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# AFRICAN SAFARI VACATION KIT

*How to Enjoy an Absolutely  
Unforgettable Vacation Experience  
with Your Whole Family*



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**HeritageAfrica**

African Safari & Travel Specialists



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**Give your family an unforgettable vacation adventure that not one in 1,000 Americans ever experiences—a “multi-generational” African safari trip!**

**Thanks for asking about Heritage Africa’s African Safari Trips ...**

...and requesting this **FREE** African Safari Vacation Packet.

With this information kit in hand, you’ve taken the first step toward giving your family – you, your kids, and if you have them, your grandkids – a one-of-a-kind experience you will all treasure and remember for life:

**A luxury African safari vacation!**

This kit will give you the important facts that will help you decide whether to take your family on this unforgettable adventure. It will also answer many of your questions about planning, going on, and getting the most out of a family African safari trip.

**A non-hunting safari**

Now, the word “safari” is a turn-off to some people, conjuring an image of big game hunters in their mind.

So if you are an animal lover, I want to tell you right up front that **this is NOT a hunting safari – no animals will be killed or harmed in any way.**

But your whole family ... and especially the children ... will thrill to see and photograph, roaming free in their natural habitat, *the iconic African animals that have fascinated adults and youngsters alike for generations.*

Including: rhinos ... elephants ... giraffes ... zebras ... wildebeest ... gazelles ... lions ... leopards ... cheetahs ... monkeys ... and dozens of other species of mammals, reptiles, amphibians, fish, and birds.

**Travel with experienced African tour guides!**

And you won’t do it alone, because you’ll be accompanied by Heritage Africa’s knowledgeable tour guides who will host you during the safaris and at every destination you visit during your African trip – every step of the way.

In addition, Africa offers you and the kids a wide variety of other fun and exciting activities to choose from – from hot air ballooning over the vast African savannah and interacting with elephants up close – to great white shark viewing and visiting a local African village.

Plus: Walking safari excursions. Visiting national wildlife parks and private game reserves. Snorkeling and swimming in the Indian Ocean. Dining on local cuisine. Winery tours. Rhino or elephant conservation interactions. And that's just the tip of the iceberg ...

**I love Africa so much, I moved here!  
And I'm confident you will love it too ...**

May I share something personal with you? As an expatriate American from New Jersey who has lived in South Africa for nearly a quarter of a century, I have come to know and love Africa – its beautiful scenery, its magnificent wild animals, its warm and generous people.

Not to mention lush woodlands and forests lovely beyond description ... vast, unspoiled plains ... magnificent mountains, rivers, waterfalls, and ocean beaches ... African history, villages, culture, cuisine, wineries, and museums.

And so much more ... from the splendor of the world's largest waterfall, Victoria Falls ... to the "singing" sand dunes of Namibia (yes, they actually emit sound) ... and the Great Migration of the wildebeest across the Maasai Mara and Serengeti – to name just a few.

That's why I created Heritage Africa – to share the wonder and splendor of Africa today with you and your family on a private luxury African safari trip.

**Let me help you plan your African family adventure now—for FREE.**

Please take a few minutes to review this information kit. And if the idea of taking your family on an exciting African adventure that not one American in a thousand will ever experience intrigues you ...

... then why not call me toll-free at **888-747-0016** today to schedule a free, no-obligation Personalized Trip-Planning Session. Or fax the Request Form on the last page to me toll-free – 800-548-3024 and I'll reach out to you.

The call – and the planning session – are free. And there's no obligation or sales pressure of any kind. So call now. The greatest family adventure of your life awaits. You can't lose!

Sincerely,



Michael R. Giles, Owner  
Heritage Africa Safaris

**P.S.** But I urge you to hurry. Availability of high-end safari lodges and camps is extremely limited. They are small and often fill up months in advance. The earlier we can book your rooms, the sooner your African adventure can begin!

