



AFRICAN AERO ADVENTURES

Self Fly Safari®



PRIMARY AFRICA

ESCORTED GROUP SELF-FLY SAFARI

July 4 – July 19, 2027 · 15 Nights · 16 Days

South Africa · Botswana · Zimbabwe



~1,700 miles
of African skies



3 Countries
S. Africa · Botswana ·
Zimbabwe



5 Lodges
hand-picked destinations



5 Eco-systems
in 11 flying days

*"The essence of Africa in 11 exciting safari bush days flying yourself from lodge to lodge."
A rewarding Self-Fly Safari for pilots flying in Africa for the first time.*

WHY CHOOSE PRIMARY AFRICA?

Fly yourself through Africa's most spectacular game reserves — no commercial airports, no crowds, no compromise.

Primary Africa is our flagship escorted self-fly safari — carefully sequenced to move you through five distinct eco-systems, from the big-five drama of the Kruger bushveld to the shimmering waterways of the Okavango Delta, the grandeur of Victoria Falls, and the elephant-rich plains of Hwange. Every destination has been chosen for exceptional game viewing, quality accommodation, and memorable flying.

An escort aircraft from African Aero Adventures flies with you throughout. Our pilots know every strip, every ATC quirk, and every shortcut. You are never alone over the African bush.

What makes it special

- ✓ Hand-picked, award-winning lodges
- ✓ Exclusive private airstrips — no commercial terminals except for refuelling and Customs and Immigration
- ✓ Escort aircraft with expert bush pilots
- ✓ All logistics handled: flight plans, customs, clearances
- ✓ Satellite flight-following for your peace of mind
- ✓ Comprehensive TripKit — your printed safari bible
- ✓ Small group experience, big-adventure feel
- ✓ EasyCockpit digital navigation, pre-loaded routes

Who is it designed for?

- ✓ Experienced PPL to ATPL holders flying Africa for the first time
- ✓ Experienced pilots wanting guided expertise
- ✓ Couples / Families — one or more pilots
- ✓ Those who want luxury without losing the adventure
- ✓ Anyone who has an African Safari in mind

Aircraft Provided

Cessna 172 / Cessna 182 or similar

Dry rental basis, min 2 hrs/day · Hull excess insurance included · 2nd pilot validation +US\$1,000

As agents for all the major lodge groups with Southern Africa, we have a host of properties to choose from. We have selected for you a great representative sample of the exceptional yet cost effective destinations, none of which will disappoint! Pricing is on a cost plus basis, striving to provide an all inclusive package, without surprises. Those items which are excluded from cost are those of a personal nature or which we cannot accurately determine the cost of.

ALL-INCLUSIVE PRICE**US\$ 49,783 with early booking discount**

per couple · sharing aircraft & accommodation · 15 nights · 16 days

✓ Price Includes

- ▶ All accommodation & meals (except noted B&B)
- ▶ Drinks as noted at each lodge
- ▶ Lodge activities & game drives
- ▶ All road transfers
- ▶ National Park entrance fees
- ▶ Cessna rental (24 hrs, dry basis, min 2 hrs/day)
- ▶ All landing, passenger & approach fees in JHB
- ▶ Hull excess insurance
- ▶ Pilot validation: fees, briefing & dual flight time (1 pilot)
- ▶ EasyCockpit subscription, pre-loaded routes
- ▶ Printed & PDF TripKit + Flight Itinerary
- ▶ All flight clearances & pre-completed flight plans
- ▶ Satellite flight-following
- ▶ Ground support from JHB throughout
- ▶ All safari briefings
- ▶ Escort aircraft en-route

✗ Not Included

- ▶ Airfare to/from South Africa
- ▶ Personal medical & travel insurance
- ▶ Visa and entry/exit fees
- ▶ Avgas, oil & aircraft fees en-route (outside JHB)
- ▶ Personal items, curios, tips, laundry, specialty drinks
- ▶ Tips / Conservation/tourist levies at some lodges (~US\$10–20 pppd)
- ▶ Transportation around Johannesburg (Tour companies / Uber recommended)

YOUR ITINERARY

You will be in Johannesburg for 4 nights prior to departing on your safari. This time is taken thoroughly preparing you for the time ahead of you, with the aim of ensuring that you have a fantastic flying vacation free of any worries normally associated with flying in an unfamiliar environment!

