



**MISSION:
IMPERATIVE!** presents...

The African Wildlife Safari

African Wildlife Safari - 2017

Greetings, fellow adventurers!

We're delighted to present to you the African Wildlife Safari for 2017! We've added a day over the itinerary in 2014 (making it 16 days) and have included several other "extras". You can see what is planned by looking at the itinerary. However, here are the basic things you need to know at this point:

1. The dates are set for **Friday, July 21 – Sunday, August 6, 2017.**
2. We depart from New York (JFK) at **11:15AM**, Saturday, July 22, & arrive back at JFK at **6:40AM**, Sunday, August 6. We will overnight Friday in New York due to the early departure on Saturday.
3. The total cost will be **\$6,100.00** per person (double occupancy in hotels) + the cost to stay in NY.
 - a. This price is at least \$4,000 lower than *any* comparable itinerary. Many are much higher!
 - b. This price covers air fare from, and back to, New York (JFK), all internal flights in South Africa, airport transfers, hotels, game lodges, all ground transportation, most meals, game drives, the boat excursion, the "cat" experience, the rehabilitation center, all national park and game reserve entry fees.
 - c. This price does not cover travel to (and overnight in) New York, certain meals, trip cancellation insurance, and other services like laundry and tips (drivers, guides, etc.).
4. Reservations will be accepted by check made payable to **Mission Imperative.**
5. This trip is on a first-come, first-served basis. A reservation can be made with:
 - a. a deposit of \$3,100.00 per person, with the balance due 60 days prior to the start of the trip.
 - b. signed and dated waiver - by each individual.
6. Due to the fact that this is an "at cost" trip and is based on exactly ten guests, there is no profit built in to replace what we will be charged should someone cancel once booked. In the event of a cancellation, an alternate would need to be found by April 30 to take the place of any who cancel. If an alternate cannot be found by that date, the person/s cancelling would forfeit their deposit. The alternative to this would be trip cancellation insurance that would cover you for any valid reason.

This is an "at cost" excursion. That is, Mission Imperative's goal is not to make a profit. This trip is *our* ministry to *you*. However, just like when we present seminars, you are still welcome to donate to the ministry as a "love offering" should you choose to do so.

The next page contains vital information that you need to know now, and also when you're planning for what to take along with you. If you have any questions, please call us.

We're very excited to share this part of our lives with you! Our God has created a magnificent world full of amazing things. You're about to see some of them....!

Have a great week!

Mike Snavely

Please note the following important information you will need to know (and follow!) in order to plan for and enjoy the trip.

● **These first items are all things you must take care of now, should you need to:**

1. In the unlikely event that you need to cancel, it is imperative that you understand that your deposit is not refundable, OR that there needs to be an alternative guest to take your place by April 25, OR that you have trip cancellation insurance that will cover you for any valid reason.
2. Your passport **MUST** be valid for a period of 6 months AFTER the end of the trip.
3. Your passport must have two completely blank pages (for entry stamps).
4. Due to the need to be at the airport by 9:00AM on Saturday, we will need to stay in New York on Friday night. PLEASE arrive by Friday afternoon in New York!
5. Check to be sure that your normal inoculations are up to date. Otherwise, anti-malaria meds are sometimes considered.

● **These next items will be essential to remember when you're packing:**

1. You will be allowed **ONE** suitcase per person. It may not exceed **50 lbs**.
 - * Bring a full-size suitcase, BUT pack as lightly as you possibly can! Remember that you will want to buy some things in South Africa, and you are still limited in weight upon your return.
 - * There are laundry services at Leopard Mountain and Motswari. This means that you could have laundry done on Day #5 or 6, then also on Day #9 or 10, & on any day in Cape Town. Laundry services are an extra charge. You can also launder clothing in a bathroom sink.
2. You will be allowed one main carry-on. It may not exceed **15 lbs**. Additionally, your carry-on may not exceed a total dimension (W+H+L) of 45 inches. Domestic flights here in the USA are very relaxed about cabin carry-ons and weight issues. This is NOT TRUE of international carriers, especially South African Airways domestic! They are VERY strict!
3. This is a safari. Dress is casual. It's not a fashion show. So, do not bring any fancy or expensive jewelry, or anything else similar. In any event, it's never a good idea when traveling abroad to draw attention to yourself as a tourist.
4. Check with your local bank on the rate to buy Rands. You will often get a better rate than exchanging money in South Africa. Most places take credit cards. Call your credit card company before departure to let them know where you'll be.
5. Keep it simple! This is a wildlife safari. You'll be in the bush on the back of a Landcruiser looking for animals! All you really need is some clothing and a camera! ☺ Cape Town will be the exception to the "safari" nature of this trip. The harbor area is a very "touristy" spot – malls and shops. It's a fancier area, but you still don't need to dress up. Below is the basic packing list.

● **Suggested Packing List (HIGHLY suggested!)**

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| ➤ <u>Passport & driver's license!! (DO NOT FORGET!)</u> | ➤ Washcloth (many hotels do not provide this) |
| ➤ Rain jacket / windbreaker – perhaps with hood | ➤ Camera (bring extra batteries or a charger) |
| ➤ Small flashlight | ➤ Small pair of binoculars, if desired |
| ➤ Insect repellent – (can be purchased there) | ➤ Cell phone and charger |
| ➤ Sunglasses & sunscreen | ➤ Refillable water bottle/s |
| ➤ Hat / visor (perhaps gloves, if you mind colder weather) | ➤ Watch |
| ➤ Small umbrella | ➤ Wet Ones, or hand sanitizer |
| ➤ Chap Stick, eye drops, and nasal spray | ➤ All African Wildlife Safari information |

● **Clothing Suggestions:**

You will not need fancy clothing. It is winter in South Africa at this time, so the early mornings and evenings can be chilly. We suggest that you bring an assortment of layered clothing – short sleeves, long sleeves, and jackets that you can layer for warmth. You will be experiencing temperature differences from a possible low of 45 degrees to a possible high of 80 degrees. The nights cool off quickly and it will slowly warm up in the morning. You will want to be prepared for a variety of conditions. However, you probably will be comfortable in long pants, either short or long-sleeved shirts, a fleece jacket and possibly a wind-breaker type jacket on top. It is nice to have a jacket or two to layer so you can peel them off as you warm up. We are typically comfortable in jeans and t-shirt type tops.

Note: There is no significant amount of walking or hiking. Therefore, no special gear is needed.

Note: This is winter time, so bugs are not a problem like in summer. Therefore, perhaps just some bug repellent is all you might need.