

Itinerary Africa 2023

Saturday, Sept 9

Depart LAX via Emirates to Dubai - 15 hrs 50 mins

Sunday, Sept 10

Arrive [Dubai](#)- overnight layover

Monday, Sept 11

After an overnight stay in Dubai - depart DBX to Nairobi - 5 hours

Overnight at [Sheraton Four Points Hotel Nairobi](#)

Tuesday, Sept 12

Giraffe Center visit for an opportunity to pet and feed the Rothschild giraffes.

Flight to Kigali, Rwanda, overnight at [Kigali Marriott Hotel](#)

Wednesday, Sept 13

Travel to [Bwindi Lodge](#) (4 nights)

Thursday, Sept 14

First Mountain Gorilla Trek in the [Bwindi Impenetrable Forest](#). For those that have asked, it is not the [Ellen DeGeneres' foundation](#), which is in Kinigi, Musanze District, Rwanda.

After a briefing on the trek and gorilla behavior, we'll be on our way. The trek can take between 2 to 6 hours depending on the location of the gorillas. The rangers will lead us deep into the forest, moving up and down the rugged terrain, until we finally meet up with these harmonious creatures. Once in their proximity, we have one hour to photograph. Then we head back to the lodge.

We will visit the Batwa Village, the Batwa people were the original inhabitants of the forest and their lineage are thought to go back some 5,000 years.

Friday, Sept 15

Second Mountain Gorilla Trek, while on a similar journey, we will be in search of a different family, they differ in group size.

In the afternoon we may walk down the street and visit the handcraft markets.

Saturday, Sept 16

Third and final Mountain Gorilla Trek, afterwards the afternoon is freed to explore the shops, markets or free time to recover from the trek (Just saying).

Sunday, Sept 17

Travel back to Kigali, stopping in the town of [Kabale](#) for lunch. Overnight in [Kigali Marriott Hotel](#) before continuing our journey.

Monday, Sept 18

Travel to Johannesburg overnight at [Southern Sun OR Tamo](#). My roommate, Jenny, we've been on these tours together before will be showing up YAY! Jambo Rafiki!

Tuesday, Sept 19

Today we drive to the [Madikwe Game Reserve](#), located in the north-west province of South Africa. Home to 28 different mammal species which were released into the park through a relocation process called Operation Phoenix. Starting in 1991, and spanning six years, more than 8,000 animals were relocated.

Arrive in time for lunch and an afternoon game drive. We will be staying at the [Impodimo Game Lodge](#) for three nights. They have a photo blind where we will be able to photograph the animals as they come for water during the midday heat!

Wednesday / Thursday, Sept 20 & 21

Morning game drives begin before breakfast in a 4 x 4 safari vehicle, then return for a meal, relaxing time. Time for the sundowner game drive, watch the sunset and then continue on a night time safari where more nocturnal creatures now rule the bush.

Friday, Sept 22

Travel day, flight to [Lusaka, Zambia](#) and an overnight stay at [Southern Sun Ridgeway](#)

Saturday, Sept 23

Fly into [South Luangwa National Park](#), Zambia's premier wildlife game reserve. We will be staying at [KuKaya Camp](#).

Sunday / Monday, Sept 24 & 25

Morning and afternoon game viewing activities, either by 4 x 4 open vehicles or walking safari. The [Luangwa River](#) is one of the most intact major river systems in Africa and is the lifeblood of the park.

Tuesday, Sept 26

Travel to [Lusaka](#) for a flight to Livingston, staying at [Avani Victoria Falls Resort](#).

Wednesday, Sept 27

Today we transfer by road to the border post between Zambia and Botswana, then board a flight from Kasane Airport to [Moremi Game Reserve](#).

Thursday / Friday, Sept 28 & 29

[Camp Xakanaxa](#), a tented camp, is located on the banks of the [Khwai River](#) on the [Xakanaxa Lagoon](#). This is the Okavango Delta and over the next two days, we will travel by 4 x 4 land rover, powerboard or traditional dugout canoe (mokoro).

Saturday / Sunday / Monday, Sept 30, Oct 1 & 2

Now we move onto [Botswana](#), spending three nights at [Chobe Game Lodge](#), it is the only permanent safari lodge located inside [Chobe National Park](#). Morning and afternoon game drives via a 4 x 4 jeep or a river cruise.

Tuesday, Oct 3

After our morning game drive, we will depart to [Kasane airstrip](#) for a flight to [Johannesburg](#) with a connecting flight to [Cape Town](#).

Wednesday, Oct 4

Tour of the “Mother City”, [Table Mountain](#) by cable car, visit to the city center, Company Gardens, [Castle of Good Hope](#) and the [Bo-Kaap](#) (Malay Quarter), drive past the residential areas of the Atlantic sea board to the [V & A Waterfront](#).

Thursday, Oct 5

Drive along the Atlantic coastline, through [Sea Point](#), [Camps Bay](#) to [Hout Bay](#), [Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve](#) up to the old Lighthouse. Onto [False Bay Coastline](#) to visit the [African Penguin](#) colony at [Boulders beach](#), then onto [Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens](#).

Friday, Oct 6

Travel to [Paarl](#), exploring the area and visiting at least three wineries.

Saturday, Oct 7

Drive back to Cape Town for a flight back to Dubai.

Sunday, Oct 8

Connecting flight from Dubai to LAX.