

African Aero Adventures

PRIMARY AFRICA

Escorted Group Safari

August 19 – September 03, 2024

15 nights

*A rewarding Self-Fly Safari for pilots flying in Africa for the first time.
The essence of Africa in 11 exciting bush-flying days.
South Africa, Botswana and Zimbabwe*

A chance to see 5 different Eco-systems in Southern Africa, the habitat for Africa's countless animals. In each area you will find a variety of animal life and vegetation and meet gracious and friendly residents. At all your stops you will be surprised at how close you can get to view the African animals. You will return with extraordinary photographs of your encounters. Guides are extremely informative. Flying the African sky is a pleasure with great views, good landing strips, and friendly controllers.

In this itinerary you'll have 4 nights stay in Johannesburg for briefings, safari preparations and pilot validation exercises. **You should arrive by August 19, 2024, or soon thereafter.**

The price for this Self-Fly Safari® is US\$ \$ 50 661.39 for 2 people sharing a Cessna 172/182 aircraft or similar and sharing a room. In the event you are both pilots and both need validations, add on an additional \$1000 for the second pilot.

This price includes:

All accommodation and meals, except where only Bed and Breakfast is noted. Drinks as noted.
Lodge standard activities and any extra activities as noted.
All road transfers to and from airports/airstrips.
National Park entrance fees, where applicable.
Rental of a Cessna 172 / Cessna 182 or similar for 24 hours on a dry basis (min 2 hours/day).
All aircraft landing, passenger, and approach fees while in Johannesburg.
Excess insurance (hull deductible).
Licence validation fees, Instructor briefings and dual flight time for your validation for 1 Pilot.
A subscription to EasyCockpit flight planning software and with preprogrammed flight legs.
Detailed Flight Itinerary, and Comprehensive TripKit in Pdf and printed form (your bible for your safari).
All flight clearances
Pre-completed Customs and Immigration documentation.
Pre-completed flight plans for your flights (pre-filed where possible).
Flight following using a Satellite Tracker
Ground support for the entire duration of the Safari from our offices in Johannesburg
All Safari briefings

Not included:

Airfare to South Africa and return
Personal Medical and Travel insurance
Visa and entry/exit fees.
Avgas, oil and aircraft charges and fees en-route (outside Johannesburg).
Curios, tips, laundry, and drinks unless otherwise noted.
Items of a personal nature
Conservation or tourist levy fees charged at some of the lodges (about \$3 - \$10 per person).
Transportation in and around Johannesburg. We suggest using Uber while you are in Johannesburg.

Your Itinerary

August 19, (Mon)

Arrive in the AM at Johannesburg International Airport where you will be transferred to the **Pivot Hotel next door to the Monte Casino Centre**, Fourways, on the outskirts of Johannesburg for 3 nights while completing your pilot validations. We will meet you after your arrival and will commence briefing as soon as you have settled in. We are flexible, however have a lot of work to cover, therefore the sooner we get started, the better. Non-pilots can go to all the briefings if they wish.

Check in is at 14H00 only, so if you are arriving early in the morning, and wish to go directly to a room advise us and we will book an extra night for you.

Throughout your time in Johannesburg, optional tours for non-pilots can be arranged with the Hotel concierge Desk to do various activities such as visit the Lesedi Cultural Village, Origins Center, Sterkfontein Caves, Cradle of Humankind, Lion Park, and Botanical Garden.

(Bed & breakfast, transfer)

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

August 20, (Tue)

Instructor's briefing and handling check ride. You'll get a chance to focus on some of the differences of flying in Africa. Professionals do all the briefings. You'll get the lay of the land and a taste of how ATC works (and sounds) in Africa's busiest airspace.

August 21 & 22, (Wed & Thur)

Completion of Validation exercises if not done, time on your own and a final afternoon briefing. Arrange to settle your hotel bill that evening and for an early breakfast.

August 23, (Fri) – Fly the African Bush –

Transport yourselves to the departure airport via Uber where we'll meet you to assist in our Self-Fly Safari departure. Sign out the aircraft, load it, check the fuel, top off the tanks, and take care of all the last-minute details. We can store any excess luggage at our offices as required. Soft duffel type bags are recommended for your safari. Soon, you are on your way!

August 23 & 24 (Fri & Sat) - LINKWASHA, Hwange National Park, Zimbabwe

(first 485nm North East then North then North West - with 1 fuel and 2 immigrations stop) - Private airstrip, 2 nights, all meals and local drinks, laundry, game drives, airstrip transfers.

An initial 2.5 hour flight to Bulawayo in Zimbabwe to clear Customs and Immigration and to refuel. After completing these formalities, a 45 minute flight will take you to your first destination in Zimbabwe's massive Hwange National Park. A staggering 5 657 square miles of diverse habitat, Kalahari sands seeping into teak woodlands and golden savannah grasslands, Hwange serves up some of the best game viewing. You will land in the south-eastern section of the Hwange Park in the Linkwasha Vlei. It's a fantasy of airborne Africa: flying low over golden, flat, savanna grasslands, easing down until your wheels touch, and rolling to a gentle stop. This is an area of large herds of elephant and buffalo, spotted hyena, giraffe, sable antelope and lion and leopard and other game make their way past the ground-level rooms to the busy waterhole in front of the main area. Offering day and night game drives, a guided walk in the morning (if you wish) and the luxury of game viewing from your tent's veranda as animals come to drink from a well-situated water hole. Nine elegant tents, nestling under a tree canopy, are shaded in the environment's neutral tones as well as bolder Ndebele patterns, reflecting local culture.

