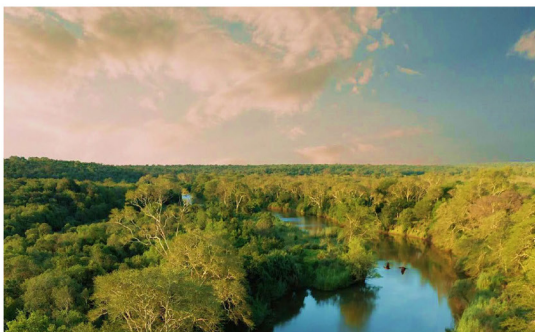
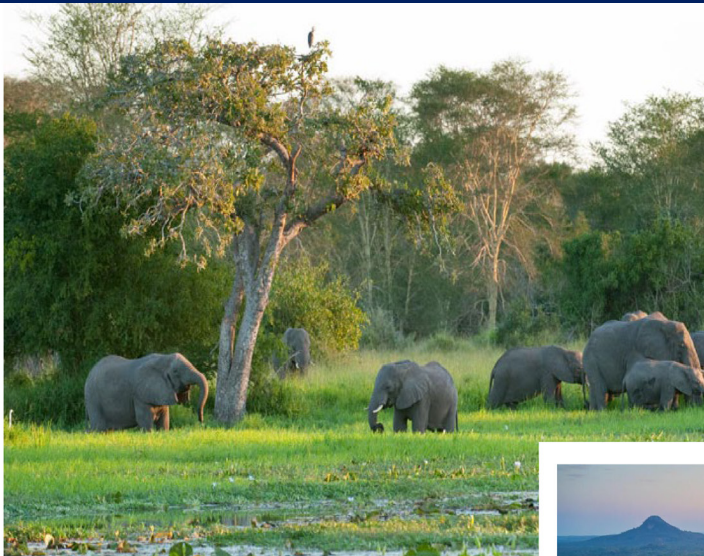




# **Wild Mozambique and South Africa Land and Sea Safari**

June 6 to 18, 2025 (13 Days / 12 Nights)



## Introduction

Both Biologists without Borders and Wild Tomorrow (our sister non-profit) are offering a new adventure safari that encompasses both Mozambique and South Africa, with their wild interiors and beautiful beaches. We first take you to Gorongosa National Park - one of the most beautiful Wildlife Reserves in Africa - where we spend our time exploring in open air land rovers and by walking with guides into the wilds of Gorongosa. Then to the beautiful pristine beaches of Mozambique's east coast, where we can relax, swim, snorkel and dive in its pristine waters. Lastly, we get to visit South Africa, where we stay at Phinda Private Game Reserve (an award-winning safari destination). Here we get to join the Phinda biologists conducting studies and conservation efforts on endangered wildlife, and we get to visit Wild Tomorrow's newly established wildlife reserve adjacent to Phinda. This is the perfect combination of land and sea.

**Gorongosa National Wildlife Reserve** is located in the lush central region of Mozambique near the Indian Ocean. Gorongosa National Park (GNP) is perhaps Africa's greatest wildlife restoration story and has been described as one of the most diverse parks on Earth, covering a vast expanse of over 1500 square miles. Mozambique was engulfed in a brutal civil war (1977-1992) that devastated human and wildlife populations alike. In 2008, the Government of Mozambique and the Carr Foundation formed the "Gorongosa Project – a Public-Private Partnership for the joint management of the Park and for human development in the communities near the Park. Now, in part by focusing on empowering and educating women, Gorongosa National Park has returned it to its rightful place as one of Africa's greatest national parks and a model of successful conservation efforts. The Park was recognized as one of National Geographic's "Last Wild Places" and by TIME Magazine as one of the "World's Greatest Places – 2019". It was also featured on 60 minutes last year [https://youtu.be/Es9k\\_9EZ-kw](https://youtu.be/Es9k_9EZ-kw).

Machangulo Beach Lodge is located at the center of 5 nature reserves in southern Mozambique - offering blissful barefoot luxury. Untouched African beaches, untamed nature and friendly local service come together to create extraordinary experiences. Situated in a truly unique location on a beautiful & secluded peninsula. There's a private beach, dive center, with activities include snorkeling, diving, fishing and kayaking. And a full-service spa offering massages.

**Phinda Private Game Reserve** is situated in the lush KwaZulu-Natal region in northeastern South Africa. Phinda comprises 34,000 acres of prime conservation land in one of the most biodiverse regions of Africa. Seven distinct habitats are home to an abundance of amazing and unique wildlife including Africa's Big Five (lion, leopard, elephant, rhino, buffalo) and over 400 bird species. Cheetahs also abound here!

Join us on an unforgettable 13-Day safari experience as we celebrate the magnificent animals of both Mozambique and South Africa.

