



# FAMILY SOUTH AFRICA SAFARI

Specially prepared for Custom Africa  
January 11 – 20, 2017



## DAILY ITINERARY

This is the quintessential family safari, visiting only malaria-free safari destinations, affording you the highest level of comfort while traveling with children of any age. And you have the unique perspective of experiencing your family safari on a fully private basis in private, five-star "bush homes" featuring a private staff from your safari guide to your chef. Highlights include the marine life of Cape Town, cheetah and rhino of Samara and the Big Five of Kwandwe Private Game Reserve!

### DAYS 1–3: JANUARY 11–13, CAPE TOWN

Arrive Cape Town Airport today. Upon completion of immigration and customs formalities and baggage claim, you will be met in the arrivals hall by a Natural Habitat representative holding a signboard with your name. You will be transferred by private vehicle to your hotel, More Quarters Residence.

Redcliffe House is a private four-bedroom house in the heart of Cape Town's charming Gardens neighborhood. This residential area is just a five- to ten-minute drive from the well-known V&A Waterfront, iconic Table Mountain and other attractive sites, but it offers a completely private, luxury residence with full housekeeping and concierge services provided by the adjacent More Quarters. Redcliffe is a perfect vantage point for small families.

Located at the Southern tip of the African continent where the Atlantic and Indian oceans meet, Cape Town and the Western Cape are strikingly beautiful. At the foot of Table Mountain, the city of 3 million is a charismatic blend of cultures, renowned for its scenic setting, creative cuisine and world-class local wines. Outside the city, enjoy spectacular beaches, sheer sea cliffs along the Cape of Good Hope, and wildlife encounters from penguins to sharks.

**Private half-day city and Table Mountain tour:** You will be collected at your hotel on Day 2 for a privately guided half-day city and Table Mountain tour inclusive of bottled water, lunch and entrance fees for the Table Mountain Cableway, city tour and Two Oceans Aquarium. This tour is especially designed for your family.

**Custom activity:** You will be collected at your hotel on Day 3 for a privately guided full-day wildlife tour inclusive of picnic lunch and entrance fees for the Boulders Beach Penguin Colony, Cheetah Outreach and Eagle Encounters at Spier Wine Farm.

*Overnights More Quarters Residence*

### DAYS 4–6: JANUARY 14–16, SAMARA PRIVATE GAME RESERVE

You will be transferred to Cape Town Airport today for your scheduled flight (fare not included in safari cost) to Port Elizabeth, South Africa. Upon arrival you will be met by a representative and transferred by road to

Samara Manor House (approximately 3-hour driving time on good paved roads).

Samara Manor House is in the unique position of being a private bush home. Small groups of four to eight adults and children can exclusively reserve the home, which comes equipped with a friendly but unobtrusive staff, including a private guide, chef and butler. Samara's owners, Mark and Sarah Tompkins, built the house as their private residence on the site of a home dating back to the early 1800s. The house comprises four en suite bedrooms, each with a shower, twin sinks and free-standing bathtub. Meals can be enjoyed on the veranda, in a traditional boma, in the dining room or out in the bush. A cozy living area and veranda overlooking the Karoo Mountains provide ample space for relaxation. The 21-meter lap pool affords a cooling dip in the middle of day and leads the eye toward the water hole that hosts a menagerie of wildlife each morning and afternoon.

The goal of Samara was to reintroduce the cheetah to a habitat where they once thrived. Sarah and Mark Tompkins, owners of Samara, continue to expand their private game reserve with a goal of linking Samara, Mountain Zebra National Park and Cambedoo National Park, creating the largest wildlife reserve in South Africa. Cheetah are the prevalent predator here, while lion and leopard have not been introduced to the reserve, as they threaten the cheetah conservation. Rhino, Cape mountain zebra, giraffe and other plains animals are present and can be seen not only on 4x4 wildlife drives that cover vast areas of this nearly 67,000-acre private reserve, but also on walks where you can explore the four unique biomes that make up Samara - Nama Karoo, plateau grassland, savanna and thicket. Night safaris give the opportunity to seek aardvark, a famously shy and elusive creature that Samara has a particularly high incidence of sighting, especially in the winter months of July to September.

*Overnights Samara Manor House*

## **DAYS 7–9: JANUARY 17–19, KWANDWE PRIVATE GAME RESERVE**

Transfer by road today to Kwandwe Private Game Reserve (approximately 4-hour driving time on good paved roads). Enjoy an afternoon wildlife drive after settling in to the lodge.

