

AFRICA UP-CLOSE AND PERSONAL

Exclusive Safaris Combine Local Legacies with Wildlife Discoveries

If your passions are people, history and wildlife, African Travel Inc. has designed an "Ancient Pathways" series of three custom itineraries that combine safari stays with first hand opportunities to meet local people and explore their history. Up close and personal experiences include viewing prehistoric rock painting in Bushman's Kloof Wilderness Reserve depicting the lifestyle of Africa's oldest inhabitants, walking with Bushmen in Botswana to witness and learn traditional native practices, exploring Soweto Township in Johannesburg, dining at a private family home in Cape Town; net fishing or collecting wild honey with local villagers, and meeting with a local healer in Zambia.

The "Ancient Pathways" program is part of African Travel Inc.'s "Exclusively Yours" vacation portfolio of custom-tailored safaris for discerning travelers who want to individually experience the African continent at their own pace.

"Footprints of the Bushmen" and "The People of Zambia" are two suggested 13-day itineraries on the "Ancient Pathways" program that can be custom-fitted to individual requirements.

"Footprints of the Bushmen": South Africa & Botswana

The itinerary combines 7 days in South Africa, with 6 days in Botswana. Among insider experiences are dining with a local family at a private home in Cape Town; viewing ancient bushmen rock art sites in Cedarberg; walks with bushmen in Makgadikgadi Pan, Botswana; and a privately guided visit to Soweto, to meet with residents, visit their homes, churches, and share a drink at a local "shebeen," or pub.

The itinerary kicks off with two days in Cape Town – including a home-hosted dinner. Two days are then spent at Bushman's Kloof Wilderness Reserve, a Relais & Chateaux property in South Africa's Cedarberg Wilderness area, complete with a spa treatment and rock art excursions, prior to an overnight in Johannesburg and a full-day tour by private car to Soweto and the Apartheid Museum. The following six days are devoted to Botswana, beginning with three days at Jack's Camp, a traditional 1940's camp in the Kalihari Desert, where activities include walks with bushmen, night wildlife viewing and visits to historical campsites of Livingstone and other explorers. A safari camp in the Okavango Delta is home for another three days of wild life activities, before a final overnight in Johannesburg.

Depending on season travelled, per person price ranges from \$12,595 to \$14,295, based on double occupancy. Single supplement begins at \$2,295. Included are stays in luxury properties and in comfortable safari camps, all activities, spa treatment, most meals, all transfers for flights via private vehicle, and charter and bush flights within Africa. Round trip air fare from New York to Johannesburg and Maun starts from \$1,875 in economy, \$7,725 in business class, including fuel surcharges. Seasonal supplements and taxes are additional.

The People of Zambia

Travelers combine six days of "Big 5" wildlife viewing with experiencing Zambian village life, as they join in activities such as net fishing in dugout canoes or trekking into the forest to collect wild honey with local villagers, visiting ancestral homes, and even consulting with a local healer who can prepare herbal remedies for any ailment. Other activities include a riverboat cruise on the Zambezi River and a walking tour of Victoria Falls, as well as a visit by ox-cart to the human origins museum.

The itinerary begins with arrival in Johannesburg, South Africa and an overnight, before flying to Livingstone, Zambia and two days at Songwe Village. Located an hour's drive from Victoria Falls, the comfortable safari camp is designed as a native compound and is close to the village of the same name, where African Travel guests can spend a day with local inhabitants. Two more days are spent at Lechwe Plains Camp at Lochnivar National Park, before leaving for six days of game viewing and village visits in South Luangwa National Park. During the six day stay, guests spend three days each at Nkwali Camp and Tena Tena tent camps, where opportunities abound for wildlife viewing of elephants, lions, and leopards by foot and vehicle. A final overnight is spent in Johannesburg, prior to departure.

Depending on season traveled, price ranges from \$8,795 to \$9,275 per person, based on double occupancy. Included are all accommodations, most meals and activities including game viewing and village visits, charter flight arrangements and flight transfers via private vehicle. Single supplement ranges from \$1,995 to \$2,375 depending on season travelled. Economy air fare from New York to Johannesburg, including intra-Africa flights to Livingstone and Lusaka, starts from \$1,675; business class is \$7,575, (including fuel surcharges) plus taxes and seasonal surcharges.

About AFRICAN TRAVEL, INC.

Since 1976 AFRICAN TRAVEL, INC., under the leadership of its founder and managing director, Dave Herbert, has designed custom-tailored, luxury vacation experiences to the African continent and beyond for discerning travelers. AFRICAN TRAVEL, INC.'s offerings stretch from Cape Town to Cairo, the Seychelles islands, Mauritius, Madagascar and Dubai. Travel + Leisure magazine named AFRICAN TRAVEL, INC. one of the top ten tour and safari operators in 2007.

In keeping with its philosophy, AFRICAN TRAVEL, INC. encourages preservation and economic development through a number of activities, including donating a portion of profits to wildlife conservation and cultural preservation. AFRICAN TRAVEL, INC.'s "Travel with a Sole" program also provides gently refurbished shoes to a local South African orphanage.

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