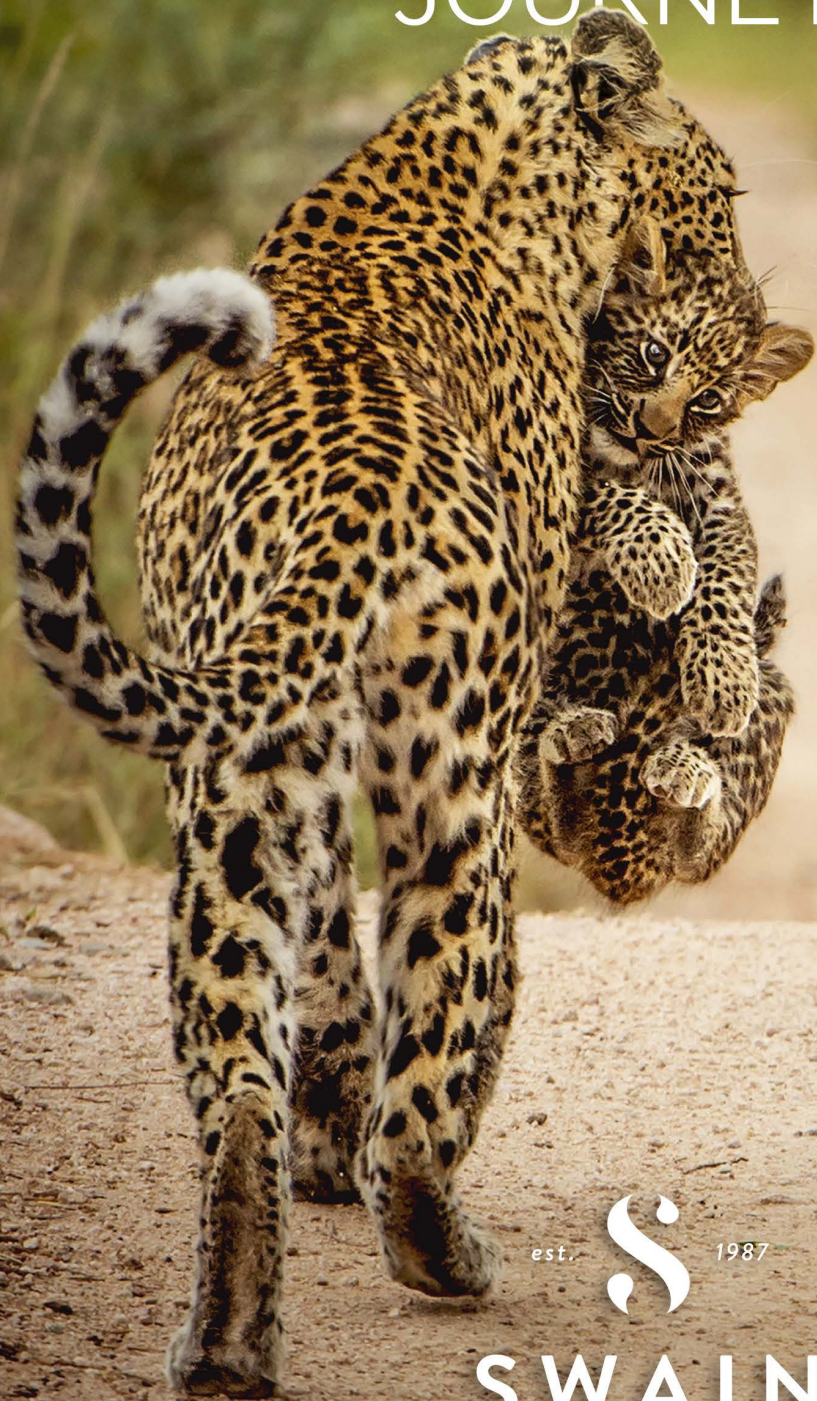


SWAIN'S
Southern Africa
JOURNEYS



SWAIN
DESTINATIONS

A curated collection of our favorite experiences across
South Africa, Botswana, Namibia, Zambia, Zimbabwe



Swain Destinations' Southern Africa includes South Africa, Botswana, Namibia, Zambia, & Zimbabwe. Southern Africa is as diverse as it is beautiful. Home to iconic African wildlife which roam from the lagoons of the South Luangwa in Zambia, to the bushveld of the Kruger in South Africa, to the world's oldest desert in Namibia. We customize your journey using partners who are renowned for their contributions to the wildlife and communities of their regions, and experiences that will stay with you for a lifetime.



Dining in the bush at Mombo



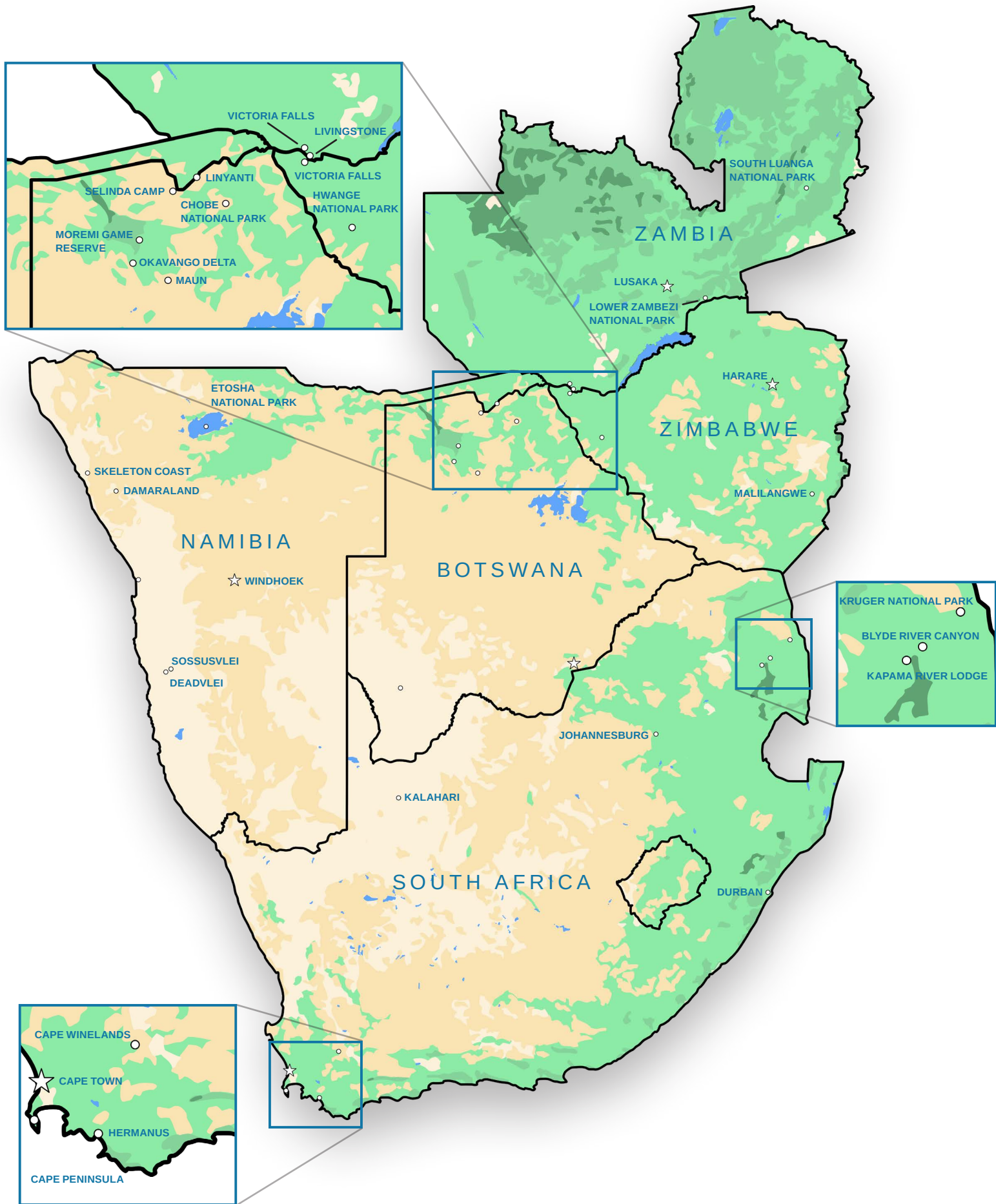
Mokoro safari at Belmond Eagle Island Lodge



Jabulani Safari



Elephants at Mpala Jena



SOUTH AFRICA

SAFARIS, WINE, COSMOPOLITAN CITIES, AND MORE. SOUTH AFRICA IS HOME TO AN AMAZING ARRAY OF EXPERIENCES AND SCENERY THAT WILL LEAVE YOU WONDERING HOW ONE PLACE CAN OFFER SO MUCH.

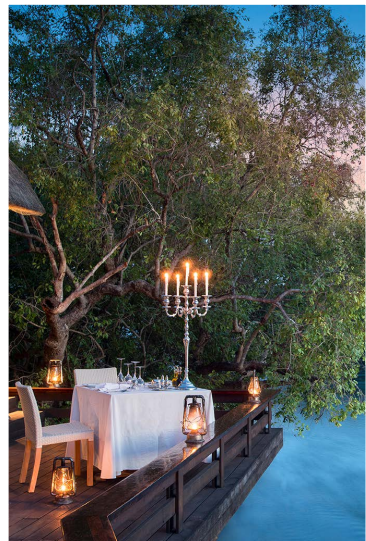
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BOTSWANA

A DESERT OASIS KNOWN AS THE "GEM OF AFRICA", BOTSWANA IS HOME TO AMAZING WILDLIFE, LUXURY LODGES, AND UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCES.

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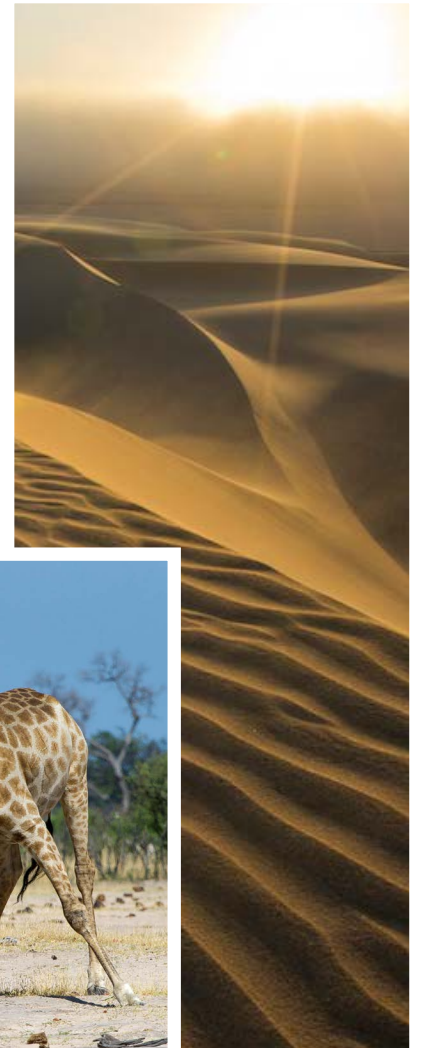
ROLLING HILLS AND WIDE-OPEN PLAINS DECORATE THE PRISTINE LANDSCAPE OF ONE OF AFRICA'S MOST LAID BACK DESTINATIONS.

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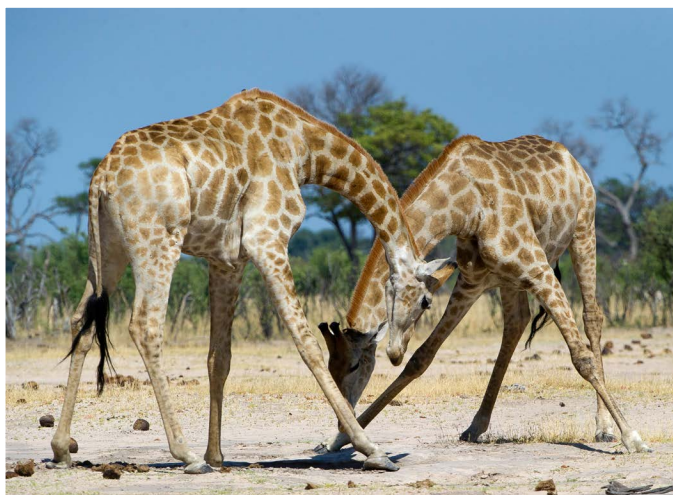
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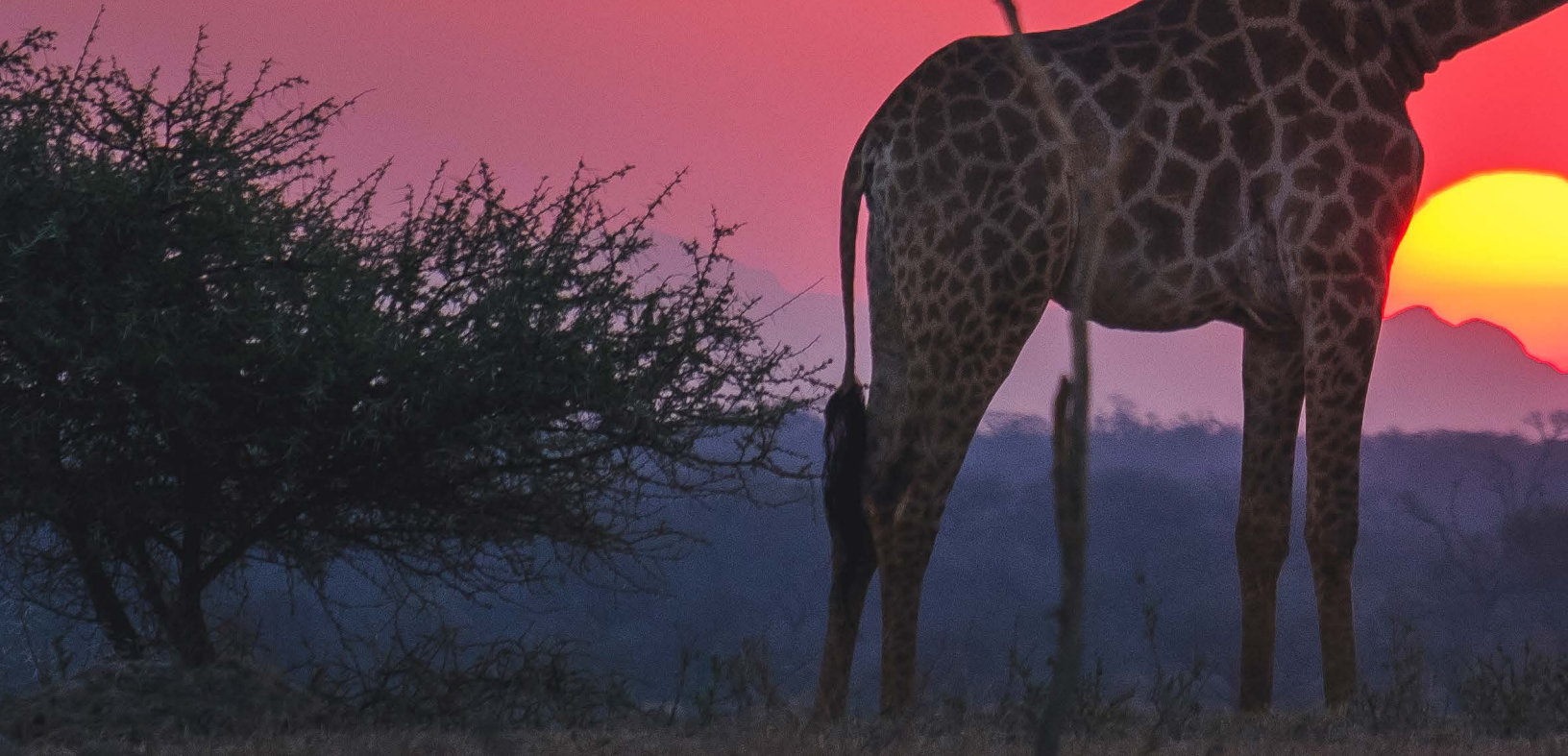
ZIMBABWE

