

# Sara's Signature Safaris

## Ultimate Sourcebook Southern Africa

Botswana - Zimbabwe - Zambia  
Namibia - Mozambique - Malawi - South Africa



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The Ultimate Sourcebook  
for the  
Safari Enthusiast



Southern Africa Edition 2026

My recommendations for the best safari  
guides and camps in the business from my  
own personal experience.

travel with a legend...

## *Southern Africa Map*



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# Preface

This book is important to me to ensure that you have the very best safari experience. It is of the utmost importance to have the best camp and guides to enhance your safari.

Over the years that I have spent in travel, about forty-five dare I say, one of the things I have learned is that a good guide is essential to your overall safari experience hence the reason this book was born.

*My source books...*

**East Africa:** Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda, Uganda

**Southern Africa:** Botswana, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Namibia, Mozambique, Malawi, South Africa

They all cover my personal favorite camps and guides that I have come across in my travels.



My history of travel goes way back. As the saying goes “where there’s a will there’s a way.”

As a child my father regaled me with stories of the Dark Continent inhabited by wild animals and colorful people, places with strange sounding names; Kalahari, Okavango Delta, Gabarone. He told tales of journeys from Cairo to the Cape. The exotic animals and brightly plumaged birds filled my imagination, I was enthralled.



My dream came to life after I joined BOAC as a (multi lingual) stewardess, this was my ticket to the world and Africa was high on the long list of places I wanted to go. The journey began and I never looked back, in fact I married a foreign correspondent Frank Kearns of CBS News who was an African expert. After several safaris and many miles of global travel I am doing what I love best, sharing my travel experiences with you.

Thus in 2009 my business was born.

“ Travels with Sara ”



## What to Expect

Before my first trip I was deluged with information, brochures, pamphlets, packing lists....

Would we really be sleeping in tents? Flying in single engine planes and landing on grass fields / strips? It was all a bit daunting. As it turned out, nothing prepared me fully for the actual experience.



**You'll get close to the animals...really close!!**

Sometimes you will be mere feet away from elephants, zebras, lions and other game. That's what a safari is all about. **Under any circumstances, do not get out of your safari vehicle unless told to do so.**

The animals won't like it..neither will your guide.



**You don't need to bring a lot of anything.....**

You need very little, my advice is to take half of what is suggested. The size of the bag I take (pictured) is 20x10x8 and still in use today, plus a back pack.



Travels with Sara has been making dreams come true since 2009. Since then my company has evolved into a more specialized bespoke safari experience which are offered by...



SARA'S SIGNATURE SAFARIS

"Tell me your dreams and I will make them come true!"

If you are wanting the hand held experience, as my name implies, I accompany my guests. I go the extra mile to ensure that every detail is taken care of from meet and greet plane side, help with arrival formalities, private vehicle, transfers for internal flights, local guides to welcome you at air strip and drive to camp. I leave no stone unturned.

Safaris are perceived as trips of a lifetime and they are! Do not under estimate the power of such a trip. They are addictive! For those of you looking for an awesome family vacation go on safari, your children will thank you.

## An ideal safari is up to you and your wallet.....

I specialize in giving excellent value for money. My truthful answer on cost... It depends if you want simple or over the top luxury. Somewhere in-between a realistic budget starting at \$900 per person per day will give you an excellent safari experience (hotels, transfers, internal air, camps, park fees and taxes). Extras; excursions, insurance, tips and visas.

### *Suggested Safari tipping per person/per day*

Camp Tip Box: \$15+

Guide pay personally: \$20+

If present Tracker paid by guide: \$5+

*All \$\$ must be crisp, clean, undamaged and series dated 2017 or newer or they will not be accepted. Bring small bills.*



All camps are inclusive of: Meals (all fresh), drinks, sundowners, bush walks, game drives, laundry and basic toiletries.

For those wanting to really open up the wallet, a private professional guide, starting at \$1,000 per day, is the ultimate safari extra.

In my opinion, to have the best experience and value is to stay put. Use one camp, a superb guide and a private vehicle... go slowly and enjoy!!

A safari can be planned months out or last minute. With my excellent connections anything is possible.

# Packing Ideas

You need to limit the weight of your luggage to 30 pounds (15 kg) and use a soft-sided duffel bag. Be prepared to pay if you have excess weight.

Please use cotton/linen in earthy tones for game drives. Bright colors are fine in camp. Laundry is done daily at camp (except undies). Wear your walking/hiking shoes on the plane and layer as much as you can to save space in your bag.



