



All you need to know






Wilderness Safaris Explorations



Overview

Explorations are experience-based, privately-guided journeys that explore some of Africa's prime wilderness areas. Offering exceptionally diverse activities throughout, our range of fully-serviced, intimate and authentic journeys are led by one passionate and experienced Explorations guide.

What makes our Explorations so special?

-  An experienced and highly-trained guide leads your journey from start to finish.
-  You'll participate in the adventure rather than just spectate; tracking wildlife on foot, game drives, water activities, flights and bush dinners are just some of these experiences.
-  The majority of an Exploration takes place in private wildlife concessions exclusive to Wilderness Safaris guests.
-  The intimacy of travelling in small groups of up to 7 people ensures personal attention and guarantees everyone a 'window seat.'
-  Explorations can be tailor-made for private groups, and to meet specific and specialist requirements, from birding to photography.

*Immerse yourself into nature and discover Africa
as it should be with Wilderness Explorations.*



Tailor-made Explorations

While our Explorations are specifically selected to operate at certain times of year – to take advantage of specific seasons, wildlife and experiences – we can also create an experience-based, privately-guided journey that meets your own requirements – an Exploration that is tailor made just for you. This includes elements like start and end dates, which camps you'd like to visit, how long you'd like to go for, or if you'd like a particular guide.

We also tailor-make itineraries for those who have a specialised interest such as birding or photography or if you would like your itinerary to be family friendly.

For more information on Scheduled and Tailor-made Explorations please contact your Journey Specialist

Our guides

Our guides are the vital link between you and the intricacies of the natural world. They love sharing their knowledge, and do so with passion and humour, making the whole journey seamless and interpretive from start to finish. As skilled wildlife photographers they ensure that you take the best images home; and when the time comes for you to leave your adventure you will have gained a friend in your guide.

See our portfolio of highly experienced Explorations guides, all of whom are also available to lead private tailor-made safaris and specialist trips – some even offering multilingual departures.



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"I cannot describe the excitement and joy of being on the search for wildlife with Brooks as well as sharing meals and discussions with him on life and conservation efforts in Botswana. We fell in love with Botswana and Brooks! Can't wait to return."

Guest quote



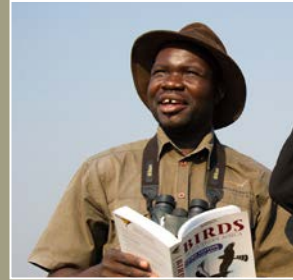
Botswana

Alex Mazunga: Never seen without his camera or a smile, Alex is a giant of a man in many aspects of the word.



Botswana

Anderson Sekgwa: Highly sought-after guide Anderson Sekgwa learned his skills from the best.



Botswana

Brooks Kamanakao: Brooks has a reputation for making friends and never giving up on the wildlife chase.



Botswana

Cilas Mafoko: Cilas's love for ethnobotany stands him in good stead for his many guided walking and tracking safaris.



Botswana

David Luck: Dave may have been guiding for over 30 years, but he is unlikely to have suffered a dull day in his life.



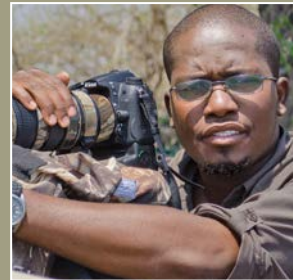
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Francis Kudumo: Previously a school teacher, Francis is an engaging and thoughtful guide with over 20 years' experience.



Botswana

Lemme Gust: Lemme's lifelong passion for wildlife stems from his childhood tending livestock.



Botswana

Letsogile Kamogelo: Lets is an ardent naturalist and conservationist with a natural flair for photography.



Botswana

Ollie Porote: Ollie's gentle personality and many years of experience will ensure unforgettable safari memories.



Botswana

Ona Basimane: A powerful photographer along with passion, enthusiasm and humour, Ona is becoming a legend in his own right.



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"My husband, Ian, and I just returned from the Desert Dune Safari in Namibia and loved it. We had an incredible experience and saw so, so much. What made the trip the best though was our amazing guide, Jeremia Mwapopi."

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Botswana

Onamile Lekgopho: Not only an experienced guide, Ona's passion to pass on his knowledge makes him a valuable member of our guide training team.



