

# ITINERARY

FOR

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SOUTH AFRICA, VICTORIA FALLS – ZIMBABWE & KENYA

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**NOTE:** For travel to **South Africa**, please ensure that your passport has a minimum of two blank visa pages facing each other for each entry into South Africa, (MUST HAVE THE WORD "VISA") to enable entry permit to be issued. **Passport must be valid at least six months beyond the intended period of stay in South Africa.**

Please note that visas are required for **Zimbabwe**, and are issued upon arrival at the first port of entry. The fee on arrival in Zimbabwe is USD\$30 for a single entry and USD\$45 for a double entry, payable in US Dollars. Fees are subject to change.

Zimbabwe departure tax is USD\$20.00 payable in US Dollars upon departure from Zimbabwe.

**Please note:** While in **Zimbabwe**, hotel bills, meals not included as part of your tour, purchases, etc. must be paid for in cash in foreign currency (USD, GBP, etc.) It is best to travel with small denominations in foreign currency for extras, or for any purchases. Hotels only accept payment in foreign currency. Change will not be given in foreign currency, but only in Zimbabwe dollars which is not transferable back to foreign currency, and will not be of value when you exit the country.

Credit cards are rarely accepted, and if they are, will be charged at an inflated exchange rate. It is strongly recommended that you avoid using them altogether, while in Zimbabwe. Diners Club and American Express credit cards are only accepted in minimal outlets and some establishments will not accept any credit card payment. MasterCard/Visa are not accepted at hotels, restaurants, shops, etc. It is advisable that you take into Zimbabwe a sufficient supply of recently minted US bills, in denomination of \$1, \$5, \$10 and \$20. Hotels will also only accept US\$ notes printed after 2001.

### OCT 02 THU NEW YORK / LONDON / JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA

Your dream safari is only a day away as you depart from New York aboard your British Airways flight to London. On arrival, connect to your ongoing British Airways flight to Johannesburg.

* New York / London	British Airways flight # 172	8:20am – 8:15pm
* London / Johannesburg	British Airways flight # 57	9:15pm – 9:05am +1

### OCT 03 FRI JOHANNESBURG / VICTORIA FALLS, ZIMBABWE

On arrival in Johannesburg this morning, connect to your British Airways/Comair flight to Victoria Falls.

\* Johannesburg / Victoria Falls British Airways flight # 6285 11:25am – 1:10pm

On arrival, you will be transferred to your reserved hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure in this scenic area.





#### ACCOMMODATIONS: ILALA LODGE

The Ilala Lodge is a cool, comfortable haven only five minutes walk from Africa's most spectacular natural wonder, the mighty Victoria Falls. Ilala Lodge offers 32 rooms - 24 twins, 8 doubles and 2 suites. Every room is equipped with a satellite television, telephone, fans, air-conditioning and an en-suite bathroom with bath and shower, and is served early morning tea / coffee and a fruit basket. All rooms open onto the natural bush of the game park.

Offering a mouthwatering à la carte menu, the Palm restaurant is a cool airy retreat from the heat of the African bush. With its view of the game park, the pool bar is a social shady spot where you can spend the day relaxing, watching the game and cooling off with our exotic cocktails and the occasional dip in the pool. At night recount the day's adventures in the Totoba Pub over an ice cold beer, a mellow whisky or a cocktail.

**OCT 04 SAT**

#### VICTORIA FALLS – CRAFT VILLAGE, TOUR OF FALLS, SUNDOWNER CRUISE

During your sightseeing excursion this morning, you will visit the Craft Village which depicts scenes of traditional African life. The Victoria Falls Craft Village is a curio hunter's paradise. With five to six football fields of curio in any shape, size and budget you are sure to get that something special. Feel free to negotiate prices.



Afterwards, continue on a conducted tour of Victoria Falls. Your guide will lead you through the natural rain forest to selected vantage points from where you will see the five main cataracts that comprise the Falls.



Late in the afternoon you are transferred to the Zambezi River above the Falls for the "sundowner" cruise. Livingstone first wrote about this "Crimson Heart of Africa bleeding over the Kandahar Rapids" and sunset on the Zambezi has captivated travelers since.

The Ra-Ikane is a small luxury cruise boat that is outfitted to suggest, in exquisite detail, an ambiance of a bygone era. Paying tribute to Ra-Ikane, one of the guides who first led David Livingstone to the Victoria Falls, this cruise boat is exclusive and personalized and designed to compliment your stay.