## Your safari at a glance

<b>Tour Dates</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> June 2025 (13 Days / 12 Nights)</b>
<b>Tour Price</b>	<b>Cost per person: \$6600.00 (\$800 of which is tax deductible). Single supplement: \$700.00</b>
<b>Tour Size</b>	<b>Not more than 11 participants plus wildlife guides and tour leaders.</b>

<b>Day 1, 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Arrival Day in Johannesburg and overnight – City Lodge</b>
<b>Day 2, 7<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Fly from Johannesburg to the Beira and then transfer to Gorongosa National Wildlife Reserve – Montebelo Lodge</b>
<b>Day 3, 8<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Gorongosa National Wildlife Reserve – Montebelo Lodge</b>
<b>Day 4, 9<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Gorongosa National Wildlife Reserve – Montebelo Lodge</b>
<b>Day 5, 10<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Gorongosa National Wildlife Reserve – Montebelo Lodge</b>
<b>Day 6, 11<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Transfer back to Beira – Sena Hotel</b>
<b>Day 7, 12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Fly to Maputo and transfer to Machangulo Beach Lodge</b>
<b>Day 8, 13<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Machangulo Beach Lodge</b>
<b>Day 9, 14<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Machangulo Beach Lodge</b>
<b>Day 10, 15<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Drive to Phinda – Bayete Camp</b>
<b>Day 11, 16<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Bayete Camp</b>
<b>Day 12, 17<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Bayete Camp</b>
<b>Day 13, 18<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Bayete Camp to Durban Airport and depart for Johannesburg</b>

## Your safari in detail

### **Day 1, 6<sup>th</sup> June: Arrival day in Johannesburg and overnight.**

Upon arrival at OR Tambo International Airport in Johannesburg, you will be met by one of our tour guides who will escort you to your overnight accommodation at the comfortable City Lodge, located near the airport terminal building.

If you so desire, dinner at the hotel will be offered the night of your arrival which will afford the opportunity to meet your fellow participants and to discuss the tour itinerary with you in more detail.

*Overnight City Lodge*



**Day 2, 7<sup>th</sup> June: Fly from Johannesburg to Beira and then transfer to Gorongosa National Wildlife Reserve.**

Today we will leave behind the bright city lights and head for wilds of **Gorongosa National Wildlife Reserve** in Mozambique. We will spend 4 nights at Montebelo Lodge (pictured below). A privileged destination for nature lovers, Gorongosa National Park is a region with a huge diversity of flora and fauna. Gorongosa National Park is a birder's paradise with a breath-taking number of species. Activities will include open-aired vehicle safaris twice a day, walking safaris, and boat/canoe excursions. Accommodation is in thatched premium bungalows with a fan, air conditioner and en suite bathroom.

*Overnight Montebelo Lodge (room and full meals).*





**Day 3-5, 8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> June: Three Full Days of Safaris at Gorongosa.**

Over the next three days we will explore this magnificent park in open-aired safari vehicles, on-foot, and in boats with our highly experienced guides. Our focus will be widespread, from the largest of Africa's land mammals, the African Elephant, to the beautiful sable antelope (pictured below). Also, high on our list will be the incredible birdlife that is found here.

Our days will start at the crack of dawn, armed with your binoculars, cameras, and flasks of hot coffee. We will return for breakfast and rest and then head out again in the late afternoon. During our stay we will also visit the pangolin rescue center and the E.O. Wilson Research Center – both adjacent to the lodge.

*Nights at Montebelo Lodge.*







**Day 6, 11<sup>th</sup> June:** Transfer from Gorongosa to Beira and then to Hotel Sena for an overnight stay.

**Day 7, 12<sup>th</sup> June:** Fly from Beira to Maputo and then transfer to Machangulo Beach Lodge by boat in the early afternoon.

*Overnight Machangulo Beach Lodge*



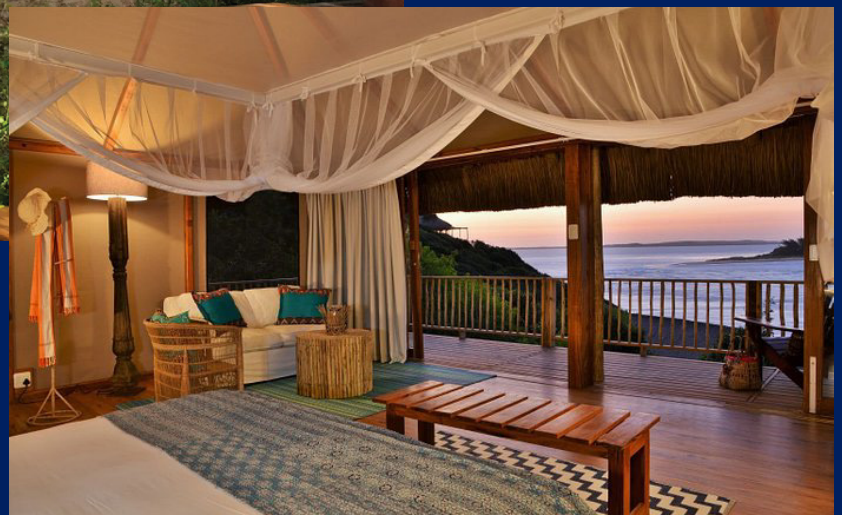




**Day 8 - 9, 13<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> June: Machangulo Beach Lodge**

Enjoy two full days of ocean activities at this beautiful resort, situated in a truly unique location on a secluded peninsula. Machangulo Beach Lodge offers blissful barefoot luxury with pristine white beaches, untouched dune forests, and estuaries bursting with life. Walkways wind through the cool forest to each room. Activities at the lodge are varied including snorkeling, diving, kayaking, paddleboarding, and fishing. You can snorkel from the beach or take a boat trip to Inhaca Island just to the north where you can enjoy the fantastic marine life in this reserve. The coral reefs around the resort are world class with unbleached coral and significant fish life.