During this time, there will be a number of briefings, a check flight and some time on your own to explore some exciting African destinations in and around Johannesburg!

Optional tours can be arranged with the Hotel concierge Desk to do various activities such as: Soweto Tour, Sterkfontein Caves, Cradle of Human Kind, Lion & Safari Park, The De Wildt Cheetah and Wildlife Centre

July 4 (Sunday) — Arrive Johannesburg — Pivot Hotel, Fourways

Arrive at OR Tambo International Airport and transfer to the Pivot Hotel, next to Monte Casino Centre in Fourways — your base for 4 nights while completing pilot validations. We'll meet you after arrival and begin briefing as soon as you're settled. Non-pilots are welcome at all briefings.

Check-in 14:00 · Bed & Breakfast · Transfer included

Optional non-pilot activities: Lesedi Cultural Village, Origins Center, Sterkfontein Caves, Cradle of Humankind, Lion Park, Botanical Garden

<https://www.tsogosun.com/hotel/the-pivot-hotel>

July 5 (Monday) — Instructor Briefings & Validation Tasks

Focus on the differences of flying in Africa. Professionals brief you on ATC procedures, airspace, and weather in Africa's busiest sky. Possible Validation Check Flight today.

July 6 & 7 (Tue & Wed) — Validations Complete — Final Briefings

Complete any outstanding validation exercises, time on your own, and a final afternoon briefing. Settle your hotel bill and arrange an early breakfast for the following morning.

✈ July 08 — FLY THE AFRICAN BUSH ✈

Transfer to the departure airport where we assist with the Self-Fly Safari departure. Sign out the aircraft, load it, check the fuel, top off the tanks, and take care of all last-minute details. Excess luggage can be stored at our offices. Soft duffle-type bags recommended. Soon, we are on our way!

July 8 & 9 (Thu & Fri) — Stop 1 · MalaMala Main Camp (or similar camp) — Sabi Sands, South Africa

Northeast 215 nm · Direct flight · Private airstrip · 2 nights · All meals & local drinks · Game drives · Transfers



MalaMala Main Camp / or Similar

Condé Nast Traveller Top Safari Lodge · #1 Private Game Reserve, Sabi Sands



5/5 Exceptional

500+ reviews on TripAdvisor

Your first destination is MalaMala, in the prime game area of Sabi Sands, South Africa. Fly over the Drakensberg Mountains and descend the Escarpment into the famous Kruger National Park area — rolling woodland bush and grassland savanna teeming with the Big Five and beyond.

Rooms are large, thatched chalets along the Sand River. Food is outstanding, guides are among the best in Africa, and game drives run in the early morning and late afternoon into the evening. During the day, relax at the pool, in the lounge, or on your chalet deck.

Animals virtually guaranteed: leopard, cheetah, lion, rhino, hippo, elephant, wildebeest, buffalo, giraffe, zebra, warthog, spotted hyena, impala, and more.

<https://www.malamala.com/camps/malamala-camp>

July 10 & 11 (Sat & Sun) — Stop 2 · Mashatu Lodge — Mashatu Game Reserve, Botswana

231 nm NW then N · 1 fuel & immigration stop · Limpopo Valley airstrip · 2 nights · All meals · Game drives · Transfers



Mashatu Lodge

One of Africa's largest private game reserves · Renowned elephant herds

★★★★½
4.5/5 Excellent
 400+ reviews on TripAdvisor

Mashatu sits on the eastern fringes of the Kalahari Desert, where water is its most precious resource. The camp is an oasis of 14 luxury suites along the reserve's perimeter, designed for absolute privacy and communion with the bush.

Watch elephants splash at the waterhole from your suite. Listen to the Woodland Kingfisher overhead. Smell the grassy scent of the bushveld. Excellent wildlife viewing! Meals are a celebration of traditional African cuisine — home-made breads and pies, succulent meat dishes, fresh fruits and vegetables.

https://mashatu.com/camp_post_type/mashatu-lodge/

July 12 & 13 (Mon & Tue) — Stop 3 · Shinde Camp or Similar — Okavango Delta, Botswana

383 nm NW · 1 fuel stop · Private airstrip · 2 nights · All meals & local drinks · Laundry · All activities · Transfers



Shinde Camp, Okavango Delta

Ker & Downey Botswana · Consistently rated top-5 Delta camp



5/5 Exceptional

350+ reviews on TripAdvisor

Fly north from the Tuli Block to the heart of the Okavango Delta — a river with no mouth, fed by Angolan rains that spread over tens of thousands of square miles of Kalahari Desert before evaporating, creating the world's largest inland delta.

