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The Elegant Adventure: From the Delta to Zimbabwe

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Safari in style

An immersive adventure through stunning southern African destinations. Journey into the aquatic paradise of the Okavango Delta to view water-adapted wildlife. Drive, walk, boat and *mokoro* through riverine forests, grasslands and marshlands and watch brilliant Okavango sunsets. Head to Zimbabwe, quickly becoming one of the continent's most dynamic places to explore, where rich cultural history meets innovative conservation models. Track wildlife on foot with world-class naturalists in Hwange National Park. Discover the world's largest concentration of ancient rock paintings in the mysterious Matobo Hills. Dive deep into spectacular communities and conservation efforts, wilderness and wildlife areas, all while staying in luxurious and sustainable accommodations.

Welcome to Deeper Africa

Wildlife encounters, at once spontaneous and beyond imagination, result from our in-depth knowledge of seasonal wildlife migrations and patterns. Our guides possess a lifetime of African lore and all the skills of a master tracker. *It's being in the perfect place at the perfect time*.

As a worldwide team with vast experience, we provide you with exceptional personal service. We attend to every detail. We help you learn about Africa's important conservation issues. *Arrive in Africa fully prepared and ready to explore.*

We believe that local African communities must benefit and prosper from the conservation and enjoyment of Africa's wildlife. They ensure the future. Your dollars protect wildlife and wild lands, as well as support and nurture local small businesses that, in turn support our safari business. Your dollar makes change.

Experience wondrous wildlife, enjoy local culture and discover more about the vibrant people and complicated politics unique to Africa. *We love this wild continent*.

with Deeper Africa

A true African original

Camps set in remote and unique ecosystems. Spectacular wildlife. Endless plains and meandering channels. Lodges where service standards are high, food is elegant, and the decor is unique.

Learn by doing, going and seeing

with an expert by your side. Do it once; do it right. Be in the best camps. Have the best guides. Return transformed, after coming face-to-face with some of the world's most captivating wildlife.

Safari schedule at a glance

International flight #1 Departs: TBD Arrives:

Days 1, 2 & 3: Arrival in Maun, Botswana Overnights at Nxabega Okavango Tented Camp

Days 4, 5 & 6: Drive to Chitabe Concession Overnights at Chitabe Lediba Camp

Days 7 & 8: Drive to Victoria Falls in Zambezi National Park Overnights at Elephant Camp

Days 9, 10 & 11: Bush flight to Hwange National Park Overnights at Somalisa Camp International flight #2 Departs: TBD Arrives: MUB

Days 12 & 13: Drive to Matobo National Park Overnights at Amalinda Lodge

Days 14, 15 & 16: Bush flight to Malilangwe Wildlife Reserve/ Gonarezhou National Park Overnights at Singita Pamushana Lodge

LPax 1/: Bush flight to Johannesburg for international flights

DAYS 1-3 Nxabega Okavango Tented Camp Okavango Delta

Wildlife viewing *Get your checklist ready*

African wild dogs, Buffalo, Cheetah, Elephants, Leopards, Lions, Red lechwe, Rhino, Sitatunga, Tsessebe, Zebras Activities included Keep your camera close

Wildlife viewing Guided walking safaris Boat safari Mokoro

Upon arrival at Maun International Airport in Botswana, a representative awaits you holding a Deeper Africa sign with your name on it. He'll transfer you to a bush flight. Enjoy the stunning aerial view of the Okavango Delta.

The Okavango Delta is one of Africa's most complex and inspiring natural environments—an intricate maze of azure waterways and lagoons, dotted with a patchwork of grassland islands and some of the densest wildlife populations in the world. One of the world's few inland deltas, the Okavango's calm waters and lush indigenous forests are home to innumerable aquatic-adapted bird and wildlife species. Look for some of the first rhinos recently translocated to Botswana from South Africa by the Rhinos Without Borders program.

Includes: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner Alcohol & Beverages Laundry, Swimming pool

Great Plains Conservation and &Beyond, two leading conservation and tourism companies teamed up to relocate 100 rhinos:

Rhinos Without Borders

A rhino is killed every 8 hours

At an all-time high in Africa and increasing at an alarming rate, the illegal rhino horn trade has seen the number of these magnificent African icons poached rise significantly in recent years.

