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WILDERNESS SAFARIS

AGENT MANUAL
2015

OUR PRESENCE IN AFRICA



BOTSWANA

CAMPS

Abu Camp	Little Mombo
Banoka Bush Camp	Little Tubu
Chitabe Camp	Little Vumbura
Chitabe Lediba	Mombo Camp
DumaTau Camp	Pelo Camp
Jacana Camp	Savuti Camp
Jao Camp	Seba Camp
Kalahari Plains	Tubu Tree Camp
Kings Pool	Vumbura Plains
Kwetsani Camp	Xigera Camp

KENYA

CAMP

Segera Retreat

NAMIBIA

CAMPS

Andersson's Camp	Little Kulala
Damaraland Camp	Little Ongava
Desert Rhino Camp	Ongava Lodge
Doro Nawas Camp	Ongava Tented Camp
Hoanib Skeleton Coast	Serra Cafema Camp
Kulala Desert Lodge	

REPUBLIC OF CONGO

CAMPS

Lango Camp	Ngaga Camp
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SEYCHELLES

CAMP

North Island

SOUTH AFRICA

CAMP

Rocktail Beach Camp

ZAMBIA

CAMPS

Busanga Bush Camp	The River Club
Shumba Camp	Toka Leya Camp

ZIMBABWE

CAMPS

Linkwasha Camp	Davison's Camp
Little Makalolo	Ruckomechi

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ABOUT WILDERNESS SAFARIS

OUR VISION

To be Africa's leading ecotourism organisation, creating life-changing journeys in order to build sustainable conservation economies and inspire positive action.

WILDERNESS BLUEPRINT

COMMERCE

We create life-changing wilderness journeys for our guests and clients, and work closely with our Government partners, conservation and community stakeholders and shareholders, to ensure the ongoing financial success and sustainability of our business.



CONSERVATION

We aim to maximise the positive impact of our operations on biodiversity conservation and to build and manage our camps in the most eco-friendly way possible to minimise our negative impact.



COMMUNITY

People are at the heart of our business. We hope to provide opportunities and growth to inspire our staff and external communities to learn about nature, love and conserve it, and to realise the importance of ecotourism.



CULTURE

We respect and promote our unique Wilderness culture, as well as those of all our employees and neighbouring rural communities. We hope to positively impact a global culture of respect and care for the environment.



Wilderness Safaris is an ecotourism company dedicated to responsible tourism throughout the areas in which it operates in Africa. Our goal is to share these wild areas with guests from all over the world, while at the same time helping to ensure the future protection of Africa's spectacular wildlife heritage and sharing the benefits of tourism with local communities.

We operate camps and safaris in some of Africa's most impressive and untouched wildlife areas in eight different countries: Botswana, Congo (Brazzaville), Kenya, Namibia, South Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe and Seychelles.

Recognising that conservation is as much about people as about the environment, our operations and work ethics are guided by the 4Cs strategy – Commerce, Conservation, Community and Culture (see page 106). Supported by Wilderness, our all-important Children in the Wilderness programme, as well as our Wilderness Wildlife Trust, helps drive this strategy.

Wilderness Safaris is part of the Wilderness Group, a group of responsible ecotourism companies and conservation and community development vehicles that together endeavour to build sustainable conservation economies in Africa.

Wilderness as a Tour Operator

In addition to our wide range of camps, the company also assists guests with their full itinerary while in Africa. We have offices in most countries that we operate in, through which our Journey Specialists coordinate travel arrangements for our overseas travel agents and tour operators. This full-service travel operation handles accommodation requests for individuals, groups and incentives, including air tickets, air charters, transfers and touring, allowing us to be independent and book any itinerary to suit the taste and budget of all our guests.

Offices: Botswana (Gaborone and Maun), Congo (Brazzaville), Namibia (Windhoek), South Africa (Johannesburg and Cape Town), Zambia (Livingstone), Zimbabwe (Victoria Falls).

WHY TRAVEL WITH WILDERNESS SAFARIS?

Today we have so much choice when it comes to travelling, it's often difficult to make a decision on the country in which to travel, let alone deciding whom to travel with. Wilderness Safaris makes the choice easy. Not only do we have camps and lodges in eight countries across Africa, but we are a long-running and industry-leading company with more than 30 years of experience.

- Wilderness Safaris offers our guests exclusive access to almost 3 million hectares (8 million acres) of Africa's best wildlife areas. This equates to 3 000 hectares (8 000 acres) of private land per guest, creating a unique sense of seclusion, comfort, privacy and space.
- Our areas cover many habitats, encompassing parts of eight of Africa's eleven biomes, thus allowing for incredibly diverse and all-round experiences, whether in the savannah, the rainforest, the desert or the ocean.
- To satisfy individual needs and personalities, our properties range from high-end luxury to more affordable options.
- We work hand in hand with our agents to design a journey that suits their guests' budget and bucket list.
- We have our own bush airline – Wilderness Air – creating a seamless journey that allows our guests to move from one place to the next on their itinerary without hassles.
- We offer complete, tailor-made services throughout southern Africa including logistics, sightseeing and accommodation in our camps as well as an extensive list of preferred product.
- We operate a touring and transfers business – Wilderness Touring – in the tourism hubs of Cape Town (South Africa), Victoria Falls (Zimbabwe) and Windhoek (Namibia).

At Wilderness Safaris, we create journeys, not holidays. A journey is an immersive experience, one that changes how you view the world in general and the wild places of Africa in particular.





DESIGNING YOUR SAFARI

Designing a safari is an important part of the African journey. Given the diversity and immense topography of the continent, it is impossible to see everything in one trip or even a lifetime of return visits.

Combining destinations is the best way to discover the diverse wildlife species that thrive in different habitats. Our camps and concessions offer a multiplicity of species, scenery and activities and are thus easily combined to create the perfect itinerary.

In Botswana, for example, it is worth combining the drier areas of the Kalahari, the permanent swamps and waterways of the Okavango Delta and the mixed plains and woodlands of the Linyanti. In other areas, such as Namibia, South Africa and Congo, the diversity of landscapes and ecosystems is even more significant and it is definitely worth visiting more than one or two camps.

The different regions in which we operate not only showcase the variety of wildlife within distinctive landscapes, but explore the cultural diversity of each region. To broaden this outlook further, guests may even consider choosing to visit a number of countries.

Lastly, but equally as important, is deciding what time of year to travel. Seasons vary between destinations, however for those seeking to view the birthing season of many animals within an abundant setting, or for birding enthusiasts, summer is generally the best time to travel. For those seeking drier landscapes and teeming herds around limited water resources, winter is the season.

When planning an itinerary within a country – or more than one – start by considering the areas and time of year first, and the camps second. In this way you'll ensure a diverse experience that allows your guests to absorb all the variety that Africa has to offer.





SUGGESTED ITINERARIES

The huge continent of Africa offers a bewildering array of choices for the traveller: so much to see and do, yet where to begin, what to combine and how long to spend to create that ultimate safari?

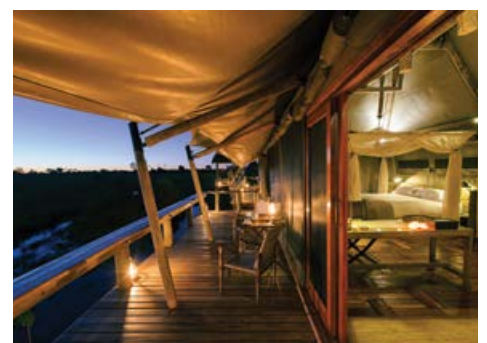
Our suggested itineraries are a starting point and showcase just some of the best that each country has to offer, combining a selection of its excellent features into one seamless safari.

These itineraries take in the most biodiverse areas, intentionally combining different landscapes and vegetation types to ensure travellers cram as much as possible into the most logistically feasible trips and experience different wildlife species, cultures, scenery and activities.

In the countries we have covered here we have chosen to split the prime attractions into two categories: Essential and Other Highlights.

ESSENTIAL: when time is of the essence, these combinations ensure a good, all-round 'must do.'

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS: in many cases these locations might be viewed as essential and all add enormous value, but usually require a bit more time to be added to the Essential itinerary.



BOTSWANA

ESSENTIAL BOTSWANA: 8 – 11 NIGHTS

Okavango Delta 'Land' 3 – 4 nights



Predominantly game drives and occasionally walks (dependent on season and location) exploring the floodplains and woodlands of the Okavango.

Choose: Mombo, Little Mombo, Vumbura Plains, Little Vumbura, Kwetsani, Jao, Tubu Tree, Little Tubu, Chitabe, Chitabe Lediba, Banoka, Seba.

Okavango Delta 'Water' 2 – 3 nights



Quintessential Okavango experiences – poling by mokoro or motor-boating along idyllic waterways. The Okavango Delta is an astounding natural wetland wonder.

Choose: Xigera, Vumbura Plains, Little Vumbura, Jacana, Pelo, Seba.

Linyanti Region 3 – 4 nights



Best combined with any Okavango Delta camp, boasting very different habitats, healthy predator numbers and seasonal wildlife concentrations.

Choose: Kings Pool, DumaTau, Savuti.

Note: Vumbura Plains, Little Vumbura, Banoka, Jao and Seba offer both land and water activities at certain times of year.

BOTSWANA – OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

Central Kalahari 3 – 4 nights



The immense, arid Kalahari and its unique wildlife is a complete contrast to the Okavango Delta and Linyanti regions.

Choose: Kalahari Plains Camp.

Okavango – Abu Concession 3 – 7 nights



Africa's ultimate educational elephant safari – including vital conservation work that extends beyond Botswana's borders.

Choose: Abu Camp.

Victoria Falls 2 – 3 nights



Perfect grand finale to any Botswana itinerary. Choose between adrenalin-loaded activities, simple relaxation or wildlife viewing.

Choose: The River Club, Toka Leya (both on the Zambian side).

Wilderness Touring Victoria Falls can assist with various sightseeing options.

NAMIBIA

ESSENTIAL NAMIBIA – NORTH-WEST: 9 – 11 NIGHTS

Palmwag Concession – south 3 nights



An immense area (twice the size of Luxembourg) supporting a surprisingly high population of desert-adapted wildlife including the largest free-roaming population of black rhino on communal land, oryx, mountain zebra and lion.

Choose: Desert Rhino Camp.

Palmwag Concession – north 3 – 4 nights



Located in the most remote part of the Kaokoveld, a stark land of mountains, vast plains, dry riverbeds, desert oases and the Atlantic Coast – and inhabited by fascinating wildlife ranging from elephant and lion to giraffe and antelope.

Choose: Hoanib Skeleton Coast.

Kunene 3 – 4 nights



An area of phenomenal desert scenery, semi-nomadic traditional cultures and utmost exclusivity on the banks of the Kunene River in the most remote part of Namibia.

Choose: Serra Cafema.

ESSENTIAL NAMIBIA – CENTRAL: 8 – 11 NIGHTS

Sossusvlei 2 – 3 nights



Experience the world's highest dunes in the ancient and spectacular red sands of the Namib Desert. Known as the "Sand Sea," the dunes are visible even from space.

Choose: Little Kulala, Kulala Desert Lodge.

Damaraland 3 – 4 nights



Expansive landscapes, unique desert-adapted wildlife and strong cultural element in award-winning community conservancies. Added paleoanthropology and geological wonders.

Choose: Damaraland Camp, Doro Nawas.

Etosha 3 – 4 nights



Enormous Etosha Pan – including animal-filled plains, unique topography and network of easy wildlife-viewing waterholes.

Choose: Little Ongava, Ongava Lodge, Ongava Tented Camp, Andersson's Camp.

ZIMBABWE & ZAMBIA

ESSENTIAL ZIMBABWE: 8 – 13 NIGHTS

Hwange National Park 3 – 5 nights



Zimbabwe's largest and best-known park, celebrated for its productive savannah woodlands, large elephant population and high plains game densities.

Choose: Linkwasha Camp, Little Makalolo Camp, Davison's Camp.

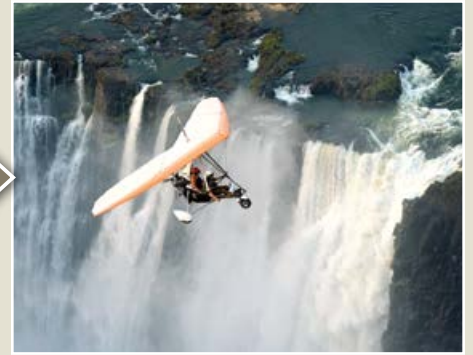
Mana Pools National Park 3 – 5 nights



This World Heritage Site centres on the productive floodplains of the Zambezi River, offering some of Zimbabwe's best game viewing and birding.

Choose: Ruckomechi Camp.

Victoria Falls (Livingstone) 2 – 3 nights



Perfect grand finale to any Zimbabwe itinerary. Choose between adrenalin-loaded activities, simple relaxation or wildlife viewing.

Choose: The River Club, Toka Leya (both on the Zambian side).

Wilderness Touring Victoria Falls can assist with various sightseeing options.

ESSENTIAL ZAMBIA: 8 – 12 NIGHTS

Kafue National Park 3 – 5 nights



Zambia's largest national park includes the Busanga Plains with its 'swamp lions', vast tracts of wilderness and high concentrations of unique mammals.

Choose: Shumba Camp, Busanga Bush Camp.

South Luangwa National Park 3 – 4 nights



The world-renowned Luangwa offers high-density and high-intensity game viewing during the dry season, either on foot or by vehicle.

Choose: Robin Pope Safaris, Bush Camp Company.

Victoria Falls (Livingstone) 2 – 3 nights



One of the World's Seven Natural Wonders straddles Zambia and Zimbabwe. Livingstone is the adrenalin capital where one can take part in many adventure activities or just relax and reflect after a safari.

Choose: The River Club, Toka Leya Camp.

SOUTH AFRICA & KENYA

ESSENTIAL SOUTH AFRICA: 5 – 10 NIGHTS

Kruger National Park: 3 – 4 nights



Africa's best known national park delivers an unrivalled wildlife experience – 147 mammal species and over 400 bird species as a start. The south, including the private reserves of the Sabi Sand, is particularly prolific.

Choose: Londolozi, MalaMala, Thornybush.

Cape Town 2 – 6 nights



Use **Wilderness Safaris Associated Product** and **Wilderness Touring Cape** to add adventures in Cape Town, the winelands, the Garden Route and further afield.

iSimangaliso Wetland Park: Rocktail Bay 3 – 4 nights



40 km of private, unspoilt and secluded turtle-nesting beaches; unique coastal dune forest; world-class diving and snorkelling. Ideal for families.

Choose: Rocktail Beach Camp.

ESSENTIAL KENYA: 9 – 13 NIGHTS

Laikipia Plateau 3 – 6 nights



The scenic central highlands of Laikipia, with Mt. Kenya as a backdrop, offer abundant wildlife including a number of northern endemics like reticulated giraffe and Grevy's zebra. Nearby Samburu is a great addition.

Choose: Segera Retreat.

Masai Mara National Reserve 3 – 4 nights



Known for its abundant predators, the immense wildebeest migration spectacle and the Maasai people. A must-do on any Kenya safari.

Choose: Saruni, Elephant Pepper, Cottars 1920S.

Amboseli National Park 3 nights



Nestled on productive volcanic plains below iconic, snow-capped Kilimanjaro, Amboseli is well known for its elephants and other high-profile game species.

Choose: Tortillis Camp.

REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

ESSENTIAL CONGO – ODZALA-KOKOOUA NATIONAL PARK: 6 – 8 NIGHTS

Odzala – Ngaga Camp 3 nights



Just beyond the border of Odzala lies the Ndzehi Forest, an area of primary rainforest with high densities of both western lowland gorillas and chimpanzees. Habituated gorilla groups can be tracked on foot and observed in their natural environment.

Choose: Ngaga Camp.

Odzala – Lango Camp 3 nights



Odzala is Congo's oldest and largest national park covering 13 600km² of pristine rainforest and a limited area of savannah. Lango Bai is a magnet for forest mammal and bird species such as forest elephant, forest buffalo, sitatunga, bongo and many primates.

Choose: Lango Camp.

Brazzaville 1 – 2 nights

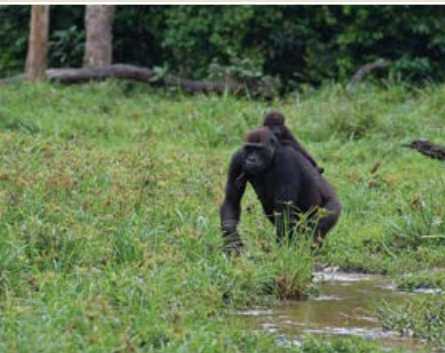


Depending on connecting flights in and out of the country, many guests spend one or two nights in the capital city, Brazzaville, on the banks of the mighty Congo River.

Choose: Mikhael's Hotel.

CONGO – OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

Nouable-Ndoki National Park 3 – 4 nights



Protected by the Congolese Government and the Wildlife Conservation Society for the past 20 years, Nouabale-Ndoki offers excellent habitats for lowland gorilla viewing as well as the productive Mbeli Bai.

Choose: Mbeli Bai Camp.

Loango National Park, Gabon 3 – 4 nights



A unique park, lying on the Gabonese coast and home to a wide array of forest wildlife. Best known for large herbivores (forest elephant and forest buffalo) being seen on the beaches, as well as large sounders of red river hogs.

Choose: Sangha Lodge.

Pongara National Park, Gabon 3 – 5 nights



Tropical beach, forests and mangroves lying across the Libreville Estuary. Golden beaches, turtles, whales and forest wildlife give the perfect end to a west-central African safari.

Choose: Bom Bom Island Resort, Omali Lodge.

CHOOSING YOUR CAMPS

In order to host our guests, and therefore ensure the sustainable protection of the wilderness areas in which we operate, we have built a selection of small intimate safari camps across Africa. Of paramount importance to us is that our camps cause as little impact on the environment as possible. This is relevant not only during the building process, but also during day-to-day operating and takes into account all elements of environmental impact, from the visual and aural implications, to effects on soil, the water table, vegetation, game movement, and so on.



WILDERNESS SAFARIS
PREMIER

This is the highest level of camps in our portfolio and comprises our most elegant and stylised accommodation. These camps combine luxury, superbly designed architecture with the warm comforts of home and personal service. Each Premier Camp has its own individual style, as well as additional features such as salas for a soothing midday siesta. Each tent or bedroom has an en-suite bathroom, often with an outdoor shower 'under the stars.'



WILDERNESS SAFARIS
CLASSIC

Our Classic camps are generally tented camps, although a few are lodges built from permanent structures. All these camps offer superb facilities and accommodation, the bedrooms being slightly smaller than those of our Premier camps. Many of the Classic Wilderness tents are raised off the ground with interconnecting walkways. All tents have en-suite bathrooms.



WILDERNESS SAFARIS
ADVENTURES

Adventures Camps are comprised mainly of thatch and canvas although a few are constructed of more permanent materials. The rooms are smaller and more rustic than Wilderness Safaris Classic Camps but extremely comfortable and form part of a larger camp than the Premier or Classic camps. Note: activities at these camps may be at extra cost.