WITH AN AMAZING VARIETY OF WILDLIFE AND NATURAL WONDERS, ZIMBABWE IS A PREMIER SAFARI DESTINATION WITHIN THE AFRICAN CONTINENT.

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SOUTH AFRICA



THE ULTIMATE ADVENTURE

The amount that South Africa offers within a single destination is staggering. From a coastline filled with penguins, to cosmopolitan cities adjacent to centuries old vineyards, there is relaxation and indulgence for all tastes.

SOME OF THE
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ONE COUNTRY



From the arid savannah of the Kalahari to tree-dotted plains of the bushveld, there is action-packed safari adventure, teeming with Africa's most notorious wildlife, that is sure to satisfy adventure seekers of all levels.

A Swain trip to South Africa is truly special thanks to our amazing partners and their commitment to the people, the land, and the wildlife of South Africa.



Franschhoek, Cape Winelands



IT'S THAT KNOCK YOUR SOCKS OFF KIND OF FUN

With abundant sunshine, rolling hills, picturesque ocean views, and rushing rivers, South Africa is a natural wonderland. The Swain Team shares their top 8 South African experiences.



1 EXPLORE THE CAPE PENINSULA

Drive past pristine beaches to Hout Bay, a functioning harbor and heart of the local crayfish industry. Drive along the breathtakingly scenic Chapman's Peak Drive and around the Atlantic Seaboard. See the spectacular sea and mountain views from the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve; home to mountain zebra, eland and ostriches. Continue along the coastline to Boulders Beach where you can view a colony of penguins.

2 JOURNEY THROUGH THE CAPE WINELANDS

Enjoy a whole day dedicated to the indulgence and splendor of Africa's premier wine region. Escape to the beauty and tranquility of the Paarl, Franschhoek and Stellenbosch Winelands.

OUR FAVORITE EXPERIENCES IN SOUTH AFRICA

3 WALK TO FREEDOM

Experience the wonderful raw energy of South Africa in one unforgettable morning. You'll be walking in the footsteps of the local communities, seeing where and how both past and present generations lived, during the dark days of apartheid and today. Continue to Robben Island, cruel home of Nelson Mandela for so many years, for a highly charged and emotional moment when you visit the site of his suffering, and realize how far South Africa has come from those days.

4 ROVOS RAIL

Connect the dots on your itinerary by luxury rail journeys that can get you anywhere from Pretoria to Cape Town or from a safari lodge to Durban. Choose a short two night, three day trip that will allow you to see more of the magical scenery that makes up this amazing country.



Cape Peninsula



Rovos Rail

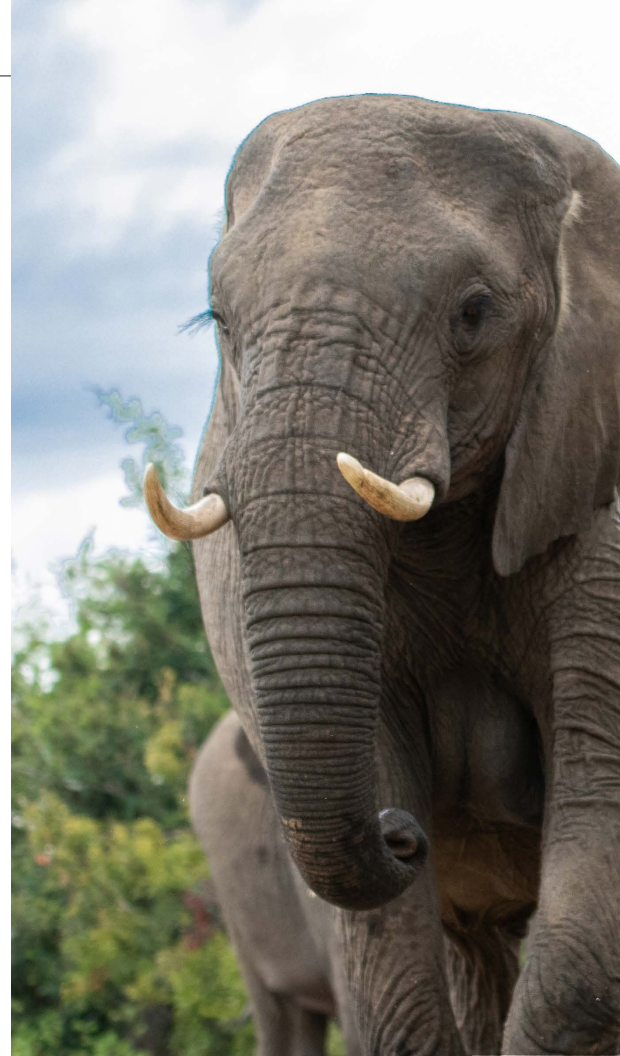
OUR FAVORITE EXPERIENCES IN SOUTH AFRICA



Meerkats at Tswalu



Blyde River Canyon helicopter flight



5 MEERKAT ENCOUNTER AT TSWALU

At Tswalu in the Kalahari, take advantage of the incredible expertise of their Field Guide and bond with the meerkats before they go foraging for the day. For the best experience, it's best to sit as still as possible, about two meters away, and enjoy observing these adorable animals going about their normal activities.

6 SOULFUL SOWETO

Despite crowded and chaotic streets, there's a tangible sense of community to Soweto which the ordered, walled suburbs lack. Pass the Mandela House, with the option to visit the small museum. Then, visit Regina Mondli Church, site of many underground meetings for then banned political parties.



7 HELICOPTER OVER THE CANYONS WITH PICNIC

Take lunch at the ultimate picnic site atop a cliff overlooking Blyde River Canyon. Along with the Three Rondavels and Bourke's Luck Potholes, the canyon forms the Panorama Route, home to some of the most spectacular views on the continent. The canyon is green with vegetation, home to cascading waterfalls and amazing vantage points including one named God's Window. Most frequently seen on driving route, the canyon and its landmarks are even better when seen from the sky, where you can get eye level with The Rondavels, and look down on Bourke's Luck Potholes, a geological feature not to be missed.

8 ELEPHANT INTERACTION AT JABULANI

Nothing quite tops the first introduction to the Jabulani elephants. Their sheer size and extraordinary presence is humbling. The Elephant Experience includes an introduction to the Jabulani herd and the grooms who take care of them. You will also have the opportunity to watch the elephants in their natural habitat during the day or at their stables early morning or late afternoon and into the evening. One thing is certain; one cannot help but be changed forever after sharing an experience with the Jabulani elephants.

Singita
 Boulders Lodge
 Location: Sabi Sand
 Game Reserve

Set along the boulder strewn banks of the Sand River, Boulders Lodge seamlessly blends the beautiful light, colors, and textures of its surrounds into vast interiors that spill onto expansive wooden decks. Simplifying the essence of comfort, it welcomes complete unwinding. Designed to embody the soothing shapes of ancient boulders scattered along the riverbank and completely immersed in the wild, Boulders Lodge allows you to find yourself in nature.



PREFERRED ACCOMMODATIONS



Birkenhead House
 Location: Hermanus

With its exhilarating cliff top position overlooking the whale watching paradise of Walker Bay, Birkenhead House provides luxury accommodation for those seeking time out to relax and recharge body and mind. For several months each year, witness Southern Right and Humpback Whales breaching just meters from the shore.



Grootbos Forest Lodge
Location: Gansbaai

Nestled between mountain and sea, Grootbos Private Nature Reserve is a five star eco-paradise showcasing the incredible Flora and Marine life of the Southern Tip of Africa. Home of the "Marine Big 5"; whales, sharks, dolphins, seals, and penguins, Grootbos offers you a one of a kind luxury African experience.



Tswalu

Location: Kalahari

Tswalu is a vast, magical land of infinite possibility, with sweeping vistas and a liberating sense of space. The green Kalahari is nature at its most diverse and surprising, and to spend time here is to be touched by exuberant, soulful beauty. Tswalu's conservation program is robust and centered around their creed: "To leave our world better than how we found it."

One&Only Cape Town

Location: Cape Town

With its ideal location on the V&A Waterfront, outstanding One&Only style, and iconic Cape experiences on your doorstep, this resort is paradise in Cape Town. One&Only Cape Town will enchant your senses and renew your sense of self.



Queen Victoria Hotel

Location: Cape Town

Situated in the heart of Cape Town, the Queen Victoria Hotel welcomes guests to experience the very essence of distinguished luxury, where classic elegance meets contemporary design. Its prime location in a quiet, historic precinct near to the V&A Waterfront allows for a serene city escape.



Saxon Hotel

Location: Johannesburg

At the heart of the City of Gold, in the opulent, tree-lined suburb of Sandhurst, lies the enchanting Saxon Hotel. A perfect blend of rich cultural history and contemporary five-star service, the Saxon is situated on ten acres of magnificent indigenous gardens, providing a private and peaceful retreat.





Cape Grace Hotel
Location: Cape Town

Situated on a private quay between Cape Town's bustling V&A Waterfront and the tranquil yacht marina, Cape Grace's elegant and warm atmosphere, evident in every fine detail, begins at the welcoming reception lounge and extends to the spacious harbor and mountain-facing rooms.



Leeu Estates
Location: Franschhoek

Leeu Estates encompasses boutique hotel, winery, and luxurious spa. The spacious rooms and suites, which are individually styled and lavishly appointed, feature bespoke furniture, and a calm color palette. Careful attention to detail is prevalent throughout the property.



Fairlawns Boutique Hotel & Spa
Location: Johannesburg

Set amongst lush acres of landscaped gardens, at Fairlawns Boutique Hotel & Spa you will find an urban sanctuary in Johannesburg. Rejuvenate, relax, and restore in the exquisite bamboo forest gardens of the Balinese-style Spa.



Jabulani

Location: Kapama Private Game Reserve

The style and ambiance of the Jabulani resonates that of a classic African safari lodge, refined with a fresh and modish touch. Grass-pressed walls, stone floors and thatched roofing create a unique fusion of natural textures that complement the sophistication of the interior design.



Sabi Sabi Earth Lodge

Location: Sabi Sand Game Reserve

Earth Lodge is a sanctuary symbolizing a new era in luxury South African safari lodges. Sculpted into a slope of the earth, almost invisible in the landscape, the lodge uses texture, light, and space cues from the surrounding environment to create a mindful and organic space.



Madikwe Hills

Location: Madikwe Game Reserve

Madikwe Hills is situated on a rocky outcrop in the heart of the malaria free Madikwe Game Reserve. The private game lodge is situated in the middle of Madikwe, giving visitors a huge game drive advantage over other lodges on the reserve and offers guests the most amazing safari adventure.



Tintswalo Safari Lodge

Location: Manyeleti Game Reserve

Sharing an unfenced boundary with the renowned Kruger National Park, the pristine private Manyeleti Game Reserve boasts one of the lowest vehicle densities in the Greater Kruger. Tintswalo Safari Lodge guests are spoiled to uninterrupted game viewing experiences in an untouched African wilderness.

CHOOSING THE SAFARI THAT'S BEST FOR YOU

IN SOUTH AFRICA

South Africa has many game reserve options within its borders, some more well known than others, so the choice of where to experience your safari and at which lodge to stay can be daunting. There may be a variety of elements influencing your decision on which location and lodge is the best fit for your safari; such as budget, what wildlife you wish to see, who you are traveling with, which other destinations you are including in your itinerary, how long you want to stay on safari, or whether you are combining multiple locations. A Swain South Africa specialist can help you choose the best location and accommodation option to fit your budget and preference.