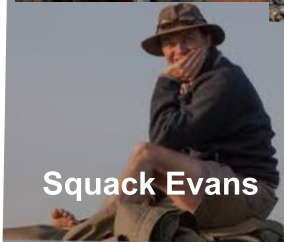
- Long Pants, Shorts Cargo (lots of pockets)
- Long and Short Sleeved Shirts
- Summer Dress, Skirt,
- Shawl, Wrap, Scarf, Cotton Bandana
- Binoculars 8 x 30 or better (Vortex Harness)
- Sox (not white), Underwear
- Sandals, Flip-flops, Walking/Hiking Shoes
- Sun Hat, Baseball Cap
- Sunscreen, Lip Balm, Sunglasses
- Swimsuit, Sarong, Kikoi
- Camera Equipment
- Mobile Phone Charger
- Fleece, Rain Jacket, Gloves
- Something smarter for dinner in the evening
- Universal Plug Converter (3 pin round)
- Malaria Pills (Malarone if needed)
- Personal Toiletries

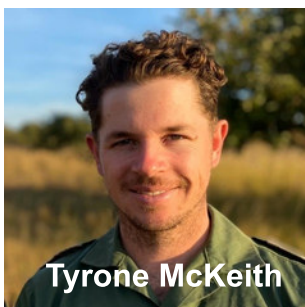
*Camp provides soap, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, bug spray, umbrella and first aid kit.*

# Guides are the ❤️ of your safari !!

My personal affiliation with the camps, owners, and guides will be the key to your successful safari. All guides are very knowledgeable, well trained and held in the highest regard.

For those wanting an elevated experience, listed are some private guides that I would recommend to give you the ultimate safari adventure!!





**Tyrone McKeith**



**Vundi  
Kashamba**



**Grant Cummings**



**Andy Biggs**

To learn more about  
having a private guide  
joining your safari,  
visit...



**AFRICAN  
PRIVATE GUIDES  
NETWORK**

*[africanprivateguidesnetwork.com](http://africanprivateguidesnetwork.com)*



# How to get to Southern Africa

Easiest way from the United States...

Direct via Cape Town or Johannesburg on  
**United** from **Newark** or **Delta** from **Atlanta**.

Direct from JFK to Nairobi on **Kenya Airways** connect  
to Victoria Falls, Cape Town or Johannesburg.

Then onto your final destination with local air service.



**Kenya Airways**



On arrival you would connect to the local air service  
(Airlink, Federal Airlines, Mackair, Pro Flight, Scenic  
Air or Wilderness Air and go directly to camp.



**AIRLINK**



**WILDERNESS**  
AIR



**federal Airlines**



## Foreward...

**Endorsed by Sarah Kingdom,  
Travel Writer and Zambian Native..**



In 2011, five African countries recognized the value of protecting these animals and the areas they lived in for the good of the wildlife, but also to benefit communities that rely on tourism as a source of income. **Angola, Botswana, Namibia, Zambia, and Zimbabwe** banded together to establish the **Kavango Zambezi Trans-Frontier Conservation Area or KAZA** to conserve these wild expanses, protect wildlife, promote tourism, and improve the well-being of local communities. At 200,000 square miles, this is the largest wildlife conservation area in the world. It is enormous; nearly the size of Texas.

**KAZA** includes 36 protected areas, game reserves, forest reserves, game management areas, communal lands, and conservation and tourism concessions.

Probably the best known spots are **Botswana's Chobe National Park, Zimbabwe's Hwange National Park, Zambia's Kafue National Park**, and of course, the jewels in the KAZA crown: the 5-million-acre **Okavango Delta** and the awe-inspiring **Victoria Falls**, one of the seven natural wonders of the world and a World Heritage Site.

**KAZA** is also home to the greatest concentration of free-roaming elephants anywhere.

Only recently recognized **Bwabwata National Park** and **Kabulabula Conservancy** in the Caprivi area of Namibia were established to rehabilitate local wildlife. These areas border the Okavango River to the west, Angola to the north, the Kwando River to the east, and Botswana to the south. Prior to the signing of the Angolan Civil War ceasefire in 2002, this area was rarely visited and wildlife populations had been virtually wiped out by rampant poaching. The wildlife is now making a slow but spectacular comeback. Bwabwata is a bird lover's paradise an area supporting threatened and endangered bird species.



# About Botswana

Twice the size of Arizona, Botswana is in south-central Africa, bounded by Namibia, Zambia, Zimbabwe and South Africa. In the northern part of Botswana, four countries (Zambia, Botswana, Zimbabwe, and Namibia) meet at a single point mid-stream of the Zambezi River. Most of the country is near-desert, with the Kalahari occupying the western part of the country.

Northwest has the beautiful rock paintings by San Bushmen Tribe in Tsodilo Hills. Botswana is physically beautiful. Very different from the expansive savannahs of East Africa.

The Okavango Delta is the largest inland delta in the world, which provides habitat for prolific wildlife. The Makgadikgadi Pans "Home of the famous Zebra migration" covers over 16,000 square kilometers. This area is considered the largest collection of salt pans in the world.



