AFRICAN TRAVEL

Pride Gafaris



FIND YOUR PRIDE

in Africa

Africa holds incredibly diverse wildlife, open landscapes, and rich culture, delivering exceptional safaris for any traveler, including the LGBTQ+ community.

Places like South Africa are a haven for LGBTQ+ travelers. The "Rainbow Nation" has a liberal constitution, gay-friendly communities, cosmopolitan cities, lively culture, and a variety of beautiful natural spaces.

Wherever you go, you will have the genuine welcome from your African lodges, hotels and camps that focus on inclusion and sensitivity. Most of all, your African travels leave a positive impact on you and generations to come.





LGBTQ+

Luxury Safaris

Dreaming of Africa? It is important to work with an expert who exclusively knows Africa, like our partner African Travel, Inc. Their specialists, including LGBTQ+ experts, have traveled extensively in Africa. We know how to guide you to camps and experiences that focus on inclusion and sensitivity.

We have created this guide of tips and safari experiences so you can find the right journey for you, whether traveling alone, with a partner or family.

We invite you to live your African dream.

What is the African Travel difference?

WE KNOW AFRICA



LOCAL HERE & THERE team in US and Africa with extensive knowledge & access



FAMILY OF BRANDS taking care of every detail



TAILOR-MADE safari customized to your style & budget



MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®
experiences with a
positive footprint



ONE-STOP-SHOP for air, the best hotels, camps & lodges



SERVICE with VIP amenities & 24/7 concierge









Pride is Personal

Q&A WITH AFRICAN TRAVEL PRESIDENT SHERWIN BANDA

Recognized as one of *Robb Report* magazine's "16 LGBTQ+ Visionaries in Luxury You Should Know," Sherwin is passionate about creating diverse and safe spaces for all who visit Africa.

Sherwin sat down for a Q&A to discuss the realities of LGBTQ+ travel in Africa and what destinations need to be on your radar.

What do you think is one of the major misconceptions about LGBTQ+ travel in Africa?

A common misconception is Africa is not safe for travelers, and especially LGBTQ+ guests. Most people don't know that South Africa legalized same sex marriage in 2006 which was years before U.S. recognized same sex marriage. There is still a long way to go to have gay marriage recognized across Africa, however LGBTQ+ people are living and thriving in the destination.

Lodges, camps, and hotels are well-vetted to meet international service standards and the specific needs of all guests. You will come for the wildlife, but the people will steal your heart. Africans are some of the friendliest people on earth.

Growing up in South Africa, how did this influence you in life?

I grew up during apartheid and listening to the stories of teachers, religious leaders and elders cultivated a desire for change within the youth. They challenged us to find an alternative without compromising our traditions or sense of humanity. Those early learnings shaped my desire to live in a life of service and to be 100% inclusive for all.





What would you recommend guests do while visiting?

Known as the Rainbow Nation, South Africa truly offers something for everyone. Cape Town is referred to as the "Mother City" of South Africa and is very gay friendly, with the largest LGBTQ+ community in all of Africa. There are many exciting places to see throughout the city. The pink district called De Waterkant has many LGBTQ+ friendly bars, restaurants, and nightlife.

What are some emerging destinations LGBTQ+ travelers should consider?

While some countries, many of which are in West Africa, outlaw homosexuality, the continent has made great strides. It may have started in Southern Africa, but change is moving north.

Botswana sets the gold standard for sustainability, and it continues to progress since it decriminalized same sex relationships in 2019.

The experiences here are outstanding because the government has limited the number of camps, so you have a truly intimate experience.

I would highly recommend relaxing on a beach at the end of a trip and Mozambique has some beautiful beaches. The country also decriminalized same sex relationships in 2015. Seychelles has some wonderful resorts opening this year, including the new Waldorf Astoria and the Seychelles also makes it illegal to discriminate based on sexual orientation.





