



What can you expect from the Africa trip?

In a nutshell, we're here to make sure that you'll have an unforgettable tour. Going on an adventure trip in the wilds of Africa is the way to go -it's an awesome experience! You will be exposed to the national parks, exciting wildlife, culture, history and most of all FUN! Your guides will take you through the rough and the absolute best. As well as the main tourist attractions you will have the opportunity to enjoy the variety that each adventure has to offer. This means visiting a small village off the beaten track, camping under the African skies and having the choice if you wish, to do your own thing when spending a couple days at a stop off.

The groups, large or small (max 9 and min 4), are made up of adventurous people from all walks of life and nationalities who are seeking to experience the real Africa with like-minded travellers. Most of the Africa tours call for clients' limited participation in the camp and cooking duties. This means that on some occasions you will be asked to assist with various aspects of camp and safari duties. The guides are there to handle all major responsibilities but they will occasionally ask for assistance. A positive attitude and joining in is what turns a great trip into an unforgettable journey.

Depending on the type of Africa tour you decide to book you may be expected to pitch and break down your own tent, help with the loading and unloading of the vehicle and assist the guides with the meals and camp duties (mainly on the budget trips) Your guides will purchase all the food, do the cooking, but they may ask for assistance in clearing up and preparing the meals. You are on holiday after all! To avoid confusion of everyone helping out at once and to share the responsibility fairly your tour guide may assign groups with specific days for this limited involvement (mainly on the budget trips). On some of the mobile camping safaris there will be less participation involved and your time on safari will be arranged to suit your activities and travelling distances.

According to the chosen overland, accommodation varies from hotels, lodges, en-suite chalets, rustic bungalows, traditional tribal huts, multi share rooms to spacious two person's canvas dome tents. The Campsite facilities vary from place to place from very basic facilities, especially in East Africa, to campsites with pools, hot and cold running water, shops and bars. Some camps further north can be basic and have limited facilities and simple enclosures for showers. It's all part of the adventure and it adds to the flavour of the trip!

A typical tour day starts with a wakeup call. You depart after breakfast. If there is a lot of travelling to be done in a day you can expect to leave camp slightly earlier. Lunch will be at a stopover decided by your guide and you generally get to the next destination late afternoon or later if it is a considerable distance to travel. You need to be prepared for long drives on certain days. There will be sand, dust and hot African sun but there will also be some amazing evenings spent around the campfires under the African skies, scenic countryside and tales about the day's experiences, fantastic photographic

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opportunities and memories to last a lifetime!

What can you expect while travelling in Africa?

Unpredictability is the keyword when it comes to travelling in Africa. So, if you expect the unexpected, you'll be fine! Although Bush Whisper vehicles are well maintained and serviced regularly, the crazy African roads may sometimes cause breakdowns. If this does happen, don't panic; just leave it in the hands of your experienced guides? Also our business partners are well represented with good support throughout Southern and East Africa. Should a mechanical breakdown or incident occur, good back-up systems are in place so don't worry. If you travel with an open mind and realistic expectations, we can basically guarantee you a great Africa adventure!

What should you know about the routes and itineraries?

Bush Whisper Expeditions make every effort to follow the intended route of the itinerary, but sometimes changes have to be made because of unforeseen circumstances totally beyond our control. In some of the cases, this can result in missed areas and activities, diversions, and variations on night stops. Because of occasional operational uncertainties, it's impossible to run adventure trips exactly to the intended itinerary. So, when you book your trip, just accept that itineraries may differ from the final itinerary. We'll not be responsible for accommodation costs, or liable for any airfares or any other compensation to you in these cases, as we'll always attempt to provide an alternative that's on the same level as what was on the itinerary.

What is a typical Africa tour like?

It's not a luxury tour and, because of the road, weather and political conditions, expects the unexpected. In some cases, it can get pretty dusty, dirty, wet, hot or all of these at the same time! Some of the roads and surroundings are very wild, which can make parts of the trip quite challenging...but it's all part of the adventure. If you are looking for an African adventure, enjoy meeting new people, don't mind getting stuck in and involved at ground level- welcome aboard!!

What type of person must you be to enjoy an Africa Bush Whisper tour?

If you're young at heart, flexible, have a sense of adventure and positive attitude, and can get along

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with a group of other adventurers, you'll have a ball of a time!

It's for the adventurous type who'd rather spend a night roughing it in a campsite than living it up in a boutique hotel. With Bush Whisper Expeditions, you get to experience the real Africa!. This includes buying and cooking food from markets and sharing a drink with villagers in a local bar.

