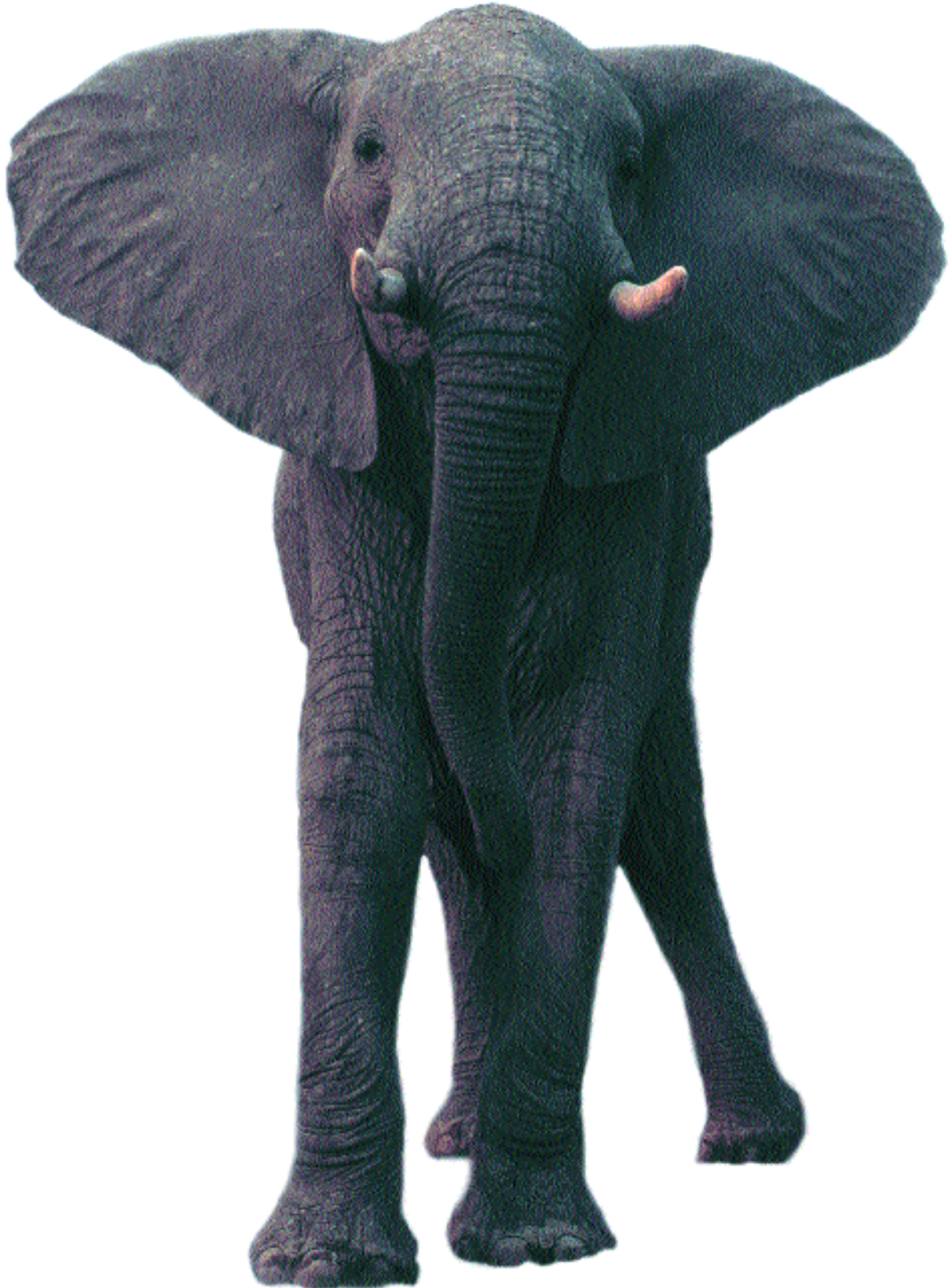


# AFRICA



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This brochure has been designed to inform you on what we believe to be some of the best areas, and most wonderful experiences for your "safari".

It is different from many other brochures. We could provide lists of hotels and camps, and their prices, but everyone else does that. We can offer you any camp, lodge or hotel, and our prices will always be competitive.