After airlifting them away from populated areas in South Africa, Rhinos Without Borders releases the rhinos to the wild in Botswana, where poaching happens at a much lesser rate. The goal is to develop a safe breeding area away from danger zones in South Africa and grow the rhino population. More rhinos are poached each year than born.

Donate and learn more at <u>www.rhinoswithoutborders.com</u> Go Pro pledged to match any donations raised via Go Pro for a Cause.

rhinos poached in South Africa since 2008

DAYS 4-6 CHITABE LEDIBA CAMP | CHITABE CONCESSION

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Wildlife viewing *Get your checklist ready*

Blue wildebeest, Burchell's zebra, Bush babies, Cape buffalo, Civet, Duiker, Elephants, Genet, Giraffe, Hyenas, Kudu, Impala, Porcupine, Red lechwe, Reedbuck, Steenbok, Tsessebe, Warthogs, 345 recorded migratory bird species

Activities included Keep your camera close

Wildlife viewing Night safaris Guided walking safaris

DAYS 4-6 Chitabe Lediba Camp Chitabe Concession

The Chitabe Concession, located in the southern part of the Okavango between Chief's Island and the Mopane Tongue, features Botswana's classic woodland environments with mopane forests and riverine trees and range of wildlife. It is an ideal habitat for predators. Leopards, cheetahs and a healthy resident lion population stay year round. As do African wild dogs— Africa's most endangered large carnivore. The Botswana Predator Conservation Trust runs a research program here that focuses on African wild dogs. Chitabe Camp supports the program financially and also provides logistics support to the researchers.

Includes: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner Alcohol & Beverages, Laundry Swimming pool

DAYS 7 & 8 Elephant Camp Victoria Falls Zambezi National Park

Depart for Zambezi National Park and the world's largest waterfall. Victoria Falls stands an imposing 355 feet (108 meters) tall and is one of the seven natural wonders of the world. Fed by the Zambezi river system, it straddles the border between Zimbabwe and Zambia. The noise of falls can be heard 25 miles (40 km) away. Embark on a sunset cruise along the waters of the Zambezi River. Watch for lurking crocodiles. Listen for hippos grunting and the distant rush of the falls. Take in the fiery night sky. The Elephant Camp's onsite Elephant Sanctuary and Orphanage rescues and rehabilitates orphaned and injured elephants. The Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust sits adjacent and collaborates with the camp to preserve and protect wild elephants. Meet the elephants up close.

Includes: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner Wi-fi, Swimming Pool

Wildlife viewing Get your checklist ready

Cheetah, Elephants

Activities included Keep your camera close

Guided tour of the Falls Elephant Sanctuary visit Guided nature walks Birding

DAYS 9-11 Somalisa Camp Hwange National Park

In the morning, hike along Victoria Falls, where the mile wide Zambezi River crashes down a dizzying ravine and spews up a thousand foot plume of soaking mist. A bush flight to Hwange National Park follows.

With 108 mammal species and 470 species of birds, Hwange National Park is Zimbabwe's biggest reserve and a sanctuary for wild dogs—less than 7,000 of which remain in the wild. A safari with a Zimbabwe professional guide is profoundly educational. Guides here are among the best in the world—enduring a tough licensing process and three-year minimum apprenticeship under a senior guide. After studying natural sciences, current events and communication, they must pass a rigorous exam with a pass rate of less than 20 percent. Meet with local communities including the inspirational women of Vukani Group and Thandanani Sewing Project and the researchers and anti-poaching unit at Long Shields Lion Guardians.

Solar-powered and with its own recycling and wastewater treatment, Somalisa Camp is the creation of Beks Ndlovu— safari guide, designer, entrepreneur and all-around Renaissance man.

Includes: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner Alcohol & Beverages Laundry, Swimming pool

Victoria Falls, known traditionally as *Mosi-oa-Tunya* which means "smoke that thunders."

Wildlife viewing Get your checklist ready

Baboons, Bird life, Buffalo, Cheetah, Crocodiles, Elephants, Giraffes Hippos, Hyenas, Impalas, Leopards, Lions, Ostriches, Rhinos, Various antelope, Vervet monkeys, Warthog, Wildebeests, Zebras Activities included *Keep your camera close*

Wildlife viewing Night safaris Guided walking safaris

COMMUNITY & CONSERVATION INITIATIVES | THANDANANI SEWING PROJECT

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handanani Sewing Project Dete, Zimbabwe

Proceeds

from your safari with Deeper Africa supports community and conservation projects in Zimbabwe.