# Botswana Map



Botswana has Africa's highest concentration of elephants home to approximately 130,451.

Kalahari Desert occupies over 70%.

The Okavango Delta is one of the seven natural wonders of the world.

Botswana is one of the largest producer of diamonds.  
They produce 40 million carats in a year.

Makgadikgadi Pan (dry lake bed) is the largest in the world. The pan is situated in an area that was once covered by the massive Lake Makgadikgadi.

# Botswana Hotels

Ker & Downey - Grays Eden (Maun)  
Pangolin Chobe River Hotel  
Thamalakane River Lodge (Maun)



# What to do in Botswana

Tsodilo Hills - Rock Art  
Mokoro's  
Okavango Delta  
Horseback Riding  
House Boats Chobe River  
Helicopter Horizons  
San Bushman





# Botswana Delta Map & Camps



## Central Kalahari Game Reserve

Ker & Downey

Dinaka

## Chobe National Park

Desert & Delta  
Machaba  
Pangolin Photo

Chobe Game Lodge  
Ngoma Safari Lodge  
Voyager Houseboat

## **Kwhai Reserve**

Natural Selection      Little Sable, Sable Alley

## **Makgadikgadi Pans Game Reserve**

Desert & Delta      Leroo La Tau  
Natural Selection      Meno a Kwena, Jacks Camp  
The Lands      Moela Lodge (Boteti River),  
David Dugmore      Molapo Private

## **Okavango Delta**

African Bush Camps      Linyanti Bush & Ebony,  
Khwai Leadwood, Atzaró  
Okavango, Lediba

Belmond      Eagle Island Lodge, Khwai  
River Lodge, Savute Elephant

Great Plains      Duba Plains, Zarafa, Selinda,  
Sitatunga

Ker & Downey      Shinde, Okuti, Kanana

Machaba      Machaba Camp, Little  
Machaba, Gomoti Plains, Kiri,  
Monachira

Natural Selection      Tuludi, Dukes, North Island

Wilderness Safaris      Vumbura, Duma Tau, Kwetsani,  
Chitabe, Tubu Tree, Mokete,  
Kings Pool, Mombo,  
Little Mombo

Mobile Camp      Barclay Stenner,  
Golden Africa Safaris

# Zimbabwe "A World of Wonders"



Remember Cecil the Lion? Hwange Park was his home, which is one of the most famous, largest national parks. His progeny still populates the park.

Mana Pools another great national park is located on the banks of the Zambezi River.

It is a landlocked country in southern Africa known for its dramatic landscape and diverse wildlife, much of it within parks, reserves and safari areas. It shares Victoria Falls with its neighbor Zambia.

World Heritage Site of the Matobo Hills, the oldest National Park in Zimbabwe, tucked away into an ancient Bushman's shelter. The granite domes and castle kopjes echo the essence of tranquility and majesty of untamed Africa. Home to spectacular rock art. Also home of the Great Zimbabwe Ruins.



# Zimbabwe Map



Zimbabwe has the most languages 16 and holds a Guinness World Record (Chewa, Chibarwe, English, Kalanga, Koisan, Nambya, Ndaou, Ndebele, Shangani, Shona, Sotho, Tonga, Tswana, Venda & Xhosa.)

Lake Kariba is the world's largest man-made lake.  
Located between Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Zimbabwe has the highest concentration of rock art. It was drawn by the inhabitants of the land and shows their way of life. The oldest rock paintings date back 7000 yrs. Home to the San people.



# Zimbabwe Hotels

## Harare

The Meikles Hotel

## Victoria Falls

Bayete Collection

Matetsi Lodge

Mbano Manor hotel

Mpala Jena Camp

Palm River Hotel

Pioneers Lodge

Victoria Falls Hotel



# What to do in Zimbabwe

Victoria Falls

Dusty Road (*local cuisine*)

Bungee Jumping off Vic Falls

White Water Rafting

Ra-Ikane River Sunset Cruise

Horseback Riding

House Boats Lake Kariba

Zip Lines

Helicopter over Falls

Tiger Fishing

Matobo Hills

(*Rock Art and grave of Cecil Rhodes*)