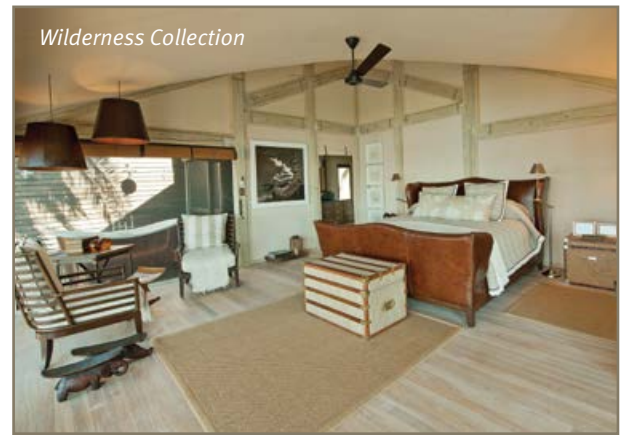


WILDERNESS SAFARIS
EXPLORATIONS

There are a number of different accommodation styles used on Explorations itineraries, including our own unique Discoverer and Adventurer camps. The tents of these camps are spacious with an original design and all comforts and amenities provided. (See the Exploration section of this brochure for details.)



The Wilderness Collection is a portfolio of exceptional properties dotted across Africa and its nearby islands. Not necessarily ‘safari camps’, properties in the Collection share a commitment to global sustainability and use responsible tourism experiences to highlight the earth’s plight and how discerning travellers can make a difference, whether this be island rehabilitation, community unity or vast conservation areas. Each location is dedicated to exceptional guest experiences.



ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES ON SAFARI & IN CAMP

A variety of activities can be enjoyed on safari. For each of the safaris or camps described in this brochure, the symbols for the predominant activities are shown on their respective pages. Listed below are the activity and facility symbols.



Guest Rooms



Tented Camp



Family Room



Discoverer
Exploration



Adventurer
Exploration



Trails
Exploration



Solar Power



Pool



Private Plunge
Pool at
Each Room



Hides



Massage
Treatments



Spa
Treatments



Gym



Game Drive
(Day)



Game Drive
(Night)



Explorations
Vehicle (Day)



Explorations
Vehicle (Night)



Floodlit
Waterhole



Guided Walks



Guided Walks
Seasonal



Cultural
Experiences



Canoeing /
Kayaking



Canoeing /
Kayaking
Seasonal



Flat-Bottom Boat



Mekoro



Mekoro
Seasonal



Boating



Boating
Seasonal



Birding



Catch-and-
Release Fishing



Catch-and-
Release Fishing
Seasonal



Rhino Tracking
on Foot



Turtle Activities



Seal Colony



Elephant Activities



Gorilla Tracking



Hot Air
Ballooning
Seasonal



Quad Biking



Bike Rides



Scuba Diving/
Snorkelling





- AN INTRODUCTION TO -
BOTSWANA



Situated in the centre of southern Africa, landlocked Botswana has Namibia, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe as its neighbours. With the exception of the eastern part where the summer rainfall is slightly higher, the Kalahari Desert forms the majority of Botswana. This predominance of arid land makes for a remarkable phenomenon: The Okavango Delta is a wondrous wetland within a desert, receiving its waters from rain falling over a thousand kilometres away, and sustaining a huge diversity of fauna and flora. In the north-east of the country, the Chobe and Linyanti reserves are renowned for their predators and large concentrations of game.

Historically Botswana is one of Africa's outstanding success stories. Prior to independence in 1966, it was one of the world's poorest countries, an unexplored land only visited by hardy adventurers. Botswana embarked on innovative and proactive ways to deal with tourism, the second largest export sector after diamonds. The country's leaders took the view that high quality, low volume tourism was the best way to create a sustainable industry that would employ a large percentage of its people while still preserving the environment.



OUR BOTSWANA AREAS

The Okavango Delta

The Okavango Delta is rightly considered one of the most incredible wilderness sanctuaries in Africa. It is one of the largest inland delta systems in the world, an area of 16 000 km² (6 000 sq. miles) filled with water channels, lagoons and islands. What makes this area truly remarkable is that it is a wetland paradise located deep within the arid Kalahari Desert. Each year, floodwaters flow from their catchment areas in the moist central African highlands over 1 000 km (620 miles) away into the Delta to create the miracle that is the Okavango. This unique area sustains a huge diversity of fauna and flora, so that game viewing is excellent right through the year.



Xigera Concession

The 6 000-hectare (15 000-acre) Xigera Concession is a wetland paradise within Moremi Game Reserve in the heart of the Delta. Situated on one of the Okavango's key waterways, it is surrounded by picturesque papyrus swamps and wooded islands and is renowned for the highest density of the elusive sitatunga antelope in the Delta. Although the area is not known for big game, mammal sightings include red lechwe, spotted-necked otter, elephant and tsessebe. Predators include lion, spotted hyaena and leopard. Guests are sometimes treated to close-up views of lion or leopard using the footbridge connecting Xigera's island to the next! This concession is a delight for birdwatchers, many of the key swamp-dwelling specialists being resident. Notable are Pel's Fishing-Owl, African Skimmer, Brown Firefinch, Greater Swamp Warbler, Wattled Crane, African Pygmy Goose and Lesser Jacana.



Abu Concession

In the south-west of the Delta, the scenically splendid 180 000-hectare (445 000-acre) Abu Concession varies from seasonally inundated floodplains, channels and palm islands in the north-east to the drier Kalahari 'Sandveld Tongue' in the west. Here trees like Kalahari appleleaf and silver terminalia dominate, adding much contrast to this unique area. Big game includes frequent sightings of giraffe, buffalo, elephant, red lechwe, blue wildebeest, tsessebe, impala, zebra, hippo and warthog. Dominant carnivores include lion and spotted hyaena with occasional leopard and wild dog. For bird enthusiasts, some 380 different species can be found.



Khwai Concession

The 180 000-hectare (445 000-acre) Khwai Community Concession lies in the north-eastern corner of the Okavango Delta adjoining the Moremi Game Reserve with a wide range of habitats: a blend of riparian forest, floodplain, wetland and grasslands. The narrow Khwai Channel is home to hippo, crocodile and buffalo with red lechwe often grazing along the fringe. The beautiful gallery riverine woodland, dominated by ancient camelthorn, knobthorn and appleleaf, provides sanctuary to birds, primates and leopard. Elusive roan and sable antelope often drink at the river. The floodplains offer common species including kudu, tsessebe, zebra and wildebeest while the mopane woodland together with the permanent presence of water attracts large numbers of elephant to the area. Larger predators include lion, wild dog and spotted hyaena. Birds seen include Verreaux's Eagle-owl, Senegal Coucal, Long-toed Lapwing and Arnot's Chat.



Mombo Concession

The Mombo Concession comprises 45 000 hectares (111 000 acres) of the Moremi Game Reserve and is located on Chief's Island in the central Okavango Delta. In the interior of Chief's Island, mopane woodland is interspersed with belts of Kalahari sand and acacia. Towards the edges of the island, regular seasonal inundation creates shallow floodplains dotted with wild date palm islands and riverine forest. Mombo offers arguably the best big game viewing in Botswana with prolific concentrations of general game such as giraffe, zebra, warthog, red lechwe, tsessebe, wildebeest, kudu, elephant, buffalo and impala. Abundant predator sightings include lion, spotted hyaena and leopard. Chief's Island is also home to the only white and black rhino found in the Okavango Delta. The birding, a result of diverse habitats, is equally attractive.



Vumbura Concession

The Vumbura area comprises 60 000 hectares (150 000 acres) in the northern Okavango Delta that includes a diverse mosaic of habitats, from permanent swamp with small palm islands to seasonally inundated floodplains, acacia woodlands, and extensive mopane and Kalahari appleleaf stands. The area is known for its scenic beauty and diversity of wildlife. In addition to large herds of elephant and buffalo in seasonally varying degrees of concentration, majestic sable antelope are a highlight here and share the plains and woodlands with zebra, wildebeest, tsessebe, impala, lechwe, kudu and giraffe. Healthy populations of lion, leopard and spotted hyaena occur, while wild dog are a particular feature and cheetah sightings occasional. Birdlife is abundant – Okavango specials such as Rosy-throated Longclaw, Black Coucal and Long-toed Lapwing are present. The concession is leased from five villages through the Okavango Community Trust in a partnership that ensures that the benefits of ecotourism are shared with rural stakeholders.



Jao Concession

Close to the Panhandle in the Delta's north-west, the 60 000-hectare (150 000-acre) Jao Concession's vegetation varies from east to west: from the magical Jao Flats – picturesque floodplains with lush palm islands and riparian forest – to the drier Hunda Island, covered in acacia and mopane woodland and the largest area of dry land locally during the annual inundation. Around the Jao Flats spectacular herds of red lechwe are followed by the primary predators – lion and leopard. Other game includes wildebeest, tsessebe, giraffe, elephant, hippo and crocodile. Sitatunga are seen occasionally, and sightings of spotted-necked otter are regular. The drier habitats in the west harbour similar species with greater concentrations of zebra and wildebeest. Birding is exceptional with large concentrations of endangered Wattled Crane, Slaty Egret, Rosy-throated Longclaw, Pel's Fishing-Owl, and Lesser Jacana on the eastern side; the western drier areas are ideal for Crimson-breasted Shrike, Dickinson's Kestrel and Meyer's Parrots.



Chitabe Concession

The 28 000-hectare (69 000-acre) Chitabe Concession, situated in the south-east of the Okavango Delta, is separated from the well-known Moremi Game Reserve by the Gomoti Channel. This eastern half of the concession is characterised by grassy floodplains which separate the Channel from acacia and mopane woodland. The western half of the concession has as its boundary the Santantadibe River and here a variety of typical Okavango habitats – seasonal palm-dotted floodplains, to wooded islands, tranquil waterways and dry woodland – ensure a year-round variety of game viewing and birding experiences. It is this diversity and a mix of Okavango and Kalahari habitats that makes Chitabe unique and which allows good concentrations of all the larger predators – lion, leopard, spotted hyaena, cheetah and wild dog – as well as herbivores like giraffe, buffalo, lechwe, tsessebe, impala and elephant.



The Linyanti

To the north-east of the Okavango Delta, along the Linyanti Fault line, lie the Chobe, Selinda and Linyanti areas. The varied woodland habitats and ancient floodplains make adding any of the camps found here to a Botswana itinerary a good choice for a balanced experience of the country. In many ways the Linyanti is an essential complement to an Okavango visit. The area is home to several unique features: the Savute Channel, once again a river in its own right attracting abundant wildlife; the Selinda Spillway, a mythic connection to the Okavango; and the productive Linyanti River frontage. Seasonal zebra and elephant migrations add further drama and the Linyanti expanse is the favoured hunting ground for healthy numbers of predators.



Linyanti Concession

The 125 000-hectare (308 000-acre) Linyanti Concession bordering Chobe National Park's western boundary is an enormous wildlife-rich area with an unrivalled atmosphere of remoteness and space. The bulk of the concession is comprised of different mopane woodland associations, but along the Linyanti River exists a strip of riparian forest and floodplain. The concession is bisected by an ancient watercourse – the now-flowing Savute Channel – which provides a year-round water source to complement the Linyanti. The area is famed for its herds of elephant that reach the world's highest densities in the dry winter months. Other species are also abundant – zebra, wildebeest, impala, giraffe, lechwe, reedbuck, kudu – and in addition to species like lion, spotted hyaena and leopard, the area also plays host to populations of cheetah and wild dog. Rarer species such as sable and roan emerge from the woodlands during the dry season.



The Central Kalahari

South of the Okavango Delta and dominating central Botswana, the 5 million-hectare (12 million-acre) Central Kalahari Game Reserve is one of the biggest protected areas in Africa, its diverse wildlife and wonderful scenery offering an amazing contrast to the rest of the country. The Kalahari Desert is the largest unbroken stretch of sand in the world and at its core is the Central Kalahari Game Reserve, a vast flat expanse of scrub-covered fossil dunes interspersed with ancient river valleys. This area is home to a fascinating spectrum of very different plants and animals that have successfully adapted to living in such a harsh environment.



Central Kalahari Game Reserve

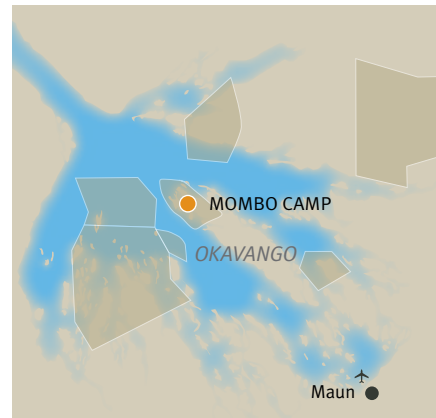
In the northern plains of the Central Kalahari Game Reserve, sweeping vistas and acacia savannah mosaics direct the landscape and hold significant populations of large predators such as lion, cheetah and brown hyaena. Herbivore aggregations include impressive herds of springbok, wildebeest and gemsbok as well as bat-eared fox, meerkats and ground squirrels. The plains game populations move seasonally between dune and valley: in summer the verdant flatlands are a thriving wildlife mosaic whilst in winter a series of ecologically-placed waterholes enhance game viewing. Over 220 bird species include significant populations of regionally threatened and arid-west endemic species including memorable species like Crimson-breasted Shrike, Violet-eared Waxbill and Southern Pied Babbler.





MOMBO CAMP

Wilderness Safaris - Premier Camp



Mombo Camp, on Mombo Island just off the northern tip of Chief's Island, is built under large shady trees and overlooks a wonderful floodplain teeming with wildlife. Accommodation comprises nine spacious tents raised off the ground, all built to maximise the vistas over the plains. The tent interiors are elegantly furnished with polished parquet floors, complete with an outdoor thatched sala – an ideal vantage from which to watch passing game. Bathrooms are en-suite, with indoor and outdoor showers.



The main living and dining area is under thatch and there is a boma for traditional dinners, small library and a plunge pool to relax in the heat of the day. Large concentrations of plains game often occur in front of camp and guests may view a variety of animals without even leaving the veranda. Informative game drives explore the savannah and floodplain mosaics of Chief's Island with prolific wildlife-viewing opportunities.

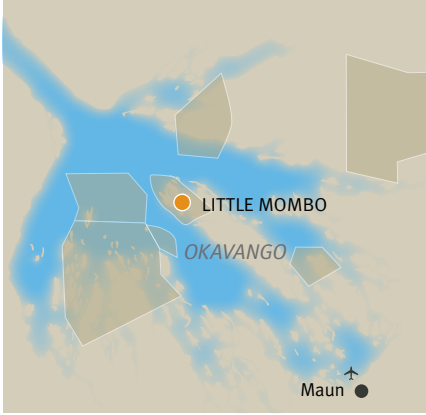
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LITTLE MOMBO

Wilderness Safaris - Premier Camp



Little Mombo is an extension of and shares the same island as the larger Mombo Camp, matching its high standards. It offers the same abundant big game viewing – some of the best in Botswana – and overlooks a floodplain that is a beautiful setting for a variety of wildlife. The camp, built under a shady canopy, has luxurious and spacious guest rooms under canvas, each with en-suite facilities, outdoor shower and individual sala.

Little Mombo has only three rooms, as well as its own dining room, kitchen, lounge and plunge pool, making it ideal for small groups or families with young children. Activities include morning and afternoon game drives in open 4x4 vehicles to view the high concentrations of plains game and their predators, which include all the big cats.



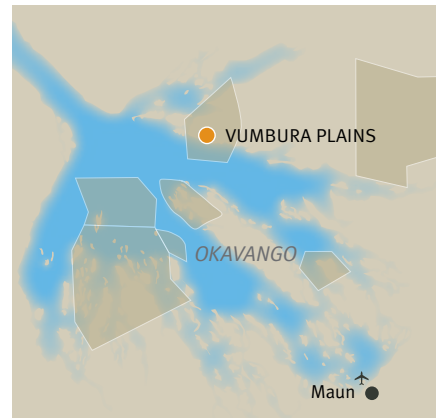
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VUMBURA PLAINS

Wilderness Safaris - Premier Camp



Vumbura Plains is a luxury camp situated in the northern Okavango Delta, comprising two separate satellite camps, each with its own raised dining, lounge and bar area tucked beneath a canopy of shady, indigenous trees and with a vista across the floodplains. The main area lays emphasis on relaxation furnished with soft sofas and idiosyncratic objets d’art.



The 14 rooms, raised off the ground, are unique in contemporary design; the dimensions are square, with extensive use of light wood and space. Each suite has a large, comfortable bedroom, sunken lounge with cushions, “sala”, en-suite facilities, an outdoor shower, private deck and plunge pool. Two family suites are also on offer with private decks linking the two separate rooms. Vumbura Plains offers both land and water activities, principally game viewing in varied habitats on open vehicles, mekoro and boats, providing an excellent all-round experience.



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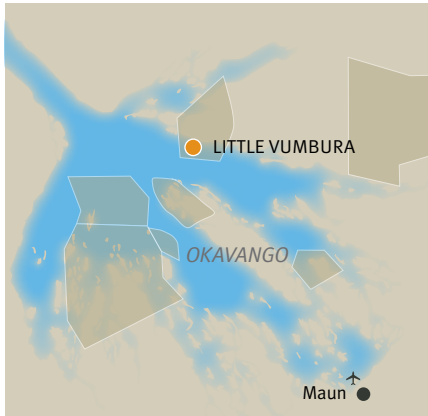


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LITTLE VUMBURA

Wilderness Safaris - Classic Camp



Little Vumbura is situated on a wooded island in the same region as its sister camp, Vumbura Plains. Designed to blend in with its surroundings, Little Vumbura is a beautiful six-roomed tented camp shaded by the canopy of an ancient Okavango forest. Each tent is en-suite, large and roomy with an open-air shower and views of the surroundings. A plunge pool and reading area overlook the floodplains and a star deck leads off the dining area.

Surrounded as it is by water and lying close to large rivers, water-based activities are a focus with mekoro traversing the floodplains under the guidance of experienced polers, and motor boats the permanent channels. Wildlife viewing and birding is consistently good all year round. Game drives in open Land Rovers explore the savanna areas. Walks (depending on qualified guide availability) around the islands are an opportunity to enjoy Africa from a different perspective.



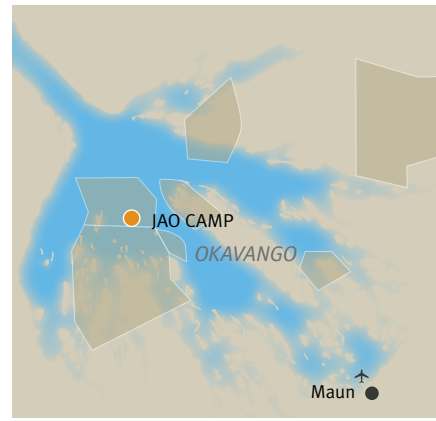
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JAO CAMP
Wilderness Safaris - Premier Camp



Jao Camp is located on a remote island in the heart of the Okavango Delta. The camp has nine luxurious tents, each individually handcrafted. The open-plan design of each includes a lounge, dressing area and main bedroom, en-suite facilities with old-style fittings and an outdoor shower. A private sala for afternoon siestas has magnificent views of the nearby channel. The main area is an elaborate two-storey building with lounge and dining area, two plunge pools, a small library, curio shop and a boma for dining under the stars, complemented by an excellent wine cellar. Jao's spa offers a wide range of massage therapies, and a gym.



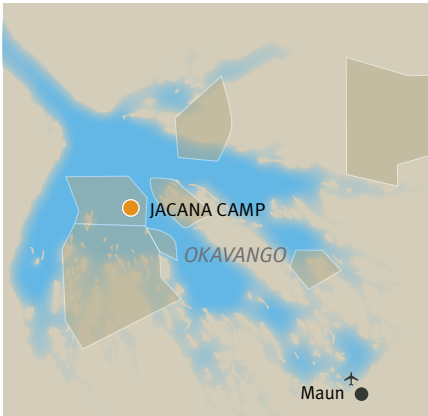
With habitats that vary from waterways and lagoons to dry Kalahari grasslands, Jao offers both land and water experiences, depending on annual inundation levels. Mokoro, boating, seasonal fishing, and day and night game drives are usually on offer all year round in one of the most picturesque concessions in the Delta.



