



## AFRICAN UBUNTU SAFARIS

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### Confirmed Safari Itinerary

Traveller:	Michele and Aveen
Tour name:	South Africa, Zimbabwe and Botswana Safari
Travel dates:	30 April 2012 – 17 May 2012
Number of travellers:	2

### Itinerary Outline

[Click on the blue links in the table below for more information online](#)

Day	Date	Accommodation	Meals	Location
01	30 April 2012	<a href="#">Simbavati River Lodge</a>	FB	<a href="#">Kruger Park / Timbavati</a>
02	01 May 2012	Simbavati River Lodge	FB	Kruger Park / Timbavati
03	02 May 2012	Simbavati River Lodge	FB	Kruger Park / Timbavati
04	03 May 2012	Simbavati River Lodge	FB	Kruger Park / Timbavati
05	04 May 2012	<a href="#">Blyde River Canyon Lodge</a>	BB	Panorama Route
06	05 May 2012	<a href="#">Hippo Hollow</a>	BB	Hazyview
07	06 May 2012	Hippo Hollow	BB	Hazyview
08	07 May 2012	<a href="#">Victoria Falls Hotel</a>	BB	<a href="#">Victoria Falls</a>
09	08 May 2012	Victoria Falls Hotel	BB	Victoria Falls
10	09 May 2012	Victoria Falls Hotel	BB	Victoria Falls
11	10 May 2012	<a href="#">Elephant Valley Lodge</a>	FB	<a href="#">Chobe National Park</a>
12	11 May 2012	Elephant Valley Lodge	FB	Chobe National Park
13	12 May 2012	Elephant Valley Lodge	FB	Chobe National Park
14	13 May 2012	<a href="#">Stanley's Camp</a>	FI	<a href="#">Okavango Delta</a>
15	14 May 2012	Stanley's Camp	FI	Okavango Delta
16	15 May 2012	Stanley's Camp	FI	Okavango Delta
17	16 May 2012	Peermont Mondior	BB	Johannesburg
18	17 May 2012	Day of departure	B	

**BB** = Bed and Breakfast; **FB** = Breakfast, lunch and dinner; **HB** = Breakfast and dinner  
**FI** = Breakfast, lunch, dinner and drinks

#### Cost includes:

- Meet and greet and airport transfers
- 2 daily game drives at Simbavati
- Sunset elephant interaction in Hazyview
- Walk with lions, sunset cruise, elephant back safari and Boma Dinner in Victoria Falls
- Daily morning boat cruise and afternoon game drive at Elephant Valley Lodge
- All game viewing activities and elephant interaction at Stanley's Camp
- Flights: Johannesburg – Hoedspruit; Nelspruit – Livingstone; Kasane – Stanley's Camp - Maun – Johannesburg
- All meals and accommodation as specified
- All park fees and government taxes

#### Cost Excludes:

- International flights between Australia and Africa
- Visas
- Driver guide or local escort gratuities
- Drinks and dining rooms tips, portage, personal travel and baggage insurance
- Telephone bill, laundry and any items of a personal nature
- Medical, evacuation or travel insurance



## Detailed Itinerary

**Day 01: 30 April 2013**

**Johannesburg – Timbavati**

**D**

This morning you will land in Johannesburg and connect onto your flight **SASA1225** departing at **10h10** and landing in Hoedspruit at **11h20**, where you will be met on arrival and transferred to **Simbavati River Lodge** to spend **4 nights** on a **full board basis** in a **family suite**.

### Simbavati River Lodge

Simbavati River Lodge is an intimate and friendly camp built on the banks of the Nhlalalumi River in the heart of the world famous Timbavati Private Nature Reserve. Shaded by age old Jackalberry and Leadwood trees, Simbavati is warm and welcoming, with a generous contemporary design and accommodation for guests in luxury tented rooms or thatched chalets. Simbavati takes its name from the local Shangaan language, translated as “the place where the lions come down from the stars”. The focus of the lodge is on the excellent big-5 game viewing, breathtaking views, friendly and knowledgeable staff in an environment where guests are made to feel comfortable and relaxed from the moment they arrive.



**Day 02 - 04: 01 – 03 May 2013**

**Timbavati / Kruger Park**

**B/L/D**

These 3 full days will be spent enjoying game drives from the lodge.

### Timbavati

Timbavati is considered by many to be South Africa’s premier game viewing area - with its indigenous group of specially introduced white lions, and a yearly rainfall of around 500 mm, both the area and the wildlife on offer are of unrivalled beauty. It is actually home to over forty unique mammalian species, complemented by a throng of more than 360 bird types, ensuring that any trip out into the surrounding bush will be met with a wealth of interesting sights and sounds. With eco friendly accommodation, authentic decor and an emphasis on hospitality, Timbavati Game Reserve is the full safari package with great Luxury Game Lodges.