Safari lodges will be one of the bigger spends on your itinerary as most lodges are sold on a fully inclusive basis, including all meals, drinks, and activities. Budget may therefore determine which game reserve you consider just as much as the lodge. The Sabi Sand Game Reserve is one of the most well-known private game reserves in South Africa, so lodges in this reserve tend to cost a little more per night. Fear not, with so many reserves and lodge options, there is something to suit everyone's pocket.

The Big 5 is undoubtedly a 'must see' on everyone's safari list and all the game reserves in South Africa offer you a phenomenal wildlife experience, with most allowing you to see the Big 5. For those with more specific wildlife on their list, the decision would be based on location. For example, adorable African meerkats are most closely associated with areas of the Kalahari sandveld in the northern Cape, making Tswalu an excellent choice.

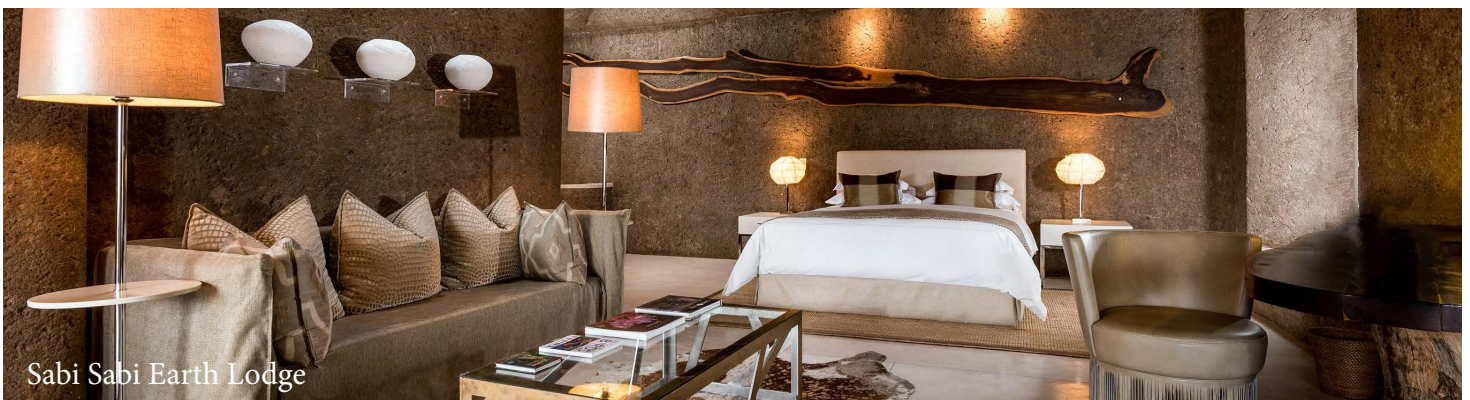
Who you are traveling with may impact your choice of location or lodge. As a couple you may prefer a smaller, intimate lodge with more privacy and the option of a spa. Families may consider malaria free locations and lodges that cater to families. Multi-generation groups may want an exclusive use lodge.

The number of areas and nights included in your itinerary may help narrow down the reserve you choose for your safari. Flights are often the most popular option to link an itinerary and this is no different with safari. Most lodges can be accessed on a same day flight into a commercial airport; or airstrip within the reserve. First time visitors should always consider Cape Town with one of South Africa's safari areas. If you have a longer itinerary and want to focus on safari, then a combination of two reserves is always a great choice. If you are wanting to end off at a beach, then the Sabi Sands or Hluhluwe area would be great choices

It goes without saying that no visit to South Africa is complete without a safari, so let one of our destination specialists help you choose the perfect option for your itinerary.

ANNE FERGUSON

AFRICA, ASIA, AND INDIA MANAGER AT SWAIN DESTINATIONS



Sabi Sabi Earth Lodge

SWAIN'S SOUTHERN AFRICA IN-STYLE

10 NIGHTS

What's Included:

- Roundtrip airport transfers
- 3 nights Cape Town
- Cape Town City tour
- Cape Peninsula tour
- 3 nights Sabi Sand Game Reserve
- Game viewing
- 2 nights Johannesburg
- Soweto Tour
- 2 nights Victoria Falls
- Tour of Victoria Falls
- Meals: 9 breakfasts 2 lunches, 4 dinners

Days
1-3

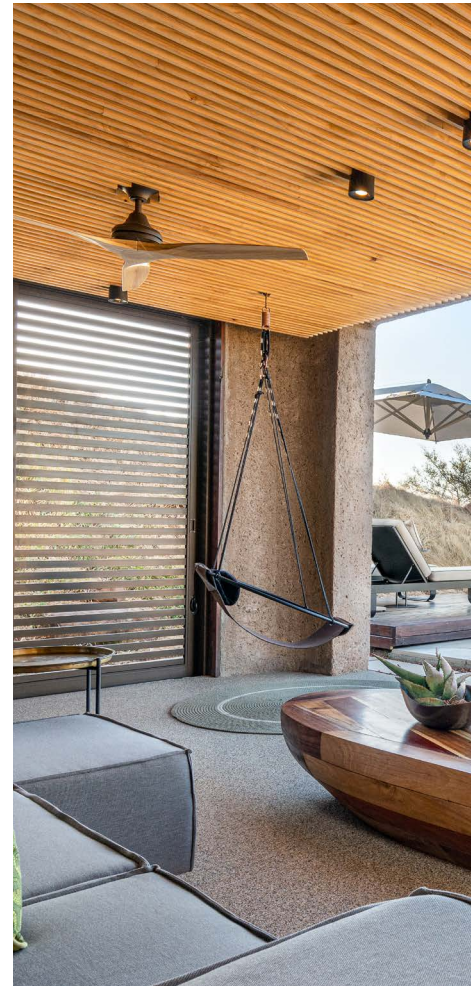
CAPE TOWN

After arriving in Cape Town, the afternoon is at leisure to soak up the atmosphere and the waterfront area surrounding your hotel, One&Only Cape Town. South Africa's "Mother City" is indescribably beautiful, steeped in fascinating history and pulsating to a heady African rhythm. On Day 2, enjoy the ultimate 'Mother City' experience, designed to orientate and give you a full-color insight into the extraordinary magic of Cape Town which includes iconic buildings, snatches of its history, and experiences unique to this City. Day 3, tour the Cape Peninsula; the thin finger of land in the southwestern most corner of Africa with Cape Town at its head. Travel south towards Cape Point and the Cape of Good Hope, the land gets narrower until the great Indian and Atlantic Oceans combine into one vast southern ocean, with nothing beyond except Antarctica. On leaving the Cape Point Nature Reserve, proceed to at Boulders Beach. Boulders Penguin Colony is part of the Cape Peninsula National Park. Home to almost 3,000 African (jackass) penguins, so called because their call resembles the bray of a donkey.

Days
4-6

SABI SANDS

On Day 4, transfer to the airport for your onward flight to the Sabi Sands. On arrival, you will be met and transferred to your Sabi Sands accommodation, Sabi Sabi Earth Lodge. Undoubtedly the most prestigious game park in South Africa, the Sabi Sand Game Reserve is known for having some of the best Big Five game spotting in the country. Located on the southwest corner of the Kruger National Park, there are no restricting fences so the animals roam freely just as nature intended. On Days 5 and 6 your safari experience begins in earnest. The day will typically start with an early rise. Enjoy a light snack before departing on an activity, with a stop for a snack and tea/coffee en route. Upon return to camp (normally about three hours later) enjoy a sizable brunch. Free time is ample during the heat of the day to enjoy a siesta, or a dip in the pool. Mid-afternoon tea, cakes, and savories are served before you depart on your afternoon activity, with a stop for cocktails in the bush. Return to camp and savor a sumptuous dinner.



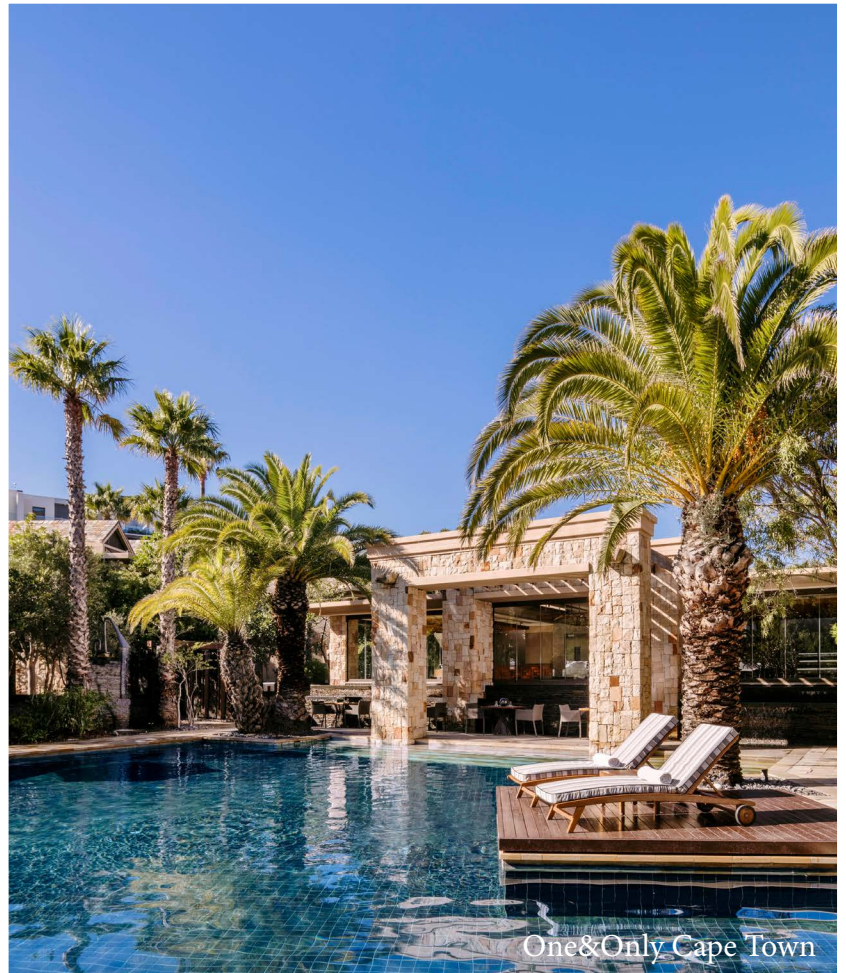


Sabi Sabi Earth Lodge

Days
9-11

VICTORIA FALLS

At the end of your journey, wind down on the banks of the Mighty Zambezi at the amazing Victoria Falls River Lodge. Put your feet up, sip a sundowner as the light gently fades, and let our tranquil wildlife cruise float you along the Zambezi River above the Falls. You'll have the finest vantage point from which to watch hippo, crocodiles and other animals come to the river's edge in the early evening to slake their thirst. You're in the first-class seats, that's for sure, and while you're sipping your cocktail and enjoying snacks - no further movement required on your part - you'll be captivated by the sun's dying rays as they cast a burnt-orange glow which shimmers on the river. Take another sip in this golden setting - cheers!



One&Only Cape Town

Days
7-8

JOHANNESBURG

Fly from Sabi Sands to Johannesburg. Upon arrival you will be transferred to the Saxon Hotel. Johannesburg, lovingly called Joburg, is the economic heart of South Africa. The largest and richest city in South Africa, Johannesburg's lifestyle is a fast-paced and hectic one. On Day 8, tour the infamous Soweto - you know the name - it's a legend. Soweto is an acronym for South Western Township, and is home to over 2 million people, who, despite living in crowded and chaotic conditions, have a tangible sense of community. Inside Soweto, pass Mandela House and visit Regina Mundi Church, site of many secret underground meetings of the then banned political parties

HIDDEN TREASURES OF SOUTH AFRICA

11 NIGHTS

What's Included:

- Roundtrip airport transfers
- Scheduled charter flights within South Africa
- 4 nights Cape Town
- Cape Town City Half Day Tour
- Cape Peninsula & Foodie Full Day Adventure
- Full Day tour of the Cape Winelands
- 3 nights Kalahari
- Game Activities in Kalahrai
- 3 nights Kapama Private Game Reserve
- Game Activities in Kapama Game Reserve
- Meals: 10 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 6 dinners

Days
1-5

WESTERN CAPE

The beauty of Cape Town, aside from its spectacular views, mild weather and coastal location, is the proximity of multiple world renowned landmarks and wineries to the city. As you settle into your journey, you will spend Day 3 in and around Cape Town on a half day private guided tour of Cape Town city. Visit the iconic Table Mountain and enjoy a thrilling cable car ride to the top of Table Mountain (weather permitting). On Day 4, experience the exceedingly beautiful Cape Peninsula, which offers a window to some of the most fascinating biodiversity on the planet. On Day 5, get off the beaten track with a unique and exclusive tour of the Cape Winelands' hidden gems. Visit boutique wineries, taste exceptional wines and interact with local winemakers.