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JACANA CAMP
Wilderness Safaris - Classic Camp



Situated on a small island in the beautiful Jao Flats area of the concession, Jacana offers remote seclusion. Accommodation is in five spacious en-suite tents – each with an outdoor shower – built on raised wooden decks, all with stunning views over the water.

The main dining area is on an elevated wooden deck between two enormous sycamore trees, and surrounded by dense wild date palms. Downstairs, there is a cosy lounge with large viewing deck, and open area to sit around the fire. Behind this is another thatched relaxation area with hammocks. Meals are sometimes enjoyed outdoors in a traditional African boma.

Jacana Camp is a true water camp, offering mokoro safaris as well as day game drives all year round.



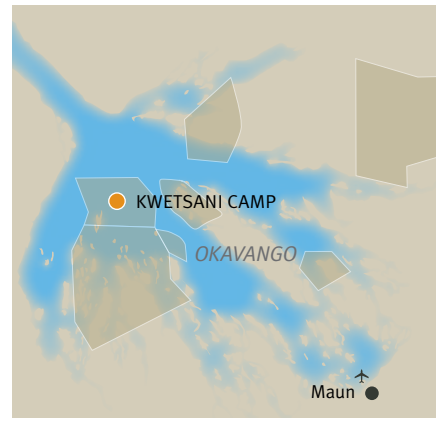
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KWETSANI CAMP

Wilderness Safaris - Classic Camp



Kwetsani, one of the most remote camps in the Okavango, is situated on an elongated island covered with palm, mangosteen and fig trees. Five beautifully furnished 'tree-house' chalets, each with its own ensuite bathroom and outdoor shower provide guests with open, airy accommodation of thatch, wood, glass and canvas. All are elevated and connected with wooden walkways.



The main area includes a dining room and lounge area situated under a cool thatched roof, and leads onto an expansive wooden deck that looks out over an enormous floodplain often dotted with plains game. A walkway leads to a plunge pool with loungers – a perfect spot to relax at midday. Guests can watch the animals from the comfort of the pool or the privacy of their rooms.

Kwetsani offers excellent land and water activities dependent on annual inundation levels. Guests can view wildlife by mokoro or experience outstanding game drives. During times of high water levels, Kwetsani boats to Hunda Island for game drives.



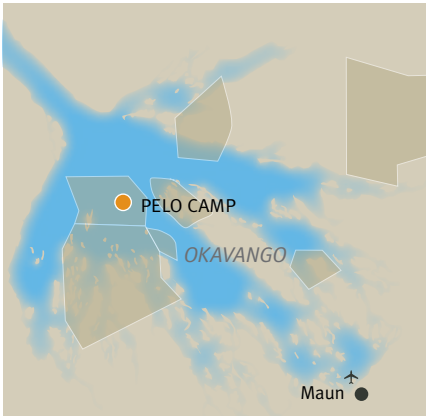
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PELO CAMP

Wilderness Safaris - Adventures Camp



The word *Pelo* means ‘heart’ – a fitting name as, from the air, the island on which Pelo Camp is situated is heart-shaped. It is also found pretty much as deep into the heart of the Okavango Delta as it is possible to be. The camp is completely eco-friendly with no permanent structures.

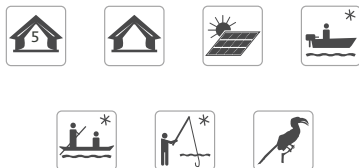
The main area comprises a tented dining area and lounge situated under impressive wild date palms, jackalberry and Natal mahogany trees. There is also an outdoor boma area and a raised platform built onto an old anthill. Small and intimate, the five spacious guest tents have en-suite bathrooms and a covered front veranda. A zipper door separates the sleeping area from the bathroom which has a flush toilet, as well as running water in the basin. A door leads from the bathroom into an outdoor bucket shower.

Given the camp’s situation on an exquisite, small island surrounded by permanent water, activities focus on mokoro (traditional dug-out canoe) excursions in the open, shallow floodplains as well as boating and walking. No game drives take place at Pelo.

Note: Pelo is open 1 April to 31 October.



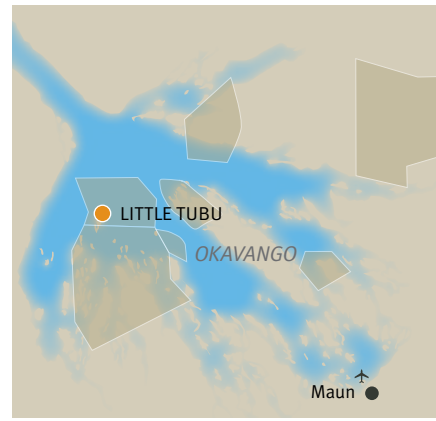
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LITTLE TUBU

Wilderness Safaris - Classic Camp



Little Tubu is situated on Hunda Island, next to its sister camp, Tubu Tree and connected to it by boardwalks. Hunda Island, which is the largest dry land environment in this area, hosts a mix of diverse habitats, which ensures a varied and spectacular game viewing experience.



Little Tubu has three traditional-style tents, all with en-suite bathroom facilities, and private decks to maximise the view. The elevated dining, bar and pool decks are shaded by a riverine tree canopy and look out over a seasonal riverbed, which ebbs and flows with the passage of a variety of game.



Activities include day and night game drives in open 4x4 vehicles with access to productive mopane and acacia woodlands. During the winter season (normally May to late September), boating, seasonal fishing and mokoro trips are also offered.

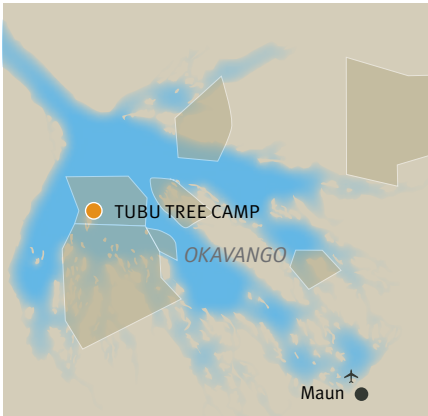
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TUBU TREE CAMP

Wilderness Safaris - Classic Camp



Tubu Tree lies on the western side of the isolated Hunda Island. Elevated walkways through the canopy link the traditional style camp with eight secluded tents on raised platforms, taking in the marvellous scenery of the surrounding floodplain. Each tent has a private front deck, en-suite bathroom facilities and an outdoor shower. A family unit consisting of two adjoining tents with separate bathrooms and a shared lounge is available, while boardwalks connect the camp to its neighbour, Little Tubu.

The main dining and lounge areas are raised on platforms with an outdoor bar under the spreading boughs of a marula tree. The pool deck below affords uninterrupted views over the ever-changing plain.

Owing to its locale and easy access to diverse habitats, Tubu Tree ensures excellent game viewing. Activities include day and night game drives in open 4x4 vehicles with access to productive mopane and acacia woodlands. During the winter season (normally May to late September), boating, seasonal fishing and mokoro trips are also offered.



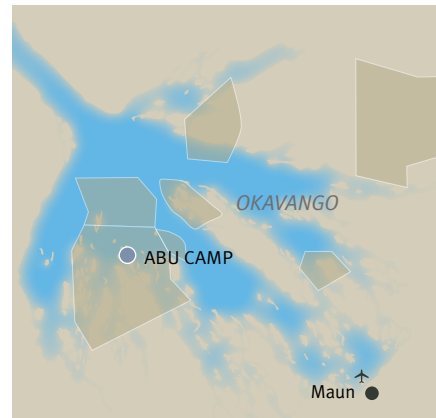
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ABU CAMP

Wilderness Collection



Abu Camp provides guests with the extraordinary privilege of interacting with African elephants, of being part of an elephant herd, meeting each individual and beginning to understand what makes the largest land mammal tick. This is possibly the ultimate elephant educational safari.



Set in age-old riverine forest, Abu Camp consists of six en-suite tents designed in a unique style: wide, airy and blending in well with the natural surroundings. Each tent has its own tree-shaded deck overlooking the lagoon, which thrives with bird and animal life. The lounge and dining tent has a breathtaking view over the lagoon and features a well-stocked library and a study. There is also a gym for those feeling energetic. Sundowners around a traditional campfire are followed by five-star meals complemented by award-winning wines. End your evening curling up above the elephants in a one-of-a-kind “star-bed” whilst listening to the herd’s low snores below.



The elephant encounters include riding and walking with the herd through the bush. Abu also offers game drives, night drives, walks (on request) and mokoro trips to view the diversity of game in the area.

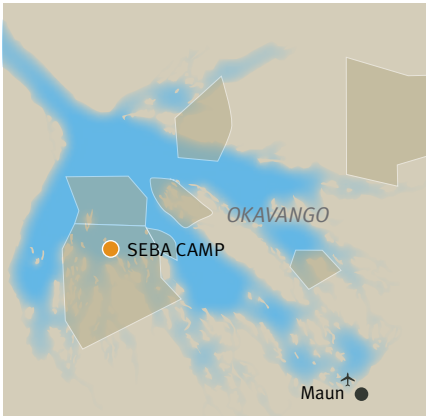
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SEBA CAMP

Wilderness Safaris - Classic Camp



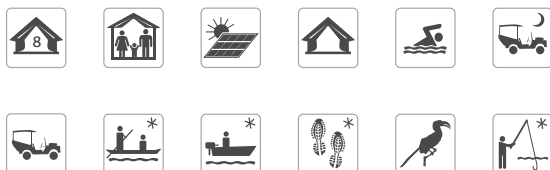
Set in a riverine forest of majestic hardwood trees and overlooking a perennial lagoon with prolific birdlife and visiting pods of hippo, Seba Camp has eight raised, well-appointed and spacious tents, each with en-suite bathroom and private deck, and each celebrating a different tribe of Botswana through vibrant décor. The dining area, lounge-library and pool are all set on raised saligna decks with spectacular views.

Seba Camp is ideal for families, with two suites that can accommodate groups of varying sizes. One has an upstairs lounge with a pull-out sleeper couch, while the other has a loft room suitable for older children or adults. There's also a kids' swimming pool and sandpit. Finally, expert guides who specialise in children's activities means that whatever the age and personal tastes of the children, the kaleidoscopic spectrum of activities on offer is guaranteed to ensure the safari is enjoyed by all – kids and adults.

The camp is named after Seba, one of the elephants historically released from nearby Abu Camp; the word means 'whisper.' Activities include day and night game drives all year round, while during winter, mokoro rides, motorboat excursions and fishing are popular.



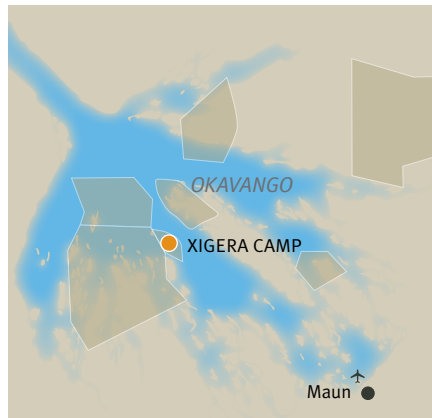
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XIGERA CAMP

Wilderness Safaris - Classic Camp



Xigera Camp is situated deep within the Delta surrounded by water and lush vegetation. Nestled in riverine forest on the aptly-named Paradise Island, Xigera has ten luxuriously furnished tents (including a family room), a clever mix of wood and canvas, each with en-suite facilities and an outdoor shower. All are built on wooden decks, offering views of a seasonal floodplain and small lagoon. Meals and evening drinks are enjoyed in the lounge and dining area overlooking the permanently flowing channel or under the stars in a traditional African boma. The camp is rounded off with a plunge pool and the camp “newspaper” (a sand pit built into the bridge to capture paw prints) which is “read” each morning, revealing last night’s unseen visitors.



The concession’s year-round water allows for the Delta’s most sublime experiences – poling on a mokoro and motorboat outings. This is complemented by game drives in the area depending on water levels. Xigera also offers some of the best birding opportunities in the Delta, with incredible ‘specials’ often seen, such as Pel’s fishing-owl.



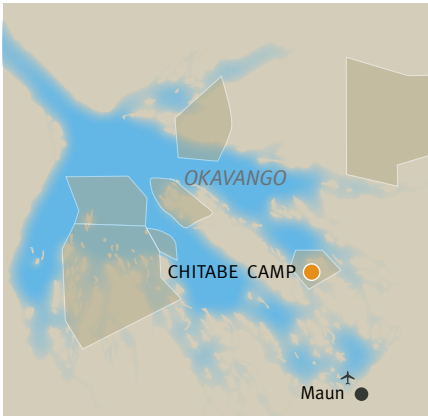
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CHITABE CAMP

Wilderness Safaris - Classic Camp



Chitabe is situated on a beautiful old tree-island in a prime location in the south-east of the Okavango Delta. Eight spacious en-suite Meru-style tented rooms are built on elevated wooden decks, each tastefully styled with unique décor. The spacious en-suite bathrooms include double vanity basins together with an indoor as well as outdoor shower. Elevated walkways connect the rooms to the main area.

The central part of camp is made up of a thatched dining area and lounge leading onto open decking, all built on raised decks to provide superb views across a floodplain. There is a pool that provides cool sanctuary in the heat of the day.

Activities include day and night game drives in open 4x4 vehicles, nature walks (depending on qualified guide availability) and spectacular birding through a diverse array of habitats. Owing its location on the periphery of the Delta, Chitabe offers exciting year-round game viewing.



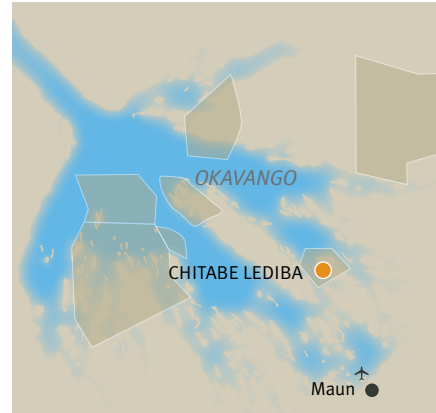
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CHITABE LEDIBA

Wilderness Safaris - Classic Camp



Chitabe Lediba is located on the other side of the same island as its sister, Chitabe Camp. A smaller camp, accommodation consists of five canvas tented-style rooms, built on raised decks with luxurious interiors and in tasteful style, complete with en-suite bathrooms, including double vanity basins, indoor and outdoor shower with spectacular views. There are two family rooms, one (for older children) with an adjoining front deck and the other (for youngsters) with an adjoining corridor; each room however has its own en-suite facilities.



A dining area, lounge and pool have glorious views over the surrounding floodplains and the small lediba (remnant lagoon waterhole), where a variety of game comes to drink during the day.



Wildlife viewing is the major activity at this camp, whether on walks (depending on qualified guide availability), or day and night game drives in open 4x4 Land Rovers accompanied by an experienced guide.

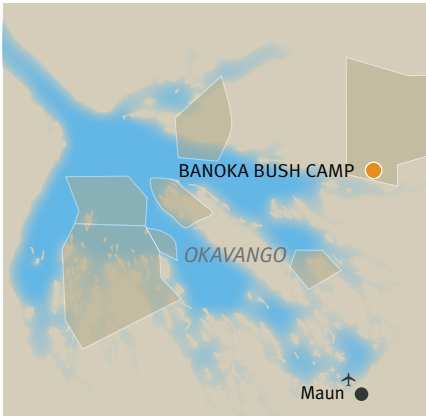
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BANOKA BUSH CAMP

Wilderness Safaris - Adventures Camp



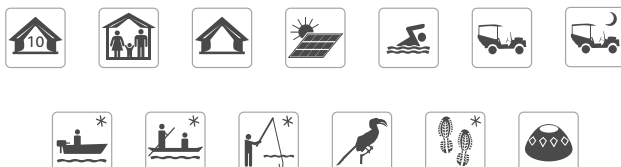
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Banoka Bush Camp is named in honour of the River San, or Banoka, ancestors of the Khoi and the earliest settlers of the Okavango Delta. It is situated in the Khwai Development Trust Community Concession, on the banks of the Khwai River; this incredibly diverse area hosts a wealth of wildlife.

Built along the tree-line overlooking a lagoon, the whole camp is raised off the ground to take in the view. Accommodation is in ten en-suite tented rooms each with a private veranda. The main area consists of a lounge, dining area and plunge pool and deck. The camp is 100% solar powered.

Activities include guided game drives, walks (depending on qualified guide availability) and traditional mokoro rides that allow one to float down the Khwai's secretive channels. Fishing with a limited supply of basic equipment is on offer seasonally on a catch-and-release basis.



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KINGS POOL

Wilderness Safaris - Premier Camp



Named for Scandinavian royalty, this luxurious and stylish camp overlooks the oxbow-shaped Kings Pool Lagoon and Linyanti River system.

Nine well-appointed rooms (including a family room) of canvas and thatch each have a large en-suite bedroom and lounge. Folding doors lead to a veranda with private plunge pool, separate thatched sala to soak up the views and an outdoor shower. The lounge and dining areas are set on expansive decks, and there is a pool and an open-air 'kgotla' (boma) for evening dining under the stars.



Activities include day and night game drives, walks (depending on qualified guide availability), and elegant boat cruises along the Linyanti River (water levels allowing) on Kings Pool's colonial-style barge, the Queen Sylvia. In the dry season, two hides allow guests to spend their siesta watching game come down to drink. One is on the edge of the camp, while the other is underground, with the water at eye-level – seeing elephant feet and trunks almost within touching distance while safely inside is an experience that transcends that of an ordinary safari.

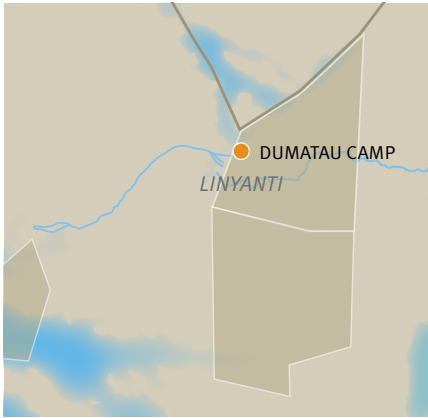
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DUMATAU CAMP

Wilderness Safaris - Classic Camp



DumaTau Camp lies on an exquisite site on the banks of the Linyanti River's Osprey Lagoon. It is located close to the source of the Savute Channel in the western part of the Linyanti, between two elephant corridors, thus offering an exclusive combination of land and river experience.

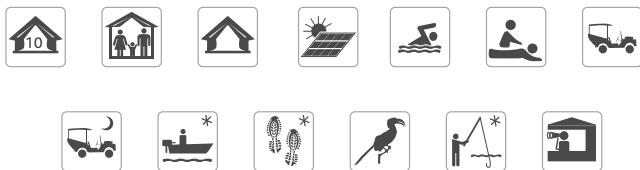
The ten en-suite tented units (eight twin and two family) are raised off the ground to overlook the Lagoon. The architecture evokes the age of the explorers along with a sense of space, thanks to the wraparound clear-storey window providing dramatic views of the river. The main areas include an expansive deck and dining and lounge areas all sporting the same vista.

Activities allow guests to view game during day and night game drives, on short nature walks (depending on qualified guide availability), and while boating along the serene waters of the Linyanti River (levels permitting).

DumaTau Camp operates completely on solar energy, for hot water, lighting and other energy needs, and is built of FSC-standard timber.