*Overnights Machangulo Beach Lodge*



**Day 10, 15<sup>th</sup> June: Drive to Phinda**

Following breakfast, we will leave our island paradise for a 4 hour drive to Phinda Private Reserve in South Africa for the last phase of our adventure. We will arrive at Phinda Reserve in the late afternoon for an afternoon safari drive.

*Overnight Bayete Camp*

**Days 11 - 12, 16<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> June: Phinda Private Game Reserve**

Enjoy two full days of safari activities at Phinda Private Game Reserve. Because we support conservation efforts and research at Phinda, we are privileged to be able to stay at their “friends and family tented camp” with *en suite* bathrooms. Otherwise, the average price for lodging at Phinda is over \$1000/pp/night.

Thanks to its coastal rainfall pattern, Phinda enjoys a lush green environment that contains seven distinct ecosystems - a magnificent tapestry of woodland, grassland, wetlands, sand forests, interspersed with mountain ranges, river courses, and pans. This fascinating variety of landscape and vegetation shelters an abundance of wildlife.

Activities include twice daily interpretive game drives in the early morning and afternoon in open 4x4 safari vehicles, led by professionally trained guides, as well as a wide range of optional adventures in the bush. The afternoon drive begins in the late afternoon and lasts until after dark, when spotlights are used for a glimpse into the nocturnal bush life; listen to lion's roar in the dark or admire the small nocturnal animals like bush babies. Phinda is renowned for its exceptional sightings of the elusive cheetah and the rare black rhino.







Biologists without Borders in conjunction with our sister organization (Wild Tomorrow) are conducting/supporting several conservation and research projects at Phinda. Consequently, you will have the opportunity to participate in some of our exciting conservation efforts, such as fitting elephants with radio collars, dehorning rhinos for their protection, and monitoring camera traps for endangered species. We also get to visit a nearby rhino orphanage where baby rhinos are being rehabilitated after losing their moms to poaching. In addition, we can also take walks in the unique sand forest where we can get a glimpse of the elusive suni antelope (only 14 inches high) and other rare species.

We also get to visit Wild Tomorrow's newly established wildlife reserve and conservation center adjacent to Phinda, where we will get a guided tour through our new facilities by the reserve managers.

#### *Overnight Bayete Camp*



### Day 13, 18<sup>th</sup> September: Departure Day

Following breakfast we will depart and head to the airport for your departure flights, where sadly this tour will come to an end. You can choose to fly back to Johannesburg from Durban airport or extend your tour by flying to Cape Town from Durban. Either way, we wish you a very pleasant stay followed by a safe journey home. We thank you for your participation in this very memorable tour and for supporting our conservation efforts.

## Financial Arrangements

The fee for this 12-day **Land and Sea Safari** is:

- \$6600.00 (\$800 of which is tax deductible).
- There is a \$700 single supplement with limited availability.

### THE TOUR FEE INCLUDES:

- All accommodation as mentioned in the itinerary;
- All meals from Dinner on Day 1 to Breakfast on Day 13;
- Flight from Johannesburg to Mozambique;
- Internal flights within Mozambique
- All activities as mentioned in the itinerary;
- Teas and coffees on activities;
- Wine and beer
- All transfers as per the itinerary;
- All park fees and entrance fees as specified in the itinerary; and
- Guiding services of a professional tour leader and/or guide.

### THE TOUR FEE EXCLUDES:

- **All international flights;**
- Travel Insurance and Visa fees;
- Gratuities;
- Telephone calls, curio purchases and items of a personal nature; and
- Any item which is not included in the inclusive list above.

### PASSPORT & VISAS:

- All visitors to southern Africa require a valid passport together with onward travel documents and sufficient funds for the duration of your stay. Please ensure you have sufficient blank VISA pages (not endorsement pages) in your passport, with at least two consecutive/side by side blank pages. Our recommendation is **3 pages (or even 4 if you are travelling through more than one country on your journey)**. If there is insufficient space in the passport then entry into a country could be denied.



- All US citizens can get your visa at the Johannesburg and Mozambique Airports upon arrival. If you are extending your journey to other countries, please establish entry requirements for those countries as well. Applications, costs and relevant documentation are the responsibility of the traveller.

**TIPPING:**

Tipping (drivers, guides, hotel staff, porters and restaurants) is NOT included on this tour. Therefore, if you feel that he/she and / or any other staff have given you excellent service, it is entirely appropriate to tip them.

**ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE DETAILS:**

This tour **does not** include any international airfares. The tour will start with your arrival in Johannesburg on day 1. Further details will be forwarded to you closer to the departure date.

**FLIGHTS:**

Please **DO NOT** book your international flights until you have consulted with us for confirmation on the status of the tour.

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