Our role is to consult with you on what type of Safari will provide you with the experience you are seeking. Our aim is to ensure a value-for-money experience, that you will enjoy and remember for many years to come. This will include the most effective combinations of flights, accommodation and safaris that match your needs. A truly "tailor-made" package. We recognise that no two travellers are alike, and therefore we do not offer set itineraries.

Africa can be as untamed and wild as you want, or can offer luxury rivalling the rest of the globe. We have always focused on the natural history of Africa. You will see in the pages that follow, we identify areas which, over the past twenty years, we have found to be exciting gameviewing areas and experiences. Africa does offer much more than wildlife, and whether it is adventure, sports, relaxing beaches or pure luxury, we can help you find all of this and more.

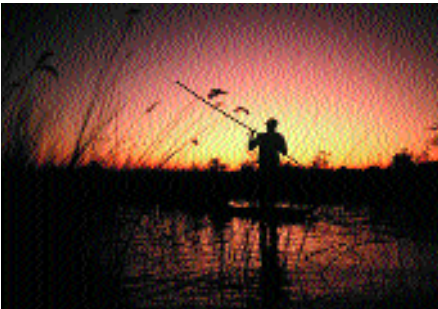
We are small and personal, and will keep it that way in order to ensure the attention to detail for every client. We only deal with a limited number of clients per year in order to maintain this special role.

# BOTSWANA

Botswana dedicates vast amounts of the nation to wildlife conservation, and thus boasts some of Africa's most prolific game reserves. The famous inland Delta, the "Okavango" creates an oasis in the middle of the Kalahari Desert. These two ecosystems result in a concentration of wildlife that is unique. Camps which are capable of providing an experience of the 'wet' and the 'dry' areas, are the most rewarding and effective ones to visit. Staying at remote camps for three or more nights is a must. Alternatively, for the more adventurous, mobile safaris which set up camps as they travel, is a good alternative.

## OKAVANGO DELTA

The Okavango's seasonal floods transform this area of the Kalahari into a water wilderness. Exceptionally good bird-watching opportunities abound here. The Delta is dotted with islands, which support varied amounts of game. A peaceful setting in which to relax, and enjoy nature.



We have found that staying at camps in Botswana for more nights, and not 'hopping' from camp to camp every few days, is far more rewarding. This also reduces the cost of the associated air charters in your package.

## MOREMI RESERVE

Moremi Reserve includes parts of the Okavango Delta, and thus contains waterways, islands, permanent lagoons, floodplains and forests. This wide cross-section of biodiversity results in high concentrations of game, throughout the year. Moremi is an excellent all-round experience.



## CHOBE

Chobe is famous for the huge herds of elephants that come to the River to drink, and the variety of wildlife to be found in this area is very diverse. The shoreline of the Chobe River is one place where you will be within metres of very relaxed wildlife, as they quench their thirst.



## CAMP TYPES

There are a wide variety of camps and lodge types on offer in Botswana. The tariffs of many properties are high, but the remoteness and limited number of guests of these facilities has to be considered when looking at the price. To this must be added the cost of flying between camps.



## SELINDA RESERVE

Though the area offers year-round game-viewing, game migrates into this region during the drier months and results in outstanding viewing experiences. This Selinda-Savuti zone of northern Botswana brings one close to wildlife, in a very remote and desolate Kalahari environment.



## OVERLAND SAFARIS

Various companies operate overland camping safaris. Most travel through the northern areas, and include the Okavango, Moremi, Savuti and Chobe. There are operators who travel into southern areas. Overland Safaris are a more affordable way of seeing the variety of Botswana.



## OTHER AREAS

Although most wildlife safaris take place in the northern areas of Botswana, there are other areas to consider visiting, including the Central Kalahari Reserve, the Gemsbok National Park and Makgadigadi Pans National Park - all providing different safari styles.

# ZIMBABWE

Zimbabwe offers a wide variety of gameviewing, sightseeing and adventure to the visitor, making it a destination in its own right. Victoria Falls is the most famous attraction, and a cross-section of Zimbabwean experience's is available within the region surrounding the Falls. Zimbabwe has devoted vast tracts of land to National Parks, and has established conservation programs to ensure that its natural heritage survives.

## ADVENTURE at Victoria Falls

While visiting the Falls, try some adventure activities, like white-water rafting, river-boarding, overnight canoe safaris or bungee-jumping.