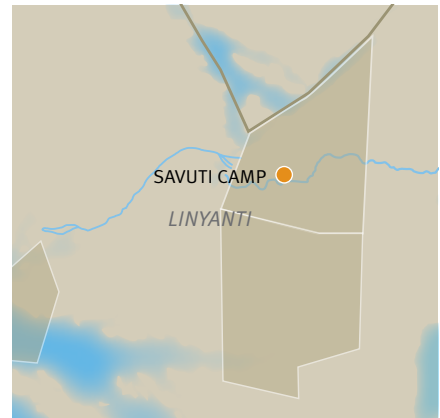
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SAVUTI CAMP

Wilderness Safaris - Classic Camp



Savuti Camp is located on the Savute Channel, which for many years was a dry, wide-open ribbon of grassland snaking through the adjoining woodland. In 2008, the waters returned, and Savuti Camp now has front-row seats to view the abundant game that has congregated and adapted in its wake. The site of the camp is about 17 kilometres 'downstream' from the Zibadianja Lagoon – the source of the Channel.



Accommodation comprises seven large en-suite canvas-and-thatch rooms that are raised off the ground and face onto the Savute Channel. From the thatched dining area, a plunge pool and large viewing area with fire pit extend outwards on raised wooden decks towards the new waters that flow past the camp. Activities on offer are day and night game drives and nature walks with a guide (depending on qualified guide availability).



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KALAHARI PLAINS

Wilderness Safaris - Classic Camp



Situated on an immense pan, Kalahari Plains Camp lies in a remote part of the Central Kalahari Game Reserve, a place famed for its outstanding wildlife with vast herds of antelope followed by abundant predators – including the legendary black-maned Kalahari lions. This region also offers some of the best summer wildlife viewing in Africa.

Kalahari Plains comprises ten en-suite canvas units each with a sleep-out area from which to enjoy the night skies. The lounge and dining area has a separate swimming pool and deck. The camp is raised off the ground to catch the breeze and take in the sweeping, spacious views across the Kalahari. Solar power provides electricity and hot water, and the innovative insulated canvas walls and roof keep the temperatures inside comfortable.

Guided game drives and walks (subject to the availability of a qualified walking guide) unlock the wildlife treasures found here and San Bushman experiences provide insights into the unique culture of this people.



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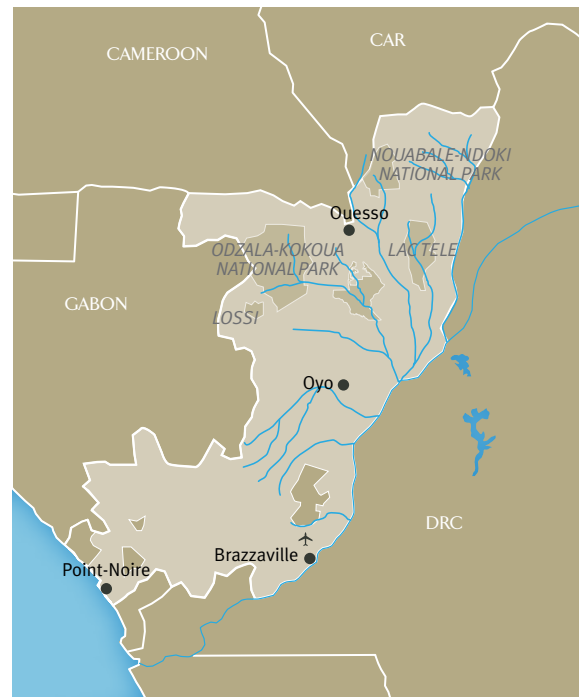
- AN INTRODUCTION TO - REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

The sparsely populated Republic of Congo is a surprising west-central African gem with seemingly endless tropical forest and fingers of moist savannah covering its interior. Tourism to the Congo is at a fledgling stage with an aura of exploration and discovery enhancing every journey into its interior.

This little known former French colony has a population of approximately four million people, 70% of whom live in the south-west of the country, in the urban centres of Brazzaville (the capital) and Pointe-Noire (the major port). This leaves the northern rainforest very sparsely populated and largely untouched. This is the heart of the Congo Basin, the world's second largest expanse of tropical rainforest, and, aside from a host of forest biodiversity, holds by far the majority of the world's population of western lowland gorillas.

Rivers such as the Sangha, Mambili and the mighty Congo drain this basin and provide a means of travel through dense forests and access to remote national parks such as Odzala-Kokoua, and Nouabale-Ndoki. It is in these areas that endemic wildlife flourishes and traditional forest dweller cultures persist.

The development of ecotourism camps in Odzala-Kokoua by the Wilderness Collection contributes to the conservation of critical elements of central African biodiversity. We believe Congo – with its low population, pristine ecosystem, spectacular biodiversity and stable economy – is the best country in which to achieve this.



OUR CONGO AREAS

Odzala-Kokoua National Park

Odzala-Kokoua, in the north of Congo and on the Gabonese border, is one of Africa's oldest national parks, having been proclaimed by the French colonial administration in 1935. It covers primarily equatorial rainforest typical of the Congo Basin but is unique for protecting a large area of savannah as well. It is one of the 'gems' of west-central Africa.

Within its 1 360 000 hectares (3 360 633 acres) it holds globally significant populations of western lowland gorilla, forest elephant and forest buffalo as well as a wide array of other species. It is renowned as the richest forest block in central Africa for primate species with eleven diurnal and six nocturnal species having been recorded. Guereza colobus, grey-cheeked mangabey, putty-nosed monkey and crowned monkey are perhaps the most common primates, but De Brazza's monkey and agile mangabey are also seen regularly.

It is for gorillas that people visit however, with densities of this great ape in Odzala the highest recorded in Africa. Sharing more than 97% of its DNA with humans, the gorilla is perhaps the most charismatic inhabitant of the forest, and guests at Odzala have a unique opportunity to observe habituated groups of the species.

M'boko Concession

In the south of Odzala-Kokoua our operation is focused in the M'boko area. This area is bounded by the Lekoli and Mambili rivers – important waterways to negotiate the forest – and is home to several important bais, the productive forest clearings on which wildlife viewing is focused. As well as providing access to the primary forest blocks, rivers and bais, the M'boko area is also graced by a large tract of savannah, which plays host to additional biodiversity.

Ndzehi Concession

The Ndzehi Forest is situated adjacent to the western boundary of Odzala-Kokoua and is an area of primary rainforest mixed with marantaceae glades and drained by a few small, crystal-clear streams. As opposed to the sometimes swampy forests of the Lango area, this area is classified as terra firme forest and hosts high densities of both western lowland gorillas and chimpanzees.





LANGO CAMP

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Lango Camp lies on the edge of the savannah area, within dense gallery forest overlooking the productive Lango Bai, thus strategically located to ensure access to a variety of habitats, activities and wildlife species.

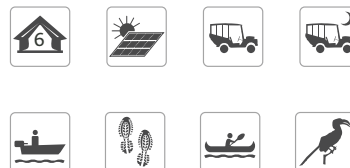
Each of the six creatively-designed guest rooms takes inspiration from the regional Baka forest-dwelling groups and is raised three to four metres above ground to ensure views of part of the bai, as well as the surrounding gallery forest.

The main area is also fashioned using traditional construction techniques from locally sourced materials: sustainably harvested timber, bamboo and community-woven raffia palm roofing. A star deck and fire pit are placed on a dropped deck overlooking the bai for after-dinner relaxation and star gazing.

Activities at Lango are a combination of walking, drives and boating, in search of species such as forest buffalo, forest elephant, sitatunga and harnessed bushbuck, as well as primates like guereza colobus, grey-cheeked mangabey and putty-nosed monkey.



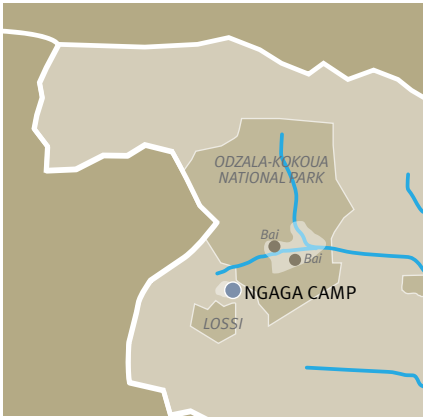
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NGAGA CAMP

Wilderness Collection



Ngaga Camp is an intimate six-unit lodge secreted within a glade in the primary forest above the Ngaga Stream and within the home ranges of several western lowland gorilla groups.

Like Lango Camp, the six guest rooms are styled on traditional Baka architecture and use natural materials that blend into the forest environment. The slope down to the Ngaga Stream and the three- to four-metre high decking give each room a view right into the forest canopy and the passing bird and squirrel life.

The central main area is sited at the crest of the glade looking down into and out over the rainforest, while a separate deck is located at a natural cooling-off spot on the Ngaga Stream below camp.

The principal activity at Ngaga Camp is the tracking on foot of habituated western lowland gorillas. These excursions are led by a guide and skilled local tracker who follow signs on the forest floor that lead them to the selected gorilla group for the day. Birding and night walks are offered as well.

*Note: While every effort is made, gorilla viewing is not guaranteed.



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- AN INTRODUCTION TO -
KENYA

Kenya, one of East Africa's premier safari destinations, covers an area of some 586 600 km² (224 445 sq. mi). Holding approximately 44 million people and over 40 tribes, Kenya spans the equator and is bordered by Tanzania, Uganda, Sudan, Ethiopia and Somalia. Its 550 km (341 mi) coastline to the east is lapped by the warm Indian Ocean, with its highest point being Mount Kenya (5 199 m / 17 000 ft.).

One of Kenya's most spectacular geological features is the Great Rift Valley which passes through the country – an approximately 6 000 km (3 700 mi) fracture in the crust of the earth, running in a series of valleys from Syria to Mozambique.

Kenya's biodiversity is fascinating. Endless savannah plains and scorched deserts are interrupted by snow-capped mountains, cool highlands and equatorial forests. The scenic coastline possesses the atmosphere of a paradise island and is sprinkled with colourful coral reefs.

Annually, the country plays host to the remarkable phenomenon of the wildebeest migration, the largest single movement of herd animals on the planet. The open savannah grasslands also teem with plains game and roaming predators year round. These diverse habitats offer endless opportunities for adventures, new discoveries and relaxation.



OUR KENYA AREA

Laikipia

Laikipia, located in the central highlands of Kenya, is considered the bountiful and fertile breadbasket of the Kenyan people. Four rivers, one of which is perennial, flow through the area making for an even more compelling habitat for animals and people alike. In these river valleys are to be found the sacred, preeminent fields of a nation still tied to agriculture, but which simultaneously strives to live in harmony with its wildlife.

The gateway to Kenya's northern frontier country, wild and scarcely populated, much of Laikipia is covered by large privately-owned ranches where the cattle share the land with free-ranging wildlife. In recent years this wildlife has become a valuable asset, with many ranches establishing guest lodges, resulting in a hugely positive impact on the land, its wildlife and conservation. Importantly, community ranches have also been formed. Conserving more than just wildlife, these ranches are also a way of life and have bolstered a sense of local identity and strengthened community ties.

Segera

Centrally located within Laikipia, 20 000-hectare (49 000-acre) Segera consists of high-altitude acacia grassland. Game roams freely and safely, their movements frequently monitored and documented; they are also protected by an efficient and well-organised anti-poaching unit. This area has become a sanctuary for elephant, lion, leopard, buffalo, eland and a wealth of plains game, including many endemic northern species such as the reticulated giraffe, Grévy's zebra and beisa oryx. More than 350 bird species have been recorded in the Laikipia area.

Moreover, Segera is a tangible example of successful multiple land-use efforts. With the support of the Zeitz Foundation, it is at the forefront of change in Kenya, with its vision to achieve a healthy, holistic balance of conservation, community, culture and commerce, leading to the creation of a sustainable Global Ecosphere Retreat that contributes to the vision of an ecosphere in the healthiest possible state.





SEGERA RETREAT

Wilderness Collection



Six timber and thatch villas project above a profusion of botanical life and from their raised wooden platforms gaze out onto the surrounding savannah, swingbeds below providing the perfect shaded midday relaxation. The sumptuous Segera House and perfectly-positioned Villa Segera boast similarly spectacular views and even greater privacy and luxury. Each villa includes in its décor original, individually selected paintings and other art from amongst Africa's most inspiring artists.



Overlooking snow-capped Mount Kenya, beautifully renovated stables form the core of the main area, filled with selected art of locally and internationally acclaimed African artists. Guests also have the rare opportunity to view the private collection of Segera's owner, including a number of striking sculptures that dot the botanical garden.

Activities, all facilitated through an Experience Host and Guide, are flexible and can be tailor-made to one's requirements and preferences. Guests are further spoilt for choice with a spa, gym and central pool. Meals and private dining are served al fresco or in the various reception rooms, the cuisine comprising Segera's own free-range beef and organic vegetables.

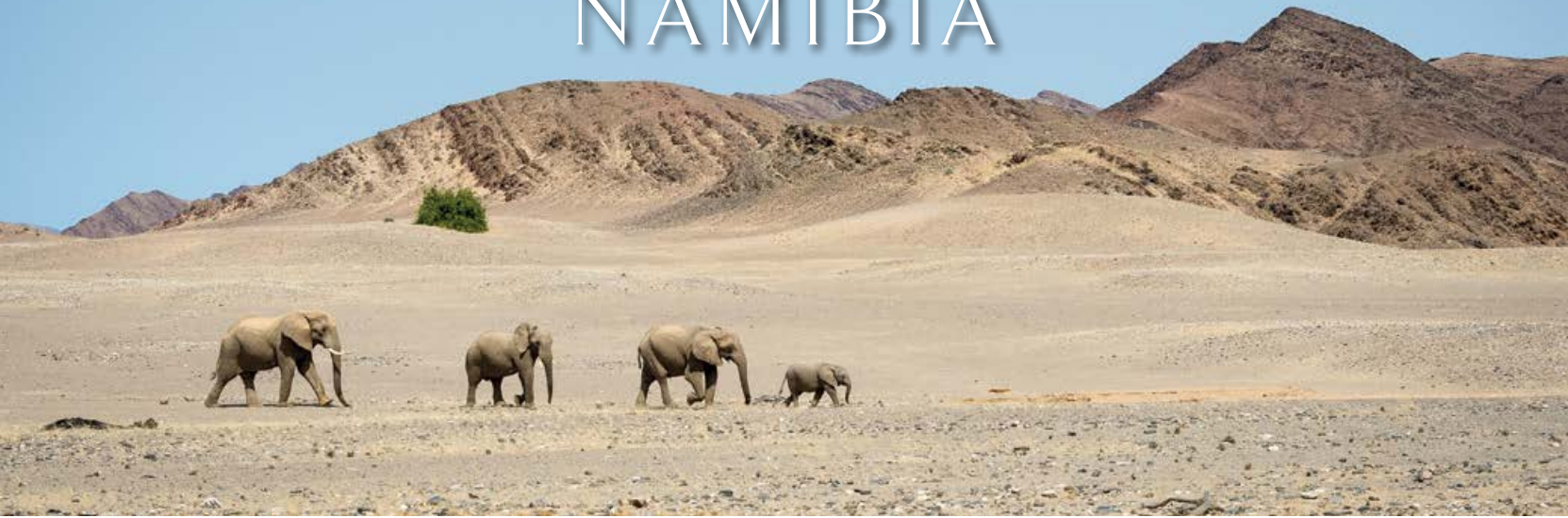


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- AN INTRODUCTION TO -
NAMIBIA



Namibia is a country of astonishing contrasts aptly named after the Namib – the oldest desert on the planet, and a sea of red sand along the Atlantic coastline. Namibia is celebrated for its vast open landscapes, infinite supply of blue skies, sun-drenched weather and star-filled nights.

Over the years, there have been a number of cultural influences that have all added to the unique atmosphere of Namibia. At various times Germany, Great Britain and South Africa have all governed the territory, but it was with the eventual independence of Namibia in 1990 that the country was able to develop its multicultural character and reinvent itself. There is a distinctive Namibian character that freely blends African styles with European influences on architecture, food, customs and art.

All this is in interesting juxtaposition with the expansive landscapes that surround the cities. The many national parks and game reserves boast a huge variety of wildlife in a kaleidoscope of differing environments: the white salt pans of Etosha National Park; the red dunes at Sossusvlei; lonely beaches along the Skeleton Coast and the uninhabited wilderness of the Kunene Region. Astonishing contrasts are everywhere for the visitor to savour, enjoy and photograph.



OUR NAMIBIA AREAS

Sossusvlei

Sossusvlei, located in the red dunes of the Namib Desert, is formed where the natural course of the ephemeral Tsauchab River is blocked by a mass of sand. This mass of sand stretches for 400 km south of Walvis Bay, sandwiched between the cold Benguela Current of the west coast and the escarpment that runs parallel more than 100km inland. The path of the Tsauchab is flanked by some of the tallest sand dunes in the world and then ends in a series of pans or vleis that dot the end of this blind river. Sossusvlei is one such pan, Dead Vlei another.



Kulala Wilderness Reserve

Kulala Wilderness Reserve, a 40 000-hectare (98 839-acre) tract of land near the spectacular sights of Sossusvlei, borders the expansive Namib Naukluft Park. Today, after ten years of habitat rehabilitation, Kulala is once again home to all forms of desert wildlife and provides convenient access to the splendour of the towering red dunes of the Namib. The Sossusvlei dunes rise dramatically more than 300 metres above the surrounding plains, and are surrounded by rugged, ancient volcanic mountains and open plains. Larger desert-adapted wildlife such as ostrich, springbok and gemsbok flourish here with carnivores such as bat-eared fox, Cape fox, brown hyaena and black-backed jackal often seen. Emphasis is placed on desert fauna, spectacular scenery and the incredible night sky. Unique birds include Dune Lark, Burchell's Courser, Ludwig's Bustard and Stark's Lark.



Kunene

The Kunene Region, formerly known as the Kaokoveld, is situated in north-west Namibia. It is one of the harshest environments on the planet, with endless vistas across stark plains, ancient valleys, rugged peaks and desolate coastline. The ephemeral rivers that bisect it form linear oases as they meander their way west towards the sea. The vegetation that fringes their courses provides sustenance to a diverse array of superbly adapted desert wildlife like black rhino, elephant, springbok, gemsbok, giraffe and Hartmann's mountain zebra. The most reliable source of water here is the fog created when the icy Atlantic waters meet the warm air of the coast.



Doro !Nawas Conservancy

The 407 300-hectare (1 006 425-acre) Doro !Nawas Conservancy is a landscape ranging from boulder-strewn plains to curious rock formations surrounded by sand dunes. This is prime desert-adapted elephant territory, where herds traverse the Aba-Huab riverbed seasonally in search of water and vegetation. Wildlife viewing concentrates along the riverbed and valleys. While there are no large concentrations of wildlife, this arid environment is home to gemsbok, springbok and variety of other species, including occasional black rhino and cheetah. Birdlife is excellent with several Namibian endemics such as Monteiro's Hornbill and Rüppell's Korhaan. Africa's largest collection of petroglyphs (prehistoric rock engravings) and San rock art are to be found at Twyfelfontein, Namibia's first World Heritage Site.



Torra Conservancy

The 352 200-hectare (870 274-acre) Torra Conservancy has a landscape characterised by hills interspersed with valleys and dry riverbeds. Early morning fog brings precious water to flora and fauna, which have adapted superbly to this harsh environment. Despite its aridity, the area supports a surprisingly high diversity of wildlife including a healthy number of desert-adapted elephant and good populations of giraffe, gemsbok, springbok, occasional cheetah and black rhino as well interesting flora like euphorbias, pachypodiums and shepherd's trees. Birding is excellent with White-tailed Shrike and Benguela Long-billed Lark common finds. The conservancy is the result of a successful partnership between Wilderness Safaris and the local Torra community that has become an inspiration for communities and conservationists throughout Africa.