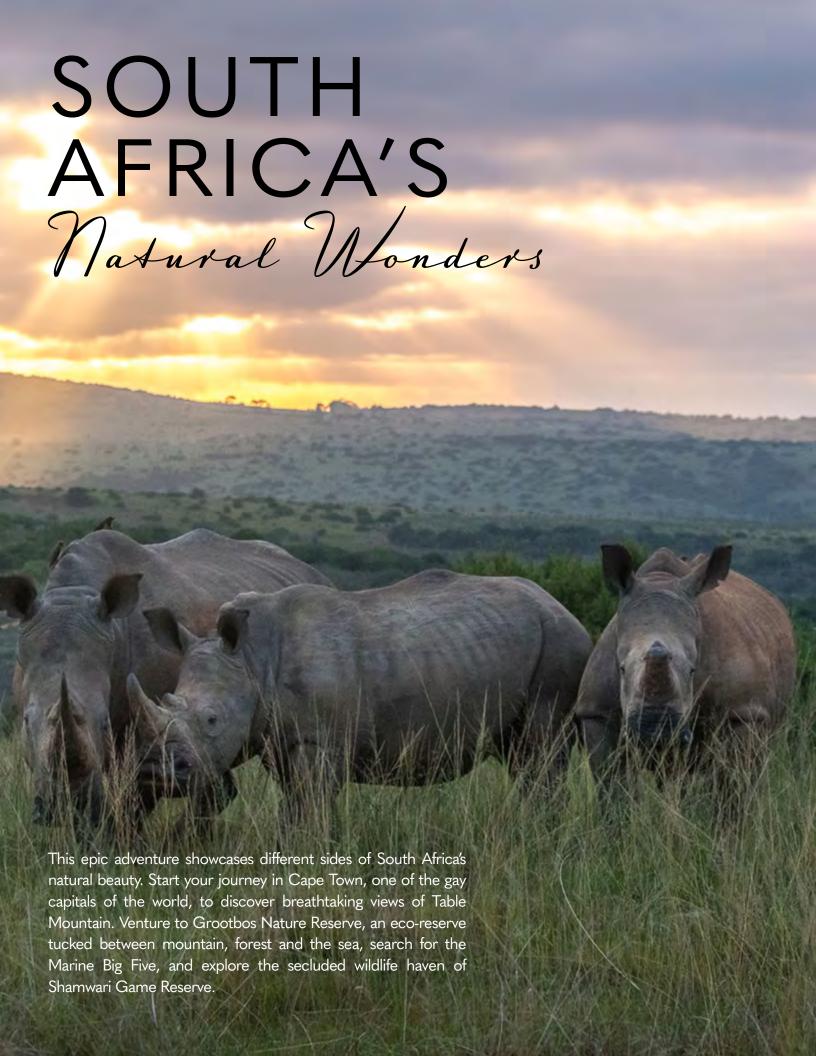
EXPLORE AFRICA

Find the right Africa just for you with one of these special journeys.

Like the stripes on a zebra, no two human fingerprints are the same. The same is true for each person's ideal safari.

Considering how travel styles change throughout one's life, we have curated inspirational journeys to fit your needs whether you're single, married or a family.







CAPE TOWN | GROOTBOS PRIVATE NATURE RESERVE SHAMWARI PRIVATE GAME RESERVE

10 DAYS

Take in breathtaking views of Cape Town, then journey to the marine and wildlife kingdoms of Grootbos Nature Reserve and Shamwari Game Reserve.

Day 1 Arrive in Cape Town, South Africa

Welcome to Cape Town, South Africa's beautiful "Mother City" and your ideal city sanctuary for your active holiday. One&Only Cape Town

Day 2 Cape Town

Spend the day exploring the stunning Cape Peninsula. Your private guide will share the natural wonders along the coast from the penguin colonies to the wonders found at the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve. (B)

One&Only Cape Town

Day 3 Cape Town





Relish a leisurely day in Cape Town. Stroll through the Malay Quarter or visit the top of Table Mountain. Chat with One&Only's Back to Nature Guide for inspiring ideas for where to trek or explore in the city. (B) One&Only Cape Town

Day 4 Cape Town / Grootbos Private Nature Reserve

Grootbos Private Nature Reserve is a luxury eco-reserve, renowned for its natural beauty. Accompanied by specialist guides, go on 4x4 flower safari drives, horseback riding, bird watching, cave tours, beach visits and walking trails. (BLD)

Grootbos Garden Lodge

SOMETHING FOR **EVERYONE**

Like South Africa's diversity, this trip can be tailored for any travel style and is also perfect if you want to travel with friends, family or that special person in your life.

Even better, stay at extraordinary places doing amazing work to protect South Africa's natural wonders.





SOUTH AFRICA'S NATURAL WONDERS

Day 5 Grootbos Private Nature Reserve

The reserve is positioned on the doorstep of a marine paradise, and today you will head out for close encounters with Africa's Marine Big Five. Marine safaris take place on a purpose-built eco-friendly tour vessel. Enjoy a trip led by experienced marine biologists and guides. Witness thousands of Cape Fur Seals basking in the sun, try and spot some fearsome Great White Sharks or delight as bottlenose dolphins surf right by the boat. (BLD)

Grootbos Garden Lodge

Day 6 Grootbos Private Nature Reserve

Grootbos is committed to transforming communities and conserving the environment through the creation of sustainable livelihoods. Participate in the Living the Futures Tour and then marvel at the Florlegium, Africa's first collection of botanical illustrations by local and international artists. (BLD)

Grootbos Garden Lodge

Day 7 Grootbos Private Nature Reserve / Shamwari Game Reserve

Fly to Shamwari Game Reserve, a secluded wildlife haven in the Eastern Cape. Meet your ranger and set out for your first game drive. Keep your eyes peeled for the graceful leopard, the powerful rhino, elephants, lions, buffalo and a multitude of other wildlife. (BLD) Long Lee Manor

Day 8 Shamwari Game Reserve

Wake up with the chattering birds and get ready to explore this diverse reserve with valleys, clifftop views, and bush plains filled with an abundance of big game, birds and a standout rhino and elephant experience.

