



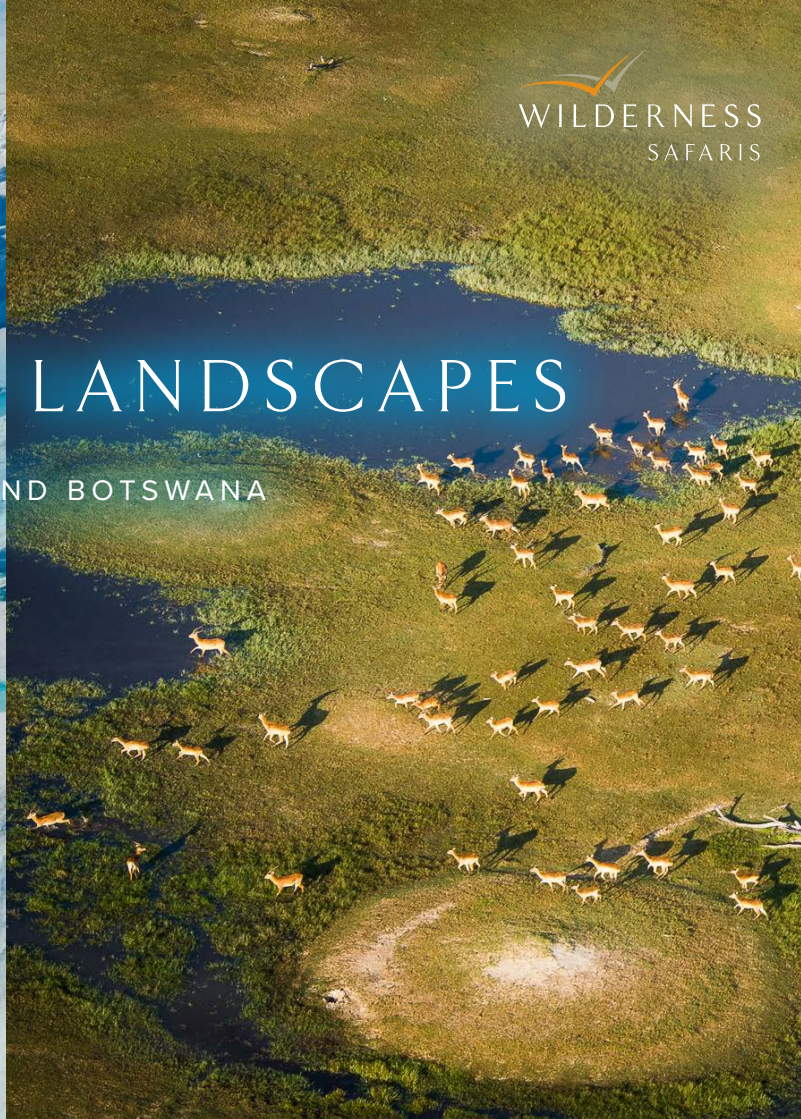
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15 days (Cape Town, Antarctica, Botswana)

22 Nov – 06 Dec 2021

For two unforgettable weeks, explore the breath-taking beauty of Antarctica, Cape Town's vibrant culture and city, and Botswana's ultimate safari spots. Witness one of nature's rarest sights; a colony of 28 000 emperor penguins during a four-night stay at the brand-new Wolf's Fang Camp. White Desert offers access to the colony early in the season, just as the chicks step off their parents' feet. Next, embark on a luxury photographic safari at two of Wilderness Safaris' Premier Camps in Botswana's wildlife-dense Okavango Delta and Linyanti Wildlife Reserve. Enjoy exclusive sightings of wild dog, lion, and mega herds of elephant by land safari, and through the channels of the Delta, by boat, in some of Africa's most pristine wilderness.