So ... to be sure you can take your entire family on this once-in-a-lifetime African safari expedition on dates that work with everyone's busy schedules, call me toll-free **888-747-0016** right now. Or e-mail me at **mgiles@heritageafrica.com**

**P.P.S.** When you call, be sure to ask for our **FREE** Special Report, *14 Fun and Fascinating Things to See and Do in Africa*, if you do not already have it.



# What makes Heritage Africa different than other safari tour companies?

At Heritage Africa, one of our specialties is creating unforgettable, personalized, *multi-generational African safari trips* for all three generations of your family – you and your spouse, your children, and, if you have them, your grandkids.

**A Heritage Africa safari vacation is a great bonding experience – bringing the family together in a place of magic, wonder, and fun ... while offering each generation its own special pleasures:**

***Grandma and grandpa*** give their children and grandchildren an unforgettable gift and unparalleled travel opportunity – and for the grandparents, it's a special and rare chance to bond with your kids and grandkids far from the hustle and bustle of everyday life.

***Mom and dad*** get time with both their parents and their kids, bringing the family closer in a way unduplicated by any other travel adventure.

***The grandkids*** – If you think they got excited at Disneyland® or Atlantis®, just wait until they marvel at Africa's diverse landscapes, flora, and fauna on an actual viewing safari!

**So many absolutely amazing animals, destinations, and wonders to behold!**



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**We'll help you plan your dream African safari by helping you select the most appealing activities and sights. You can choose from among literally dozens of destinations, including for instance:**

**Hot air ballooning over Namibia's colorful "singing sand dunes"** – these natural wonders actually emit musical notes – and those at Sossusvlei stand hundreds of meters high, making them the tallest dunes on Earth.



**A not-to-be-missed walking safari** where you can connect with the African bush and interact with all its inhabitants in a safe environment. Our guides will help you get the bird, animal, and flora shots of a lifetime. We can have a professional videographer make a permanent audiovisual record of your trip.



**Venture out onto the Indian Ocean** where you can swim with wild dolphins, snorkel among flourishing reefs and schools of stunningly colored fish, and even get a chance to view humpback whales (from May to September) or swim with whale sharks.



**Track the endangered black rhinos** on foot with your binoculars and cameras in hand. Learn how to follow rhino tracks and other signs in the trees and shrubs that can lead you to see this rare animal in the wild.



**See a dazzling variety of African flora and fauna** – including 147 species of mammals plus the world's largest elephant herds – at the continent's largest and most magnificent national parks and World Heritage Sites including Chobe National Park, Kruger National Park, and Ngorongoro Crater.



**And dozens more ....**





# See Africa in first-class luxury



Although much of Africa is undeveloped and wild, your Heritage Africa Safari Adventure will be anything but. Instead, get ready to be pampered with gourmet cuisine (we cater to every dietary preference from kosher to gluten-free), fine wines, champagne at breakfast, spa treatments, and accommodations that are like a 5-star hotel in the middle of the bush.

Rooms are comfortable and air conditioned with modern indoor toilets. You'll sleep on fine linen sheets and cool off in the pools. Wi-Fi service keeps you in touch with friends and colleagues via voice, e-mail, or web with your mobile or laptop.



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## There's no safer way to see Africa

The lodges and camps we choose are the best of the best. So they are very safety conscious. At each of the lodges or safari camps, you get a briefing so you know what to do if you need help of any kind.

Your safari leaders are all highly trained guides, rangers, and trackers. They expertly assess conditions as they develop. These include mood and disposition of the animals, proximity of vehicle to animals, whether the animals are stressed or relaxed, and what to do to ensure guest safety in any emergency.

Our guides also ensure your safety during tours of Johannesburg, Soweto, Cape Town, and other cities – avoiding areas where any potentially disruptive events may be happening. Result: You are safe, secure, and protected on your Heritage Africa trips every step of the way.



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# Protecting endangered species: Heritage Africa and you



*African elephants are an endangered species. There were around 5 million living at the beginning of the 20th century. Today, hunted for their ivory tusks, the African elephant population is about 415,000.<sup>1</sup>*

Unlike hunting safaris, which cater to people who for reasons beyond our understanding get pleasure from killing beautiful and rare animals, Heritage Africa Safaris caters to nature and animal lovers.