Days
6-8

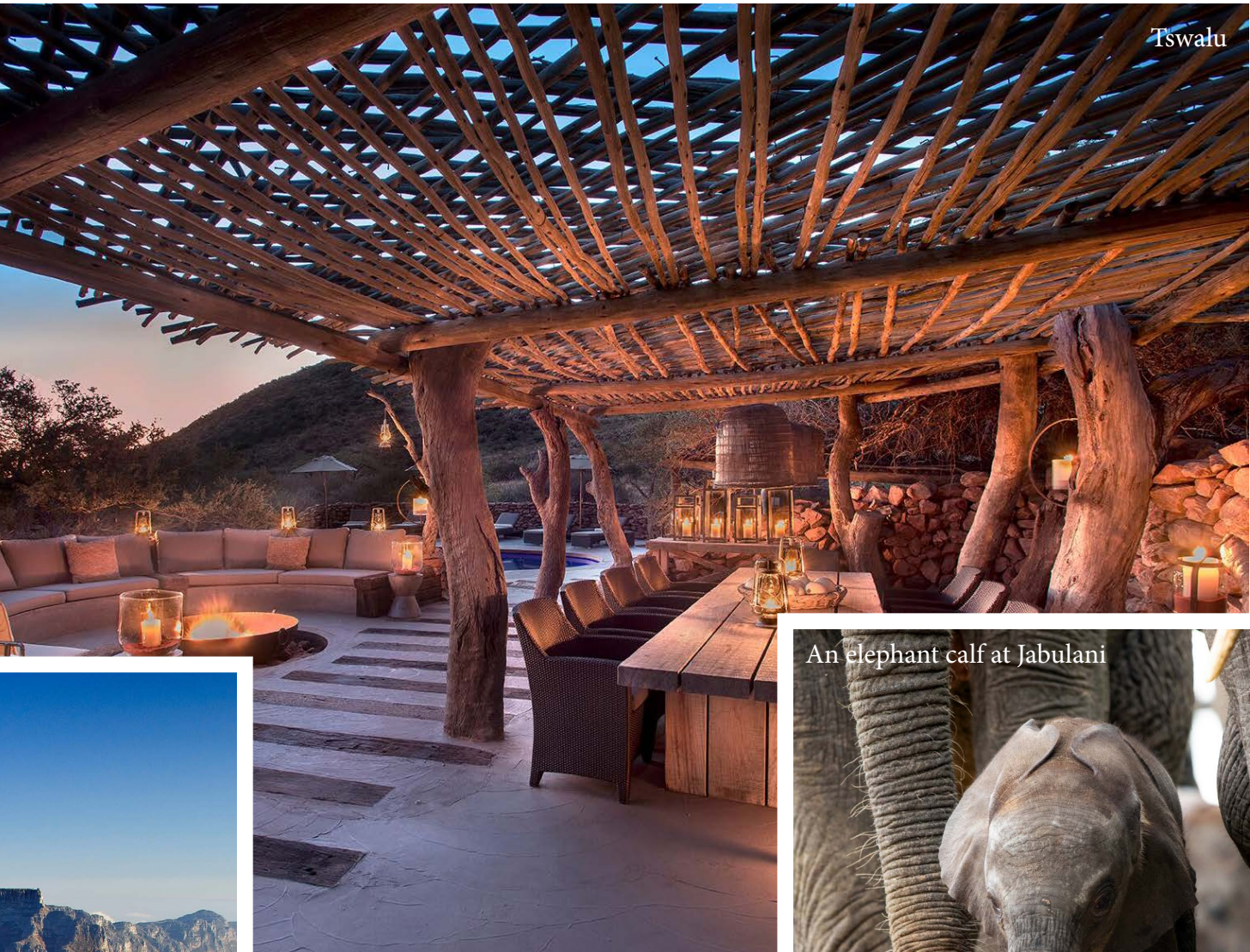
KALAHARI

On Day 6, transfer to Cape Town Airport to connect with your scheduled charter flight to Tswalu. Tswalu is a vast, magical land of infinite possibility, with sweeping vistas and a liberating sense of space. The green Kalahari is nature at its most diverse and surprising, and to spend time here is to be touched by exuberant, soulful beauty. Explore the green Kalahari and its treasures by vehicle with your field guide. Learn more about Tswalu's conservation research in action. Bond with the meerkats before they go foraging for the day. Spend the morning tracking the Desert Black rhino with arguably the best trackers in Africa. Tswalu is home to most of the "charismatic" African big game species such as lion, cheetah, wild dog, desert black rhino and buffalo. Activities include open vehicle game drives, guided bush walks and horseback safaris.

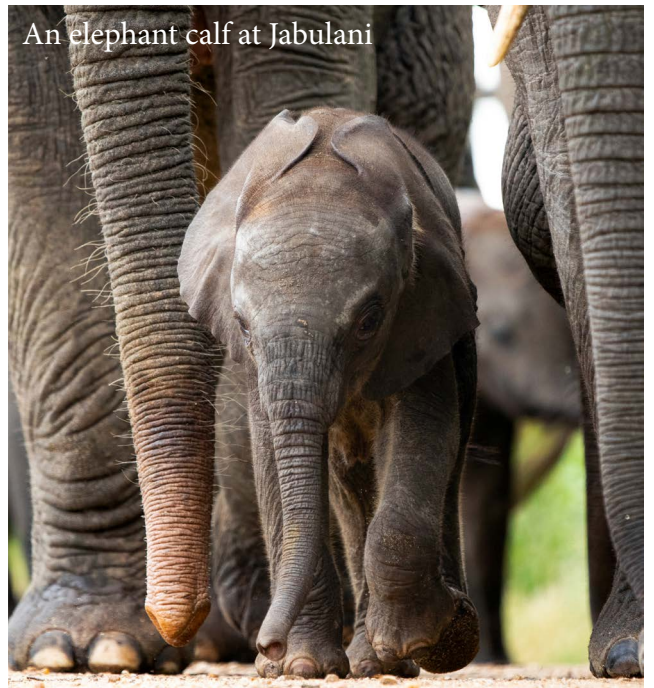


Cape Town

Tswalu



An elephant calf at Jabulani

Days
9-12

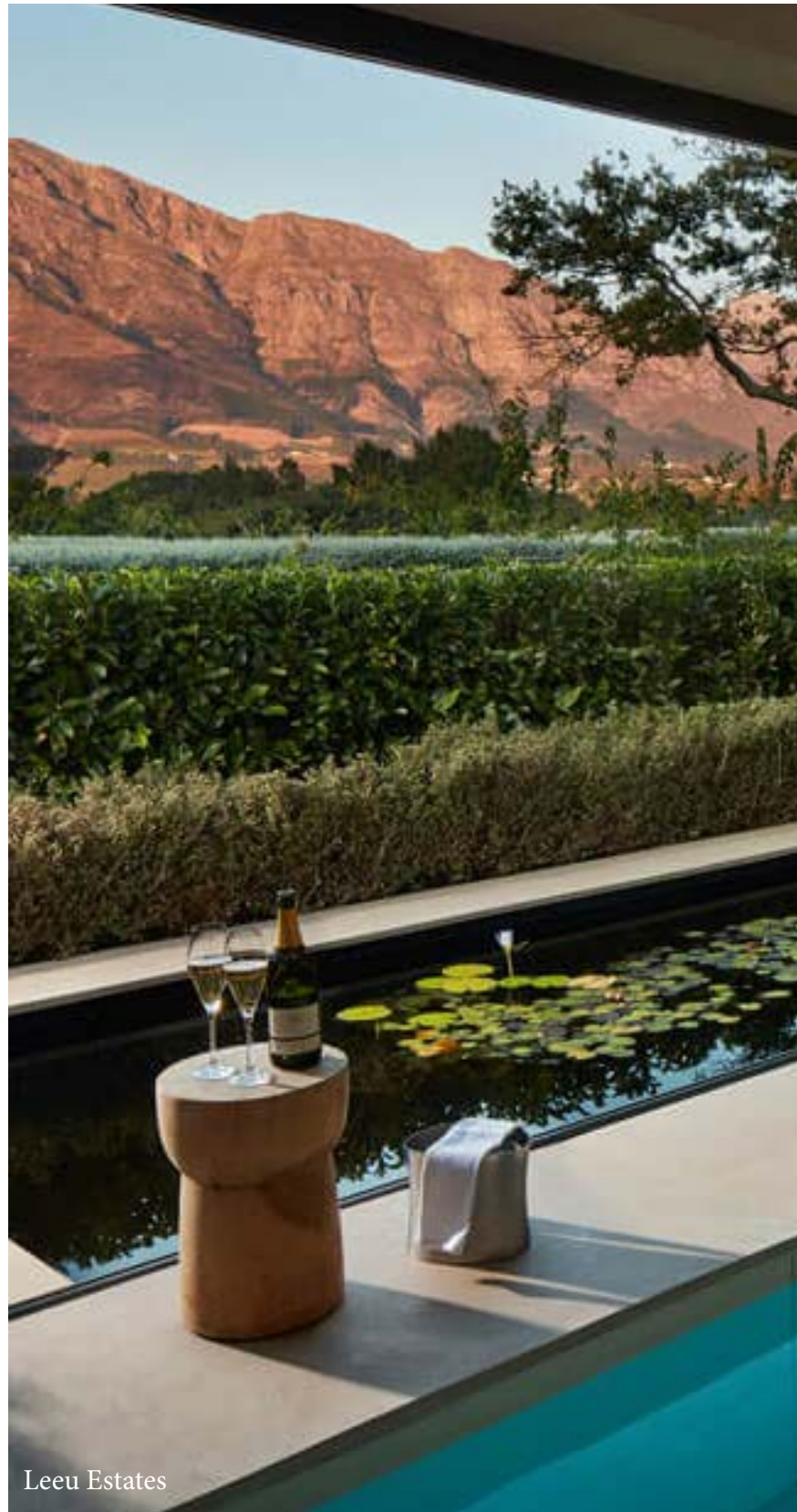
KAPAMA GAME RESERVE

On Day 9 you will continue your safari adventure. Fly by light aircraft to Johannesburg where you will connect with another light aircraft flight to Hoedspruit. Spend the remainder of your trip at Jabulani, located in the Kapama Private Game Reserve. The 16,000 hectare private game reserve on which Jabulani is located is home to an abundant population of the Big Five and ensures excellent sightings. The lush vegetation and varied habitats of this balanced ecosystem means that it is able to support dense populations of wild animals, offering world class game viewing opportunities. A true African Big five safari experience, visitors will enjoy herds of antelope, giraffe and zebra grazing and congregating at the many waterholes. Accompanied by qualified rangers head out in search of The Big 5, and the smaller - but no less significant - creatures that are part of an African Safari. Learn of Jabulani's inspirational origins of its Lodge and dedicated Elephant Orphanage, HERD (Hoedspruit Elephant Rehabilitation and Development).

CITY, SEA, & SAFARI

IN SOUTH AFRICA

A TRIP COMBINING
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TRAVEL CONSULTANT AT SWAIN DESTINATIONS

THE BEAUTIFUL SETTINGS AND UNIQUE EXPERIENCES ARE INCREDIBLY DIVERSE. THERE IS TRULY SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE.

START YOUR JOURNEY WITH CAPE TOWN AND SOUTH AFRICA'S MARINE WILDLIFE

Set at the edge of Africa, Cape Town is a multicultural metropolis. In addition to its enriching cultural experiences, Cape Town is brimming with natural beauty – pristine coastlines, manicured gardens, and striking mountain ranges dominate the landscape. Spend your days immersed in historical sights. Take the ferry to Robben Island or join a cooking class in the colorful Bo-Kaap neighborhood. Bring out your adventurous side by hiking, scootering, or paragliding on Table Mountain. Meet some of Cape Town's aquatic Big Five by diving with sharks or paddling with the Boulders Beach penguins.

SOUTH AFRICA'S HIDDEN GEM, THE CAPE WINELANDS, IS FOODIE HEAVEN ON EARTH

If you are a food and wine lover, a visit to the Winelands is a must. Taste and sip your way through the farms and rolling vineyards of Franschhoek, Paarl, and Stellenbosch. These historical wine regions are only an hour from Cape Town and offer world class gastronomic experiences. They have gorgeous accommodations in picturesque locations too, so it is worth extending your stay

UNBELIEVABLY, YOUR TRIP GETS EVEN BETTER FROM HERE AS YOU EMBARK ON SAFARI

Though it is probably hard to believe that things could get better after Cape Town and the Winelands, a South African safari is guaranteed to surpass your expectations. The luxury safari lodges spoil you from sunup to sundowners. Many Swain favorites are located in private concessions in the greater Kruger/Sabi Sands region. This area is known for its amazing wildlife and limited number of visitors. During game drives you may notice that there are not many other vehicles around, making the expansive land feel even more exclusive. Additionally, these private game reserves have special advantages like guided walking safaris, off-roading, and night game drives.

A TRANSFORMATIVE SOUTH AFRICAN EXPERIENCE

Most notably, the safari outfitters are genuinely dedicated to preserving the African wilderness and all aspects of the environment - the animals, the plants, and the people. They want the communities surrounding the reserve to not only survive off tourism, but thrive. Beneficial programs providing education, community development, and employment opportunities are vital for sustainable growth and continued success. It is personally enriching to know that you are supporting the ecosystem and local communities by visiting.



Birkenhead House



Birkenhead House



Jabulani Safari

BOTSWANA



A SLOWER PACE OF ADVENTURE

In Southern Africa, Botswana is known as the Gem of Africa. The largest producer of diamonds in the world, Botswana also has some of the most exclusive wildlife viewing in Africa.

TAKE IT EASY ON A MOKORO SAFARI



Home to the largest elephant population in the world, a safari in Chobe National Park is one guaranteed to be marked with plenty of elephant families taking river baths.

Considered one of the last true desert oases left in the world, Okavango Delta is a unique paradise set amidst an arid Kalahari Desert. The land around the delta is lush and teeming with wildlife.





Mokoro safari on the Okavango Delta

KICK BACK & RELAX

We've rounded up the Swain Team's favorite slower paced adventures that make Botswana such a magical and rejuvenating destination to visit. Selecting any of these experiences is sure to melt your cares away and immerse you in the moment.



1 MOKORO THROUGH THE DELTA CHANNELS

There is a distinct thrill to silently gliding past wildlife bathing itself in the channel from your mokoro boat. With only the faint splash of an oar, this is the ultimate opportunity to see wildlife at ease, without disturbance.