**Day 05: 04 May 2013**

**Timbavati – Panorama Route**

**B**

This morning you will be transferred back to Hoedspruit Airport where you will collect your hire car and drive to **Blyde River Canyon Lodge** to spend **1 night** on a **bed and breakfast basis** in the **2 bedroom cottage**.



### Blyde River Canyon Lodge

Nestled between the majestic Drakensberg Mountains and the sparkling clear waters of the Blyde River, Blyde River Canyon Lodge offers local and international travellers a unique bush experience. The Lodge is set in an 85 hectare Botanical Reserve which boasts a wealth of fauna and flora.

Blyde River Canyon Lodge is situated along the scenic Panorama Route in the Blyde River Canyon of the Mpumalanga/Limpopo Province. It is easily accessible to the Bourke’s Luck Potholes, Three Rondawels, God’s Window and various waterfalls. The lodge is just a 40-minute drive to the Kruger National Park - Orpen Gate.



**Day 06: 05 May 2013**

**Panorama Route - Hazyview**

**B**

You will spend today driving yourselves along the panorama route, exploring the beautiful mountains and valleys, before arriving at Hazyview this afternoon, where you will spend **2 nights** at **Hippo Hollow** on a **bed and breakfast basis** in a **single river chalet**.



**Panorama Route**

The Panorama Route is one of the most beautiful parts of South Africa connecting the Lowveld and the amazing geological features of the Mpumalanga Drakensberg.

Waterfalls, mountain passes, adventure, history and one of the world's biggest canyons are what make the Panorama Route famous, and many quaint towns and stunning viewpoints are within easy driving distances from each other.

**Hippo Hollow**

Hippo Hollow Country Estate has an 'Out of Africa' feel about it, and leaves you totally relaxed and refreshed. The lodge is situated on the Sabi River just outside Hazyview and is a great stop-over before or after a visit to the Kruger National Park.

Relax in the extensive gardens in a hammock or watch the hippos, crocodiles and other wildlife congregate at the river. Large centrally positioned swimming pools provides a welcome respite from the heat of the lowveld sun.



**Day 07: 06 May 2013**

**Hazyview**

**B**

You will have most of the day on your own arrangements, before enjoying a wonderful sunset elephant interaction.

**Day 08: 07 May 2013**

**Hazyview – Victoria Falls**

**B**

Today you will drive to **Nelspruit Airport** to catch flight **SA8870** to **Livingstone** departing at **11h35** and landing at **13h50**. Here you will be met on arrival and transferred across the border to **Victoria Falls** for **3 nights** at **Victoria Falls Hotel** in a **single room** on a **bed and breakfast basis**.



**Victoria Falls Hotel**

The Victoria Falls Hotel, popularly known as “the grand old lady of the Falls”, is situated in the Victoria Falls National Park, a world heritage site, and is a member of the exclusive Leading Hotels of the World group. It is one of only three 1So-accredited hotels in Zimbabwe. The Edwardian-style five-star hotel, built in 1904, was recently redecorated and refurbished and now combines the charm of the old with the convenience of the new. Set in lush tropical gardens with lily ponds, palm trees and semi-tropical shrubs, it provides the tranquillity and seclusion that many guests seek.

**Day 09: 08 May 2013**

**Victoria Falls**

**B**

This morning you will have an early and thrilling start as you are taken for your “walking with lions” experience. The day will be free until you are collected from your hotel and taken on a sunset cruise on the mighty Zambezi River.



**Victoria Falls**

"Mosi Oa Tunya", or "The Smoke That Thunders", Victoria Falls are as magnificent on the 10th visit as they are on the 1st, and their thundering roar makes everything else seem strangely quiet once you leave them behind.

As the mighty Zambezi flows over a chasm of 1 mile wide, and 110 metres high, to violently crash on the rocks below, the resultant spray is sent tens of metres up into the air, before it lands back down in a continuous rainfall. The water then rushes through an opening of only 50 metres, as the Zambezi races further along, over churning rapids and through the deep Batoka Gorge.



**Day 10: 09 May 2013** **Victoria Falls** **B/D**

This morning you will head out on safari on the backs of elephants. Again, the rest of the day will be free until you are taken out for dinner at the Boma Restaurant, for a fun- and music-filled night.

**Day 11:10 May 2013** **Victoria Falls – Chobe National Park** **B/L/D**

You will be collected from your hotel this morning and transferred across the border into Botswana, where you will be dropped off at **Elephant Valley Lodge** to spend the next **3 nights** on a **full board basis** in a **single Valley Tent**.



**Elephant Valley Lodge**

Elephant Valley Lodge lies between the Chobe National Park in Botswana and the equally impressive Matetsi wildlife conservancy, south of the Kazangula border crossing and within the Kasane Forest Reserve. The camp comprises 20 'meru' style luxury safari tents and can accommodate a maximum of 40 guests.

The lodge overlooks an extremely productive water hole. Activities include daily safaris and boat cruises into the Chobe National Park. The unique lodge location provides guests with game viewing opportunities throughout the day and night.

