

Our Glorious AFS Itinerary

Jun 17 Air is so easy round-trip to Jo'burg (JNB)! Full details to come on this in AFS Trip Tips with info about flights, overnight options, packing, etc. We urge you to fly in a day early to arrive Jun 18. Full details to come on all air options, overnight options and packing in AFS trips tips.

Day 1: Fri, Jun 19 Chisomo Safari Camp, Kruger Private Reserves

Our land tour officially begins! We gather early morning at JNB Airport and fly an hour to Kruger.

We arrive in time for lunch and a short rest before heading out on your first afternoon game drive.

South Africa

This vast country is undoubtedly one of the most culturally and geographically diverse places on earth. Fondly known by locals as the 'Rainbow Nation', South Africa has 11 official languages and its multicultural inhabitants are influenced by a fascinating mix of cultures. Discover the gourmet restaurants, impressive art scene, vibrant nightlife and beautiful beaches of Cape Town; enjoy a local braai (barbecue) in the Soweto Township; browse the bustling Indian markets in Durban; or sample some of the world's finest wines at the myriad wine estates dotting the Cape Winelands. Some historical attractions to explore include the Zululand battlefields of KwaZulu-Natal, the Apartheid Museum in Johannesburg and Robben Island, just off the coast of Cape Town. Above all else, its remarkably untamed wilderness with its astonishing range of wildlife roaming freely across massive unfenced game reserves such as the world-famous Kruger National Park. With all of this variety on offer, it is little wonder that South Africa has fast become Africa's most popular tourist destination.

Kruger Private Reserves

Scattered along the unfenced western boundary of the world-renowned Kruger National Park, private game reserves combine with the Kruger to establish one of the world's largest game reserves. This incredible destination offers visitors excellent Big Five game viewing opportunities and an array of luxury safari accommodation complete with world-class cuisine, relaxing spas and private pools. Visitors can look forward to fascinating night-drive safaris, guided nature walks, and open-top safari adventures.

Overnight: Chisomo Safari Camp

Chisomo Safari Camp is the ideal camp for group traveling. Luxury safari tents face the beautiful Makhutswe River and wildlife may be watched from the decks as it emerges from the reeds for grazing Kudu, Nyala, Bushbuck are as common a sight as elephant and even the elusive leopard. Guests enjoy dinners at the luxuriously furnished, thatched public area overlooking the river and the bush or a traditional braai at a specially created bush dinner site where traditional dishes are served under the stars. The camp is easily accessible by tour bus and vehicle parking space is provided just outside the reception area. Chisomo is a perfect hub for exploring the tourism hotspots of the Valley of the Olifants as the camp is located closely to both the Blyde River Canyon and the Kruger National Park. Chisomo Safari offers a range of excursions that can be booked on spot. Game viewing on the Karongwe is exceptional with an unequalled variety of flora and fauna additional to the famous Big Five.

All meals included at the magnificent thatched lodge overlooking the river.

All tents have en-suite bathrooms with a shower, mini-bar, fan, heater, blow dryers, multi-plug, tea & coffee making facilities and a private deck with chairs for guest's viewing pleasure.

Tonight we enjoy Bush Dinner under the stars with tribal dancers and full BBQ buffet of local cuisines.

Day 2: Sat, June 20 Kruger Private Reserves Safari Day

Have your cameras ready for both early and late game drives with rangers by jeeps when the animals are most active! Guests enjoy early morning and late afternoon safaris in open 4x4 safari vehicles conducted by experienced guides and trackers. The friendly staff at Chisomo ensure that guests are given personal attention and service at all times. During the day, guests may relax at the pool or retire to one of the beautifully decorated lounges.