Rangers and guides are passionate about wildlife and knowledgeable in their respective fields of expertise. Expect to take away new insights, an appreciation for Africa, and an unforgettable experience. This afternoon, look out for hippos submerging along the riverbank and watch for the African fish eagle searching for its dinner. (BLD) Long Lee Manor

Day 9 Shamwari Game Reserve

In between game drives, join a wildlife caretaker to learn about conservation efforts. The Born Free Big Cat Sanctuary highlights the circumstances of wild cats confined in impoverished, captive environments throughout the world and their journey to the sanctuary where they can live in the wild. The Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre helps to rehabilitate and care for sick, injured, abandoned or orphaned animals under the care of a professional veterinary team, for release back into the wild. (BLD)





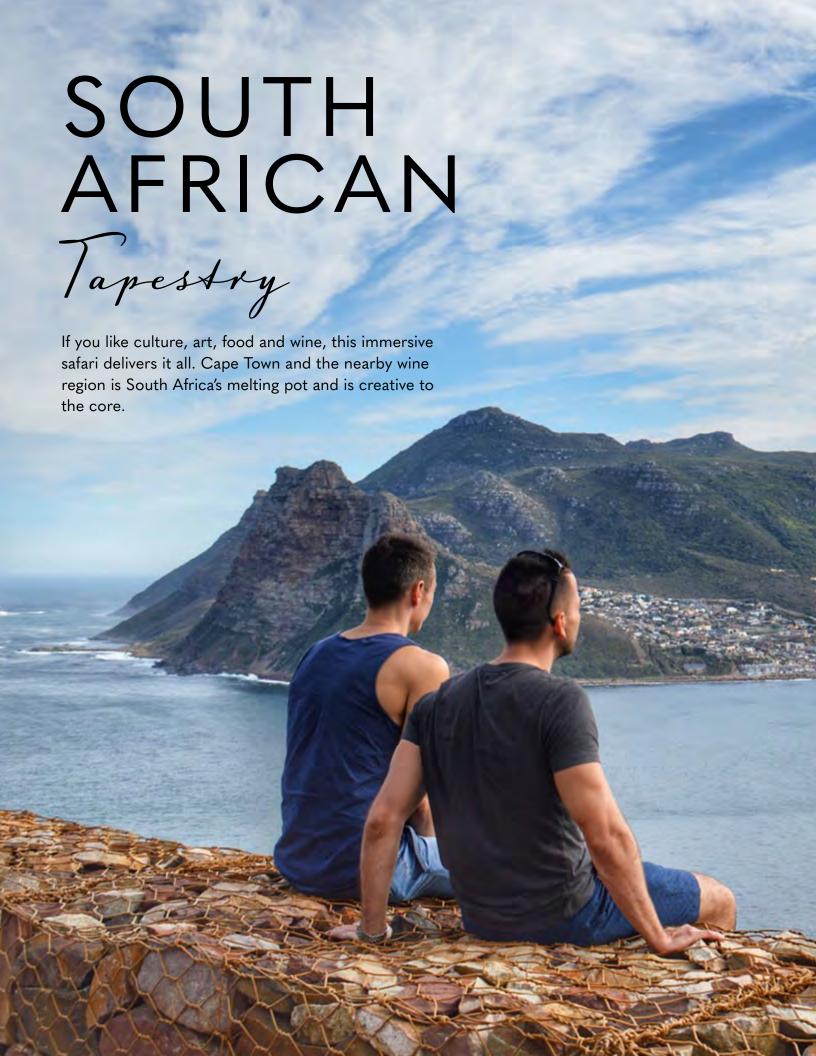


Meaning "my friend" in Shona, the Shamwari Game Reserve is one of the largest and most success conservation initiatives in Southern Africa. Twice-daily game drives and walks will provide plenty of opportunities to learn from expert guides.

There is also two centers to visit where you can meet on-site vets and caretakers to learn more.