**Day 12 & 13: 11 & 12 May 2013** **Chobe National Park** **B/L/D**

These 2 days will be spent on morning boat cruises and afternoon game drives inside Chobe National Park.



**Chobe National Park**

Accessed easily via a 1.5 hour flight from Johannesburg, or a 1 hour drive from Victoria Falls, Chobe National Park is the most visited park on a Botswana safari itinerary.

With an enormous elephant population, as well as magnificent birdlife and a huge array of herbivores and aquatic animals, it is often hard to believe that Chobe National Park is for real.

The game viewing starts from the moment you land at Kasane Airport, or drive across the border from Zambia or Zimbabwe.

**Day 14: 13 May 2013** **Chobe National Park – Okavango Delta** **B/L/D**

You will be transferred to Kasane Airport today in time for your flight to **Stanley's Camp**, where you will spend the next **3 nights** on a **fully inclusive basis** in a **single tent**.





**Stanley's Camp**

Sanctuary Stanley's is a classic tented camp built around an imposing sausage tree on a private concession overlooking the Okavango floodplains. The area surrounding the camp changes with the seasons - from lush green when the rain flows down from the Angolan highlands to dry savannah when the Kalahari Desert tightens its grip. This intimate camp, with its 8 tents, is gathered around a large sitting and dining area which affords you magnificent views over the floodplains of the Okavango Delta.



**Day 15 & 16: 14 & 15 May 2013**      **Okavango Delta**      **B/L/D**

These 2 full days will be spent enjoying activities in the Delta, including the elephant experience offered by Stanley's camp.



**Okavango Delta**

The very word "Okavango" evokes a sense of adventure and exploration, and this is exactly what the Okavango Delta is about. Often called the Okavango Swamps, this intricate maze of waterways and sandy islands is an explorer's dream, and the destination should be on the wishlist of anyone looking for a unique travel experience. The geology of the Delta is fascinating, with its creation being attributed to tectonic plate action from thousands of years ago causing the Kavango River to flow from Angola into the Kalahari Desert as opposed to the Atlantic Ocean.

**Day 17: 16 May 2013**      **Okavango Delta – Johannesburg**      **B**

Today you will catch your flight out of the Delta to Maun, where you will connect with your international flight back to Joburg (flight **SA8301** departing at **13h45** and arriving at **15h30**). In Johannesburg you will catch the free shuttle bus to the **Peermont Mondior Hotel** to spend **1 night on a bed and breakfast basis in a single room**.



**Peermont Mondior Hotel**

The Peermont Mondior features 150 spacious rooms and suites furnished in contemporary African elegance and fitted with cutting-edge technology. Its convenient location next to O.R. Tambo International Airport makes it suitable for business and leisure travellers. Enjoy breakfast and light meals at the chic Oriana restaurant or a sociable cocktail at The Silver Moon bar.



**Johannesburg**

Although usually only used for quick stopovers by most travellers, Joburg is an exciting and vibrant city, with some excellent hotels, fantastic shopping facilities, loads of historic significance, and a flourishing sporting culture.

**Day 18: 17 May 2013**      **Day of departure**      **B**

This morning you will catch the free shuttle bus back to the airport in time for your international departure flight.

**End of Services**



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Thank you for confirming your travel plans through African Ubuntu Safaris. We know you will have an amazing time, and look forward to hearing about it on your return!

Kind regards

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### **Cancellation terms and conditions:**

- All cancellations must be advised of in writing
- Cancellation penalties:
  - For cancellations made more than 60 days prior to start date: 30% cancellation penalty will apply (i.e. full deposit)
  - For cancellations made between 45 and 60 days prior to departure date: 50% cancellation penalty will apply
  - For cancellation made less than 45 days prior to departure date: 100% cancellation penalty will apply (i.e. the full booking cost)

### **Insurance:**

- African Ubuntu Safaris strongly insists that every traveller purchases comprehensive travel insurance. As the deposit is non-refundable, and cancellation penalties apply, insurance must be taken out which can cover you in the event of you needing to cancel your travel plans. African Ubuntu Safaris will not be liable for any costs resulting from any traveller's failure to purchase travel insurance.

### **Passenger and Travel Information**

- Travellers should bring only soft sided bags on safaris.
- All travellers must have Identification Card / Passport with them for internal flights.
- Luggage restrictions are in place when travelling in Africa, especially concerning light aircraft flights. In general, in Southern Africa the weight limit is 20 kgs per person, and in East Africa the limit is 15 kgs per person. This includes hand luggage. It is possible to pay for extra weight allowance.
- A yellow fever vaccination is compulsory for a number of African countries. Please consult a travel doctor for up to date information.
- Travellers must have a passport which is valid for more than 6 months after the end date of the itinerary.
- Travellers' passports must have a minimum 2 blank pages per country to be visited