



Our Journeys change *Lives*

Ride with heart...
Four days, three countries, one bike and an amazing cause





Travel with Purpose

Celebrate 35 years of travelling with purpose

For the last 35 years – even when we started out in 1983 with just one old Land Rover – there has always been one overriding purpose to our ecotourism activities: to conserve and restore Africa’s wilderness and wildlife.

This is something enshrined in our internal charter and vision statement and which undoubtedly beats in the heart of every single Wilderness Safaris employee.

So ... what better way to celebrate our 35th birthday than to indulge in 12 months of adventurous and impactful journeys to exciting destinations, accompanied by local experts and with unique, privileged behind-the-scenes access to conservation and community processes of Wilderness Safaris and our partners.

We considered the places we’d choose to be, when we’d choose to be there and with whom we would travel and came up with 12 itineraries with limited guest capacity that take in some truly spectacular destinations. The trips are fun, enlightening expeditions to interesting places that make a real difference to those same interesting places. All proceeds will of course be channelled back to the conservation and community projects that we’ll be exposed to.

In our Purpose Itinerary #3 we’d like to invite you to join us in ‘riding with heart’ on the Nedbank Tour de Tuli – Africa’s ultimate wilderness mountain bike experience. All funds raised from the event are directly channelled into Children in the Wilderness.

A group of cyclists is riding on a dirt path through a savanna landscape at sunset. The sky is a warm orange, and the ground is dry with scattered trees and bushes. The cyclists are wearing colorful gear and helmets. A green text box is overlaid on the right side of the image.

Purpose itinerary #3

02 August 2018 – 07 August 2018

Botswana, Zimbabwe
and South Africa
10 spaces

Ages 17 years and older only.

“ We were absolutely blown away by the whole organisation, the professional set-up, the dedication of all volunteers and how well we were looked after from start to end. Apart from the great cycling and nature experience, each and every member of the team were deeply impressed by the incredible work that Children in the Wilderness is doing. ”

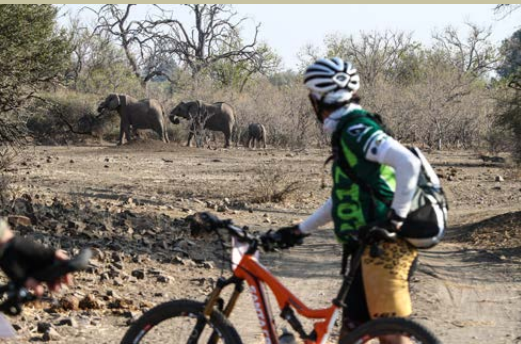
– Karin Fröhlich, Team Germany

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August 2018 – Botswana, Zimbabwe and South Africa

- Ride through some of Africa's most pristine wildlife and geologically-rich areas
- Meet community members supported by Children in the Wilderness at local schools in Botswana and Zimbabwe
- Experience the beauty of three African countries while riding along ancient elephant trails
- Share this unique experience with friends, family and like-minded individuals
- Enjoy high standards of service, tented accommodation and delicious meals in remote wilderness areas
- Take your time to explore – this is a tour and not a race!



Riding to change lives – The Nedbank Tour de Tuli is Africa's ultimate mountain bike experience and the main fundraiser for non-profit organisation Children in the Wilderness (CITW). Riding routes will take you along ancient elephant trails, offering the opportunity of experiencing the wonderful scenery, cultural interaction, and wildlife sightings of these areas. Participants will not only get the chance to ride in remote Africa but also in three different African countries: Botswana, Zimbabwe and South Africa.



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Itinerary



Riders will average between 60 and 80 km per riding day.

2 Aug: Depart Johannesburg by coach to arrive at midday at the Limpopo Valley Airfield in Mashatu, Botswana. Register and meet your team before dinner and the welcome address.

3 Aug: Head out with your team from Limpopo Valley Airfield to Limpopo River Camp – the second overnight campsite situated on the banks of the Limpopo River (Botswana).

4 Aug: Cross an informal border from Botswana into Zimbabwe to overnight at Nyala Berry Camp on the Pazhi River.

5 Aug: Explore further into Zimbabwe on a loop across Sentinel Ranch and Nottingham Estate before returning to overnight at Nyala Berry Camp.

