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Their numbers have spiraled downward so severely that drastic conservation efforts have been put into place. As of now, there are only about 6, left in the wild. To see a pack of African wild dogs is indeed a very lucky sighting! They weigh an average of 55 pounds. All have brindled coats of brown, black, khaki and white, and similar black facemasks and white-tipped tails. Each dog has distinctive patterning besides these common traits. Their rounded, oversized ears help them hear great distances. They have extremely sharp teeth for shearing flesh, including unique, three-pronged knives called tricuspids. Their habitats range greatly, and they have even been observed at altitudes of 18, feet in the snow of Kilimanjaro, Tanzania, and in the heat of deserts. These dogs are most active in the early morning and evening, lying in shade during the day. Chirps and squeaks reminiscent of bird calls are frequently heard when dogs greet each another. With litters averaging 10 pups and females capable of delivering up to 18, this could bring a pack to 50 members. This actually occurred in the mids at the Moremi Game Reserve in Botswana—a pack of 46 dogs formed and were so formidable, that they almost chased away all of the other predators in the area. Prey size also influences the number of hunts—a wildebeest obviously will satisfy more dogs than will a gazelle. Wild dogs will prey upon a wide array of animals but are best at hunting small to medium-sized antelopes, such as the red lechwe. In bushed and wooded habitats, they will take down warthog and even young kudu. Such species constitute most of their kills, though given the chance they will also catch antelope fawns, hatchlings, hares and other small animals. Large antelopes, such as eland, are rarely taken, and only by very large packs. Wild dogs have suffered unfair persecution in the past. There was misconception that they are cruel creatures and even vermin; however, in reality, wild dogs are the most efficient of all African predators and the most social of all mammals. Single living dogs simply would have no chance of survival. Their success depends on the sociality of the pack. Dogs will also kill until all dogs, young and old, sick and healthy, have eaten. In each pack, only the dominant pair breeds while the other dogs help to rear their offspring. This is done for the good of the pack, since all of the dogs are related. Only the strongest genes are passed on. Breeding takes place in the middle of winter in the Okavango Delta, and this is the only time that dogs become sedentary. The gestation period lasts approximately 10 weeks, and the dominant female whelps in a den. For the first two weeks, the female suckles the litter, spending long periods underground with the pups. After those two weeks, the pups make their first unsteady foray outside, and begin to feed on meat regurgitated for them by all of the pack members. Within six weeks or so, the pups feed on their own with the rest of the pack.

Chapter 2 : Safari South Africa | African Travel, Inc.

Set off on an epic journey that combines the best of southern Africa, from its vibrant cities and iconic landscapes to its multitudes of legendary wildlife.

