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TOUR HINTS

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Encounter majestic wildlife up-close on your unforgettable African adventure

# Welcome to Africa

Dear Traveller,

Welcome aboard your APT tour of Africa. This Tour Hints booklet has been specially prepared to answer many of the questions you may have regarding your holiday, and to assist you with your travel preparations before you leave home.

On tour, your APT Tour Director will share their vast array of knowledge as they guide you through the treasures of their country, revealing its secrets and rich history. With a small group of like-minded and adventurous travellers, you'll soak up the sights and sounds for an experience like no other. We wish you an unforgettable holiday in Africa and know that you will return home with wonderful memories of this unique and exciting destination.

Warm Regards,

Geoff McGear  
APT Company Owner



Front cover image: Leopard spotting is a real highlight; Above: See elephants graze

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Mingle with local tribes, such as the ancient Maasai



Encounter zebras as they graze in the Savanna at sunset

## Preparing for Your Tour

### Passports

South African passport control has become very strict. Passports **MUST** be valid for at least six months from the passengers' return home date. We recommend a validity of nine months to prevent any problems in this regard. There must be at least three blank VISA pages in the passport (not endorsement pages).

### Visas & Permits

#### South Africa

Australian and New Zealand Passport holders do not require a Visa for stays of 90 days or less.

#### Zambia

Zambian visas are issued on arrival. Single entry visas are valid for 30 days and cost US\$50 per person.

#### Kenya

Australian and New Zealand passport holders require a Single Entry Visa; we strongly recommend you purchase this visa prior to leaving home to avoid lengthy delays or denied entry.

Single Entry Visa: AU\$55 per person.

A single entry visa allows passengers to re-enter Kenya a second time if returning from Tanzania.

#### Tanzania

Tanzanian Visa is required by Australian and New Zealand Passport holders. The Visa cost is approximately AU\$95 per person and must be obtained prior to departure.

### Botswana & Namibia

Australian and New Zealand Passport holders are not required to obtain visa for entering Botswana and Namibia.

**This information is correct at the time of printing. People of other nationalities will need to contact the relevant consulates or your travel agent for the latest information on visa requirements.**

### Vaccinations

A Yellow Fever vaccination is required for Tanzania, Zambia, Rwanda and recommended for Kenya. The South African Department of Health has advised that passengers returning from or travelling to Zambia require proof of a Yellow Fever vaccination. In-transit passengers, irrespective of the time period in transit in Johannesburg still require proof of the Yellow Fever vaccination. Please note that Australian authorities require visitors who've been to East Africa to hold valid Yellow Fever certificates upon re-entry.

### Travel Insurance

We highly recommend that you obtain comprehensive medical and travel insurance to cover your time away from home. You should check these items are adequately covered:

- Medical costs and personal accident
- Loss or damage to baggage
- Loss of traveller's cheques and credit cards (fraudulent misuse of stolen traveller's cheques or credit cards)
- Cancellation and curtailment fees



Enjoy spectacular vistas of Table Mountain in Cape Town



Giant hippopotamus roam freely in Africa's national parks

## Preparing for Your Tour

### Health

#### Malaria

Anti-malaria prevention medication is recommended for Africa. See your doctor or visit a travel clinic at least eight weeks before you travel for your recommended vaccines and/or malaria medication.

#### Mosquitos

Whether or not you are taking anti-malarial medication, it is important to protect yourself from mosquito bites from dusk till dawn. This is when the type of mosquito whose bite transmits malaria is active. Precautionary measures include using DEET-based insect repellent, covering up before dusk and wearing dark-coloured, long-sleeved shirts, trousers, socks and shoes in the evenings.

#### CPAP Machines

Guests bringing CPAP breathing machines and/or portable oxygen concentrators devices on safari must bring a rechargeable battery pack as some camps do not operate 24-hour electricity. Given the frequent power outages in Kenya and Tanzania, even those properties that do have full 24-hour electricity may not be able to have their power running overnight.

#### Ebola

The recent outbreak of Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) in West Africa is the most serious in recorded history. In an effort to prevent the spread of the disease into other parts of Africa, authorities are refusing entry to foreigners arriving from EVD affected countries in West Africa. For more information on the outbreak and other travel restrictions and preventative measures, see the Ebola outbreak in West Africa travel bulletin on the DFAT website [smartraveller.gov.au](http://smartraveller.gov.au)

### General Physical Fitness

Our tours and cruises through Africa are not physically demanding however, because of the nature of many of the regions you will be visiting, this tour may not be appropriate for guests with certain medical conditions and physical restrictions. Walking tours are often on uneven ground and may include stairs and steep inclines. 4WD safaris and tours may cover areas of rough terrain. If you are travelling on Rovos Rail you may encounter low platforms, steep steps and gaps between train platforms. If you are joining the Rwanda Gorilla Tour Extension, please see page 25 for more information on levels of fitness required to join this component of your tour. In general, you should be able to stand on your feet for an extended period of time, in the lead up to your trip we recommend that you start walking for an hour at a time, three times a week. This will ensure you have the stamina and energy to see and appreciate all of the sights that Africa has to offer. You should also ensure your walking shoes fit properly and have been broken in prior to departure.