It's perfect if you're travelling as a group of friends, a couple or alone. Most things are done as a group and chores are shared, so everyone does end up working and having fun together. It's also perfect if you're a first-time traveller, because you'll still get that sense of adventure, yet, thanks to your tour guide, driver, cook and companionship of the group, you'll always have support.

Thanks to the purpose-built vehicles, most trips go on the routes that are not so crowded with your regular tourist. This means that you'll get to see Africa away from the armies of minibuses seen in the more popular national parks. And this is where you come in, because if you're looking for an Africa trip which goes beyond a mere holiday and gives you the opportunity to make a lot of new friends and see a lot of new places in a relatively short period of time then Africa is definitely for you!

Will you get on with everyone else in the group?

With an open mind, you will. Bush Whisper Expeditions attract like-minded people, usually from every place you can imagine in the world and from all walks of life. This brings a truly international flavour to the experience and you will meet new people from all over the world.

The average age of your fellow travellers is usually 20 – 70, and the male / female mix is generally even. We cater to a wide range of clientele and have something that will suit the need of every adventure traveller even if you think you are too old for this kind of adventure. We have quite a few trips on offer that do not have an upper age limit.

Your guides will definitely spoil you, as long as you don't treat them like your personal assistant or slave. So, they will from time to time need your valuable assistance. It is really important that you have a positive attitude towards participation, because joining in is what turns a great trip into an unforgettable journey and it's a great way of getting to know your fellow travellers.

What does a Bush Whisper Expedition tour involve?

Each vehicle carries everything needed to be completely self-sufficient, and this even includes the

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kitchen sink!

As mentioned before, you'll be expected to help out a little here and there, but know that there's still plenty of time for relaxation and sightseeing. When everyone puts in a little effort the trip runs smoothly. Team spirit is part of the fun! You'll get plenty of time to chill out on the beach (if your route goes past one), spot wildlife and partake in various adventure activities on offer. Along the way, you'll also have the opportunity to upgrade to a room for the night or eat out in a local restaurant for a treat.

What is a typical day on a Bush Whisper Expedition tour like?

The days start early and end late. Some early starts are due to the distances that need to be covered or a spectacular African sunrise that has to be photographed.

Although a lot of time is spent travelling, you will be exposed to a wide variety of memorable experiences. We usually take a lunch-break en-route and, depending on the distance to be covered, we usually relax or explore the lay of the land during the afternoons. Usually every couple of days, we spend a few days at one venue so that you can relax or participate in the many adventure activities on offer. Most evenings are spent around the campfire, while others are spent at town restaurants and campsite bars.

What types of Bush Whisper tours are there?

The camping trips are the most popular. Camping in the wild of Africa is an awesome experience. If you are not the camping type, we will gladly help you find a suitable accommodated adventure trip. If you would prefer a combination of both then we can also help you.

You have the option of travelling in a small or large group, private charter with your friends or family. Africa is the perfect destination for families, diverse in culture and an enriching experience for any child brought up in the first world! We highly recommend the family departures or we can help you arrange your own itinerary that offers quality family time, as well as adult time.

What's the deal with a sleeping bag?

On camping tours, you have to bring your own sleeping bag, but bedding is provided on accommodated tours. We will make sure that you are well aware of what to pack for your trip. We suggest that you take your sleeping bag and toiletries on board the plane (sleeping bags and toiletries

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are difficult to replace in Africa should they get lost on your flight). Oh yes, and don't forget a small pillow if there is space in your backpack! **(You can hire a sleeping bag from us if you need to)**

What should you expect from the campsites?

Southern Africa's campsites are generally of a very good quality while the ones in East Africa are more basic. The facilities in some of the areas that you will be visiting can be primitive and very basic. Please come prepared! At times you will stay in camps with good facilities like hot and cold running water, a swimming pool and a shop and bar.

What's the deal with laundry?

Most camps have hand-washing facilities. The Swakopmund and Vic Falls camps, as well as certain camps in East Africa, have laundry facilities. Bring some environmentally-friendly washing powder along. Often for a small fee, you can have your laundry washed by someone else. Just ask your guide if you're interested in this deal.

What should you know about the local laws & customs?

Please obey all the laws of the countries you're travelling through. If you're found in possession of contraband, non-prescribed narcotic drugs or firearms, you will be asked to leave the trip immediately, and with no refund of the trip fare. Of course, all of the countries you'll be travelling through will have their own individual customs and it's best to respect them because in the end, you are a guest in their countries, so it's only good manners that you comply with their customs.

