



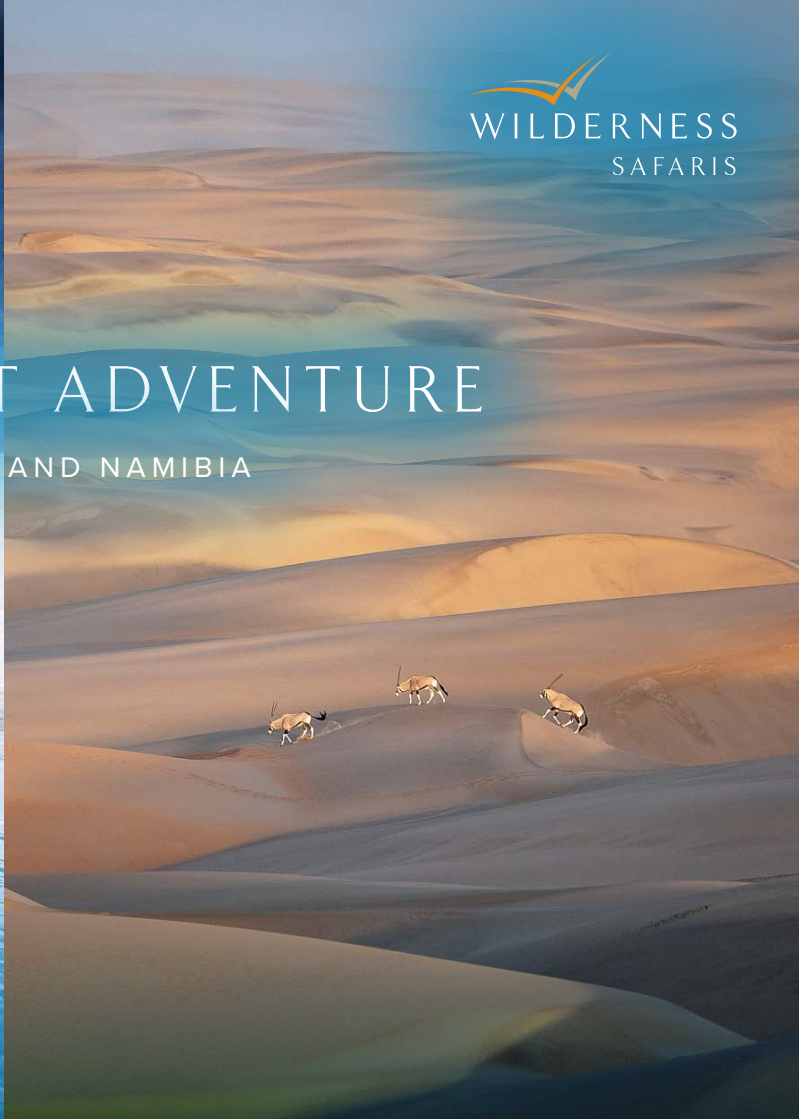
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19 days (Cape Town, Antarctica, Namibia)

27 Dec 2021 – 14 January 2022

From the polar desert of Antarctica to the coastal desert of Namibia, this journey offers you two of the most extraordinarily remote, luxury travel experiences, in the world. Fly 10 000 feet above the ice to the South Pole, and circumnavigate the globe in just a few steps. Witness the birth of emperor penguin chicks, and go abseiling, ice-picking, and explore iridescent ice tunnels, while enjoying the best in luxury at White Desert's brand-new Wolf's Fang camp. Next, embark on an eight-night adventure that takes you to the dramatic landscapes of Namibia's Sossusvlei, and the newly rebuilt Little Kulala. Then, discover the ancient valleys and rugged peaks of the Skeleton Coast, and witness the unique desert wildlife of the Hoanib Valley, ending at the surreally beautiful Serra Cafema, and a visit with the unique Himba people.