### Prescriptions & Medical History

A copy of your prescriptions is vital in case of any health problems. Prepare a list of your medications, including the name, dosage, prescribing doctor and their phone number. If you have health problems, ask your doctor to prepare your medical history for a foreign doctor. It should include your name, address, emergency contact, blood type, medical history, current medications and dosages, drug allergies, reasons for prior hospitalisations and list of immunizations and dates. Pack sufficient medication for the duration of your tour. Your medication should be kept close at hand in your purse or carry-on bag. It is always a good idea to carry a list of your medications in case they are lost and remember to leave everything in its original container. It is also a good idea to bring a copy of your prescription for eyeglasses or contacts.



Friendly locals are just waiting to share their unique culture with you



Gigantic giraffes tower above the tree tops

## Preparing for Your Tour

### Toiletries, Medications & Miscellaneous

Bring travel-size toiletries to reduce luggage weight. You will be provided with basic toiletry items in accommodation throughout your tour, though you may want to bring your own brands or additional items to cater to your personal needs, such as:

- Toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shampoo/conditioner, deodorant, comb or hair brush, razor, feminine products and cosmetics
- Sunscreen and mosquito repellent
- Tissues, a couple of washcloths and antibacterial wipes
- Travel alarm clock and a money pouch
- Medications for upset stomach, prescriptions, aspirin, flu medicine, vitamins, band-aids
- Prescription glasses, sunglasses and/or contact lenses
- Flashlight, batteries, a calculator, electrical converters and adaptors and a travel lock for your luggage

Pack the medicines you are taking with prescriptions and your doctor's contact number. Due to strict drug laws, drugs will need to be in an original container that shows the prescription label.

### Medicines

In large cities, pharmacies can be found and most stock basic medicines. The common illness for visitors to Africa is diarrhoea, caused by bacteria, viruses or contaminated water/food. Consider packing medication such as Immodium and antacid. If you get diarrhoea on tour, increase your fluid intake, avoid alcoholic and caffeinated drinks and tell your Tour Director.

### Water & Food Safety

It is best to drink bottled water in Africa. Most well-known brand names of beverage are safe. It is not advisable to eat raw vegetables or fruit that have been peeled outside your hotel, cruise or recommended restaurant. It is generally safe to eat cooked meats and vegetables prepared in tourist hotels and tourist area restaurants. Fruit that you peel yourself is considered safe.



Embark on an unforgettable safari in Africa's unique wilderness



No trip to Africa is complete with a touch of lion spotting



Learn about the fascinating local way of life

## Preparing for Your Tour

### What To Bring

Regardless of what international air baggage limitations are, the maximum baggage allowance for travel in Africa is one bag per person at a maximum of 23kg. For travel in East Africa, you are restricted to a 15 kg luggage allowance in a soft bag (See page 18 for details.) In addition to your main piece of luggage, you may also bring a small carry-on bag to take on the coach with you. You will receive an APT travel bag, either with your travel documents or on the first day of your tour.

Temperatures (May to August) in winter are generally mild but can become considerably cooler in the evening, so pack multiple layers of clothing to ensure you stay comfortable and warm on afternoon game drives and avoid bright colours. Bring a pair of gloves and hat, as sometimes the winter game drives can be chilly. Standard safari gear must include a broad-brimmed hat, sunscreen and mosquito repellent. For walking, bring comfortable shoes, there is no need for heavy boots on safari.

For those joining the Rovos Rail tour extension, the day dress is smart, casual and comfortable. More formal attire is required in the evening, jacket and tie minimum.

### Language

In South Africa and East Africa, English is the official language but Swahili is the national language with 42 ethnic languages in total.

### Banking & Money

Banks are generally open from 9 am to 3.30 pm, Monday to Friday and 8.30 am to 11 am Saturdays. In Kenya, bank opening times are generally from 9 am to 2 pm, Monday to Friday and in Zambia 8.30 am to 2.30 pm, Monday to Friday. ATMs are widely available in all major cities and accept most major credit cards.

### Gratuities

Gratuities are included for your tour manager and local guides on your main tour. Tipping cannot be redeemed for a cash refund. Gratuities are not included on our African extensions such as Sun City, Johannesburg City Stay, Zanzibar Beach Break, Okavango Delta, Giraffe Manor and Gorilla Encounter.

### Suggested Safari Packing List

- T-shirts and shirts in neutral colours: khaki, light brown/green, tan. Avoid bright colours and white when on safari
- Warm jacket or fleece
- Rain jacket/poncho
- Shorts and long trousers (zip-off trousers are very versatile)
- Sun hat
- Pyjamas
- Walking shoes and sandals (airing feet)
- Swimming costume
- Flashlight or headlamp and binoculars
- Camera, memory cards, extra batteries, charger and lens cleaner
- Small bean bag to substitute a tripod
- Electrical converter and plug adapter
- Toiletries, personal medication
- Wet wipes and hand sanitiser
- Insect repellent
- Book to read
- Travel documents



Witness incredible migrations at Mt Kilimanjaro



Enjoy the amazing sunset over the Serengeti

## Preparing for Your Tour

### Currencies

As each African country has its own currency, it is wise to take the majority of your spending money in US dollars in small cash denominations and your credit cards. ATMs are available in most large cities and at some airports.