For the less adventurous, a guided canoe on the Zambezi's backwaters offers a pleasant retreat. For something different, spend a day fishing on the Zambezi, or go game viewing on the back of an African elephant, and then help wash it afterwards.



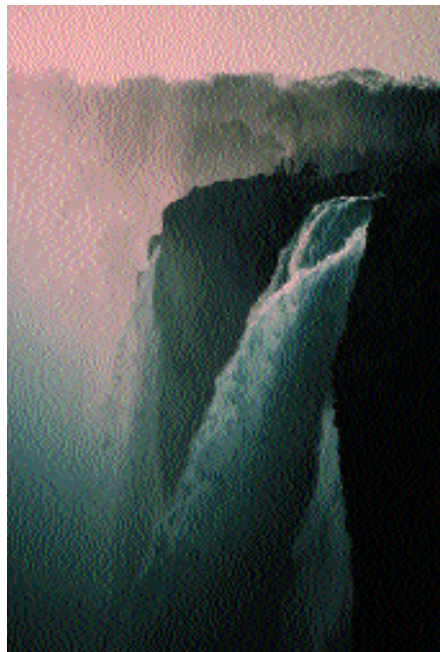
## LAKE KARIBA

Lake Kariba offers the angler great fishing opportunities. The adjoining Matusodonna National Park is home to a wide variety of game. Numerous safari camps found here, provide gameviewing by foot in the National Park, as well as by vehicle and from vessels and canoes on the lake.



## EASTERN / SOUTHERN ZIMBABWE

An area often omitted from itineraries is the Eastern Highlands of Zimbabwe. This area is scenically stunning and "self drive", is a relaxing and affordable way to see it. Combining the history of the Great Zimbabwe Ruins with the highlands, makes an ideal circuit.



## VICTORIA FALLS

Walk around them, or fly over them, we recommend both.



## CANOEOING

The lower Zambezi River Valley is surrounded by conservation areas, including the famous "Mana Pools". The most exciting way to experience this remote stretch of the river, is by canoe. A Canoe safari varies in duration, areas visited and quality of camping. A very different experience.



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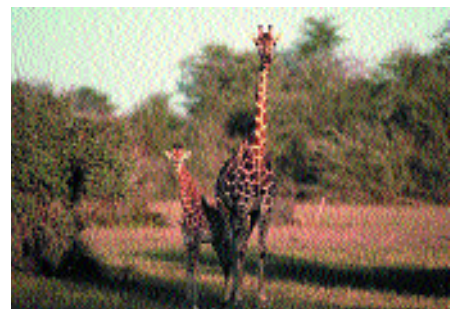
Your stay in Victoria Falls should be for a minimum of two nights. The range of accommodation available is vast yet relatively expensive, and demand usually exceeds supply. The

Victoria Falls Hotel retains its colonial feelings, while newer properties can be on the riverside, overlook the Zambezi River's gorges, provide vistas of a National Park, or include a world-class golf course.



## VICTORIA FALLS

During your visit to the Falls, we recommend that you take a helicopter flight over the Falls - truly the best way to appreciate the immensity of the Falls and the gorges. You should also consider travelling to neighbouring Zambia, and viewing the Falls from there.



## HWANGE

Hwange National Park is famous for its diverse range of game, and numerous camps have been established along the edge of the parklands, or deep within the Park. Seasonality effects the distribution of game, but the Park offers good year-round gameviewing

# SOUTH AFRICA

South Africa has been described as a "world in one country" and aptly so. A totally diverse range of landscapes, climates, cultures and experience are to be found here, and certainly can meet the demands of all travellers. Whether it is wildlife, traditional cultures, or the modern infrastructure - all are ready and waiting. Facilities are excellent and prices are quite reasonable. Many travellers say that South Africa reminds them of Australia in its friendliness, or perhaps it is some of the gum trees that have found their way there!

## DIVERSITY

From travel by steam drawn trains, relaxing on tropical coastlines and beaches, hiking in never-ending mountains, canoeing down rivers, or fishing or surfing - all of these make South Africa a complete destination by itself, or as a stopover on the way to Europe or the America's.



## CAPE TOWN

Cape Town itself, is a delight to visit. Nearby are some of the finest wine producing areas in the world. It is also a starting point for the very scenic 'Garden Route'. Self drive throughout this region is an ideal way of experiencing the wonderful hospitality and beauty of this area.



