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# YOUR GUIDE TO AFRICA







*Africa is renowned for its incredible variety of wildlife, colourful cultures, and spectacular landscapes. Deciding where to go and what to see can often be a challenge, so here are a few pointers to help create your dream African journey.*

### **EAST AFRICA**

Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda & Rwanda

Kenya and Tanzania are known as the birthplace of safari and famous for the vast grassy plains of the Masai Mara and the Serengeti, home to huge herds of wildlife and the Great Migration. Uganda and Rwanda are home to the critically endangered mountain gorillas.

### **SOUTHERN AFRICA**

South Africa, Botswana, Zambia, Zimbabwe & Namibia

Southern Africa offers an excellent combination of scenery and experiences from the watery delta of Botswana to the desert landscapes of Namibia and the lesser-visited Zambia – home of the walking safari.







*There is so much packed into this colourful nation, from sophisticated cities, to scenic winelands and fantastic game viewing in one of the many game reserves.*

### **Cape Town**

One of the most stunning cities in the world with the majestic Table Mountain towering over the city, beautiful beaches, and a bustling waterfront area.

### **Cape Winelands**

Picturesque vineyards producing world-class wines, with boutique accommodation and charming Cape Dutch architecture.

### **Kruger National Park**

Best enjoyed in a private game reserve which offers guests up-close and uncrowded wildlife viewing, night drives and bush walks.

### **Phinda Private Game Reserve**

A private game reserve in KwaZulu Natal offering seven distinct habitats, each with incredible game viewing.

### **Madikwe Game Reserve**

A malaria-free reserve, popular with families and mostly traversed by private game lodge vehicles and guests.

### **Tswalu Kalahari Private Game Reserve**

An exclusive and upmarket experience, Tswalu Kalahari offers a diverse habitat home to species such as meerkats and pangolin.



### **When to go**

While South Africa is a year-round destination, we recommend to go May to September when game viewing is at its best. The foliage is less dense and wildlife comes to water sources to drink. Prices vary seasonally, so travel in the shoulder seasons can be an economical option.







*Botswana is home to Africa's most richly populated wildlife areas, with an unsurpassed variety of animals. It offers a pristine and remote wilderness experience which lends itself to the exclusive fly-in safari.*

### **Chobe National Park**

Home to the largest concentration of elephant in Africa and excellent game viewing along the Chobe River.

### **Linyanti Wildlife Reserve**

A beautiful pristine private game reserve with low vehicle concentrations. The game viewing in Linyanti offers a remote, undisturbed experience.

### **Savute**

A remote corner of Chobe National Park, Savute is famed for its large population of predators including lion and cheetah.

### **Okavango Delta**

This vast inland delta offers a pristine game viewing experience with small intimate camps only accessible by light aircraft. A World Journeys favourite!

### **Makgadikgadi Pans National Park**

These salt pans are an arid landscape, transformed when it rains, attracting large herds of wildlife.

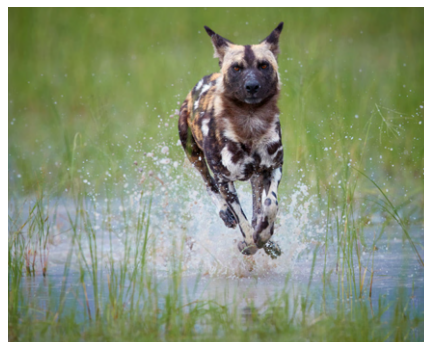
### **Nxai Pan National Park**

This waterless fossil pan comes to life after the summer rains, attracting huge herds of migrating plains game.



### **When to go**

July to October is peak season when the Okavango Delta is in flood and wildlife is restricted to main islands, meaning feasts await for resident predators! Outside of this season, there are many reasons to visit including seeing newborn animals and fantastic birding from December through April.







# ZAMBIA & ZIMBABWE

*Zambia is the home of walking safaris and a hidden gem offering intimate camps and stunning locations. No trip to Zambia or Zimbabwe is complete without a visit to the thundering Victoria Falls!*

## **South Luangwa National Park**

Home to a variety of animals, here guests can enjoy walking safaris and stay in small exclusive bush-camps.

## **Lower Zambezi National Park**

A more remote but diverse safari with lower visitor numbers, beautiful small camps, and intense wildlife encounters.

## **Victoria Falls**

Bordering Zambia and Zimbabwe and also close to Botswana, Victoria Falls offers an impressive sight from both sides.

## **Mana Pools National Park**

Located in the heart of the Zambezi Valley offering an authentic outdoorsy experience including canoe safaris.

## **Hwange National Park**

Set in northwest Zimbabwe, offering high quality camps, safari guiding and great year-round wildlife viewing.

## **Lake Kariba**

A host of mammals and birds live in this diverse habitat including leopard, lion, hyena and cheetah. The area is also great for walking safaris.



## **When to go**

Zambia's dry season is between May and October with game concentration at its peak in September and October. Zimbabwe's dry season is between July and October when the game viewing is at its best. Victoria Falls can be visited year-round, but are at their peak flow between March and May, just after the rainy season.