Palmwag Concession

The 450 000-hectare (1 111 935-acre) Palmwag Concession is made up of rolling, rocky hills, flat-topped mountains with scattered euphorbia, and stark plains with ancient welwitschia plants, scrubby vegetation and isolated clumps of trees. The conservancy supports the largest free-roaming population of desert-adapted black rhino in Africa as well as a healthy number of desert-adapted elephant. Thanks to the freshwater springs in the area there is a surprising amount of life here: Hartmann's mountain zebra, giraffe, gemsbok, springbok and kudu, as well as lion, cheetah, leopard, and brown and spotted hyaena. Birdlife is equally varied including endemics like Bokmakierie and Rüppell's Korhaan. Palmwag holds the core of the rarely seen desert-adapted lion population of north-west Namibia.



Marienfluss Conservancy

In extreme northern Namibia, mountains of folded metamorphic rock are severed by the Kunene River that forms the border between Namibia and Angola. The Kunene River, the only permanent source of water in the region, is lined with a narrow belt of riverine vegetation and palm trees. Away from the river the vast Marienfluss and Hartmann's Valleys, that in rainy years become grassy expanses, comprise part of the vast 303 400-hectare (749 641-acre) Marienfluss Conservancy. Generally their flat topographies are covered by soft sand broken only by a few tough grasses, toxic euphorbias, mysterious 'fairy circles' and sheer granite inselbergs. Wildlife such as gemsbok, springbok, brown hyaena and Cape fox occur sporadically, while the smaller creatures impress within this surreal setting. The Kunene River also harbours Nile crocodile and vibrant birdlife.



Etosha

Etosha Pan is the result of a geological shift that dramatically changed the course of the Kunene River. Its 5 000 km² / 1 930 sq. miles (120 km / 75 miles across and 55 km / 34 miles from north to south) were formerly an ancient lake. Today the Pan is mostly bone dry, the stark, parched white surface giving the Pan its Herero name – "Great White Place". The edges of the Pan give way to a surprising variety of vegetation types: from woodland and broad swathes of mopane, to open acacia-strewn plains and grasslands. Fringing the Pan are a number of productive waterholes that sustain the high density of large mammal fauna, from elephant and lion to vast herds of springbok, wildebeest, zebra, giraffe and gemsbok.



Ongava Game Reserve

On the southern boundary of Etosha National Park and forming a buffer to the Park lies Ongava Game Reserve, a 30 000-hectare (74 129-acre) private reserve. It is a haven to large concentrations of wildlife: notably lion, wildebeest, springbok, gemsbok, Hartmann's mountain zebra, red hartebeest, giraffe, eland and the largest population of the endemic black-faced impala outside of Etosha. The Reserve is also known for the successful reintroduction of white and black rhino. Birdlife is prolific with 340 species seen, amongst them ten of Namibia's 14 endemic bird species including White-tailed Shrike, Short-toed Rock Thrush, Hartlaub's Francolin, Rüppell's Parrot and raptors in abundance. Ongava also provides easy access to the prime game viewing areas of western Etosha, Namibia's premier wildlife destination.





LITTLE KULALA

Wilderness Safaris - Premier Camp



This acclaimed desert retreat is situated on the dry Auab riverbed in the Kulala Wilderness Reserve. The 11 climate-controlled, thatched villas merge seamlessly into the timeless desert landscape, with exquisite fittings and fixtures and innovative bleached decks each with a private plunge pool. The extensive use of neutral colours, gorgeous textures and natural light reproduce the soothing pastel tones of the desert. Each villa has a rooftop 'skybed' for romantic star gazing, with both indoor and outdoor showers. An elegant entertainment area includes al fresco fine dining as a highlight.



Varied activities aim at acquainting guests with the splendour, solitude and stark beauty of the Namib Desert, with excursions to Sossusvlei (via our own private gate), and nature drives and walks providing awe-inspiring views of desert-adapted wildlife and plants. A balloon safari at extra cost offers a unique experience soaring silently above the desert, while eco-sensitive quad biking and horse riding (extra cost) explore this beautiful area on the ground.



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KULALA DESERT LODGE

Wilderness Safaris - Adventures Camp

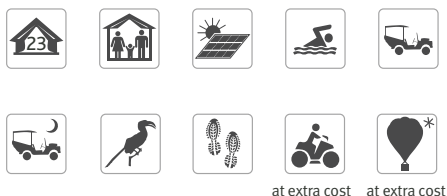


Hidden at the foot of the majestic Sossusvlei dunes, a private entrance to Namib Naukluft Park makes Kulala Desert Lodge the closest location to Sossusvlei, while magnificent views of its famous red dunes, mountainous scenery and vast open plains make it the most spectacular.

The camp comprises 23 thatched and canvas “kulalas” (including 3 family units) with en-suite bathrooms and verandas. Each unit is built on a wooden platform to catch the cooling breezes and has a deck on the flat rooftop where bedrolls are placed for guests to sleep under the stars. The main area, with northern African-inspired décor, has a lounge, dining area, pool, and wraparound veranda overlooking a waterhole. Activities impress guests with the overwhelming magnitude, solitude and tranquillity of the desert and include private tours to Sossusvlei, scenic nature walks and drives to view the desert’s fascinating flora and fauna. At extra cost, it is also possible to experience the area on horseback, hot air balloon and eco-sensitive guided quad-biking excursions.



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DAMARALAND CAMP

Wilderness Safaris - Classic Camp



Damaraland Camp is situated in the Huab River Valley in one of the best wilderness areas in Namibia, offering endless vistas across stark plains, ancient valleys and a stunning ochre-purple mountain backdrop. Ten large ensuite, adobe-style thatched units are raised off the ground, each with a walk-in dressing area and a large deck on which to sit and contemplate the desert. The spacious living area comprises a dining area, and swimming pool. New technology combined with ancient knowledge has produced an eco-friendly yet high-performance design in this unique camp. An open campfire and outdoor 'boma' are enjoyed during calm evenings and stargazing is superb, thanks to the crystal-clear night skies.



Activities include nature drives and walks during which guests can see species such as desert-adapted elephant, gemsbok, kudu and springbok, and black rhino as well as rare succulent plants. Further afield, ancient rock art and the Petrified Forest are just some of the geological wonders in the area.

Damaraland Camp is the result of an award-winning partnership between Wilderness Safaris and the Torra Conservancy; visits to the local farmstead allow guests to see this relationship in action.

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DORO NAWAS CAMP

Wilderness Safaris - Adventures Camp



Doro Nawas rests on the slopes of a small hill on the edge of the dry Aba-Huab River overlooking ancient plains with glorious views of the rugged Damaraland area. Guests are housed in 16 natural walled units, the design and décor blending in with the surrounding scenery. Each unit consists of a bedroom, en-suite bathroom, outdoor shower, and veranda for stargazing or sleep-outs. There are indoor and outdoor dining areas, a residential pool area and a small curio shop.

The camp provides an excellent base for exploring the local area in game drive vehicles and on foot, combining a luxury safari experience with economic empowerment for the local community. Guests can view petroglyphs – prehistoric rock engravings – and San rock art at Twyfelfontein, Namibia’s first World Heritage Site. The combination of Africa’s past and present makes Doro Nawas a fascinating visit.

Doro Nawas Camp is a joint venture between Wilderness, the Doro !Nawas community and a Namibian empowerment company.



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DESERT RHINO CAMP

Wilderness Safaris - Classic Camp



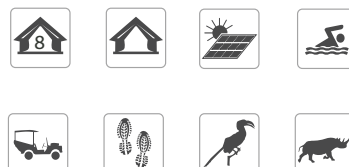
Desert Rhino Camp offers an original and exclusive wilderness experience and the possibility of seeing some of the largest free-ranging population of desert-adapted black rhino in Africa. The camp, set in a wide valley sometimes flush with grass, has eight large Meru-style tents with en-suite bathrooms. A tented dining and living area and plunge pool offers uninterrupted views of the desert and mountains, while extraordinary welwitschia plants dot the plain in front of camp.



Activities include rhino tracking on foot and by vehicle with Save the Rhino Trust trackers (an NGO responsible for the conservation of the black rhino in the area), full-day outings with a picnic lunch, birding and nature drives. Other species seen in the area include Hartmann's mountain zebra, giraffe and lion. Desert Rhino Camp is run in conjunction with Save the Rhino Trust so in addition to gaining amazing insight into the ecology and conservation of this area, a portion of guest revenue goes to the Trust and its conservation operations.



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HOANIB SKELETON COAST

Wilderness Safaris - Classic Camp



Located in the most remote part of the Kaokoveld – a land of mountains, vast plains, and dry riverbeds inhabited by fascinating wildlife – Hoanib Skeleton Coast lies on the transient Hoanib River. Both the eight large ensuite tents (including one family unit) with private outdoor shaded lounges, and the main area and swimming pool look out over rugged scenery.

The area is explored by vehicle, on foot and in the air (weather permitting), with game drives discovering the wealth of desert-adapted life: elephant, giraffe and antelope followed by lion and brown hyaena. Guests can track elephant herds as they roam the seemingly endless desert landscape in search of sparse ribbons of vegetation and secret freshwater springs, marvel at the ancient welwitschia plant, and savour landscapes that unfold untouched for hundreds of kilometres.

Further afield, guests can visit oases and even the seal colonies on the coast itself (weather dependent). Hoanib Skeleton Coast is a joint venture with the neighbouring Community-based Conservancies of Anabeb, Torra and Sesfontein.



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SERRA CAFEMA CAMP

Wilderness Safaris - Premier Camp



Set amongst shady trees on the banks of the Kunene River, Serra Cafema is one of the most remote camps in southern Africa, its Portuguese name originating from the mountains that dominate the northern skyline. Guests fall asleep to the sound of rushing water, while by day they explore one of the driest deserts in the world.



The camp's eight unique canvas and thatched chalets, each with its own en-suite bathroom, show great attention to detail; the elevated decks and simple structures of wood, canvas and thatch create a camp that is at one with its surroundings. The dining room and pool look out over the Kunene River.

Activities here are varied, including boating (seasonal), walking, viewing breathtaking landscapes, as well as carefully guided quad-bike excursions that tread lightly on the dunes. In this isolated region, the Himba people continue their nomadic, traditional way of life and when in the area, offer guests the opportunity to learn about their lifestyle and traditions.



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LITTLE ONGAVA

Wilderness Safaris - Premier Camp



Little Ongava is perched on the crest of a hill commanding magnificent vistas of the plains stretching for miles to the horizon. Arguably Namibia's most luxurious accommodation, Little Ongava offers an extraordinary experience as the focal point of an Etosha journey.

This intimate camp has only three spacious suites each with its own plunge pool, en-suite bathroom, 'sala', and outdoor 'al fresco' shower. The lounge and dining areas have wonderful views of a productive waterhole below the camp, the open deck allowing for relaxed, stylish dining under the African sky. Guests at Little Ongava share a dedicated guide and vehicle, ensuring the best possible nature experience at one of Africa's great wildlife destinations. Day and night wildlife-viewing drives, visiting hides overlooking waterholes, walks and rhino tracking with experienced guides can all be enjoyed exclusively on this reserve. Game drives and day trips into nearby Etosha National Park are also offered.



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ONGAVA TENTED CAMP

Wilderness Safaris - Classic Camp



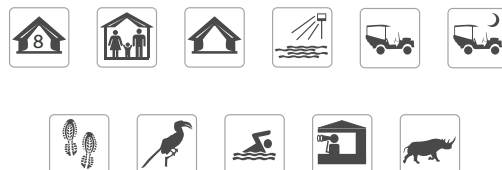
Ongava Tented Camp is tucked into a hidden valley at the foot of a dolomite hill in Ongava Game Reserve bordering Etosha National Park. Eight large comfortable Meru-style tents all have en-suite facilities, open air showers and private verandas; the family unit sleeps four. The main area, built of stone, canvas and thatch, fronts onto a much-frequented waterhole; watching wildlife coming to drink from here or from the swimming pool is a favourite pastime.



Ongava's proximity to Etosha allows for game drives in the National Park and on the Ongava Reserve itself. Other possibilities include guided walks, birding and spending time in hides. Ongava holds one of the largest rhino custodianships for the Namibian government in the country and is one of the few private game reserves in southern Africa where guests can see both black and white rhino.



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ONGAVA LODGE

Wilderness Safaris - Classic Camp



The well-established Ongava Lodge is situated in the privately owned Ongava Game Reserve along the southern boundary of Etosha National Park. Placed as it is close to the top of a hill in the foothills of the Ondundozonanandana Mountain range, the vantage point is beautiful and overlooks a well-frequented waterhole and the plains beyond.

Ongava Lodge offers luxury accommodation in 14 rock-and-thatch en-suite chalets. There are impressive views over the camp's waterhole from the main lounge and dining areas and there is also an inviting pool to cool off in the heat of the day. Meals are either served in the main dining area under thatch or on the dining deck under the stars.

Activities include game drives into Etosha, spending time in the camp hide, and nature drives and walks on the reserve. Ongava has resident white and black rhino, giving guests staying at Ongava the opportunity to see both species.



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ANDERSSON'S CAMP

Wilderness Safaris - Adventures Camp



Nestled in mopane scrub on white calcrete soils, Andersson's Camp is situated 4.5km from Etosha's Andersson Gate. The camp was named after Swedish explorer Charles Andersson – one of the first Europeans to 'discover' Etosha, Africa's largest saltpan.



The resurrected former farmstead that stands on the site now forms the centre of a charming camp fronting onto a productive waterhole. The 18 tented ensuite units (including two family suites) are raised on decks. The camp is an exciting example of sustainable construction; this model of eco-sensitive lodging provides an authentic, safe and down-to-earth experience for small groups, families and independent travellers to the Etosha region and is easily accessible by either road or air.

Activities include morning and/or afternoon game drives in Etosha National Park, and morning and afternoon/evening drives (on request) and nature walks on Ongava Reserve. The sunken hide at the waterhole in front of camp is an excellent place from which to watch wildlife coming down to drink.



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- AN INTRODUCTION TO -
SEYCHELLES

The Republic of Seychelles is a cluster of 115 islands across 950 000 km² (366 000 sq. mi) of Indian Ocean off Africa's east coast. Lying just south of the equator and beyond the cyclone belt, surrounded by warm waters, Seychelles epitomises the expression "tropical island paradise."

Seychelles is divided into 43 Inner Islands – the only oceanic islands of granitic composition on Earth – and the Outer Islands – five groups of flat, low-lying coral atolls and reef islets. The most famous is Aldabra Atoll, the world's largest raised coral atoll and a World Heritage Site where over 150 000 giant tortoises live. The Seychellois themselves call their home "Forever Eden" and for good reason. More than 1 000 flowering plant species and over 220 bird species are recorded, and insects, amphibians and reptiles abound – amongst them the smallest frog and the largest land tortoise in the world. Mammals are less abundant as befits island ecosystems, with the most common being the famous flying fox, a large fruit bat. Tourism is the mainstay of the nation's economy, benefiting from policies that take into account both the conservation of natural and cultural resources as well as the carrying capacity of the islands.



OUR SEYCHELLES AREA

North Island

Some 30 km (18 miles) from the main island of Mahé, the 210-hectare (518-acre) Ile du Nord, or North Island, comprises three granite outcrops with a tropical interior of coconut palms and takamaka trees. After a ten-year comprehensive rehabilitation and conservation plan known as the 'Noah's Ark Project,' North Island has begun to reclaim itself.

More than 200 plant species have been identified in 16 different habitat zones and a number of endemic invertebrates and reptiles thrive. Seychelles Blue Pigeons and Seychelles Sunbirds, rare or absent in 1997 when Wilderness Safaris acquired the island, are now relatively common and together with the Seychelles Kestrel, Seychelles Swiftlet and introduced Seychelles White-Eye comprise the five endemic bird species present. Emerging from the ocean to nest on North Island's beaches in growing numbers are endangered green and hawksbill turtles. Endemic day geckos with fluorescent orange markings clamber over surfaces while Seychelles fruit bats, the so-called flying fox, are often seen.

The warm, clear waters surrounding the island are filled with an abundance of sea life. Hard and soft corals litter the ocean floor, nudibranchs are often seen and hugging the reefs is an endlessly colourful array of fish such as spotted eagle rays, parrotfish, round ribbontail rays and white-tip reef sharks. Many members of the kingfish family, giant barracuda, wahoo, and sailfish move through the depths. Whale sharks and giant sleepy sharks are seasonal, and awe-inspiring, visitors to the area.

We are most proud of this ecotourism development, one that has allowed Wilderness to meaningfully advance the renewal of this vital, verdant Noah's Ark, afloat in the Indian Ocean. Today, North Island and its ecotourism development are an example of the ecologically sensitive utilisation and rehabilitation of a precious natural treasure.





NORTH ISLAND

Wilderness Collection



North Island is a place of barefoot luxury for those seeking an unspoilt, spectacular tropical retreat. There are only 11 individually handcrafted guest villas on the entire island, each constructed to create a sensorial experience in surroundings of understated elegance and providing a unique atmosphere and distinct flavour of the Seychelles. Each villa has a study or second bedroom, forming the perfect space for children. All the villas are built directly on the eastern beach.



A lounge, dining room and library, scenically located health spa and gym, world-class 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. Activities include mountain biking, gym, guided walks, snorkelling, fishing, boating, sea kayaking, and scuba diving. North Island has created a signature style that combines natural beauty with sheer luxury, a rare experience in harmony with the environment.



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- AN INTRODUCTION TO -
SOUTH AFRICA

Situated at the southern edge of the African continent, South Africa is bounded by oceans on three sides with an interior characterised by an assortment of habitats, from lush tropical forests to arid deserts, mountains to open bushveld savannah. Since the first democratic elections in 1994, South Africa has become one of the world's top travel destinations, blending elements of both 'Africa of old' with modernity: wilderness areas contrasting with modern cities. Its National Parks are renowned for their excellent wildlife- and bird-viewing opportunities while the coastline offers superb vistas – such as sandy beaches and sheer, forest-covered cliffs – and amazing marine encounters, from southern right whales to pristine coral reefs. This diversity is echoed in the country's peoples and history. The first human inhabitants – the San or Bushman people – and the powerful civilisations of Mapungubwe and Thulamela who traded with Chinese and Arab traders a thousand years ago have given way to a 21st-century country filled with a colourful mixture of people and cultures, a heady history and a natural heritage that has South Africans proudly describing their land as “a world in one country.”



OUR SOUTH AFRICA AREA

iSimangaliso Wetland Park – Rocktail Bay

Rocktail Bay is situated in Maputaland on KwaZulu-Natal's north-eastern seaboard, a diverse region of forested dunes, wetlands, sandy beaches, woodlands and warm seas. It lies within the iSimangaliso Wetland Park, one of South Africa's World Heritage Sites which spans a range of ecological zones. Situated offshore is the sanctuary of the Maputaland Marine Reserve which offers extraordinary diving and snorkelling encounters with prolific marine life, spectacular coral landscape, and dolphins and whales. Few sections of the South African coastline are as unspoilt and secluded, and the area is known for its superb, pristine dive spots as well as the loggerhead and leatherback turtles that come to lay their eggs and hatch on the beaches. The land is a low-lying coastal plain, lined with ancient coastal dunes that are considered to be amongst the tallest vegetated dunes in the world; these are swathed in lush green forest with a variety of animals, birds and plant life that provide a natural counterpoint to the bushveld. Common reedbuck frequent the marshes and grasslands, red duiker live in the forest areas, hippo are found in freshwater lakes, and whales and dolphins are often seen offshore. Birding is outstanding, with a number of typical coastal forest species – Green Twinspot, Green Malkoha, Grey Waxbill, Purple-crested and Livingstone's Turacos.