Day 3: Sun, June 21 Kruger and Wildlife Centre

Wake early for coffee, enjoy a thrilling game drive returning to lodge for full buffet breakfast. After your morning game drive, you will be collected and taken to the Hoedspruit Endangered Species Centre for a 2 hour tour, getting you back in time for a late lunch followed by evening game drive

Hoedspruit Endangered Species Centre

The Hoedspruit Endangered Species Centre focuses on the conservation of rare, vulnerable and endangered animal species. Cheetah Conservation is one of its core disciplines.

The centre is actively involved in research; breeding of endangered animal species; the education of learners, students and the general public in conservation and conservation-related activities; tourism; the release and establishment of captive-bred cheetahs in the wild; the treatment and rehabilitation of wild animals in need (including poached rhinos); and anti-poaching initiatives on the reserve.

HESC houses a number of animal species including cheetah, African wild dog, lion, African wild cat, Ground hornbill, Sable antelope, to name just a few. Visitors can view the resident animals in close proximity, in a habitat simulating what they would experience in the wild. Guests are also afforded the opportunity of watching rare African vultures feeding at the Vulture Restaurant.

Full Board and Activities. Enjoy the camp's facilities like massage, free WIFI, same day laundry followed by night game drives, if time permits. These are most dramatic when predators on the chase. Then gather for a buffet dinner.

Day 4: Mon, 22 June Hippo Hollow Country Estate, Hazyview

Hazyview – AFSers love this property and town with so much to do!

Surrounded by subtropical fruit orchards, Hazyview is a small farming town and a gateway to the southern part of the Kruger National Park and the Panorama Escarpment. The town and its spectacularly scenic surroundings serve as a popular adventure capital with a remarkable array of exhilarating outdoor activities on

offer to suit all ages, tastes and fitness levels. These include, among others: mountain biking, quad biking, zip lining, tubing, abseiling, and river rafting. Whether you are eager to hike the Panorama Route with its breath-taking views and impressive waterfalls, visit the Shangana Cultural Village, or horse ride along the banks of the magnificent Sabie River, Hazyview has something for just about everyone.

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We transfer by coach via the majestic Panorama Route, visiting the Three Rondawels (Blyde River Canyon look out point), Lisbon Falls and Gods Window. There will be a stop for lunch en route for own account.

Panorama Route

Connecting the Lowveld and the spectacular Drakensberg, sandwiched between the Kruger National Park and the Highlands Meander, the historical Panorama Route is a scenic road in the Mpumalanga Province. The route features sensational views of breath-taking natural wonders, fascinating rock formations, impressive waterfalls, scenic hiking trails, and a myriad of fauna and flora. The quaint little town of Graskop serves as the gateway to this wonderful route. Panorama's undoubtable highlight is the verdant splendor of Blyde River Canyon, one of the world's largest green canyons featuring lush subtropical vegetation. Some other popular natural attractions along the route include: the spectacular Lisbon, Berlin, and Mac Mac Falls, Bourke's Luck Potholes, the Three Rondavels and the astonishing God's Window.

Shangaan River Club

Based at Hippo Hollow Country Estate in Hazyview, the Shangaan River Club welcomes all to the festivities under the thatched Boma where traditional South African and Shangaan cuisine form a feast in the true sense of the word.

Immerse yourself in a wealth of culture with a night of Shangaan dance and song enthusiastically provided by children from a local AIDS orphanage, which provides shelter and education for abandoned street children. The children's participation ensures they are re-united with their true African heritage, thus preserving the legacy for generations to come. With each song, the local chief narrates a song or proverb from tribal legend, sharing the rich heritage and customs of the Shangaan people (please bring goodies for kids.)

An African banquet with an impressive selection of Shangaan and South African mouth-watering dishes served from traditional cast-iron pots completes your enlightening and entertaining Shangaan experience.

Overnight: Hippo Hollow Country Estate

Hippo Hollow Country Estate is situated outside Hazyview on the Sabie River between the Drakensberg Mountains to the west and the low-lying bushveld to the west. It is the ideal destination from which to access the reserves of the Lowveld and the sights of Mpumalanga.