Not only do we NOT offer hunting safaris – all our safaris are for viewing and photographing wild animals only, plus of course seeing many other wondrous sights.

We donate a portion of our proceeds from our safari trips to worthy organizations that help protect and preserve Africa's many endangered and vulnerable species – from elephants and rhinos, to the African painted dogs, cheetah and pygmy hippopotamus.

That way, we can ensure the beauty and adventure of Africa is here for your family for many generations to come!

<sup>1</sup>[http://wwf.panda.org/what\\_we\\_do/endangered\\_species/elephants/](http://wwf.panda.org/what_we_do/endangered_species/elephants/)

<sup>2</sup><http://answersafrica.com/most-endangered-animals-in-africa.html>

*Both white rhino (pictured below) and black rhino are critically endangered species indigenous to Africa. There are only 3,500 black rhino left in the world.<sup>2</sup>*







## Heritage Africa clients say it best!

“Only 2 weeks have passed since our most amazing trip to Africa! We are still talking, sharing, and showing our photos and even dreaming about the experiences. We have travelled and enjoyed fantastic trips in many places around the world including two prior African Safari trips and rate this trip the best we have ever had.

“Your responsibility for planning and making sure that our 20 family members’ needs were met far surpassed our highest hopes and expectations! Every request we made, every promise you made was fulfilled, and every detail was covered. In addition, the incredible surprises you arranged were so special – the breakfast and birthday dinner in the bush with lodge staff, entertainment by Phinda staff to begin a birthday celebration, and especially the unforgettable community service and interaction with 60 Zulu village children ages 3-8.

“We will never be able to thank you enough for your expertise, many phone calls, and numerous e-mails all of which made this our trip of a lifetime. You made us feel that you took on this mighty task as if we were your 20 family members and will be recommending you to anyone we know or meet who want to plan their ‘trip of a lifetime’ with or without a large group such as ours. Our grandchildren, none of whom are married yet, expressed that someday they hope to repeat this trip with their spouses and children. That says it all.

“We feel that together, you and we have given our family the best gift imaginable, lifetime memories of togetherness and adventure that could not be experienced anywhere else on our great planet. Thank you again and again!”

– Marlene and Bob Josefsberg,  
Coral Gables, FL and Beaver Creek, CO





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“I have been meaning to write to you to thank you for the most perfectly designed trip imaginable to South Africa.

“Although you were recommended by a friend in Los Angeles, we were somewhat hesitant after looking into all of the other options on the Internet. My husband is a travel agent and thought he could book our trip although he had been to Kenya but never to South Africa. However, after speaking to you initially, we followed our gut and friend’s recommendation and asked you to plan our trip. We should have known our trip would have been fantastic after having spent many hours talking with us about our expectations and standards of travel. You were always responsive and patient with all of our concerns.

“You nailed it! Our accommodations in Johannesburg were perfect for our needs. The variety of 5 safari camps in South Africa and Botswana were each different and overwhelmingly beautiful. Our accommodations in Cape Town were also perfect. And we loved our little hotel in Franschhoek with its Michelin starred restaurant.

“Best of all, was the fact that we were never left to fend for ourselves because we were met and guided expertly every step of the way. And of course, you were in touch with us as we traveled to make sure everything was to our liking.

“Attached are just a few of the hundreds of pictures we took. The leopard who was sleeping in the lean-to at the airport when we reached our first camp at Ebony Singita was surreal. The other pictures speak for themselves. I am going to send you a few more pictures separately. You are welcome to share any pictures or parts of this email with other potential clients and I am happy to speak with them if they have any hesitations. Thank you so much for making our trip the trip of a lifetime!”

– Joan Garland, Manhattan Beach, CA





## Are these your questions?



### ***When is the best time of year to go on an African safari?***

Each season has its pros and cons, so it's really a matter of personal preference and your schedule as well as those of your traveling companions. For families with kids, summer and the winter holidays are popular.