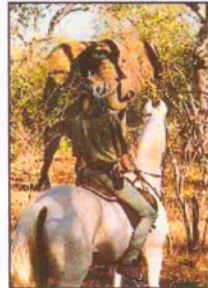
Period decor, historic memorabilia, fine cuisine and refreshments characterize a level of comfort and grace unsurpassed on the Zambezi. Game can often be spotted from the water too.

ACCOMMODATIONS: ILALA LODGE (B)

**OCT 05 SUN**

**VICTORIA FALLS – ZAMBEZI HORSE TRAILS**

Enjoy the African bushveld and the Zambezi River riding along the riverbanks on the back of a horse. Whether you are an experienced rider or a novice it is a very pleasant and peaceful way to see game and enjoy the birds and the ride. Animals are less disturbed by a person on a horse and it is quite possible to watch game at very close quarters.



The 2½ hour safari begins in the morning and includes tea, coffee, soft drinks and snacks. Guests are picked up from the lodge and dropped off there. At the beginning of the ride clients are given instructions on how to handle the horses, and the ride is conducted according to their ability and inclination, with the pace at the discretion of the guide. An experienced guide and a tracker accompany all rides.

Weight limit – maximum weight 95kg. (200lb.), Heavier clients – on request. Hard hats are provided.

On return to the lodge, enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

ACCOMMODATIONS: ILALA LODGE (B)

**OCT 06 MON**

**VICTORIA FALLS / JOHANNESBURG**

You will be transferred to the airport today in time for the departure of your flight bound for Johannesburg. On arrival transfer via hotel courtesy vehicle to your reserved hotel near the airport for an overnight stay.

*\* Victoria Falls / Johannesburg British Airways flight # 6282 1:50pm – 3:30pm*



ACCOMMODATIONS: SOUTHERN SUN / O.R. TAMBO - JOHANNESBURG INTERNATIONAL  
Located near the Johannesburg International Airport, this hotel is perfect for those whose time in Johannesburg is brief, but who require a relaxing and comfortable overnight stay. The hotel features a coffee shop, restaurant, three cocktail lounges, swimming pool and nightly entertainment. (B)



**OCT 07 TUE**

**JOHANNESBURG / NAIROBI, KENYA**

Return to the airport this morning by hotel courtesy vehicle and fly to Nairobi.

*\* Johannesburg / Nairobi*

*South African Airways # 182*

*9:35am – 2:40pm*

Jambo na Karibu! Hello and welcome to Nairobi, or in the Maasai language, "place of cool waters". You are welcomed at the airport this evening, and then driven to your hotel. Enjoy dinner at your hotel tonight.



**ACCOMMODATIONS: HOUSE OF WAINE**

The House of Waine is an 11-bedroom property on 2.5 acres that blends the elegance of gracious living with the spirit of modern Africa in an exclusive and serene setting on the outskirts of Nairobi in the suburb of Karen.

All bedrooms have safes, private bathrooms, direct dial telephone, hair dryers, mini bars, TV with Satellite and local channels, tea/coffee making facilities, and internet services.

In addition, there is a heated swimming pool with poolside bar and spacious and secure parking available. (B,D)

**OCT 08 WED**

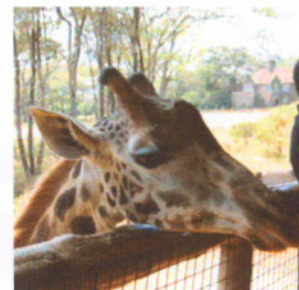
**NAIROBI**

Awake to the hushed dawning of your first morning in Africa. The morning is at leisure to gather your first impression of Kenya and her bustling capital city.

On this afternoon's tour, you follow in the footsteps of Karen Blixen as you travel along Langata Road towards the Ngong Hills to the grave of Denys Finch Hatton, a contemporary of Karen Blixen.

Following the line of Ngong Hills, you pass through Ngong Village and continue to the Karen Blixen Museum, contained in the house that was her home for many years. A considerable effort was undertaken to retrieve much of the original furniture, which was sold off upon her return to Denmark. The area is now a green residential neighborhood, named Karen, in her honor.

