



## AFRICAN UBUNTU SAFARIS

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### Safari Itinerary

Traveller:	Seton
Tour name:	Private Southern Africa with Small Group East Africa Safari
Travel dates:	22 July 2012 – 12 August 2012
Group size:	1 in Southern Africa, Max 7 in East Africa

### Itinerary Outline

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Accommodation</u>	<u>Meals</u>	<u>Location</u>
01	22 July 2012	<a href="#">Peermont Mondior</a>	BB	<a href="#">Johannesburg</a>
02	23 July 2012	<a href="#">Victoria Falls Hotel</a>	BB	<a href="#">Victoria Falls</a>
03	24 July 2012	Victoria Falls Hotel	BB	Victoria Falls
04	25 July 2012	<a href="#">Chobe Marina Lodge</a>	FB	<a href="#">Chobe National Park</a>
05	26 July 2012	Chobe Marina Lodge	FB	Chobe National Park
06	27 July 2012	<a href="#">Banoka Bush Camp</a>	FI	<a href="#">Okavango Delta</a>
07	28 July 2012	Banoka Bush Camp	FI	Okavango Delta
08	29 July 2012	Peermont Mondior	BB	Johannesburg
09	30 July 2012	<a href="#">Safari Park Hotel</a>	BB	Nairobi
10	31 July 2012	<a href="#">Mara Sopa Lodge</a>	FB	<a href="#">Masai Mara Game Reserve</a>
11	01 August 2012	Mara Sopa Lodge	FB	Masai Mara Game Reserve
12	02 August 2012	<a href="#">Lake Nakuru Lodge</a>	FB	<a href="#">Lake Nakuru National Park</a>
13	03 August 2012	<a href="#">Amboseli Sopa Lodge</a>	FB	<a href="#">Amboseli National Park</a>
14	04 August 2012	Amboseli Sopa Lodge	FB	Amboseli National Park
15	05 August 2012	<a href="#">Lake Manyara Serena Lodge</a>	FB	<a href="#">Lake Manyara</a>
16	06 August 2012	<a href="#">Serengeti Sopa Lodge</a>	FB	<a href="#">Serengeti National Park</a>
17	07 August 2012	Serengeti Sopa Lodge	FB	Serengeti National Park
18	08 August 2012	<a href="#">Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge</a>	FB	<a href="#">Ngorongoro Crater</a>
19	09 August 2012	Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge	FB	Ngorongoro Crater
20	10 August 2012	<a href="#">Tarangire Sopa Lodge</a>	FB	<a href="#">Tarangire National Park</a>
21	11 August 2012	Peermont Mondior	BB	Johannesburg
22	12 August 2012	Depart		

(BB) = Bed and breakfast

(FB) = Breakfast, lunch, dinner

#### Cost includes:

- Meet and greet services
- All airport transfers (free shuttle bus provided in Johannesburg)
- Sunset cruise, guided tour of the Falls, Boma Dinner in Victoria Falls
- 4 game viewing activities at Chobe Marina Lodge (game drives / sunset cruise)
- Day and night game drives, walking safaris, boat and mokoro excursions at Banoka Bush Camp
- Flights: Kasane – Banoka Bush Camp (Khwai Airstrip) - Maun
- Guaranteed window seat in a shared safari mini-bus in Kenya
- Guaranteed window seat in a shared 4 x 4 vehicle in Tanzania
- All game drives and a Crater tour
- Hot-air balloon safari in Masai Mara
- All accommodation and meals as specified
- All park fees and government taxes



Cost Excludes:

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

**Detailed Itinerary**

**Day 01: Arrival – Johannesburg**

On arrival in Johannesburg today on flight **QF63** at **16h15** you will be met after passing through immigrations and transferred to the **Peermont Mondior Hotel**, about 5 minutes from the airport, where you will spend **1 night** on a **bed and breakfast basis**.

*Your transfer driver will be waiting in the arrivals hall, wearing a black suit, and carrying an Emperors Palace pager board with your name on it. If you cannot find the driver, please phone +27 11 928 1762.*

Welcome to Africa!

