

Multi-Country Luxury Africa Safari, Gorilla Trekking & Cape Town

Please note that all of the itineraries listed in our web site are actual private tour itineraries we have prepared for clients over the past 12-18 months. By the very nature of what we do, each private tour itinerary is custom, exclusive and unique unto itself. Our over-riding goal is to create lifelong memories that you and your family will forever carry deep within your hearts.

Overview

Our comprehensive luxury African safari has everything you could ever dream of! With a meticulously constructed conservation program, the UNESCO World Heritage Site of the Okavango Delta in Botswana is perhaps the best region in Africa to see the likes of African bush elephants, black and white Rhinos, spotted hyenas, and African wild dog to name a few! Sanctuary Sussi & Chuma’s unique location on the Zambezi River allows for ample wildlife viewing, fishing, and, of course, a hike or helicopter fly-over at the stunning Victoria Falls. The Rwandan highlands provide the most intimate close-up with the wild: the gorillas of Rwanda. Also visit Namibia, an excellent juxtaposition to Botswana, having the oldest desert on the planet. Such an expansive landscape, Namibia is a kaleidoscope of environments from the white salt pans of Etosha, red dunes of Sossuvlei, and isolated beaches of the Skeleton Coast. Cap your trip off in Cape Town, which we consider to be the most picturesque city in all of Africa, due to its fusion of astonishing physical beauty and an eclectic 21st-century urban lifestyle. Cape Town’s iconic Table Mountain serves a dramatic backdrop for this ethnically diverse city. An impromptu Zulu dance, the cobble-stoned streets of the Muslim Bo Kaap community, and Dutch architecture are just some cultural immersions that await you.

Best Travel Time: [Spring Summer](#)

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Day 1

Fly to Johannesburg

Through our sister company, premium air provider TRAVNET, we may assist with your international airfare, as well as with mileage points conversion.

Day 2

Arrive Johannesburg + Fly Johannesburg/Maun/Okavango Delta

Upon arrival in Johannesburg, you will be assisted in connecting to your onward flight to Maun. In Maun, you will be assisted in boarding your light aircraft to the Okavango and subsequently driven to Vumbura Plains Camp.

Vumbura Plains Camp

The Vumbura area comprises two separate satellite camps, Vumbura Plains and Little Vumbura, with Vumbura Plains being our preference. Each of Vumbura's spacious "rooms" is raised off the ground, with indoor and outdoor showers and ensuite bathrooms. Other features include a private, small plunge pool and "sala" (a place to watch the passing of wildlife of the Okavango). Don't be surprised to see elephants walking behind the tents and feeding on the trees. Each camp has its own raised lounge, dining bar, an area with truly amazing views of the Okavango Delta. This nicely designed common area is where you will mix with fellow guests and exchange your fun game drive tales! We particularly enjoy the comfortable cushions and seating of the camp deck; a perfect setting for star-gazing or the nightly campfires. Wildlife here is plentiful, including Impala, hippos, zebras, wildebeest, and crocodiles (+ amazing bird watching!). Vumbura includes morning and night game drives, using 4x4 Land Rovers. If truly adventuresome, you may also request a nature walk (accompanied by an armed guide.) Being a "wet camp" gives you ample opportunity to explore the delta via the fun mokoro (dug-out canoes). Be sure to check with camp representatives about the best fishing times and locations for bream and silver catfish!

Meals: Lunch & Dinner

Accommodations: Vumbura Plains Camp

Day 3 – 4

Wildlife Viewing at Vumbura Plains Camp

Vumbura Plains Camp offers safari experiences by land, water, and air to explore this dynamic landscape. Wildlife here is plentiful, including impala, hippos, zebras, wildebeest, and crocodiles (+ amazing bird watching!). If truly adventuresome, you may also request a nature walk (accompanied by an armed guide). Being a "wet camp" gives you ample opportunity to explore the delta via the fun mokoro (dug-out canoes). Based on its location on the extreme northern area of the Okavango, Vumbura may offer the widest range of habitats and species, with a chance of observing just about every animal occupying the Okavango Delta.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodations: Vumbura Plains Camp

Day 5

Fly Okavango Delta/Moremi Game Reserve

Following breakfast and, time permitting, one last wildlife drive at Vumbura, you will be transferred to the airstrip for your light aircraft flight to Sanctuary Chief's Camp in the Moremi Game Reserve.