A lot of folks tell you that the best time of year to go on safari is during the winter (June, July, August in the Southern Hemisphere) or during the dry season. The rationale is that because there is much less foliage and much less water around, animals must congregate near water holes and are less hidden by grasses and shrubs. While this is true, the summers offer the wonderful spectacle of lots of new born and very young animals, because the lush grasses and new growth on the trees means there is plenty of food – so that is when many animals give birth. You may get some rainfall but the sight of this new life is wondrous to behold.

### ***How long does it take to fly to Africa?***

Flying time from New York City, Washington DC, or Atlanta to either Southern Africa or East Africa (the major safari regions) is around 16 to 17 hours.

### ***Can I bring my kids on safari?***

Many safari camps welcome children over the age of 8. But to be safe, check with Heritage Africa when making an inquiry. These rules can sometimes be waived by booking smaller camps exclusively for a multi-generational party.

### ***Can I interact with animals?***

On our safaris, you can observe and photograph most African animals up close; but remember they are wild, not tamed, and not to be petted. At elephant and cheetah sanctuaries, the animals are usually more used to people and you can have some interaction with them.

### ***Is Africa in general, and a safari in particular, safe?***

Most countries in Southern and East Africa are relatively safe – peaceful, democratic, and economically stable.

### ***Is the water safe to drink?***

Yes. In South Africa, the water is very potable. In other regions, Heritage Africa supplies you with filtered and bottled water that is as safe to drink as the water that flows from the tap in your own home. Use the pure bottled water to brush your teeth.

### ***How about the food – safe to eat?***

It is safe to eat food at the lodges and camps.

### ***What are the passport, visa, and other entry requirements?***

You need a valid passport. Most African nations require a visa but it is easily gotten at the airport or port of entry when you arrive; we tell you what you need for your trip.

### ***What kind of electrical adapter do I need?***

If you're unsure what adapter to buy or where to get it, Heritage Africa can show you how to get the right one for your trip.

### ***What immunizations and vaccinations do I need?***

Heritage Africa can advise you on what immunizations, vaccines, or medications you will need for the countries you are visiting. In most cases, you will need anti-malarial pills.

### ***How do we get around in Africa?***

While on safari, most of the time we transport you in open-back 4X4 Land Rovers or Land Cruisers. In most cases, you would fly between different safari lodges or camps.

### ***Do Africans speak English?***

Throughout Southern and East Africa the main business language is English. If you speak English, most people will understand you. All of our guides and rangers speak English.

### ***What about currency and credit cards?***

Most African safari camps accept MasterCard® and Visa®. ATMs are widely available in the cities, so you can get local currency easily there. In almost all African countries the U.S. dollar is accepted.

### ***What should we pack?***

Dress in loose, casual, and comfortable clothing. All the lodges allow casual dress while dining. Bring a lightweight jacket for cool nights, travel size toiletries, sunscreen, sturdy walking shoes or hiking boots, insect repellent, and a sun hat. We give you a packing list based on your destination.

### ***What is the weather like?***

Summers are warm to hot and winters are mild but can be very cold in the morning and evening.





# African Safari Packing List

Here's a suggested list of African safari clothing & supplies that you can use. Further along we also give you a checklist of other essential things that you should bring.

- 2 pairs khaki cotton pants (jeans may be too hot)
- 2 pairs sturdy shorts
- 2 long sleeved shirts (for sun protection as well as warmth)
- 1 light sweater or sweatshirt
- 1 lightweight, waterproof windbreaker
- 1 or 2 pair sturdy walking or hiking boots or running shoes
- 3-5 short-sleeved shirts or T-shirts
- 5 changes underwear and socks
- 1 hat with a brim (you need to also protect your ears and neck)

Most lodges have a laundry service, complimentary or at a charge.