Here are some guidelines:

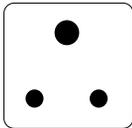
- South African Rands in South Africa (ZAR)
- Zambian Kwacha in Zambia (ZMK)
- American Dollars in Kenya and Tanzania (USD)
- American Dollars on board the Zambezi Queen (USD)

### Electrical Appliances

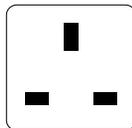
Powerpoints across Africa vary between countries. Power outlets will vary between 230 volts (South Africa) and 240 volts (Kenya).

Most universal power plugs adapters that are available in Australia will not include a South African plug, but special African adapters can be purchased at the airport.

South African plug:



Kenya, Tanzania and Zambia plug:



Tented camps such as Thanda Tented Safari Camp in Zululand and APT Serengeti Tented Camp run off generator power and to conserve electricity the power turns off in the late evening until just before dawn the following day.

## Important Information

### Travel within Africa

Travelling to any foreign destination always involves some risk and the African countries visited by APT are not without problems from time to time. However, due to our policy of using only quality accommodation and transportation, we greatly reduce this risk. While travelling through the many countries of Africa your safety is always our first priority, APT will never compromise any passenger for the sake of operating a departure.

### South Africa and East Africa – Kenya and Tanzania

In general, people in these countries are extremely friendly and you will be humbled by their hospitality. But, there is real poverty in Kenya and, as a tourist, you will probably attract your fair share of souvenir hawkers and beggars. Try and take the time to meet local people going about their day-to-day business too. The experience will be worth it. Always ensure your bags are zipped up at all times and be sure to keep your passports, money and valuables in hotel-room safes.



Africa boasts some of the most amazing bird-life on Earth



Be impressed by the raw power and beauty of Victoria Falls

## Important Information

### In An Emergency

On tour, all vehicles used by APT have mobile phones and signal coverage throughout Kenya and Tanzania, which is very good these days. Radios are also fitted in safari vehicles to keep the safari camps and lodges in contact with the drivers. An emergency phone number for the South African tour component and the East Africa sector is included in all travel documents. Both numbers will be contactable 24 hours a day. Health insurance is essential for travel in Africa and should include repatriation. The Flying Doctors Service have introduced a special Tourist Membership. This guarantees that any member injured or ill while on safari can call on a flying doctor for free air transport. APT has paid for every passenger travelling on an APT group safari in East Africa to have this extra coverage.

### Food & Drink

African cuisine offers a vast array of dining experiences from right across the continent. In South Africa's Cape Town, enjoy exotic Cape Malay fare and delicious seafood, while in Zululand experience traditional African cuisine made from fresh local produce. Throughout your trip, be open to wonderful new dining opportunities, such as sumptuous bush dinners in breathtaking African wilderness settings or outdoor boma dining, providing the quintessential African safari meal under the stars. South Africa is also renowned for its world-class wine regions, while there is nothing quite like special sundowner drinks, served after a safari, in a beautiful game reserve, as the sun sets.

If you have a food allergy or another condition that needs to be managed on tour, please advise your booking agent as soon as possible, as well as your tour director upon arrival, as most suppliers require advance notice to accommodate this. In some cases you might be asked to fill out a form or waiver.

### Hygiene

Colds and other viruses can spread quickly in an enclosed area such as your coach, train or cruise ship. Please practise hygiene and respiratory courtesy – wash your hands often, cover your coughs and sneezes, and perhaps pack anti-bacterial wipes and hand sanitiser.



Playful young elephants make for a wonderful sight



Lion cubs play freely as the circle of life continues

## General Information

### Learn About Your Destination

It may be helpful to do a little research on locations that you will be visiting. Familiarise yourself with the areas, cities, the languages spoken and relevant transport information. Refer to your itinerary when researching in order to prepare yourself for anything that may eventuate. The more you know about your destination, the more you'll appreciate all that you see when you arrive.

During your travels, you will encounter new customs and different lifestyles. Appreciate and enjoy the differences as this process of discovery and understanding is one of the many benefits of travelling. Despite language barriers, a smile is universal. Friendliness and tolerance towards others, including your fellow travellers, Tour Director and local guides, is essential to everyone's enjoyment of the tour.