What's the deal with alcohol & drugs?

Bush Whisper tours are not booze-cruise tours. We have no problem with you having a good time with the odd beer or two, which really goes well with exchanging stories around the campfire, and most campsites have bars. But we do believe that drinking like a fish from early morning to evening, makes for unpleasantness. You dehydrate even more quickly when consuming alcohol. As mentioned above, we have a firm policy about drugs on tour. In short, we don't tolerate them! Police regularly inspect the vehicles and campsites, and we make lots of border crossings. If you are caught in possession of illegal substances, we can't help out. But we're sure an African jail experience is not really on your list

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of adventure activities.

What would be expected when visiting African villages?

As a form of respect and general courtesy towards local inhabitants and village dwellers, we don't encourage complete invasion of their privacy and homes by tourists. However, there are certain villages that do allow tourist visits at a minimal fee.

What's the deal with Eco-Tourism?

The ultimate objective of eco-tourism is to have a pleasant and enriching experience of nature, and at the same time, cause the least possible disturbance to the ecosystems. The guides have strict environmental policies, which we hope will be instilled in you. This includes: having respect for people, fellow travellers and the places you visit, responsible approach to fauna and flora, effective waste management; considerate behaviour in game reserves; and respect for the specific country's customs, laws and environment. Most of the countries are members of CITES (Convention of International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora). One of the most important things to remember is not to buy ANY products made from ivory and skins. These may be confiscated by customs anyway, so it's not really worth the risk. Please be aware that the purchase of any wooden carving does place a strain on forest resources, and that the removal of coral and shells is destructive to the reefs.

What's the deal with litter?

Please preserve the countries that you'll be travelling through as much as possible. This includes not dropping or leaving litter behind. When bush camping, litter is disposed of via burying or burning it.

Must you bring your own toilet paper?

Yes, we suggest you do just in case you get to a specific campsite and there isn't any. One roll is enough and we suggest you keep it in your day pack.

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What's the deal with the charging of batteries and power supplies?

Most campsites have electrical points, meaning that generally, you can charge your camera/ipod battery every 3-4 days. Just in case, bring a spare battery and make sure you monitor it, keeping it charged at all times to avoid disappointment. Also, pack a universal travel plug.

How do you keep contact with the outside world while in Africa?

Most people don't get any post sent to them whilst on tour. Instead, they rely on emails, which can be checked out at the many internet centres at various points throughout the trip.

However have in mind that in Africa checking emails is relatively expensive and usually takes a lot longer, taking valuable time out of your sightseeing opportunities. We suggest you check your emails every week or week and a half. There are telephones in some places, but they don't always work! The guides don't always have mobile cellular phones, because there's often no reception outside of South Africa.

In East Africa, expect to pay up to USD 3 per minute for a phone call! Although you won't be able to communicate easily on tour, we'll always know where in Africa you are. Also, give your family our contact details, so that if there's any kind of emergency at home, we'll be able to contact you immediately. The best idea is to tell friends and family beforehand that you'll be on an overland tour, where communication is very tricky.

Here are some books & maps you can read before and during your trip?

Most people like to read up on an area before visiting it. We've compiled a selection of books and maps, which we feel, will reflect much of what you will experience and see: "Lonely Planet Guides - Africa" "The Scramble For Africa" - Thomas Pakenham; "Venture Into The Interior" - Laurens Van der Post; "Out Of Africa & Letters From Africa" - Karen Blixen; "Green Hills Of Africa" - Ernest Hemingway; "The Serengeti Shall Not Die" - B. & M. Grzimek; "The Innocent Anthropologist" - Nigel Barley; "The Flame Trees Of Thika" - Elspeth Huxley; "The Africans" - David Lamb; "Facing Mount Kenya" - Jomo Kenyatta; "Long Walk To Freedom" - Nelson Mandela.; "A Field Guide To The Mammals Of Africa" - T.Holtenthorpe & H.Diller; "A Field Guide To The Larger Mammals Of Africa" - J.Dorset, P.Dandelot; "A

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Field Guide To The Birds Of East Africa” - J.Williams & N.Arlott; “Africa's Top Wildlife Countries” - Mark Nolting; “Michelin Map No 995 - Africa Central & South Madagascar”; “Robert’s Birds of Southern Africa” - Kenneth Newman; “Southern Africa Mammals” – Robin Frandsen.

What if you have special dietary requirements?

