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Africa Safari with Stefanie Woods

October 2027

White Water Section of Zambezi River, "The Smoke That Thunders"

Dear Fellow Adventurers,

I'm thrilled to invite you to join me on **The Best of Africa Through My Eyes**, a safari adventure unlike any other, set for October 2027. As many of you know, Africa holds a special place in my heart, and I'm eager to share my deep connection with the continent's wild beauty, especially its rivers and lakes.

As many of you know, I spent two years working as a guide on the mighty Zambezi River back in the 1990s. It was a time when the guiding industry was predominantly male, and I had to fight to prove my worth in a world that revered the Zambezi. But I broke through, and that experience helped pave the way for other women in the field. It was a journey of growth, and it allowed me to experience Africa in ways I'll never forget.

Over the years, I've traveled extensively throughout Africa, including climbing Mount Kilimanjaro, and I always found myself coming back to the water. The rivers and lakes of Africa have a unique calling, which is why I'm so excited to bring you this tour, focusing on the Zambezi River and the extraordinary wildlife and landscapes of Zimbabwe and Zambia.

Here's a look at the incredible adventure that awaits!

Our African Journey

Our nine-night safari takes us through three remarkable wilderness destinations, each offering a different perspective on Africa's beauty. From the banks of the Zambezi River in Mana Pools to the elephant-rich landscapes of Hwange National Park, and finally to the magnificent Victoria Falls region, this journey combines extraordinary wildlife encounters, luxurious accommodations, conservation, and adventure.

October 15–17 | Victoria 22, Harare, Zimbabwe

Two Nights — Pre-Safari Arrival

We will gather in Harare, Zimbabwe, where guests will spend two nights at Victoria 22 before our safari officially begins. These two nights allow everyone to arrive, recover from international travel, and prepare for the adventure ahead.

Please note: The two nights at Victoria 22 are not included in the safari package. Each guest is responsible for booking and paying for their own accommodations, meals, and any personal expenses during this stay.

Our safari package officially begins on October 17.

October 17–20 | Nyamatusi Camp

Mana Pools National Park, Zimbabwe — Three Nights

Our adventure begins in the extraordinary Mana Pools National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site situated along the mighty Zambezi River.

Nyamatusi Camp is one of our signature experiences, offering an intimate connection with Africa's wilderness. Mana Pools is renowned for its remarkable wildlife, including elephants, lions, wild dogs, hippos, and an incredible diversity of birdlife.

At Nyamatusi, we'll experience the magic of Africa through game drives, walking safaris, birding excursions, fishing, and canoeing opportunities along the Zambezi River. The camp features beautifully appointed luxury tented suites with private plunge pools, offering exceptional comfort while remaining immersed in nature.

Evenings bring breathtaking sunsets over the Zambezi, wonderful meals, and time around the fire sharing the day's adventures.

October 20–23 | Somalisa Camp

Hwange National Park, Zimbabwe — Three Nights

Our next destination takes us to Hwange National Park, one of Southern Africa's most remarkable wildlife regions and home to impressive populations of elephants, lions, leopards, cheetahs, and African wild dogs.

Nestled beneath the shade of an acacia grove, Somalisa Camp offers an exceptional blend of wilderness, luxury, and sustainability.

One of the camp's most extraordinary features is its famous Elephant Pool, where elephants regularly gather to drink, offering unforgettable close-up encounters from the comfort and safety of camp.

Somalisa offers beautifully furnished luxury tented suites, each featuring a wood-burning fireplace, copper slipper-style bathtub, king-size bed, indoor and outdoor showers, and a private viewing deck.

During our stay, we'll have opportunities to experience:

- Morning and afternoon game drives
- Guided walking safaris
- Birdwatching excursions
- Cultural experiences
- Exceptional elephant viewing at the camp's Elephant Pool

Somalisa is also recognized for its commitment to sustainable tourism. The camp operates entirely on solar power and features an innovative water purification system that recycles approximately 80% of its water. It is a truly special place where luxury and the wild intertwine.

October 23–26 | Thorntree River Lodge

Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park, Zambia — Three Nights

Our final destination brings us back to the mighty Zambezi River, where my own African guiding story began.

Thorntree River Lodge is beautifully situated along the banks of the Zambezi in Zambia's Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park, close to the spectacular Victoria Falls.

Here, we'll enjoy the elegance and tranquility of this extraordinary riverside property while exploring one of Africa's most iconic destinations.