Kwandwe Melton Manor is a private safari villa offering the ultimate retreat for private groups with its four en suite bedrooms, a private courtyard and swimming pool, private safari guide and discrete staff. Distinctly South African, this private bush home features pieces of simple colonial furniture combine with up-sized, deep comfortable sofas while subtle wildlife and bush references embrace the local environment. A calm natural palette gives this contemporary house its character and tone. The use of textured fabrics and color layered with elements of wood, stone, pewter, ceramic, wicker, bespoke lamps and mirrors gives each of the four oversized suites a unique identity. Your bedroom offers a private refuge with a large veranda, enormous bed and a butler hatch for unobtrusive morning service. The generous bathtub invites you for a soak and the large windows look out over the sweeping expanse of the bushveld on all sides. Comfortable indoor and outdoor living areas are the perfect gathering places. In the interactive kitchen off the main living area, a personal chef will whip up delicacies and kid-friendly meals at whatever times suit your family.

As dawn breaks over the African bush, a gentle tap on your door will wake you to the pleasures of a new day. Your ranger will discuss what you hope to see that day over fragrant tea or coffee and morning biscuits or rusks. Set out in an open 4x4 safari vehicle in the company of a ranger and tracker team, who will attempt to track your favorite animals. Explore Kwandwe's diverse terrain in search of cheetah, black rhino or elephant. Another drive begins in the late afternoon and lasts until after dark, when spotlights are used for a glimpse into the nocturnal bush life. Spot the rarely seen porcupine, aardwolf or aardvark. Enjoy sundowners

in a scenic location as the sun slowly sinks beneath the horizon. Walks and child-specific activities are also available, and you have the flexibility of a private safari guide and vehicle throughout your stay.

*Overnights Kwandwe Melton Manor*

## **DAY 10: JANUARY 20, DEPARTURE**

Transfer by shared charter flight back to Port Elizabeth today (approximately 10 to 10:45 am flight time). Here you will board your scheduled flight to Johannesburg for departure (fare not included in safari cost).

Your safari adventure ends today in Johannesburg, South Africa.

*Our goal is to provide you with an exceptional, life-enhancing adventure. To achieve that goal, our Expedition Leaders are empowered to make reasonable changes to itineraries while a trip is underway. These decisions might be made to more closely follow the movements of wildlife, to accommodate extreme weather, to take advantage of unexpected opportunities, or generally to improve overall guest experience. For this reason, the above itinerary should be considered a general outline of your trip, but it is subject to change. After all, the very definition of adventure is “an exciting or remarkable undertaking involving the unknown.”*

## ADVENTURE INFORMATION

### TRIP PRICE & DEPOSIT

#### **Jan 11 – Apr 30 & Sep 1 – Nov 30, 2017**

\$4795 per person (8 guests)

\$4995 per person (6 guests)

\$6495 per person (4 guests)

#### **May 1-31 & Jul 1 – Aug 31, 2017**

\$4195 per person (8 guests)

\$4395 per person (6 guests)

\$5795 per person (4 guests)

**Single Supplement Price:** No single supplement

This is a proposal only. No services or accommodations have been booked on your behalf until a non-refundable deposit is made to secure these services, which are then confirmed with local suppliers.

### NOTES

- Prices are per person based private accommodations and number of travelers.
- For fewer than 4 guests, there are accommodations available that can accommodate 1-3 guests; cost will vary.
- A non-refundable deposit of 25% of the trip fee per person is required upon booking to confirm your reservation.

### INCLUDED IN THE COST OF YOUR ADVENTURE

- All accommodations as noted
- All accommodation on a private basis as specified in the itinerary
- All meals at Samara Manor House and Kwandwe Melton Manor
- Breakfast daily in Cape Town
- Private Half Day Family City and Table Mountain Tour inclusive of bottled water, lunch and entrance fees for the Table Mountain Cableway tickets, city tour and Two Oceans Aquarium
- Private Full Day Family and Animals Tour inclusive of picnic lunch and entrance fees for the Boulders Penguin Colony, Cheetah Outreach and Eagle Encounters at Spier Wine Farm.
- Relevant park fees
- Services of the lodge guides and staff
- Alcoholic and soft drink beverages are included at Samara Manor House and Kwandwe Melton Manor
- Laundry service is available at most permanent camps/lodges and hotels; in some cases this service is included in the tariff quoted
- Accommodation taxes, the applicable Tourism Levies and all relevant Value Added Tax (VAT) or Government Sales Tax (GST)

### NOT INCLUDED IN THE COST OF YOUR ADVENTURE

- Travel to the start and end point of the route
- Commercial flights from Cape Town to Port Elizabeth and Port Elizabeth to Johannesburg (contact our Air Desk at 1-800-543-8917)
- Lunch and dinner in Cape Town, unless otherwise noted
- Alcoholic and soft drink beverages at Redcliffe House in Cape Town
- Cancellation, baggage and medical insurance
- Any gratuities, such as tips for transfers, hotel and lodge staff and guides

- Any newly-implemented government taxes, levies, fuel or industry increases which are beyond our control
- Visa fees where relevant
- International airport departure taxes applicable from manned airports only, which is to be paid in US\$ cash on departure unless included in your ticket cost
- Any items of a personal nature (eg. souvenirs, massages, laundry, telephone calls, drinks, etc.)

