

Some like it *hot...*


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And by that we mean not **just** the slightly-warmer-than-normal temperatures, but the **sizzling** sightings that October is known for!





Drama, *drama,* drama.

It's the end of the dry season in southern Africa, which means that the little water that is left becomes vital for survival. Every remaining waterhole or pan now attracts everything from large herds of elephant to jackals nipping between desperate buffalo. One need go no further to find classic and thrilling animal interaction.

More *thriller* than soap opera

Many animals, including elephants and their babies have been under dry season pressure for the last few months and are reaching breaking point as they wait for the first summer rains. The predators target, the sick, the slow and the young as they struggle through the last month of the dry season.



The *heat* of the moment

It's the beginning of the southern African summer. The temperatures may soar during the day, but the evenings are balmy and the skies are cloudless. Just right for star gazing!



A large flock of birds, including pelicans, storks, and egrets, is flying in a clear blue sky. Below them, a wetland landscape features tall green grasses and scattered trees, with many birds gathered on the ground and in the water.

Gone *fishing*

The dwindling pans now become fish traps – a buffet as it were for many birds and other animals. For example you'll find enormous gatherings of pelicans, storks, and egrets.

Easy on the *eye*

With the grasses dying down, it's easy to see wildlife great and small.



Early birds

It's time for the migrant birds to begin appearing. Keep your eyes open for the YBKs (yellow-billed kites) and your ears open for that sound that summer has arrived: the chip-chrrrr of the woodland kingfisher.



Off into the *sunset*

The dust rising from the dry earth allows for those superb sunrise or sunset photos.



Join us for a *cool* drink

As things heat up – speak to your Wilderness Safaris Expert or Journey Specialist!



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