Day 10 Shamwari Game Reserve / Depart

Take in one last morning game drive before traveling to Port Elizabeth for your flight to Johannesburg and your onward arrangements. You may be leaving Africa, but Africa will never leave you. (B)





CAPE TOWN | FRANSCHHOEK | DURBAN SAVANNA PRIVATE GAME RESERVE

11 DAYS

This journey explores a rich tapestry of wine, wellness and wildlife across beautiful coastal cities, centuries-old vineyards and a pristine wildlife reserve.

Day 1 Arrive Cape Town, South Africa

Welcome to Cape Town, South Africa's "Mother City," and your luxurious hotel overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. The Twelve Apostles Hotel & Spa

Day 2 Cape Town

Begin a day of spectacular vistas with a ride on the cable car and maybe a yoga class at the top of Table Mountain. Tonight, delight your taste buds with a **delicious meal at Azure Restaurant.** (BD)

The Twelve Apostles Hotel & Spa

Day 3 Cape Town

On a privately guided tour of the Cape Peninsula, wind your way along the coast stopping in charming coastal towns, visiting the endearing penguins, and walking along the Cape of Good Hope. (B)

The Twelve Apostles Hotel & Spa

Day 4 Cape Town / Franschhoek

After breakfast and check out, transfer to the beautiful Franschhoek winelands and discover the wine farms and estates dating back 300 years. Mont Rochelle has over 100 acres to explore. (B)

Mont Rochelle







SOUTH AFRICAN TAPESTRY

Day 5 Franschhoek



Enjoy the Winelands charm on a **private tour of the valley's artisans and wine cellars.** Discover local cheeses, chocolates and olive oil, all crafted with passion. Support local artists in a gallery tour perhaps visiting the Ebony/Curated Bordeaux House and Manz Art and maybe stop at the Farm Sanctuary SA to learn about the famous pig, Pigcasso, and the work of the Utopian Farm. (B)

Mont Rochelle

Day 6 Cape Town / Durban

After a final morning in the vineyards, return to Cape Town and fly off to Durban. Sink into luxury at your prestigious beach front hotel overlooking the Indian Ocean. (B)

The Oyster Box

Day 7 Durban

After breakfast meet your guide and depart on your full day **Kwazulu-Natal Midlands Tour**. Visit the Nelson Mandela Capture Site memorial and continue to Ardmore Ceramic Art. **Meet local artisans** who share their unique takes on nature and Zulu folklore, enjoy tea and create a work of art together. (B)

The Oyster Box

Day 8 Durban / Kruger Private Reserve

With a couple of short flights, you'll be on your way to your safari in the famous Sabi Sand Reserve. Settle in and soak up the tranquility of the African bush. **Your luxury suite blends the elegance of a by-gone era** with the romance of sleeping in a tent. (BLD)

Savanna

Day 9 Kruger Private Reserve

Rise early when the animals are most lively for this morning's game drive. Return to your camp for lunch. Relax in the comfort of the lounge or at the pool over lush gardens. If you like, enjoy an exquisite massage treatment in the privacy of your suite before setting out on an **evening game drive spotlighting the nocturnal animals** as they come out to forage and hunt. (BLD) Savanna

Day 10 Kruger Private Reserve

Guided walks are another way to explore the rarer sights and wonders of the bush, often missed when in a vehicle. Tonight, savor fine dining beneath the grand canopy of the African sky. (BLD)

Savanna

Day 11 Kruger Private Reserve / Depart

Greet the dawn on one final game drive. After a hearty breakfast, travel by air to Johannesburg for your international departure flight. (B)

