

## FODOR'S COMPLETE AFRICAN SAFARI, 2<sup>nd</sup> EDITION: TOP WILDLIFE EXPERIENCES

### Out of Africa Experience

Turn back the clock to the great, glorious days of the early safaris, when Ernest Hemingway and Teddy Roosevelt stalked the golden grasses of the plains with the Big Five in their rifle sights. Forget the rifles, but shoot as much as you like—with cameras. We have the perfect spots.

- **Cottars 1920s Safari Camp, Kenya.** For an original safari replay it doesn't get much better than this—claw-foot tubs, antique rugs, wrought-iron candlesticks, old gramophones, polished butlers' trays—all under white safari tents.
- **Finch Hatton's, Kenya.** Live your every African dream at this classy camp where you'll dine at a table sparkling with silver and crystal as strains of Mozart softly fill the African night.
- **Il Moran, Kenya.** Situated where Kenya's first colonial governors used to twirl their handlebar moustaches and sip their G&Ts while on safari, you will enjoy the exclusive location, teeming game, and bygone elegance.
- **King's Pool, Botswana.** From the ancient tree dominating the main deck to the lush accommodations, everything is on a regal scale—a tribute to the European royalty who used to hunt in this area.
- **Selati Lodge, South Africa.** Formerly a private hunting lodge, the early-1900s ambience stems from genuine train memorabilia. Old leather suitcases, antique wooden chairs, and signals recall the days of an 1870s train line.
- **Serena Kirawira Camp, Tanzania.** Any well-heeled Victorian traveler would feel at home in this elegant pioneer setting—polished wooden floors, antique furniture, copper urns, and shining brass lamps.

### See the Great Migration

No matter where you stay during the Great Migration, you'll be assured of unforgettable sights. But we've highlighted a few camps where sightings may be even more spectacular. Remember that world weather cycles are changing—there's no guarantee that at that particular place and time your game-viewing will always live up to the National Geographic TV Channel.

- **Grumeti River Camp, Tanzania.** Watch out for galloping wildebeest at this exclusive camp on the banks of the famed Grumeti River, where you'll be perfectly positioned to witness one of the greatest shows on earth.
- **Little Governors' Camp, Kenya.** A ferry ride across the Mara River and a short walk escorted by armed guides takes you to this lovely camp sited directly in the path of the wildebeest migration.
- **Mara Serena Safari Lodge, Kenya.** If you get tired of looking at the endless grasslands where the migration takes place in front of your eyes, then spot game at the lodge's own busy water hole.
- **Naibor Camp, Kenya.** Situated in a particularly game-rich area 20 minutes away from one of the legendary migration river crossings, this is the perfect base for watching the migration.
- **Sayari Camp, Tanzania.** This camp is perfectly poised for watching the Mara River crossing, when hundreds of thousands of wildebeest plunge into the crocodile-infested water on their journey north.

- **Serengeti Under Canvas, Tanzania.** This luxury mobile camp follows the migration, staying put for a couple of months and then moving north with the herds. Not cheap but worth every penny.

### **Animal Encounters**

If you've set your heart on one particular animal, read on because these camps will provide incredible, once-in-a-lifetime experiences.

- **Addo Elephant Back Safaris, South Africa.** Be introduced to a small group of trained African elephants. Take a short elephant ride, go for a scenic walk through the bush with them, touch them, feed them, and watch them bathe.
- **Crocodile Camp, Kenya.** Get your cameras clicking at the nightly crocodile feeding at the Galana River, when staff members call individual crocs by name and throw food to them.
- **Greystoke Mahale, Tanzania.** About 60 of the area's 1,000 or so wild chimpanzees live in the forest near this gorgeous lodge on a deserted beach, so you have an excellent chance of spotting them.
- **Londolozi, South Africa.** This is the place to see leopards. The most beautiful and successful of all feline predators, watching a leopard move through the bush is a truly awesome sight.
- **Ol Kanyau Camp, Kenya.** The focus is on elephants, which have been studied here for nearly 40 years. You'll never forget the thrill of your first nose-to-trunk introduction to one of the 52 great matriarchal herds.
- **Palmwag Rhino Camp, Namibia.** If it's rhinos you're after, especially the rare black rhino, then this remote tented camp in the heart of the 400,000-hectare (1-million-acre) private Palmwag Reserve is a must.
- **Cousine Island, Seychelles.** Tiny Cousine's rehabilitation has resulted in the return of thousands of nesting seabirds. A stay in one of the four luxurious villas is a birder's delight.