



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

The African Wildlife Safari

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Greetings, fellow adventurers!

I wanted to give you as much information as we have at this point for the African Wildlife Safari for 2025. The basics are as follows:

1. The dates are set for **Saturday, July 5 – Sunday, July 20, 2025.**
2. We depart from Newark, NJ (EWR) at **8:45 PM, Saturday, July 5,** and return to EWR at **5:30 AM, Sunday, July 20.**
3. The total cost in 2024 was **\$8,082** (including international air fare in Economy Plus) per person (double occupancy). HOWEVER, the cost typically rises about 5% annually.
 - 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, Newark (EWR), all domestic flights in South Africa, airport transfers, hotels, game lodges, all ground transportation, all national park and game reserve entry fees, all conservation levies, most meals, ten game drives, the St. Lucia boat excursion, the Moholoholo Rehabilitation center, African craft markets, and more!
 - c. This price does not cover travel to Newark, certain meals, trip cancellation insurance, and other services like laundry and tips (coach driver, boat operator/guide, etc.).
4. Reservations will be accepted by check made payable to **Mission Imperative.**
5. A reservation can be made with:
 - a. a deposit of \$4,000.00 per person, with the balance due 90 days prior to the start of the trip.
 - b. signed and dated waivers - by each individual.
6. Due to the fact that this is an “at cost” trip, there is no profit built in to replace what we will be charged should someone cancel once booked. In the event of a cancelation, a fee of \$100 will be charged. Furthermore, an alternate would need to be found by April 25 to take the place of any who cancel. If an alternate cannot be found by that date, the person/s canceling would forfeit their deposit. The alternative to this would be trip cancelation insurance that would refund you for any reason. In any event, any airline modification/cancelation fees are the responsibility of the person canceling.

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 Snavelly



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

1. You will be allowed **ONE** suitcase per person with a weight limit of **44 lbs.** (this is a limit for domestic carriers.)
 - a. Bring a larger suitcase with dimensions not to exceed 62 inches (W+H+L). BUT, pack as **lightly** as you possibly can! Remember that you will want to buy some things in South Africa, and you are limited to 50 lbs. upon your return.
 - b. There are laundry services at Leopard Mountain, Motswari, & Cape Town. This means that you could have laundry done on Day #5 or 6, then also on Day #10 or 11, & 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 with a weight limit of **18 lbs.** Additionally, your carry-on has a total dimension limit (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 always true of many international carriers, including SAA! They are sometimes 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 or AAA on the rate to buy Rands. You will 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.

- **Packing List**

- **Passport & driver's license!! (DO NOT FORGET!)**
- Rain jacket / windbreaker, perhaps with hood
- Watch & small flashlight
- Insect repellent
- Sunglasses & Sunscreen
- Hat / Stocking cap (Gloves, if you mind cold weather)
- Small umbrella
- First aid kit (meds, tweezers, Chap Stick, eye drops, etc.)
- Notebook (perhaps for a journal) / travel Bible
- Earphones or earbuds (for long flights)
- Washcloth (many hotels do not provide this)
- Camera (bring extra batteries or a charger)
- Consider bringing a small point-and-shoot camera
- Small pair of binoculars, if desired
- Cell phone and charger
- Refillable water bottle/s
- Wet Ones, or hand sanitizer
- 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. Temperature differences can vary from a possible low of 45 degrees (maybe even lower) to a possible high of 80 degrees. The nights cool off quickly and it will slowly warm up in the morning. You probably will be comfortable in long pants (especially in the early mornings and evenings), perhaps shorts during the day, either short or long-sleeved shirts, a fleece 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. Also, there is no significant amount of walking. Therefore, no special gear is needed. Wear comfortable shoes (maybe sandals, too).

- **Other items to be aware of:**

- We highly recommend buying a *Therm-A-Rest Lite Seat*. This will add some comfort for the long trip overseas!!
- Be prepared to tip the staff. At the game reserves, this will include rangers/guides and staff. You can use your credit card.
- Beware the cost of drinks! Usually all drinks (except water, normally) are extra. Refills are generally not free, either.
- You might want to consider bringing a small, around-the-neck, under-the-clothes pouch for extra cash, passport, etc.
- It's a good idea to mark your suitcase distinctly, either with a specific label or a strap.
- Electrical current is 220 volts. Most items used today will accept both 220v & 110v – *but make sure!* Check the label on anything you plan to plug in! I will also be providing everyone with a plug adapter that will accept three items at the same time.

QUESTIONS? Please contact us!