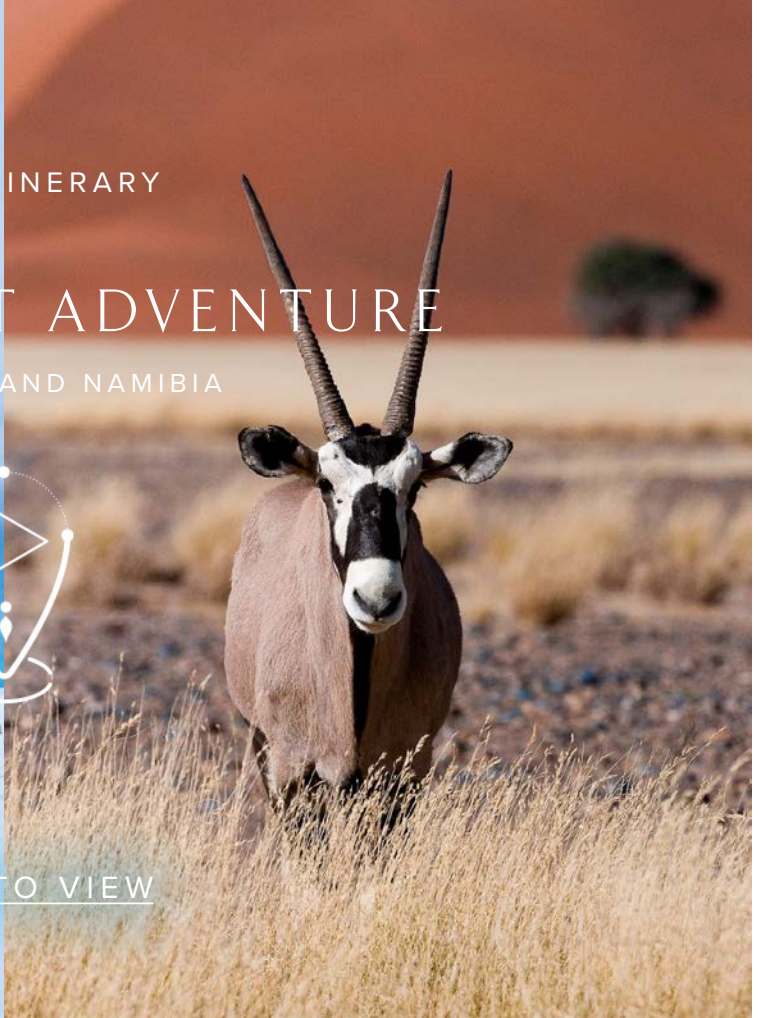
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MORE ABOUT WILDERNESS SAFARIS and WHITE DESERT

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

Serra Cafema

Hoanib Skeleton Coast

Little Kulala

NAMIBIA

SOUTH AFRICA

Cape Town

INDIAN OCEAN

ATLANTIC OCEAN

Wolf's Fang

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27 – 29 December 2021 – One & Only Hotel, Cape Town
29 December 2021 – 4 January 2022 – Wolf's Fang, Antarctica
4 – 6 January 2022 – One & Only Hotel, Cape Town
6 – 8 January 2022 – Little Kulala, Namibia
8 – 11 January 2022 – Hoanib Skeleton Coast Camp, Namibia
11– 14 January 2022 – Serra Cafema, Namibia

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.

Travel to the South Pole, the southernmost point on Earth, on one of only 10 charters White Desert takes each year. Flying 10 000 feet above the ice over the High Polar Plateau, it's a 5-hour trip to FD83, White Desert's expedition camp, where you will refuel before flying a further two hours to the South Pole. You will overnight at FD83 expedition camp and return to Wolf's Fang the following morning. 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.



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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.

The Namibian leg of the journey now begins, with a flight to the newly refurbished Little Kulala a fresh, modern, and spacious, desert retreat that brings comfort and adventure to the dunes of the Namib Desert. Its new look ensures the Living Desert is expressed in all its splendour, celebrating its unique wildlife, natural beauty, space, and amazing night skies. Activities include safari excursions through Sossusvlei, to the world famous Dead Vlei, nature walks and eco-sensitive quad biking. A balloon safari offers an awe-inspiring experience soaring above the sand sea.

Hoanib Skeleton Coast Camp is the next stop, where desert-adapted wildlife flocks to dry riverbeds' narrow ribbons of vegetation. In this stark, unforgiving environment, enormous elephant thrive, along with giraffe and lion. The Skeleton Coast hosts Cape fur seals in their thousands, along with black-backed jackals and brown hyaena.