Deeper Africa travelers contribute to the Thandanani Sewing Project, a micro-finance initiative in Dete, Zimbabwe and a community project supported through tourism, when staying at African Bush Camps in Zimbabwe.

The ten women in the Thandanani Sewing Project owned three sewing machines but had no funds for fabric. African Bush Camps Foundation loaned the money needed to start their business and assists them in marketing their handcrafted items to travelers visiting safari camps in Zimbabwe. Using locally-sourced textiles and recycled materials to produce high-quality crafts, jewelery and clothing, these dedicated women bring together their unique skills and resources to better the circumstances of their families.

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COMMUNITY & CONSERVATION INITIATIVES | LONG SHIELD LION GUARDIANS

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Hwange Lion Research Project's Long Shield Lion Guardians

focuses on reducing human/wildlife conflict threatening all wild carnivores.

Sometimes a horn is more powerful than a gun.

When lions stray into a populated areas and attack livestock in rural communities, locals often retaliate by killing them. Hwange Lion Research Project, part of Oxford University's Wildlife Conservation Research Unit (WILDCRU), now employs and trains the local Long Shield Lion Guardians who serve as mediators between the communities and the wildlife. This courageous group of local men and women from the village of Dete, deploy drums and vuvuzela horns to keep the lions out of the villages and alert local herdsmen when a lion is near so that villagers have time to move livestock or scare the lion back to the park. WILDCRU'S Lion Research Project has radio-tracked more than 100 Hwange lions and their research assists Zimbabwe authorities with conservation strategies.

Meet the Guardians. See their methods and their newly invented lion-proof cattle pen.

Learn more at satibtrust.com/projects/hwange-lion-research

DAYS 12 & 13 Amalinda Lodge Matobo National Park

Matobo Hills, a landscape of granite towers and sheltering caves, teems with wildlife and contains more than 200 species of trees. Home to people for 500,000 years and declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2003, its ancient rock paintings, stone tools, pottery, oral traditions and shrines tell stories of hope, strife and spirituality.

Explore and climb the granite "whalebacks," "castle kopjes," and "balancing rocks" towering above the mahogany forest. Tour ancient rock art and track white and black rhino on foot with an expert guide.

Camp Amalinda's cottages, created from thatch and wood, are woven into the boulders and alcoves of a stone-age shelter and rock painting site.

Includes: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner Alcohol & Beverages Laundry, Swimming pool

Claiming the world's highest concentration of rock art, Matobo houses at least 3,000 rock art sites—some more than 10,000 years old.

Paintings depict ancient San people dancing, running and hunting. Giraffes, elephants, antelopes and rhino running, feeding and playing are rendered in precise detail. Abstractions of shamanic visions are illustrated.

Wildlife viewing *Get your checklist ready*

Antelope, Baboons, Eland, Elephants, Giraffes, Hippos, Hyenas, Klipspringer, Kudu, Leopards, Lions, Lizards, Monkeys, Rhinos, Sable, Wildebeests, Zebras

Activities included *Keep your camera close*

Wildlife viewing Night safaris Guided walking safaris Rhino tracking Climb rocks Rock art tour

Mother Africa Trust Matobo Hills, Zimbabwe Proceeds

from your visit to Amalinda go to community and conservation programs.

Since 2009, Mother Africa Trust has been working with Amalinda Lodge to build community infrastructure, such as classrooms, teachers colleges and waiting rooms for expecting mothers, as well as fund conservation initiatives and anti-poaching. The Trust has brought electricity into schools and clinics and is currently assisting in the construction of a new primary school in Matobos for 200 children that currently walk more than 5 miles to get to the nearest school. The Trust is also dedicated to improving the living conditions and sustainability of disadvantaged communities around Hwange National Park and Matobos by awarding college scholarships, bringing people together through sports and events, funding school field trips and environmental cleanup campaigns. During the drought of 2016, the Trust was able to feed 923 children a meal each day for 6 months, and has contributed immensely towards the Matobo Rhino fence project to help protect endangered rhinos.