Visitors can choose from wildlife safaris in the bush to diving with whale sharks in Mozambique. There is just so much to do and see in the massive area. It can feel a bit daunting when you first start coming up with your Southern Africa bucket list. Plus Kruger is home to the big five elephant, buffalo, lion, leopard, and rhino. We saw four out of the five on our second day in South Africa! Book a Kruger Safari Here! However, the best place to get a great photo is from Zimbabwe. Just outside of Livingstone on the Zambian side, one can go into a pool on the edge of Victoria Falls and take in the views. Looking for more info? Check out the Victoria Falls accommodation we stayed at! White water raft at Victoria Falls! Swim with Whale Sharks at Tofo Beach One of our best days in Southern Africa still remains as the day we swam one meter away from a giant whale shark in Mozambique. We spent just several hours on one with a dozen whale sharks, four giant manta rays, and even a hammerhead. Cameron narrowly missed being clobbered by one of the giant manta rays a fight he surely would have lost. Have I told you about how much I love Mozambique? The amphitheater occupies a tiny portion of the Drakensberg mountain range. Its sheer cliff faces in the form of amphitheater are commonly referred to as the most beautiful cliff faces on earth – and for good reason! With that being said very few make the dizzying hike up to its summit, Mont Aux Sources. The day we climbed to the top I thought would be my last. At the final ascent, we were confronted with a meter tall chain ladder that dangles off of a cliff face at meters above sea level. It is a terrifying task and surely deserves to make our Southern Africa bucket list. The views from the top of the mountain are overwhelming. Soak in The Tranquility of Lake Kariba Lake Kariba is another body of water that can be seen in both Zambia and Zimbabwe and is well worth the effort to get there. The lake is breathtaking and one of the largest man-made lakes on the planet. The impressive dam can be seen in Kariba Town, Zimbabwe, but to get into the heart of the lake we recommend traveling around the north of Zimbabwe for one awesome Southern Africa bucket list experience. Make sure be prepared with a solid overland vehicle and some camping equipment. We spent Christmas on Lake Kariba and it was magical! Bungee Jumping off the highest bungee bridge in the world is downright awesome. It also happens to be home to the tallest bungee bridge in the world and one of the best adventures in South Africa. As soon as we were done we wanted to go again! For adrenaline junkies, this is the thing to do in Africa. I repeat – not morning people. However, to see the oldest and tallest sand dunes in the world at sunrise we were more than willing to get up at 4 am. The sun rising over the goliath sand dunes of the desert was perfect. Check out our experience driving around Namibia Wanna go to Namibia? The South African wine region is located right outside of Cape Town. The region makes some fantastic wines such as sauvignon blanc, cabernet sauvignon, and merlots. However, they also have their own variety the of grape the Pinotage that produces the wonderful Cape Blend. The wines in Stellenbosch are quality at a minimal cost. Book a wine tasting tour! We spent a great day in the Maluti Mountains brushing up on our snowboard skills while wearing t-shirts. It may not be the greatest ski slopes on the planet, but they are definitely some of the most interesting. Getting to Botswana and seeing the Okavango Delta was high on our Africa bucket list. The stunning swath of earth is featured in almost every wildlife documentary ever made. Drifting through the marshy wetlands, one can see elephants, buffalo, baboons, impala, and just about everything you can imagine in Botswana. A day trip to Bazaruto Island is sure to make your jaw drop. The natural beauty, the remoteness, and the spectacular marine life are sure to entice any traveler. Check out how cool they are! The park is situated on the giant Etosha Pan, a flat salt bed so large that it can be seen from space. The park is very dry but has a countless number of man-made and natural watering holes that almost always yield a great animal sighting. The game density at the watering holes is can be mind blowing at times as all animals come to take a drink. Visitors can take it easy and sit at a watering hole while the wildlife comes to them. When you approach animals on horseback, the wildlife does not recognize it as a loud vehicle and allows the horse to enter its space in an unobtrusive way. This grants a more intimate viewing with the animals. However, there are a number of parks that do not