Hippo Hollows is only ten minutes from the Kruger National Park and the panoramic route which includes Pilgrim's Rest, Graskop, Bourkes Luck Potholes, God's Window, the Blyde River Canyon, and the many fantastic waterfalls of the escarpment is close by. Hippo Hollow Country Estate provides the ideal breakaway from the

rigorous of city life. The hotel has an 'Out of Africa ' feel about it, and leaves you feeling totally relaxed and refreshed.

Hotel Room

The 54 air-conditioned hotel rooms overlook the picturesque gardens with two swimming pools.

These include rooms with Twin Beds, Baths and Showers, Air Conditioning, Satellite Television, Ceiling Fans, Tea / Coffee making facilities and a number of inter-leading rooms available.

Day 5: Tue, 23 June Hippo Hollow Country Estate, Hazyview

Day Itinerary

Enjoy your day at leisure with a host of optional activities to enjoy in the nearby area. Hazyview is an adventure capital offering countless activities. Book with our guide or the estate.

Optional activities include:

Elephant Whispers Elephant Interaction

Elephant Whispers are dedicated to securing the future of the African Elephant, and welcome people of all ages to share in the excitement of close encounters with these magnificent creatures. Experience the privilege of little Lindiwe's compassionate nature, witness Medwa's remarkable memory and enjoy the thrill of interacting with Tembo. The interaction with the elephant offers you the opportunity to touch the elephant, exchange trunk greetings and offer tasty treats. Experienced Elephant Handlers share their in-depth knowledge of fascinating elephant behaviour.

Your visit to Elephant Whispers ensures these six incredible mammals continue in their important role as wildlife ambassadors for their own kind.

Skyway Trails

Skyway Trails offers two different types of treetop experiences such as the longest Aerial Cable Trail which is a canopy trail that slides through the forest canopy of the Sabie River valley and stops along the way on a number of elevated platforms as it descends to the ground.

Induna Adventures Rafting Sabie River

Induna Adventures is located on the banks of the Sabie River. The Sabie River flows over massive waterfalls on its way into the Lowveld. It provides a rafting stretch for the whole family or for any corporate group in Induna Adventures. Each trip is assisted by a qualified first aider and experienced river guides. The rapids are not the

only attraction as guests are bound to see an abundance of bird life, lush indigenous forest scenes and also get a chance to bum slide half way at the picnic stop.

Induna Adventures Zipline

The Induna Adventures Zipline is located outside Hazyview. It is a 450m long zip slide that takes guests up to a speed of about 100 kilometres per hour. On arrival at Induna Adventure Centre, guests are introduced to their guides. There are 3 guides operating the zipline, 1 jump master who will accompany guests to the top and 2 guides to unhook after the slide.

Induna Adventures Quad Trail

Induna Adventures is located just outside Hazyview on the Panorama Route and only 20 minutes drive from the Kruger National Park. With more than 40 quad bikes in its fleet, Induna is one of the biggest quad trail operators in South Africa. All trails are guided by professional guides and follow hand cut quad tracks through indigenous forests and blue gum plantations, to spectacular waterfall viewpoints. All tours include a brief overview of how to operate the quad bikes, as well as a flat track practice ride before departing onto the trail. There is a minimum of 1 guide for every 5 quads on the trail and Induna also offers 1-hour and 4-hour tours.

Day 6: Wed, 24 June Vila do Paraiso, Vilanculos, Mozambique

Mozambique

Situated on the east coast of Africa, this tropical paradise is blessed with 2500 kilometres of spectacular coastline. With its idyllic beaches fringed with palm trees and lapped by crystal-clear waters brimming with a dazzling array of marine life, this enchanting African nation is an ideal adventure holiday destination, with an abundance of activities on offer such as snorkelling, sunset cruises, horse-riding, dolphin tours and world-renowned scuba diving. However, you choose to spend your time in this exceptionally scenic destination you are likely to leave with a heavy heart and a burning desire to return time and time again.