# Zimbabwe National Parks & Camps



## Hwange

African Bush Camps

Amalinda

Ross Kennedy

Ian Batchelor

Kaz Dube

Machaba Safaris

Mutondo Safaris

Wilderness Safaris

Somalisa

Khulu Bush, Ivory Lodge,  
Sable Lodge

The Hide

Daka Plains

Kennedy Camp

Verney's, Deteema  
Springs, Ingwe Pan,  
Robins Camp

Camp Chitubu

Davisons, Little Makalolo,  
Linkwasha

## **Gonarezhou / Malilangwe**

Singita

Pamushana Lodge

## **Mana Pools**

African Bush Camps  
Machaba  
Stretch Ferreira  
Wilderness Safari

Nyamatusi, Kanga  
Mana River Camp  
Goliath Camp  
Ruckomechi

## **Matobo**

African Bush Camps  
Amalinda

Khayelitshe House  
Amalinda Lodge

## **Matusadona**

African Bush Camps  
Preston & Higgins  
Robyn Whaley

Bumi Hills Kariba  
Changa Safari Camp  
Fothergill Island

## **Sapi Reserve**

Great Plains

Tembo Plains



# About Zambia

The connoisseurs choice for legendary African walking safaris, boasting the North and South Luangwa Parks “awe-inspiring natural wonders” an abundance of wildlife and huge bodies of water with vast open spaces. On its border with Zimbabwe is famed Victoria Falls and Devils Pool. Zambia has an aura that is undiscovered.

You will find one of Africa's largest wetlands the Bangweulu which is part of the Congo River system. On the Zambezi River lies the Barotse Floodplain, which is home to around 250,000 people. They live in huts on small islands right on the river. With the arrival of the annual floods in spring, these people move to new homes as their original ones end up underwater. The move is accompanied by a traditional ceremony called Kuomboka.



# Zambia Map



Zambia is a completely landlocked country surrounded by seven countries: Democratic Republic of the Congo, Tanzania, Malawi, Mozambique, Angola, Namibia and Zimbabwe.

The traditional name for Victoria Falls is Mosi-oa-Tunya means the 'Smoke that Thunders'. It's 108 meters in height. Almost double the height of Niagara Falls in Canada.

Zambia's main export is copper. They produce around 1.5 million tons a year.

Zambia was named after the the 4th longest river in Africa the Zambezi after the Nile, Congo, & Niger.

Termite hills can grow as big as a small house!!

# Zambia Hotels / Camps

Lusaka (capital)

Latitude 15°

Radisson

Livingstone (Victoria Falls)

The Royal Livingstone

Thorntree River Lodge (*African Bush Camp*)

Tongabezi (*Green Safaris*)

Chundukwa River Lodge (*riding*) (*Kleinschmidts*)

Royal Chundu Lodge (*Tina Aponte*)

Toka Leya (*Wilderness*)



# What to do in Zambia

Victoria Falls

Original home of Walking Safaris

Horseback Riding

Devils Pool



# Zambia National Parks & Camps



## Busanga Plains in North Kafue

|                |        |
|----------------|--------|
| Classic Zambia | Ntemwa |
| Green Safaris  | Chisa  |
| Wilderness     | Shumba |

## Kafue

|                |                  |
|----------------|------------------|
| Andrea Porro   | Konkamoya        |
| Classic Zambia | Musekese         |
| Green Safaris  | Ila Safari Lodge |

## Liuwa

|                |                     |
|----------------|---------------------|
| Classic Zambia | Liuwa Plains Mobile |
| Ker & Downey   | King Lewanika Lodge |

## Lower Zambezi

Africa Bush Camps

Classic Zambia

Cumings Family

Time + Tide

Green Safaris

Lolebezi Camp

Chula Island, Kutali

Presidential Chichele Lodge,  
Chiawa, Old Mondoro,  
Puku Ridge

Chongwe House

Sausage Tree, Potato Bush

## South Luangwa

Ade, Jess, Paolo

Bushcamp Company

Time + Tide

Robin Pope Safaris

Flat Dogs

Mfuwe, Kuyenda,  
Chamilandu, Chindeni,  
Bilimungwe, Kapamba,  
Zungulila

Chinzombo, Kakuli,  
Mchenja, Luwi, Nsolo

Tena Tena, Robin's House,  
Nsefu, Luangwa River Camp



# About Namibia

Namibia is one of the most fascinating and diverse countries, distinguished by the oldest desert in the world (the Namib) along its Atlantic Ocean coast (skeleton coast). This country has an excellent road system perfect for self drive. It is also home of the Himba and Herero tribes.

Namibia is world famous for the highest dunes in the world Sossusvlei and Etosha Salt Pan National Park, one of the world's greatest conservation areas. Fish River Canyon is second to the Grand Canyon.

The country is home to diverse wildlife, including a significant cheetah population and desert adapted animals (elephant, lion, giraffe, and oryx).

The capital, Windhoek, and coastal town Swakopmund have strong German connections.



**Explore Namibia**

# Namibia Map



Pictured below is the sand dunes of Sossusvlei.