### Recommended Reading

#### [Africa – Lonely Planet](#)

13th edition, November 2013, ISBN: 9781741798968

#### [East Africa – Lonely Planet](#)

9th edition, July 2012, ISBN: 9781741796728

(Next edition due July 2015)

#### [South Africa Lesotho & Swaziland – Lonely Planet](#)

9th edition, November 2012, ISBN: 9781741798005

#### [African Safari: Into the Great Game Reserves \[Hardcover\]](#)

by Peter & Beverley Pickford, November 2011

ISBN: 9781906780449

#### [Out of Africa by Isak Dinesen](#)

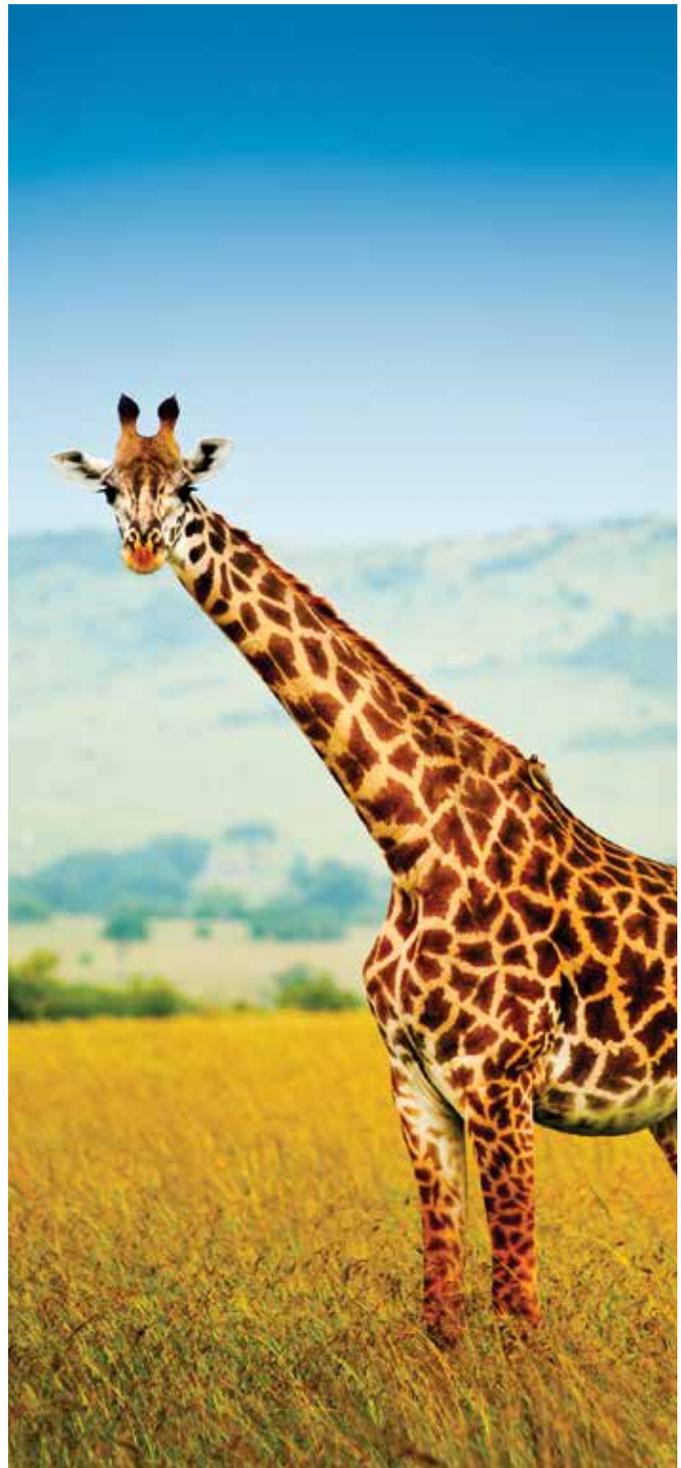
Penguin Books. ISBN: 9780143566366

#### [The Power of One by Bryce Courtenay](#)

Penguin Books. ISBN: 9780143204794

#### [The No.1 Ladies' Detective Agency by Alexander McCall Smith](#)

Abacus Books. ISBN: 9780349116754



Encounter incredible giraffes, as you explore Africa's untamed wilderness



Be captivated by the beauty and vibrance of Cape Town

## At the Airport

### Reconfirmation of Flights

We suggest that you contact your airline(s) or travel agent at least 72 hours before your initial flight to confirm your departure details.

### Luggage Restrictions

#### Checked Luggage

International air carriers may impose fees or require you to remove articles if weight or size limits are exceeded. We advise you to contact your air carrier or travel agent for specific information prior to departure, as size and weight limitations may vary. Also see the 'What to Bring' section on page 10 for further recommendations on baggage limits. Portage for one suitcase on tour is included in the tour price.

#### Valuables & Security

Do not take anything with you that will create emotional or financial hardship if lost or stolen. Carry all documents, money, passport, tickets, etc with you. Do not carry these important items in your suitcase. Passengers must ensure that all checked luggage has a suitable lock to attach to their bag. You may find a money belt (worn inside clothing) useful while travelling. Never leave hand-luggage unattended in hotel lobbies or dining rooms. Avoid exploration on your own of unfamiliar streets or areas. Also avoid excessive displays of jewellery or cash. When sightseeing, keep all valuables locked in the safe in your room.