Sanctuary Chief's Camp

Chief's Camp is yet another example of the many luxury safari camps to choose from in the predator-rich Okavango Delta. Set in the Moremi Game Reserve, Chief's Camp is made up of 101,500 sq. feet of luxury bush pavilions and one suite, all with private decks with plunge pools, as well as indoor and outdoor showers (using the outdoor showers in this remote, pristine environment is truly exhilarating!) We particularly like the pavilion's polished teakwood floors, insect-proof netted windows and colorful batik fabrics. Other amenities include a new spa treatment room, a small pool, and picturesque dining area/observation deck. Based on the Chief's location overlooking a large lagoon on the northwest tip of Chief's Island, many mokoro (canoe/boat) game excursions are a continuing fun activity in the summer! Chief's extraordinary location and wildlife-rich Moremi Island allows for game-viewing to include all of the "Big 5" (African lions, elephants, Cape buffalo, and rhino) hence, our choice as a prime family safari site. Chief's renovation includes 10 luxury bush pavilions (in effect like small cottages), all with private terrace plunge pools, 462 sq. feet!

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodations: Sanctuary Chief's Camp

Day 6 – 7

Wildlife Viewing at Chief's Camp

Expert guides will share their extensive wildlife knowledge while providing you with the awe-inspiring opportunity to view roaming lions, antelope, zebras, buffalo, and wild dogs. You will even get to enjoy a scenic helicopter ride over the Moremi Game Reserve!

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodations: Sanctuary Chief's Camp

Day 8

Fly Moremi Game Reserve/Kasane + Transfer to Livingstone

Following breakfast and, time permitting, one last wildlife drive at Chief's, you will be transferred to the airstrip for your light aircraft flight to Maun. In Maun, you will be assisted with boarding your short flight to Kasane. Upon arrival, you will be privately transferred to Sanctuary Sussi & Chuma, located on the Zambezi River in Zambia!

Sanctuary Sussi & Chuma

Reopened in April 2018 following a complete renovation and refurbishment, this camp is named after Dr. Livingstone's loyal servants who carried his body to the British authorities in eastern Tanzania following his death. Though we also like the 5-star Royal Chundu further down the river, we feel Sussi & Chuma offers a more authentic Africa river/safari experience versus the more Western-style Royal Chundu. Comprised of 12 thatched treehouse luxury villas, the lodge is nestled on a 90° bend along the historic Zambezi River, eight miles upstream from Victoria Falls. All the villa treehouses are designed in an open-style plan, including air conditioning, very nice soaking baths, glass-enclosed walk-in showers, and colorful local tribal artwork. Though

small, Sussi's river-edge pool offers a wonderful Zambezi picture. In addition to amazing food and personal service, the list of fun activities is impressive: walking safaris, wildlife drives, canoeing, private catch-and-release fishing on the Zambezi (March through November), and, of course, Victoria Falls! We feel the "Flight of Angels" helicopter ride over the Falls is a truly unique experience. Sussi & Chuma's special location on the Zambezi makes it a perfect geographic contrast to the semi-arid landscape and wildlife of the Okavango Delta.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodations: Sanctuary Sussi & Chuma

Day 9 – 10

Activities at Sussi & Chuma

Our favorite activity here is a combination of a hike to Victoria Falls with a walk across the bridge, followed by a helicopter ride over the magnificent falls to capture a view unlike any other. Other activities here include wildlife drives and walking safaris, as well as canoeing and fishing on the Zambezi River! The fishing season here is from March to December. If interested in a community visit, you may see the local village of Nakantindi. In particular, we love the [Chipego Bike Shop](#) that provides bicycles and mechanical support for local healthcare workers, students, and the surrounding community.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodations: Sanctuary Sussi & Chuma

Day 11

Fly Livingstone/Johannesburg/Kigali + Private Transfer to Volcanoes National Park

Today you will be transferred to Livingstone for your flight to Kigali, with a connection in Johannesburg. Upon arrival in Kigali, privately transferred to the outskirts of Volcanoes National Park for check-in at Bisate Lodge, Singita Kwitonda Lodge, or One&Only Gorilla's Nest — our three favorite options in the area! The remainder of your day will be free to enjoy the lodge and prepare for your upcoming days of gorilla trekking.