ROCKTAIL BEACH CAMP

Wilderness Safaris - Adventures Camp



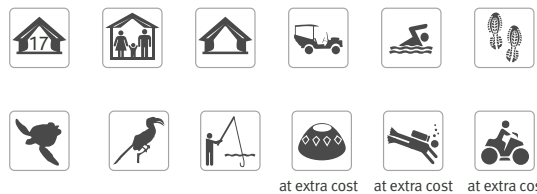
Rocktail Beach Camp, set well back in a lush dune forest, has 17 en-suite rooms, seven of which are family suites each with a shared bathroom and two bedrooms, and one being a honeymoon suite. There is a central dining and lounge area with large wrap-around veranda and a raised deck, with wide views extending out to the ocean. A large pool, curio shop and children's playroom complete the main area. The waters of the Maputaland Marine Reserve and an endless beach lie at the end of a 20-minute walk through the forest.



World-class diving is conducted along coral reefs accessible only to Rocktail guests. Other adventures include birding, swimming and walking in the forest and along a 40 km golden beach. Excursions are available (at extra cost) to Lake Sibaya, the surrounding community and Gugulesizwe, a joint venture between Wilderness Safaris and the community, where cultural Sangoma visits and quad biking are on offer. During summer guests can accompany nightly research drives to monitor turtle nesting numbers and behaviour. The sight of a 750 kg leatherback turtle heaving herself up the beach to lay eggs is a once-in-a-lifetime spectacle.



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- AN INTRODUCTION TO -
ZAMBIA



Zambia is a vast country, friendly and peaceful, that offers superb wildlife and cultural encounters. Landlocked in south-central Africa, it is one of the region's least travelled and most rewarding wilderness destinations.

Situated mainly on a vast plateau about 1 200 metres (3 937 feet) above sea level, the country boasts the Zambezi, Kafue and Luangwa rivers as well as Victoria Falls, one of the largest waterfalls in the world, which it shares with neighbouring Zimbabwe. Most of the country enjoys a mild, pleasant climate with the river valleys hotter and more humid and the north, in the region of Lake Tanganyika (one of Zambia's ten large lakes), tropical. While Lusaka is the country's capital, Livingstone, just 10 km (six miles) from the Falls, is the well-known 'adventure capital', offering adrenalin-packed activities on and around the Falls and the Zambezi River.

When it comes to wildlife, Zambia offers impressive diversity as well as large concentrations and numbers, and some of the wildest and most remote game areas on the continent. It was in Zambia that the concept of walking safaris originated as the best way of enjoying the rich flora and fauna of the country's 19 national parks. Birdlife is particularly prolific, attracting birders from all over the world.



OUR ZAMBIA AREAS

Kafue National Park

At 2.25 million hectares (5.5 million acres), Kafue National Park is one of the largest in Africa. The million-hectare northern sector is the perfect location for our camps: remote, wild and diverse with vast tracts of pristine wilderness. The north-west is dominated by the Busanga Swamps, a papyrus-dominated wetland that gives way to the vast floodplain of the Busanga Plains, seasonally-inundated grassland dotted with isolated tree-islands. The Lunga, Lufupa and Kafue Rivers are lined with riverine forest and the landscape is further patterned with broad-leaved miombo woodland, open plains, floodplains and island thickets. The Busanga Plains offer concentrations of common species such as puku, lechwe, buffalo and wildebeest, but also comparative rarities not easily viewed in southern Africa such as roan, oribi and Lichtenstein's hartebeest. There is a high density of lion, with species like cheetah and wild dog utilising those areas where lion are not present. Birdlife is equally abundant and includes many 'specials' such as Ross's Turaco and Locust Finch.



Victoria Falls (Livingstone)

One of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World, Victoria Falls is known locally as Mosi-oa-Tunya – “the Smoke that Thunders” – a name that accurately depicts the plume of spray, visible for some distance, caused by the cascading waters of the Zambezi River. This is an area of spectacular scenic beauty: from the Falls themselves to the broad, picturesque course of the Zambezi River upstream. Wildlife also abounds in the area, particularly during the dry season, and can be viewed while boating on the river or on game drives in the Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park upstream of the Falls. This small park offers excellent sightings of buffalo, giraffe, zebra, wildebeest, impala and even white rhino. There is rich birdlife here too, including sought-after species such as African Finfoot, Half-collared Kingfisher, African Skimmer, Schalow's Turaco and Rock Pratincole. The principal town on the Zambezi's Zambian bank is Livingstone, which, with its adrenalin sports such as abseiling, white-water rafting and canoeing, has become known as the 'adventure capital' of southern Africa.





SHUMBA CAMP

Wilderness Safaris - Classic Camp



Shumba Camp is situated in the centre of the Busanga Plains close to permanent water and within easy access of the teeming floodplains. Shumba is named after a favourite species in the area: its large prides of lion that are often seen right next to camp – or even, unusually, in trees. Viewing of this and other species is possible from the comfort of the tent or main deck, while the camp’s fig trees ensure both shade and constant bird activity.



Shumba Camp comprises six spacious luxury safari tents, all on raised platforms with spectacular views. The dining area is elevated so as to take in this vista and each morning’s sunrise; dinner takes place either here or in the cosy boma where guests can also enjoy elements of local Zambian culture.

Guests have the option of game drives in and around the Plains and water-based activities when the Plains are still inundated. Night drives provide the added excitement of the nocturnal wonders of the area, and floating in a hot air balloon high over the plains is an unforgettable experience.

NOTE: Shumba Camp is open seasonally between 01 June and 31 October each year.



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BUSANGA BUSH CAMP

Wilderness Safaris - Classic Camp



Busanga Bush Camp lies in the heart of the Busanga Plains, a vast mosaic of expansive, grassy seasonal floodplains that extends to the horizon. The camp, nestled in a vegetated island of fig trees, can accommodate eight guests in four well-appointed tents. The lounge area is under canvas looking out over the plains; breakfast is often served here to take in the view of herds of lechwe and puku. The dining area lies under the shady canopy of a majestic tree from which an unusual lantern chandelier hangs, romantically lighting up dinner; most meals are served in the open air.

Activities include game drives, walking safaris and night drives, led by qualified guides. Thanks to the rising mist off the floodplains as they dry up in winter, guests can experience incredible sunrises and sunsets, with the sun a spectacular pink colour, while the floodplains teem with wildlife and birds. A special experience is an exclusive hot air balloon ride, ending with champagne breakfast.

NOTE: Busanga Bush Camp is open seasonally between 01 June and 31 October each year.



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THE RIVER CLUB

Wilderness Safaris - Classic Camp



The River Club overlooks the Zambezi River, 18 km (11 miles) upstream from Victoria Falls. Its main area is a well-appointed Edwardian house with lounge, dining room, library, shop and veranda on which breakfasts and teas are taken. Midday meals are often served on manicured lawns complete with croquet court. The gazebo and the Summer House (with snooker room) are both alternatives for private dining. The pool seems part of the river itself, a secluded deck provides respite and beauty treatments are available in the Wellness Centre. For the energetic the gymnasium, running track on the secure property and all-weather tennis court are perfect. Eleven luxury en-suite chalets (including 1 family and three suites), with floor-to-ceiling sliding glass doors, look west into the glorious African sunset over the Zambezi, best viewed from the privacy of the ball-and-claw bath.



Activities (on an inclusive rate) include a Victoria Falls Tour on the Zambian side, sundowner cruises, tiger fishing, and visiting a nearby village. Others (at extra cost) include white water rafting, bungee jumping, abseiling, canoeing, and flights over the Falls. The area is steeped in local history and rich in wildlife; hippo and elephant are seen regularly and birdlife is prolific.



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TOKA LEYA CAMP

Wilderness Safaris - Classic Camp



Overlooking the Zambezi River and some of its islands is Toka Leya Camp, comprising 12 raised, spacious en-suite safari-style tents. Tent interiors boast wooden flooring, tasteful African décor, climate-control, and an expansive wooden deck from which to soak up the views. Family units are positioned to offer quiet seclusion.

The camp's dining and lounge areas offer ample space for relaxation. Meals are served on the sundeck, the pool deck and dining room all overlooking the Zambezi. There is a novel pizza oven and a curio shop.

Activities (on fully inclusive rate) include a tour of the Victoria Falls on the Zambian side, game drives within Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park, river cruises, back-of-house tours, fishing and guided nature walks. Tours of Livingstone town and museum and visits to Mkuni Market and a nearby village add cultural diversity. Other activities on offer in the area at additional charge include helicopter flights, microlighting, canoeing, jet boating, and white water rafting.



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- AN INTRODUCTION TO -
ZIMBABWE



Two major rivers form the northern and southern boundaries of Zimbabwe: the great Zambezi River cuts along its northern frontier, while the languid Limpopo forms the southern border with South Africa. In between, the country has a variety of habitats, from the granite hills of the Matopos to the majestic mountains, lush forests and beautiful rivers of the Eastern Highlands. As such, there is much to attract the traveller, from wildlife viewing and adrenalin adventures to encountering the history of the Zimbabwean people going back thousands of years.

It is in the unspoilt and peaceful northern parks that we concentrate our safari operations. The Zambezi has an exceptional variety of spectacular scenery as well as one of the world's natural wonders: the Victoria Falls. Downriver, our concession lies in Mana Pools National Park, located on the floodplains of Africa's Great Rift Valley and offering superb wildlife viewing.

Along the Botswana border the easternmost tongues of the Kalahari sands creep into the country and mix with the teak forests of the interior, so that desert-adapted animals share the same habitat with woodland species. Hwange National Park is home to some of southern Africa's last great elephant, buffalo and sable herds. Wilderness' Makalolo and Linkwasha concessions within Hwange are truly wild areas which offer Zimbabwe's best summer game viewing.



OUR ZIMBABWE AREAS

Hwange National Park

Hwange National Park is the largest game reserve in Zimbabwe. Situated on the easternmost edge of the Kalahari Desert, its 1.4 million hectares (3.4 million acres) of sandy soils support extensive stands of broad-leafed woodland that during the summer months, despite the low rainfall, are a profusion of green. Along with salt pans, acacia scrub and grasslands the Park supports an enormous abundance of wildlife. Located on the border with Botswana, the Park was proclaimed some 70 years ago and has one of the densest concentrations of wildlife in Africa, in particular its herds of elephant and buffalo. There are a number of shallow pans spread throughout the Park, around which wildlife congregates, making for excellent game viewing. The private Makalolo and Linkwasha concessions, situated in its south-eastern corner, are ecologically diverse, including vast open palm-fringed plains, grasslands, acacia woodlands and teak forests. This ensures large numbers of animals all year round – elephant, buffalo, sable, roan, giraffe, wildebeest, impala and even gemsbok. These are followed by their predators: lion, leopard, wild dog and cheetah, along with African wildcat, serval, honey badger, civet and spotted hyaena. Of avian interest are species like Dickinson's Kestrel, Bradfield's Hornbill and Arnot's Chat.



Mana Pools National Park

Mana Pools National Park lies at the heart of the Zambezi Valley, where the Zambezi River meanders to the Mozambican border. It is a remote, beautiful place with spectacular views of the broad river, floodplains, riverine woodland and the mountains of the Rift Valley escarpment. This stretch of the Zambezi River is famous for its four main pools (after which the Park is named: 'mana' means 'four' in Shona) – Main, Chine, Long and Chisambuk – which are remnants of channels of the river which stopped flowing years ago. These and smaller seasonal pools dotted further inland hold water all year round, drawing all manner of wildlife and waterfowl during the dry season. The ana trees that characterise the floodplain shed their protein-rich pods during this time, providing vital sustenance for many species, particularly elephant. Wildlife viewing is excellent, with large concentrations of buffalo and elephant along the river's edges, while predators such as lion, wild dog and leopard are often sighted. Kudu, zebra, impala and waterbuck feed on the surrounding plains and the grunting of hippo can be heard all day. Birdlife is superb, particularly for both woodland and riverine species with numerous local specials such as Black-throated Wattle-Eye, Red-necked Falcon and Eastern Nicator.





LINKWASHA CAMP

Wilderness Safaris - Classic Camp



Linkwasha Camp (opening May 2015) is situated in a prime location in the south-eastern corner of Hwange National Park. Built on the same site as the old Linkwasha, the camp is near the famed Ngamo Plains, which offers fantastic summer game viewing – to add to the already excellent winter viewing within the private Linkwasha Concession.



Overlooking a pan that is a magnet for game across all seasons, the fresh, open and airy design of the camp is complemented by an eclectic mix of contemporary interiors. The eight luxurious en-suite tents (seven twin and one family) all offer uninterrupted views of the waterhole, while the main area includes various multi-level decks, a pool and a winter lounge complete with fireplace and library.



Activities include day and night game drives in open 4x4 vehicles, walks (depending on qualified guide availability) and local village visits. Guests also have the option of spending a night under the spectacular African skies on a nearby “star bed.”

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LITTLE MAKALOLO CAMP

Wilderness Safaris - Classic Camp



Little Makalolo lies in one of Hwange National Park's best wildlife viewing areas. It offers privacy for guests who enjoy small camps and a sense of remoteness. The area is ecologically diverse, ensuring great numbers of animals year-round.

The camp's six spacious en-suite tents, with both indoor and outdoor showers, are nestled in the tree line, with solar power for hot water and lighting ensuring a lighter ecological footprint. Teak walkways lead to the main area where a false mopane tree shades a separate dining and living area with views of the much-frequented waterhole. During siesta hours, guests can enjoy up-close and outstanding wildlife viewing at the log-pile hide that overlooks the waterhole in front of camp.

Activities centre on game drives in open 4x4 Land Rovers and guided walks. The area's large number of waterholes attracts game in both quantity and variety. This is especially true in winter when water sources become scarce and Wilderness Safaris takes responsibility for pumping 22 of Hwange's boreholes in the Concession to sustain its wildlife. Guests are also able to visit the nearby village for authentic cultural experiences.



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DAVISON'S CAMP

Wilderness Safaris - Adventures Camp



Nestled under a grove of ancient false mopane trees, Davison's Camp is situated in a remote, private corner of Hwange National Park. Named after the founder of Hwange National Park and its first warden, Ted Davison, the camp overlooks an extremely productive waterhole that attracts a variety of plains game and predators. Eight twin-bedded tents and one family unit, along with a main area comprising a lounge and dining room stretching out onto an open deck with a fire pit, altogether offer the quintessential Hwange experience.



Game activities include game drives in open 4x4 vehicles in the early mornings and evenings, while during the siesta hours, guests can view game from their tent verandas, as thirsty wildlife comes down to the waterhole to drink. Guests can also enjoy a guided walk, visit a local village and participate in community projects.



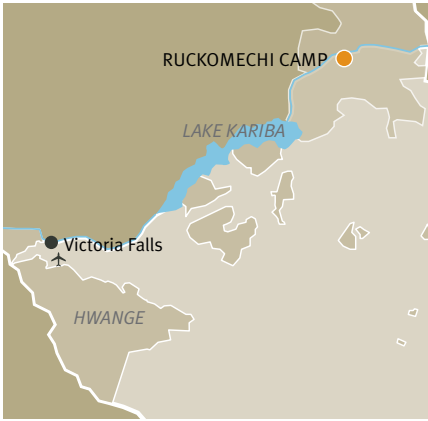
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RUCKOMECHI CAMP

Wilderness Safaris - Classic Camp



Ruckomechi Camp, situated on the western boundary of Mana Pools National Park, accommodates guests in ten spacious en-suite tented units, including a family unit, all of which overlook the wide Zambezi River. The camp is set amongst broad-canopied ana trees, much loved by the elephants for their rich nutritious seeds. Each tent has both indoor and outdoor showers, and the camp boasts a favourite amongst guests: its outdoor ‘bath-with-a-view’ in a secluded, scenic spot.

The central dining, bar, library and lounge areas face the majestic, evocative escarpment across the river in Zambia, and are connected to the rest of camp by low-level walkways. There is a separate deck with a pool and hammocks for swimming and sunbathing, and an inviting, cushion-strewn star-gazing deck. Wildlife viewing takes place in open 4x4 vehicles, on motorised pontoon boats or on canoes, on foot and in hides.

NOTE: Ruckomechi is open seasonally between May and mid/late November each year.



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subject to availability of boats; extra cost



Set out under the African sun to explore some of the continent's prime wilderness areas with our exclusive Explorations safaris. These spectacular guided journeys allow guests to discover remote and pristine areas in diverse private concessions with the most outstanding wildlife viewing. Our fully-serviced cross-country safaris cater for small groups (operating with a minimum of two and a maximum of eight guests) on a scheduled basis or are tailor-made for private groups. All of which allow for the most authentic African experience today.

A personal Explorations guide leads the safari from beginning to end. Our guides are passionate, experienced and highly trained local individuals who make the whole journey seamless and interpretive from start to finish. These guides are also available to lead private tailor-made safaris and specialist trips in any of our concessions and camps – some even offering multilingual experiences.

While on one of these Explorations, you will experience a number of different accommodation styles, from Wilderness Safaris Classic and Adventures camps and our own unique Discoverer and Adventurer camps, to independent establishments in other fascinating areas that help complete the journey.



DISCOVERER EXPLORATIONS

Discoverer Camps are private camps that are set in secluded locations with outstanding wildlife viewing. Each camp enjoys creature comforts in semi-permanent wood and canvas tents with en-suite bathrooms. The main area is comfortable and intimate with lounge, dining room and outdoor boma as well as charging facilities.



ADVENTURER EXPLORATIONS

Adventurer Camps comprise walk-in dome tents with en-suite showers and toilet facilities. Safari camper chairs are ideal for midday siestas. Dining under the stars and around the fire is part of an authentic safari experience.



CLASSIC CAMPS AND ADVENTURES CAMPS

Classic Camps and Adventures Camps are Wilderness Safaris camps that are used on certain Explorations journeys. They are set in secluded locations with outstanding wildlife viewing. Each camp is luxurious and comfortable with large rooms, en-suite bathrooms and private decks.

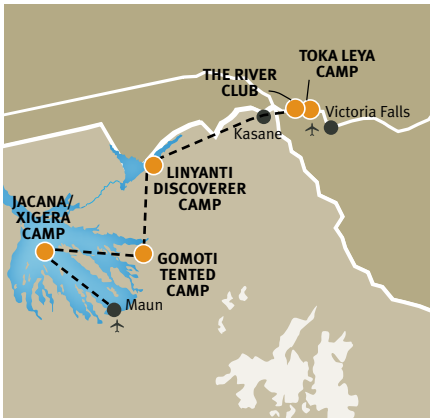
OTHER CAMPS

Other camps and lodges used include hand-picked independent accommodation within each country. These are all perfectly located with warm and convivial service and atmosphere and round off the experience of exploring the most remote and secret highlights of the subcontinent.



THE GREAT WILDERNESS JOURNEY

A Discoverer Exploration – Ten nights/Eleven days











This Classic Camp and deluxe camping safari takes the time to experience the world-famous Victoria Falls on the Zambian side of the Zambezi River, before exploring Botswana’s scenic northern areas: from the lushly vegetated wetlands of the Okavango Delta to the game-rich floodplains of Linyanti and Chobe. Three-night stays in each area in Botswana ensures detailed insights into habitats and game movements in the area, and there is a wide range of activities: walks, day and night wildlife viewing – both water- and land-based. Private wilderness areas within Okavango Delta and Linyanti are visited.