#### Storing Luggage – East Africa

Passengers flying in and out of Nairobi with larger luggage will need to pack it down into a soft bag supplied by our East Africa land operator, to use for the duration of the tour (or please bring your own bag) weighing no more than 15kg. Excess luggage can be stored securely with our local land supplier.

### Luggage Tags

We supply a luggage tag for you to fill out and attach to your luggage. It is also a very good idea to put a label with your name, address and telephone number on the inside of your suitcase and hand luggage. For security reasons keep all unchecked luggage in your immediate possession. Luggage left unattended can be confiscated by airport personnel.

### Lost/Delayed Luggage

Sometimes luggage is delayed during air transit. It is recommended to take a change of clothing and any essential medication in your hand luggage, or pack some clothing in your travel companion's bag. Place a copy of the hotel and ship contacts inside each piece of luggage. If your luggage is lost, this will help the airline to find you. Should your luggage be delayed, it is the responsibility of the airline to deliver it to you. Claims for reimbursement should be submitted directly to the airline – a claim form should be filled out at the appropriate airline desk upon arrival. If you need assistance in contacting the airlines for information regarding your delayed luggage, please ask your Tour Director or local host.

### Airport & Airline Security

It is important that you arrive at the airport at least two hours before domestic flights and three hours before international flights. This allows time to check-in luggage, present your passport and ticket, and find your allocated seats and boarding area. Sharp objects and liquids should be stored inside the luggage you are checking in. If kept in your hand luggage, they are likely to be confiscated. You will need to check with your travel agent or the airline for the rules on what you can and cannot take with you on board. Be aware that you may be required to put your shoes and belts through X-ray checks, so be prepared to remove them.



Huge elephants and stunning landscapes make for fantastic photo opportunities



Huge rhinoceros roam freely in the national parks of Africa

## At the Airport

### Customs

To prevent the introduction of exotic pests and diseases on your return home, arriving travellers are screened and luggage is often inspected or X-rayed by Customs or Quarantine officers. All food and other such items of plant and/or animal origin need to be declared, as do items on which duty or tax might be payable (check with customs about the duty free concession). For more information, visit [www.customs.gov.au](http://www.customs.gov.au) or [www.customs.govt.nz](http://www.customs.govt.nz)

### Late or Missed Flights

In the unfortunate event that you miss a flight completely, please immediately advise the airline representative that you are a tour passenger bound for a specific location, the date and time to join your tour or to check into a pre-tour hotel.

### Comfort & Avoiding Jetlag

Wear loose clothes and comfortable shoes during your flight. Try to hydrate yourself constantly with water (avoid caffeine, alcohol and carbonated drinks, and eat light).

Alleviate pressure in your ears by chewing gum, yawning, swallowing, or gently blowing your nose. If possible, try to walk up and down the aisle to stretch out your limbs and get blood circulating. You could also do a few isometric exercises while seated. If you arrive in the morning, try to sleep during your flight so you can stay awake until the evening. Avoid wearing contact lenses during your flight because aircraft cabin air tends to dry them out.

## Arrival & Departure Information

### Airport Transfers

Airport transfers are included on the first and last day of the tour package and if pre and post accommodation is booked with APT. No refund will be given for unused transfers. Transfers cannot be re-routed to other pick-up points or destinations. Passengers who miss the pre-booked transfers must make their own way to/from the ship/the train/the hotel at own expense. Transfers must be booked and details advised to APT at least 60 days prior to travel, otherwise transfers cannot be guaranteed.

### Hotel Information

#### Arrival

The official check-in time at hotels is 2 pm local time but, where possible, the hotel will try and have your room available earlier. If your flight arrives in the morning, luggage can be stored at the hotel before check-in and will often be delivered to your room later.

#### Departure

Normal check-out times vary, but are usually at 10 am. If you have a late afternoon or evening flight, most hotels have a luggage room where you can store luggage until your departure.



Travel in safety and style as you see the wonderful wildlife



Witness the amazing wild wildebeest migration

## Game Parks

### Game Park Seasons

Africa is a year-round destination with opportunities for game viewing throughout the entire year. However, the dry season is the optimal season in which to see animals. Watering holes attract a large concentration and wide variety of animals, making it easier to view wildlife. The dry season also causes vegetation to thin so visibility of wildlife will be higher.

### Game Viewing On Safari

Please be aware that on safari you may be taken into close contact with wild animals. Some safari lodges and camps are not fenced and wildlife freely moves in and around these areas. While on tour, always follow the safety instructions from your guide and staff from the lodges and camps, in regards to moving to and from your tent and while on game activities. Whilst travelling to and through game parks we will encounter many unsealed roads, which can be rough and bumpy. If you have any back/neck injuries we advise that you consult your doctor prior to travelling.