Bisate Lodge

Situated close to park headquarters, convenient for your morning gorilla trek rendezvous, the Bistate property covers 103 acres. Due to its location within the amphitheater of an eroded volcanic cone, the main areas and villas are perched atop the raised elevation of the slopes of Mount Bisoke (12,175 feet), though often shrouded. Based on Bisate's restorative conservation projects and real local engagement, the lodge has become woven into the local community. During the lodge's building phase, an amazing 15,000 trees were planted, with more being planted each week to promote reforestation. As part of your stay here, you are encouraged to plant a tree in the lodge's nursery before your departure. With only six suites (each one being 980 square feet), Bistate is one of Africa's most exclusive luxury eco-lodges. Each suite includes an indoor shower, bath, and fireplace (nice on chilly nights!). The main lounge dining area and bar is the perfect place to meet and reflect on your day's gorilla experience. The in-villa massage treatments are a great way to relax after a day of trekking!

Singita Kwitonda Lodge

Though we love the six-suite Bisate Lodge in Rwanda, we are excited about the August 2019 opening of the luxury Singita Kwitonda Lodge. Based on the high demand for high-touch, luxury Rwanda lodges, it is a welcome addition! Singita Kwitonda is set on 178 acres of picturesque land, right on the edge of Rwanda's

Volcanoes National Park. More than half of the world's endangered mountain gorilla's live in the high-altitude dense cloud forests. Using local materials, the Singita Kwitonda is built with volcanic rocks, river stone, handmade ceramic tiles, and oven-red clay bricks all connecting the structure to landscape and culture. The lodge is set up with a central hub, that includes both indoor and outdoor living spaces, featuring lounges, dining areas, an outdoor fire pit, interactive kitchen, bar, deli, and wine cellar. The Lodge's eight suites (seven one-bedroom and one two-bedroom) and a four-bedroom villa, Kataza House that sleeps eight, are off the main lodge via a network of volcanic rick pathways. The accommodations offer indoor/outdoor baths and showers, fireplaces, plunge pools, and verandas. Carefully designed interiors are curated with a focus on handcrafted pieces like woven panels, handmade tiles, and clad feature pots.

One&Only Gorilla's Nest

Located in the foothills of the Virunga Volcano range, we are excited about the October 2019 opening of the luxury One&Only's Gorilla's Nest Lodge. With 21 rooms and suites, it is much more conducive to larger family groups interested in the intimate gorilla trekking experience! Each room/suite includes an indoor shower, bath, air-conditioning, gas fireplace, TV, and covered outdoor terrace areas. Other amenities include a main lounge, dining area, bar, as well as a luxurious spa! Though we only have artist renderings at the moment, we are excited to see the finished product!

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodations: Bisate Lodge, Singita Kwitonda Lodge, or One&Only Gorilla's Nest

Day 12 – 13

Gorilla Trekking in Volcanoes National Park

Please note that all members of your party must be 15-years-old or older to participate in gorilla trekking. In order to ensure a low-human impact on these extraordinary creatures, only 80 gorilla permits are issued daily and you are guaranteed one hour with a gorilla family. After breakfast, you will be driven to the park offices where you will meet your gorilla tracking group. With a maximum number of eight people per group, this is a personal and sublime experience. To learn more about this incredible encounter, see our blog post [here](#).

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodations: Bisate Lodge, Singita Kwitonda Lodge, or One&Only Gorilla's Nest

Day 14

Fly Kigali/Windhoek/Skeleton Coast

Today you will be privately transferred to Kigali for your flight to Windhoek. Upon arrival in Windhoek, you will be assisted in connecting to your light aircraft flight to the Skeleton Coast. Upon arrival, a camp representative will transfer you to Hoanib Skeleton Coast Camp.

Hoanib Skeleton Coast Camp

Similar to the relatively small Bisate Lodge in Rwanda, availability at the luxury 7-suite Hoanib Camp on the Skeleton Coast of Namibia is limited and must be requested at least one year in advance. Set in a private concession area, the stark desert landscape here us an otherworldly contrast from Zambia and Rwanda. It is truly a wonderful experience to see elephants, lions, giraffe, and hyena roaming the dunes of this arid environment. Another big plus is its relatively short distance from Namibia's shoreline, dotted with Cape fur seal colonies! Based on the area's limited rainfall, Hoanib Camp is a year-round destination, although the local

guides feel March to May offers the most idyllic conditions for lush, game-viewing. With no Wi-Fi here, this is a place where you're temporarily off the grid!