If you have any special requirements (dietary, allergies, religion, intolerances, etc) please notify us in writing prior to departure, and we’ll do our very best to accommodate. Every effort is made to cater for special dietary requirements; however, due to local supplies, this is sometimes not possible (e.g. Halal, Kosher and certain intolerances). In general our business partners do cater for vegetarians, vegans and clients who have food allergies .Make sure you make a note of any dietary requirements on the booking form. This definitely doesn’t include “I don’t like oranges”.

What if you would like to carry on travelling after the trip?

If you’d like to extend your visit in Africa or would like to try more than one adventure, we can help you with that. The trips are scheduled in such a way, that you can connect with other departing adventures, and we can also tailor-make any other combination for you anywhere in Africa. As mentioned before, touring in Africa is unpredictable, so we can’t accept responsibility if there are any disruptions and delays that may cause you to miss connections. The best is if you allow 1 -3 days after the scheduled completion date of your safari before flying out. Also, ensure that your onward travel arrangements are made BEFORE you depart on tour, because they can’t always be made while on tour.

What’s the deal with children and age restrictions on Bush Whisper tours?

We do tours for kids and families, kids off all ages are welcome.

Where can you find more information?

Each tour has a dossier with the detailed information of the trip, and our website also has lots of information on things, like what to pack, country info, photography, money matter, when to go etc. Let us know if you require any other information. We will gladly assist.

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Q: Is it safe to travel in Africa?

A: The most visited countries in Southern and East Africa like - South Africa, Swaziland, Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Mozambique, Madagascar, Malawi, Tanzania, Kenya, and Ethiopia - are really quite safe to visit. If you adhere to the basic principles, like you would in any large city anywhere in the world, like: not carrying valuables in plain view, keeping cameras hidden and not go about walking alone at night - you should be safe and sound. Be aware of onlookers and make use of hotel safety deposit boxes. Travellers with tour operators/groups are the least at risk and self-drive clients are advised to plan in advance which routes they wish to travel and to get all of their destination information ahead of time. If traveling by car, make sure the doors are locked at all times and that no bags or purses are left on passenger seats. While on safari in the bush, the only dangerous creatures are wild animals. The people are gracious and hospitable in those areas.

Q: When is the best time to travel to Southern Africa?

A: Southern Africa is a year-round destination, as different regions are at their most spectacular at different times. Generally it is winter in most of Southern African areas between May and September. These months are often popular for game viewing, as it is dry and the wildlife is much easier to see and it is also cooler. In summer the temperature often reaches between 30 and 40°C. However, in many countries, summer is the best time to visit beautiful the beaches and the coastal resorts. Summer often coincides with the rainy season, resulting in lush, green countryside and lovely scenery. Click on any of the links to find out more information on the specific countries: South Africa, Swaziland, Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Zambia and Mozambique.

Q: When is the best time to travel to East Africa?

A: East Africa is a safari destination so you would want to travel during the dry months. The long rains are from early April through to early June, and there are short rains from late November through December. It is often less expensive to travel during the long rainy season. Dry seasons offer excellent game viewing and more reliable road conditions, and game tends to congregate around the limited water sources, making the animals easier to find. July and August are generally extremely busy in East Africa, offering comfortable temperatures in addition to being a popular time for travel world-wide ... so be sure to book well in advance. Click on any of the links to find out more information on the specific countries: Madagascar, Malawi, Tanzania, Kenya, and Ethiopia.

Q: How did the "big five" get their name?

A: The "big five" are leopard, lion, elephant, rhino and buffalo. These animals constitute a wish list for many people on safari. The term is a reference from colonial trophy hunting. Hunters ranked African

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animals as to how dangerous they were to hunt. This is why hippo and giraffe - despite their stature - are not among this elite, sought-after group.

Q: What medical supplies are available on Safari?

A: It is best to bring prescription medication with you. But cities and towns all have drugstores/pharmacies equipped with everything one requires, from aspirin and aftershave to Xanax and Zambuk. Bear in mind that South Africa has a first world infrastructure, but the further north one travels, the more difficult it may be to acquire a specific medication.

Q: Are doctors available on Safari and are there hospitals?

A: Yes, many. But once again, the further north, the fewer there are. South Africa has many private hospitals, excellent specialists and state of the art equipment and facilities, including emergency rescue and air ambulance. Government facilities are overcrowded.

Q: What about Malaria?

