

## FODOR'S COMPLETE AFRICAN SAFARI, 2<sup>nd</sup> EDITION: LUXURY EXPERIENCES AND ACTIVITIES FOR SAFARI VETERANS

### Drop-Dead Luxury

So you want the whole game experience but don't want to rough it? No problem. Our favorites will tempt you to defect from the real world and live like kings and queens.

- **The Banyan Tree, Seychelles.** One of Seychelles' most romantic resorts, the Banyan Tree's white Victorian style buildings and truly impeccable service lend this gem a colonial feel.
- **Mala Mala, Mpumalanga, South Africa.** One of the oldest and most distinguished of all Southern African bush lodges, this is the haunt of royalty, celebs, and the jet set.
- **Mombo Camp, Botswana.** The spacious, graciously decorated en suite rooms of this legendary camp may have a tented feel, but they are ultra luxurious with great game-watching views.
- **Ngorongoro Crater Lodge, Tanzania.** The theme here is Great Zimbabwe ruins meets SS Titanic baroque, and your abode will be palatial and the game-viewing equally fabulous.
- **North Island, Seychelles.** This private island of granite cliffs and powder-white beaches hosts 11 villas that are each as large as most peoples' homes, kitted out in a Robinson Crusoe-envisioned-by-Galliano dream.
- **Ntwala Island Lodge, Namibia.** This lodge, 80 km (50 mi) upstream from the Victoria Falls, comprises four spectacular art deco-meets-Africa chalets built on a cluster of islands linked by walkways.
- **Shompole Lodge, Kenya.** You'll feel like you're a part of an Arabian Nights fantasy when you enter your multi-peaked thatch roof tent and see your personal pool and the views of the Rift Valley's distant plains and mountains.
- **Singita, Sabi Sands, South Africa.** Hide yourself away at this gorgeous bush getaway, with superb game and service to match.
- **Thanda Main Lodge, Kwa-Zulu Natal, South Africa.** This exquisite lodge has beehive-shape dwellings that blend elements of royal Zulu with an eclectic pan-African feel. Shaka never had it this good.

### Get Out of the Vehicle

Game drives are thrilling but sometimes, particularly if you are a second-time visitor to Africa and have ticked off your Big Five, you'd like to get up close and personal with the African bush and its inhabitants. Here are some of the best ways to really get down to nature.

- **Footsteps Across the Delta, Botswana.** Learn the secrets of the Okavango—on foot and by mokoro—with outstanding guides. Enjoy game drives, night drives, boat trips, and fishing as well.
- **Lewa Wilderness, Kenya.** Game drives here are action packed, but try game spotting from a different angle—on top of a camel or from the back of a horse—or on your own two feet.
- **Offbeat Safaris, Kenya.** Riding alongside thousands of plains game is a once-in-a-lifetime experience, but only if you're an experienced rider and fit enough to ride four or six hours a day.
- **Olduvai Tented Camp, Tanzania.** Go walking in the Ngorongoro highlands with genuine Masai warriors at this no-frills camp that's just south of the Serengeti border.

- **Rhino Walking Safaris, South Africa.** You'll leave for morning guided walks from one of three tiny camps situated in central Kruger's pristine bushveld.