Botswana

Richard Avilino: Wildlife guru, birding buff, botanist extraordinaire, German-speaking Richard's fireside tales will keep you entertained for hours.



Botswana

Thuto Moutloatse: With his larger than life personality, Thuto was voted as one of the "seven best adventure guides on the planet."



Namibia

Festus Mbinga: Gifted guide and avid birder, Festus is an incredibly humble individual of Herero descent.



Namibia

Franco Morao: Highly sought-after guide, Franco first came to Wilderness as a child attending a Children in the Wilderness camp.



Namibia

Jeremia Mwapopi: Personable and generous, Jeremia has an untold fascination in Namibia's wildlife, geology, culture and history.



Namibia

Jimmy Limbo: Jimmy's infectious smile and love for nature makes him a fine guide with an insatiable thirst for knowledge.



Zambia

Isaac Kalio: Isaac's early introduction to wildlife inspired his love for nature and wildlife photography.



Zambia

Idos Mulenga: With over 30 years of experience it is no wonder that Idos is a guide with an extraordinary connection to wildlife and the wilderness.



Zimbabwe

Charles Ndhlovu: is passionate about walking safaris and believes that everyone has a responsibility to look after nature.





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Great Wilderness Journey

10 nights / 11 days

This Exploration runs between May and November

Encounter the world-famous Victoria Falls and explore Botswana's scenic northern areas: from the blue-green wetlands of the Okavango Delta to the Linyanti and Chobe River systems renowned for their predators and large concentrations of game.



Botswana Summer Encounter

10 nights / 11 days

This Exploration runs between November and December 2017

Explore the life-filled Central Kalahari Game Reserve, the fertile green islands and wildlife-rich floodplains of the Okavango Delta, a cruise down Chobe River, and a grand finale of the world-famous Victoria Falls – all in one of its most abundant and remarkable seasons.



Okavango Channels and Plains

6 nights / 7 days

This Exploration runs between November and April

Set out to explore the wildlife-rich savannahs of the Santawani Concession in the south-eastern corner of the Okavango and the floodplains and waterways in the heart of the Delta in the warm summer months. Marked by the life-giving rains, the season heralds the profusion of new life of both fauna and flora.



Into the Wilderness Botswana

6 nights / 7 days

This Exploration runs between June and October

Exploring two unique wilderness areas that have been shaped by the southernmost fault lines of Africa's Great Rift Valley, this safari begins in the pristine Xigera concession at a true water camp on a remote island deep in the Okavango Delta. We then discover the lush riverine woodlands of the Linyanti River and its wildlife-filled floodplains.



The Trans-Okavango

9 nights / 10 days

21 – 30 July 2017 (only one departure)

This unique and exclusive Exploration captures the essence of the Okavango and the spirit of exploration on land, water and in the air. It visits the prime game-viewing areas of Hunda Island, Mombo and Chitabe combined with the iconic water experiences offered at Pelo and Xigera. Guests have the rare opportunity to walk, boat and fly from one camp to the other, as well as enjoy the thrill of flying over the Delta in a helicopter.





Namibia
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Diverse Namibia

9 nights / 10 days
This Exploration runs year-round

Travelling on lesser known routes, this is a true adventure that 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.



Desert Dune Safari

9 nights / 10 days
This Exploration runs between May and mid-November

This safari takes you through some of the most remote areas on this planet, beginning at the dunes of Sossusvlei and exploring the marine life off Swakopmund. We then discover the dramatic and secluded coastline of the Skeleton Coast and the desolate landscape of Namibia's starkly beautiful north-west.



Hwange Walking Safari

4 nights / 5 days
This Exploration runs between July and September

Set out under the African sun and explore Hwange's most abundant concession on foot and by vehicle. Found in the south-eastern corner of Zimbabwe's largest National Park, our private Linkwasha Concession's diverse range of habitats is a magnet for a variety of wildlife.



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"I can speak only in superlatives about our experience. From beginning to end, every aspect of the trip went smoothly and the high quality of personnel and accommodations was so appreciated. I can't say enough good things about the Exploration, and the game drives were amazing. I had high hopes and expectations, and they were met and exceeded all along the way."

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