## YOUR GUIDES

During the safari you will have the services of experienced local camp guides. These guides will take you on game drives and are charged with the important responsibilities of locating wildlife and taking care of you, our traveler. Their intimate knowledge of the surrounding environment is unmatched, as they successfully track wildlife day in and day out. Not only is this the most prudent way for you to observe the most wildlife while ensuring our adventures operate smoothly, it creates revenue for the host countries, motivating the local people to continue their protection of the animals and their habitat.

## ACCOMMODATIONS

Natural Habitat Adventures tends to select accommodations specifically for their intimate and secluded nature and their proximity to the world's wildest areas, exclusively giving our guests a classic nature experience without sacrificing comfort. For your specific adventure we have enhanced the style of accommodation by upgrading to some of the areas more luxurious properties. They all have private facilities unless otherwise noted.

## ACCOMMODATION FACILITIES & AMENITIES

The following details include available facilities, amenities and services at each of your accommodations. Note that while we do update this information regularly, these details can and do change frequently and thus should be used as a guideline only. Please contact your Adventure Concierge team if you have any questions.

### More Quarters Residence—Cape Town, South Africa

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| ▪ En suite bathroom with shower, tubs in some rooms | ▪ Virgin Active Gym nearby (extra cost)                               |
| ▪ Shampoo, soap and lotion                          | ▪ Facilities for early arrivals and late departures                   |
| ▪ Hair dryer  | ▪ Restaurant (breakfast only)   |
| ▪ Air conditioning                                  | ▪ Room service 7 am to 9:30 pm  |
| ▪ Fireplace   | ▪ Complimentary transfers to the V&A Waterfront                       |
| ▪ Satellite television                              | ▪ Wi-Fi available   |
| ▪ 220v charging outlets in rooms                    | ▪ Laundry (extra cost)  |
| ▪ In-room safe                                      | ▪ Credit cards accepted (Visa, MasterCard, Diner's, American Express) |
| ▪ Private pool                                      |   |

### Samara Manor House—Samara Private Game Reserve, South Africa

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| ▪ 4 en suite bedrooms                    | ▪ 220v charging outlets throughout            |
| ▪ En suite bathrooms with tub and shower | ▪ Private pool                                |
| ▪ Shampoo, conditioner, soap and lotion  | ▪ Spa (extra cost)                            |
| ▪ Hair dryer                             | ▪ Wi-Fi available                             |
| ▪ Air conditioning                       | ▪ Laundry (extra cost)                        |
| ▪ Fireplace                              | ▪ Non-alcoholic drinks included               |
| ▪ Full kitchen                           | ▪ Credit cards accepted (Visa and MasterCard) |

## Kwandwe Melton Manor—Kwandwe Private Game Reserve, South Africa

- 4 en suite bedrooms
- En suite bathrooms with tub and shower
- Shampoo, conditioner, soap and lotion
- Hair dryer
- Air conditioning
- Room fan
- Fireplace
- Mini bar
- Tea/coffee in room
- 220v charging outlets throughout
- In-room safe
- Swimming pool
- Wi-Fi available
- In-room massage (extra cost)
- "Gym in a bag"
- Private safari vehicle
- Laundry included
- Local alcoholic beverages (house wines, beers, spirits)
- Credit cards accepted (Visa, MasterCard and American Express)

## AVERAGE CLIMATE DURING YOUR SAFARI

It is important to remember that the below information is based on general climate and weather patterns so the conditions during your visit could be quite different from what is listed below. Please check the current weather on the Internet ([weather.com](http://weather.com) or [wunderground.com](http://wunderground.com)) so you can be prepared for any unseasonable weather.

### South Africa

January, mid-summer in South Africa, is characterized by warm, sunny weather—often with afternoon thunderstorms, though they clear quickly. Afternoons can be hot, with average high temperatures reaching into the low to mid-80s F. Overnight temperatures are generally very mild, with an average low of about 70 F. The Western Cape Province (including Cape Town) can be hot, dry and windy at this time.

### Average Temperature & Rainfall—January

Region	Low	High	Rainfall
Cape Town	61 °F	81 °F	0.52 in
	16 °C	27 °C	13 mm
The Great Karoo	57 °F	91 °F	0.16 in
	13 °C	32 °C	4 mm
Eastern Cape	60 °F	92 °F	1.9 in
	15 °C	33 °C	48 mm