



SOUTH AFRICA & MOZAMBIQUE: BUSH TO BEACH

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Tailor-Made Journeys, Suggested Itineraries, Luxury African Safaris



Africa, South Africa,
Mozambique



13 days from AU\$23,850 pp



Private

Journey Overview

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Journey Highlights

- Keep an eye out for Africa's iconic species including lion, leopard, elephant, buffalo and rhino on safari in Madikwe and Thornybush Game Reserves
- Gain a unique perspective on an evening safari or a bush walk with a professional guide and tracker
- Dine safari style by candlelight on crafted culinary delights in a pristine bush setting
- Watch dhows sailing over turquoise seas from your perfect beachfront villa



Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Johannesburg, South Africa

A warm A&K welcome to South Africa, where you are met on arrival and privately transferred to your elegant boutique hotel.

Fairlawns Boutique Hotel & Spa

Day 2: Johannesburg - Madikwe Game Reserve

Transfer to the airport for your flight to the Madikwe Game Reserve. This afternoon, enjoy a game drive, keeping your eyes (and camera) peeled for some of Africa's iconic species including lion, elephant, or the elusive cheetah. Afterwards, settle into your luxurious lodge in the heart of the African bush.

Madikwe Safari Lodge, Lelapa Lodge / Meals: BLD

Days 3-5: Madikwe Game Reserve

Enjoy two days exploring the Madikwe Game Reserve. Madikwe consists of 76,500 hectares of malaria-free bushveld and is home to approximately 66 mammal species, and roughly 300 bird species and includes endangered species such as wild dog and cheetah.

Madikwe Safari Lodge, Lelapa Lodge / Meals: BLD

Day 6: Madikwe Game Reserve - Thornybush Game Reserve

Today you will return to Johannesburg by air and connect with your flight to the Thornybush Game Reserve, situated adjoining the greater Kruger National Park. Perched on the seasonal Monwana River, your beautiful safari accommodation, Saseka Tented Camp features nine spacious tents each with their own private deck, pool and outdoor shower.

Saseka Tented Camp / Meals: BLD

Days 7-8: Thornybush Game Reserve

Fill your days with exhilarating twice daily game activities in search of the many diverse species which make the Great Kruger National Park their home including Africa's iconic species – lion leopard, rhino, elephant, buffalo, giraffe, hippo, and zebra. Game drives are conducted with professional guides and trackers.

Saseka Tented Camp | Meals: BLD

Day 9: Thornybush Game Reserve - Benguerra, Mozambique

Fly to Kruger International Airport for onward connection via Johannesburg to Vilanculos on Mozambique's east coast. A helicopter awaits to whisk you to your secluded hideaway on Benguerra Island, an idyllic paradise.

Azura Benguerra | Meals: BD

Days 10-12: Benguerra

The next three days are at leisure in the Bazaruto Marine National Park, famous for its pristine white beaches, remarkable dive sites and incredible fishing. Explore by kayak or paddleboard, go snorkelling, experience a Land Rover island discovery or sunset dhow cruise – the choice is yours. Other activities on offer (at additional cost) include scuba diving, saltwater fly fishing or big game fishing, beach picnics, island hopping by speedboat and horse riding.

Azura Benguerra | Meals: BLD

Day 13: Benguerra - Depart Johannesburg

Return helicopter transfer to Vilanculos for the flight back to Johannesburg.

Meals: B

Map



Accommodation

Fairlawns Boutique Hotel & Spa



Once a private home, Fairlawns Boutique Hotel & Spa is a delightful grand retreat away from the busy city. The atmosphere is designed to be elegant with the Terrace restaurant set with candlelit tables. Beautiful linen, crockery and silver cutlery are an integral part of the refined experience at this hotel. We love the hotel's latest addition – the Muse Champagne Room by Perrier-Jouët and adjoining Courtyard are the perfect place to retreat and enjoy a sundowner.

Each opulent suite is spacious and individually decorated with a working fireplace, internet access, under floor heating and air conditioning. The large en-suite bathrooms boast a jacuzzi bath with a separate shower. Lounges can be fully separated from bedroom area. All of the suites overlook the beautiful landscaped gardens.

Why we like it

- Located in the prestigious Sandton suburb of Morningside Manor
- A unique and lavish all-suite hotel
- Unparalleled personal service
- A pleasing blend of traditional and contemporary decor, with unique African touches
- Indulge your body and mind in the Balinese-style Spa

Azura Benguerra, Bazaruto Archipelago



Set on an unspoilt island within a marine national park, Azura Benguerra Island is surrounded by pale beaches and turquoise waters. Whether for a honeymoon, family vacation or intimate getaway, this is the enchanting island escape you've always imagined.

20 spacious villas boast a private plunge or infinity pool as well as ocean views and beach access. The two-bedroom Villa Amizade is perfect for families, while the Presidential Villa offers three bedrooms, a 16-metre infinity pool, a wine bar and a private chef.

Throughout your stay, enjoy alfresco fine-dining experiences in some of the island's most beautiful spots. Your Mozambican butler-host is on hand to take care of each and every need.

Spend your days snorkelling and diving the protected reefs. In season, you can watch dolphins and migrating whales on boat trips. Enjoy island-hopping excursions and sunset cruises aboard a traditional *dhow*. You will also find a 5-star PADI Dive centre, stocked with top-of-the-range Scubapro equipment, as well as a training pool.

Why we like it

- The pristine reefs of this marine national park make for spectacular snorkelling and diving.
- Secluded villas with extremely personalised service, beach access and ocean views.
- Built and operated in partnership with the local community.
- Enjoy exciting outdoor activities such as fishing trips and boat cruises.
- African Spa offers stunning signature treatments inspired by local traditions.

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