	<p><b><u>Peermont Mondior Hotel</u></b></p> <p>The Peermont Mondior features 150 spacious rooms and suites furnished in contemporary African elegance and fitted with cutting-edge technology.</p> <p>It's 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.</p>
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	<p><b><u>Johannesburg</u></b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>With the launch of the Gautrain in 2010, the Sandton district is now only 10 minutes from the airport, and this puts one in position to easily access most of the cities highlights.</p>
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**Day 02: Arrival - Victoria Falls D**

This morning you will catch the free shuttle bus from the hotel back to the airport in time for your flight **BA6285** to Victoria Falls, departing at **11h25** and arriving at **13h05**.

On arrival at Victoria Falls Airport you will be met after passing through immigrations and transferred to the **Victoria Falls Hotel** where you will spend the next **2 nights** on a **bed and breakfast basis**.

This afternoon you will be collected at **14h00** and taken on a guided tour of the Falls before heading out to dinner at the Boma Restaurant for an authentic African dinner, complete with drums and dancing. Pick up for dinner will be at **19h00**.



### 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 ISO-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.

### 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 03:

### Victoria Falls

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You will have the full day today to enjoy some of the numerous activities available around the Falls, before being collected at **15h30** and taken on a sunset cruise on the mighty Zambezi River.

### Day 04:

### Victoria Falls – Chobe National Park

B/L/D

This morning you will be collected from your hotel at **10h00** and transferred across the border into Botswana.

You will be taken to the town of Kasane to spend the next **2 nights** at **Chobe Marina Lodge** on a **full board basis**.

During your stay here, 4 game viewing activities are included, made up of game drives inside Chobe National Park and boat cruises on the Chobe River. This afternoon will be spent on your first activity.

### Chobe Marina Lodge

Located in Kasane, on the border of the Chobe National Park and right on the banks of the Chobe River, Chobe Marina Lodge is surrounded by the natural beauty of Africa.

In the North-Eastern corner of Botswana where the four African nations of Botswana, Zambia, Zimbabwe and Namibia converge, the lodge is ideally located to provide a wonderful holiday experience.

The Chobe River, Chobe National Park, Kasane Forest Reserve, the Caprivi Strip and the mighty Zambezi river, each offer their own attractions and with Victoria Falls but 70 kilometres away, Chobe Marina Lodge is a fantastic lodge to include on your safari in Southern Africa.





**Day 05: Chobe National Park B/L/D**

You will spend today on your remaining activities, with the option of organising other excursions through the lodge. Village visits, fishing excursions or extra boat cruises and game drives are available.



**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 Boswana 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 06: Chobe National Park – Okavango Delta B/L/D**

This morning you will be taken to Kasane Airport in time to catch your light aircraft flight into the Okavango Delta. You will land at the Kwai Airstrip where you will be met by a guide and driven to **Banoka Bush Camp** to spend the next **2 nights** on a **fully inclusive basis**.

Transfer and flight times will be confirmed with you by your lodge, as they are only finalised 24 hours in advance.



**Banoka Bush Camp**

The Khwai River is the northernmost 'finger' of the Delta's alluvial fan. Here you can discover one of the most diverse areas in northern Botswana, with a wealth of wildlife to be seen on drives, walks and traditional mokoro rides (water level dependent).

Banoka Bush Camp is built along the tree line overlooking a lagoon; the whole camp is raised off the ground to take in the view. Accommodation is in ten en-suite tented rooms complete with private verandas. There are two family tents which accommodate two adults and two children each.

**Day 07: Okavango Delta B/L/D**

The Okavango Delta offers a range of experiences and you will have this full day to enjoy the included walking safaris, mokoro and boat excursions and day and night game drives.



**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 08: Okavango Delta – Johannesburg B**

This morning you will catch another light aircraft flight out of the Okavango Delta to Maun, where you will land in time to connect with your international flight out of Botswana (flight **SA8301** departing at **14h00** and arriving at **15h40**).