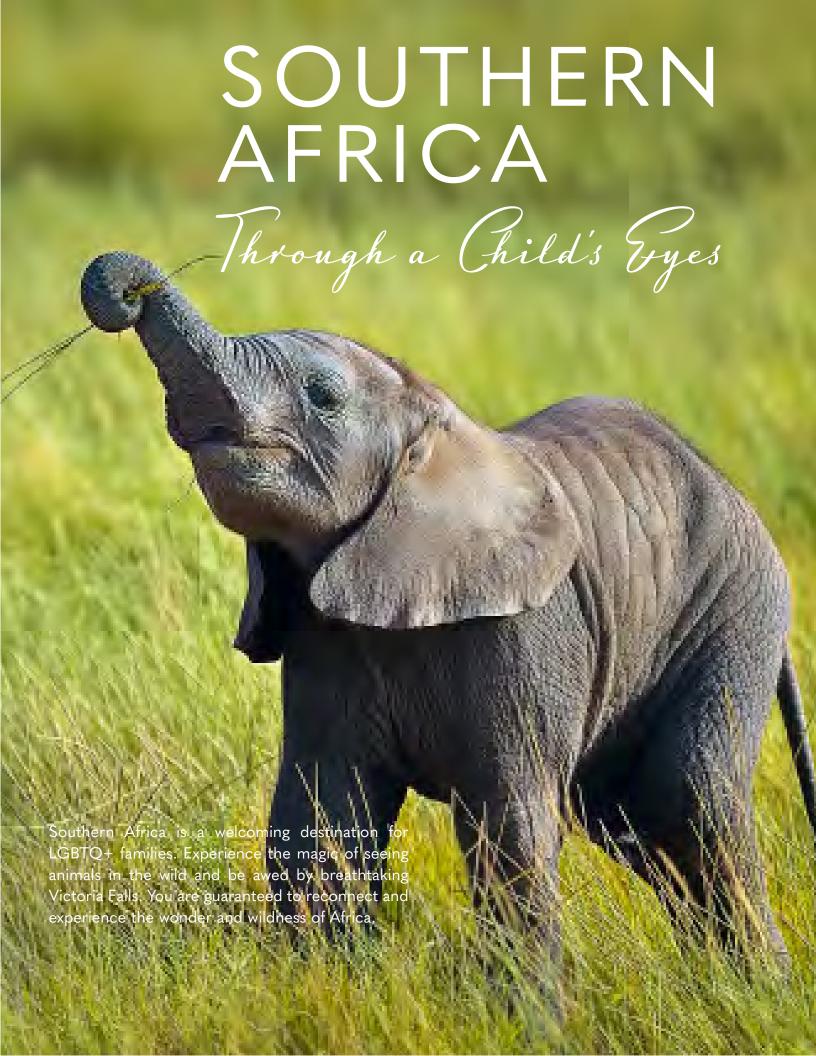




SAVANNA

A luxury lodge in the Sabi Sand Reserve is committed to supporting locals, employing 90% of staff from these communities.

Khumba Ncila means Touching Tales in Shangaan and is supported by the lodge. The project focuses on educating neighbors about pet adoption, veterinary care and puppy classes to decrease pet homelessness.





CAPE TOWN | SABI SABI PRIVATE GAME RESERVE, SOUTH AFRICA | VICTORIA FALLS, ZIMBABWE 11 DAYS

This adventure is tailored to meet the needs of LGBTQ+ families with children. Join in the wonder of meeting an African penguin or the excitement of seeing an animal in the wild for the first time.

Day 1 Arrive Cape Town, South Africa

Welcome to Cape Town, South Africa's "Mother City." Your home away from home for the next few nights is the Belmond Mount Nelson, an oasis of calm, at the foot of Table Mountain.

Belmond Mount Nelson

Day 2 Cape Town

Today's **privately guided exploration** starts with a cable car ride up to the summit of the legendary Table Mountain. Drive through the Malay Quarter and visit the Two Oceans Aquarium, the only one of its kind in Africa exhibiting over 3000 species including sharks, seals, turtles and penguins. (B)

Belmond Mount Nelson

Day 3 Cape Town

Discover the pristine coastline of the "Fairest Cape", wind your way along the coast stopping in charming coastal towns, visiting the endearing penguins, and walking along the Cape of Good Hope. Visit the lively penguin colony at Boulders Beach, before returning to the city via the naval village of Simon's Town. (B)\

Belmond Mount Nelson

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

Experience the joy of watching your little adventurer discover Africa's natural wonders, like a true explorer!

Specially designed and supervised ranger led bushveld activities reveal the natural world to kids crazy about critters.





SOUTHERN AFRICA THROUGH A CHILD'S EYES

Day 4 Cape Winelands

The Cape Winelands offers breathtaking scenery, warm hospitality, and world class cuisine. Visit Babylonstoren, one of the oldest Cape Dutch farms, for a wine tasting and lunch. Meals are served picnic-style in wooden crates with preserves, jams and salads presented in mason jars. Take a stroll through the picturesque village of Franschhoek before returning to your hotel. (BL)

Mont Rochelle

Day 5 Cape Town / Sabi Sabi Private Game Reserve

You will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Skukuza. Continue to the safari highlight of your family holiday and enjoy a three night stay in the Sabi Sabi Private Game Reserve. Game viewing possibilities are simply unparalleled, including the much sought after 'Big 5'. (BLD) Sabi Sabi Bush Lodge

Day 6 Sabi Sabi Private Game Reserve

At Sabi Sabi, a children's facility provides interactive activities designed for children between the ages of 4 and 12 years. Bush themed activities are guided and supervised by qualified staff who aim to create lifelong lovers of the bush. Parents can relax and have a pamper session or just kick back and enjoy some private time. (BLD)

Sabi Sabi Bush Lodge

Day 7 Sabi Sabi Private Game Reserve

Wake up early with the chattering birds, grab your camera and kids for this morning's game drive. This afternoon, look out for hippos submerging in the waterholes. Before tucking in for the night, listen carefully to see how many different animal sounds you can identify. (BLD)