A: Malaria is a dangerous disease, but if you take your anti-malarials, your chances of getting it are extremely slim. Malaria is transmitted by mosquitoes carrying the disease and as the insects are more active at night, it is recommended that all travellers wear long-sleeved trousers and sleeves at night time; sleep under mosquito netting where possible and take along mosquito repellent.

Q: What types of food would we expect on Safari?

A: It is possible to get vegetarian, halaal and most food preferences in Southern and East Africa. If you have any special dietary requirements let us know in advance we will be able to cater for you. Our guides are trained to cater for all different types of culinary tastes. As a rule, do not eat anything purchased at the side of the road and wash fruit and vegetables thoroughly before eating.

Q: Is it safe to drink the water?

A: It is safe to drink the tap water in most African countries. Tap water in hotels and at other lodges in Southern and East Africa is also safe to drink, but bottled water is available in shops if you prefer. If you are ever in doubt, stick to bottled water. Our safari vehicles carry drinking water at all times. Bottled water is supplied at all the main camps and lodges.

Q: Do you require Insurance whilst traveling in Africa?

A: All travellers should be adequately insured against all eventualities and circumstances. This applies anywhere in the world. There are many companies offering travel insurance, so ask your travel agent

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to recommend the best one for you. Bush Whisper Expeditions carries full public and passenger liability insurance on all of our safaris at all times.

Q: What visas do I need?

A: For detailed visa information for each of the individual countries, please see our Visa section.

Q: Will my Mobile Phone work in Africa?

A: Yes, there is extensive coverage throughout Southern and East Africa. In some countries, this may be primarily in and around major urban areas. However, in South Africa, networks cover all national roads, towns and cities. Before traveling, ask your mobile phone service provider to open your phone to allow international roaming.

Q: Is there internet available in Africa?

A: Certainly. Most city hotels will have either internet connection in the bedroom or a business centre where you can spend time online. There are also some safari lodges and camps in South Africa which offer this facility. In remote areas, however, there is no internet connection.

Q: What is the typical number of people on one of Bush Whisper's safaris?

A: We run with small groups of a maximum of 9 clients on all of our scheduled safaris which makes for a more personal and flexible safari experience for all. We do cater for larger groups for Private Tailor-made safaris. The camps we make use of are mostly small and intimate, geared around personal service and comfort and are very luxurious. These camps cater to between 16 and 24 guests. Larger, less expensive game lodges have between 50 and 100 rooms.

Q: What are the accommodations facilities like on one of Bush Whisper Expeditions Safaris?

A: The tents in permanent tented camps are large and spacious, beautifully decorated, with two three-quarter beds, floor rugs and adequate space to hang and pack clothing, with en-suite bathroom facilities with flush toilet and viewing decks. On luxury mobile camping tours, tents are either larger Hemingway or Meru style tents. On semi participation camping safaris, tents are igloo style and sleep 2, with comfortable foam mattresses.

Q: What activities are available during the safari?

A: There are many different types of activities available while on safari from game drives, guided walks, bird watching, boating, canoeing, adventure-based activities like white water rafting, helicopter rides over Victoria Falls , balloon trips over the Serengeti etc.

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Q: What currency should I take with me on safari?

A: Most major developed-world currencies are available throughout Southern and East Africa. Any of the following currencies are accepted: US\$, Euro and UK pounds. There are ATM machines as well as money changes in most of the major centres throughout the region we operate in.

Q: Do you have an age limit on your safaris?

A: We do not have an age limit on any of our safaris and just require a doctor's certificate for anyone over 65 years of age. The oldest person we had on one of our Mobile Camping safaris was an American gentleman who was 78 years of age. As long as you know what to expect you are most welcome to join us on a safari.

Q: Do you run family safaris?

A: Africa offers outstanding value for families. However, some destinations and establishments cater more fully for the enjoyment of children than others. In Kenya, children five years old and younger are generally not allowed on game drives in the parks and reserves. Traveling to Tanzania is not recommended for children younger than eight years old. In Botswana and Zambia many lodges do not take children under 10 years. Most lodges have swimming pools and baby-sitting services. We do offer child discounts on most of our safaris. Please contact us for more specific information.

Q: What is the typical day like while on safari?