<https://www.wildernessdestinations.com/africa/zimbabwe/hwange-national-park/linkwasha-camp>

August 25 & 26 (Sun & Mon) - VICTORIA FALLS HOTEL, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

(105nm North West – direct flight) - Victoria Falls Airport, 2 nights, Bed & Breakfast, airport transfers.

Now you fly to Victoria Falls to visit and overfly the famous Victoria Falls. You will be staying at the historic, grand Victoria Falls Hotel. The Hotel, popularly known as "the grand old lady of the Falls", is

situated in the Victoria Falls National Park, a world heritage site. The Edwardian-style hotel, built in 1904, was recently refurbished and is set in lush tropical gardens with lily ponds, palm trees and semi-tropical shrubs. The Falls are just a ten-minute walk away. Its opulent Livingstone Room is known for fine dining and dancing. The Stanley Terrace, with its clear view of the Victoria Falls Bridge connecting Zimbabwe and Zambia, is renowned for its cocktails and afternoon teas. All rooms are decorated in the gracious Edwardian style of Zimbabwe's colonial era.

www.victoriafallshotel.com

NOTE: Many extra activities are available at Victoria Falls, such as a sunset cruise, bungee jumping, and canopy tour. See the full list of activities below:

<https://www.wildhorizons.co.za/wildhorizons/see-and-do/victoria-falls/>

August 27 & 28 (Tue & Wed) GOMOTI PLAINS CAMP, OKAVANGO DELTA, BOTSWANA

(190nm first North West then South West 1 immigration stop) Private airfield, 2 nights, all meals, laundry, activities, alcoholic & non-alcoholic beverages (excluding imported and premium drinks) & transfers

The camp is situated along the Gomoti River system, an area known for its large concentrations of wildlife which thrive on the Gomoti plains and waterways. Wild dog frequents the area, as well as some of the larger predators, herds of elephant and buffalo and all the plains animals that occur here. Night drives are conducted in the early evening offering one a chance to see the smaller more nocturnal animals with spotlights. Polers take you in mokoros (dugout canoes) in the morning to appreciate the stillness of the delta waters, or guided walks in the morning focus on the plants and smaller creatures such as dung beetles or ant elephants.

<https://machabasafaris.com/en/camps-lodges/gomoti-plains>

August 29 & 30 (Thur & Fri) — MASHATU LODGE, Mashatu Game Reserve, Botswana

*(365nm South East with 1 fuel and 1 immigration stop) - Limpopo Valley airstrip, 2 nights, all meals, game drives, **special** airstrip transfers. (Drinks and laundry charges are extra)*

Mashatu is situated on the eastern fringes of the Kalahari Desert and water is its most precious resource. Mashatu camp is near water in thickets of vegetation, which locates the visitor in an enclave populated by birds and animals. Mashatu Lodge is an oasis among the undulating and seemingly endless plains of the wild. 14 luxury suites lie along the camp's perimeter and are designed to allow absolute privacy and communion with the bush and its inhabitants. Watch elephants splashing at the waterhole, listen to the lyrical melody of the Woodland's Kingfisher on a branch overhead, smell the grassy scent of the bushveld, touch the bark of an ancient tree, and inhale a breath of air so pure, it's intoxicating. Meals are a sumptuous celebration of traditional African Cuisine – flavorsome but lacking in ostentation. Fresh fruits, vegetables, home-made breads and pies, succulent meat dishes and delicious desserts will appeal to a guest who appreciates home cooking at its best.

<https://mashatu.com/mashatu-lodge/>

August 31 & September 01 (Sat & Sun) - Ngala Safari Lodge, KRUGER NATIONAL PARK, South Africa

(215nm First South then South Southeast - 1 fuel and 1 immigration stop) - Private airstrip, 2 nights, all meals and local drinks, laundry, game drives, airstrip transfers.

Set within South Africa's largest and most well-known game reserve in the world, Ngala Private Game Reserve offers not only one of the most incredible Big Five wildlife experiences in the world, but also offers an intimate one due to our exclusive traversing rights on 14,700 hectares (36,000 acre) of wilderness land. Safaris are led by expert &BEYOND-trained ranger and tracker teams, that ensure sensitive off-roading practices to allow close-up game sightings of elephant, buffalo, rhino, lion, leopard, spotted hyena, giraffe and more. Tucked under a canopy of mopane and tamboti trees, Ngala Safari Lodge boasts 20 Classic thatched cottages, including three Family Cottages with interleading rooms, and the spacious Family Suite. Each of the spacious and classic ensuite cottages exudes a romantic ambience with nostalgic safari memorabilia throughout. Floor-to-ceiling glass windows make the most of sunny safari days and a private veranda offers the perfect setting for intimate dinners.

