



LIFE ON SAFARI

Life on safari is as laid back or frenetic as you wish.

Days normally revolve around two activities, one in the early morning and one in the late afternoon. The early mornings and late afternoons are the best times of the day to spot game, particularly big cats. Lion and leopard are both nocturnal species that normally only stir in the late afternoon when they set out on the nightly ritual in search of quarry. Sunrise normally sees them looking for a place to lie up for the day.

Days start early with a pre-dawn rise for those wishing to go on safari. After coffee and muffins you will set off on your morning activity just on first light. You will return to camp around midday for lunch. Thereafter the afternoon is yours. Given the early start the afternoon hours provide an opportunity for a siesta before afternoon tea, served around 3.30 to 4 pm. Now that the heat of the day has past, the game again starts to move presenting good viewing possibilities.

The afternoon/evening activity finishes between 6 and 7 pm although this varies from camp to camp. Some camps, where night game-driving is allowed, prefer to conduct the last hour of the game-drive under spotlight for the opportunity to view nocturnal species. On return to camp you freshen up before cocktails and dinner, which is normally a 3 course affair accompanied by excellent African wines.