# NAMIBIA

*Namibia is famous for its vast dunes - a kaleidoscope of colour, shades and movement. Home to the fascinating Himba tribe, rare desert-adapted wildlife and serene landscapes, it is a photographer's dream!*

## **Sossusvlei**

The dunes in this area are some of the highest in the world, providing stunning photography in the morning and evening light.

## **Etosha National Park**

One of the premier parks in Africa with a huge number of species including lion, elephant, ostrich and the endangered black rhino.

## **Damaraland**

This dry mountainous region is home to desert-adapted elephant and lion. Rhino tracking is a real highlight.

## **Kunene River**

This remote northern area is home to the Himba people. The extraordinary Serra Cafema Camp here is famed for its mind-blowing desert and river landscapes.

## **Fish River Canyon**

Africa's largest canyon popular with hikers and photographers. With plenty to explore, guests can stay in luxury lodges.

## **Kolmanskop**

An eerie abandoned mining town being slowly buried by the shifting sands of the Namib Desert. Makes for fascinating photography!



## **When to go**

Any time from May to December is suitable for travel in most areas. Winter days are warm, dry and comfortable, whilst also being the best time to see wildlife. In the heat of the summer, December to March, temperatures can reach above 40°C.







# TANZANIA

*Known for its grassy plains, Tanzania is not only a wildlife lover's dream, it also boasts three of the major highlights of Africa - the Serengeti National Park, Mount Kilimanjaro and the Ngorongoro Crater.*

### **Lake Manyara National Park**

Known for its tree-climbing lions, hippo pools and, when conditions are right, pink flamingos grazing along the shores of the lake.

### **Serengeti National Park**

A land of wide-open plains and acacia trees, home to huge herds of wildlife and the predators that follow them during the Great Migration.

### **Mount Kilimanjaro**

Africa's highest peak is also the world's largest free-standing mountain and considered a 'hike' rather than a mountain climb.

### **Tarangire National Park**

This lesser visited wildlife hotspot is home to epic baobab trees, grassy savannah plains and over 550 bird species.

### **Ngorongoro Crater**

This vast volcanic caldera is home to a myriad of wildlife year-round, including the endangered black rhino and huge tusked elephants.

### **Zanzibar**

The 'Spice Island' is famed for its pristine beaches, exotic spices and historical Old Stone Town – the perfect end to a safari!



### **When to go**

Low season is March to May which is the rainy season but a more affordable time to visit. Peak season is July to September as it is the height of the Great Migration when massive herds of plains game are moving across the expanse of the Serengeti and Masai Mara.







# KENYA

*The original safari destination – Kenya is pure ‘Out of Africa’ and home to endless plains, huge herds of wildlife, colourful cultures and famous national parks. Be sure to book early for a stay at the renowned Giraffe Manor!*

### **Masai Mara National Reserve**

A romantic landscape of grassy plains with flat-topped acacia trees on the route of the Great Migration. Home to the fascinating Maasai tribespeople.

### **Lake Nakuru & Lake Naivasha**

These lakes are a bird watcher’s paradise and home to around 450 avian species including thousands of pink flamingos, when conditions are right. Lake Naivasha also attracts a wide range of game including giraffe, buffalo and hippo.

### **Samburu National Reserve**

This dry, dramatic and pristine terrain features desert-adapted wildlife and is the traditional land of the Samburu people.

### **Meru National Park**

With lush vegetation and diverse habitats, Meru is home to wildlife including incredible array of rare birdlife.

### **Amboseli National Park**

With Mt Kilimanjaro as its backdrop, Amboseli’s vast dry plains are often frequented by travelling herds of elephant.

### **Laikipia**

Here you will find the new Suyian Conservancy, home to rarities such as the elusive black leopard.



### **When to go**

July to September is dry season and the prime time to visit as it is the height of the Great Migration with wildlife easier to spot. August and September offer the best chance to witness spectacle of the Mara River crossings. January and February are peak visitor months, but prices are high, the National Parks are crowded and the temperatures are hot!







# UGANDA & RWANDA

*Both Uganda and Rwanda offer not only excellent gorilla trekking, but a range of National Parks to explore including Queen Elizabeth, Kibale, Murchison Falls, Kidepo Valley, Bwindi and Akagera National Parks.*

## Where is the best place to do a gorilla trek?

Treks in Uganda are longer and often more challenging with steep terrain. We love Uganda as it offers guests the ability to combine gorilla and chimpanzee tracking along with exploring the many National Parks. There are also more choices of accommodation.

Rwanda offers shorter and easier treks, so although the permits are more expensive than Uganda it is a great option for those short on time.