BRIEF ITINERARY:

- Day 1:** Arrive in Livingstone, guided tour of Victoria Falls; drive to The River Club or Toka Leya Camp, Livingstone
- Days 2, 3 & 4:** Fly to Kasane for a river boat cruise in the Chobe National Park; fly to Linyanti Discoverer Camp, Linyanti Concession
- Days 5, 6 & 7:** Fly to Gomoti Tented Camp, Santawani Concession, south-eastern Okavango Delta
- Days 8, 9 & 10:** Fly to Jacana Camp or Xigera Camp, Okavango Delta
- Day 11:** Fly to Maun Airport



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 Discoverer	 Gomoti, Linyanti, Jacana, Xigera	 Gomoti, Linyanti, Jacana	 Jacana, Xigera
 Chobe	 Gomoti, Toka Leya, Jacana, Linyanti	 Jacana, Toka Leya, Xigera	 All Areas





BOTSWANA SUMMER ENCOUNTER

A Discoverer Exploration – Nine nights / Ten days



This Exploration reveals the life-filled summer season of Botswana, in prime areas where few people travel. Beginning at the “petrified” river valley of Deception Valley in the Central Kalahari Game Reserve, the sporadic summer rains cause wildlife to migrate into the desert valleys in large numbers. The always-fertile green islands of the Okavango and its crystal-clear waterways are one of the most fascinating ecosystems on the planet while the diverse and wildlife-rich Linyanti and Chobe River systems are essential compliments to the Delta. The journey ends appropriately at the world-famous Victoria Falls on the Zambian side of the Zambezi River.

BRIEF ITINERARY:

Days 1, 2 & 3: Arrive in Maun and fly to Central Kalahari Game Reserve, then game drive to Deception Valley Trails Camp

Days 4 & 5: Overland to Maun (approx. 6 hours) and then fly to Xigera Camp, Okavango Delta

Days 6, 7 & 8: Fly to Linyanti Discoverer Camp, Linyanti Concession

Day 9: Fly to Kasane for Chobe River boat cruise; then road transfer to Toka Leya, Livingstone

Day 9: Guided tour of Victoria Falls; road transfer to Livingstone Airport

Please note: This Exploration only runs between December and February.



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Discoverer



Central Kalahari,
Xigera, Linyanti,
Toka Leya



Linyanti



Linyanti,
Xigera



Xigera



Xigera



Chobe River,
Toka Leya



Livingstone,
Linyanti,
Xigera



All Areas





DESERT DUNE SAFARI

A Discoverer Exploration – Nine nights / Ten days



This journey of discovery travels through some of Namibia's most varied and remote desert areas, starting with the red dunes of Sossusvlei and ending with the rugged landscape of Damaraland. Along the way, take in the views of the dramatic Atlantic coastline of Swakopmund and the Skeleton Coast and the endless dune fields of the Namib. The contrasting landscapes allow for a diverse range of activities, including a dolphin cruise with private beach lunch, exploring the great dunes and tracking desert-adapted black rhino on foot. Most of the journey is by road, with numerous stops at local highlights and opportunities to interact with the fascinating people that call the desert their home.

BRIEF ITINERARY:

- Days 1 & 2:** Drive from Windhoek to Kulala Desert Lodge, Sossusvlei
- Days 3 & 4:** Fly to Swakopmund, stay at Hansa Hotel
- Day 5:** Travel by road to Terrace Bay Lodge, Skeleton Coast National Park
- Days 6 & 7:** Drive to Hoanib Skeleton Coast Camp, Palmwag Concession
- Days 8 & 9:** Drive to Desert Rhino Camp, Palmwag Concession
- Day 10:** Transfer to Doro Nawas and fly to Windhoek

Highly recommended: Visit Serra Cafema or Ongava Game Reserve (additional cost).

Please note: This Exploration runs between May and mid-November.



FACILITIES & ACTIVITIES

 Discoverer	 Kulala, Hoanib, Desert Rhino Camp	 Kulala, Hoanib, Desert Rhino Camp	 Kulala, Desert Rhino Camp	 Desert Rhino Camp
 All Areas	 Hoanib, Swakopmund	 Swakopmund	 Hoanib, Swakopmund	





DIVERSE NAMIBIA

An Adventurer Exploration – Nine nights/Ten days



Diverse Namibia is an active, exciting adventure, exploring key areas of this vast country – its dunes, desert, plains and iconic wildlife – complete with exclusive accommodation in exclusive reserves and concessions and private access to Sossusvlei. Diverse Namibia takes in the soaring red dunes of Sossusvlei, the life-filled blue Atlantic Ocean, the desert and denizens of Damaraland, and the plains game and predators of Etosha National Park. Throughout the Exploration are interspersed activities such as scenic walks, and visiting the spectacular and ancient rock engravings at Twyfelfontein, along with exploring the Atlantic coast with a “Dolphin and Seal” catamaran cruise from Walvis Bay – overall, a true Namibian adventure!



BRIEF ITINERARY:

- Days 1 & 2:** Drive from Windhoek to Kulala Adventurer Camp, Sossusvlei
- Days 3 & 4:** Transfer by road to Hansa Hotel, Swakopmund
- Days 5, 6 & 7:** Drive via Cape Cross seal colony to Damaraland Adventurer Camp, Damaraland
- Days 8 & 9:** Road transfer to Andersson’s Camp, Ongava Game Reserve, Etosha region
- Day 10:** Drive to Windhoek



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Adventurer



Kulala, Damaraland, Andersson's



Kulala, Damaraland, Andersson's



All Areas



Twyfelfontein



Kulala, Damaraland, Andersson's



Walvis Bay



Walvis Bay





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Maintaining its safety record throughout, the company began operating in 1991 with one aircraft based in Botswana servicing two camps in the Delta. Today Wilderness Air is also based in Namibia, Zimbabwe and the Congo and operates some 40 aircraft.

Wilderness Air is privileged to fly into some of the most pristine wilderness destinations in the world. We believe flying is an integral part of a guest's holiday experience and therefore our pilots need to have a fundamental enthusiasm for being in such areas.

With this notion, Wilderness Air is proud to be the air support of Wilderness Safaris, a responsible ecotourism and conservation company with private access to some of southern Africa's finest wildlife areas. It is through these wilderness areas that we are able offer our guests a unique and life-changing experience.



STANDARDS AND PRINCIPLES

The service offered by Wilderness Air is more than a simple connection. The aerial transfers between camps provide a totally different impression and appreciation of the country below. First and foremost, however, there are five critical objectives to which we subscribe.

Safety

Safety is our primary concern and therefore we continually examine and assess safety requirements within our business process. Over the years, the company has kept abreast of the latest safety standards and has tested and implemented them. This approach has put us at the forefront of the niche in which we operate.

Insurance

Wilderness Air has comprehensive liability insurance, which does not have a per seat limit, but rather a per aircraft limit.

Insurance Cover – Aviation Passenger Liability General Details:

Type of Insurance: Aviation Passenger Liability • Insurers: Lloyd's of London/Santam Insurance Company • Insured: Wilderness Air Charters and/or Subsidiary and/or Associated Companies • Period of cover: From 01 March 2014 to 29 February 2016 (both days inclusive) • Jurisdiction: Worldwide
• Territorial Limits: Sub-Saharan Africa

Training

In addition to their previous training, our pilots are all put through a strenuous 100-hour training programme before they fly guests on their own. Wilderness Air pilots are almost all trained in Botswana and Namibia when they join Wilderness Air. This means that all our pilots are adequately prepared for the specific conditions that flying into the unique wildlife areas of southern Africa demand. Finally, pilots must pass a proficiency check every six months.

Service (Northern Air Maintenance)

Wilderness Safaris as a group uses selected Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) approved maintenance organisations in each country. Aircraft in the Wilderness Air Botswana and Wilderness Air Zimbabwe fleets are maintained by Northern Air Maintenance (NAM) of which Wilderness Safaris is the parent company. Aircraft are maintained according to regulated maintenance schedules as stipulated by the relevant CAAs and also in accordance to manufacturer requirements. Northern Air Maintenance is recognised as the foremost provider of this service in Botswana and included amongst its clientele are most air charter operations based in Maun.

Quality

Over and above ad-hoc external audits, each Wilderness Air operation and its Aircraft Maintenance Organisation (AMO) are audited annually by the CAA in the relevant country of operation. In all audits to date we have been found to be compliant with all local and international maintenance control standards.

SAFETY MANAGEMENT

Safety is the number one priority for Wilderness Air. To that end we employ a highly experienced Group Safety Officer to oversee the safety management of our business. In aviation, safety management has some key guidelines, the heart of which is to ensure that a just culture prevails in our business and that our staff feel free to report on any safety-related issues or concerns. Our Group Safety Officer has vast aviation experience and has the stature to command the respect of our management at Wilderness, the Risk Committee section of our board, as well as our pilots on the front line, all with the sole purpose of keeping our business safe.

In each region, a trained designated Safety Officer with the necessary safety qualifications (required by the relevant Civil Aviation Authorities) reports to the Group Safety Officer. This safety monitoring is done in accordance with ICAO (International Civil Aviation Organisation) standards. The Safety Management System (SMS) we use is web based and ensures that all safety reports get from the front line of our business to our safety officers promptly. Using this information we are able to take prompt corrective action when necessary.

Single Engine Aircraft Safety

The aircraft in our fleet are specifically chosen for their suitability to the type of airstrips that are found in the remote locations in which we operate. The single turbine engine of the Cessna Grand Caravan C208B, which constitutes a large portion of our fleet, has been proven to have an excellent safety record. The caravan is powered by a Pratt and Whitney Pt6A engine – which has a record as one of the most reliable engines ever built. We take our maintenance seriously and we only ever use factory-approved engine maintenance facilities.

Airstrip Investment

Over the years, Wilderness Safaris has taken great pride in the upkeep of airstrips that are safe and adequate for our operations. We pay careful attention to runway width, length and ample clear area on either side as well as at each end of our airstrips. In addition, airstrips are checked daily prior to each take-off and landing.

Animals on our Airstrips

Guests visit the pristine locations we operate in to see, among other things, wild animals. We share our bush airstrips with those animals and therefore, it is important that for every aircraft arrival and departure we have processes in place to ensure that the risk of colliding with those animals is reduced. Our guides and our pilots are specifically trained to follow processes to manage these risks as carefully as possible.

Satellite Tracking System

The majority of our aircraft are fitted with a real-time satellite tracking system. With this system, our operational bases get a constant update of each aircraft's position, airspeed and altitude. Apart from the obvious safety benefit, it also means that our operations staff are able to keep camps accurately updated as to arrival and departure times. It is our plan to fit all our aircraft with this system in the near future.

Engine Condition Trend Monitoring System

Most of our Cessna Grand Caravan C208B fleet is fitted with an engine trend monitoring system, which allows the maintenance organisation to monitor engine performance of individual aircraft. This system will detect any abnormal shifts in engine performance, and provides us with diagnostic information to timeously attend to maintenance issues before they become a concern.

SAFETY MANAGEMENT

Luggage, Weight and Safety

Our aircraft are not airliners – relatively speaking, they are small. This means that we have small baggage stowage bays and restrictive weight limitations, both for luggage and passengers. The Wilderness Air luggage specifications are as follows:

- Luggage, including camera equipment and hand luggage, is restricted to 20 kg (44 lb) per person travelling on seat rates, in Botswana, Namibia, Zambia and Zimbabwe.
- Only soft bags will be accepted – no frames or rigid structures can be transported as they physically cannot fit into the aircraft. Wheels on a bag are only permissible if they are not part of a solid frame or rigid structure. A collapsible wheeled luggage frame/trolley (separate to the bag) is allowed, as long as the basic dimensions are similar to that of the bag.
- The maximum dimensions of the soft bags which can be accommodated are: 25 cm (10 inches) wide x 30 cm (12 inches) high and 62 cm (24 inches) long.
- The respective weights of all passengers are required prior to travel to ensure that the correct preplanning of schedules is within aviation regulations. Should passenger weights not be received prior to travel, passengers will be weighed prior to travelling at the discretion of Wilderness Air.



OUR AIRCRAFT

The Cessna Aircraft Company in Kansas, USA, has a legacy of aircraft production spanning almost a century, manufacturing the most comprehensive line of light aircraft in the world. Wilderness Air operates a selection of these aircraft.

The Cessna Grand 208B Caravan was designed at the outset to be simple, rugged and reliable. This aircraft has proven to be an outstanding passenger-carrying bush aircraft for journeys from 20 to 300 kilometres, while still being comfortable enough for trips of up to 1 000 kilometres. The Caravan is capable of taking off from nearly all the bush airstrips we service, made possible by its large wheels, a highly efficient wing design and powerful engine. Its wide, spacious, air-conditioned cabin, large windows and unrestricted view make the Caravan a very popular choice with passengers. The four-door cargo pod located under the fuselage also provides generous luggage carrying capacity.

Wilderness Air operates the C210 mainly in Namibia, as the longer sector distances in these two countries necessitate a faster aircraft. Unlike the C206, the C210 does not have a cargo pod, so it has a slightly smaller luggage capacity than the C206. The unobstructed view offered by the high-wing configuration allows all passengers the best possible aerial vistas.

Wilderness Air uses the C206 mainly in the Okavango Delta, Botswana, as it is well suited to the shorter hops between the various Okavango Delta camps. The C206 has earned the reputation of 'workhorse of the Delta' and performs inter-camp transfers effortlessly. It is also used for delivering all important supplies to the remote, inaccessible safari camps for which Wilderness is renowned.



Cessna C206

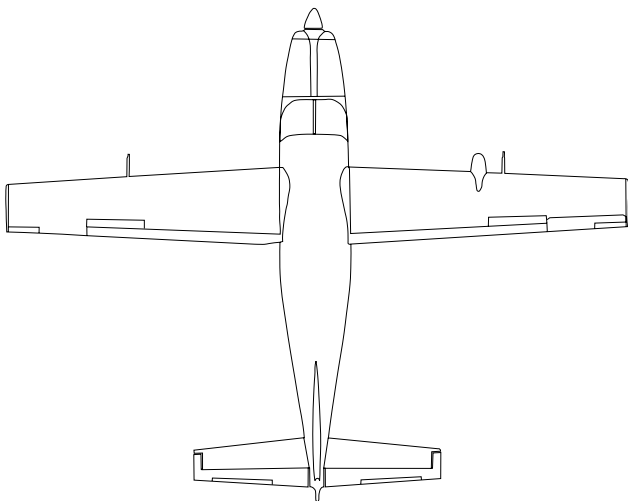
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Cessna C210



Cessna Grand Caravan 208B

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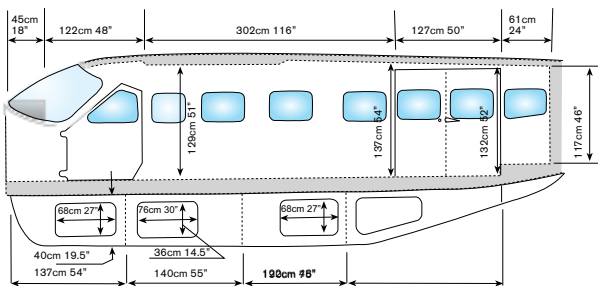


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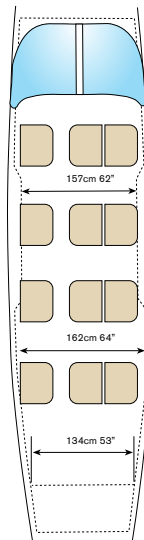
Specifications

- Engine Type: 1 Turboprop Engine, PT6A-114A
- Pressurised Cabin: No
- Operating Altitude: 3 600ft – 11 500ft
- Demurrage: 650km/day
- Speed: 280km/h (150 Knots)
- Crew: 2
- Performance: Operates at a maximum altitude of 12 000 feet when carrying passengers. Typically on a 30-minute sector the plane will be flown at 6 500 feet.

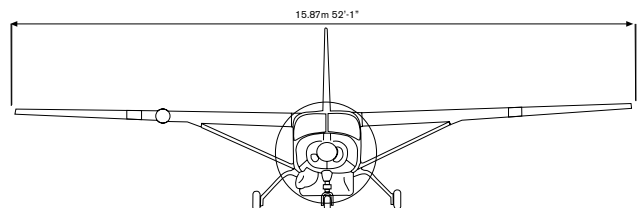
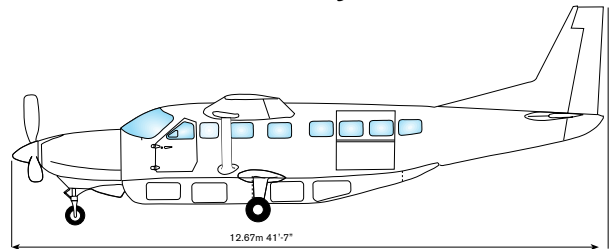
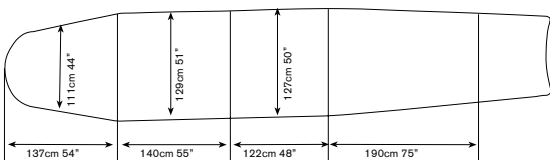
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CABIN PLAN VIEW



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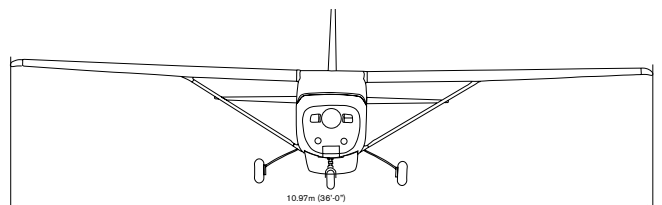
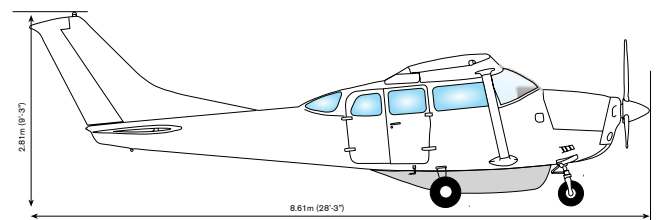
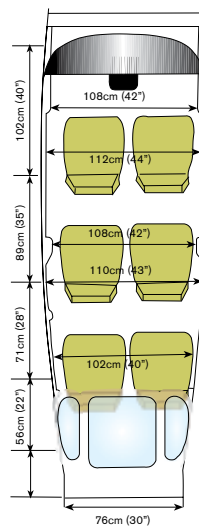
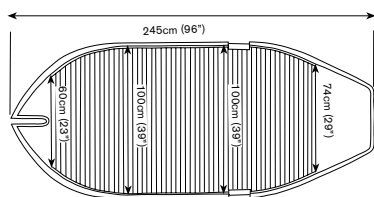
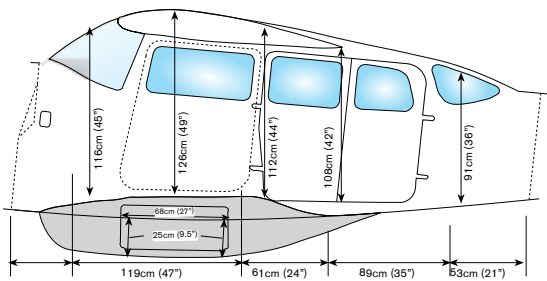
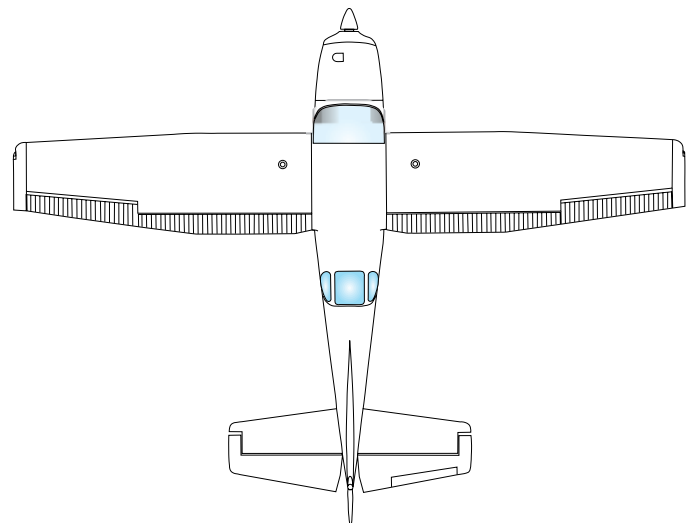
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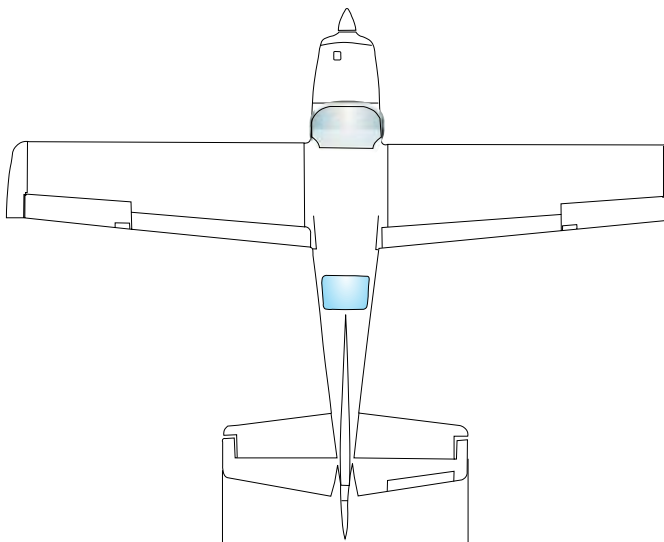
Maximum Passengers – 5

Specifications

- Engine Type: Single Piston Engine
- Pressurised Cabin: No
- Cruising Altitude: 3 600ft – 11 500ft
- Demurrage: 500km/day
- Speed: 220km/h (120 Knots)
- Crew: 1
- Performance: A service ceiling 12 000 feet.
Maximum take-off weight is 3 600lbs.