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MORE ABOUT WILDERNESS SAFARIS and WHITE DESERT

As leaders in responsible tourism and conservation, Wilderness Safaris offers unforgettable luxury adventures that help preserve biodiversity, conserve wildlife and uplift local communities. Since their founding in Botswana in 1983, Wilderness Safaris has shared their passion for Africa, as well as their custodial sense of protection, and the urgency to protect these ecosystems and the life they support, with thousands of guests. Operating in seven countries across 58 diverse camps, and protecting 2.3 million hectares (5.6 M acres) of Africa's wilderness, Wilderness Safaris is the world's largest conservation tourism platform.



Founded by world-record polar explorers, White Desert has transformed the isolated beauty of Antarctica into an exclusive playground, offering luxury accommodations and a host of adventurous experiences, including ice climbing, abseiling, rock climbing, and rope walking, as well as the rare highlight of visiting the South Pole. Protecting Antarctica's future is fundamental to White Desert's mission. In addition to supporting scientists performing ground-breaking research on the Antarctic ice shelf, White Desert's operations leave no waste on the continent and their camps are built with the lightest environmental footprint, similar to those of Wilderness Safaris, where all elements can be disassembled, leaving no trace.



As pioneers in sustainable ecotourism in Africa and Antarctica, Wilderness Safaris and White Desert have a shared desire to conserve and protect the pristine wilderness areas in which they operate. Through these life-changing journeys, highlighting the best of Africa and Antarctica, guests will not only be exposed to new landscapes, cultures and ecosystems, but also to new ways of viewing the world, our place in it and, ultimately, its sustainability.



AFRICA

INDIAN OCEAN

ATLANTIC OCEAN

DumaTau
Vumbura Plains

BOTSWANA

SOUTH AFRICA

Cape Town

Wolf's Fang

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22 - 24 Nov 2021 – Cape Grace, Cape Town, South Africa

24 - 28 Nov 2021 – Wolf's Fang, Antarctica

28 - 30 Nov 2021 – Cape Grace, Cape Town, South Africa

30 Nov - 3 Dec 2021 – Vumbura Plains, Okavango Delta

3 - 6 Dec 2021 – DumaTau, Linyanti Wildlife Reserve

Arrive in Cape Town, South Africa where you will be met by a private guide from Wilderness Safaris Private Journeys. Consistently lauded as one of the world's top destinations, Cape Town offers the ideal starting point for this unforgettable journey. Explore Cape Town's remarkable ocean vistas and world-renowned winelands; White Desert will conduct a comprehensive safety briefing in Cape Town, in time for your flight to Antarctica on Day 3.

On board a private jet, it is a 5-hour flight to White Desert's private runway, overlooking one of the most iconic mountains on the continent, Wolf's Fang.

During your stay, take a 2-hour flight to Atka Bay where you will have exclusive access to one of nature's most spectacular and least-viewed wildlife events: the birth of emperor penguin chicks. During the long, dark winter months, the male penguin carries a single egg on his feet until it hatches, while the female hunts out at sea. To keep warm, adult males shelter from the wind in a constantly shifting huddle, until the females return in the spring to feed the newly hatched chicks. Curious and unafraid of humans, the chicks offer an unparalleled wildlife experience and photographic opportunity.

You can also participate in a host of other activities. The Wolf's Fang mountain range and surrounding Nunataks offer an ideal canvas for ice and mountain activities. Explore windswept peaks, scale ice walls, or hike to a remote overnight camp on a glacier. Other activities include ice climbing, abseiling, rope walking, and exploring ice tunnels. On Day 7, you will fly back to Cape Town, by private jet, for two nights to regroup and relax. Wilderness Safaris Private Journeys will again ensure you discover more of your Cape Town bucket list.



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On Day 9, fly to the wildlife-rich paradise of Botswana's Okavango Delta (commercial flights available to Maun, private flight options available upon request, followed by a private flight with Wilderness Air to Vumbura Plains). Vumbura Plains is a contemporary, luxury camp, featuring private plunge pools, and sunken living rooms with panoramic vistas from where you can marvel at the passing parade of wildlife. Ideally located for both land and water safari activities, it offers multiple perspectives and wildlife-viewing opportunities, for an unparalleled Okavango Delta experience. November in the Delta brings the land to life, heralding lush vegetation and calving season for several antelope species.

