Once in a lifetime in Africa

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with WildAid
South Africa is a country of astounding diversity, home to incredible wildlife and dramatic landscapes – from the endless horizon of the Kalahari to the epic wilderness of the Sabi Sand Game Reserve.

Begin your journey with a night in Johannesburg before flying to the Kalahari Desert to experience Tswalu set to a dramatic backdrop. During this immersive safari experience you will have the opportunity to meet with conservation experts at the Tswalu Foundation, protecting & conserving the biodiversity of this incredible ecosystem.

Continue to the renowned wildlife haven of the Sabi Sand and Singita’s 45,000-acre private game reserve. Go behind the scenes with Singita’s canine unit and meet the experts leading this incredible conservation initiative, before travelling onwards to Singita’s private concession in the Kruger National Park.

From South Africa the adventure concludes in Rwanda – the Land of a Thousand Hills – home to the majestic Mountain gorilla.
Day 1 | Monday, 9th May – Arrival in Johannesburg

- With flights departing from the US on Sunday 8th, you will arrive into Johannesburg on Monday 9th where you will be met by a private driver for the short journey to check-in for one night at Athol Place. Set in a leafy suburb here you can relax and unwind beside the pool before enjoying dinner with your fellow adventurers.

Days 2, 3 & 4 | 10th, 11th & 12th May – Tswalu Kalahari

- After breakfast, together you will return to the airport for a private charter flight to Tswalu Kalahari – South Africa's largest privately-owned game reserve, protecting over 270,000 acres of spectacular grasslands & mountains. Settle in for the next three nights staying in the exclusive Tarkuni Villa.
- During your stay at Tswalu you will be invited to join research projects of the Tswalu Foundation, including protection of the ever vulnerable Pangolin, with the experts' insight & guidance.

Days 5, 6 & 7 | 13th, 14th & 15th May – Singita Ebony Lodge

- Continue by private charter flight from the Kalahari to the acclaimed Sabi Sand Game Reserve to check-in for the next three nights at Singita’s Ebony Lodge, staying in stylish safari-chic suites each with their own plunge pool.
- Set amongst enormous trees on the banks of the Sand River in the heart of South Africa’s "Big Cat Country", here you are perfectly positioned to access an incredible wildlife sanctuary spanning 45,000 acres and an area that is renowned for its leopard sightings. Enjoy daily game drives, guided walks and a behind-the-scenes visit to the dedicated anti-poaching canine team tasked with protecting precious species including rhino.

Days 8, 9 & 10 | 16th, 17th & 18th May – Singita Lebombo Lodge

- This morning take a quick flight from Sabi Sand to the neighbouring Kruger National Park and onwards to check-in for the next three nights at Singita’s Lebombo Lodge, staying in spacious suites with sweeping views across the vast wilderness.
- Explore the diverse habitat of Kruger National Park teeming with wildlife including leopard, white & black rhino, famously large prides of lion, and meet with the conservation experts who are working tirelessly to protect the wildlife in this incredible part of Africa.

Day 11 | 19th May – From the Kruger to Kigali

- Enjoy your last day in the Kruger with a leisurely morning at Lebombo before flying back to Johannesburg to connect with an onwards international flight to Rwanda. On arrival in Kigali you will be driven to the Serena Hotel to check-in for one night.

Days 12 & 13 | 20th & 21st May – Bisate Lodge

- This morning you have the opportunity to learn more about Rwanda's complex history before journeying from the capital of Kigali to Volcanoes National Park, to check-in for the next two nights at Bisate Lodge reserved exclusively for the WildAid group.
- Experience for yourselves Rwanda's vision of conservation and community partnership as you trek through the national park – home to more than a third of the world's remaining population of endangered Mountain gorilla – with a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to encounter these gentle giants in their natural habitat.

Day 14 | Sunday, 22nd May – Departure from Africa

- Today you will return to Kigali’s International Airport ahead of your onwards flight home. Your epic adventure in Africa will be complete!
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Your all-encompassing two-week journey through South Africa & Rwanda will be hosted by Peter & Corie Knights. The total cost of your adventure in Africa is $46,480 per person, excluding international flights which can be arranged for you in due course.

South Africa

Your 10-night journey through South Africa includes the following:

- One night on arrival staying at Athol Place in Johannesburg with breakfast included.
- Three nights at Tswalu staying in the private five-bedroom Tarkuni Villa with daily breakfast, lunch & dinner, alcoholic beverages, laundry, daily game drives & conservation fees.
- Three nights at Singita’s Ebony Lodge staying in a Suite with daily breakfast, lunch & dinner, alcoholic beverages, laundry, daily game drives, conservation fees and a behind-the-scenes visit to the Sabi Sand anti-poaching canine unit.
- Three nights at Singita’s Lebombo Lodge staying in a Suite with daily breakfast, lunch & dinner, alcoholic beverages, laundry, daily game drives & walking safaris & conservation fees.
- Your time on safari will be accompanied by Kristian Schmidt, a renowned photographer and friend of WildAid.
- All flights within South Africa travelling in a private charter plane.
- Private transfers throughout.
- All gratuities.

Rwanda

The adventure continues with 3 nights in Rwanda including:

- One night at the Serena Hotel in Kigali staying in a Prime Room with breakfast.
- Two nights at the award-winning Bisate Lodge in Volcanoes National Park, reserved exclusively for the WildAid group, with daily breakfast, lunch & dinner, alcoholic beverages, laundry, and complimentary welcome massages.
- Gorilla trekking permits.
- One-way commercial flight from Johannesburg to Kigali travelling in Business Class.
- Private transfers throughout.
- All gratuities.