SIGNATURE JOURNEYS
HELGA’S AFRICAN SAFARI
SOUTH AFRICA, BOTSWANA & KENYA
PLUS PRE TOUR OPTION TO VICTORIA FALLS - ZIMBABWE
Exclusively escorted by Helga Saxarra on her 34th trip to Africa-
20 August 2017
YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES:

- All accommodation and activities as shown on itinerary
- In city stopovers hotel is bed and breakfast basis and in the Cape Winelands a degustation lunch and winery visit included
- In Botswana: Dinner & breakfast at Maun Lodge and Kanana Safari Camp is all inclusive of all gameviewing activities, all meals and drinks (beers, wines & soft drinks), bush sundowners & laundry
- In Kenya: Giraffe Manor and Solio are all inclusive of all activities, all meals & all drinks and Karen Blixen Safari Camp all gameviewing activities, all meals, beers, wines & soft drinks, entry fee to Masai local village, sundowner drinks, bush breakfast & laundry
- All tipping is included
- All airfares within Africa are included, consisting of light aircraft charter flights and economy class on scheduled flights.

Tour cost excludes: Sydney/Johannesburg return flights, travel insurance and visa fees.
Day 1: Sunday 20 August, 2017
Johannesburg - South Africa
Morning departure from Sydney on Qantas non stop 14 hour flight to Johannesburg. We are met on arrival and driven to our hotel.
Accommodation: Peermont D’Oreale Grand Hotel bed and breakfast

Day 2: Monday 21 August, 2017
Maun – Botswana
Leisurely breakfast, then fly from Johannesburg to Maun in Botswana. Transfer to our Lodge for overnight. The Royal Tree Lodge is located about 20 minutes out of the iconic safari town of Maun, on the banks of the Thamalakane River which attracts a mixture of wildlife and a large variety of birds. It is an ideal starting point to our safari of the Okavango Delta and this evening we relax and enjoy dinner, then a drink around the communal fireplace.
Accommodation: Royal Tree Lodge

Day 3: Tuesday 22 August, 2017
Okavango Delta – Botswana
After breakfast, a short light aircraft flight into the heart of the Delta where we are met by our guides and drive to our Safari Camp, home for the next 3 nights. All inclusive of meals, drinks & all gameviewing activities by land and water. Laundry included.
Accommodation: Ker & Downey’s Kanana Safari Camp
Day 4-5: Wednesday 23 & Thursday 24 August 2017
Okavango Delta – Botswana

Kanana is an intimate 4 star camp located on the edge of the water in the heart of the northern Okavango Delta which teems with animal and birdlife. Kanana offers a diverse range of activities, providing both water and land activities. Motorboats or mokoros provide a chance to experience the incredible bird, plant & reptile species found in the Delta. Game drives are conducted in specially designed 4WD vehicles with knowledgeable guides.
For the more adventurous, guided walks are also available while fishing enthusiasts will enjoy fishing for a variety of species such as tilapia and tigerfish. On our afternoon game drives, we take time out for sundowner drinks and marvel at the magnificent colours of the African bush at that special time of day.
After dark, game viewing by 4WD with a spotlight is a very exciting activity, often giving us a glimpse of many nocturnal species rarely seen during the day.

Day 6: Friday 25 August 2017
Capetown - South Africa

After breakfast, we farewell to the Delta and fly via Maun to Capetown, South Africa’s “mother city”. On arrival, we are driven into the city and our hotel for a 2 night stay.
After settling in, we have the afternoon at leisure and can walk over to the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront area, located in the heart of Capetown’s working harbour. Great street entertainment, pubs & bars, a large variety of restaurants and great shopping in the many little shops, galleries and craft markets.
Accommodation: Cullinan Hotel bed & breakfast

Day 7: Saturday 26 August 2017
Capetown - South Africa

Dominated by the majestic Table mountain and 12 Apostles, Capetown is a beautiful City and after breakfast, we head off on a morning sightseeing tour including a cable car ride up to the top of the mountain (subject to weather & maintenance conditions). We visit the city centre and Company gardens, see the original diamond exchange, then walk through the Cape Malay district.
Afternoon at leisure and Capetown offers a myriad of independent sightseeing activities.
Option to visit Robben island, the infamous political prison island where Nelson Mandela was incarcerated for many years. Or take time and visit Kirstenbosch National Botanical Gardens with its huge variety of flora. Learn more about the Apartheid era and visit District Six Museum.