## WILDLIFE

A visit to South Africa would not be complete without the opportunity to undertake a wildlife safari. A huge variety is on offer - from the remote Kalahari Gemsbok Park, to the many private reserves and luxury lodges that adjoin the world famous Kruger National Park.



# NAMIBIA

Namibia is blessed with some of the most remarkable landscapes on earth - The sand-dunes of the south west, the deserts of the Kalahari in the south east, the high plateaus and steep pass of the central area, the world's second largest canyon, and the waterways of the Caprivi, that are a match for Botswana's Okavango Delta. Combine this with the excellent infrastructure, and the experiences are endless. We very highly recommend that you consider self-drive in Namibia.

## The COAST & SOSSUSVLEI

The coastline varies from the remote areas called the "Skeleton Coast" of the north, to the city of Swakopmund - with its historic German culture, nearby seal colonies and bird wetlands. Further south are the sand-dunes of the Namib Desert and the famous Sossusvlei.



## CAPRIVI

In such an arid area of the world, the Caprivi "Strip" and its river systems and wetlands, are quite a surprise. Swamps and mini-deltas are the focus of many National Parks. The bird and game viewing opportunities are vast. Lodges and camp facilities are excellent and offer great safaris.



## ETOSHA

Etosha National Park is one of the great Parks of Africa. It is designed so that game viewing can be undertaken from your own vehicle.

The variety of wildlife and the experiences around the flood-lit waterholes of the restcamps, make this destination one of the best.

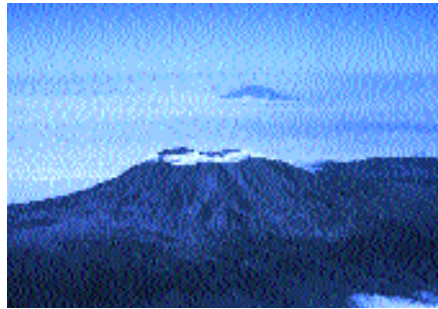


# TANZANIA

Tanzania offers some of the best wildlife viewing opportunities in Africa, yet is not visited by as many tourists as its neighbour, Kenya. Over recent years the infrastructure for tourism has improved tremendously, with safari operators and lodges offering an array of options in the northern circuit of Parks, which include the famous Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater. The Parks of the south also have good operators and facilities, but are yet to be discovered by the masses. Tanzania offers more than just wildlife, and in recent years Zanzibar, which is readily included in a safari program, has become one of the favourite destinations in Africa.

## SERENGETI

For eight months of the year these volcanic plains host one of the greatest concentrations of game on earth. The most spectacular aspect is the annual wildebeest and zebra migration, where the numbers of animals on the move is well beyond the visitor's expectations.



## KILIMANJARO

Simply view it or climb it. Africa's highest peak is not to be missed.



## TARANGIRE

The Tarangire National Park is often overlooked by safari goers, yet it is home to a wide variety of game. Its rivers are an attraction to wildlife throughout the year, but during the drier months they become a magnet to elephants from across this region, resulting in migrations into the Park, and sightings of herds that are larger than experienced anywhere else.



## NGORONGORO CRATER

Often described as a 'Garden of Eden', this extinct volcanic crater hosts a complete cross-section of the wildlife found in this area. The crater itself is stunning, with walls up to 600 metres high and a 15 kilometre diameter. The lodges, situated on the rim, offer excellent views of the vista.



## SELOUS and RUAHA

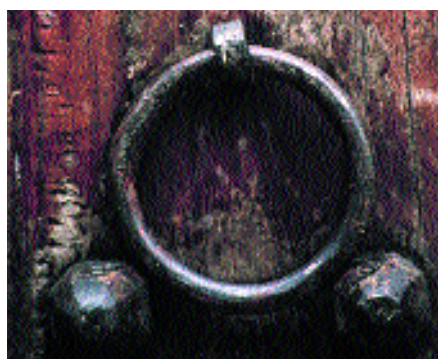
Selous and Ruaha National Parks are vast reserves with high quality safari camps. While they are easily accessible by road or air from Dar Es Salaam, they do not attract many tourists. Your safari here can have you feeling like you are the only person for miles - a very different Africa from that which is often experienced in the main tourist areas.



## ZANZIBAR

This famous "spice island" offers the visitor an experience of exotic spices and trading ports, where sail driven dhows still ply. The Arab history and the narrow lanes of Stone Town are a very different Africa.