2 HOT AIR BALLOON OVER THE DELTA

Take an early morning scenic hot air balloon flight to see areas of the Okavango Delta unreachable by vehicle or boat. From above, you will fully appreciate the meandering channels, dotted with lots of tiny islands and teeming with wildlife, as you fly over this seemingly endless expanse of wilderness.

OUR FAVORITE EXPERIENCES IN BOTSWANA

3 TRACK THE BIG 5 IN THE DELTA

Elephant and Cape buffalo herds numbering in the thousands make their way between the waterways. With lions and leopards well adapted to the wetland and rhino being slowly reintroduced to the area, the Okavango Delta is one of only a few places in the world where all of the Big Five can be spotted.

4 SUNSET SAFARI CRUISE ON CHOBE RIVER

With sundowner cocktail in hand and the last of the day's light bursting into a fiery, vibrant evening sky, let the nocturnal symphony begin as you float along the Chobe River. Sunset provides the most activity as elephants, crocs, hippos, and buffalo all make their way down for a swim and to quench the day's thirst.



Belmond Eagle Island



Sunset Cruise in Chobe National Park

PREFERRED ACCOMMODATIONS



Belmond Eagle Island

Location: Okavango Delta

Belmond Eagle Island Lodge is the ultimate Okavango Delta water experience-focused lodge. Highlights include oversized beds with delta views, outdoor decks, private plunge pools and outdoor showers. The lodge offers motorboat safaris, barge cruises, mokoro safaris, and helicopter safaris.



Camp Okavango

Location: Okavango Delta

Built boasting East African-style safari tents that are individually situated on raised teak platforms with private sun decks, Camp Okavango ensures a year round water wilderness experience. Game activities include exploring the Okavango by canoe and river craft, as well as guided nature walks.



Mombo Camp

Location: Moremi Game Reserve

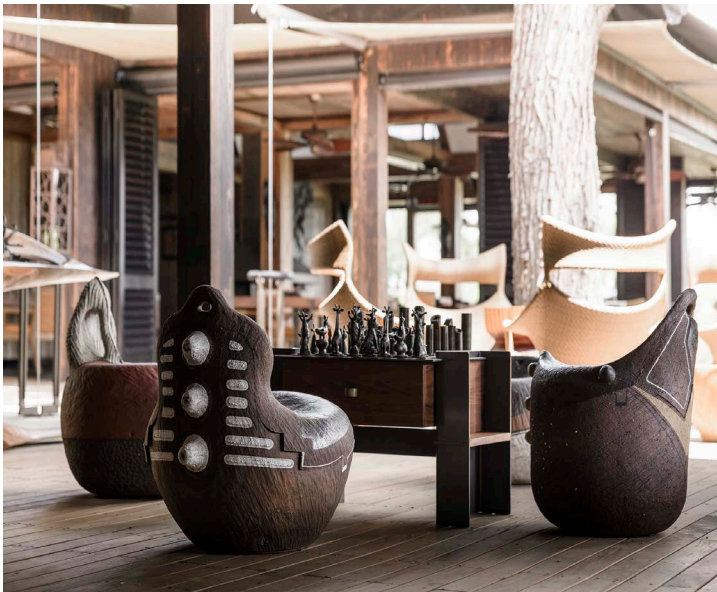
Mombo Camp adjoins the northern tip of Chief's Island in the Okavango Delta. The camp's raised tents allow passing game to wander freely through the camp. The highlight is the concentration of the plains' game. See leopard, large herds of buffalo, cheetah, wild dog, elephant, hyena, giraffe, wildebeest, and zebra.



Sanctuary Chobe Chilwero

Location: Chobe National Park

Sanctuary Chobe Chilwero borders Chobe National Park, home to the world's largest elephant population. Guests can relax in the split-level swimming pool, unwind in the spa, or enjoy gourmet dining. Alongside herds of elephants, you will find scores of buffalo living in the region's teak forests.



Xigera Safari Lodge

Location: Moremi Game Reserve

This extraordinary safari lodge, located in the Moremi Game Reserve in the heart of the Okavango Delta, is inspired by a deep love of the Delta and its wildlife. Xigera offers just 24 guests a remarkable opportunity to explore the richness of this UNESCO World Heritage Site, at their own pace and in their own time.



Zarafa Camp

Location: Selinda Reserve

Zarafa, Botswana's first Relais & Chateaux property, is an exquisite camp located on the private 130,000 hectare Selinda Reserve. The Reserve links the Okavango Delta with Chobe National Park and every area of the camp offers stunning views over the Zibadianja Lagoon, the source of the Savuti Channel.

BELMOND SAFARI

11 NIGHTS

What's Included:

- Roundtrip airport transfers
- Scheduled charter flights in Botswana
- 3 nights Cape Town
- Cape Peninsula tour
- Cape Wineland tour
- 2 nights Chobe National Park
- 2 nights Moremi Game Reserve
- 2 nights Okavango Delta
- Game Viewing in Botswana
- Meals: 9 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 6 dinners

Days
1-4

WESTERN CAPE

Upon arrival into Cape Town you will be met and transferred to Belmond Mount Nelson Hotel. Few urban centers can match Cape Town's setting along the mountainous Cape Peninsula spine, which slides into the Atlantic Ocean. On Day 3, a full day tour of Cape Point will allow you to encounter beautiful beaches, remarkable scenery, the mythical meeting place of the two oceans, and local wildlife. As this is a private experience your guide will discuss the various options available to include during your Cape Point tour. On Day 4, indulge in a full day tour of the Cape Wine-lands. A visual feast of lush green valleys, rugged mountains, fine cuisine, and world-class wine with its many historic wine estates, characterized by classic Cape Dutch-style buildings with distinctive gables, thatched roofs, and massive vineyards.

Days
5-7

CHOBE NATIONAL PARK

On Day 5, transfer to Cape Town Airport and connect with your light aircraft in Maun which will bring you into your Camp in the heart of the Chobe National Park, sometimes referred to as the elephant capital of the world, Belmond Savute Elephant Lodge. This vast area in the far north of Greater Chobe National Park is revered for its huge and thundering herds of elephants. The diversity of seasonal floodplains and grasslands on offer means you can enjoy a game drive in the morning and a river cruise in the afternoon. One of Africa's world famous big game areas, the Savuti Channel is famous for its lion & hyena populations. Depending on the season you will also experience the migrations of creatures such as zebra and antelope.





Belmond Eagle Island

Days
9-11

OKAVANGO DELTA

Continue your safari adventure on Day 9 and 10 at Belmond Eagle Island Lodge. Fly by light aircraft via Savute to your next camp hidden from the world, deep within Botswana's Okavango Delta.

Botswana is home to the largest inland delta in the world. Game abounds year-round in the Okavango Delta and Moremi Wildlife Reserve. Camps in these areas are classified as land camps – where safaris are undertaken in open 4x4 vehicles; water camps – where activities are centered on boating and mokoro trips; or combination camps - where you can experience the best of both safari styles (subject to water levels which are seasonal).

On Day 10, spend the day enjoying the activities offered at the camp. Early morning and afternoon game drives take you out and among an almost unparalleled diversity of wildlife, passing through a range of different habitats. Expect to see a huge range of creatures, from big cats to hippo, giraffe and crocodiles.

On Day 11, Enjoy your last game activity in the Okavango before transferring to the airstrip for your light air craft transfer to Maun Airport. Fly to Johannesburg where you will connect with your onward flight to the US.

Days
7-8

MOREMI GAME RESERVE

Today you will transfer by light aircraft to your next camp in Moremi Game Reserve, Belmond Khwai River Lodge. Explore Chobe National Park, a beautiful grassland reserve that has gained international fame for its abundant elephant population. Southeast of Chobe are Botswana's enormous Makgadikgadi salt pans, home to large herds of blue wildebeest, several antelope species, and flamingos. Early morning and afternoon game drives take you out and among a wild landscape dotted with trees. Expect to see a huge range of creatures, from big cats such as lions and leopards, to hippo, rhino, antelope, giraffe and buffalo. Widely acknowledged to be the predator capital of the world, this is the only place in Botswana where the Big Five can be seen.



ULTIMATE SOUTHERN AFRICA

11 NIGHTS

What's Included:

- Roundtrip transfers
- Shared light aircraft transfers
- 2 nights Johannesburg
- 3 nights Linyanti
- Linyanti game viewing
- 3 nights Okavango Delta
- Okavango game viewing
- 3 nights Sabi Sand Private Game Reserve
- Sabi Sands game viewing
- Meals: 11 breakfasts, 9 lunches, 9 dinners

Days
1-5

LINYANTI WILDLIFE RESERVE

After 2 nights acclimating to the timezone in your comfortable Johannesburg accommodation, you will fly from Johannesburg to Maun. Upon arrival into Maun, you will be met and transferred by light aircraft into your Camp, DumaTau. DumaTau is located close to the source of the Savute Channel, with access to the Linyanti Swamps, floodplains and mopane woodlands, thus offering an excellent combination of habitats. The area is also renowned for general great plains game such as red lechwe, Burchell's zebra, giraffe, buffalo, and warthog. Predator sightings of lion, leopard, cheetah, wild dog, and spotted hyena are good. Activities include game drives in open 4x4 vehicles, night drives, and occasionally guided walks when the camp manager feels that it is safe to conduct walking safaris.

Days
5-8

MOREMI GAME RESERVE

Mombo, on the northern tip of Chief's Island within the Moremi Game Reserve in the Okavango Delta, is built under large shady trees and overlooks an open floodplain that is alive with wildlife. This area boasts enormous concentrations of plains game and large predators - lions in particular - providing what is arguably the best big game viewing in Botswana. Comprised of nine spacious tents raised up to two meters off the ground, with breathtaking views over the plains; the sala, long veranda, and lounge area all take advantage of such vistas. Open 4x4s provide an exquisite vantage for viewing the high concentrations of plains game and all the predators - including the big cats. Enjoy morning and evening game drives.





Days
9-12

SABI SANDS GAME RESERVE

Singita Ebony Lodge

After an overnight stop in Johannesburg, on day 10 you will make your way to the airport for your onward flight to the Sabi Sands. On arrival, you will be met and transferred to Singita Game Reserve. Undoubtedly the most prestigious game park in South Africa, the Sabi Sand Game Reserve is known for having some of the best Big Five game spotting in the country. Singita Ebony can be found on the banks of the Sand River, in the very heart of the Sabi Sand Reserve. This, the founding lodge of the Singita brand, is renowned worldwide for its commitment to exclusivity and privacy.

Singita Sabi Sand offers rare solitude and the ultimate in safari luxury on prime game viewing land recognized globally for its diversity, formidable concentration of big game, and frequent leopard sightings. Herds of buffalo and elephant, large prides of lion, majestic leopards, and numerous antelope species call the Sabi Sand Reserve home.

THE MAGIC OF BOTSWANA

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LINDA SWAIN
CO-FOUNDER OF SWAIN DESTINATIONS



A PERFECT DESTINATION FOR MULTI-GENERATIONAL FAMILY SAFARIS.

A DESTINATION FIT FOR FAMILIES

Botswana offers a slower pace of adventure and endless opportunities to come face-to-face with legendary African wildlife. That is why Ian and I return again and again with and without children. Lodge hopping is the thing to do here as they are all in unique settings. At Belmond Khwai River Lodge, not only did we experience the Big Five but a very special encounter with a hippo had our children mesmerized as it feasted out of the water outside their lodging on stilts.



Belmond Eagle Island Lodge

ELEPHANTS LIKE NO OTHER

If you love elephants like we do, you are sure to see them in diverse settings like below your balcony drinking from the river while you sip a cocktail from above, wading solo alongside brilliant birds in the wetlands as you glide by in a canoe, or stopping your 4x4 vehicle while their entire family, including big tuskers and baby calves, cross your path. We went to sleep one night at Belmond Savute Elephant Camp after watching six or so elephants drink from a depleted watering hole in a dry riverbed only to awaken the very next day to the river fully flowing again with the same elephants splashing around in it.



Belmond Savute Elephant Camp

CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

I found the people of Botswana are relaxed and loving, especially to children. They genuinely enjoy making you laugh and have a ball during your game drives. We also enjoyed their villages where they show you traditional tools and traditions of their daily life in Botswana. Some of our favorite memories are their traditional dinners in the Boma with singing and dancing followed by stories of the day around a roaring campfire.



Linda Swain on mokoro safari

NAMIBIA



AN ADVENTURE OF MONUMENTAL PROPORTIONS

An often-overlooked destination, Namibia's landscape is a wonderful tribute to drama. A trip to Namibia will transport you to a world unlike any other, an adventure of monumental proportions.

A WONDERFUL TRIBUTE TO DRAMA



In Namibia, a vast desert dumps straight into the deep, dark sea on the Skeleton Coast. Real-life white elephants roam the salt pan of Etosha National Park, earning them the nickname “the great white ghosts”.

Earth’s largest sand dunes ebb and flow in the world’s oldest desert, the Namib Desert; a photographer’s dream with its 900 year old tree skeletons and unforgettable sunsets.





Skeleton Coast

READY, SET, LET'S GO!

With such wonderfully unique settings, any experience in Namibia is sure to make you feel as though you have been transported to another planet. The Swain Destinations Team have hand selected four of our favorite experiences that will ensure your trip to Namibia is one you will never forget.



1 SOSSUVLEI DUNE ADVENTURES

The sand dunes of Sossusvlei are the most magical place on Earth. Soaring mountains of sand surround you as you traverse this otherworldly valley and conquer "Big Daddy", the tallest dune of the Namib Sand Sea.

2 TRACKING DESERT ADAPTED RHINOS

Through the work of wildlife conservation groups and the local community, the numbers of black rhinos in the Kunene region have more than doubled since 1985. Desert Rhino Camp offers one of the most original wildlife experiences to be had today: tracking the "desert rhino" in the starkly beautiful Palmwag Concession.

