

The Bushlife Safaris Professional Guiding Team





Enjoy the the expertise and passion that our guides bring to every safari experience...

At Bushlife Safaris, we are immensely proud of our Guiding Team, who have been honoured with the prestigious title of Best Safari Guiding Team by Safari Awards numerous times. This recognition is a testament to the exceptional skills and dedication of our team.



Nick Murray Head Guide

Nick's early years as a guide were spent managing a private game reserve in Zimbabwe, where he gained valuable experience in wildlife management, ostrich farming, cattle ranching, and building. He also obtained his dangerous drugs license in 1992, which he uses for game capture and translocation, as well as to aid the painted wolf research program and treat injured animals.

Between 1995-1998, Nick worked as a freelance safari guide in various camps across Zimbabwe, including Kariba-Matusadona, Hwange National Park, Mana Pools National Parks, Chizarira, and Gonarezhou. In 2002, Nick married Desiree, who is also a licensed professional safari guide and canoe guide in Zimbabwe. Together, they have spent many years canoeing the Zambezi River, with Nick obtaining his Canoe Guides License just one year later.

Nick and Desiree have been running Bushlife Safaris in Mana Pools for over two decades, leading guests on unforgettable journeys through the wild. In recent years, they have collaborated with BBC Earth production crew and world-renowned wildlife filmmaker, David Attenborough, to showcase the incredible wildlife of Zimbabwe to the world. Nick's expertise, experience, and passion for wildlife continue to inspire and amaze all who embark on a safari adventure with Bushlife Safaris.

Our Guides

Zimbabwean safari guides are renowned as some of the finest in all of Africa, due to the rigorous certification process they undergo. With a four-year training program, our guides are equipped to lead guests closer to wildlife than many others can safely manage.



Mitch Riley



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Mark Friend



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