



15 Day Beach & Wildlife Voyager
Half or fully accommodated

A semi-participation safari from Victoria Falls to Johannesburg through Zimbabwe, Mozambique and South Africa

Group size Minimum: 4
Group Size Maximum: 10

Tour price 2012

Tour Type	Price pp sharing	Single Supplement	Local Payment
Half-Accommodated Safari (9 nights camping & 5 nights accommodated)	€ 1735	€ 155	US\$ 290
Fully Accommodated Safari (14 nights in fixed accommodation)	€ 2075	€ 355	US\$ 290



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Highlights

Guided Tour of the Victoria Falls, Game Viewing in Hwange National Park and Painted Dogs Centre, scenic hills in the Matopos area, Great Zimbabwe Ruins, Eastern Highlands, beaches of Vilanculos and Inhambane, Massingir Dam and Limpopo Transfrontier National Park, wildlife experiences in Kruger National Park



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Departure Dates 2012

<u>Month</u>	<u>Tour Start</u>	<u>Tour End</u>	
April	23/04/2012	07/05/2012	
May	30/05/2012	13/06/2012	
June	27/06/2012	11/07/2012	**
July	24/07/2012	07/08/2012	
August	29/08/2012	12/09/2012	
September	25/09/2012	09/10/2012	
October	23/10/2012	06/11/2012	**
November	19/11/2012	03/12/2012	**

** guaranteed departures

Included in the price

Half Accommodated – 9 nights camping and 5 nights in fixed accommodation
Fully Accommodated Safari – 14 nights in fixed accommodation

Accommodation, all transport in fully kitted 4x4 safari vehicle, game drives as mentioned, meals (prepared by the guide) and activities as mentioned in itinerary, park entrance fees, experienced local guide.

Not included in the price

Travel insurance, flights, pre and post tour accommodation, optional activities, all drinks, telephone calls, gratuities, curios and all personal expenses.

Meal Key

B = Breakfast **L** = Lunch **D** = Dinner

Itinerary

Day 1: Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

On arrival at Victoria Falls Airport in Zimbabwe you will be met and transferred to Amadeus Guest House. This afternoon you will explore the mighty Victoria Falls on a guided tour.

Accommodation:

Half-accommodated safari: Amadeus Guest House or similar (Rooms with en-suite bathrooms, swimming pool, bar & restaurant area)

Fully accommodated safari: Amadeus Guest House or similar (Rooms with en-suite bathrooms, swimming pool, bar & restaurant area)

Below is a list of some of the most popular optional activities on offer in Victoria Falls. Pre-booking is recommended to avoid disappointment. The rates are per person and are quoted in US Dollars. All activities are subject to availability and may require a minimum amount of passengers to operate. Certain activities only operate at specific times of the year. Please contact our reservation office for further information. Should you wish to partake in an activity that is not listed below, we will gladly assist you with rates and reservations.

Optional activities in Victoria Falls

13 Minute Helicopter Flight	\$130.00
25 Minute Helicopter Flight	\$250.00
Boma Dinner	\$45.00
Sunset Cruise	\$45.00
Bungi Jump	\$132.00
Half Day Elephant Back Safari	\$120.00
Elephant Interaction with breakfast or lunch	\$121.00
Half Day Canoeing	\$110.00
Full Day Canoeing	\$125.00
Half Day Rafting	\$120.00
Full Day Rafting	\$130.00
Flying Fox	\$38.50
Gorge Swing	\$88.00
Zip Line	\$66.00
Half Day Lion Walk	\$130.00
Lion Cub Interaction	\$65.00
Wildlife Conservation and Awareness Safari	\$75.00

*Please note prices are subject to change

Days 2 & 3: Victoria Falls to Hwange National Park, Zimbabwe	BLD, BLD
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After breakfast we depart Victoria Falls and make our way to Hwange National Park. The afternoon is spent on a game drive with a visit to the Painted Dogs Centre. Hwange National Park is one of Africa's finest havens for wildlife and is home to vast herds of elephant, buffalo, and zebra and has a very large concentration of giraffe. It is also home to many predators and endangered species plus very large and varied birdlife. The whole of the next day is spent exploring this magnificent area.