## What are the treks like?

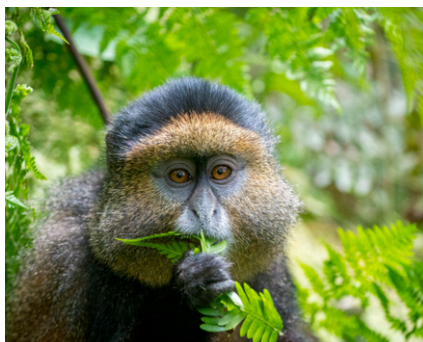
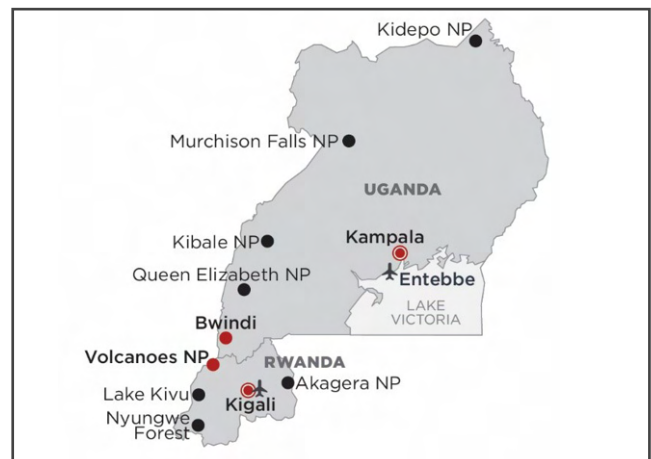
Trekking times can vary depending on the location of the gorillas (anything from an hour to 6 hours). Once the gorillas are found you enjoy a maximum of one hour with them.

## Permits

You will need a permit to do a gorilla trek, which you need to book well in advance, as a limited number of permits are available each day.

## When to go

Travellers visiting Uganda and Rwanda may be more comfortable doing their gorilla trekking experience during the drier seasons of December to February and June to September.







# OTHER JOURNEYS

*There are many ways to experience a safari in Africa, along with all the other aspects of this diverse continent. Whether travelling with family, in a small group, on a river cruise or a train, there is something for you.*



## LUXURY RAIL JOURNEYS

Rovos Rail offer luxury rail journeys through the heart of Africa, with 2 to 15 night journeys. Enjoy the comforts of a private cabin, magnificent scenery, gourmet cuisine and fine wines, along with friendly service. Some itineraries also include golfing.



## RIVER CRUISE JOURNEYS

A luxury river boat safari on Botswana's Chobe River is a truly relaxing experience. For something completely different with fascinating cultural encounters try a small-ship cruise on the West African coast or in the dreamy islands of the idyllic Seychelles.

## FLY AROUND SAFARIS

Fly in to remote airstrips to access some of Africa's most pristine wilderness, cutting out time on the road and maximising your time on safari.

## FAMILY SAFARIS

Africa is a wonderful family destination for creating memories to last a lifetime. With specially chosen lodges and camps, your family will be captivated and charmed by the African people and expert guides.



## SMALL GROUP TOURS

Our range of small group tours in Africa see guests travelling with a local guide and like-minded companions. These can be a more cost effective way to travel.

## WALKING SAFARIS

These safaris can be enjoyed from the comforts of your lodge, or for a more active experience you can walk between mobile camps. Specially trained guides will ensure your safety and comfort throughout. A horseback safari is another exciting option.





# WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT SAFARIS

*Not all safaris are equal! Here we are going to explain some important aspects to be aware of to ensure the best fit for you.*



## NATIONAL PARKS

Owned and managed by local government, these parks are established to protect wildlife and their natural habitats. Often large and with great roading, these parks tend to attract larger crowds. For example: **Kruger National Park in South Africa**, **Serengeti National Park in Tanzania**.

## PRIVATE GAME RESERVES

These reserves are privately owned and managed, with conservation and tourism working in harmony. Here you'll see fewer visitors and can enjoy more options such as night game drives or walking safaris. For example: **Phinda Private Game Reserve in South Africa**.



## CONSERVANCIES

Protected areas owned and managed by local communities and not-for-profits that have a greater focus on sustainable tourism practices and benefits to the local community. Conservancy areas offer additional cultural and wildlife encounters. For example: **Suyian Conservancy in Kenya**.

## TENTED CAMPS

Tented camps are often large luxurious suites under canvas on permanent platforms, with ensuite bathrooms and private outdoor deck, sometimes with plunge pools! Mobile tented camps move location periodically to track the Great Migration or move with the seasons. For example: **Kichwa Tembo Tented Camp in the Masai Mara**; or **Serengeti Under Canvas in Tanzania (mobile)**.



## LUXURY LODGES

Luxury lodges put you more at arms length from the wildlife, often offering more facilities such as swimming pools, spas and a gym. For example: **andBeyond Ngala Safari Lodge in South Africa**





# PLANNING YOUR *African Safari*

Africa is a big continent – unless you have plenty of time (and budget) we suggest visiting one or two countries and seeing them well. It is recommended to allow time for travel to/from different regions (ie: linking Eastern and Southern Africa).

We tailor-make itineraries to suit your travel style and needs. With a beautiful range of 4 and 5-star lodges and camps, we can also include a range of experiences such as photography, boating, fishing and horseback safaris.

- How long do you have to explore?
- What are you hoping to see and experience?
- What standard accommodation is wanted?
- What is the anticipated budget?

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