A brief, scenic Wilderness Air flight on Day 12 will take you to Wilderness Safaris' newly rebuilt DumaTau Camp. Located in the Linyanti Wildlife Reserve, overlooking Osprey Lagoon, DumaTau, and the Linyanti, are home to mega herds of elephants, which can be appreciated from DumaTau's enormous suites, private pools, and outdoor showers. A Wilderness Safaris specialist private photographic guide will accompany you throughout your Botswana safari.

Your onward travel to a port of international departure can be arranged with your Wilderness Safaris Trip Designer.



ABOUT ANTARCTICA

SEASONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Temperatures: -10°C to -1°C (14°F to 27°F).
- 24 hours of daylight.
- Best chance for calmer seas.
- Glaciers are actively calving.
- Long, drawn-out dawn and dusks creating seemingly everlasting late-night sunsets and sunrises.



Strong conservation ideals.



Remote and exclusive.



An integrated ecotourism and conservation model.



Antarctica is larger than China and India combined and is the coldest, windiest, driest and highest-altitude continent on Earth.



It is the only continent with no native human population.



The continent is almost entirely covered by ice averaging 1.9 km (1.2 miles) in thickness, reaching a maximum depth of 4.5 km (2.7 miles).



It is home to 80% of the world's fresh water, yet no rain has fallen in Antarctica for more than two million years; on average, less than 10 mm p.a. of snow falls in Antarctica.



Nobody owns, or can claim sovereignty over, Antarctica, which is governed by an international treaty signed by 54 nations.



Antarctica is the only continent with no official time zone; White Desert uses UTC throughout its Antarctic operations.

Some of the effects of White Desert's ecotourism presence in Antarctica.

Carbon-neutral since 2007, White Desert is the only air operator on the entire continent to be fully carbon neutral. All solid waste is transported out of Antarctica at the end of the season, and we are working to remove single-use plastic from all our operations. We use photovoltaic panels and solar air heaters. Only biodegradable soaps, shampoo and washing-up liquids are used in camp. We are the first Antarctic operator to utilise Sustainable Aviation Fuel in our operations. Founder Robyn Woodhead sits as Chair of the International Association of Antarctica Tour Operators (IAATO) Executive Committee. We believe that by showing people this incredible place, we are creating 'Antarctic Ambassadors' who will share the importance of conserving Antarctica for future generations. In addition to providing logistics support, we use our tourist infrastructure to support vital climate-change research.





WHITE DESERT
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WOLF'S FANG, ANTARCTICA

Venture into the heart of Queen Maud Land and you'll discover Wolf's Fang, White Desert Antarctica's luxury adventure camp. Just a 5-hour private jet flight from Cape Town, the camp is situated amongst pillars of rock rising 1 000 m vertically from the icecap, and derives its name from an iconic mountain peak that dominates the skyline. You'll find yourself being welcomed into this warm and inviting property, which has six state-of-the-art heated sleeping tents with en-suite washrooms, and two shared shower bathrooms.

In the communal lounge and dining area you can unwind and tuck into meals created with, and inspired by, top South African produce. Expect hearty breakfasts, wholesome lunches and warming family-style dinners, with wines from Western Cape vineyards, freshly-baked bread and hot coffee. And enjoy a refreshing cocktail or two at the Ice Bar, made with 100 000-year-old ice..

Using Wolf's Fang as a base you can head out to explore the stunning Antarctic wilderness and spend time hiking, climbing, ice-climbing, fat biking and skidooring.





ABOUT THE OKAVANGO DELTA

SEASONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Temperatures: 19°C to 30°C (66°F to 89°F).
- Floodplains exposed by the receding waters are transformed by the rains into a tapestry of green.
- Game with young, feeding in these open areas, offer excellent photographic opportunities with rich landscapes and dramatic summer skies.
- Specialised mammal species such as sitatunga and red lechwe thrive at this time of year.
- Access to permanent shallow floodplains and channels offer mokoro experiences quietly gliding through the waterways.
- Migrant birds arrive in numbers.