have the perils of the larger ones. It was a great way to get out of the car, stretch our legs, and get as close we could to the animals. Wondering where Swaziland is? The park is largely wetlands and allows visitors a chance to spot wetland creatures like the sitatunga antelope and storks. We had such a fantastic time driving around Zambia! While the canyon is breathtaking we found it best enjoyed with a cold sundowner in hand and the sun setting over the landscape. The truly brave can also take on the canyons harsh elements and hike through the base. Read our Namibia travel tips for your trip there. The river and national park now hold a special place in our hearts and we hope to return one day. We were fortunate enough to spend six nights on the Chobe River listening to fish-eagles and watching herds of elephant come to the water to bath. The Zambezi Queen Collection is a group of houseboats that permanently live on the river and invite guests into their well-appointed rooms. Chobe National Park can be seen on land via a traditional overland safari as well as from a boat on the Chobe River. However, it is a real highlight to view wildlife from a close distance on a boat. Besides soaking up the cool vibes and the sunshine in Cape Town, a day trip to Cape Point is more than picture-worthy. The rugged coastline on the tip of Africa and is an incredible end to a dramatic continent. As the Atlantic and the Indian Ocean collide a spectacle ensues, waves slam into the steep cliffs, seabirds call overhead, and a sea breeze hangs in the air. It is tough to compare the Cape Point to anywhere else in the world. Cape Point is 60 km South of Cape Town and is easily accessed by car. We would recommend at least a full day taking in the fynbos, enjoying a few hikes, grabbing photos at the lighthouse, and dining at the Two Oceans Restaurant. Check out Cape Point tours! The falls were once an adventure across some poor roads. However, a new system of roads venturing out to these remote falls is easy than ever. And the drive is simply amazing. The river is famed by African explorers looking for a route across Africa and was explored by David Livingstone himself. When cruising down the mighty river you feel that you are in the heart of Africa and by some accounts you are. Read more about our Canoe safari on the Zambezi! This act can be experienced anywhere in Africa. It is the quintessential thing to do in the African bush. All you need is a drink, the sun, and Africa. Plan Your Trip to Africa We rely on a few trusted websites that help save us money and time when booking hotels, flights, and car rentals. Here is our guide to choosing the best safari clothes for your adventure. Compare airlines, dates and prices all in one place with Skyscanner. Natasha is a bit of a worry wart and would rather stay safe than sorry. World Nomads offers incredible flexible and great plans! Much of the water in Africa is questionable at best. We recommend picking up a Lonely Planet to get you through the wireless nights.

Chapter 3 : African Wild Dog Facts | Southern Africa Wildlife Guide

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Greater kudu bull The Cape buffalo , also known as the African buffalo, is a powerful animal that has few natural enemies. Their power and size means that they are very much able to defend themselves. They have been known to kill lions, hyena, humans, and other wild predators. Because of this, they have taken their place in the African big five, elephants , lions , rhinoceroses both black and white species , and leopards. The Big Five are known to be some of the most dangerous and aggressive animals in Africa. Another African name for the Cape buffalo is "black death", because of their colour and aggressive behaviour. The Gemsbok , alternatively known as oryx, is an arid country specialist that travel in groups of The horns of males are straight and pointed at the tip. Because of this, they have been known to impale attacking lions. The Gemsbok is the sole representative of the genus Oryx in South Africa; other Oryx species are found much further north. The spiral-horned antelopes classified under the genus Tragelaphus have a large presence in South Africa, with three species represented, all widespread in the country: Mostly found in the open grasslands and semi-desert in the western and southern region, the Springbok both grazes and browses. Its population is large, and it is often hunted for its meat and hide. Carnivora [edit] Leopards are the most reclusive of the big cats. They are opportunistic hunters and will prey upon smaller mammals and rodents when other food sources are unavailable. The diet of leopards consists primarily of ungulates such as Impala and duikers. Leopards have a relatively small physical build in comparison to lions, and tend to favour more closed habitats such as forests and mountains, both habitats lions rarely inhabit. South Africa is home to the lion. With average weights of about Here are a few: Ostrich - South Africa has the largest population of ostriches in the world. The ostrich is the largest bird in the world. Black mamba- The black mamba is a large and highly venomous snake that is found in a variety of habitats in Africa. Cape cobra- The cape cobra is a medium-sized African cobra and its colour varies depending on where it lives. Mole snake - The mole snake is a non-venomous species that kills its rodent and mole prey by constriction. Puff adder - The puff adder is a cryptically-coloured adder species that inhabits mountainous areas.

Chapter 4 : Ultimate South Africa Tour | 18 Days - African Sky

Southern Africa's superior safari destinations have been handpicked for this private tour, so we can get you up close to some of the most stunning wildlife in the world experienced in a collection of distinctly different habitats too.