# Namibian Hotels



Zannier Omaanda Hotel  
Located just outside Windhoek

## What to do in Namibia

Sossusvlei Dunes  
Etosha National Park  
Himba Tribe  
Damaraland  
Namib Desert  
Herrero People  
Caprivi Strip  
Skeleton Coast  
Fish River Canyon  
Twyfelfontein Rock Art  
Flip Stander (Lion Specialist)  
Ongava Rhino conservation





# Namibia National Parks & Camps



## Caprivi Strip

Desert & Delta

Mantis

Wild Waters

Chobe Savanna Lodge

Ichingo Chobe River Lodge

Serondela

## Damaraland

Wilderness

Damaraland Camp

Desert Rhino

Doro Nawa

## **Etosha**

Ongava Tented Camp

Onguma Camps

Anderson's Camp



## **Namib (Sossusvlei)**

Natural Selection      Kwessi Dunes

Wilderness              Little Kulala  
                                 Kulala Desert Lodge

Zannier Hotels        Zannier Sonop

Wolwedans            Dune Camp

## **Skeleton Coast (Kaokoland)**

Natural Selection      Hoanib Valley Camp  
                                 Shipwreck Lodge

Wilderness              Hoanib Skeleton Coast  
                                 Serra Cafema



# About Mozambique

Mozambique is a fascinating melting-pot of Portuguese, African and Arabian influences and is well known for its vast tropical coastline. The country has everything from busy African cities, vast tracts of remote wilderness, bustling food markets, and pristine beaches...

Often, Mozambique is overlooked in place of Zanzibar and the glitzy beaches of Mauritius and the Seychelles for that much-needed R&R. I am here to dispel the rumors that Mozambique is harder to get to and even harder to travel in, and give you some advice on where to go and how to get there.

Mozambique is best known for its **beautiful, undeveloped beaches and its rich culture**, blending historical influences with modern life. It also has a burgeoning tourism industry, with attractions like Gorongosa National Park and the Quirimbas Archipelago drawing visitors. In addition, Mozambique is famous for its unique food, including LM prawns and peri-peri sauce.

Mozambique is a southern African nation whose long Indian Ocean coastline is dotted with popular beaches like Tofo, as well as offshore marine parks. In the Quirimbas Archipelago, a 250km stretch of coral islands, mangrove-covered Ibo Island has colonial-era ruins surviving from a period of Portuguese rule. The Bazaruto Archipelago farther south has reefs which protect rare marine life including dugongs.



# Map



# How to get to Mozambique



To get to Pemba via **Safari Air**...

Beira (BEW) to Gorongosa (CHTG)  
3 x week M.W.F. Connects with Airlink

or

Beira (BEW) - Vilanculos (VNX)  
2 x week. M.W



**AIRLINK** daily flights..

Johannesburg (JNB) to Beira (BEW)

Beira (BEW) to Johannesburg (JNB)

Johannesburg (JNB) to Vilanculos (VNX)

Vilanculos (VNX) to Johannesburg (JNB)

# Flight Map

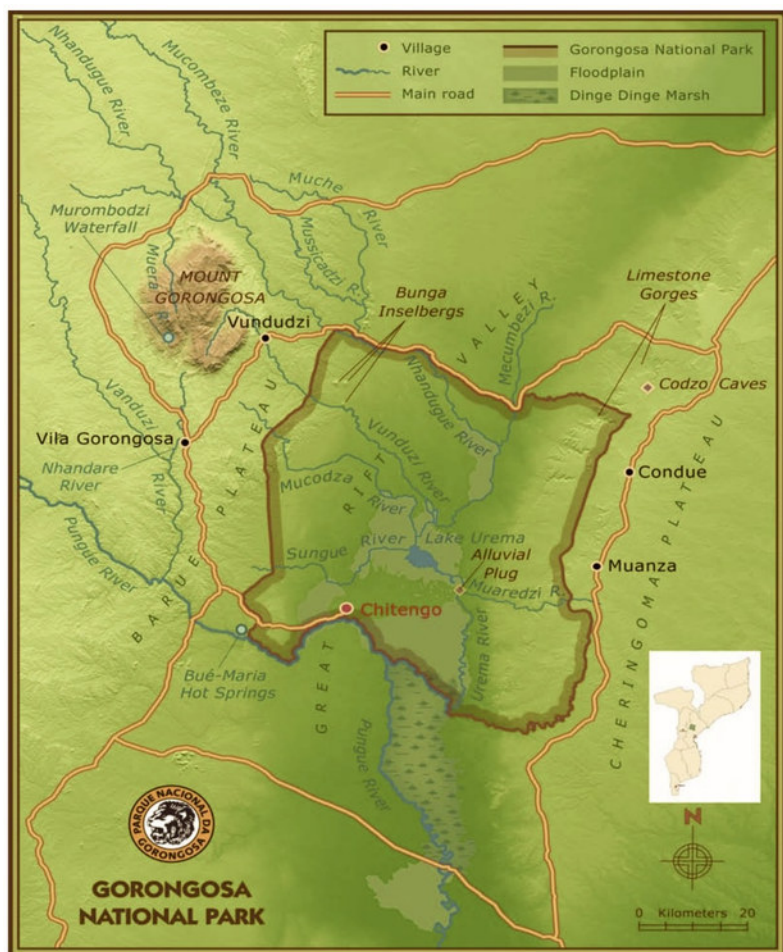


# Gorongosa National Park

There is no other place on earth like Gorongosa.