Distance:	190 km	Departure:	08h00
Lunch:	a picnic spot en route		

Accommodation:

Half-accommodated safari: Camping at Ivory Lodge or similar (tents, communal ablutions with hot water, swimming pool & bar area)

Fully accommodated safari: Ivory Lodge or similar (chalets with en-suite bathroom, swimming pool & bar area)

Day 4: Hwange National Park to Matopos, Zimbabwe

BLD

We leave the beauty of the Hwange National Park behind us and head to Big Cave Camp in the Matopos area. The Matopos Hills comprise an extraordinary collection of huge bare granite hills with gravity-defying boulders scattered all over the countryside to create a quite unique and rather mysterious landscape. The national park is famous for its outstanding views, San (bushman) painted caves, wildlife (especially the Black Eagle) and as the chosen burial place of Cecil Rhodes who named his favourite spot. We visit the grave of Cecil John Rhodes on our way.

Distance: 320 km **Departure:** 08h00
Lunch: a picnic spot en route

Accommodation:

Half-accommodated safari: Camping at Big Cave Camp or similar (Tents, communal ablutions with hot water, swimming pool, bar & restaurant)

Fully-accommodated safari: Big Cave Camp or similar (Chalets with en-suite bathrooms, swimming pool, bar & restaurant)

Day 5: Matopos to Great Zimbabwe, Zimbabwe

BLD

After breakfast this morning we drive to the Great Zimbabwe Ruins via Gweru. We visit the ruins, before checking into our accommodation for the evening. The ruins, which are also known as the capital of the Queen of Sheba, according to an age-old legend – are a unique testimony to the Bantu civilization of the Shona between the 11th and 15th centuries. The city, which covers an area of nearly 80 ha, was renowned as an important trading centre from the middle Ages onwards.

Distance: 420 km **Departure:** 07h00
Lunch: a picnic spot en route

Accommodation:

Half-accommodated safari: Norma Jeane's Lake View Resort or similar (Tents, communal ablutions with hot water, bar & restaurant)

Fully-accommodated safari: Norma Jeane's Lake View Resort or similar (rooms with en-suite bathrooms, bar & restaurant)

Day 6: Great Zimbabwe to Mutare, Zimbabwe

BLD

Today we leave Great Zimbabwe and drive via Mutare to the Bvumbu Mountains located in the east of the country bordering on Mozambique. This area is Zimbabwe's gateway to the sea and is known as the Eastern Highlands. The region is adorned with cool green forests, rolling hills, trout filled streams and rugged mountain peaks, making it reminiscent of the English countryside.

Distance: 334 km **Departure:** 08h00
Lunch: a picnic spot en route

Accommodation:

Half-accommodated safari: Inn on The Vumba or similar (Rooms with en-suite bathrooms, swimming pool, bar & restaurant)

Fully-accommodated safari: Inn on The Vumba or similar (Rooms with en-suite bathrooms, swimming pool, bar & restaurant)

Days 7 & 8: Mutare to Vilanculous, Mozambique	BLD, BL
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We have to get up early, as today is the longest drive on our safari. We cross the border into Mozambique and head southwards to the coastal town of Vilanculous, which is the gateway to the Bazaruto Archipelago. The village of Vilanculous is close to the beach and just about halfway between Maputo and Beira. Here you'll find buzzing markets, restaurants, public phones, banks and quaint supermarkets. The next day is at leisure to explore the village or just to relax on the beach.