Sabi Sabi Bush Lodge

Day 8 Sabi Sabi, South Africa / Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

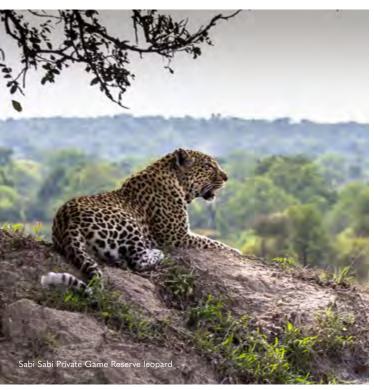
After breakfast you will be transferred to Skukuza Airport for your shared light aircraft flight to the Mpumalanga Airport, and your onward flight. Meet your Victoria Falls River Lodge representative and transfer across the border. Victoria Falls River Lodge is a luxury tented lodge situated on the peaceful banks of the mighty Zambezi River, within the national park. (BLD)

Victoria Falls River Lodge

Day 9 Victoria Falls

Fill your days with the varied land and water experiences on offer at your lodge, or simply relax on your deck and observe nature unfold on the river. Join an early morning cruise and watch the world awaken as the sun's first ray's skip and dance across the shimmering surface of the mighty Zambezi. (BLD)

Victoria Falls River Lodge





Day 10 Victoria Falls

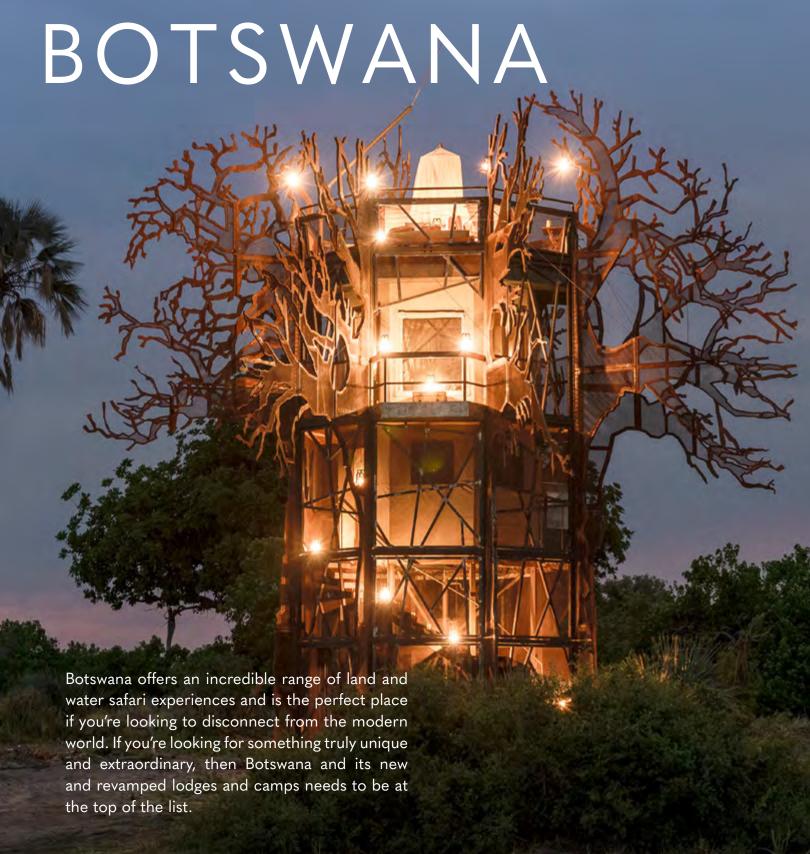
At Victoria Falls River Lodge the children will learn all about the fascinating fauna and flora on the junior discoverer's drive. Take a walk on the "wild side" to discover the natural wonders right on their doorstep! There's no better way to end an epic day of adventuring than listening to traditional tales from Africa while toasting tasty treats over the bonfire. (B)

Day 11 Victoria Falls / Depart

Say goodbye to Victoria Falls as your family safari draws to a close. Transfer to the airport for your flight to Johannesburg and connect homeward bound. (B)

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JOHANNESBURG | MAKGADIKGADI PANS SELINDA RESERVE | OKAVANGO DELTA

11 DAYS

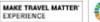
Discover a front row seat to nature's theatre at luxury tented camps that draw on decades of safari heritage. For real adventure in unreal style, this ultra-lux African safari is made for those for whom attention to detail matters, privacy is paramount, and style and sustainability perfectly intersects.

Day 1 Arrive Johannesburg, South Africa

With a warm welcome, you will be transferred to the enchanting Saxon Hotel. Situated on ten acres of magnificent indigenous gardens, The Saxon provides a private and peaceful retreat.