Set under towering trees along the Kunene River, the last stop, Serra Cafema, is one of the most remote camps in southern Africa. Guests can truly disconnect, unwind, and relax to the sound of rushing water, and explore one of the driest deserts in the world. Respectful interaction with a nearby semi-nomadic Himba community, fascinating nature walks, boating (water levels permitting), and low-impact guided quad-bike excursions complete the experience. A Wilderness Safaris specialist private photographic guide will accompany you on your arrival in Namibia.

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.





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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 SOSSUSVLEI

SEASONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Temperatures: 17°C to 31°C (63°F to 88°F).
- Namibia averages 300 days of sunshine a year.
- Clearer skies with brighter stars.
- Many of the specialist dune fauna are most active at this time of year.
- Depending on the amount of rainfall, the desert plains may be transformed into lush grassland.
- All forms of life are instantly drawn to brief pools of water.
- Fewer tourists at this time of year affording a far more intimate experience.
- As the day warms, the likes of tenebrionid beetles and shovel-snouted lizards come out.

Some of the effects of Wilderness Safaris' conservation tourism presence in Sossusvlei...

- 27 000-hectare Kulala Wilderness Reserve was once subsistence farmland, with very little wildlife.
- In 1996, Wilderness Safaris began an ambitious programme to remove internal fences and livestock.
- As the ecosystem regained its health, wildlife began to come back of its own accord.
- Light camp footprint limits our environmental impact, to ensure the continued protection of this pristine wilderness area.

WILDLIFE TO BE SEEN



Oryx



Springbok



Ostrich



Web-footed geckos 'dancing'



Desert birds



Endemic dune lark



ABOUT LITTLE KULALA

The décor of the 11 climate-controlled rooms – each with private plunge pool – pays homage to the area’s geology and the Living Desert experience, reflecting the grey and pink limestone in colour and texture. Each villa’s private rooftop is ideal for sundowners and rooftop dinners, while the room’s shaded sala has a roll-out bed for siestas during the day or sleep-outs under the stars. The camp is a welcome oasis along the dry Auab riverbed in the Kulala Wilderness Reserve, celebrating the splendour and solitude of the world’s oldest desert. Explore the dunes on a quad bike, or a guided walking trail where you can immerse yourself in the details of this incredible landscape. Visit Sossusvlei or Dead Vlei, or learn about the geographical processes that led to the formation of the breathtaking Sesriem Canyon. Here, in the clear desert sky, the stargazing is unmatched.






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ABOUT THE SKELETON COAST

SEASONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Temperatures: 11°C to 27°C (52°F to 81°F).
- A verdant landscape due to copious rainfall.
- Birding enthusiasts are sure to enjoy the diverse avifauna.
- Arid-adapted species like gemsbok and springbok thrive now and are easily seen.
- At this time, desert-adapted elephant move from the sanctuary of the ephemeral river systems into the surrounding hilly regions.

Some of the effects of Wilderness Safaris' conservation tourism presence on the Skeleton Coast...

- Wilderness Safaris supports a number of conservation and research initiatives on the Skeleton Coast, focusing on desert-adapted species, including lion and brown hyaena, aimed at reducing human-wildlife conflict.
- For over 20 years, Wilderness Safaris has supported the Desert Lion Project, and has built a research centre and secondary home base for the project at Hoanib Skeleton Coast Camp.
- Light camp footprint limits our environmental impact, to ensure the continued protection of this pristine wilderness area.

WILDLIFE TO BE SEEN



Elephant



Lion



Brown hyaena



Birds



Oryx



Common wildlife
such as giraffe



ABOUT HOANIB SKELETON COAST CAMP

Bordering the Skeleton Coast National Park and surrounded by rugged mountains and endless dunes, eight large, luxury en-suite tents (including one family tent) peek out over the craggy valley that slopes down to the almost-always dry Hoanib River. On face value, not much could possibly survive in this terrain. But, in amongst the gravel-strewn plains and dry riverbeds, is a wealth of desert-adapted life. Fully solar powered, Hoanib Skeleton Coast is a joint venture with the neighbouring conservancies of Anabeb, Torra and Sesfontein, and hosts researchers committed to conserving desert-adapted lion, brown hyaena and more. Discover the desert-adapted species on a game drive, or take a trip to see the shipwreck remains and Cape fur seal colonies at the Skeleton Coast. Other activities include interacting with the researchers, or exploring the nearby dunes.





