

Please note that all of the itineraries listed in our web site are actual private tour itineraries we have prepared for clients over the past 12-18 months. By the very nature of what we do, each private tour itinerary is custom, exclusive and unique unto itself. Our over-riding goal is to create lifelong memories that you and your family will forever carry deep within your hearts.

Overview

Based on our various travels to Africa, we feel the contrasting flora/fauna of Botswana and Rwanda offer among the most intimate wildlife experiences anywhere! UNESCO-designated Okavango Delta/Botswana is among the most important wildlife areas in Africa; including the “Big Five” (lions, elephants, Cape buffalo, rhinos, and leopards), and outstanding birdwatching. In stark contrast to Botswana, the Rwandan highlands provide the most intimate close-up with the wild: the gorillas of Rwanda. With only 10 habituated gorilla families, each can only be visited by a maximum of 8 people per day, in order to ensure a low human impact.

Even our most seasoned Africa travelers consider the Rwanda gorilla experience to be their number one wildlife adventure activity!

<p>BOTSWANA</p> <p>Temperature Range Highs: Low 90’s Lows: Mid 60’s</p> <p>Area 581,730 SQ KM 224,607 SQ MILES</p> <p>Population 2 Million</p> <p>Language English/Setswana</p> <p>Capital Gaborone</p> <p>Currency Pula</p>	<p>RWANDA</p> <p>Temperature Range Highs: High 60’s Lows: Mid 50’s</p> <p>Area 26,338 SQ KM 13,880 SQ MILES</p> <p>Population 11.2 Million</p> <p>Language Kinyarwanda/French/English/Swahili</p> <p>Capital Kigali</p> <p>Currency Rwandan Franc</p>
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Day 1

Fly to Johannesburg

Through our sister company, premium air provider TRAVNET, we may assisted with your international airfare, as well as with mileage points conversion.

Day 2 – Day 4

Arrive Johannesburg + Connect to Botswana

Upon arrival, you will be privately transferred to Abu Camp.

Abu Camp (Elephants!)

Noted as southern Africa’s premier elephant camp, Abu Camp (partly owned by Paul Allen, co-founder of Microsoft and rated 6-star!) has been completely rebuilt/refurbished. With only six individually decorated units (part tent/part cabin), this is an exclusive, unique safari locale. You may walk or ride with the camp’s trained herd of elephants. This expansive 450,000 acre private concession is set within the pristine area of the Okavango Delta. Other features include a well-stocked library and study, gym and swimming pool.

As a guest of Abu Camp you are invited to meet the Abu elephants, get a glimpse of their world and learn their lives. Becoming a part of an African elephant herd is an extraordinary privilege that the Abu staff will share with you. Each of the six spacious rooms exhibits its own distinctive elegance with an en suite bathroom with indoor and outdoor shower, an outdoor copper bath, and a generous elevated deck. The lounge and dining tent have breathtaking views over the scenic lagoon. Other features include a well-stocked library and study, gym and swimming pool.

Based on their goal of a holistic elephant experience, please note that Abu no longer includes elephant rides. Focus will be on the immersive walking-based experience for which Abu is well-known.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodations: Abu Camp

Day 5 – Day 8

Abu Camp/Mombo Camp

You will be transferred by light aircraft from Abu Camp to Mombo Camp.

Mombo Camp

Consisting of 12 luxury tent suites (little Mombo and Mombo), Mombo Camp is the most coveted safari camp in Botswana, and perhaps one of the top two or three game lodges in all of Africa! Mombo faces a picturesque floodplain on the northern tip of Chiefs Island in the lush, fertile Okavango Delta. The locale affords a wealth of diverse game viewing, with a big emphasis on predators. Another big attraction is the area's imposing hippo population.

Mombo epitomizes high-touch quality. Past clients have raved about the safari experience here, noting the experienced/knowledgeable guides, the unique luxury accommodations and the amazing food. A family who recently stayed at Mombo felt the food served here surpassed the quality of a Peninsula or Aman property! Situated in arguably one of the best game viewing areas in the world, Mombo Camp offers you the ultimate experience combining wildlife and luxury. The entire camp has been built to maximize views over the wilderness and therefore you will continuously be aware of the ever-present game around you. Each of the nine luxury tents (Mombo) has an outdoor sala and an en-suite bathroom with both an indoor and outdoor shower. A living and dining area, small library and plunge pool form the main area as well as a boma where you will enjoy the camp's traditional dinners.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodations: Mombo Camp

Day 9

Fly Mombo Camp/Maun/Johannesburg

Upon arriving in Johannesburg, you will be assisted with your transfer to the Intercontinental Johannesburg Airport Hotel for your overnight stay in Johannesburg.

Meals:--

Accommodations: Intercontinental Johannesburg Airport Hotel

Day 10

Johannesburg/Kigali

Upon arrival in Kigali, you will be met by a local representative and taken to a local restaurant for lunch. Thereafter you will pay a visit to the sobering Genocide Memorial site before heading to the Bisate Lodge.

Bisate Eco Lodge

Situated close to Kinigi Park Headquarters, convenient for your morning gorilla trek rendezvous, the Bisate property covers 42 hectares (103 acres). Due to its location within the amphitheater of an eroded volcanic cone, the main areas and villas are perched atop the raised elevation of the slopes of Mount Bisoke (3911 meters or 12,175 feet), though often shrouded. Based on Bisate's restorative conservation projects and real local engagement, the lodge has become woven into the local community. During the Bisate's building phase, an amazing 15,000 trees were planted, with more planted each week. As part of your stay here, guests are encouraged to plant a tree in the lodge's nursery before their departure. With only six suites (each 980 square feet), Bisate is one of Africa's most exclusive luxury eco-lodges. Each suite includes an indoor shower, bath, and fireplace (nice on chilly nights!). The main lounge dining area and bar is the place to meet and reflect on the day's gorilla experience. The in-villa massage treatments are a great way to relax after a day of gorilla trekking!

Meals: Lunch, Dinner

Accommodations: Bisate Eco Lodge

Day 11

Gorilla Tracking

In order to ensure a low-human impact on these extraordinary creatures, only 80 gorilla permits are issued daily. After breakfast you will be driven to the park offices where you will meet your gorilla tracking group. With a maximum number of 8 people per group, this is a personal and sublime experience.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodations: Bisate Eco Lodge

Day 12

Gorilla Tracking + Transfer to Kigali Serena Hotel

After an early breakfast, you will embark on a second day of gorilla tracking to visit another gorilla family, each having their unique social dynamics. Following lunch at a local restaurant, you will be drive to Kigali Serena Hotel for check-in.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodations: Kigali Serena Hotel

Day 13

Fly Kigali/Johannesburg/Home

After breakfast at the Kigali Sera, you will be privately transferred to Kigali's airport for your connecting flights back home.