Shinde sits on a palm island at the edge of a lagoon. Walk-in safari tents with ensuite facilities. Activities include game drives, mokoro (dugout canoe) excursions, and water cruises through lily-covered channels. Expect elephant, giraffe, hippo, crocodile, the carnivores, and the elusive sitatunga antelope.

The mokoro experience is unforgettable: poled silently through papyrus reeds, gliding into open pools carpeted with pastel lilies, surrounded by pure air and birdsong.

<https://kerdowneybotswana.com/our-camps/shinde/>

July 14 & 15 (Wed & Thu) — Stop 4 · The Victoria Falls Hotel — Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

230 nm NE & ESE · 1 fuel & immigration stop · Victoria Falls Airport · 2 nights · Bed & Breakfast · Airport transfers



The Victoria Falls Hotel

UNESCO World Heritage Site · Built 1904 · 'The Grand Old Lady of the Falls'

★★★★½

4.5/5 Excellent

3,000+ reviews on TripAdvisor

Fly to Victoria Falls and overfly the most spectacular waterfall on earth — Mosi-oa-Tunya, 'The Smoke That Thunders'. The Victoria Falls Hotel, built in 1904 and recently refurbished, sits in the Victoria Falls National Park just a ten-minute walk from the Falls themselves.

The Edwardian hotel is set in lush tropical gardens with lily ponds and palm trees. The Livingstone Room is renowned for fine dining; the Stanley Terrace offers cocktails and afternoon teas with a clear view of the historic Victoria Falls Bridge connecting Zimbabwe and Zambia.

Extra activities available: sunset cruise, bungee jumping, canopy tour, white-water rafting, helicopter flight over the Falls

<https://www.victoriafallshotel.com>

[Full activity list — Wild Horizons Victoria Falls](#)

July 16 & 17 (Fri & Sat) — Stop 5 · Little Makalolo — Hwange National Park, Zimbabwe

102 nm East · Direct flight · Private airstrip · 2 nights · All meals & local drinks · Laundry · Game drives · Transfers



Little Makalolo, Hwange NP

Wilderness Safaris · Africa's Best Safari Camp nominees · Private Linkwasha Concession



5/5 Exceptional

300+ reviews on TripAdvisor

Your final bush destination is inside Zimbabwe's massive Hwange National Park — the landing itself is one of the highlights of the entire safari. Flying low over golden, flat savanna grasslands, easing down until your wheels touch the lodge airstrip, and rolling to a gentle stop in the Linkwasha Vlei.

Large herds of elephant and buffalo, spotted hyena, giraffe, sable antelope, lion, and leopard. Day and night game drives, guided morning walks, and the luxury of game viewing from your tent's veranda as animals come to a well-positioned waterhole. Walk-in safari tents with ensuite bathrooms.

<https://wilderness-safaris.com/our-camps/camps/little-makalolo>

July 18 (Sunday) — Return to Johannesburg**Approx. 550 nm SE · 2 refuelling & immigration stops · 1 night Bed & Breakfast · Transfer**

An early start for a long flying day. Two immigration and refuelling stops en route. On arrival in Johannesburg we assist with refuelling, direct you to parking bays, help offload the aircraft, and make sure nothing is left behind. Transfer to the Pivot Hotel in Fourways.

Call home — you're back in civilization! We will join you for dinner, and then a well-earned night's sleep.

<https://www.tsogosun.com/hotel/the-pivot-hotel>

July 19 (Monday) — Departure — OR Tambo International

A chance to do last-minute shopping and repack. Transfer to OR Tambo International Airport for your flight home.

Let the stories be told!

READY TO FLY?

Contact African Aero Adventures to reserve your seats.