Here you immerse yourself in 'Africa's greatest restoration story', and renew your faith in both nature and humanity. At the same time, Gorongosa stands as a beacon of hope for Mozambique's future.

Despite recent political challenges, the park's success reflects the resilience, potential, and positive trajectory of this beautiful nation.



## Where to Stay

Guests can choose between a stay at the classic **Muzimu Lodge** or the immersive seasonal **Chicari Camp**.

For the more adventurous, the **Mount Gorongosa Community Camp** offers an exclusive fly-camp experience, allowing nature enthusiasts to explore the park's remarkable biodiversity while connecting with local communities.



The restoration of Gorongosa National Park in Mozambique is nothing short of miraculous, thanks to the dedication of American philanthropist Greg Carr. Once ravaged by civil war, the park's ecosystems and wildlife populations were nearly decimated. Since 2008, Carr has partnered with the Mozambican government to rebuild Gorongosa as a haven for biodiversity and a model of sustainable development.

Today, by staying at the Gorongosa Safaris camps, guests are immersed in a thriving and exceptionally diverse ecosystem, from savannas and riverine forests to wetlands and the towering Mount Gorongosa.

# Islands off Mozambique



The Jewel of Mozambique is its many islands just off its east coast. Bengueria and Bazaruto are two large islands off the southern coast, and are breath-taking pristine beach destinations. The Quirimbas Archipelago consists of 32 islands and is a true paradise, offering an idyllic setting, luxurious accommodation, excellent seafood and an unforgettable island experience. Mozambique and its exquisite islands are a very easy add-on to any traditional Southern African safari - scheduled flights, private air charters, or adventurous road transfers can get you there in a quick and easy hop.

# Where to Stay in Mozambique

Anantara Resort on Bazaruto Island

Azura Resort on Benguerra Island

&Beyond on Benguerra Island

Santorini, Saudade & asDunas

Vilanculos on the mainland



# About Malawi

Malawi is known for its friendly and welcoming people, earning it the nickname

"The Warm Heart of Africa"

The capital of Malawi is Lilongwe, while Blantyre is the commercial center.

It is best known for its beautiful Lake Malawi, the third-largest freshwater lake in Africa, which is also a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The lake is known for its diverse fish species, including many unique cichlids, and its calm, clear waters, making it a popular spot for swimming, diving, and snorkeling.



Fun fact.... most of the fish in your aquarium tank originated in Lake Malawi.



# Malawi Map





# Places to Stay in Malawi

## Kaya Mawa's Island Lodge on Likoma Island



Robin Pope's **Mkulumadzi Camp** located in Majete Wild Life Reserve along the Shire River and **Kuthengo Camp** located in the heart of Liwondwe NP.



The **Mvuu Camp** located in Liwondwe NP is a Caws owned property.





The islands are Malawian territory but sit entirely within Mozambique's waters. I am shocked at the lack of drama behind some strange borders and these two islands appear to be no exception. The history behind the border can be traced to the explorer, David Livingstone's explorations in the region and the establishment of the, "Universities Mission to Central Africa" Station on the Island of Likoma.

Upon reaching Lake Malawi in 1859, Livingstone named it Lake Nyasa. As the British began to colonize the African continent, they eventually claimed all of the territory surrounding the lake and named it Nyasaland. Portugal then colonized the Eastern shore of the lake. Since the British still had their mission station on Likoma Island, the islands were given to Malawi when the borders were drawn up.

Although ownership of the islands is not under dispute, the name of the lake is "Lake Malawi". Most other nearby nations prefer "Lake Nyasa". However, Nyasa basically meant "lake," the generic word not the lake's proper name. Lake Nyasa stuck but should really be translated as "Lake Lake" in other languages.

# About South Africa's Nine Provinces

"Known as the Rainbow Nation"

South Africa's nine provinces: Eastern Cape, Free State, Gauteng, KwaZulu-Natal, Limpopo, Mpumalanga, Northern Cape, North West and Western Cape.

Before 1994, South Africa had four provinces: the Transvaal and Orange Free State (Dutch), previously Boer republics, and Natal and the Cape, (British).

In 1910 these four states were united into a single country, the Union of South Africa, under British rule. This became the Republic of South Africa in 1960, under apartheid rule.