On arrival in Johannesburg you will catch the free shuttle back to the **Peermtont Mondior Hotel** where you will spend **1 night** on a **bed and breakfast basis**.

**Day 09: Johannesburg – Nairobi B**

This morning you will again catch the bus back to the airport in time for your flight **KQ761** to Kenya departing at **10h55**. On arrival in Nairobi at **16h00** you will be met after passing through immigration and transferred to the Safari Park Hotel where you will spend **1 night** on a **bed and breakfast basis**.

Jambo! Karibu to Kenya! (Hello! Welcome to Kenya!)

	<p><b><u>Safari Park Hotel</u></b></p> <p>The hotel offers a wide selection of rooms with en suite marble bathrooms, wooden polished floors, and antique African themed four-poster beds and furniture.</p> <p>The 204 guest rooms, 168 deluxe rooms, 21 Junior suites, 8 Business suites, 6 Executive suites and 1 Presidential suite are spread out in 9 storey blocks of 2 floors each and have rear and front private balconies overlooking the beautifully manicured gardens. The rooms have large windows and enjoy natural light.</p>
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**Day 10: Nairobi – Masai Mara Game Reserve B/L/D**

This morning you will join your small group and meet your driver-guide, before departing Nairobi for the Masai Mara Game Reserve.

You will arrive at your lodge for lunch before spending the afternoon on a game drive.

You will spend the next **2 nights** at the **Mara Sopa Lodge** on a **full board basis**.

	<p><b><u>Mara Sopa Lodge</u></b></p> <p>Located on the slopes of Oloongams Hills, built in an ethnic design in the rich landscape of the Masai Mara, the Mara Sopa Lodge provides accommodation in 100 standard rooms, 12 suites and a special honeymoon suite.</p> <p>The standard rooms are in 50 traditional round buildings with thatched roofs, each with 2 rooms with parquet floors and wooden paneled ceilings, an ornamental fire place, en-suite bathroom with a shower, and a verandah.</p>
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**Day 11: Masai Mara Game Reserve B/L/D**

Early this morning you will be collected from your lodge and driven to the launch point for your hot-air balloon safari over the Mara plains.

After drifting for about an hour you will land and enjoy a champagne breakfast in the wilderness, before being driven back to your lodge to relax the heat of the day.

This afternoon you will join the group again and explore more of the reserve on a game drive.



**Masai Mara Game Reserve**

It is no surprise that the Masai Mara ranks up near the top of most famous game reserves in the world.

The land of the Mara is consistently covered with herds of antelope, interspersed with prides of lions, journeys of giraffe, dazzles of zebra, and almost every other collective animal noun you can think of.



**Day 12: Masai Mara – Lake Nakuru National Park B/L/D**

Leaving the Masai Mara this morning you will drive to Lake Nakuru National Park, where you will spend the afternoon on a game drive enjoying the brilliant birdlife and excellent rhino sightings.

You will spend **1 night** at the **Lake Nakuru Lodge** on a **full board basis**.



**Lake Nakuru Lodge**

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**Lake Nakuru National Park**

Accessed via a relatively short, but scenic drive from Nairobi, through the Great Rift Valley, Lake Nakuru National Park is a very popular destination, especially amongst birdlovers.

To go with its beautiful scenery, Nakuru is the feeding ground for thousand upon thousand of flamingos which turn the entire landscape pink as they flock to the shallow lake. Added to this, Lake Nakuru is one of the best locations in East Africa to view rhino's, and is home to both the black and white species.



**Day 13: Lake Nakuru – Amboseli National Park B/L/D**

It is a fairly long drive today as you return past Nairobi and continue to the foot of Mount Kilimanjaro, to Amboseli National Park.

You will spend **2 nights** at the **Amboseli Sopa Lodge** on a **full board basis**.



**Amboseli Sopa Lodge**

Nestled in 190 acres of wooded Masai land, the lodge sits on the foot hills of Africa's highest mountain, Mt Kilimanjaro.