OUR FAVORITE EXPERIENCES IN NAMIBIA

3 HOARUSIB RIVER 4X4 EXCURSION

An expert guide will take you on an off-road trip along the riverbed in an authentic and awe-inspiring excursion to discover the unique geological formations and elusive desert adapted animals such as elephants, brown hyenas, and lions that the Hoarusib River provides.

4 CULTURAL ENCOUNTERS WITH THE HIMBA

Damaraland is dominated by rugged mountain ranges and steep escarpments, scorched by a relentless desert sun, and inhabited almost exclusively by the unique semi-nomadic Himba tribe. Known for their bright red ochre pigments and skillful adaptation to the environment, we have much to learn from their unique way of life.

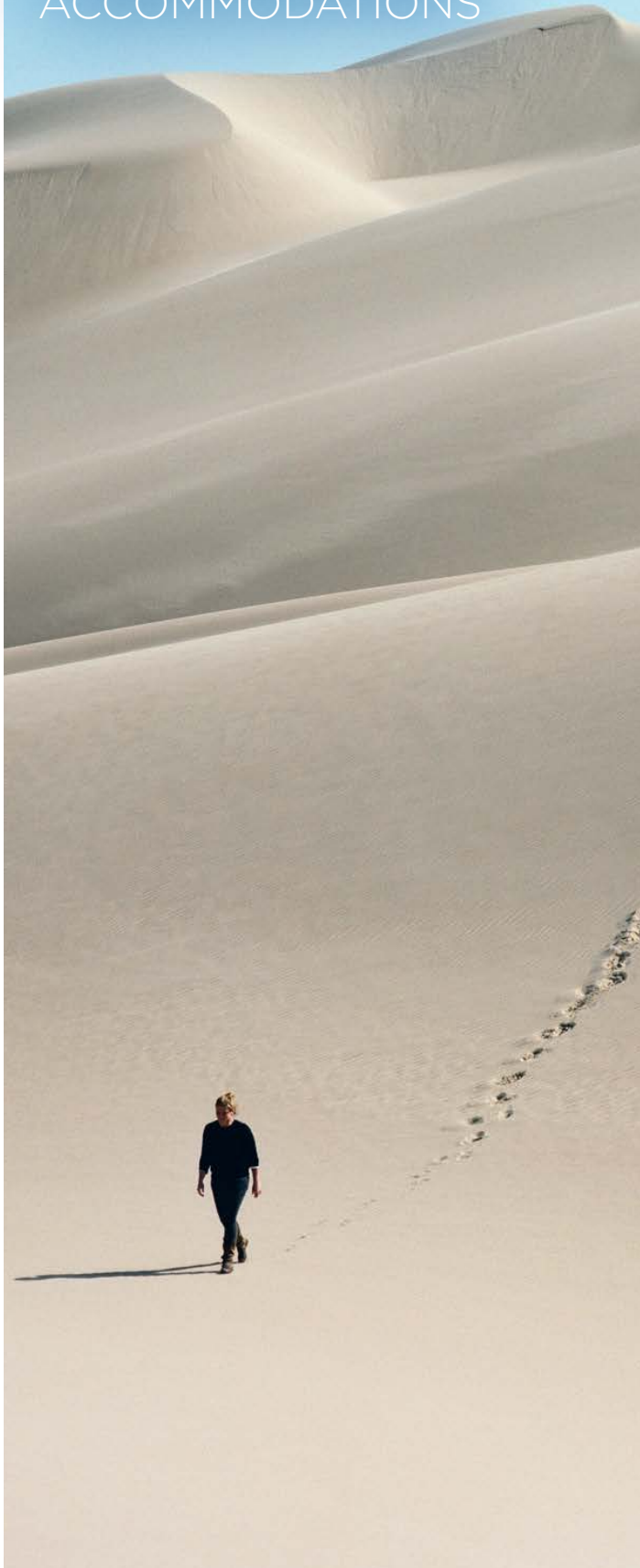


Sossusvlei safari



Damaraland

PREFERRED ACCOMMODATIONS



Little Kulala

Location: Sossusvlei

A welcome oasis situated along the dry Auab riverbed in the Kulala Wilderness Reserve, Little Kulala celebrates the splendor and solitude of the Namib Desert. Excursions to Sossusvlei, nature drives, walks and eco-sensitive quad biking, explore this fascinating landscape.



&Beyond Sossusvlei Desert Lodge

Location: Sossusvlei

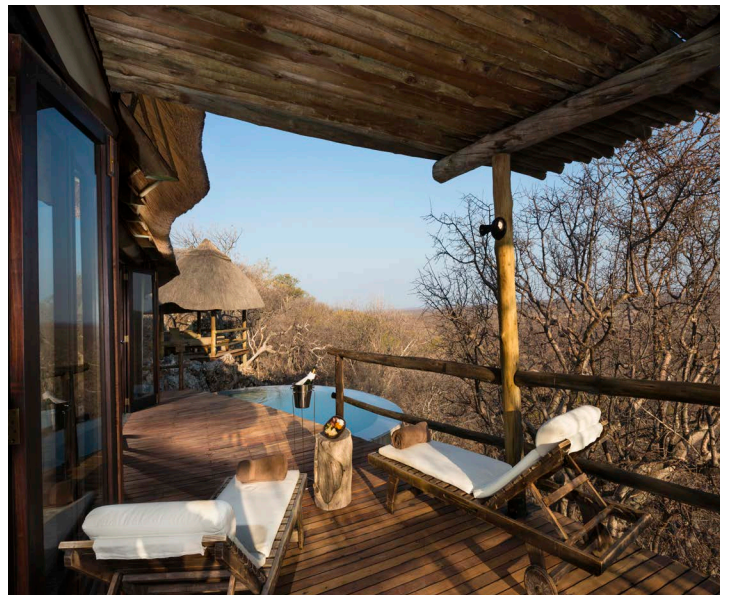
Set amidst an ocean of dunes, rocky outcrops, and gravel plains, the utter tranquility and extraordinary clarity of light makes this area one of Africa's most compelling landscapes. The night skies are heavenly, with the concession bordering the International Dark Sky Reserve of the NamibRand Nature Reserve.



Shipwreck Lodge

Location: Skeleton Coast

Located in the famous Skeleton Coast concession between the Hoarusib and Hoanib rivers in the Skeleton Coast National Park, the shipwreck-shaped chalets are nestled between the dunes with a view of the Atlantic Ocean where the cold Benguela current provides guests with a refreshing breeze.



Little Ongava

Location: Etosha National Park

Perched on the crest of a hill commanding magnificent vistas of the plains stretching for miles to the horizon, offering an extraordinary experience as the focal point of an Etosha journey. This intimate camp has only three spacious suites each with its own plunge pool, "sala," and outdoor shower.



Onguma The Fort

Location: Etosha National Park

The Fort is unlike any other, the only one of its kind in Namibia. It is built to give guests one of the best sunset views in the whole of Namibia, overlooking the beautiful scarceness of the Etosha Pans, decorated only with its wild animals and hundreds of Camel Thorn trees.



Omaanda

Location: Windhoek

This boutique lodge and 10 individual Owambo style thatch and clay huts are set in the heart of a 7,500-hectare private wildlife conservancy. Guests are treated to unforgettable experiences, from breakfasting with meerkats, tracking rhinos and elephants, to up-close sightings of big cats.

BEST OF NAMIBIA WING SAFARI

8 NIGHTS

What's Included:

- Round trip airport transfers
- Scheduled charter flights within Namibia
- 1 night Johannesburg
- 2 nights Sossusvlei
- 2 nights Damaraland
- Damaraland game viewing safari
- 2 nights Etosha National Park
- Etosha National Park game viewing
- 1 night Windhoek
- Meals: 8 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 6 dinners

Days
1-4

SOSSUSVLEI

After a night in Johannesburg to help you acclimate to the time-zone, you will transfer from your Johannesburg hotel for your flight to Namibia. Internationally known as a photographer's dream, Sossusvlei with its monumental dunes was formed by multi-directional winds. When it has rained sufficiently, the main pan draws flamingos and other aquatic birds to the area. Unique and breathtaking in its beauty, Sossusvlei is situated in the Namib Naukluft Park. The photogenic lure of this area is breathtaking, boasting exceptional scenery, as well as a wild and romantic spirit. Why not experience the unimaginable magic of flying above the desert in a hot air balloon? Enjoy the activities offered at Sossusvlei Wilderness Camp's Little Kulala. Morning and afternoon game drives will be the main activities scheduled for the day.

Days
5-7

DAMARALAND

On Day 5, fly over the dunes of the Namib and Sossusvlei continuing westwards on to the Atlantic and then up the Skeleton Coast before turning east and flying to Damaraland Camp. Damaraland is renowned for its interesting flora and fauna dominated by rugged mountain ranges and steep escarpments, scorched by a relentless desert sun and inhabited almost exclusively by the unique semi-nomadic Himba tribe. Game species include desert elephant, black rhino, ostrich, and springbok. If you want to be inspired by one of Mother Nature's rarest beasts, searching for the endangered Desert elephant in Damaraland is a must. Activities at Damaraland Camp revolve around exploring the Haub River system, featuring guided nature drives and walks. Morning and afternoon drives in search of desert-adapted elephant are a great favorite.



Sossusvlei with Little Kulala



Watering hole in Etosha National Park



Days
7-9

ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK

On Day 7, transfer from Damaraland to Etosha National Park on a charter flight. Etosha is dominated by a massive mineral pan, the floor of which was formed around 1,000 million years ago. The word 'Etosha' means 'the great white place of dry water'. The heart of this area is an expanse of shimmering images created by this vast salt pan. The game viewing at Etosha National Park is excellent and visitors can expect to see many buck species, elephant, giraffe, rhino, and lion and, if fortunate enough, leopard and cheetah. On Day 8, you will enjoy some of the many excursions available at Ongava Game Reserve. Activities include game drives in open 4x4 vehicles into the Okaukuejo area of Etosha where lion, elephant (seasonal), gemsbok, springbok, black rhino, greater kudu, and red hartebeest can be seen at numerous waterholes and fringing habitats. Apex predators like leopard, cheetah, and spotted hyena also occur in this area. On Day 9, enjoy breakfast and your morning game activity before you check out and transfer to Windhoek to rest up for the night before your journey home.

THE OTHERWORLDLY ICON OF **NAMIBIA**

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AFRICA'S LEAST POPULATED COUNTRY**

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SENIOR TRAVEL CONSULTANT AT SWAIN DESTINATIONS



NAMIBIA HAS SOME OF THE RAREST WILDLIFE IN THE WORLD, WHICH HAS ADAPTED TO THE HARSH CONDITIONS OF ITS DESERTS.

MY PARTNER AND I FLEW INTO WINDHOEK, THEN MADE OUR WAY TO ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK.

Etosha's seasonal lakes are a welcome respite from the desert conditions for much of Namibia's wildlife. Its watering holes make it easy enough to be immersed in a game drive filled with desert-adapted elephants, giraffes, wildebeest, and the extravagant bird life of the region from flamingo to raptors to owls. Just outside the Etosha National Park border lies Ongava Private Game Reserve, where ecotourism has made it possible to see both black and white rhinos in the wild with horns intact. The rhinos are by far the main attraction, and I feel extremely fortunate that we were able to find these endangered animals in amongst the thick bush for ourselves under the expert tracking of our safari guide.

WE TRADED IN LIGHT AIRCRAFT FOR 4X4.

After a brief stop to meet up with my son in Swakopmund, which is a charming little slice of Germany on the Namibian Coast, we made our way to Damaraland. Unlike the itineraries we usually put together for Swain travelers, we decided to drive, frequently off-roading through the countryside and across riverbeds. The drive was slow, thanks to the sheer number of gates that needed to be opened and then shut behind us, but the adventure was very rewarding as we watched the landscape change from thick bushland to Damaraland's breathtaking topography. Damaraland Camp, where we were staying, was exceptional, set in the mountains with sparse vegetation. Damaraland is different to the rest of Namibia. This is exactly what a 4x4 was made for and we enjoyed every moment in this wilderness. We spent a full day from 6am to 6pm tracking desert elephants and saw plenty of giraffes, antelopes, and birdlife along the way.

AND THEN WE ENTERED A NEW DIMENSION.

We then drove down the Skeleton Coast Road, which you aren't even sure you are firmly on half the time but for the sun-bleached sign posts every few miles, thanks to the constant motion of the sand reclaiming every inch of the land. The Skeleton Coast, or 'the land God made in anger' as the Namibians fondly refer to it, will undoubtedly deliver its namesake in form of either scorched whale bones rising from the sand or long-rusted ship carcasses which dot the coastline. It is here that you will witness the ever enduring desert abutting the sea, and it is amazing. On our last leg of the trip, we watched the terrain dramatically shift from ocean sands to vast desert as we crested the hills of Sossusvlei. Sossusvlei is perhaps the best known area of Namibia. With its enormous dunes, the tallest in the world, a dune climb is challenging but oh so rewarding. What a wonderful way to end our trip, enjoying the ebb and flow of the world's oldest desert from our suite's private deck at Little Kulala, an exceptional camp with direct access to the Sossusvlei.