ABOUT KAOKOLAND

SEASONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Temperatures: 12°C - 29°C (54°F - 84°F).
- Depending on the rainfall received, the landscape may be a tapestry of green grass.
- Arid-adapted species like gemsbok and springbok thrive now and are easily seen.
- The Kunene River will likely be at its highest, making it the best time for boating and birdlife.

Some of the effects of Wilderness Safaris' conservation tourism presence in Kaokoland...

- Serra Cafema has a mutually beneficial partnership with the Marienfluss Conservancy, which is owned primarily by the Himba people, the benefits of which include lease fees, employment and skills transfer.
- Serra Cafema is driving sustainable conservation by helping rehabilitate the island on which the camp is built, replanting indigenous trees and shrubs, while eradicating invasive plants.
- Wilderness Safaris provides logistical support, working with the parks authorities, to strengthen cross-border ecosystem management and wildlife protection in the Iona-Skeleton Coast Transfrontier Park, as part of the SCIONA project.

WILDLIFE TO BE SEEN



Oryx



Desert and water birds



Hartmann's mountain zebra



Nile Crocodile



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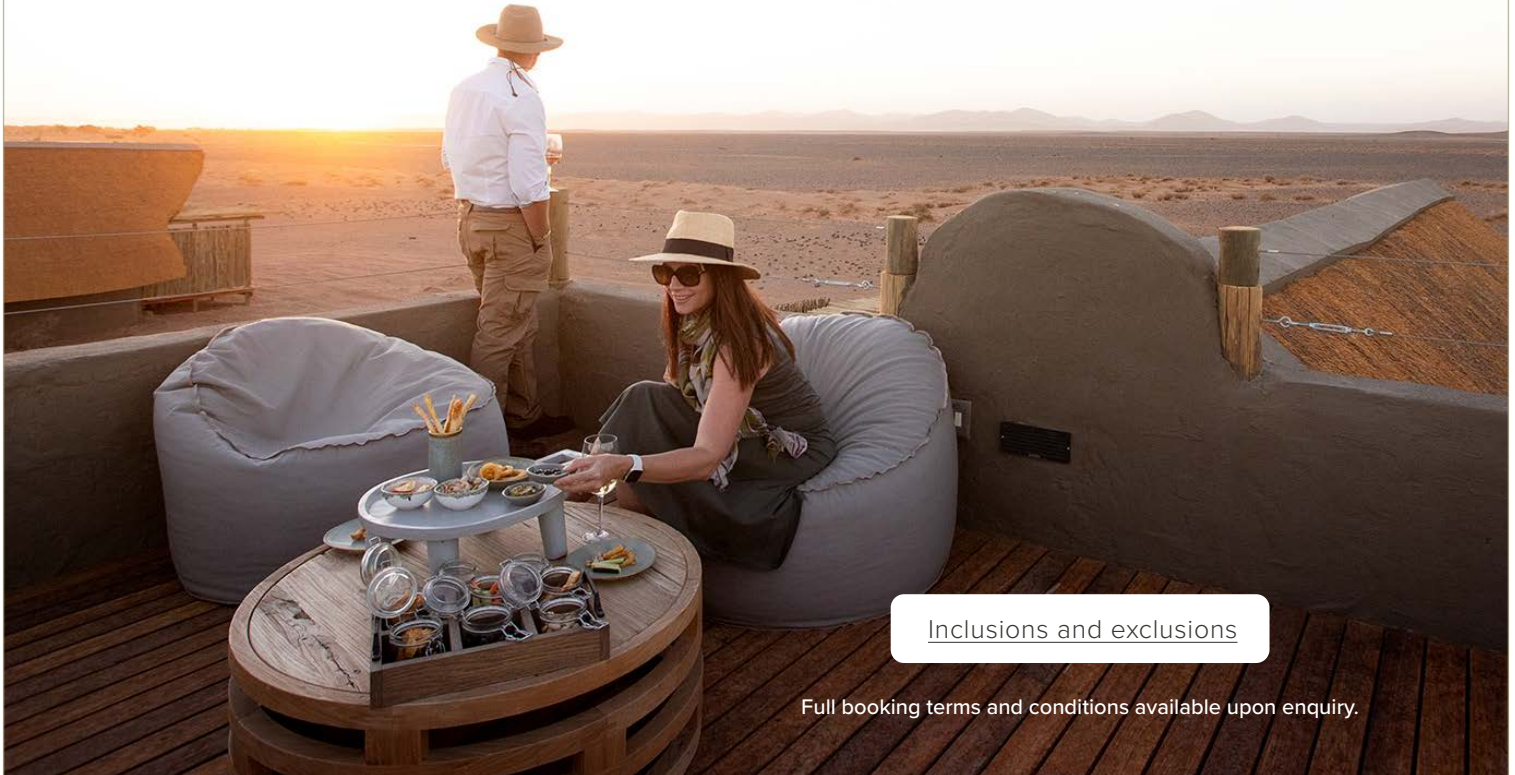
Embracing its setting of infinite space and rolling dunes, in one of the most remote and seemingly inhospitable locations on earth, lies Serra Cafema. Under a canopy of ana trees, on the banks of the perennial Kunene River, is an oasis, full of life. Serra Cafema's eight suites are set on elevated decks and crafted in wood, canvas and thatch to create a unique camp that is at one with its surroundings, celebrating the culture of the area's Himba people. The main area offers spectacular views of the river, and, as Wilderness Safaris Namibia's most northerly camp, the Angolan wilderness on the opposite banks. Explore the dunes, or go birding along the river; Serra Cafema's habitat means it has both water and desert birds. There are nature walks and quad biking excursions, though meeting the Himba people will, no doubt, be an unforgettable experience.