The Ultimate Southern Africa Safari: A stunning collection of wildlife provides the poetic narration, but which tale do you follow? Most tours are customized for private travel. Complete the trip with two days indulging in the power and beauty of Victoria Falls Trip at a Glance Days 1 - 3: The Savuti Channel Day 9: International Return Flight Detailed Description Everyone who goes on a luxury Botswana safari will find their own story. Or perhaps the tale you want is the one of big cats and predatory scenes? Narratives cover Southern Africa so which do you follow? You will have them all. The landscapes provide a dramatic canvas for nature to narrate without interruption. Okavango Delta is a unique freak of nature, an epic oasis that nourishes life in the desert and magnetically attracts wildlife. Kruger National Park dwarfs a number of US states, and its abundance of the Big Five is unrivaled anywhere in the world. By combining all three, this unique itinerary offers the complete Southern African safari story, and handpicks the finest experiences. Start in Kruger, a two-million hectare playground for a staggering number of indelible residents. Rhinos are seemingly everywhere, popping up at every turn and plodding past your lodge with unassuming grace. Lion prides patrol the grasslands, lazing away days or eagerly attacking the ungulates. Waterholes become scenes of animal parties; baby elephants comically chase away warthogs, kudu and springbok patiently wait their turn, and then a buffalo herd ploughs its way to the front. Your intimate lodge in Sabi Sands offers an unobstructed view over this fabled landscape, ensuring that the safari starts as soon as you open the curtains in the morning. After three days you fly north into Botswana and watch the landscape change, the dusty scorched land replaced by luxuriant waterways that creep and curl. Located somewhere in the middle of the vast Okavango Delta, Moremi Game Reserve is your base for the next three days of safari. Cruise along the ancient channels and paddle past huge hippo pods, dozens of snouts raised above the serene water. Kruger and Moremi have always provided an incredible bounty. But Savuti offers a more dynamic paradigm. For almost three decades the Savuti Channel was bare and parched, home to evocative dead trees and thirsty nomads. Suddenly the water started flowing. Savannah welcomed antelopes, grasslands began to flourish, and swamps became full of life. Few places epitomize the cycle of life like Savuti, and your final three days of safari will be full of surprise. Wildlife is magnetically attracted to the channel, each herd bringing a daily dose of drama as the cats patiently wait for their moment. And like always, a diverse collection of activities enable this world to be experienced from different angles. Walk through the bush and see how big everything really is. Drive in the day, and then enjoy the contrast as you go on a night drive. Boats and canoes provide different vistas from the water. Every habitat is covered, each indelible resident can be spotted, and the sheer scale of the parks leaves a powerful impression. Take your last safari day as an example. Completing the trip is a sojourn at another natural wonder. Victoria Falls has long captured the imagination of visitors; a booming soundtrack echoes for miles, mist rises deep from the abyss, and an immense sheet of water relentlessly plummets feet into the striking valley. Detailed Itinerary Days 1 - 3: Perhaps an elegant zebra herd will be your first safari sighting? Maybe it will be an elephant emerging from the woodland? It could be a lion pride lounging in the middle of the path, content in the sun as you are transferred to the remote Sabi Sands. Settle into your luxury lodge and gaze out of the floor-to-ceiling panoramic windows. You probably came to Africa to see the Big Five. Kruger National Park stretches for over two-million hectares, but the wildlife roams even further, wandering into a handful of private concessions that share unfenced boundaries. This is complete submersion. Jump in with two feet and shake your head at the baffling abundance that surrounds you. Elephants prefer the forest, thumping away at trees as you slowly drive past. Hippos are magnetically attracted to the swamps, fighting over mating rights as they plow into the water. Each day usually includes two long game drives. Wake early and explore the park at its most active. As a layer of mist still hangs in the distant valley the ungulates are on full alert. A leopard is advancing in the insipid light, dipping its neck and coldly moving through the grass. The impala seem to be a safe enough distance away, but one youngster has strayed a little far from the herd. During the hottest part of the day you relax at