Visit places of interest, including the craft market and a bronze factory. Continue with a drive through the residential area of Langata to the Giraffe Center, situated in a rare indigenous forest on Nairobi's western boundary. The Center is located on the estate of Betty Leslie-Melville's Giraffe Manor and is the headquarters for the African Fund for Endangered Wildlife and the "home" of Daisy, the famous Rothschild giraffe and her relatives.





During your stop here, relax at the Tea House for afternoon tea and enjoy a walk through the adjacent sanctuary where 168 species of birds have been identified together with warthog, bushbuck, dikdik and other mammals.

A specially designed observation platform offers you the opportunity to feed the full grown giraffe from your own hands; it's an experience you won't forget. Be sure to bring your camera for some superb photographic opportunities.

Return to Nairobi in the early evening via Langata Road passing the entrance to Nairobi National Park situated just eight miles from Nairobi city center and Wilson Airport on the right. This airport dates back to 1929 and is the largest civil airfield in Africa.

Enjoy dinner at your hotel tonight.

ACCOMMODATIONS: HOUSE OF WAINE (B,D)

#### **IMPORTANT NOTES FOR FLYING IN KENYA**

**Luggage restrictions for flights to the Masai Mara are 33 pounds per person (including photographic equipment). Please pack in soft-sided bags. Your excess will be taken back to your Nairobi hotel and stored. This restriction is rigidly enforced for your safety, and due to space limitations.**

**HARD SIDED AND/OR OVERWEIGHT LUGGAGE CAN NOT BE ACCEPTED ON LIGHT AIRCRAFT.**

OCT 09 THU

#### **NAIROBI / LEWA DOWNS**

**\*\*\* HAPPY ANNIVERSARY \*\*\***

After breakfast this morning you will be transferred to Wilson Airport for your tour flight to Lewa Downs. On arrival, you are met and transferred to Wilderness Trails for a two night stay. Arrive in time for lunch, and then enjoy afternoon activities and dinner at your lodge tonight.

Lewa Downs is a 40,000 acre ranch, home to the Craig Family since 1924. It is also home to a diverse array of wildlife, set in some of Kenya's most spectacular scenery. The snowcapped peaks of Mount Kenya dominate the views to the south, where the southern boundary rises to an altitude of some 6,500 feet above sea level. To the north, the terrain drops away rapidly with breathtaking views of Samburu, Ololokwe and the Matthew's Range beyond.



The Lewa Downs Conservancy itself supports a myriad of plains game species, all perfectly adapted for the semi-desert environment. The thinly striped and endangered Grevy's zebra and the chocolate brown reticulated giraffe are common. The lance-like horned beisa oryx and the rare greater kudu are seasonal visitors. Gunther's dikdik, with its huge nasal swellings, the giraffe-necked gerenuk and the beautiful blue-legged Somali Ostrich are resident all year.

The swamp has become a sanctuary in itself for the fascinating semi-aquatic sitatunga antelope and its primary predator, the leopard. Birdlife is equally rich with numerous species of bustards, plovers, coursers and birds of prey. At night, leopards are frequently encountered, along with bush babies, aardvarks, bat-eared foxes, caracal and various mongooses, genets and civets. A few days stay at Lewa Downs will provide you with a unique combination of hospitality, spectacular scenery and abundant wildlife.





#### ACCOMMODATIONS: LEWA DOWNS WILDERNESS CAMP

This private ranch is situated in some of the most beautiful country in Kenya, almost 5,000 feet high and offers a splendid view of the snow covered Mount Kenya and of the Great Rift Valley.

Accommodation is in one of the 5 double stone & thatched cottages located near the Craig's house each with lovely views of the gardens. There is a central lounge and living area with a cozy fireplace for cool evenings. Meals are taken at the Craig's.

Here, little restriction is placed on the visitor. There are opportunities for observing wild animals in their natural habitat at close range on nature walks, from hides beside the popular water holes or on horseback or camels are all part of the day's experience. There are also day and night game drives offered. You will also be able to visit the Rhino sanctuary near here and have the opportunity to meet many of the local people. (B,L,D)



**OCT 10 FRI**

#### LEWA DOWNS

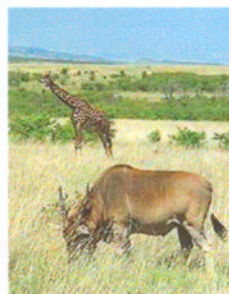
Enjoy a full day of horseback and other game viewing activities.