Day 8: Sunday 27 August 2017
Franschhoek – Cape Winelands

This morning, we drive into the famed Cape Winelands via Stellenbosch and continue on to Franschhoek. The Franschhoek Valley lies between towering mountains in the beautiful Cape Winelands and is considered to be the most beautiful wine valley in the world. It is also named as the gourmet capital of South Africa with more award winning restaurants concentrated here than anywhere else in the land. Our Hotel’s own Monneaux restaurant offers a beautiful gourmet menu which is very evident of the valley’s French heritage of over the last 300 years.
The French originally arrived during the 17th century when Protestantism was outlawed in France and a community of 277 Hugenots arrived by ship at the Cape of Good Hope and the Dutch Government at the time gave them land in this part of the country which became known as French corner or Franschhoek.
The local museum tells the story of those early pioneers and is worth a visit.
Franschhoek also has a host of little shops and galleries lining Main street providing a wonderful choice of antiques, artworks and interesting bric-a-brac to browse through.
Accommodation: Franschhoek Country House & Villas bed & breakfast

Day 9: Monday 28 August 2017
Franschhoek and Johannesburg

Leisurably morning in Franschhoek before we enjoy an extended lunch with wine pairing at one of the local vineyards.
Afterwards, we are driven to Capetown airport for our flight to Johannesburg.

**Accommodation:** Peermont Dőreale Grand Hotel bed and breakfast

**Day 10: Tuesday 29 August 2017**

**Nairobi – Kenya**

Early breakfast, then transfer to airport for our four hour South African Airways flight to Nairobi, arriving late afternoon. We will be met and driven to our overnight hotel.

**Accommodation:** The Boma Hotel bed & breakfast basis

**Day 11: Wednesday 30 August 2017**

**Nairobi – Daphne Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage and overnight Giraffe Manor**

After a leisurely breakfast, we have an exciting experience awaiting us when we visit the Daphne Sheldrick Elephant orphanage, where at 11.00 am the baby elephants are fed by their handlers with huge milk bottles and it is such a joy to see them interact with each other, frolick around and slide along in the muddy waterhole, taking their mud baths. Afterwards, we drive to Giraffe Manor for our very exciting stay and one of life’s most unique experiences!

Giraffe Manor is an elegant, small and exclusive Hotel famous for its resident herd of Rothschild Giraffe. Travellers from all over the world make Giraffe Manor part of their East African Safari as it is the only place in the world where you can enjoy the incredible experience of feeding and interacting with the giraffe over the breakfast table and at the front door.

**Accommodation:** Giraffe Manor full board basis including wine, beer & spirits

**Day 12: Thu 31 August, 2017**

**Masai Mara - Kenya**

Morning flight by light aircraft into the heart of Kenya’s Masai Mara. On arrival, we will be met at the airstrip by our guides and driven to our Camp, our home for the next 4 nights. Our stay is on full board basis and inclusive of local beers, housewine and softdrinks. All gameviewing activities included as well as a special bush sundowner, visit to traditional Masai village and a bush breakfast. During our stay we will head out on morning and afternoon game drives and on one of our days will take a picnic lunch and stay out in the Mara for the best part of the day. We also have the opportunity to visit the local Masai community school to see and interact with the children and their teachers.

**Accommodation:** Karen Blixen Safari Camp in tented room with ensuite. Mara North Conservancy Kenya

**Days 13, 14 & 15: Fri 01, Sat 02 & Sunday 03 September, 2017**

**Masai Mara – Kenya**

Karen Blixen Safari Camp, a beautiful Camp, set on the banks of the Mara River, has large luxury canvas tents, each set on a wooden platform with a spacious veranda. Perfect place for an afternoon siesta, lounging on the cushioned daybed, enjoying the wonderful surroundings and observing zebra and elephant coming to drink from the river. Each tent is en-suite and furnished with comfortable beds, rugs and cozy armchair, the ultimate in camping luxury! The en-suite has flush toilet, twin hand basins and an outdoor shower “under the stars”.

The Mara is especially noted for its predators. Large pride of lions, the elusive leopard, cheetah, their smaller cousins the serval and genet cats as well as hyena are all found here. Herds of elephant, many with young at foot, Masai giraffe, buffalo, zebra, topi, hartebeest and large numbers of gazelle are in residence all year round. The Masai Mara covers an area of 1500 square kilometres and to try and cover some of these vast areas, we will do a full day safari with picnic on one of our days, enjoying the vast open areas of the Mara, observing herds of grazing wildebeest.

**Day 16 & 17: Monday 04 & Tuesday 05 September, 2017**

**Solio Ranch – Rhino Sanctuary – Kenya**

We fly to Nanyuki near Mount Kenya where we meet our guides and drive to our Lodge set amidst beautiful scenery in Kenya’s largest rhino sanctuary. Two nights Solio Lodge inclusive of game drives, walking or horse riding. Solio Ranch is recognised as one of the most successful private rhino breeding reserves in Kenya. The
rhinos live in harmony with other wildlife, including buffalo, zebra, giraffe and game such as eland, oryx, impala, waterbuck, Thompson’s gazelles and warthog. It is also a paradise for birds with over 300 species.

Morning and afternoon game viewing activities including bush sundowners. Evening cocktails in front of the lodge’s fireplace before enjoying gourmet dinners.