Distance:	566 km	Departure:	06h00
Lunch:	a picnic spot en route		

Accommodation:

Half-accommodated safari: Camping at Bluewaters Beach Resort or similar (Tents, communal ablutions with hot water, swimming pool, bar & restaurant, dive centre and activities centre)

Fully-accommodated safari: Bluewaters Beach Resort or similar (Bungalows with en-suite bathrooms, swimming pool, bar & restaurant, dive centre and activities centre)

Days 9 & 10: Vilanculous to Inhambane (Tofo), Mozambique	BL, B
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After breakfast we drive along the coast via the sleepy and neat town of Inhambane where graceful dhows on the usually tranquil water are one of the most obvious features. We continue through a coconut grove to our stop for the next two nights – Tofo. Historically a small coastal fishing village, it is now popular for its uncrowded 8km long beach

Distance:	250 km	Departure:	08h00
Lunch:	a picnic spot en route		

Accommodation:

Half-accommodated safari: Bamboози Beach Lodge or similar (Chalets with en-suite bathrooms, swimming pool, bar & restaurant, dive centre and activity centre)

Fully-accommodated safari: Bamboози Beach Lodge or similar (Chalets with en-suite bathrooms, swimming pool, bar & restaurant dive centre and activity centre)

Day 11: Inhambane to Massingir, Mozambique	BLD
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We leave the Mozambiquan coastline paradise behind us and drive west towards Massingir which is close to the South African border. We settle down for the night at Albufeira Camp, close to the Massingir Dam wall.

Distance:	340 km	Departure:	07h00
Lunch:	a picnic spot en route		

Accommodation:

Half-accommodated safari: Camping at Albufeira Camp or similar (Tents, communal ablutions with hot water)

Fully-accommodated safari: Albufeira Camp or similar (Chalets with en-suite bathrooms)

Days 12 & 13: Massingir to Kruger National Park, South Africa	BLD, BLD
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An early morning getaway takes us back into South Africa through the Giriondo gate into the world-renowned Kruger National Park - South Africa's most famous and biggest game reserve. Kruger National Park has nearly 2 million hectares of unrivalled diversity of life forms that fuses with historical and archaeological sights - this is real Africa. The world-renowned Kruger National Park offers a wildlife experience that ranks with the best in Africa. Truly the flagship of the South African National Parks, Kruger is home to an impressive number of species: 336 trees, 49 fish, 34 amphibians, 114 reptiles, 507 birds and 147 mammals. The following day we depart the camp at sunrise for a full day of game viewing in the park with the chance of spotting the 'Big 5' again, whilst making our way to one of the southern camps. Our last night in the park will be enjoyed around the campfire and we will enjoy a typical South African Braai (BBQ).

Day 12:

Distance:	180 km	Departure:	07h00
Lunch:	a picnic spot en route		

Accommodation:

Half-accommodated safari: Letaba Rest Camp or similar (Tents, communal ablutions with hot water, swimming pool, bar & restaurant, shop)

Fully-accommodated safari: Letaba Rest Camp or similar (Chalets with en-suite bathrooms, swimming pool, bar & restaurant, shop)

Day 13:

Distance:	150 km	Departure:	08h00
Lunch:	a picnic spot en route		

Accommodation:

Half-accommodated safari: Skukuza Rest Camp or similar (Tents, communal ablutions with hot water, swimming pool, bar & restaurant, shop)

Fully-accommodated safari: Skukuza Rest Camps or similar (Chalets with en-suite bathrooms, swimming pool, bar & restaurant, shop)



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Pre and Post Tour Arrangements:

Pre and post tour accommodation and transfers can be arranged on request.

Amadeus Garden Guest House – standard room (Victoria Falls)

£47 per person sharing (BB)

£74 per person single (BB)

One way airport transfer from Victoria Falls Airport to Victoria Falls Town or vice versa –
£10 per person

The Airport Grand Hotel – standard room (Johannesburg)

£53 per person sharing (BB)

£90 per person single (BB)

Includes complimentary airport shuttle transfers

Please note all rates are subject to change according to rate of exchange fluctuations

Should you require alternative accommodation or transfers to different points, please contact our reservation office, who will gladly assist you.

Departure:

The Beach and Wildlife Voyager departs from Amadeus Guest House in Victoria Falls.

Please note that the daily departure times are a guideline only and are subject to change due to seasonal variations, as well as unforeseen circumstances. The final decision rests with your guide who will advise you at what time you will be departing each day.