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodations: Hoanib Skeleton Coast Camp

Day 15 – 17

Skeleton Coast Wildlife Drives & Excursions

While here, you may visit the shoreline, where you will see seals and sea lions, shipwrecks overtaken by the desert coast, and various flora and fauna. Witnessing these specialized desert animals, including elephant herds, lions, giraffe, antelope, and brown hyena, is a special experience. With almost uninhabitable conditions for humans here, you will have the opportunity to see life where only the hardest species live.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Accommodations: Hoanib Skeleton Coast Camp

Day 18

Fly Skeleton Coast/Windhoek/Cape Town

Today you will leave this remote location, flying on a light aircraft from the Skeleton Coast to Windhoek, where you will be assisted in connecting to your flight to Cape Town. Upon arrival at Cape Town International Airport, you will be welcomed by our local representative and privately transferred to the Cape Grace Hotel.

Cape Grace Hotel

This 120-room luxury property has been our favorite hotel in Cape Town for quite some time, with much positive client feedback. Cape Grace is located on a private yacht basin on the city's Victoria/Alfred waterfront. The rooms here are particularly large, with each room decorated with Cape Dutch antiques and man-made fabrics. We particularly enjoyed the library with its warm, open fireplace, nice 45-foot outdoor pool and a very lovely spa (with panoramic views!).

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Cape Grace Hotel

Day 19

Robben Island & Table Mountain Excursion

Your day will begin with a 25-minute ride from the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront to the world UNESCO site of Robben Island, which served as a prison for 450 years. You will then tour the Atlantic seaboard along Camp's Bay to Table Mountain. A cable car ride to the summit of Table Mountain will lead you to a spectacular view of Cape Town.

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch

Accommodations: Cape Grace Hotel

Day 20

Cape Point Peninsula Private Tour

Following breakfast at Cape Grace, you will be met by your local guide and driver for a full-day tour of Cape Point, located on the south-western tip of the African continent. Notwithstanding our many world travels, we feel Cape Point offers some of the most spectacular ocean/mountain sceneries in the world. Traveling through the Cape of Good Hope Reserve you may see zebras, elands, bonteboks, and jackass penguins. As you travel back to Cape Town via Simon's Town, you may opt to stop at the National Botanic Garden, recently voted one of the top ten gardens in the world (by curators of Kew Gardens in London!).

For families we recommend local township biking tours through Khayelitsha or Masiphumelele or a day of hiking at Lion's Head.

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch

Accommodations: Cape Grace Hotel

Day 21

Private Transfer Cape Town/Franschhoek

With its deep, rich Dutch legacy and strong French influence, the Franschhoek Winelands area is widely regarded as one of the world's foremost areas for food and wine.

Le Quartier Français Hotel

Our friends in Cape Town really love this place. Le Quartier will give you a quiet, luxurious contrast to the hustle and bustle of Cape Town. With only seventeen total rooms (suites) and located in Franschhoek, the gourmet capital of South Africa, we have no doubt you will enjoy your two-night stay here. This is a bucolic, beautiful setting. Golf courses and other sporting facilities are close by and the area has an abundance of vineyards, wine cellars, galleries, and country shops — not to mention exquisite forests and valleys. The hotel will gladly pack a superb picnic basket should you wish to make a day of exploring the area.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Le Quartier Français Hotel

Day 22

Franschhoek Winelands Private Excursion

Today, you will have a full-day of discretionary use of your local guide and driver to explore the Winelands area. Among our favorite stops are Vergelegen Estate and its historic manor house; the picturesque historic town of Stellenbosch; Aura Estates, home of hand-crafted, award-winning Forest Hill cheeses; and Le Quartier Français, a quiet and exclusive boutique hotel, winery, and wellness spa! Please note, if interested, an overnight stay at Le Quartier Français Hotel can be arranged this evening.

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch

Accommodations: Le Quartier Français Hotel



Day 23

Private Transfer Franschhoek/Cape Town + Fly Cape Town/Home

Following breakfast at Le Quartier Français, you will be privately transferred to the Cape Town International Airport for your flight home.

Meals: Breakfast