A: On one of our semi-participation camping safaris we usually depart from camp at about 8 am on transfer days. The day is broken up by stopping at different points of interest, like seeing bushman painting etc en-route. We will arrive at our new camp in the afternoon and will do some sort of game activity like going on a sunset game-viewing cruise. We usually spend two nights at each point of interest so that you don't feel like you're in the safari vehicle all the time. For more details please ask for one of our detailed itineraries. On our flying safaris you will have an early start to the day / light breakfast / early morning game drive (+- 2-3 hours) / beverages and biscuits on game activity / late morning hot & cold full brunch / rest period / tea & savouries / afternoon game activity with sundowners & snacks / generous dinner in evening, usually in boma (open air, enclosed dining area with large fire and fine dining under the stars. Back ground music courtesy of the African wildlife.

Q: What different types of Safaris does Bush Whisper Expeditions run?

A: We run the following different types of small group safaris:

Scheduled participation mobile camping safaris:

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These safaris run on fixed departure dates with a maximum of 10 clients on safari. These camping safaris require that you put up and take down your tent. The accommodation is in 2-person igloo style tents with a foam mattress. All camping equipment is provided. [Click here for more information.](#)

Scheduled mobile lodge safaris:

These safaris run on fixed departure dates with a maximum of 10 clients on safari. [Click here for more information.](#)

Tailor-made semi participation or non-participation mobile camping safaris: We can tailor-make a camping safari to meet your departure dates, group size, itinerary and budget. [Click here for more information.](#)

Tailor-made lodge or camping style mobile safaris:

We can tailor-make a lodge safari to meet your departure dates, group size, itinerary and budget.

Self-drive safaris:

Have the flexibility to travel and go where you want to. We'll supply the vehicle, detailed plan and map and make your accommodation bookings and you'll drive yourself. [Click here for more information.](#)

Q: What type of vehicles does Bush Whisper Expeditions use?

A: On our scheduled and well as private safaris, you will be traveling in on Toyota land cruiser 4x4 vehicle, which offers excellent visibility and outstanding photo opportunities. On larger group private safaris we make use of Toyota Overland Safari trucks or Midi buses. [Click here for more information on our vehicles we use on safari.](#)

Q: Do you tailor-make safaris for groups and or individuals?

A: Yes we can tailor-make a safari for an individual or for larger groups. [Click here for more information on our tailor-made options.](#)

Q: What clothes should I take on Safari?

A: On flying Safaris the light aircrafts used to charter guests into lodges only permit 8 kg of luggage per person. That means, one should carry only a few items of light clothing, preferably cottons, for your stay in the bush. Clothing should be in neutral colours, e.g., khaki, beige, bush green. A good guideline is two of everything - socks, underwear, slacks/shorts, shirts, but ONE pullover or cardigan. A hat is essential! Bring warm clothing for the winter months as the evenings can be cool.

Q: Are there laundry facilities available during the safari?

A: The lodges will usually see to your laundry requirements. On our mobile camping safaris there are laundry facilities on most camps we make use of. Details will be found in the detailed itineraries of the specific safari that you're interested in.

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Q: Can I book pre and post safari accommodation, transfers, activities through Bush Whisper Expeditions?

A: Yes Bush Whisper Expeditions is a comprehensive tour operator so in addition to our scheduled safaris we can organize all pre and post accommodation, transfers etc. Contact us to tailor-make your travel arrangements.

Q: Is Bush Whisper Expedition committed to responsible and sustainable tourism?

A: We recognize that the cultures, environments and economies we visit can be fragile and require an on-going commitment from us to ensure that we have a lasting positive effect. Tourism, when carried out in a responsible manner, can be a real help to local communities providing income, positive cultural exchanges and the financial incentive to protect their natural environment. We run our safaris in keeping with eco-tourism guidelines.

Q: What are the photographic facilities and opportunities like in Africa?

A: There aren't any photographic facilities available while in the bush so take enough film with you. However, film is available in all types in the cities and towns. Cameras, lenses, camcorders (standard and digital) can be bought in all the cities in South Africa. Prices are comparable to Europe, but more expensive than the USA or the East. All the top names are represented. Equipment can also be repaired.

Q: What camera equipment is essential while on safari?

A: Binoculars are recommended, preferably wide angle. A good 35mm camera with a powerful zoom or telephoto lens will reward you with superb shots.

Q: How far in advance should I book my safari?

A: It is better to book as far in advance as possible to ensure availability at the time you wish to travel (4-6 months), especially during the peak seasons (July & August and Christmas/New Year's). This is especially important for those wishing to travel on private custom safaris and those adding extensions to scheduled safaris.

Q: Can I use a credit card to pay for my safari?

A: We accept Visa, MasterCard and American Express for your safari deposit. The balance is due 60 days prior to departure and is payable by credit card or wire transfer. A 5% fee will be added to your total for using your card.

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