On the evening of Day 1, there will be a meeting presented by your guide, at 7pm, at Amadeus Guest House. It is imperative that all clients attend this meeting so as not to miss out on any critical information.

Transport:

Jenman Safaris uses fully equipped Toyota Land Cruisers or other appropriate safari vehicles with comfortable seating, large windows for game viewing and a music system. An off-road trailer is fitted with a field kitchen. All luggage is carried on the vehicle or trailer roof racks to ensure maximum comfort in the vehicle.

Accommodation:

Half-Accommodated Safari: you will be accommodated in mid-range accommodation as indicated above. During camping nights we make use of designated campsites either within a National Park, on the banks of a river, or other places of interest. All campsites have shared ablution facilities with showers, flushing toilets and running water (unless otherwise specified in the detailed itinerary). Jenman African Safaris tries to avoid crowded campsites and brings you to secluded spots, often supported by the local community. We make use of spacious 3-person dome tents, allowing two per tent. In addition, we provide 5 cm thick sleeping mattresses.



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Fully accommodated safari: we make use of mid-range typical African standard lodge accommodation. Accommodation is situated either in National Parks, on the banks of a river, or in other places of interest. The accommodation will be a mix of lodges, chalets and tented camps. Most of them have a private bathroom with a shower and toilet, whilst others have shared ablutions available. Some properties are equipped with swimming pools and/or bar areas.

Spending money:

Clients are advised to bring enough money to cover the purchase of curios, tips, alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks, water and additional entertainment. US Dollars and South African Rand (ZAR) are the most practical and convenient currencies. There are automatic teller machines (ATM's) available in South Africa to draw money.

Meals:

All meals are organized by the guide and are prepared by him/her with the help of the group. All clients booked on our camping safaris, half-accommodated or fully accommodated safaris will enjoy the same wholesome meals. These meals will be enjoyed together in the evening, often around a camp fire. Please advise us of any special dietary requirements in advance.

First Aid:

Our guides are trained in basic first aid and the vehicle is equipped with a comprehensive medical aid kit. Preventative Malaria medication should be taken before the trip and throughout its duration. It is advisable to consult a doctor prior to departure.

Luggage:

Maximum baggage allowance: 12 kg. Jenman Safaris stipulates this luggage allowance, as an overloaded vehicle is a danger to both the clients and the guide. This does not include photographic equipment and a small daypack. Please bring a backpack or soft barrel bag, not a suitcase. Don't bring too much clothing, as there are washing opportunities along the way. Please adhere to the allowance specified as space for luggage is limited.

Insurance:

It is compulsory for all travellers to have insurance covering their personal requirements, medical expenses and personal possessions. This is to be arranged before leaving your home country. Jenman Safaris has comprehensive public liability insurance.

Clothing and other items:

shorts	camera	walking shoes
light trousers/jeans	swimming costume	sandals
T-shirts	sun hat	windbreaker
warm clothes (May – August)	long-sleeved shirts	towel
torch & spare batteries	water bottle	mosquito protection
UV protection	pillow	



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Participation:

The Beach and Wildlife Voyager is a semi-participation camping safari. This means, that the clients will be responsible for performing and helping with certain tasks, such as setting up and breaking down of overnight camps (tents, chairs, tables), packing and un-packing the vehicle, assisting with preparation of meals and cleaning dishes.

Sleeping bags:

For clients on one of our camping safaris, Jenman African Safaris can provide sleeping bags. A fee of US\$ 30 / Euro 25 will be charged for the duration of the tour.

Visas:

The onus is on the client to organize all visas required to visit Zimbabwe, Mozambique and South Africa prior to departure.

Local Payment:

On most of our Safaris a local payment needs to be paid to the guide before the tours starts. Your local payment covers on-the-road expenses, such as National Park entrance fees, excursions and activities, as well as the use of local guides. This provides your guide with sufficient funds on the road and ensures that your money goes directly to the African communities.