The 83 rooms of the lodge are constructed as individual huts in mature wooded gardens with a variety of trees and plants sheltering the linking pathways. All rooms are en-suite with private verandas.

**Day 14: Amboseli National Park B/L/D**

Today will be spent on morning and afternoon game drives in Amboseli.



**Amboseli National Park**

The combination of masses of animals, diverse eco-systems, and the splendid views of Mount Kilimanjaro make Amboseli National Park high up on the must-see list of any Kenyan safari.

With desert landscapes to lush green swampland, the scenery changes entirely during game drives, with new photo opportunities presenting themselves all the time.



**Day 15: Arusha – Lake Manyara National Park B/L/D**

Leaving Kenya today you will be driven from Amboseli to the Namanga Border Post where you will pass through immigrations and cross into Tanzania.

Your Tanzanian guide will greet you at the border and you will transfer into your new vehicle for this section of the trip, bidding your Kenyan guide farewell. You will drive through Arusha for lunch, before continuing west towards Lake Manyara.

At the town of Makuyuni you turn North West and continue through a scenic escarpment that brings you to your lodge, perched on the edge of the Rift Valley with stunning views over the distant Lake Manyara.

You will spend **1 night** at **Lake Manyara Serena Lodge** on a **full board basis**.



**Lake Manyara Serena Lodge**

Lake Manyara Serena Safari Lodge stands high on the edge of a towering terracotta escarpment with panoramic views over Lake Manyara, and offers a blend of tranquillity, wildlife discovery, and ornithological richness.

Grouped around a central 'vanishing horizon' pool, this Lodge features a simple timbered reception area, built in traditional African style, which is accessed via a bridge over a small stream. Beyond the reception are the central dining room, bar and veranda, below which lies the pool.

**Lake Manyara National Park**

Being a relatively small park, and with Lake Manyara taking up the majority of the area, Lake Manyara National Park can be covered easily on half-day game drives, but these drives are usually very rewarding despite their brevity.

The scenery and birdlife are Lake Manyara's major attractions, with the lake being perfectly located to offer spectacular views along the Great Rift Valley.



**Day 16: Lake Manyara – Serengeti National Park B/L/D**

After breakfast there is a game drive in Lake Manyara National Park that returns to the lodge for lunch.

Leaving Lake Manyara behind, the journey continues North West across the stunning hilly countryside of the highlands which is filled with wheat and coffee plantations, and then into the Ngorongoro Conservation Area. From here lie the vast plains of the Serengeti, where you'll hopefully start spotting game well before you get into the park.

You will spend the next **2 nights** at the **Serengeti Sopa Lodge** on a **full board basis**.



### **Serengeti Sopa Lodge**

Serengeti Sopa Lodge is nestled in the acacia woodland on the edge of the escarpment overlooking the plains of the south-western Serengeti National Park.

Accommodation is provided in 69 standard rooms, all with 2 queen size beds, carpeted, and furnished with local fabrics and pictures.

**Day 17: Serengeti National Park B/L/D**

Today will be spent on morning and afternoon game drives across the Serengeti plains.

### **Serengeti National Park**

The word "Siringit" means "endless plains", and this is understandably from where the Serengeti National Park takes its name. The iconic, endless, golden plains of Africa are nowhere more evident than within this national park, as they stretch off into eternity, dotted throughout with thousands of animals.

Located in the north-west corner of Tanzania, alongside Lake Victoria, the Serengeti has earned its place as one of the world's most famous wildlife areas.



**Day 18: Serengeti – Ngorongoro Crater B/L/D**

After breakfast you depart for Ngorongoro viewing game across the vast Serengeti plains with a picnic lunch en-route.

After lunch you will visit a Maasai village before continuing to your lodge, set high on the rim of Ngorongoro Crater.

You will spend the next **2 nights** at the **Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge** on a **full board basis**.

### **Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge**

Situated on the eastern rim of the Ngorongoro Crater, the 90 double bedrooms of Ngorongoro Sopa Lodge each accommodate two queen sized beds and a separate dressing area.