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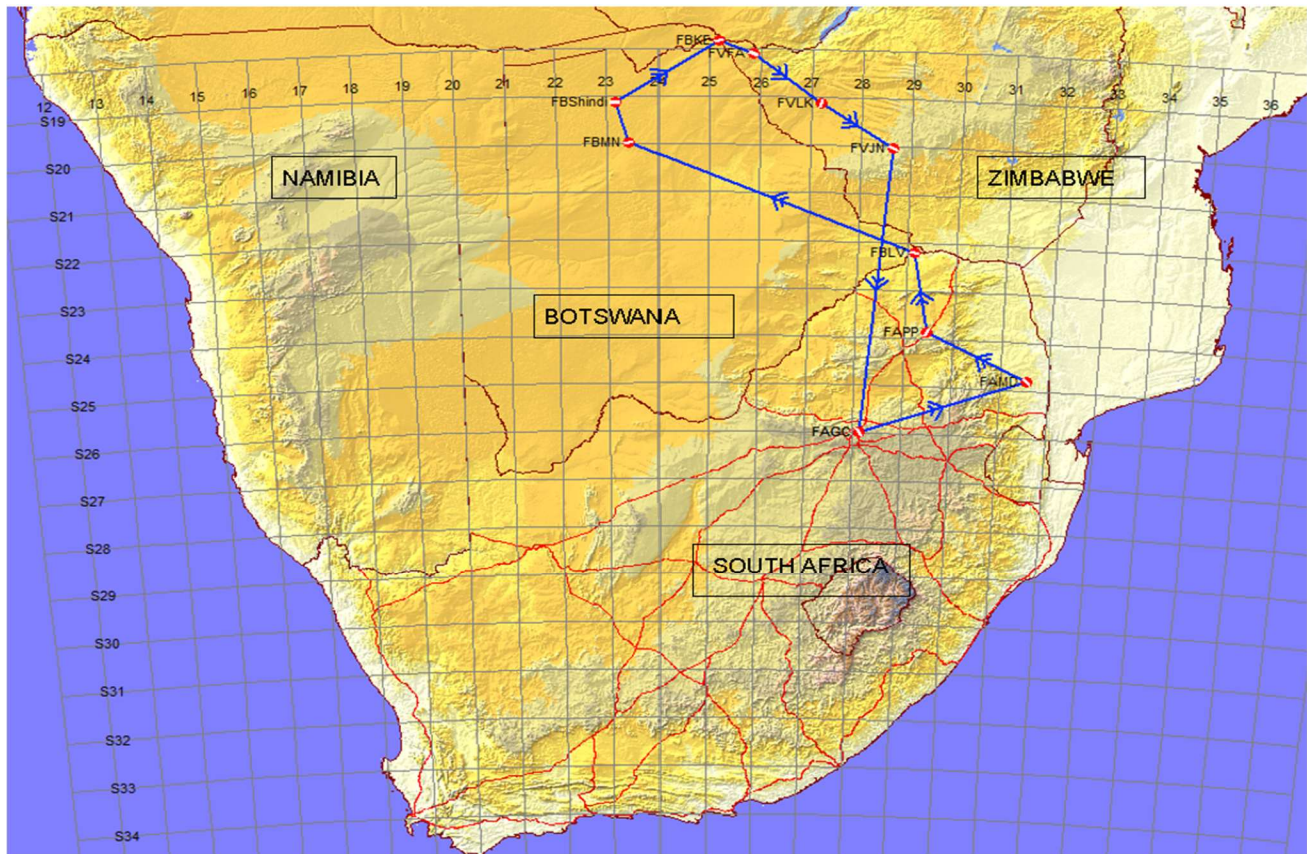
www.selfflysafari.com

Visit our website

Grand Central Airport, Midrand, Johannesburg, South Africa

YOUR FLIGHT ROUTE

~1,700 miles across three countries · 11 safari days · 5 unique eco-systems



Dest 1	JHB → MalaMala 215 nm ENE (Direct)	Dest 2	MalaMala → Mashatu 231 nm NW/N (1 Stop)
Dest 3	Mashatu → Shinde (Okavango) 383 nm NW (1 Stop)	Dest 4	Shinde → Victoria Falls 230 nm NE/ESE (1 Stop)
Dest 5	Victoria Falls → Hwange NP 102 nm E (Direct)	Return	Hwange NP → JHB ~550 nm SE/S (2 Stops)

Route shown is indicative. Exact legs, fuel and immigration stops as per your TripKit and flight briefings.