In 1996, under South Africa's new democratic constitution, the homelands were dismantled and South Africa consolidated into today's nine provinces.



Table Mountain... one of the oldest in the world over 240 million years old.



### Interesting facts...

World's longest wine route

12 official languages

Second largest continent

Cradle of Humankind

First heart transplant

World's largest diamond was found

It's smaller than you think

World's highest natural bungee jump

Fish migration can be seen from space

Sport crazy (rugby, cricket, soccer)

Home of Nelson Mandela

Largest producer of platinum, gold, diamonds

Only country in the world with three capital cities:  
*Cape Town (legislative), Pretoria (administrative),  
and Bloemfontein (judicial)*

# How to get to South Africa

Easiest way from the United States...

Non-stop on **United** from **Newark** or **Dulles** to **Johannesburg** or **Cape Town**

Non-stop on **Delta** from **Atlanta** to **Johannesburg** or **Cape Town**

Alternatively **JFK** on **Kenya Airways** via **Nairobi**



**Kenya Airways**



On arrival you would connect to the local air service...servicing the nine provinces.

**Air Link**, **BA**, **Federal Air**, **FlySafair**



# Area Hotels

## Capetown

Ellerman House  
Cape Cadogan Boutique Hotel  
The Vineyard  
Steenberg Hotel and Spa  
Mount Nelson, A Belmond Hotel  
The Dock House  
The Marly Boutique Hotel and Spa  
12 Apostles Hotel and Spa  
Cape Grace Hotel  
Palm House Boutique Hotel & Spa

## Durban

The Oyster Box Hotel

## Johannesburg

InterContinental at airport  
Saxon Hotel, Villas and Spa  
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# What to do in South Africa

Shark Cage Diving

Wine Lands

Table Mountain

The Penguin Colony

Garden Route

Games Parks

Diamond Shopping

Fly Fishing

Robben Island

Apartheid Museum

Cradle of Mankind

Soweto

Battle Fields (Natal)

Blue and Rovos Rail



# Greater Kruger National Park & Camps

The Greater Kruger National Park encompasses the renowned Kruger National Park and a collection of private game reserves located to the west of it. This vast area offers a unique safari experience with uncrowded game drives, off-road driving, night safaris, and guided walking trails, which are not allowed in the public areas of Kruger.

The Greater Kruger is made up of a group of private game reserves. The Greater Kruger is a more of an umbrella for the various private game reserves that form the unfenced protected wilderness area that lies adjacent to the Kruger Park.



## Sabi Sand Private Reserve

|                 |                                                      |
|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| More Collection | Lions Sands, Ebony, Ivory, Narina                    |
| Richard Branson | Ulusaba                                              |
| Rattray Family  | Malamala, Sable, Villa                               |
| Varty Family    | Londolozi, Varty, Tree Camp, Founders, Granite Lodge |
| Luke Bales      | Singita, Ebony, Boulders, Lebombo                    |

## Thornybush Private Reserve

|           |                              |
|-----------|------------------------------|
| Liz Biden | Royal Malewane & Masiya Camp |
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# Kruger National Park Map



# South Africa

## National Parks and Game Reserves

### Addo Elephant Park

Ian Hunter: Gorah Elephant Camp

### Karoo National Park

Sarah Tompkins Samara Karoo Reserve

### Madikwe Game Reserve

Morukura Family: Morukuru Family Lodge

The Brews Family: Madikwe Safari Lodge

### Tswalu Game Reserve

Oppenheimer: Tswalu (Loapi, Motse, Tarkuni)

### Waterberg Game Reserve (Limpopo Province)

Baber Ant: Ant's Nest

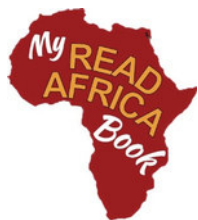


# Map



The South African Garden Route is a popular self-drive destination, offering a scenic route filled with diverse landscapes, charming towns, and various activities. It's generally considered an easy drive with well-maintained roads and light traffic, making it suitable for a variety of travelers, including families.