The Saxon

Day 2 Johannesburg, South Africa / Makgadikgadi Pans, Botswana





Fly to the otherworldly vistas and discover the Magic of the Makgadikgadi. The old-world glamour of Jack's Camp is a Kalahari legend. With stunning touches like the nomadic tea tent and Natural History Museum cabinets. (BLD) Jack's Camp

Day 3 Makgadikgadi Pans

As the sun rises, meet the pixie-faced meerkats then learn about the secrets of the desert on a walk with the Zu/'hoasi Bushmen. On game drives, keep your eyes peeled for the elusive brown hyena or Kalahari lion. After dinner, enjoy a 360-degree view of the stars. (BLD)

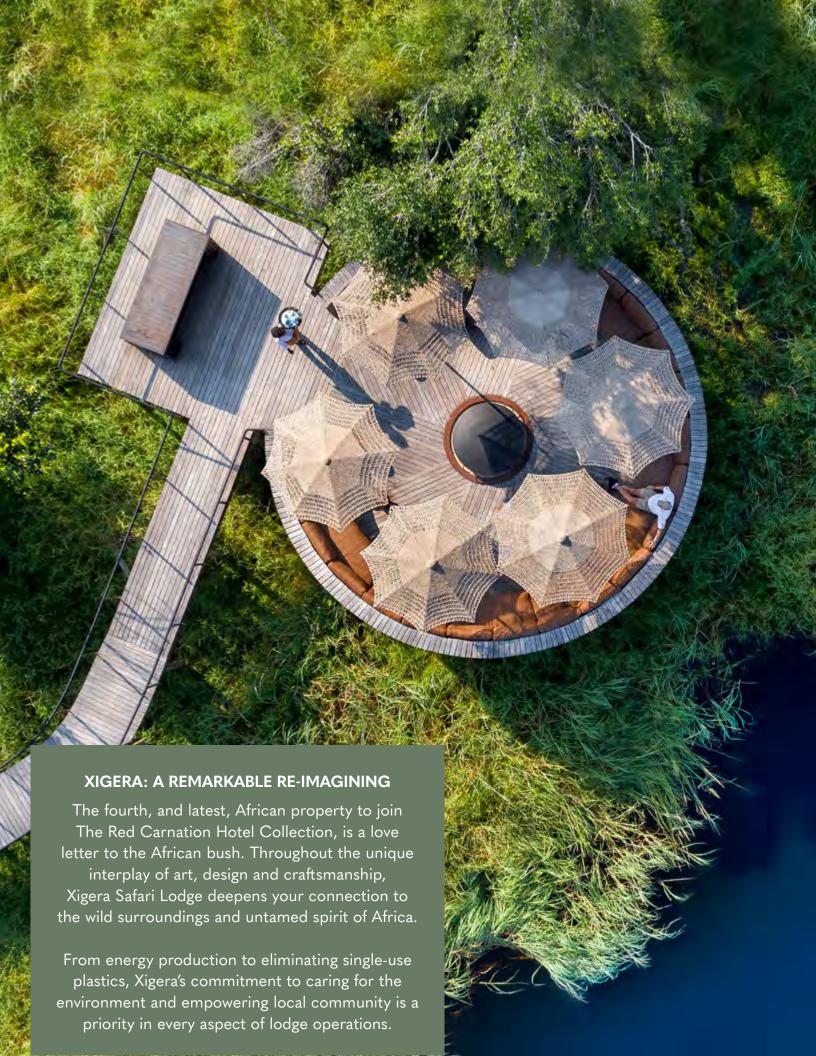
Jack's Camp

WHY IT MATTERS

Embrace the call of the wild at stylish camps that are passionate about sustainability and hospitality.

Recharge at Xigera Safari Lodge, delight in the Magic of the Makgadikgadi and take a walk with the Kalahari bushmen.





PLATINUM BOTSWANA

Day 4 Makgadikgadi Pans

The Makgadikgadi is a place of unpredictable spectacles. During the dry season, a shimmering whiteness envelops the scorched landscape. This is the time of year for a thrilling quad bike ride or sleeping under the stars. When the rains fall, the pans are transformed into a layer of emerald-green grass that stretches out in every direction. Try to time your visit to the second largest migration of zebra and wildebeest in Africa. (BLD) Jack's Camp

Day 5 Makgadikgadi Pans / Selinda Reserve

Fly to Zarafa, in the private 130,000 hectare Selinda Reserve, known for its staggering wildlife populations year-round. Home to leopard, lion, cheetah, elephant, buffalo, red lechwe, zebra and giraffe, it is also a refuge for some of the more uncommon species such as African wild dog, roan and sable antelope. (BLD) Zarafa Camp

