



















WHEN	ITINERARY NAME	BENEFICIARY	WHERE	WHAT	
August 2018	Our Journeys Change Lives	Proceeds go to: Children in the Wilderness	Botswana: Tuli Zimbabwe: Tuli South Africa: Mapungubwe NP	 Ride through some of Africa's most pristine wildlife and geologically-rich areas Meet community members supported by Children in the Wilderness at local schools in Botswana and Zimbabwe Experience the beauty of three African countries while riding along ancient elephant trails Share this unique experience with friends, family and like-minded individuals Enjoy high standards of service, tented accommodation and delicious meals in remote wilderness areas Take your time to explore – this is a tour and not a race! 	
October 2018	Mega-Moves of Mega-Fauna	Proceeds go to: Africa Parks, Akagera National Park	Rwanda: Akagera NP	 Opportunity to see the Critically Endangered eastern black rhino (Diceros bicornis michaeli), reintroduced into Rwanda in 2017. Join an expert wildlife vet in attempting to dart and ear-notch black rhino. 	

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September 2018	Hwange Against All Odds	Proceeds go to: Scorpion Anti-Poaching Unit	Zimbabwe: Hwange NP Tsholotsho Communal Lands	 Actively participate in game count and anti-poaching activities supervised by experts in the field Observe and participate in the collaring of an elephant cow Learn about our game water supply project – now solar Meet members of the community to learn more about their lifestyle and engage with them on human-wildlife conflict Visit the school's Eco-Club and learn about other upliftment projects 		
September 2018 June 2019	The Noah's Ark Project	Proceeds go to: Magpie Robin Reintroduction Project	Seychelles: North Island	 Gain insight into island conservation and its challenges from environmental experts on the island. Learn more about the Noah's Ark Project, the hugely successful rehabilitation and restoration project. View Seychelles White-Eye, Black Mud Terrapin, Aldabra Giant Tortoises and other rare and threatened species. White-eye survey and collection of data on ring combinations. 		
October 2018	Frontier Ecotourism Presence	Proceeds go to: Zambia Carnivore Programme	Zambia: Kafue NP	 Observe darting and collaring of lion. Participate in road count survey of large mammals on the Busanga Plains. Exposure to and interaction with local experts and authorities. Watch an integrated ecotourism and conservation model at work. 		

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November 2018 May 2019	Great Apes and Rainforests	Proceeds go to: Volcanoes NP Land Expansion Project	Rwanda: Volcanoes NP Gishwati-Mukura NP DR Congo: Kahuzi-Biega NP	 See three Great Apes: Critically Endangered mountain and Grauer's gorillas and chimps. Help reforest Afro-alpine habitat. Habituate chimpanzees for sensitive future ecotourism. Gain crucial insights into great ape conservation and Albertine Rift endemism from accompanying experts. 		
November 2018	Addressing Human-Wildlife Conflict	Proceeds go to: Desert Lion Project — "lion rangers"	Namibia: Torra Conservancy	 Join a renowned desert lion expert in understanding the challenges of human-lion conflict in north-west Namibia. Help with construction of predator-proof boma. Collar a desert-adapted lion to enhance future monitoring and mitigating of Human-Wildlife Conflict. 		
December 2018	Children in the Wilderness	Proceeds go to: Children in the Wilderness	Zimbabwe: Hwange	 Volunteer at a Children in the Wilderness camp, led by a Children in the Wilderness Programme Manager. Spend three days with the children as they are introduced to their natural heritage and learn life skills. 		

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Feb 2019	A Light Camp Footprint	Proceeds go to: Molapo community development (rainwater collection)	Botswana: Central Kalahari GR Moremi GR	 Go behind the scenes and back of house to view solar installations, waste water treatments. Find out how our camps get rid of waste, purify water and recycle – keeping the remote areas pristine while providing superb experience and service to our guests. Learn about rainwater collection and other water conservation methods in the desert. 	
Feb 2019	Pioneering Community Partnerships	Proceeds go to: Molapo community development (ecotourism training)	Botswana: Central Kalahari	 Accompany culture and community experts to the Central Kalahari, home of several traditional Bushman clans. Understand first-hand the modern and traditional lifestyles of the Kalahari Bushmen both inside the reserve and outside. Take advantage of the summer season to live, forage, eat and dance with a Bushman family. 	
May 2019	Environment is at the Heart	Proceeds go to: Rhino Ark - Eburu Programmes	Kenya: Eburu Forest Lake Naivasha	 - A chance to see rare and elusive Critically Endangered mountain bongo. - Active contribution to mountain bongo and Rift Valley Water Tower. - Conservation through cameratrapping and community support. - Camp out on forested dormant volcano. - Explore the floor and lakes of the Rift for flamingos and big game. 	

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June 2019	Conservation Coalitions	Proceeds go to: Save the Rhino Trust	Namibia: Palmwag Concession	 First-hand exposure to the remote rural communities of the world-leading Namibian community conservancy system. Track Critically Endangered black rhino on foot across the parched rocky desert of Namibia's north-west. Accompanied by community and rhino conservation experts.
				- See first-hand how community-based conservation has saved the black rhino as well as other desert-adapted wildlife.
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