# ZANZIBAR



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In contrast to Stone Town and the spice plantations, Zanzibar has a welcoming coastline, with numerous resorts. Not to be missed, is the opportunity of seeing the rare Red Colobus Monkey of Jozani Forest.

# ZAMBIA

Zambia has been called the "real Africa". It is possible to visit places in Zambia where you may be the only safari for that year, but wherever you go you can be assured that there will be no crowds, but a wonderful experience of being alone with nature. There are numerous National Parks and reserves, with excellent tour operators, lodges and camps offering Safaris on foot, by water or from a vehicle. Zambia also is home to some unique sub-species of wildlife.

## UPPER ZAMBEZI

This area is often ignored by the tourist. It is close to Victoria Falls and offers good game viewing, canoeing and fishing. It is also possible to visit villages which are relatively untouched by western culture, and experience some of the "real Africa", without it having been artificially created for the tourist.



## LOWER ZAMBEZI VALLEY

This area is opposite Zimbabwe's Mana pools, yet is significantly less touristed. The Lower Zambezi National Park adjoins the Zambezi River. Game viewing is excellent, and safari camps offer land and water based experiences, making this area a peaceful, but rewarding Safari destination, yet easily accessible.



## LUANGWA VALLEY

The Luangwa has two National Parks. The South Luangwa is easily accessible and has many excellent tour operators. Game viewing here is amongst some of the best in Africa. The North Luangwa is remote and wild, with only a couple of operators venturing there.. a very wild Africa.



# KENYA

Kenya is home to the famous "classic" African Safari - the tented "Hemingway" experience that has long drawn visitors from around the world. Kenya is a land of variety - from tropical coasts to mountains, and from the sub-Sahara of the north, through the majestic Rift Valley, to the rolling grasslands of the south. There are numerous National Parks covering a range of environments and experiences, including marine parks along the coast. The tourist infrastructure has been well developed over many years, and accommodates all tastes and interests.

## RIFT VALLEY

The Rift valley combines the stunning landscapes of the valley's walls with a series of freshwater and soda lakes which support a range of game. It is the beauty of these lakes and the wildlife associated with them, that makes the inclusion of a few days in the Rift, very rewarding.



## SAMBURU

Samburu is a very different ecosystem, being more a part of sub-saharan Africa than other Parks. Unique sub-species of wildlife are to be found here, and the overall concentration of game provides excellent viewing opportunities. The safari camps are first class. A 'must' destination.



## MASAI MARA

The Masai Mara has excellent game viewing throughout the year, but upon the arrival of the wildebeest and zebra migration from the Serengeti Plains, the Mara becomes the most densely concentrated game area on earth. During this period a safari is nothing short of, spectacular.



# MADAGASCAR

If there is one place you can never be totally prepared for, then Madagascar is it. So totally different - people, culture, traditions, animals, plants and birds. Add to this some of the most beautiful scenery on earth - stark plateaus, rainforested mountains and palm fringed coastlines. The natural history of this island is unique and worth exploring, especially in combination with a period of relaxation on one of those secluded spots along the coast, or a tiny offshore island.

## BEACHES

For some of the most stunning and yet untouched beaches in the world, Madagascar has them.

With excellent resorts, pristine sands and clear waters. Madagascar is an ideal option for relaxing after your safari, or after your wildlife tour of this magical island.



## WILDLIFE

Madagascar has unique flora and fauna. The array is breathtaking, from the many species of lemur, the 'aye-aye' (pictured above), the fossa, trees, plants, chameleons and numerous bird species. To cover this vast island, two to three weeks, just to observe wildlife, would be needed.

## CULTURE

As is true of much of the rest of Madagascar, so is the culture quite different from anywhere else.

Traditions which are a mixture of Asia and the Pacific, combined with inputs from France, and African and Middle East trading. A very different people, full of surprises.



# MAURITIUS REUNION SEYCHELLES

These three very different Indian Ocean islands offer vastly different experiences.

**Mauritius** - famous for its beaches, fine resorts and scenic inland beauty.

**Reunion** - a piece of rural France floating in the middle of the Indian Ocean, with its volcanoes, mountain peaks and hiking trails, thermal spas, trout fishing villages - France's best kept secret.

**Seychelles** - renown for its birdlife and scuba diving experiences



These islands are readily accessible from southern or central Africa, and make an ideal break after your African Safari, or as a destination in their own right.



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