the lodge, soaking up the Kruger landscape from the pool, your room, or a raised wooden balcony. Two rivers make game viewing around here remarkably easy. Less than 20, wild rhinos remain in the world. Over half can be found here. Smaller wildlife like bushbuck and springbok provide a charming alternative to the raw power elsewhere, while graceful kudu and hartebeest are best admired from this new angle. Days 4 - 6: Brittle grassland hardly grows, scorched landscapes are as inhospitable as they come, rain rarely falls, and wildlife wanders aimlessly in search of water. Also consider its size. If it was a country, the Kalahari would rank within the top 30 in the world. Are you able to picture the scene? Picture it in the heart of the desert. Grassland flourishes, immense floodplains reflect the sky, and meandering waterways head off in every direction. Wildlife travels for thousands of miles to feed on its bounty. Most remarkably, it still hardly rains here. The Okavango River flows from the Angolan Highlands, picking up tributaries and providing a surreal feast for everything and everyone. Experience the immense scale on a hopper flight to Moremi Game Reserve. Most camps and lodges are only accessible via tiny airstrips that are surrounded by wildlife. Buffalo herds chew on grass beside your camp, zebra seem to cover every open space of floodplain, and lions are regularly spotted from the comfort of your own raised balcony. The wildlife is literally everywhere. So where do you look and what do you listen to? Three days are recommended as they ensure you can relax and really appreciate what is going on around you. Head out on a traditional mokoro, a hollowed out canoe, your guide expertly paddling alongside an enchanting hippo pod. They might look big and cumbersome, but there is a certain charm to their continual antics. Maybe beside the rest of the pod? Suddenly a pair of eyes emerges just five meters away from the boat. Males croak and snort, vying for attention and squaring up for mating rights. Another has had enough, and he marches out of the river to gorge himself on the green turf. Elephants also provide intimate moments as you go on boat safari, while crocodiles cover the sandy banks. It makes sense to explore a delta by boat. But combine the mokoro trips with long game drives across the floodplains and thrilling walking safaris into the trees. Zebra, kudu, impala, buffalo; the ungulates are practically everywhere. Cheetahs stand on raised banks and survey the scene, plotting out their movements for the next few days. Slowly lose yourself in this surreal world and remember to savor every moment, because few places in the world are as beautiful or dramatic. Days 7 - 8: Until this area was almost always dry, only coming alive during a couple of wet season months. But after thirty parched years, the Savuti Channel suddenly started flowing again, providing permanent nourishment and attracting nomads from hundreds of miles away. At the forefront of the animal invasion are elephant herds. Hundreds march together and play in the channel; babies take their first swimming lessons, youngsters splash and frolic, while alpha males gracefully control the herd. Settle into your sumptuous camp and take a seat on the verandah. Wait; here are two more coming from the trees. Safari here is more unpredictable, and probably more exciting. Just like the irrefutable Savuti Channel, each game drive must weave and meander through the landscape. Every turn brings a new sight; a lion pride hidden beneath a tree, kudu crossing the trail, baby elephants trying to keep pace with their mother. Now multiply the intimacy of the experience by turning a corner by wooden canoe, or on foot. Lazy afternoons are easily spent overlooking the water, gazing down on the indelible cast of characters having a drink. Sit back and listen. A sporadic soundtrack makes its way through the trees, echoing and distorting as a dozen distinct calls pierce the still air.

Chapter 5 : racedaydvl.com: The Ultimate African Wildlife (): Nigel Denis, Brian Johnson Barker: Books

Southern Africa's mythical landscapes are filled with secrets and stories. A stunning collection of wildlife provides the poetic narration, but which tale do you follow? This itinerary combines Southern Africa's three most abundant national parks, offering the ultimate safari experience and ensuring you experience everything.