## Recommended Reading...

Peter C. Alden & Richard D. Estes

*"National Audubon Society Field Guide to African Wildlife"*

### **Botswana**

Peter Allison - *"Whatever You Do Don't Run"*

Alexander McCall Smith - *"The Ladies Detective Agency"*

Laurens Van der Post - *"Lost World of the Kalahari"*

### **Namibia**

Peter Joyce - *"This is Namibia"*

Rick Bass - *"Black Rhino's of Namibia"*

Flip Stander - *"Vanishing Kings"*

### **Malawi**

Bryan Mealer - *"The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind"*

William Theroux - *"The Lower River"*

## **Mozambique**

Edward O. Wilson - *"A Window on Eternity"*

Mia Couto - *"Sleepwalking Land"*

Rowan Moore Gerety - *"Go Tell the Crocodiles"*

## **South Africa**

William Boyd - *"A good Man in Africa"*

Anthony Sampson - *"Mandela"*

Alan Paton - *"Cry, the Beloved Country"*

Nelson Mandela - *"Long Walk to Freedom"*

James Hendry - *"Return to the Wild"*

## **Zambia**

Martin Dugard - *"Stanley & Livingstone"*

Joseph Schmitt - *"Under a Zambian Tree"*

## **Zimbabwe**

Alexandra Fuller - *"Don't Lets go to the Dogs Tonight"*

Katlynn Brooke - *"Tea, Scones and Malaria"*





## *Photo Tips...*

“If you’ve bought a new camera or lens, practice before you go. You won’t have time to read the manual when there’s a lion a few feet away.”

“For amateur photographers looking for a no-fuss camera, the Nikon Coolpix P900 has a staggering 83X optical zoom. It’ll take great photos in multiple situations. Don’t discount your iPhone!!! ”

“Be sure to bring spare batteries; using the vibration reduction tool to minimize the blur caused by a shaky camera eats up power.”

“If you plan on printing out your photos, be sure your camera is set to take the highest quality image – in most cases that’s either raw or .jpeg large.”

“Obey the rule of thirds. Don’t center your point of interest in the frame, be it an animal, person, mountain, or something else. This simple composition technique makes a huge difference.”

“Don’t just take close-up animal photos. Zoom in and out, show where the animal is amongst the landscape, shoot in both landscape and portrait.”

“If you’re serious about taking wildlife photos, consider renting a private game vehicle.”

“You’re on vacation, don’t pressure yourself into trying to capture a National Geographic-caliber photo. Tell a story: your trip isn’t just animals, it’s about family, lodging, its staff, the food, and the entire journey.”

# *Languages of South Africa*



Sawubona: the Zulu greeting for welcome or hello, which literally means “I see you.” Sawubona carries a weight and significance that goes far beyond the typical arrival greeting - it means “you are important, and I value you.”

Good night - ulale kahle

Thank you - siyabonga

Water - amanzi

Coffee - ikhofii

Yes - yebo

Tea - itiye

No - cha

At least thirty-five languages are spoken in South Africa, twelve of which are official languages of South Africa: Ndebele, Pedi, Sotho, South African Sign Language, Swazi, Tsonga, Tswana, Venda, Afrikaans, Xhosa, Zulu, and English, which is the primary language used in parliamentary and state discourse, though all official languages are equal.

The most common language spoken as a first language by South Africans is Zulu (23%), followed by Xhosa (16%), Afrikaans (14%) and English is the fourth most common in the country (9.6%).

## Currencies in Southern Africa...

check website **xe.com** for current exchange rates

Botswana Pula  
Malawian Kwacha  
Namibian Dollar  
Mozambique Metical  
South African Rand  
Zambian Kwacha  
Zimbabwe US Dollar

## Southern Africa Climate...

South Africa has both sub-tropical and temperate climate conditions, which are influenced by the ocean along the east and west coasts as well as the interior plateaus, bringing a cool, wet climate in the Drakensberg region, to warm, sub-tropical in the north east, and a Mediterranean climate in the south west and a warm dry desert environment in the central west and north west.

## Passport Requirements...

For all countries you will need a valid passport with **six months validity**. You must have a minimum of **THREE blank pages** in your passport.

## Southern Africa Visa Info...

The following countries require visas:  
Mozambique, Namibia and Zimbabwe

## Southern Africa Health Requirements...

It is recommended to have a yellow fever vaccination if you are coming from a country with yellow fever risk.

Words of Wisdom...



*A Knowledgeable Agent*

*Great Destination*

*Excellent Guide and Tracker*

*Tented Camp and / or Lodge*

*Open Safari Vehicle*

*Good Food*

*Comfy Bed*

All these ingredients make for an  
excellent safari experience...

"Uhambo"

## Conservation is close to my ♥

One of the most dramatic issues facing the African continent is of climate change. Wildlife in many protected areas is under threat from forest depletion, human encroachment, poaching for commercial or subsistence purposes, habitat degradation loss of migration and dispersal areas, and ever increasing human-wildlife conflicts. Below are some well known organizations that you can get involved in protecting our beloved Africa.

*Natural Selection (Botswana)*  
*Painted Dog Conservation (Zimbabwe)*  
*Dr. Flip Stander (Namibia)*  
*The Nature Conservancy (Zambia)*  
*John Laing ZPGA (Zimbabwe)*  
*Africa Parks (Zambia / Zimbabwe / Malawi)*  
*IFAW (Zambia / Zimbabwe)*  
*San Parks (South Africa)*  
*African Wildlife Foundation (Mozambique)*

## It's time to get involved!!



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