

Family Wildlife Holiday



Overview

This suggested itinerary combines a wildlife safari with relaxation time on the beach. The trip is ideal for families: it includes a 3 day safari in a malaria-free, big 5 game reserve where trained guides teach the kids bush craft skills and take youngsters out on special jungle drives. Wildlife includes lion, leopard, elephant, rhino, and wild dog amongst others. Activities on safari include game drives, bush walks, and canoeing.

Mozambique's beaches are unspoilt, and the reef colourful making this an ideal destination for snorkelling and diving. Kayaking, windsurfing and sailing are also available.

What this trip Contributes

Madikwe Game Reserve was created to protect endangered wildlife and as a job-creation scheme intended to provide a more sustainable environment for local people. The lodge in this itinerary has a Staff Trust: 25% of the company is owned by staff. The lodge also operates a number of collaboration and community projects aimed at preserving this precious environment.

Day 1

Overnight flight to Johannesburg from London

Days 2 - 5

Arrive in Johannesburg and transfer to your domestic flight to Madikwe Game Reserve, where you will transfer to Jaci's Lodge for a 3 night stay.

One of the largest reserves in South Africa, Madikwe was created to protect endangered wildlife and as a way of providing a more sustainable way of life for local people. The reserve contains lion, leopard, elephant, buffalo and rhino as well as the endangered wild dog. The area is malaria-free, making it ideal for families.

Jaci's Camp welcomes children of all ages there is a special children's safari programme aimed at 3-10 year olds. Activities in the programme include learning bush craft skills, inspector and detective trails, animal tracking, river safaris, game drives and walks all under the watchful eye of a professional guide.

On morning or evening game drives, you can expect to see Wild Dog, both Black and White Rhino, Extensive plains game, including Sable, Gemsbok, Springbok and Giraffe, as well as over 340 species of birds. There are special 'jungle drives' for children aged under 7 years. Between times you can lounge around the pool, paddle a canoe on the Marico River, lie in a hammock or sip



ice cold drinks while watching the birds, butterflies and animals at the waterhole.

Day 5

You take a return flight to Johannesburg. On arrival at Johannesburg OR Tambo International Airport, you transfer by Emperor's Palace courtesy shuttle bus from OR Tambo International airport to Mondior Concorde Hotel. An overnight stop is necessary in Johannesburg for flight connections, and we suggest 1 night at Metcourt Laurel Hotel at Emperors Palace in a deluxe family room on a bed and breakfast basis.

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Days 6 - 11

You take the courtesy shuttle transfer from Metcourt Laurel Hotel to OR Tambo International airport for Pelican Air flight to Mozambique. You will transfer by light aircraft to Indigo Bay for 5 Nights in a twin beach chalet with en suite bathroom on a full board basis including bottled water in room, tea/coffee, non-motorised watersport and park fees.

Indigo Bay is a beautiful sub-tropical island resort, situated on pristine Bazaruto Island. The crystal clear waters and protected reefs of the Bazaruto Archipelago offer some of the finest big game fishing, scuba diving and snorkelling in the world. Whilst at Indigo Bay you can be as active or leisurely as you wish. The most popular activities are scuba diving and snorkelling, however there are many other activities which include waterskiing, kite surfing and dune boarding. Massive golden sand dunes and fresh water lakes can be explored on a guided island drive, by horseback or on foot. Complimentary non-motorised watersports include kayaking, windsurfing and hobie cat sailing.

Day 11

Shuttle transfer by light aircraft from Indigo Bay to Vilanculos Airport for Pelican Air flight to Johannesburg, arriving in time to transfer to your return flight to London.

Day 12

Arrive London.

General Information

Visas

Visas are NOT required by UK citizens for South Africa. (Note that all nationalities travelling to South Africa must have 2 consecutive blank pages in their passport which lie side by side when the passport is open. Passports must also be valid for at least six months from the date of entry to South Africa. Passengers travelling to South Africa with passports that do not comply with these requirements could be refused entry. Note: Passport and visa requirements are liable to change at short notice. Travellers are advised to check their entry requirements with their embassy or consulate.

Health

The World Health Organisation (www.who.int/en/) recommends that all travellers are inoculated against diphtheria, tetanus, measles, mumps, rubella and polio as well as for hepatitis B.

Hepatitis A, malaria and typhoid are also recommended by the Centres for Disease Control & Prevention (www.cdc.gov) for travel in South Africa. All travellers should seek advice from their local GP or travel clinic for up to date advice on vaccinations and different malarial options.

Insurance

Travel insurance is compulsory for all bookings.

Electricity supply

220v, 3pin South African plug. Adaptors are required to charge cameras, etc.

Money

Currency is the South African Rand. There will be ATM's en route for guests to withdraw money.

What to bring

Binoculars, torch, walking shoes, swimming gear, plenty of high factor sunscreen, sunhat, insect repellent, camera, a day pack. Warm clothing is recommended for evenings, and a waterproof jacket. Lightweight clothing is recommended for the day. Avoid brightly coloured clothing for game viewing.

Tipping

It is normal to tip for good service in bars and restaurants in South Africa. Guests may also consider tipping their guide at their discretion.