- Also bring insect repellent if camping – though most lodges have this.
- Small personal first aid kit plus if you take prescription medicines – bring what you need for the whole trip. They won't be available on safari.
- Bring a copy of your prescription; it may be available in the cities.
- Repair kit: needle and thread, nylon cord, rip-stop tape.
- Plastic packets to compartmentalize items within your travel bag.
- For a mobile safari the best luggage is a soft bag, or backpack with an internal frame. If part of your itinerary includes light aircraft flights, there are serious weight restrictions. You are usually restricted to 20 kg (44 lbs), per person, in a soft bag – and one without wheels. Storage space in a light aircraft is at a premium, and the pilot may refuse to take on bulky or excessive luggage. You will be charged for the excess.

## *What you should also bring:*

- Sunscreen or block. In Africa the sun is strong nearly year round. So if you are pale, a #10 or higher screen will be needed for the first few days; #4 or 5 may be adequate thereafter.
- Aspirin or Tylenol for mild pain or headache
- Moisturizer, lip balm
- Anti diarrhea medicine

- Topical antibiotic, for cuts, bites or sores
- Insect repellent. The principal active ingredient is N, N-Diethyl-Metatoluamide (DEET), an effective repellent will have 75% content or higher. (The lodges have insect repellent.)
- Liquid drops are best for skin application unless your skin is sensitive, sprays can also be used for clothes.
- Sun Sticks are best for lips and nostrils Moleskin or Second Skin adhesive pads for blisters.

## *From our experience the following are great to have:*

- Camera and film or memory card. And batteries. Film and batteries can often be obtained at the lodges or rest camps. It will be expensive though.
- Binoculars
- Paperback reading and writing material (keep weight at a minimum)
- Bird and animal checklist – some lodges have these.
- Extra sweater
- Gloves – yes, gloves – you have a wind chill effect when you are on early morning game drives especially the back of open 4 x4s
- Down vest or jacket – if you get cold easily.

## *Other indispensable items to bring for your African Safari & Vacation:*

**Valid passport – A valid passport is required.** Make sure you check that expiration date. Ensure that it expires at least 6 months after your return. And if you are visiting South Africa, they require at least 2 blank facing pages in your passport. **Carry a photocopy of the photo page and the entry stamp page of your passport as an additional piece of identification.** STORE THESE PHOTOCOPIES IN A DIFFERENT PLACE THAN YOUR TRAVEL DOCUMENTS. **If you lose your passport, this is one thing that you will be very happy you did.**

- One other picture ID (e.g. driver's license)
- Photocopy of passport page to carry in wallet
- Expense money
- Air tickets
- I strongly recommend comprehensive travel insurance

Final point, you should travel light. Have a day pack to carry any essentials you want to have while on safari.



# A PERSONALIZED AFRICAN SAFARI TOUR PLANNING SESSION — *yours FREE!*

The easiest way to begin your African adventure of a lifetime is to go **online now** at <https://heritageafrica.acuityscheduling.com/> or call us toll-free at **888-747-0016** to schedule a FREE, no-obligation personalized planning session. We'll customize your dream African safari trip so your family sees every animal, every natural wonder, every attraction, and every site they've been aching to visit.

We'll schedule a time to answer all your questions. Help arrange for you the African safari vacation of a lifetime. You'll be pleased – and pleasantly surprised – to find out how quickly and easily we can make your dream of an unforgettable African journey with your entire family come true!

## **Space is limited. So call us today!**

But I urge you to hurry. The luxury safari lodges and camps which accommodate our guests are often booked months in advance – and the few remaining rooms are likely to sell out quickly. So contact us today online, call, or e-mail to avoid a long and disappointing delay in your African safari vacation plans!





# Heritage Africa Family Safari Vacation

## FREE No-Obligation

## Personalized Planning Session Request Form



**To schedule your free no-obligation Personalized Trip-Planning Session ... so Heritage Africa can customize your dream vacation ...**

**ONLINE** – schedule your call here:

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**CALL** us toll-free at **888-747-0016** today, or

**FAX** this completed form toll-free to 800-548-3024 and we'll reach out to you.

Mr./Mrs./Ms. \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Tell us a bit more about your family and trip schedule (optional):**

Number of adults: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children [12 years old or younger]: \_\_\_\_\_

Desired departure date (approximate): \_\_\_\_\_

Desired length of trip (approximate): \_\_\_\_\_



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