WILDLIFE TO BE SEEN



Lion, leopard & cheetah



Wild dog & hyaena



Elephant & buffalo



Sable



Birds



Common wildlife such as giraffe, roan antelope, zebra, impala, kudu, warthogs and much more...

Some of the impact of Wilderness Safaris' conservation tourism presence in the Okavango

- Vumbura Plains is situated in a Wildlife Management Area, which is leased from five villages comprising the Okavango Community Trust, a partnership that ensures that the benefits of ecotourism are shared with our neighbouring rural stakeholders.
- A Wilderness Wildlife Trust-funded project has developed a comprehensive understanding of the past and present genetic structure of the lion population centred on Botswana's Okavango Delta.
- Light camp footprint to limit environmental impact, to ensure the continued protection of this pristine wilderness area.



VUMBURA PLAINS

Luxurious Vumbura Plains lies in an area that is a mix of water and dry land. The wildlife is diverse, so that both land and water activities on vehicles, mokoro and boats deliver an all-round African safari experience.

Vumbura Plains comprises two separate but linked camps, consisting of a total of 14 raised, spacious rooms, unique and contemporary in design with indoor and outdoor showers and an en-suite bathroom. Additional features include a private plunge pool and 'sala' – from where you can watch the passing parade of wildlife or even enjoy a relaxing massage.

The annually flooded grasslands of the Okavango Delta surrounding Vumbura Plains are locally referred to as 'melapo' and offer impressive seasonal viewing of elephant, giraffe, impala, sable antelope, kudu, zebra, common waterbuck, and reedbuck, tsessebe, wildebeest, red lechwe and Cape buffalo. Hippo and crocodile are common in the waterways. Predators include the African wild dog, resident prides of lion, as well as leopard, cheetah, and African wildcat. Birding is exceptional all year round.





ABOUT THE LINYANTI

SEASONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Temperatures: 19°C to 30°C (66°F – 89°F).
- Early summer rains fill the floodplains, rivers and seasonal pans.
- Good numbers of elephant.
- Optimal game viewing areas.
- The plethora of young animals attracts a variety of predators.
- Migrant birds arrive in numbers.

WILDLIFE TO BE SEEN



Lion, leopard & cheetah



Wild dog & hyaena



Elephant & buffalo



Hippo and crocodiles



Birds



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Some of the effects of Wilderness Safaris' conservation tourism impact in the Linyanti Wildlife Reserve...

- Wilderness Safaris supports a number of conservation and research initiatives in the Linyanti, focusing on species on the IUCN Red List such as the African wild dog, elephant, lion and roan antelope.
- Since 1997, it has been the DumaTau team's mission to protect two elephant corridors in the Linyanti, so that wildlife can again move freely between its five neighbouring African countries.
- Light camp footprint to limit our environmental impact, to ensure the continued protection of this pristine wilderness area.



DUMATAU

Set on the edge of Osprey Lagoon in northern Botswana's Linyanti Wildlife Reserve, DumaTau's extensive water frontage ensures that each ultra-spacious guest suite has uninterrupted views of the mega herds of elephant that the Linyanti has become so famous for. Each of the seven guest suites and one family suite have a private plunge pool and a comfortable lounge, and feature a large bathroom with indoor and outdoor showers.

The main dining and lounge area boasts its own wide-angle vistas overlooking the wildlife-rich lagoon, while the Osprey Retreat consists of a wellness centre and gym – shared with Little DumaTau – and includes an inviting shaded deck, a lap pool, spa, snack deli and Safari Boutique. Game drives; nature walks; birding expeditions; boating excursions; catch-and-release fishing; and helicopter rides that give a new perspective as you view the Linyanti from the sky, provide unrivalled wildlife sightings in this pristine habitat.