ACCOMMODATIONS: LEWA DOWNS WILDERNESS CAMP (B,L,D)

**OCT 11 SAT**

#### LEWA DOWNS / MASAI MARA

This morning you will be transferred to the airstrip for your tour flight to the Masai Mara, Kenya's premier game reserve. On arrival at Mara Airstrip you will be met by a Kichwa Tembo Tented Camp representative and transferred by road to the camp (approx 45 minutes). Relax and get settled-in to your safari camp before the afternoon game viewing drive.



The Mara's tree flecked grasslands are frequented by huge herds of plains game, black maned lion, leopard, cheetah, large numbers of elephant, and a wide variety of other birds and animals. There are several areas of dense hippo and crocodile populations in the bends of the traversing Mara River. Return to your camp in time for "sundowners" and dinner.



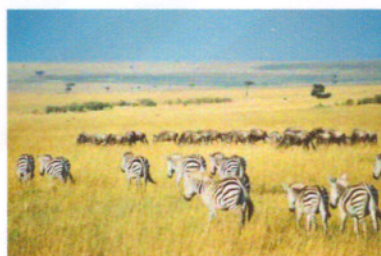


**ACCOMMODATIONS: KICHWA TEMBO TENTED CAMP** – luxury tents  
Overlooking the endless game-filled plains of the Masai Mara National Park in Kenya, Kichwa Tembo Tented Camp - an oasis of Hemingway-style safari tents - is nestled below the Oloololo Escarpment on the fringe of a riverine forest.

The Camp comprises 28-classic and 12-luxury spacious safari tents with en-suite facilities, comfortable furnishings and private verandas with sweeping views over either the magnificent grasslands or the Sabaringo River.

Guest areas include a reception area, bar / sitting room, indoor / outdoor dining areas and shaded swimming pool, as well as a superbly appointed curio shop and gallery.

Besides being the setting for the ancient and often tragic spectacle of the Great Migration, other marvels of the Masai Mara include black-maned lions, rhino, cheetah, giraffe, elephant, red-tailed monkeys and a host of antelope. Twice-daily interpretive game-drives led by our highly trained and experienced rangers, bird watching and bush-walks with resident guides and naturalists reveal the wonders of the Mara. (B,L,D)



**OCT 12 SUN  
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OCT 13 MON**

#### **MASAI MARA**

Enjoy morning and afternoon game viewing activities during your stay. Your camp is in a secluded part of the Mara that allows you to enjoy undisturbed game viewing. At the end of the day, return to your camp for a sumptuous meal before relaxing in the lounge area to share the day's adventure.

**ACCOMMODATIONS: KICHWA TEMBO TENTED CAMP (B,L,D)**

**OCT 14 TUE**

#### **MASAI MARA / NAIROBI / LONDON**

A final game run this morning to imprint the images of Africa in your mind, then you return by air to Nairobi. Your afternoon is at leisure for independent exploration, shopping or just relaxing.

A dayroom has been arranged for you until your transfer later this evening to the airport in time for departure of your British Airways flight to London.

\* Nairobi / Johannesburg

British Airways flight # 64

11:45pm – 6:20am +1





**ACCOMMODATIONS: SAFARI PARK HOTEL - DAYROOM**

The ethnic-style architecture of the hotel blends beautifully with the 64 acres of gardens surrounding the property. An oasis of tranquility and style, the Safari Park Hotel is situated in lovely gardens of palms, acacias and bougainvillea.

The spacious rooms are all decorated in an African motif, all with private balconies, and have hand-carved African furniture, including four-poster beds. Each room also has built in hair-dryers, a mini bar, television.

The Hemingway Lounge, designed as the inside of a safari tent, serves as a cocktail lounge and meeting room. The aura of being on safari is felt from the moment you arrive. (B)

**OCT 15 WED**

**LONDON / NEW YORK**

On arrival in London this morning, connect to your ongoing British Airways flight to New York, and arrive home with memories to last a lifetime!

*\* London / New York*

*British Airways flight # 117*

*8:55am – 11:20am*

**\*\* WELCOME HOME \*\***

**\*These flight details are accurate as of the time of printing and are subject to change. Reconfirm your flights 72 hours prior to departure directly with the airline.**