

Family Safari and Beach



Overview

A Safari and Beach itinerary provides the perfect variety for a combination of activity and relaxation with plenty to keep children entertained. There are a number of non malarial options for a family safari ... we will advise according to budget, journey time and length of time on safari. Lodges range from super-luxury to budget though the latter category still provides a high level of comfort and if you choose the right lodge, a fabulous experience. The super-luxury lodges offer the very best in guiding, cuisine and accommodation. Some safari lodges offer childrens programmes with activities such as jungle drives, nature walks, 'footprint identification' and bush cookery.

From South Africa, Mozambique or Mauritius are ideal beach destinations. Mozambique is the less developed, but more expensive, requiring return flights from Johannesburg if returning to Europe afterwards. The offshore Bazaruto islands are paradise: turquoise sea filled with colourful sealife and long golden sandy beaches. Diving and snorkelling here are rated amongst the best and of course there are other watersports available. Mauritius has a greater selection of accommodation to suit all budget ranges, and has direct flight routes to / from London. Beaches here are beautiful, and a range of land and water based activities are available at most hotels.

Trip Highlights

- Track the Big Five in their natural surroundings on Game Drives and Bush Walks
- Take sundowners overlooking a waterhole at sunset
- Relax on golden beaches watersports and other activities available
- Opportunity to extend your visit: spend some time in Cape Town or visit the Victoria Falls.

Tailor Made trips

We detail below a sample itinerary: note that we can change the location, duration, order and add in other destinations such as Cape Town, the Winelands & Garden Route or the Victoria Falls.

Prices

The prices given below are a guide: costs will depend on the lowest airfares available at the time of quotation, the type of accommodation and seasonal price variations. Air fares are generally cheaper the earlier the booking: airlines sell their least expensive seats first when releasing fares. Accommodation costs will depend on the grading: the location of the property, room size and type (eg if there is a view), quality of furnishings and linen, ratio of staff to customers and quality of food will all impact on the amount charged. Seasonal variations also impact on the price: low season from May to September is a less expensive time to travel in South Africa than high season which runs from October to April. Let us know a budget and we can research the best accommodation available for you.

Why Book With Us?

At Native Escapes, we select accommodation according to particular interests, season of travel, budget and availability. We have travelled extensively in South Africa, and have a good level knowledge of the destinations and things to do. When you book, we 'flesh out' your itinerary with suggestions for things to do in each area, and will provide maps and directions to each destination with your final paperwork.

We have on-the-ground services by way of ground handlers, who provide an excellent service in the event of emergency. Because we purchase accommodation through ground handlers who sell to agents such as ourselves around the world, we have access to excellent rates which are not available for direct bookings; you should pay no more for direct bookings



than if you book through us.

We comply fully with the UK Package & Travel Regulations 1992. Holidays with flights included are covered by the company's ATOL Bond (Air Travel Organisers' Licence) held by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA). This means that in the unfortunate event that our company should fail, the CAA will, arrange any necessary repatriation and any refund of monies paid to *Native Escapes* in advance. Our ATOL number is 9709. We are also happy to book ground arrangements only where clients wish to purchase their own flights: we have separate financial cover for these holidays with IGI Insurance.

Note that booking directly does not provide any financial cover in the event of any suppliers going into administration and is often more expensive.

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Day 1

Overnight flight to Johannesburg

Days 2 - 5

Arrive Johannesburg International Airport where you will transfer to the Waterberg National Park for a 3 night stay at a safari lodge on full board basis including 2 safari activities per day.

The Waterberg is a non malarial reserve offering Big 5 game viewing in spectacular scenery consisting of grasslands, lakes and mountains. Other activities available include scenic helicopter flights, horseback safaris, abseiling, quad biking and an observatory for star gazing.

Days 5 - 12

Today, you transfer back to Johannesburg International Airport in time for your flight to Mauritius. On arrival in Mauritius, you transfer to your 4 star hotel located on a beautiful stretch of sandy beach for a 7 night stay on a half board basis, including non motorised watersports.

Day 12

This morning, you transfer back to Mauritius airport for your return flight to London.

Guide Cost: £2,360.00 / 2,840.00 Euros per person
Indicative price includes return economy flights from London, Accommodation, transfers, internal flights and meals as described.

Trip Extensions some ideas:

If you have more time, consider spending a few days in **Cape Town**: a vibrant, cosmopolitan city offering outdoor activities, a lively music scene and plenty to see and do, including a trip to Robben Island, Table Mountain, and the Cape Peninsula. Closeby is Hermanus, where from June November, Southern Right Whales can be seen offshore as they migrate round the coast.

The **Garden Route**, approximately 4 hours drive from Cape Town, is one of the most scenic areas of the country, with miles of white-sand beaches, pretty lagoons crossed by low bridges, forested mountains with a network of footpaths, and pretty towns with excellent seafood restaurants. There are opportunities for dolphin and whale watching, hiking, canoeing, rafting, and visiting some excellent wildlife rehab reserves.

Spend a few days at the Victoria Falls - one of the Seven Wonders of the World. Walk through rain forests or view the falls from the air by helicopter. Other activities include a Zambezi River cruise, elephant-back safaris, canoeing or white water rafting and a visit to nearby Chobe Game Reserve in Botswana or neighbouring Zimbabwe.

More Information

For a tailor made itinerary, call us on 01342 834700 or email Info@nativeescapes.com

General Information

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.