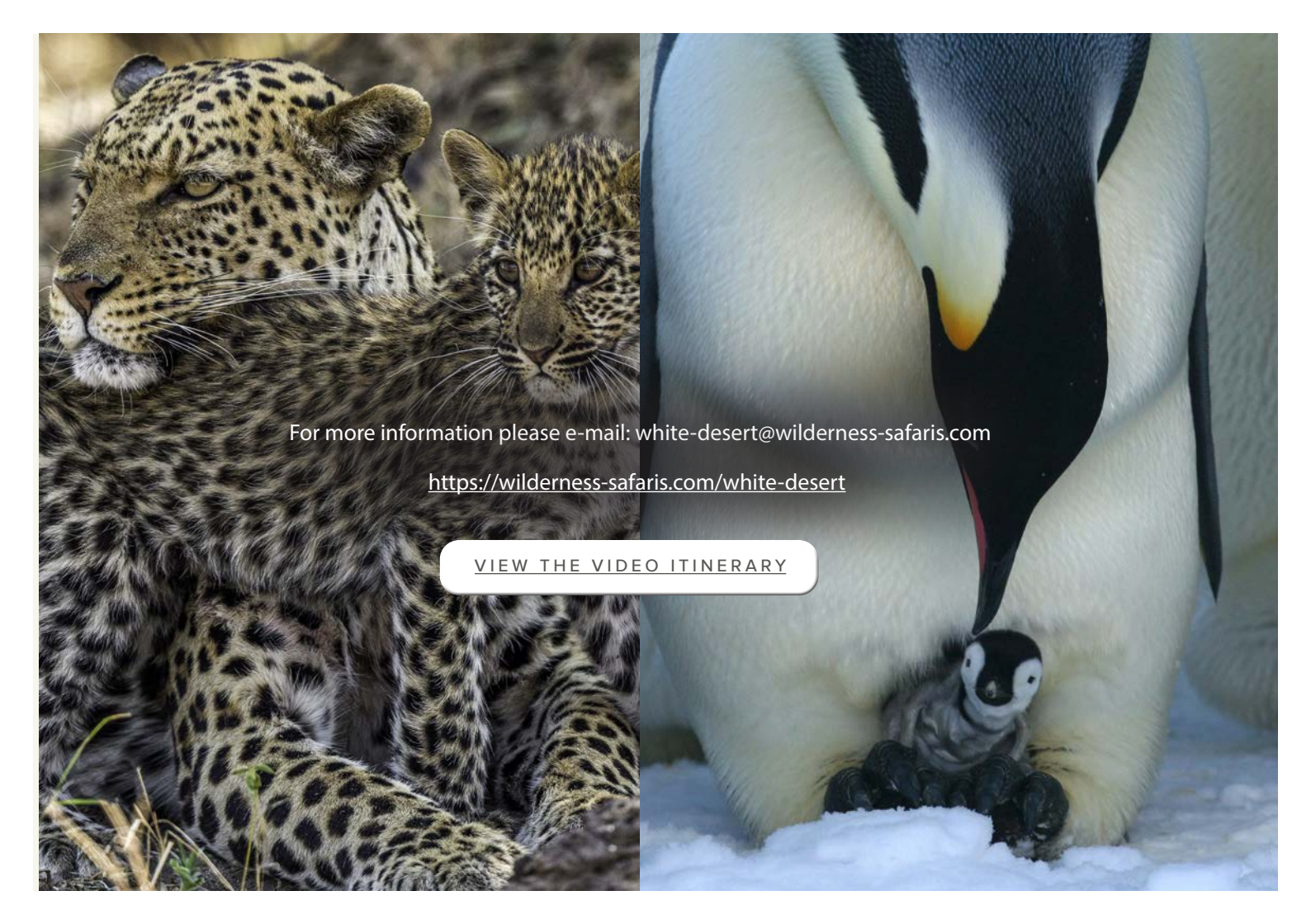


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From USD69 435.00 PP sharing
From USD4 780.00 single supplement

Inclusions and exclusions

Full booking terms and conditions available upon enquiry.



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