6 Aug: Leave Zimbabwe and cross an informal border between Zimbabwe and South Africa. Overnight at the Mapungubwe Confluence site in South Africa for the final night's celebratory party.

7 Aug: Return on the coach to Johannesburg.

Ts & Cs apply





Meet your Hosts

Grant Woodrow

Grant joined Wilderness Safaris in 1996 and has held a number of positions over the years, from working on the development of the world-renowned Mombo Camp in its infancy in 1999 to managing camps in the Okavango and Linyanti. Today, Grant works as the Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Wilderness Safaris, managing our southern Africa operations.

Grant has been involved in the Tour since its start, some 13 years ago, and loves the camaraderie and beautiful areas of the countries where we ride. The Tour remains a highlight of his year – four blissful days of riding in pristine and wildlife-rich areas, it doesn't get much better than that!

With a BSc degree in Zoology and an Honours degree in Wildlife Management, riders can look forward to Grant's expertise when it comes to identifying fauna and flora along the way.



Derek de la Harpe

Derek de la Harpe has more than 35 years' experience working in southern and East Africa, with brief work stints in south-east Asia and Central America, during most of which he has been focused on wildlife and environmental conservation and ecotourism.

Derek is Wilderness' Chief Sustainability Officer and its Commercial Director, overseeing sustainability, risk management, legal affairs and the Group's aviation businesses. When it comes to mountain biking, Derek has taken part in a number of events both in Zimbabwe and South Africa. While he no longer races, he manages to get plenty of time in the saddle on his commute to and from work.



"The thing I love about the Tour is the atmosphere. The fact that this isn't a race and that we are contributing to a great cause seems to infuse the event with a special vibe. And, of course, it is completely unique with those border crossings...!"

- Derek de la Harpe

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Francis Antrobus

Francis Antrobus works as the Chief Technology Officer at Wilderness Safaris. Despite being a technology guru, Francis is by no means your stereotype tech guy... He loves working for Wilderness Safaris, doing what he does best, while knowing that he's part of a company that is changing lives and making a difference throughout Africa.

Always up for an adventure, Francis took off time earlier in his career to explore Africa on an overland trip from Cape Town to Ethiopia. Mountain biking is another passion of his and he tries to ride as often as possible. He even has a specific 'date night' with his bike!

Although Francis will be taking part in a number of races during this year, he is most excited about being on the Tour (his second one to date). He is looking forward to meeting like-minded people (and enjoying a few beers in camp after the day's ride). Mostly he's excited to be part of a group committed to making a difference to both communities and conservation in Africa.



Beneficiary

Children in the Wilderness

It is our vision to develop sustainable conservation through leadership development.

By exposing children to their natural heritage, Children in the Wilderness aims to create a network of learning sanctuaries that uplifts and cares for our children, creates leadership values amongst them, and conserves our planet. In this way, we hope to inspire the children to care for the environment so that they can become the custodians of these areas in the future.

All funds raised by the Tour are channelled directly into Children in the Wilderness. Since 2005, the Tour has hosted over 3 700 cyclists and raised over R20 million. This has allowed us to host over 6 900 children and 400 teachers on our camp programme since 2001. We have trained over 600 Eco-Club Mentors and teachers since 2009, with over 3 300 children currently participating in our Eco-Club programme in their local rural schools.

<https://www.childreninthewilderness.com/>





*"This was truly a life-changing
few days"*

Thank you for ensuring we had beautiful hot showers, massages after a long day in the saddle, the most delicious food, coffee on tap, the best goodie bag I've ever seen and such comfy and scenic campsites. To know that this is all for the special kiddies that Children in the Wilderness supports makes it so worthwhile. I would be honoured to ride again."

– Kelly Evans, First-time rider, 2017

*"This year's ride was the
best yet"*

As a rider and participant I wish you and your team could have been present every time our experienced mountain bike riding group compared the Tuli with every elite mountain bike event on the calendar and unanimously agreed it beats them all!"

– Graham Fehrsen, Group Leader

*"The dust has settled and
the in-race euphoria has
subsided"*

There is however, still an involuntary smile on my face whenever I think of anything related to those few days."

– Hein Herbst, Tour participant



Seychelles

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