Learn more at http://www.mother-africa.org

DAYS 14-16 SINGITA PAMUSHANA LODGE | MALILANGWE/GONAREZHOU

DAYS 14-16 Singita Damushana Lodge Malilangwe Wildlife Reserve Gonarezhou

In the local Shangaan language, *Pamushana* means "place of miracles and sunshine."

Wildlife viewing *Get your checklist ready*

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African wild dog, Black rhino, Caracal, Hartebeest, Honey badger, Serval, Spotted genet, White rhino, Wildcat, More than 400 species of birds

Activities included Keep your camera close

Wildlife viewing Night safaris Guided walking safaris Rhino tracking Cultural tours The Malilangwe Wildlife Reserve is a 130,000 acre wildlife reserve next to vast and remote Gonarezhou National Park. Track abundant wildlife on foot. View wildlife with a professional guide and take a walking safari led by a top ranger and game tracker. Learn about the reserve's poaching patrols, which have not lost an elephant or rhino in seven years. Visit the Shangaan people, who until recently lived as hunter-gatherers and retain a deep understanding of their environment. Proud of their heritage, the Shangaan developed the Kamboko Living Museum to share their culture and teach naturebased skills. Visit villagers and enjoy a guided forest walk to view wildlife and rock art and learn the medicinal uses of trees and plants. Go on a night drive and see a different world of nocturnal life under a brilliant sky.

Includes: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner Alcohol & Beverages Laundry, Swimming pool

Singita partners with Malilangwe Trust

to restore and maintain the historic biodiversity of the Malilangwe Wildlife Reserve.

Singita's mission is to create harmony between wildlife conservation initiatives and community development. Having adopted a scientific approach dedicated to understanding the Malilangwe ecosystem, their conservation practices ensure that key ecological processes function naturally and that their footprint is as light as possible.

The goal of the Singita-Malilangwe community development program is to foster deep committed ties to local communities and to assist them in thriving both economically and socially. Examples of this are educating local children about conservation while taking them wildlife viewing, feeding breakfast to 19,000 local schoolchildren every day so that they may focus at school, providing irrigation to local subsistence farmers and funding university scholarships for local students.

Singita-Malilangwe's conservation program preserves cultural treasures, prevents wildlife poaching and promotes wildlife diversity— including the reintroduction and protection of endangered rhino populations.

Learn more at <u>https://conservation.singita.com/conservation/</u> singita-pamushana-biodiversity-protection-development

International Flights

Singita Pamushana Lodg

After morning wildlife viewing and breakfast, depart for a bush flight to the Johannesburg airport in South Africa for your international flight home.

Includes: Breakfast

Flight #1 (Day 17) Departs | Johannesburg, South Africa Arrives | TBD

Flight #2 (Day 18) Departs | TBD Arrives | TBD

2020 Pricing \$23,000 - \$27,500

2020 Custom Pricing & Departures

January 11 - March

• \$23,000 USD per person

Single supplement: \$850 USD

- April May, Nov, 1-19 Dec
- \$23,000 USD per person
 - Single supplement: \$3,250 USD
- 1-10 Jan, June Oct, 20-31 Dec
 \$27,500 USD per person
 Single supplement: \$5,200 USD

All pricing in US dollars. All arrivals are into Maun, Botswana and departures are from Johannesburg, South Africa. Prices do not include international airfare. All itineraries and prices are subject to change.

Elegant Adventure In-Style safari includes

- · Start to finish safari expertise
- ·Accommodations in all lodges & tented camps
- · All meals as stated in itinerary
- Wildlife viewing in 4x4 safari Land Cruiser

• Mokoro, boat safaris, guided walking safaris, rhino trekking, viewing rock paintings, bicycle ride-My Beautiful Home, sundowner cruise, community village visit, fishing, Tour of the Falls

- Enrollment with SATIB Evacuation Service
- All in-country transportation
- Safe drinking water available at all times
- Alcohol & beverages at some camps and lodges
- · Laundry at some camps and lodges
- Beverages in your 4x4 safari vehicle

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• Extensive pre-departure briefing and materials including health information, reading list and map

• All park and entrance fees

International airfare and gratuities not included. Certain brands of alcohol and beverages are not included in some camps.

We plan your adventures in areas where wildlife habitats are known to exist for the season and time you're traveling. Still, animals are not in a zoo. They run freely and we cannot always anticipate their movements.



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