### East Africa Game Drives

Our tours through East Africa visit many game parks and spend long hours in a 4WD vehicle on unsealed roads. During the dry season, the roads are very dusty. The Serengeti Plains are especially prone to dusty conditions due to the shallow soil base and lack of long grass roots. Please be prepared for dusty conditions and if you are sensitive to dust you are advised to bring bandanas or masks. Photography and video equipment may be especially prone to dusty conditions. It is a good idea to bring a bag that can be easily opened and completely sealed so you may store your equipment when not immediately needed. Bring a couple of photo soft cloths to wipe dust from the lenses. Contact lens wearers may be especially sensitive. Please plan accordingly and bring an ample supply of lens lubricant.

### Great Wildebeest Migration

If you are interested in the annual migration of wildebeest and zebra, then you also need to time your trip to coincide with the seasons. In the Maasai Mara, migrations usually arrive between August and September, stay through October and head back over to the Serengeti in Tanzania between December and January.





The mighty Table Mountain towers above the Cape Town skyline



Gorillas are high on the must-see list of this amazing continent

## Game Parks

### What To Wear

Please see Suggested Safari Packing List on page 11.

### Walking Around The Camp/Lodge

When staying at camps and lodges within game reserves, you are restricted to walking only around the designated paths. Longer walks will be taken with a guide or ranger but cannot be taken unaccompanied.

### What Are The Big Five?

The Big Five are the main animals sought after in Africa. It was initially a term of reference used only by hunters who grouped these animals together because they were the top five trickiest animals to hunt in Africa. They are:

**Rhino** – Both white and black rhinoceros can be found, however black rhinos are now critically endangered.

**Elephant** – The African Bush Elephant is the largest land-based animal on Earth.

**Buffalo** – African Cape Buffalo roam in large herds and has never been successfully domesticated.

**Lion** – The African Lion is the second largest living cat after the tiger and one of the most popular animals to spot while on safari.

**Leopard** – Leopards are one of the more elusive creatures, since they hunt mostly at night and can be wary of humans.

## Tour Extensions

### Rwanda Gorilla Extension

The Rwanda Gorilla Extension is a fantastic opportunity for travellers to get up close to the endangered gorillas of the Rwandan jungle. One hour is allowed with the gorillas, at a distance of at least 7 metres. Flash photography is not allowed. Due to the terrain covered and the amount of walking required to partake in this option, passengers must be physically fit and able to walk unaided for some hours at a time, often on a steep incline.

To protect gorillas from disease, people with illnesses may not go tracking. Gorilla viewing can be denied at short notice because of national park or border closures, security changes or gorillas going out of range. In such circumstances refunds are at the discretion of the authority and are not within the company's control. Obtaining a gorilla permit therefore is not a guarantee of seeing a gorilla.

### Rwanda Visa

As of 1 November 2014 Australian passport holders were issued a visa upon arrival upon paying the visa fee. An invitation letter is no longer needed. A single entry visa valid for 15 days and will cost US\$30 upon arrival in Rwanda.

### What To Pack

- Light-weight slacks/trousers that can dry quickly (for trekking)
- Long-sleeved shirts
- Waterproof and windproof jacket
- Strong waterproof walking boots and gaiters
- Hat with a brim
- Gloves – gardening or similar (for gorilla tracking through the forest)
- Sunscreen
- Sunglasses with a neck strap
- Insect repellent with DEET
- Small day pack
- Binoculars
- Camera and extra lenses
- Extra batteries

Please note: luggage is also limited to 15 kg per person and needs to be in a soft bag.



See incredible elephant herds, among other amazing and unique wildlife



Relax in comfort onboard the luxurious Zambezi Queen

## Tour Extensions

### Zambezi Queen River Cruise Safari

This luxury river cruise ship was built in 2009 and accommodates just 28 passengers with a crew of 22.

As Namibia and Botswana shares the Chobe River, guests will have to exit Botswana via immigration and enter onto Namibian soil on the other side of the river where they will have to present themselves to the Namibian authorities and be stamped into Namibia before boarding the Zambezi Queen.

### Onboard Facilities

- Sun deck with bar, sunbathing area
- Stylish restaurant and lounge
- Outdoor plunge pool with bar service
- Reading room with library and games
- Computer facility with internet access
- Cruise shop on board
- Computerised telescope
- Unlimited bottled water provided free of charge in the cabins and bar
- No elevator on board
- Laundry facilities available at an additional cost

### Passenger Accommodation

The first and second levels of the boat incorporate 14 cabins – all of which have their own private balconies and have been tastefully furnished with either a double or two single beds. Each private space has been designed with the African summer in mind. Clever use of shutters, situated on the outer edge of the deck, air-conditioning and fans, ensures a cool experience. Uniquely, the entire boat including the top deck, living and dining area, has mosquito screening.

### Dining

All meals are included on board the cruise ship. All house wine, beers, soft drinks, tea & coffee, and water are included.

### Currency On Board

South African Rands, Namibian Dollars, Botswana Pula or USD.