<https://www.andbeyond.com/our-lodges/africa/south-africa/kruger-national-park/ngala-private-game-reserve/andbeyond-ngala-safari-lodge/>

September 02 (Mon): Return to Grand Central Airport (Johannesburg)

(approx. 205nm West Southwest – direct flight): 1 Night Bed & Breakfast & airport transfer.

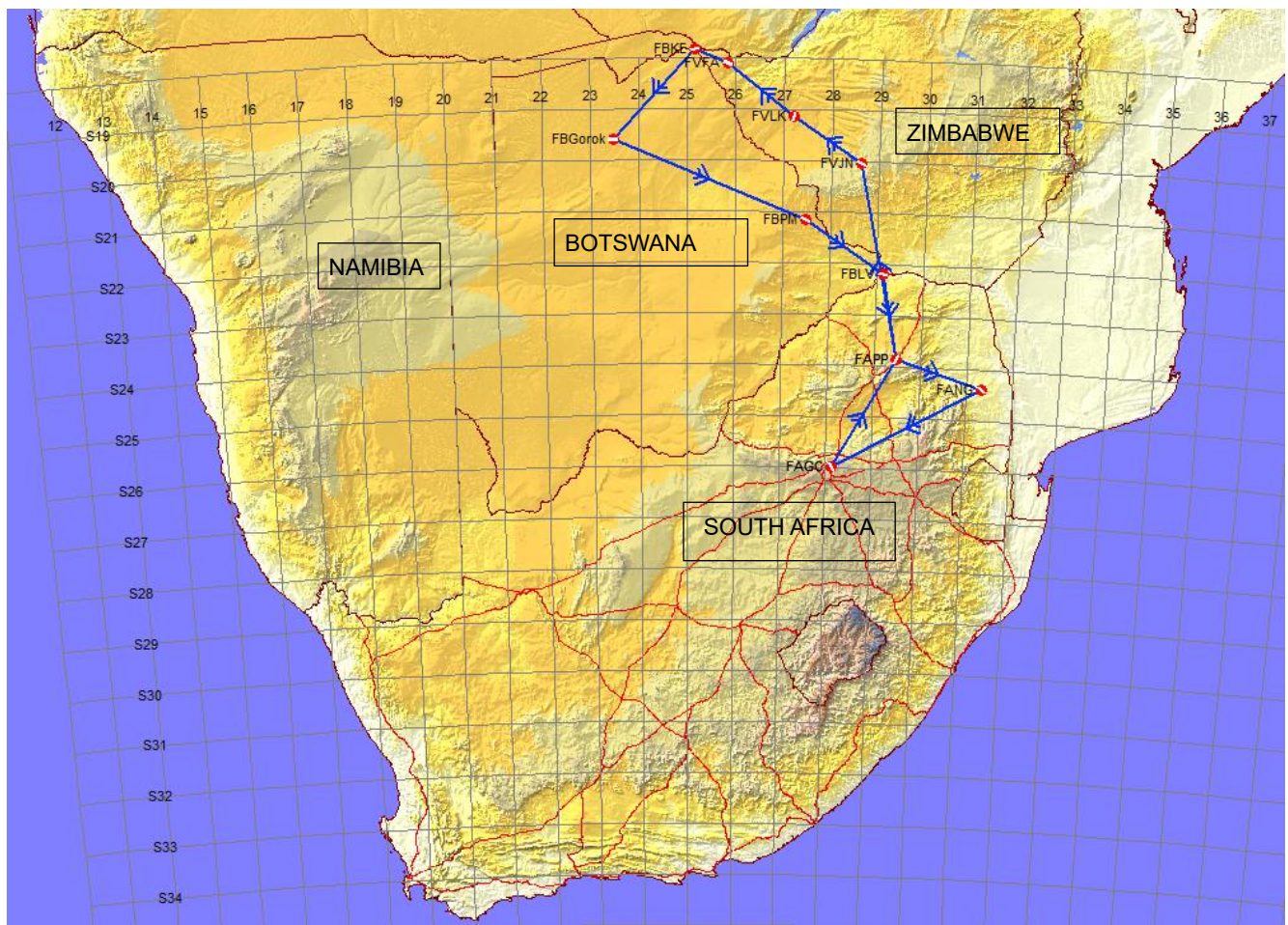
Enjoy your last game drive in the morning before your 2-hour flight back to civilization. On your arrival back in Johannesburg we will assist you to refuel the aircraft, direct you to parking bays, help off-load the planes and check nothing is left behind. You will be transferred to the Tsogo Sun in Fourways. Call home and tell them you are back in civilization! We will join you for dinner and once completed you can return to your room for a good night's sleep.

(Bed & breakfast, transfer)

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

September 03 (Tue)

A chance to do last minute shopping and repack your bags. Transfer to OR Tambo International airport for your flight home. Let the stories be told!



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