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ZIMBABWE

This is a country blessed with great natural beauty, game reserves and mineral wealth. The diverse landscape changes from mountainous to wilderness to typical Bushveld. The country is also home to large animals and a large bird population. Zimbabwe is a country located in the southern part of the continent of Africa, between the Victoria Falls, Zambezi River, Kariba Dam and the Limpopo River. Zimbabwe is bordered by South Africa to the south, Botswana to the west, Zambia to the north and Mozambique to the east.

Victoria Falls

'So lovely it must have been gazed upon by angels in their flight' said David Livingstone of the supreme Mosi-oo-Tunya ('The smoke that thunders'). This legendary traveler first saw the Falls from the Zambian side and his memory is enshrined in the nearby town of Livingstone. The views from the Zimbabwean & Zambian side are quite different, varying dramatically depending on the season and water flow.

The Falls are over a mile in length and boast the largest curtain of water in the world - over 500 million litres of water per minute cascade over the falls and drop 100 m at Rainbow Falls on the Zambian side. Not surprisingly is it the seventh natural wonder of the world and fast becoming one of the top adventure destinations in the world.

The river is divided into a series of braided channels that descend in many separate falls.

Below the Falls the river enters a narrow series of gorges, which represent locations successively occupied by the falls earlier in their history. Since the uplifting of the Makgadikgadi Pan area some two million years ago, the Zambezi River has been cutting through the basalt base rock, exploiting weak fissures, and forming a series of retreating gorges. Seven previous waterfalls occupied the seven gorges below the present falls, and Devil's Cataract in Zimbabwe is where the next cut back will form a new waterfall that will eventually leave the present falls lip high above the river in the gorge below.

Hwange National Park

Hwange National Park is one of Africa's finest havens for wildlife and is home to vast herds of elephant, buffalo, and zebra and has a very large concentration of giraffe. It is also home to many predators and endangered species plus very large and varied birdlife. The park is situated on the main road between Bulawayo and the world famous Victoria Falls.

Hwange National Park covers just over 14 600 square kilometres. The Park carries 105 mammal species, including 19 large herbivores and eight large carnivores. Elephant make up the largest proportion of the biomass. All Zimbabwe's specially protected animals are to be found in Hwange and it is the only protected area where gemsbok and brown hyena occur in reasonable numbers. The population of wild dog to be found in Hwange is thought to be of one of the largest surviving groups in Africa today. The landscape includes desert sand to sparse woodland as well as grasslands and granite outcrops. Due to the lack of water, man-made waterholes were introduced to sustain the animals through the dry season. The park has an interesting variety of landscapes with one part running alongside the North-eastern end of the Kalahari Desert. The south is sandy with extensive forests and open grassland. A feature of the area is ancient fossil dunes - ancient sand dunes held together by vegetation.

Matopos

The Matobo National Park forms the core of the Matobo or Matopos Hills, an area of granite kopjes and wooded valleys commencing some 35 kilometres south of Bulawayo, southern Zimbabwe. The Hills were formed over 2000 million years ago with granite being forced to the surface, this has eroded to produce smooth "whaleback dvalas" and broken kopjes, strewn with boulders and interspersed with thickets of vegetation. Mzilikazi, founder of the Ndebele nation, gave the area its name, meaning 'Bald Heads'.

The Hills cover an area of about 3100 km², of which 424 km² is National Park, the remainder being largely communal land and a small proportion of commercial farmland. The park covers some beautiful scenery including some spectacular balancing rocks and impressive views along the Thuli, Mtshелеle, Maleme and Mpopoma river valleys. Part of the national park is set aside as a 100 km² game park, which has been stocked with game including black and white rhinoceros. The highest point in the hills is the promontory named Gulati (1549 m) just outside the north-eastern corner of the park.

Great Zimbabwe

Construction starting in the 11th century and continuing for over 300 years, the ruins at Great Zimbabwe are some of the oldest and largest structures located in Southern Africa. At its peak, estimates are that the ruins of Great Zimbabwe had as many as 18,000 inhabitants. The ruins that survive are built entirely of stone. The ruins span 1,800 acres (7 km²) and cover a radius of 100 to 200 miles (160 to 320 km).