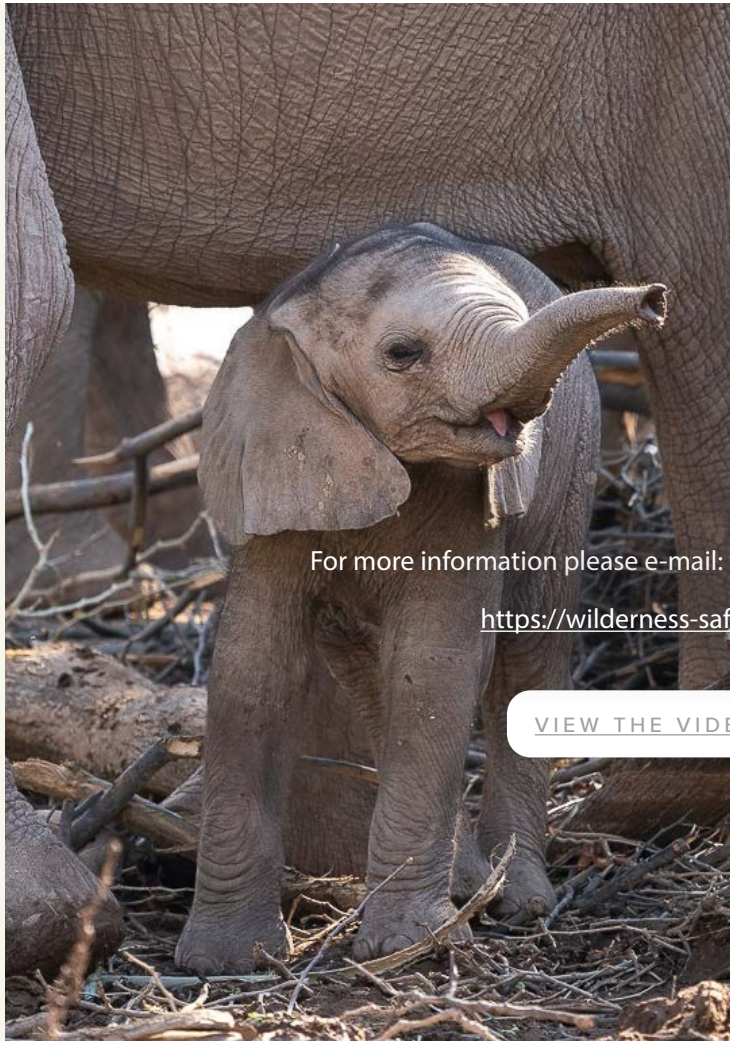
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From USD6 195.00 single supplement



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