ZAMBIA



BY LAND, AIR, OR WATER: THE MIGHTY ZAMBEZI

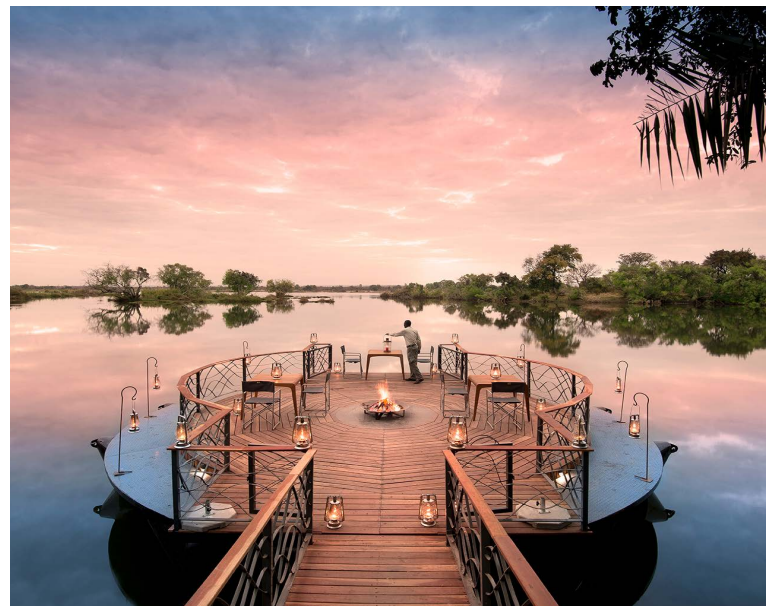
From the gentle rolling hills of the Lower Zambezi to the wide-open plains of Liuwa National Park, Zambia offers pristine wilderness and the second largest wildebeest migration in the world.

HIPPOS, ELEPHANTS, AND CROCS. OH MY!



Whether helicoptering over Victoria Falls, taking in the awe-inspiring sunsets from a river cruise on the mighty Zambezi, or on a walking safari in South Luangwa National Park, Zambia is a fantastic destination for a more laid-back approach to the traditional African safari.

See the wonders of Zambia for yourself in our podcast G'Day with Ian Swain, featuring Time + Tide.

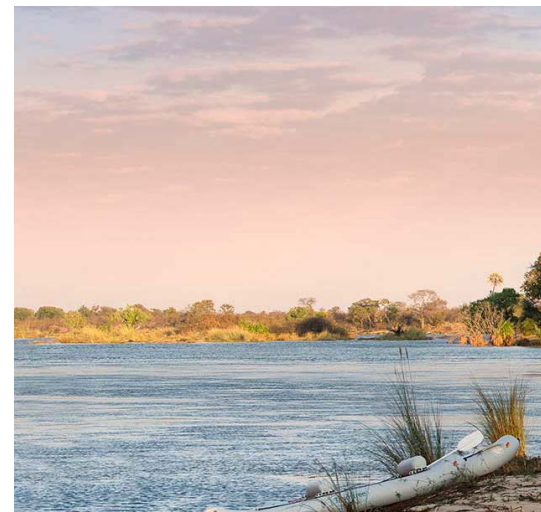




South Luangwa

ADVENTURE ON TAP

Zambia is the land of the legendary African walking safari, the wild Zambezi River, breathtaking wetlands, abundant wildlife, and raw, pulsating wilderness, all in one friendly country. It is also known as Africa's adventure capital, and boy have we got an adventure or two for you!



1 SOUTH LUANGWA WALKING SAFARI

Experience the thrill of being totally immersed in true wilderness on a walking safari in the South Luangwa National Park, the birthplace of the walking safari. The park is rich with leopard, lion, and elephant. Be bold and dine alfresco under the glittering African night sky accompanied by the sound of whooping hyenas and roaring lions.

2 A DIP IN DEVIL'S POOL

Not for the faint-hearted, but a thrilling reward for those who dare, swim at the top of Victoria Falls, in Devil's Pool. If you're feeling supremely adventurous, swim to the edge and watch the falls cascade 1,600 feet below you.

OUR FAVORITE EXPERIENCES IN ZAMBIA

3 CANOE SAFARI ON THE LOWER ZAMBEZI

Experience the peace and tranquility of a canoe safari on the Zambezi between Simonga and the Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park. Feel part of the natural world as you quietly slip through the water and observe game.



Canoe safari on the Lower Zambezi

4 MICROLIGHT FLIGHT OVER THE FALLS

Victoria Falls is a high-octane traveler's dream! Live on the edge with one of our favorite adrenaline pumping adventures, the microlight flight over the falls. Available in 15 or 30 minute increments, you will have a privileged bird's eye view of the stunning falls as you weave back and forth over the falls and witness the scenery in a whole new way; with a racing heartbeat!



Swimming in Devil's Pool



Thorntree River Lodge

Location: Livingstone

Just twenty minutes upstream from Victoria Falls, beautifully designed Thorntree River Lodge graces the banks of Zambia's glorious Zambezi River in Mosi-Oa-Tunya National Park. Find perfect respite after a day of activities by relaxing in the infinity pool that seamlessly blends into the river horizon.



Time + Tide Chinzombo

Location: South Luangwa National Park

Relax on your veranda overlooking a sweeping curve of the Luangwa River. Let the bellowing hippos lull you to sleep. Wake up with the eye of an elephant just outside your villa. Natural building materials and vintage accents blend modern style with the best of a traditional bush safari camp.



Royal Chundu

Location: Livingstone

Camouflaged along the banks of the Zambezi River and hugging the border of Zambia and Zimbabwe is a hideaway where romance and adventure intertwine. Only eighteen miles downstream lies Victoria Falls. Ten exclusive River Lodge suites, disguised among the riverine vegetation, radiate seclusion and tranquility.



Tongabezi Lodge

Location: Livingstone

There is no set pattern to days at Tongabezi. Guests do as much or as little as they wish, with game drives, bush walks, and boating trips all included in the price. Take a short guided tour of the majestic Victoria Falls. You can also enjoy the Falls from inside the gorge, from Livingstone Island and from the air.



Time + Tide Chongwe Camp

Location: Lower Zambezi National Park

Chongwe is set at the confluence of the Chongwe and Zambezi Rivers which wind through the forested valley, creating a haven for wildlife and making the most of what Mother Nature provided. Wake up from a peaceful nap to the sound of an elephant rubbing against the side of your tent as it lumbers past.



Baines' River Camp

Location: Lower Zambezi National Park

Baines' River Camp offers luxury in a remote setting. The rooms at Baines' are not just a roof over your head, they are an experience in itself. The exquisite suites and tasteful main area have been built to be the highlight of your stay. This is where you come to relax and unwind after a day of adventure.

ZAMBIAN EXPLORER

9 NIGHTS

What's Included:

- Seat in plane air transfers
- 3 nights South Luangwa
- 3 nights Lower Zambezi
- Safari Activities
- 3 nights Livingstone
- Activities while in Livingstone
- Helicopter Flip Over the Falls
- Meals: 9 breakfasts, 9 lunches, 9 dinners
- Swain Destinations Safari Bag

Days
1-4

SOUTH LUANGWA

Fly to Mfuwe via Dubai, where you will be greeted by a representative who will transfer you to the wildly luxurious Chinzombo Camp. Offering riverside views teeming with wildlife and direct access into one of the most game rich areas of the National Park, Chinzombo Camp is tucked into the shade of ancient trees on a bend of the Luangwa River.

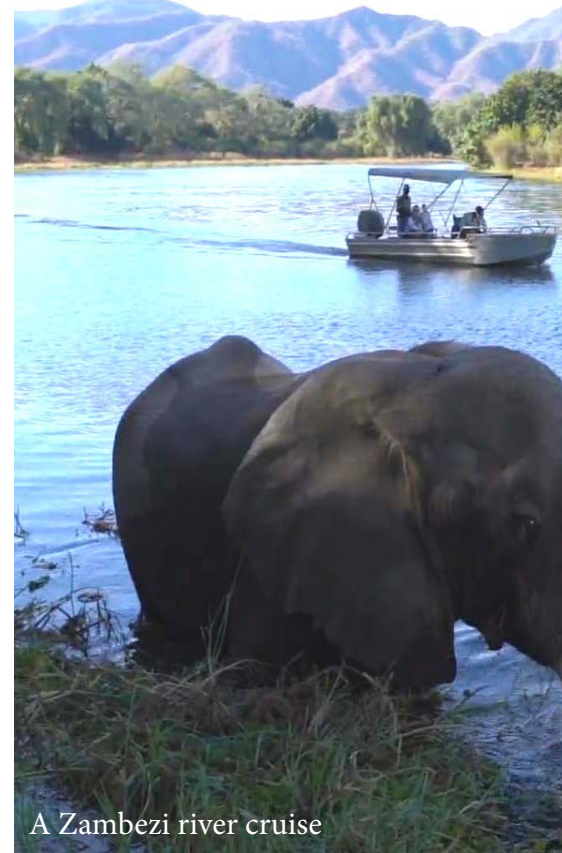
Experts have dubbed South Luangwa to be one of the greatest wildlife sanctuaries in the world. The concentration of animals around the Luangwa River, and its oxbow lagoons, is among the most intense in Africa. The Luangwa River is the most intact major river system in Africa and is the life-blood of this park. Enjoy game drives and walking safaris, among other activities.

Days
5-8

LOWER ZAMBEZI

Today you will be transferred to the Mfuwe Airport for your flight to Lower Zambezi. Upon arrival, you will be met by a representative who will transfer you to Chongwe Camp.

During your stay, enjoy an impressive variety of safari activities, created for the ultimate exploration of this magnificent African paradise. By land, you can enjoy game drives and walking safaris, or take to the rivers and explore with boat cruises, canoeing safaris and tiger-fishing. Back in camp, the wildlife hide is great for photography, especially rare nocturnal creatures.



A Zambezi river cruise



Victoria Falls



Days
9-10

VICTORIA FALLS

Upon arrival into Livingstone Airport a representative from Royal Chundu will greet you. You will be assisted to the Heli pad for your Scenic Helicopter transfer to Royal Chundu. What better way to see the magical winding Zambezi River and the crashing of the Victoria Falls than from above in a helicopter. Get up close to the Victoria Falls while flying through the gorge on your way to Royal Chundu's helipad. This is without doubt one of the best ways to photograph the Falls.

From tranquil to thrilling, Royal Chundu offers a Zambezi river adventure to satisfy all. Whether you choose to simply lounge around the comfort of the lodge or want to explore more of what Zambia has to offer, the activities team is ready to arrange the perfect day for you. Enjoy daily sunset cruises, a village community visit, birding safaris or canoeing.

WHAT MAKES
ZAMBIA
SUCH A WONDERFUL
DESTINATION?

VISIT ONE OF THE
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**NATURAL
WONDERS**
OF THE WORLD

JACQUI MCDONALD
VP OPERATIONS AT SWAIN DESTINATIONS



FROM SUNSET RIVER CRUISES TO HELICOPTER FLIGHTS OVER THE FALLS, THERE IS MUCH TO DO IN ZAMBIA.

NO MATTER HOW YOU SEE THEM, YOU'VE GOT TO SEE THE FALLS.

The most amazing way to view the entirety of the falls is by helicopter ride. You cannot help but hold your breath as you plunge through the gorges of this natural phenomenon while witnessing the incredible wildlife roaming the area freely. If helicopters aren't for you, traveling by foot will afford you the opportunity to walk the edge of the falls on the side of either Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe or Livingstone, Zambia. When walking there is much hustle and bustle on your way to witness 'Mosi-oa-Tunya', and you instantly feel the excitement shared by all those who witness this beauty. If you are truly up for the challenge, and if you're visiting during the months of August to January. You can take a guided walk to Devil's Pool and swim to the edge of the falls if you dare!



STAYING ON THE ZAMBEZI RIVER IS THE ULTIMATE TREAT FOR CASUAL WILDLIFE ENCOUNTERS.

While visiting Zambia one of the most remote, peaceful, and utterly beautiful places to stay is Royal Chundu. If you are looking for ultimate luxury and relaxation you have found it on the Island Lodge as there are only four spacious villas well-situated throughout the island. The villas allow for enough privacy to feel comfortable and enough windows to witness the hilariously funny monkeys running around all throughout the island. The view from your villa is always the stillness of the Zambezi River with your own outdoor hot bath drawn each night to view the stars displayed prominently in the vast, clear sky. Make sure you take advantage of the sunset cruise offered each night while at Royal Chundu, you simply cannot pass up a sunset over the Zambezi River while gazing at a boat of hippos!

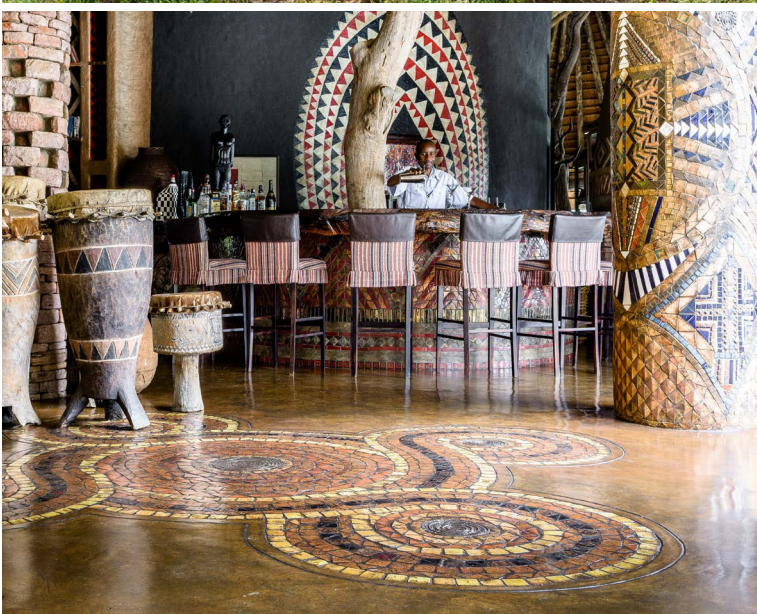


THE ZAMBIAN PEOPLE ARE AS WARM AND WELCOMING AS YOU HAVE HEARD.