**Accommodation:** Solio Lodge luxury cottage, full board & house wine, beer & spirits

**Day 18: Wednesday 06 September, 2017**

**Nairobi to Johannesburg – South Africa**

Breakfast & time permitting, a morning gameviewing activity before our light aircraft flight back into Nairobi where join our afternoon flight to Johannesburg. On arrival we will be met and transferred to the suburb of Sandton for overnight. The Sandton Sun & Towers Hotel is ideally located in the city’s business district and has direct walkway access to Sandton City Shopping Centre and Nelson Mandela Square which has over 300 shops, restaurants, side walk cafes and a theatre.

**Accommodation:** Sandton Sun & Towers Hotel bed & breakfast basis

**Day 19: Thursday 07 September 2017**

**Homeward flight to Australia**

After breakfast, take time to explore Sandton City Shopping Centre, one of Africa’s leading and most prestigious. Anything from African arts and crafts to the latest in fashion and accessories, interior design and home décor, leisure, health and beauty products. International shopping with the South African flair. Mid - afternoon, we transfer to Johannesburg International airport.

Depart Johannesburg at 7.10 PM on Qantas non stop flight to Sydney of 12 hours.

**Day 20: Friday 08 September 2017**

**Sydney – Australia**

Arrive Sydney International Airport mid afternoon.
Prior to our African Safari, you have the opportunity to experience one of the seven natural wonders of the world, the Victoria Falls, and stay at the unique Elephant Camp for 3 nights. The Camp is situated about 10 km's out of Victoria Falls town in a private concession area within the Victoria Falls National Park and its boundaries are the Masuwe River and the Zambezi Gorges which separate Zimbabwe and Zambia.

Victoria Falls, also know as Mosi oa-Tunya (meaning the smoke that thunders) is located about half way of the River’s 2700 km’s journey from its source to the ocean. At the Falls, the river plunges into a 100 m vertical chasm spanning the full one and half km width of the river, at certain times of the year creating the biggest curtain of falling water in the world.

Suites have airconditioning as well as ceiling fans and have an inside and an outside shower as well as a bath with a view! A well stocked mini bar is provided as well as a tea & coffee station. All meals and local brand beverage are included.

Whilst at Victoria Falls, relax on an afternoon Sundowner Cruise on the mighty Zambezi River, do a guided walking tour the Falls on the Zimbabwean side and be thrilled by a helicopter flight “of angels” over the top of the Falls providing amazing views of the size of the earth’s fault and the true vastness of the Falls.

Be delighted by an African elephant experience where you learn about these majestic and intelligent animals and then enjoy an elephant back safari through the Zambezi National Park. There is also the opportunity to meet Sylvester, the beautiful ambassador cheetah, who is quite at home at The Elephant Camp.

PRICE ON APPLICATION
Not included in tour Price:

- Breakfasts & snacks in transit
- Tips
- Meals & drinks not listed in itinerary
- Optional excursions not specified in the itinerary

Canceation Policy:

- Days of Notice 90 or more = loss of Deposits & Progress
- Days of Notice 89-50 Days = 50% of tour fare
- Days of Notice 49 or less = 100% of tour fare

All cancellations must be received in writing by HTG Newcaslte and are not effective until this notification has been received. If tour has been commenced, 100% of full tour price is charged. There is no refund for unused services or if portions of the tour /or land arrangements are missed. Cancellation fees also apply to additional accommodation reserved prior to and after the tour. These cancellation fees are in addition to any fees that may be levied by your travel agent. We reserve the right to take any reasonable action should your health, actions or behaviour impinge on the rights, welfare or enjoyment of other tour passengers. HTG reserve the right to cancel or withdraw any person as a member of the tour at any time.

Itineraries:

- Itineraries are subject to alteration without notice and intended as a guide only. Alterations may occur due to road or weather conditions, strikes or other reasons beyond our control. Any additional expense incurred by the passenger is not the Company’s responsibility. The Company can give no guarantee as to exact arrival and departure times for carriers and operators used by the Company in the tour and the Company will not be liable for failure to make connections with any other services or attractions beyond its control. If accommodation listed becomes unavailable, we reserve the right to substitute hotels with alternative accommodation of a similar standard. For a group to operate and to provide enjoyable group atmosphere, a minimum number of 10 participants is required. If a minimum number of passengers cannot be achieved on the fully escorted touring package, it may be necessary to cancel a scheduled departure and to offer the nearest possible alternative or to offer a package as a nonescorted alternative. The decision to operate a tour is usually made 6-8 weeks prior to departure.

Changes in Prices:

- Effective Jan 2017 prices and itineraries are correct at time of printing. Tour cost is based on exchange rate against the South African Rand, Namibian dollar and US dollar and should there be a fall against the Australian dollar, then currency surcharges may apply. Please note that airlines including African charter flight operators often increase fares without notice, it is possible that surcharges may be imposed between now and travel date.

Visa and Passports:

- All passengers must have a valid passport with at least 6 months validity from the return date. Passengers must ensure any applicable visas for countries visited have been obtained prior to departure. Your travel agent will advise you on this. Meeting necessary passport and visa entry requirements and cost is the sole responsibility of the passenger.

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