Each room has a glass fronted veranda, where a private view of the Crater may be enjoyed. The lodge also has 6 single rooms with queen sized beds and glass sliding doors.



**Day 19: Ngorongoro Crater B/L/D**

A highlight awaits you this morning as you depart to explore what is commonly referred to as the World's largest wildlife zoo. After breakfast, you descend with a picnic lunch through the early morning mists and 2,000 feet into the crater. Ngorongoro Crater is the World's largest intact volcanic caldera.

Due to its size and diversity, the crater floor is comprised of several distinct areas, ranging from forest, swamps, lakes and springs, to open grassland and some sandy dunes. It's an awesome wildlife experience. Lunch is served near a small lake filled with hippos. You then continue game viewing before returning to the crater's rim and your lodge.





### Ngorongoro Crater

A unique and fascinating game viewing destinations in Africa, the Ngorongoro Crater is a must-see on any Tanzania safari.

Being the world's largest intact caldera, and the result of a collapsed volcano thousands of years ago, the 260 square kilometres of crater floor hosts up to 25 000 animals at all times of year. This makes it one of the most dense wildlife areas in Africa, and allows for many memorable sightings.



### **Day 20:**

### **Ngorongoro – Tarangire National Park**

**B/L/D**

Departing Ngorongoro Crater after breakfast you will head south-east en route to Lake Manyara, Mto wa Mbu village and Tarangire beyond. Through the highlands and the Karatu district, you'll view the scenic wheat plains and coffee plantations here before journeying down the spectacular escarpment where you turn south on to the main Arusha – Dodoma road and into the park. From here to the lodge, you'll enjoy a game drive en-route.

After lunch and perhaps a swim, the remainder of the afternoon will be spent on a game drive.

You will spend **1 night** at **Tarangire Sopa Lodge** on a **full board basis**.



### Tarangire Sopa Lodge

Tarangire Sopa Lodge provides 75 spacious rooms furnished with a mini bar and 2 queen size beds including mosquito nets. 4 of these rooms are suitable for the physically challenged.

The Lodge lies hidden among the kopjes and surrounded by ancient baobab trees. Tarangire is the home of one of the greatest concentration of elephants in Africa, and showcases other game including the elusive leopard. Over 400 bird species can be spotted here as well.

### Tarangire National Park

In the past, Tarangire National Park was often overlooked by visitors to Tanzania, however it is now holding its own as one of the best dry season parks in the region.

During the dry months of July through to October, an enormous amount of wildlife is drawn inside Tarangire to access the water from the Tarangire River and the Silale Swamps, allowing for very rewarding game viewing experiences.

The park is home to some of the largest elephant herds of East Africa, and the scenery is particularly popular for the wide open, Serengeti-like plains, decorated with enormous and commanding Baobab trees.



### **Day 21:**

### **Tarangire – Johannesburg**

**B/L**

This morning you will leave Tarangire behind and drive back to Arusha where you will have lunch before being transferred to Kilimanjaro International in time for your departure flight **KQ6727** to Nairobi, departing at **16h00**. On arrival in Nairobi at **17h10** you will connect onto flight **KQ764** departing at **20h40** and arriving in Johannesburg at **23h50**.

On arrival in Johannesburg you will be met after passing through immigrations and transferred to the **Peermont Mondior Hotel** to spend **1 night** on a bed and breakfast basis.



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**Day 22: Day of departure B**

This morning you will check out of your hotel, and continue on your own travel arrangements.

#### **End of Services**

Thanks very much for confirming your booking through African Ubuntu Safaris.

We know you will have an amazing time in Africa, and we are on hand to assist if ever you need it.

Kind regards

Cuan McLaren

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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 advises 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.**

#### **Passenger Information**

- **Passengers should bring only soft sided bags on safaris.**
- **All the passengers must have Identification Card/Passport with them for internal flights.**
- **Baggage on internal flights is strictly limited to 20kgs per person (including hand luggage). Any excess baggage will be charged by the airline at check-in.**
- **Passengers arriving in Tanzania may be asked to present a valid Yellow Fever Vaccination Certificate.**