Start Planning Your Custom Safari [view larger image](#) For most travelers, an African safari is a once-in-a-lifetime adventure. Why not choose a route that is truly epic? The natural wonders of Southern Africa are so many, and so diverse, that only a grand 3-week swing through Zimbabwe, Botswana, Namibia and South Africa will begin to survey them. Stand in the crashing spray of Victoria Falls. Our Expert Says This itinerary is nothing short of a truly epic adventure, taking advantage of an array of the best wildlife-viewing opportunities in all of southern Africa. The thundering cataract straddles the border between Zimbabwe and Zambia, churning up a deluge of spray. This is adventure country: Its 5, square miles of desert sand, sparse woodland, grasslands and granite outcrops shelter vast herds of elephant, buffalo, zebra, giraffe and a vital predator population, including lion, leopard and cheetah. Other endangered residents include gemsbok, brown hyena and African wild dog. Perennial water attracts great herds of animals that come to slake their thirst in the dry season. The once-flowing Savute Channel, which experiences long, unpredictable intervals of drought, cuts through the reserve. Large prides of lion and other predators steal behind, making for exciting wildlife viewing. Elephant, zebra and giraffe are also abundant. Okavango Delta Where the Okavango River meets the Kalahari Desert, a green oasis sprawls amid the sands and parched savanna. The maze of channels sustains a profusion of wildlife in permanently flooded lagoons and on land. Explore the marsh by poled mokoro, a traditional dugout canoe, and wildlife drives on higher ground. Surrounded by rolling mountains, Windhoek was the former colonial capital of German South-West Africa. While its population today is a diverse and cosmopolitan blend of cultures, Windhoek still retains much of its German heritage evidenced in language, architecture and cuisine. The dunes soar a thousand feet high in the lonely Namib Desert, shape-shifting mountains of golden sand framed by intense blue skies. Sunrise and sunset are magical, when the dunes appear burnt orange and deep carnelian red. Surprisingly, Sossusvlei is home to a variety of desert-adapted wildlife. Elephant, black and white rhino, lion, leopard, cheetah, giraffe, zebra, wildebeest, hartebeest, springbok, oryx, kudu and dik-dik are drawn to its life-sustaining waterholes during the dry season. Birdlife is abundant, with ostrich and raptors frequently observed. Johannesburg Cosmopolitan Johannesburg is the jumping-off point for most South African safaris. Kruger National Park World-renowned Kruger National Park in South Africa is a flagship destination for safari-goers, thanks to its dense wildlife populations. Checking off the big cats, major mammals and a host of bird species is a given in this diverse ecosystem. A number of private game reserves dot the greater park area providing exclusive access to the treasures here and allowing a variety of modes to experience them, from wildlife drives in open vehicles to intimate safari walks. With this in mind, your final quote may increase or decrease by a small amount. The estimated rates given for these itineraries are adult rates, but many properties offer reduced rates for children. Please contact our office for more information. Holiday surcharges may apply for travel in late December and early January, and occasionally over the Easter holiday.

Chapter 6 : The Ultimate Southern Africa Bucket List

Between Namibia, South Africa, Lesotho, Swaziland, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, and Zambia there are so many must do things. Visitors can choose from wildlife safaris in the bush to diving with whale sharks in Mozambique.

Chapter 7 : The Ultimate Wildlife of Southern Africa: Nigel Dennis | NHBS Book Shop

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Chapter 8 : OUTSIDE GO | Luxury Adventure Travel | Your Ultimate Honeymoon Safari in Southern Africa

South Africa's Sabi Sands Reserve has one of the highest densities of wildlife found anywhere in southern Africa, making it a top choice for a big game safari. Sharing an unfenced border with the Kruger National Park, the 65, ha Sabi Sands is made up of a number of private reserves including many of the leading names in luxury safaris: Singita, Londolozi and Lion Sands.

Chapter 9 : Ultimate Southern Africa Safari | Jacada Travel

Widely published, Dennis has selected his very best African wildlife photographs for this breathtaking volume, a collection that embodies his awe over the continent's magnificent creatures, from lounging lions to hyper hyenas to scrabbly suricates.