The ruins can be broken down into three distinct architectural groups. They are known as the Hill Complex, the Valley Complex and the famous Great Enclosure.

The Hill Complex was used for as a temple, the Valley complex was for the citizens, and the Great Enclosure was used by the king. Over 300 structures have been found so far in the Great Enclosure. The types of stone structures found on the site give an indication of the status of the citizenry. Structures that were more elaborate were probably built for the kings and situated further away from the center of the city. It is thought that this was done in order to escape sleeping sickness. What little evidence exists suggests that Great Zimbabwe also became a center for trading, with artifacts suggesting that the city formed part of a trade network extending as far as China. Chinese pottery shards, coins from Arabia, glass beads and other non-local items have been excavated at Zimbabwe. Nobody knows for sure why the site was eventually abandoned. Perhaps it was due to drought, perhaps due to disease or it simply could be that the decline in the gold trade forced the people who inhabited Great Zimbabwe to look for greener pastures.

Mutare

Mutare was founded in 1897 as a fort, about 8 km from the border with Mozambique, and is just 290 km from the Mozambican port of Beira, earning Mutare the title of "Zimbabwe's Gateway to the Sea". It is sometimes also called "Gateway to the Eastern Highlands". There is a border railway station on the railway line from Harare to Beira with a railways mechanical work shop.

The area was the site of Chief Mutasa's kraal. In 1890 A.R. Coquhoun was given concessionary rights and Fort Umtali (the fort later became Mutare) was established between the Tsambe and Mutare Rivers. The word mutare means "a piece of metal". The name was probably given to the river as a result of gold being discovered in the Penhalonga valley through which the Mutare River runs. In 1891 the location was moved to a site now known as Old Mutare, about 14 km north of the city centre. In 1896 the construction of the railway between Beira and Bulawayo led to the town being moved a third time so that it was closer to the railway line - compensation was paid by the British South Africa Company to the townspeople for the cost of moving. The town was proclaimed a municipality in 1914 and in 1971 it was granted city status. The name was officially changed from Umtali to Mutare (its original native name) in 1982.

MOZAMBIQUE

Compared to other Southern African countries, Mozambique has considerably lower numbers of wildlife. This is due to Mozambique's civil upheaval, during which large-scale organised poaching systematically removed almost all big game from the bush. Mozambicans were unfortunately reduced to hunter-gatherer status and in some areas even locusts and ants were harvested almost to extinction. Birdlife has recovered to some extent but only the most remote areas offer the chance to view African wildlife, including the Big Five – but it must be on foot and with experienced guides.

Maputo Elephant Reserve is home to about 400 elephants, which migrate between South Africa and Mozambique. The birdlife is varied and abundant, but infrastructure is minimal and roads are poor. Camping is an option at either Ponta Milibangalala or Ponta Dobela, but the water in the wells there needs to be purified before drinking.

Reserva do Niassa is a remote area that has provided refuge to around 12,000 elephant and the last of Mozambique's buffalo, sable and roan herds. Independent visitors are not encouraged, as this area is currently being redeveloped; however, it is possible to go into the area with a game guard ranger. The nearby Jurege River proved excellent game viewing (though it is dry from June to December).

Although the Bazaruto Archipelago consists of five islands (in size order: Bazaruto, Benguerra, Magaruque, Santa Carolina and Bangué), only Bazaruto and surrounding reefs are officially within a National Park. These waters are home to over 80% of all marine fish families of the Indo-Pacific. Resident Minke and Southern right whales abound in this area, alongside common, spinner and bottlenose dolphins and the highly threatened dugong.