### Smoking

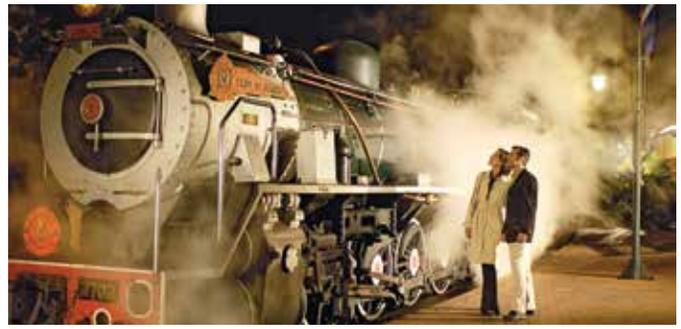
Permitted on the upper entertainment deck and outside areas at the back and front of the boat. Smoking is prohibited in all cabins.



There's no better way to see Africa than onboard the Zambezi Queen.



Take an incredible train journey through the African countryside



This traditional train journey through Africa is one you will never forget

## Tour Extensions

### Rovos Rail – The Pride Of Africa

#### Locomotion

Use of steam has become increasingly difficult over the years as more and more water and cooling facilities have been scrapped. Diesel or electric locomotives are used while steam is used in and around the area of Rovos Rail Station.

#### Onboard Facilities

- Air-conditioned lounge car with opening windows
- Stylish restaurant and lounge
- Onboard gift shop
- Unlimited bottled water provided free of charge in the cabins and bar
- Limited laundry facilities available at a cost

##### Passenger Accommodation

- Ensuite bathroom with shower
- Comfortable sofa seat during the day, which converts to a double or twin bunk bed
- Safety deposit box
- Minibar
- Room service available 24 hours a day
- Hair dryer
- Dressing gowns and slippers
- Individual temperature control

##### Dining

- Breakfast is a full buffet, as well as dishes cooked to order
- Lunches and dinners include a starter, choice of three mains followed by dessert

- All meals are served with a selection of South African wines
- Alcoholic beverages served on board are included in the rail price
- All meals are served at the one sitting time

#### Laundry

Limited service available at a cost

#### Currency

South African Rand (ZAR)

#### Dress

During the day, dress is smart, casual and comfortable. Evening attire is more formal – for the gentlemen a jacket and tie is a minimum requirement.

#### Smoking

On board the train, smoking is allowed in the Club Lounge only.

Please note: unfortunately the dimensions and layout of the train are not suitable for wheelchair-bound passengers. Passengers with slight walking difficulties are recommended to have an able-bodied passenger accompany them.



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Namibia is a magical country like no other

## Tour Extensions

### Okavango Delta

The Okavango Delta is 15,000 kilometres of wetlands that is simply teeming with all kinds of amazing native African birds and wildlife. It is topped up every year by floodwaters that rush in from the African mountains and highlands to create this oasis within an otherwise dry desert. Wildlife that is unique to the Okavango Delta include the Wattled Crane and Sitatunga and an array of colourful bird species.

### Baggage

Before travelling the most important thing to remember is the weight restrictions on the light aircraft that take you from lodge to lodge in the Okavango Delta. Due to the small size of aircraft baggage cannot exceed 20 kg and must be stored in soft-sided baggage.

### Laundry

The lodges in the Okavango Delta have excellent laundry facilities, included in the cost of your safari.

### Included

The Okavango Delta package includes alcoholic beverages (local wine, beer and spirits) and excluding imported champagnes, VSOP spirits and South African Reserve wines. Four meals are served daily at the lodges.

### Namibia

From the rugged South Atlantic coastline to vast deserts, wild mountain ranges to an incredible array of wildlife, Namibia presents a diverse spectacle like no other place in the world.

### Currency

Namibia's currency is the Namibian Dollar (NAD), and this has been interchangeable with South Africa's Rand for many years. Note that South African Rand notes can be used in Namibia at face value; whereas in South Africa Namibian Dollar notes are worth fractionally less than Rand notes.

For safety reasons please advise APT if a passenger weighs over 100 kg so the pilot can balance the plane within its weight limit.

### Luggage

Luggage is restricted to 20 kg per person including photographic equipment and hand luggage. Please hold all bags which should not have any wheels, frames, or rigid structures as these may not be able to fit in the plane's luggage compartment. The maximum dimensions for soft bags that can be accommodated on board are as follows: 25 cm wide, 30 cm high, and 62 cm long.



The Okavango Delta is a unique waterway, bringing life to the desert



Explore incredible sand dunes in Namibia

## Useful Information

### Useful Websites

Climate: [www.climate-zone.com](http://www.climate-zone.com)

Time: [www.timeanddate.com/worldclock](http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock)

Currency Conversion: [www.xe.com](http://www.xe.com)

Customs Australia: [www.customs.gov.au](http://www.customs.gov.au)

Customs New Zealand: [www.customs.govt.nz](http://www.customs.govt.nz)

International Telephone Calling: [www.countrycallingcodes.com](http://www.countrycallingcodes.com)

Australian Government Advisory & Consular Service:

[www.smartraveller.gov.au](http://www.smartraveller.gov.au)

### Emergency Contact Information

In case of an emergency please use the below contact details. State your name and APT tour information, if available, at the time of emergency.