A moving experience during a trip to Zambia is the local village tour provided by Royal Chundu. This tour is only a few short hours of your day, reached via a quick boat ride over the Zambezi. At the village, you are greeted by a local woman and her adorable son who lead an educational tour on the everyday life in the village. You are able to observe how the villagers cook their food, make their own clothes, and even make their own homes. Every person you encounter is gracious, kind, and happy for your visit. Stories are told about the origin of their crops, how specific colors are chosen and intertwined in their clothing, and how music and dance are incorporated into their lives. You will walk away from this experience feeling incredibly humbled, refreshed and at ease with the rest of your beautifully planned trip!



ZIMBABWE



THE BEAUTY TRIFECTA: WILDLIFE, CULTURE, LANDSCAPE

Offering incredible on-foot views of Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe is probably most visited for its amazing access to 'The Smoke That Thunders', but of course is also one of the best safari destinations on the African continent.

COME FOR THE WILDLIFE, STAY FOR THE PEOPLE



Home to incredible bird life, river life including hippos (so many hippos) and crocodiles, as well as elephants, giraffe, lions, hyena and so much more. While its location is ideal for inclusion on a multi-stop tour of Southern Africa, what will strike you most about Zimbabwe is its incredible people and their culture. See more of Zimbabwe in our podcast, G'Day with Ian Swain, featuring the wonderful Matetsi Victoria Falls or Victoria Falls River Lodge.

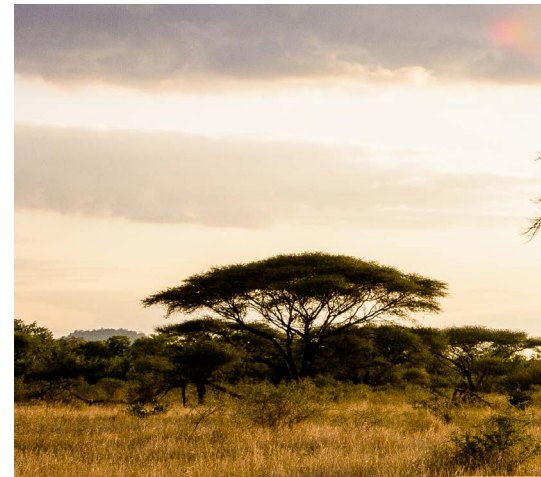




Linkwasha Camp's Star Bed Sleepout

SO MUCH TO SEE AND DO

Zimbabwe shares Victoria Falls and the Zambezi River, which flows sluggishly over a level plateau, with Zambia. It is a proud nation filled with beauty at every turn. With a huge variety of experiences on offer, we took it upon ourselves to narrow it down to our top four.



1 HELICOPTER FLIP OVER VICTORIA FALLS

Feel the freedom on this 15-minute helicopter flight over Victoria Falls. Your flight path takes you over the seemingly tranquil Zambezi River and on a journey of discovery along the gorges that zigzag their way to the infamous Batoka Gorge downstream.

2 STAR BED SLEEPOUT

Nestled high above Scott's Pan, a watering hold frequented by wildlife of Hwange National Park, Linkwasha Camp offers guests a sleepout adventure to get closer to nature and experience a night under the stars. A luxurious bed covered with mosquito net is set a few meters above the ground, where a qualified guide stands by.

OUR FAVORITE EXPERIENCES IN ZIMBABWE



3 ANCIENT ROCK ART

The sandstone kopjes surrounding Singita Pamushana Lodge are home to more than 80 known rock art sites with more almost certainly yet to be discovered. These range from single figures to large 'galleries' containing multiple paintings, sometimes from different time periods and have been carbon dated to 700-2,000 years ago.

4 SUNSET CRUISE ON THE ZAMBEZI RIVER

Zimbabwe is home to unmatched scenery of breathtaking proportions, not least of which are the Zambezi sunsets. Experience the astonishing display of color as the sky filters through the rainbow in all its technicolor glory, as is reflected in the glass-like complexion of the Mighty Zambezi.

Singita Pamushana



Sunset cruise on the Zambezi River



PREFERRED ACCOMMODATIONS



Victoria Falls River Lodge

Location: Victoria Falls

Set on the banks of the mighty Zambezi River, the Zambezi Crescent's luxury tented Victoria Falls River Lodge is a stunning oasis. Combine the African Safari experience with one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World, Victoria Falls, the spray of which can be seen in the distance!



Matetsi Victoria Falls

Location: Victoria Falls

Matetsi Victoria Falls offers the ultimate safari experience and idyllic accommodation retreat from which to visit the largest waterfall on planet Earth. With exquisite, distinctly African decor throughout and outstanding service, search no further for exceptional experiences in a remarkable destination.



Victoria Falls Hotel

Location: Victoria Falls

With dramatic views of the gorges of Zimbabwe's spectacular Victoria Falls, The Victoria Falls Hotel is adorned with arched loggias and broad verandas offering magnificent vistas and custom built locations for high tea or a relaxed gin and tonic. Some rooms offer stunning views of the gorges and bridge below.



Stanley & Livingstone Lodge

Location: Victoria Falls

Surrounded by the tranquility of Victoria Falls Private Game Reserve and primarily located just 15 minutes from the Falls themselves, Stanley & Livingstone invites you to explore or just relax in one of the continent's most loved destinations. Victoria Falls is yours to discover.



Singita Pamushana

Location: Malilangwe Wildlife Reserve

Singita Pamushana Lodge is an ecotourism lodge located in a 130,000 acre reserve, and its role is to help foster the sustainability of the wildlife and broader ecology, while enabling guests to share the magic of the lodge and the Malilangwe Wildlife Reserve. Malilangwe remains virtually untouched by humankind.



Linkwasha Camp

Location: Hwange National Park

Linkwasha lies in a private concession in the enormously productive south-eastern corner of Hwange National Park. Situated on the edge of the famed Ngamo Plains, which offer fantastic summer game viewing. Wildlife frequently encountered in the area include lion, elephant, buffalo, leopard, and much more.

ZIMBABWE & BOTSWANA IN-STYLE

10 NIGHTS

What's Included:

- Airstrip and airport road transfers
- Shared light aircraft transfers as listed
- 2 nights in Hwange National Park
- Game Activities in Hwange National Park
- 2 nights in Victoria Falls
- Sunset/Sunrise Cruise on Zambezi River
- Tour of Victoria Falls
- 3 nights in Linyanti
- Game Activities in Linyanti
- 3 nights in Okavango Delta
- Game Activities in Okavango Delta
- Meals: 10 breakfasts, 9 lunches, 10 dinners

Days
1-2

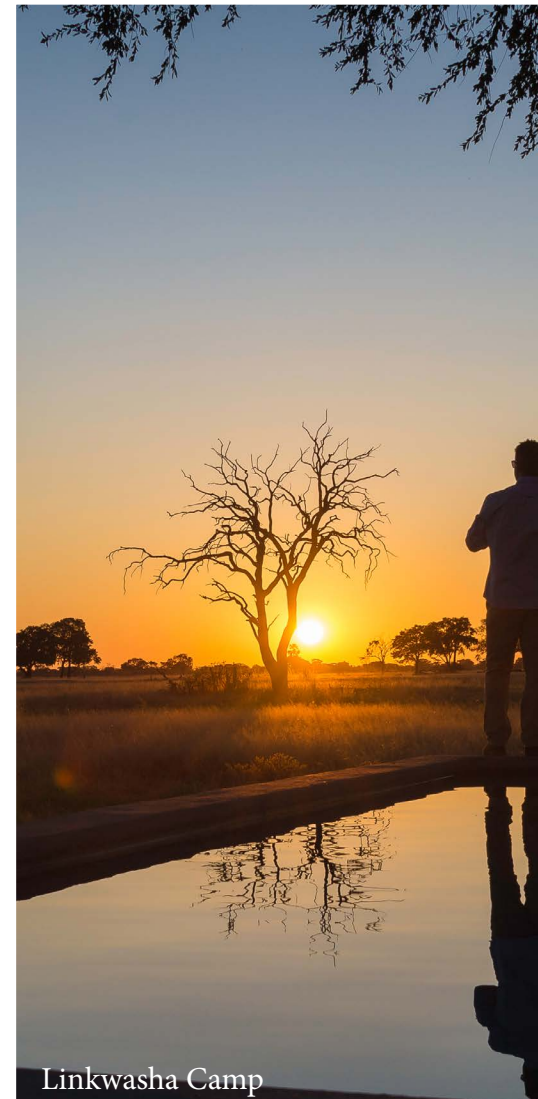
HWANGE NATIONAL PARK

Arrive into Victoria Falls Airport where you will be met and assisted with your onward light aircraft flight to Hwange National Park. Upon arrival, transfer to Linkwasha Camp where you will have time to freshen up before your first afternoon activity. Hwange National Park is the largest in Zimbabwe. Once the royal hunting ground for the Ndebele warrior-king Mzilikazi, the National Park is now protected. With over 100 species of mammals and 400 species of birds, the most exciting is the 40,000-strong population of tusker elephants, whose presence is world-renowned. Wildlife frequently encountered in the area include lion, elephant, buffalo, cheetah, leopard, spotted hyena, giraffe, sable, blue wildebeest, impala, waterbuck, and reedbuck. Activities include visiting the hide, walking safaris, day and night game drives.

Days
3-4

VICTORIA FALLS

On the morning of Day 3, fly by light aircraft to Victoria Falls Airport where you will be met and transferred by vehicle to Victoria Falls River Lodge. Victoria Falls River Lodge is situated on the banks of the Zambezi River, in the Zambezi National Park so close to the famous Victoria Falls that one can see the spray in the distance. This afternoon sit back and let the gentle ebb and flow of the Zambezi lull and relax you while enjoying a sun-downer on the sunset cruise. On Day 4, select from activities such as private river cruise, guided tour of Victoria Falls, or a Victoria Falls game drive, a truly unique experience of African wildlife.



Linkwasha Camp



Victoria Falls River Lodge

Days
8-11

OKAVANGO DELTA

After your morning activity and breakfast, you will fly by light aircraft to the Okavango Delta. The Okavango Delta is a unique pulsing wetland which is fed by the Kavango River and Namibia's Caprivi Strip. Luxurious Vumbura Plains Camp 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.

The annually flooded grasslands of the Okavango Delta surrounding Vumbura Plains are locally referred to as 'melapo' and offer good 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, several resident prides of lion, as well as leopard, cheetah, and African wildcat. Birding is exceptional all year round. While at Vumbura Plains you will enjoy a variety of activities including morning and afternoon game drives, walking safaris, night safaris or exploring the channels by motor boat or mokoro.

On Days 9 and 10, and on the morning of Day 11, explore the Okavango Delta's wilderness and enjoy the activities offered by the lodge.

Days
5-7

LINYATI WILDLIFE RESERVE

Bidding farewell to Victoria Falls, you will transfer to the airport for your light aircraft flight to Kasane in Botswana. Once you have cleared immigration, you will be assisted onto your next light aircraft flight into the Linyanti. Linyanti is situated north of Savuti in a corner of the Chobe National Park. In comparison to its neighbors in the East, Chobe National Park and the Okavango Delta in the South, Linyanti remains wonderfully underused with a high concentration of game. On Days 6 & 7, enjoy the ample game viewing that your lodge, DumaTau, provides close to the source of the Savute Channel. Well known for its elephant concentrations as they congregate along the waterways and lagoons during the dry winter months, while at DumaTau you will enjoy a variety of activities including morning and afternoon game drives, walking safaris, night safaris, or safari cruise on the channel.



THE VIBRANCE OF ZIMBABWE

A ZIMBABWEAN'S PERSPECTIVE

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Hippos in the Zambezi

ZIMBABWE IS A VERY YOUNG COUNTRY. IT IS A FORMER BRITISH COLONY THAT HAS ONLY BEEN INDEPENDENT SINCE APRIL 18TH, 1980.

A YOUNG NATION WITH A LONG HISTORY

As it has evolved from a colony to an independent nation, Zimbabweans have had to learn to work around all sorts of shortages in life; such as water, electricity, and cash, which has made the people of Zimbabwe incredibly adaptive and empathetic as a nation. Notably, the ever-changing Zimbabwean currency made Zimbabwe infamous for having the largest note in the world, before it became obsolete, with the \$100 trillion dollar note. Today, Zimbabwe accepts the almighty US dollar as legal tender in the nation, which makes tourism from the United States remarkably convenient. The three main languages in Zimbabwe are Shona, English, and Ndebele, with English being spoken across the country.



Shopping & Culture Tour

THE SCENERY OF ZIMBABWE IS BREATHTAKING

It is a beautiful, landlocked country, with vibrant scenery and amazing safari areas. It is also home to one of the "Seven wonders of the world", named Victoria Falls by explorer David Livingstone. Locally, we call it Mosi Oa Tunya (The Smoke that Thunders). The Falls do cross over into Zambia, however Zimbabwe lays claim to a larger number of cataracts of this spectacular phenomenon.

Expert Tip: If you are in Victoria Falls during the Full moon, ensure you include a trip to the Falls to see the Lunar Rainbow. A truly surreal experience, the Lunar rainbow (Moonbow) can be enjoyed the day before, the day of, and the day after the Full moon.



Victoria Falls

A DESTINATION RICH IN WILDLIFE & CULTURE

Zimbabwe is one of the poorest nations in the world, however the National Parks and game reserves are in some of the most game rich areas of Africa. It is home to the second largest elephant population in the world, and the people are very friendly, proud, and resilient. Zimbabweans love to welcome visitors to enjoy all that the country has to offer. In my humble, "non-biased opinion", Zimbabwe has produced some of the best game rangers out there, many of whom can be found in various areas of Southern Africa.



Linkwasha Camp safari

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