Experiences available during our stay include:

- Guided game drives
- Rhino tracking on foot
- Sunset cruises along the Zambezi River
- Birdwatching and cultural visits
- Canoeing excursions
- Visiting the magnificent Victoria Falls
- Optional helicopter flights over Victoria Falls

And, of course, one of the most exciting experiences of our entire journey awaits!

Zambezi River White-Water Rafting

An unforgettable adventure on one of the world's most famous rivers!

For those who wish to participate, we will enjoy a thrilling full-day white-water rafting experience on the mighty Zambezi River during our stay at Thorntree River Lodge.

The Zambezi is internationally renowned for its powerful rapids, dramatic gorges, and breathtaking scenery.

Having spent two years guiding on this extraordinary river, I can tell you firsthand that there is nothing quite like experiencing the Zambezi from the water.

This will be an optional activity, but **the full-day white-water rafting excursion is included in your safari package** for those who choose to participate.

For those who prefer not to raft, there will be opportunities to enjoy other experiences and the beautiful surroundings of Thorntree River Lodge.

What a spectacular way to conclude our African adventure!

Conservation and Community Impact

One of the reasons I have carefully chosen African Bush Camps for this journey is their dedication to conservation, sustainability, and community development.

Through the African Bush Camps Foundation, meaningful projects support local communities, wildlife conservation, education, and human-wildlife coexistence.

Where available and arranged, we'll have opportunities to learn more about these initiatives and the important work being done to protect Africa's extraordinary natural heritage.

I believe travel should not only provide unforgettable experiences but also contribute positively to the places and communities we visit.

Our Itinerary at a Glance

Dates	Destination	Nights
October 15–17	Victoria 22, Harare (independently paid)	2
October 17–20	Nyamatusi Camp, Mana Pools	3
October 20–23	Somalisa Camp, Hwange	3
October 23–26	Thorntree River Lodge, Zambia	3
October 26	Departure	—

Our official safari package is October 17–26, 2027, with two additional pre-safari nights in Harare.

Cost for The Best of Africa Tour — October 2027

$16,500 USD per person, based on double occupancy.

Single occupancy supplement: $4,500 USD per person.

A non-refundable deposit of **$3,300 USD** is required to reserve your space.

The remaining balance is due **90 days prior to departure**.

All payments are non-refundable.

What's Included

- Nine nights of luxurious five-star safari accommodations at Nyamatusi Camp, Somalisa Camp, and Thorntree River Lodge
- All meals while on safari

- Tea, coffee, soft drinks, and alcoholic beverages, excluding premium imported spirits and champagne
- Laundry service during the safari
- Guided safari activities, depending on each camp
- Game drives, wildlife viewing, and other camp-specific experiences
- Half-day white-water rafting adventure on the Zambezi River during our Thorntree stay (optional participation)
- All domestic air transfers and overland transfers as stipulated in the safari itinerary

What's Not Included

- International airfare
- Two nights at Victoria 22 in Harare, October 15–17, including accommodations, meals, and personal expenses
- Transfers not specifically stipulated in the safari itinerary
- Travel insurance
- Visa fees
- Personal expenses
- Gratuities for guides, drivers, and lodge staff
- Single occupancy supplement
- Optional activities not specifically included in the safari package

A Journey to Remember

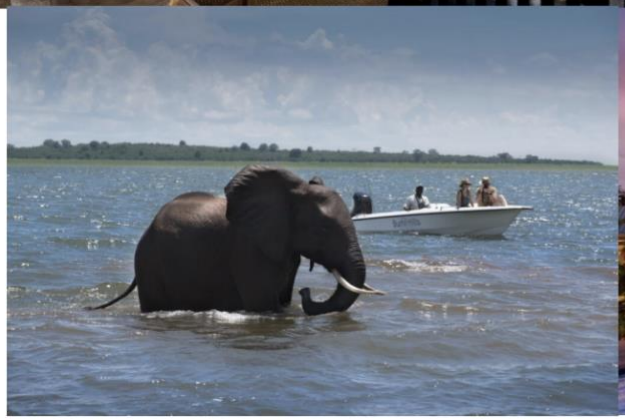
Africa is a place that stays with you long after you've returned home.

It's the sound of elephants moving through the bush, the extraordinary beauty of the Zambezi at sunset, the excitement of encountering wildlife in its natural habitat, and the unforgettable people who make every journey so meaningful.

For me, returning to Africa is always like coming home. Sharing these places, particularly the Zambezi River, with you makes this journey even more special.

I look forward to experiencing this remarkable adventure together, creating memories and friendships that will last a lifetime.

Thank you — for joining me on this extraordinary journey!

Warmly,

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