#### South Africa

Phone (international): +27 (0) 21 713 0296 Monday – Friday, 8.30am to 5pm or phone: +27 (0) 72 605 8054 after hours in case of emergency.

#### East Africa

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### Time Zones

Africa is the world's second largest continent after Asia. As a result, there are many different time zones throughout Africa. Here are the time zones of the countries that you will visit:

South Africa: GMT +2 hours

East Africa GMT +3 hours

### Australian time zones are:

AEST GMT +10 hours

ACST GMT +9.30 hours

AWST GMT +8 hours

### Australian Embassies & Consulates

#### South Africa

Australian High Commission, 292 Orient Street, Arcadia, Pretoria 0083

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#### Kenya

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Phone: (main High Commission number) +254 20 2726958

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Plot No. 431, Mahando Street, Msasani Peninsular, Dar es Salaam

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## African Animal Checklist

Aardvark	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fox – Bat-eared	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jackal – Side-striped	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pangolin	<input type="checkbox"/>
Aardwolf	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fox – Cape	<input type="checkbox"/>	Klipspringer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Porcupine	<input type="checkbox"/>
Antelope – Roan	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gazelle – Grant’s	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kob – Uganda	<input type="checkbox"/>	Puku	<input type="checkbox"/>
Antelope – Sable	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gazelle – Thomson’s	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kudu – Greater	<input type="checkbox"/>	Reedbuck – Bohor	<input type="checkbox"/>
Baboon – Chacma	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gemsbok	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kudu – Lesser	<input type="checkbox"/>	Reedbuck – Common	<input type="checkbox"/>
Baboon – Yellow	<input type="checkbox"/>	Genet – Large-spotted	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lechwe – Black (Bangweulu)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Reedbuck – Mountain	<input type="checkbox"/>
Blesbok	<input type="checkbox"/>	Genet – Small-spotted	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lechwe – Kafue (Brown)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rhebuck – Grey	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bongo	<input type="checkbox"/>	Giraffe – Masai (Maasai)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lechwe – Red (Zambesi)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rhino – Black	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bontebok	<input type="checkbox"/>	Giraffe – Reticulated	<input type="checkbox"/>	Leopard	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rhino – White	<input type="checkbox"/>
Buffalo – African (Cape)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Giraffe – Rothschild’s	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lion	<input type="checkbox"/>	Serval	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bushbaby – Lesser	<input type="checkbox"/>	Giraffe – Thornicroft	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mongoose – Banded	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sitatunga	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bushbaby – Thick-tailed	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gorilla – Lowland	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mongoose – Dwarf	<input type="checkbox"/>	Springbok	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bushbuck	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gorilla – Mountain	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mongoose – Large Grey	<input type="checkbox"/>	Squirrel – Ground	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bushpig	<input type="checkbox"/>	Grysbok – Sharpe’s	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mongoose – Meller’s	<input type="checkbox"/>	Squirrel – Tree	<input type="checkbox"/>
Caracal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Grysbok – Southern (Cape)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mongoose – Selous’	<input type="checkbox"/>	Steenbok	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cat – African Wild	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hare – Cape	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mongoose – Slender	<input type="checkbox"/>	Suni	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cat – Small Spotted	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hare – Scrub	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mongoose – Small Grey	<input type="checkbox"/>	Suricate	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cheetah	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hare – Spring	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mongoose – Water	<input type="checkbox"/>	Topi	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chimpanzee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hartebeest (Kongoni) – Red	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mongoose – White-tailed	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tsessebe	<input type="checkbox"/>
Civet – African	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hedgehog	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mongoose – Yellow	<input type="checkbox"/>	Warthog	<input type="checkbox"/>
Colobus – Black & White	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hippopotamus	<input type="checkbox"/>	Monkey – Patas	<input type="checkbox"/>	Waterbuck – Common	<input type="checkbox"/>
Crocodile – Nile	<input type="checkbox"/>	Honey Badge	<input type="checkbox"/>	Monkey – Sykes’ (Blue)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Waterbuck – Defassa	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dik–Dik – Kirk’s	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hyena – Brown	<input type="checkbox"/>	Monkey – Vervet	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wildebeest – Black	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dog – Wild (Hunting Dog)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hyena – Spotted	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nyala	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wildebeest – Blue	<input type="checkbox"/>
Duiker – Blue	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hyena – Striped	<input type="checkbox"/>	Oribi	<input type="checkbox"/>	Zebra – Burchell’s	<input type="checkbox"/>
Duiker – Common	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hyrax (Dassie) – Rock	<input type="checkbox"/>	Oryx – Beisa	<input type="checkbox"/>	Zebra – Grevy’s	<input type="checkbox"/>
Duiker – Red	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hyrax (Dassie) – Tree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ostrich	<input type="checkbox"/>	Zebra – Mountain	<input type="checkbox"/>
Eland	<input type="checkbox"/>	Impala	<input type="checkbox"/>	Otter – Cape	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Elephant	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jackal – Common	<input type="checkbox"/>	Otter – Spotted-necked	<input type="checkbox"/>		



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