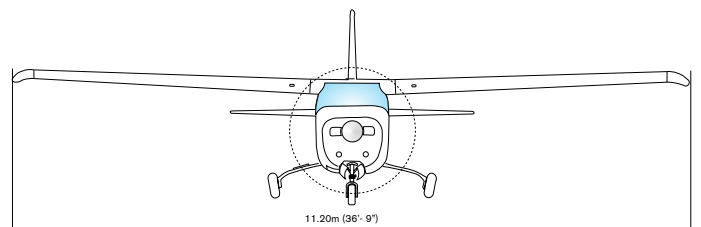
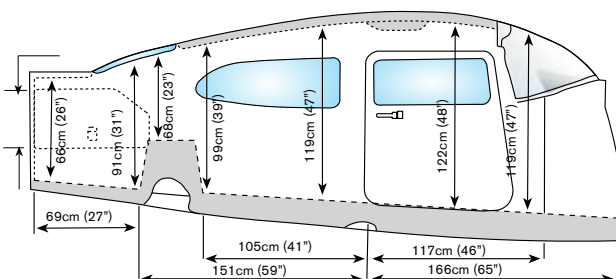
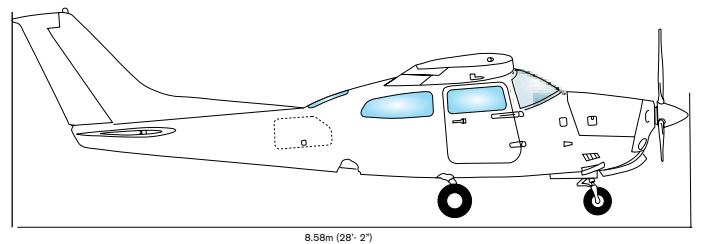
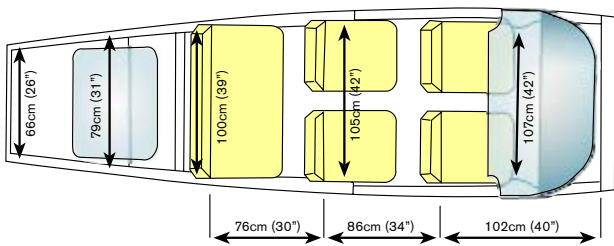
Cessna C210



Maximum passengers — 5

Specifications

Engine Type:	Single engine piston
Pressurised Cabin:	No
Cruising Altitude:	12 000ft
Demurrage:	500km/day
Speed:	250km/h (135 Knots)
Crew:	1
Performance:	A service ceiling of 12 000 feet. Maximum range with reserves is 1 972km (1065nm).





Tailor-made day and overland tours of Cape Town, Windhoek and Victoria Falls

WILDERNESS TOURING

For more than 15 years, Wilderness Safaris has had specialist touring businesses in three central hubs perfect for safari combinations: Cape Town, Victoria Falls and Windhoek. At the heart of the Wilderness Touring business is its fleet of late-model, low-mileage vehicles, ranging from sedans to minivans and even coaches for larger groups. Coupled with the vehicle fleet is a team of excellent guides and drivers enabling seamless meet and greet services, hotel and airport transfers, and tailor-made touring.

Our guides have all been chosen for their special knowledge, their personable dispositions and their ability to share their expertise in a way that will inspire interest. Their special fields cover a wide range of interests from Archaeology to Zoology and everything in between, whether this be Wine and History in the Cape or Geology and Culture in Victoria Falls.



OUR CAPE TOWN TOURS

Wilderness Touring Cape has been an expert in bespoke itineraries to the Western and Northern Cape, and the magical Garden Route regions of South Africa for over 15 years. Its home base, Cape Town, is regarded as the gateway to southern Africa, offering visitors an ideal starting or end point to their African safari. Wilderness Touring Cape also offers specialised family tours, catering for children of all ages. The strength of this boutique operation is that it provides highly personalised service while offering competitive rates, coupled with many years of travel expertise and most importantly, passion.



Tailor-made day and overland tours of Cape Town

OUR CAPE TOWN TOURS (CONTINUED)

Peninsula Tours: This fabulous tour traverses the spectacular coastline of the southern tip of Africa, passing through desirable suburbs and charming villages. We navigate the curves of the breathtaking Chapman’s Peak Drive, admire the diversity and beauty of the Cape Floral Kingdom, before enjoying the panoramic views at Cape Point. We lunch at a coastal restaurant, whilst gazing out to sea, before meeting the African penguins on Boulders Beach. You can enhance your journey by adding one of the following activities to your tour.

- Great White Shark Safari
- Travel in a Water Taxi
- Whale Watching Boat Trip
- Surfing and Muizenberg Beach
- Kayaking to Penguin Colony
- Cycling in Cape Point National Park
- Peninsula by Helicopter
- Peninsula with The Flagship

Winelands Tours: A visit to the Cape’s famed Winelands region is certainly not reserved for wine enthusiasts. Majestic mountain scenery, picturesque vineyards and historic Cape Dutch architecture combine to create some of the most attractive panoramas in the world. The historic Wine Route towns of Paarl, Stellenbosch and Franschhoek offer many diverse attractions in addition to beautiful views, quaint villages and gourmet delights. We offer a number of Winelands excursions, ranging from a typical Winelands Safari designed with the average wine enthusiast in mind to the Connoisseur’s Tour, suitable for the passionate and well-informed. Additional options include sampling other Cape delicacies, family-friendly winelands tours as well as leisurely cycling tours through the vineyards.

City and Cultural Tours: Cape Town’s natural beauty, cosmopolitan flavour and rich cultural diversity offer guests a variety of ways to experience the oldest city in South Africa, affectionately known as “The Mother City”. Its 350-year-old history provides a wealth of places to visit and cultural influences to enjoy. Popular amongst these are trips to Robben Island, hiking Table Mountain and City Tours. For those who really want to immerse themselves into the city life we offer tours like the Cape Malay Culture with Cooking Experience and Iliso Care Society. Community/Township tours present an excellent authentic opportunity to delve into South Africa’s past and interact with her people.

Other Cape Experiences and Specialist Tours: One of the several advantages of being in Cape Town is the variety of completely different landscapes within a short travelling distance from the city. North of the city, the rugged West Coast with its plankton-rich cold sea current supports masses of marine life. Further north and inland lies the arid Cedarberg Mountain range with huge sandstone monoliths and San rock art. Travel east from the city to the town of Hermanus, known for the best land-based whale watching in the world. Further east is the Garden Route with its indigenous forests, many lagoons and sun-kissed beaches. With all this as a canvas, a variety of specialised tours showcase this beautiful part region.



Tailor-made day and overland tours of Victoria Falls

OUR VICTORIA FALLS TOURS (ZIMBABWE & ZAMBIA)

Wilderness Touring Zimbabwe has an office in Victoria Falls, as well as a tours desk at The Victoria Falls Hotel, and operates a fleet of vehicles from its premises. There are diverse adventures and experiences to be had in and around Victoria Falls and professional staff both in the town and across the border in Livingstone, at The River Club and at Toka Leya camps, assist guests in planning exciting and varied itineraries.

Victoria Falls Tours: Victoria Falls is one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. To the locals, it is known as “Mosi-oa-Tunya” – The Smoke that Thunders – an accurate description of what happens when the waters of the Zambezi River plunge over the 1700-metre-wide and 100-metre-deep chasm, creating a shower of spray and a deafening noise. We offer tours of the Falls from both the Zimbabwean and the Zambian side as well as picnics on Livingstone Island which is incredibly located on the lip of the Falls. You can also experience this natural wonder, including the spectacular surrounding landscape, from the air via microlight or helicopter.

Adrenalin Activities: Being the adrenalin capital of the Africa, Victoria Falls offers heart-racing, blood-thumping activities, which include bungee jumping, gorge swinging, jet boating and white river rafting amongst others. Many of these activities take place around the mighty Zambezi River as it rushes through the striking Batoka Gorge.

Wildlife and Wilderness Excursions: A trip to Africa is not complete without a safari experience. If this is your only chance, then the wildlife sanctuaries around Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe and Livingstone in Zambia can offer excellent means of viewing the surrounding landscape and its wildlife. These include game drives, river cruises, elephant-back safaris, horse trails, canoe adventures and visits to a crocodile farm. We also offer excursions to Chobe National Park in Botswana, only a 90-minute drive away from Victoria Falls. This National Park is famed for its abundance of elephant in particular as well as other wildlife and birding opportunities.

Cultural and Historical Tours: The rich history and culture of Victoria Falls and Livingstone are eye-openers for even the most seasoned traveller. We offer historical tours of Livingstone town as well as visits to the David Livingstone Museum. An exciting tour of the Victoria Falls Bridge includes how this massive body of steel was constructed over a hundred years ago. Trips to a community village offer fascinating insights into the traditional lives of the local people.



Tailor-made day and overland tours of Windhoek

OUR WINDHOEK TOURS

In and around Windhoek, our professional transfer operations provide a vital, informative round-the-clock link to our safaris, using our late-model fleet and trained driver-guides. Sole use of private vehicle and guide can be requested. Our township tours provide wonderful insights into the dynamics of the Namibian nation.

Windhoek: In Windhoek we offer an informative tour which takes in the historical section of Windhoek's town centre with its striking castles, fortresses and monuments as well as political buildings. We also visit Katutura, the local township, which still hails from the segregation period under the old Apartheid administration, as well as Khomasdal, the residential area of the Baster and so-called 'coloured' people.

Swakopmund: The picturesque seaside town of Swakopmund founded by the Germans in 1892 is rich in history and culture, offering a blend of German architecture, beautiful old buildings and palm-lined streets overlooking the icy Atlantic Ocean. This friendly, bustling town is filled with restaurants, cafés, art galleries and museums. While there's plenty to do within city limits, the real action happens in the areas surrounding Swakopmund as well. A close partner of Wilderness Touring offers breathtaking tours around Walvis Bay and its perimeters in search of marine life and spectacular coastal desert scenery; these tours can be combined with sampling a local delicacy such as crayfish and oysters. We also offer exciting tours into the desert and further afield to destinations like Sandwich Harbour, as well as cultural visits to the local township.





WILDERNESS SAFARIS ASSOCIATED PRODUCT

Wilderness Safaris is not just an operator of luxury safari camps across southern Africa. We have found over the more than thirty years we have been in business that our travel trade partners have often relied on our expertise in suggesting the perfect combinations to our safaris, whether urban experiences or complementary safari camp locations, and in actually booking these products for them. This gave rise to our Associated Product division, an extension of Wilderness Safaris where we have put together an extensive portfolio of third party products, meticulously selected and featuring exceptionally competitive pricing. More than simply making the booking of these products possible in as convenient and cost-effective way as possible for our partners, our staff are able to expertly advise on how best to combine these products with safaris in our own camps through the eight African countries where we operate and even further afield.

Associated Product services include:

- Tailor-made and personally designed itineraries for FITs, families, honeymooners and even large groups
- Self-drive adventures
- Bespoke fly-in journeys
- Specialised groups and incentives
- Luxury rail experiences

Places and areas within the portfolio include – but are not limited to:

- **Cape Town** – The southernmost point of Africa, home to the ‘Mother City’ and iconic Table Mountain, beautiful hotels, great restaurants, soft white beaches, the Winelands area, historical landmarks, and the staggeringly diverse Fynbos Floral Kingdom.
- **The Garden Route** – South Africa’s dramatically beautiful southern shoreline including beaches, golf courses and forests around George, Knysna and Plettenberg Bay.
- **Kruger National Park** – At two million hectares, South Africa’s largest conservation area also encompassing the luxurious private lodges and exceptional game viewing of the Sabi Sand Game Reserve.
- **Victoria Falls** – A roaring curtain of water and one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World, Victoria Falls straddles the Zambezi River, the international border between Zimbabwe and Zambia.
- **Indian Ocean coast and islands** – The warm waters and idyllic tropical beaches of the Indian Ocean include the Mozambique coastline and offshore islands, as well as destinations like Seychelles and Mauritius.
- **Johannesburg** – The most popular starting point for just about any southern African safari, this city offers intriguing insights into modern South African culture whether through the Apartheid Museum or fascinating tours to Soweto.



MORE THAN JUST A SAFARI

Wilderness Safaris and the 4Cs

Wilderness Safaris' sustainability strategy is encapsulated by "the 4Cs," a concept that suggests that our organisation aims to be truly sustainable by committing to the four dimensions of Commerce, Conservation, Community and Culture.

The principles of each C are explored briefly below.

Commerce

Commerce deals with our ecotourism offerings and products – Wilderness Safaris, Explorations, Collection and Air – and is perhaps the most critical element to sustainability in the modern world. We can only make a difference in Africa if we are doing well. If our business is profitable, based on sound business principles and on good solid moral principles, then we can make good on our promise to make a difference.

Conservation

There are two elements in Conservation:

Environmental Management Systems deal with how we build and manage our camps in the most eco-friendly way possible. For this we use minimum standards, renewable energy technologies and education of staff and guests to ensure that we have the lowest possible carbon footprint possible. Water usage, waste treatment and recycling, and construction and rehabilitation of old lodge sites are all important additional aspects.

Biodiversity Conservation covers the understanding, management and protection of the wildlife and ecosystems with which we are involved. Where relevant, we help to protect these (through anti-poaching), promote the reintroduction of indigenous species, and rehabilitate natural environments through vegetation management. We also support research projects that enhance the understanding of our areas. In short, we attempt to fulfil our obligations as custodians of more than three million hectares (eight million acres) of wild areas in southern Africa.

Community

People are the heart of our business – our committed staff, our partners in the travel industry, our guests, and of course the communities in, or adjacent to, the areas where we operate. We believe in honest, mutually beneficial and dignified relationships with our rural community partners (staff, equity partners, landlords, neighbours) in ways that deliver a meaningful and life-changing share of the proceeds of responsible ecotourism to all stakeholders. Our mechanisms include community-centric employment, joint ventures (equity, revenue share, traversing fees), education (children's camps, bursaries) and training, social and health benefits, capacity building and infrastructure development (schools, crèches, clinics etc.). In this way we hope to ensure sustainability beyond the lifespan and reach of our organisation.

Culture

Culture is a multifaceted element that governs respect for the culture of all employees as well as remote rural communities surrounding the conservation areas. This is reflected in: a healthy social environment in camp; area-appropriate camp design, décor, entertainment and meals; respect for traditional rights within and surrounding the conservation area; guest visits to traditional villages and homesteads; and communication of the area's traditional culture to guests and staff.

MORE THAN JUST A SAFARI

At Wilderness Safaris, our delight is to share the wild places of Africa with our guests, while our ultimate goal is to help make a difference to Africa, its people and its wildlife. As a guest, you are helping us to do so: At least 5% of Wilderness Safaris' gross profit (before taxation and depreciation) is spent on conservation efforts.

There is much more that needs to be done, however, which is why, some 20 years ago, we created the **Wilderness Wildlife Trust**, an independent entity that supports a wide variety of wildlife management, research and education projects throughout Africa. These projects address the needs of our wildlife, seek solutions to save threatened species and provide education and training for local communities. This has made our journey more meaningful and we've reached more people and places than before.

Conservation of animals and plants is only as strong as the people who live in their vicinity. If they're not interested, protection is likely to exist only on paper. That's why Africa's future lies in her children, and why our pride and joy is our **Children in the Wilderness** programme, which aims to educate the youth of Africa, inspiring and helping them to appreciate and thus protect their magnificent natural heritage.

Every year, we close some of our camps for a week at a time and groups of 16 to 25 children between the ages of 10 and 14 are hosted here, given the opportunity to experience these wilderness areas and their wildlife. During camp, the curriculum covers environmental education, HIV/ AIDS and nutrition and life skills, and the importance of conservation. No less importantly, throughout the year, Eco-Clubs are held at the local schools (i.e., schools situated near Wilderness Safaris areas), where we can visit the children in their own environment, providing opportunities for all learners who are interested in the environment to meet, learn, discuss and expand their knowledge of their natural heritage.

Our guests can be proud to be part of this life-changing journey.



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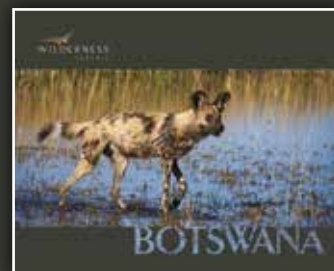


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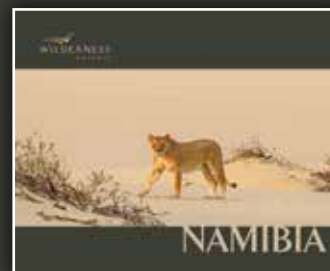
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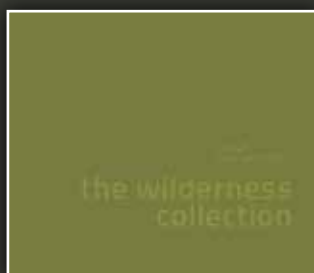
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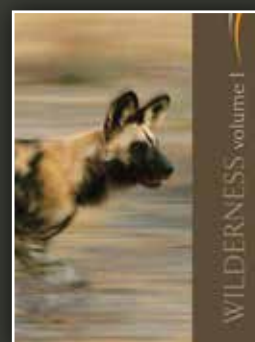
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