Vilanculous

Vilanculous is located 700 km north of Maputo on the San Sebastian Peninsula. It is a small bustling seaside town with a welcoming atmosphere. There are a lot of little shops to explore and a lively market where you can find fresh produce and every kind of fish imaginable. As soon as it is getting dark it is time to experience the splendid nightlife of Vilanculous and its bars and restaurants. The days are spent at the beautiful beaches or with day trips to one of the islands of the magnificent Bazaruto Archipelago. Furthermore you can go diving, fishing and sea kayaking or have a look to the great diversity of birdlife of the Coastal Wildlife Sanctuary.

Inhambane

When Vasco da Gama rounded Africa in the late 1400s he pulled into the beautiful protected bay of Inhambane to replenish stocks and to explore. He took an immediate liking to the place and its people and named it Terra de Boa Gente or 'Land of the Gentle People'. It took another 40 years before the Portuguese established a trading post and settlement and sadly the friendly people of Inhambane were rewarded by lives of slavery. Thousands were removed through this inhumane practice, which continued well into the last century.

Tofo is a stunning eight kilometer stretch of sandy beach located in the Inhambane Province. Tofo has beautiful grassy dunes, rolling surf, year-round sunshine and great places to stay, eat and play. You can sit back and enjoy an easy day relaxing on the beach, or spend your time here scuba diving (some of the best diving in the world), surfing the waves in Tofinho, horse riding the trails through the dunes and villages or deep sea fishing. There are two beaches in the area, Tofo Beach, which is the main beach, and Tofinho (or little Tofo) which is a bit quieter. Tofo Beach is a great swimming beach and also has the boat launch area for the diving and fishing charters. It has most of the bars and restaurants, the small market and shop are located there and you can buy fish and crafts at the beach front. There are great bars and restaurants where you can while away your day sipping a 2M (the local beer) or a cocktail, and sampling the local prawns and other delicious seafood. You could also take a trip into Inhambane, which is one of the oldest settlements on the East Coast, and an important port. Although large ships seldom call here any longer, it still has the largest fleet of working dhows in the country. In the old quarter of town is the 170 year old Cathedral of our Lady of Conception where a rusted (and somewhat perilous) ladder leads to the top of the spire, offering grand views of town and harbour. You should also take in the old governor's house on the waterfront, the fascinating railway station (it has a workshop filled with old steam trains and memorabilia and men clanking away on old machinery) and the mercado which sells a colourful array of spices, prawns, fishes, vegetables and cashew nuts. You can also take a dhow trip across the harbour to Maxixe.

Limpopo Transfrontier Park

The establishment of the Great Limpopo Transfrontier Park is a process that will link the Limpopo National Park in Mozambique, Kruger National Park in South Africa, Gonarezhou National Park, Manjinji Pan Sanctuary and Malipati Safari Area in Zimbabwe, as well as two areas between Kruger and Gonarezhou, namely the Sengwe communal land in Zimbabwe and the Makuleke region in South Africa. The total surface area of the Transfrontier Park will be approximately 35,000 km². The establishment of the Transfrontier Park is the first phase of creating a bigger transfrontier conservation area measuring a staggering 100,000 km².

SOUTH AFRICA

Situated on the tip of the African continent, South Africa has often been described as a world in one country. It has a wealth of natural beauty, pristine wilderness areas, warm and friendly people, cosmopolitan cities and excellent infrastructure - making South Africa a favourite safari destination.

Kruger National Park

The world-renowned Kruger National Park offers a wildlife experience that ranks with the best in Africa. Established in 1898 to protect the wildlife of the South African Lowveld, this national park of nearly 2 million hectares, SANParks - Kruger National Park is unrivalled in the diversity of its life forms and a world leader in advanced environmental management techniques and policies.

Truly the flagship of the South African national parks, Kruger is home to an impressive number of species: 336 trees, 49 fish, 34 amphibians, 114 reptiles, 507 birds and 147 mammals. Man's interaction with the Lowveld environment over many centuries - from bushman rock paintings to majestic archaeological sites like Masorini and Thulamela - is very evident in the Kruger National Park. These treasures represent the cultures, persons and events that played a role in the history of the Kruger National Park and are conserved along with the park's natural assets.