Vilanculos

Situated in the Mozambican province of Inhambane, Vilanculos is a laidback town featuring some lovely beaches lapped by crystal-clear turquoise waters. It is stocked with all the amenities needed for a fantastic seaside holiday. This bustling coastal town has its own international airport and serves as a great base for exploring the idyllic islands of the Bazaruto Archipelago. The town itself offers good diving, a wide range of accommodation choices and a lively nightlife. Visitors can jump on a traditional dhow boat and venture to the pristine Bazaruto Archipelago, browse for fresh produce and locally-made souvenirs in the bustling market in the centre of town, and spend the day soaking up the sun on an array of idyllic beaches. Other popular activities include: horse riding, game fishing, kitesurfing, scuba diving, snorkelling and sailing.

Today we jet off by private plane to a tropical paradise. Moz has 1500 miles of spectacular coastline.

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On arrival in Vilanculos, you will be met and transferred to the lodge. Moz visa of \$50 easy to get on arrival.

Afternoon AFS Sunset Catamaran Cruise followed by Welcome Dinner!

Vila do Paraiso

Vila do Paraiso is your springboard to unlimited adventure in the tropical paradise of Vilanculos, Mozambique. The resort offers numerous ocean and land-based activities to keep you occupied, whilst you are accommodated in style in the luxury villa's right on Mahaque Beach. Our past groups loved it raving about the friendly staff and gourmet meals.

Each villa accommodates 8 guests in 4 double rooms with en-suite facilities and a butler. Although the basic layouts of each villa are the same, each has its own special charm and setting, which is complemented with its own unique decor and some minor variations in layout.

Activities include:

Boating around the islands.

Diving in Bazaruto

Beach and town excursions. Also you can enjoy beach horse rides, snorkeling, village visit and canoe safari.

Fully furnished self-standing, double-story Villa with 4 en-suite bedrooms, lounge with DSTV, kitchen and outdoor dining area and plunge pool on deck

Day 7: Thurs, Jun 25 – A Day to Play in Paradise B

An entire day to do what you please and there is so much to choose from! The resort has boats for a sand bar picnic, beach bicycles and canoes for our exclusive use, and we can arrange massages for those who just want to relax.

Other activities include options for a full day diving and snorkeling in the crystal-clear waters to view the abundant colorful fish and corals. These waters are populated with manatee, sharks, rays, many whale species and a variety of fish like clownfish, angelfish. Or you could house to go deep-sea fishing for giant kingfish, king mackerel, yellowfin tuna and barracuda. Your house butler can even cook your catch for you in the evening.

July is whale season with Humpback whales along the coastline and whale watching tours are offered.

Go horseback riding on the beach or take a traditional dhow out to explore the local waters. A new favorite activity is the Govuro River Canoes through unspoiled wetlands with the pristine waters and incredible birdlife. (Last group loved) You have an option of doing an early morning canoe trail or late afternoon trip, which allows sightseeing of frogs, birds, fireflies, and stargazing. Villa De Paraiso can also arrange a driver to take you into town where you can indulge your late into bargaining skills and go shopping in the local market, or well-crafted souvenirs.

Day 8: Fri, Jun 26 Full Day Island Sailing B, L

After breakfast, we all sit out for a blissful day on the water as we spend our day sailing on the Indian ocean with a look at some of the local Islands. Will pull into Santa Carolina mid-day, or you can walk on the beach, swim or snorkel while the crew set up for a wonderful beach lunch.

We will return to the resort in late afternoon and enjoy an AFS Farewell Dinner and toast all our new friends.

Day 9: Sat, 27 June Heading home.

After breakfast, we head to airport for noon check-in and flight back to JNB.

Arrive JNB. 3:10 PM, perfect timing as all USA flights depart in early evening. Or you can arrange your own post-trip extension to any place in Africa.