Day 6 Selinda Reserve

Explore the nearby forests and grasslands. Bring the provided Swarovski binoculars on guided walks and game drives to spy the elusive leopard, regal cheetah or the endangered African wild dog. After a busy day on safari be lulled to sleep by the sounds of Africa. (BLD) Zarafa Camp

Day 7 Selinda Reserve

Water levels permitting, Zarafa's special pontoon boat is an utterly unique experience, complete with couches, a dining area and bar. Enjoy a floating brunch or sundowners while watching hippos and elephants in the water. (BLD)

Zarafa Camp

Day 8 Selinda Reserve / Okavango Delta



Enjoy incredible aerial views as you **fly over the Okavango Delta to Xigera Safari Lodge.** The 100% solar powered lodge sits within a stunning mix of palm-filled islands, riverine forests and expansive floodplains. Delve deeper into the living gallery of African art before enjoying a unique culinary safari. (BLD)

Xigera Safari Lodge

Day 9 Okavango Delta

Your safari experience is entirely flexible, take a walk on the wild side, enjoy high tea in the bush, glide through the waterways in a glass-bottomed boat, or stop for a 'feetin-the-water' sundowner. **Marvel at the beauty of the** sculptural Baobab Tree House. (BLD)

Day 10 Okavango Delta



Each safari experience is an opportunity to explore a wonderland teeming with creatures from crocodiles who glide stealthily among the lilies to the agile monkeys in their palm tree playground. Actively participate in conservation work by helping record wildlife movements and habitats with Wild Entrust Africa. (BLD)

Xigera Safari Lodge

Day 11 Okavango Delta / Depart

Enjoy one last magical morning before you bid farewell to one of Africa's finest jewels, the Okavango Delta. (B)





Xigera Safari Lodge

TAILOR-MADE

Just for You

At African Travel, we have had the privilege of working closely with countless LGBTQ+ guests, crafting their dream safaris while prioritizing their safety and comfort. Here are a few other experiences to consider.

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THE BIRTHPLACE OF SAFARI

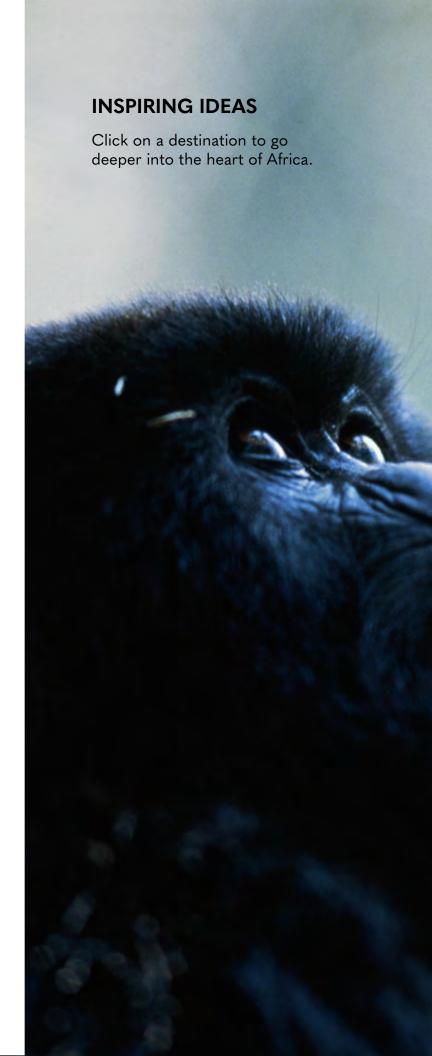
Dreaming of seeing the Great Migration or the sweeping plains of the Serengeti and the Maasai Mara? Although not as progressive as other African destinations, there are magical experiences in Kenya and Tanzania if you know where to look. The lodges and camps in our **World's Greatest Show and Safari** have pride and welcome LGBTQ+ guests with magical experiences

GORILLA AND SAFARI ADVENTURE

Rwanda not only captivates with its rare mountain gorillas but also stands as a beacon of progress in LGBTQ+ rights within East Africa. Same-sex relationships are legal in Rwanda, distinguishing it from its neighboring countries. Prepare to experience the beauty of Rwanda while knowing that you are welcomed and respected on our **Discover Rwanda** adventure.

INDIAN OCEAN BEACHES

Paradise awaits on the beaches and islands of Mauritius, the Seychelles, Madagascar and Mozambique. These idyllic havens offer worry-free experiences and progressive discrimination protections. Discover these LGBTQ+ friendly destinations combining culture, wildlife, landscape and beach bliss.







AFRICA AWAITS

We find the right Africa just for you.

Contact your travel advisor to book your adventure.





