

## PHINDA IMPACT STORY

A SMALL GROUP JOURNEY

Johannesburg – andBeyond Phinda Private Game Reserve 7 Days / 6 Nights 6 Guests

MAY 27 - JUNE 2, 2021

PRICE: \$8,700 PER PERSON SHARING



### Itinerary overview

EMBARK ON A JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY WITH A PRIVATELY GUIDED, 7-DAY SMALL GROUP TRIP THAT AIMS TO HIGHLIGHT CONSERVATION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES, WHICH UNDERPINS OUR ETHOS OF "LEAVING THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE THAN WE FOUND IT".

Take part in the location and sedation of a rhino for research purposes. Alongside the team, you will carry out either an ear notching exercise (for monitoring purposes) or collaring of a specific animal. If necessary, you may have the opportunity to participate in a rhino dehorning exercise, which will help protect the animal from poachers.

WHILST TRADITIONAL GAME DRIVES ARE INTEGRAL TO THIS SAFARI EXPERIENCE, IT INCORPORATES ELEMENTS OF OUR RANGER TRAINING CURRICULUM AS WELL AS SELECTED CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES. YOU WILL ALSO BE INTRODUCED TO THE COMMUNITY SURROUNDING &BEYOND PHINDA PRIVATE GAME RESERVE, AND EXPERIENCE A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A SCHOOL PUPIL.

Perfect for those who wish to travel with purpose, this small group journey offers a fantastic opportunity for growth and learning, in an exciting and stimulating environment. The exposure to authentic and exclusive community and conservation experiences, as well as gaining insight into Zulu culture, is a rare and priceless gift

YOU WILL STAY AT THE BREATH-TAKING &BEYOND PHINDA ZUKA LODGE, A SOLE-USE LODGE IN THE SOUTHERN REACHES OF &BEYOND PHINDA PRIVATE GAME RESERVE, WHICH OFFERS ITS OWN PRIVATE VEHICLE AND GUIDE, BUTLER AND CHEF. DEPARTURE DATES HAVE BEEN CAREFULLY SELECTED AROUND THE BEST CLIMATES OF THE YEAR, TO ENSURE THAT YOU ARE ABLE TO MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR ADVENTURE.







# ACCOMMODATIONS

ACCOMMODATION	DESTINATION	BASIS	ROOM TYPE	DURATION
andBeyond Phinda Zuka Lodge	Phinda Private Game Reserve	FI	SUITES	6 Nights





## Daily Program overview

#### WHAT WE LOVE ABOUT THIS JOURNEY:

- A SMALL GROUP OF 6 GUESTS. WHICH MEANS PLENTY OF FLEXIBILITY AND EXCLUSIVITY
- GUIDED THROUGHOUT BY AND &BEYOND SPECIALIST RANGER, WITH ACCESS TO RENOWNED CONSERVATIONISTS
- EXPERIENCE INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED WITH A HOST OF SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES
  INCLUDING CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES, LEARNING WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A QUALIFIED &BEYOND GUIDE,
  AND SPENDING A DAY IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY
- Unparalleled wildlife experience at &beyond Phinda , which is host to the big five as well as excellent viewing opportunities of cheetah and the rare black rhino
- EXCLUSIVE ACCOMMODATION AT &BEYOND PHINDA ZUKA LODGE, COMPLETE WITH PRIVATE CHEF AND BUTLER
- PHOTOGRAPHIC GUIDE WILL GUIDE EACH GUEST ON THEIR PHOTOGRAPHIC JOURNEY AND A CANVAS OF THE BEST PHOTOGRAPH WILL BE SENT TO YOU AFTER YOUR SAFARI
- INCLUDES A DONATION TO PHINDA'S AFRICA FOUNDATION STAR PROJECT

DAY	PROGRAM		
DAY 1	International Arrival to Or Tambo International Airport     Scheduled flight from Or Tambo International Airport to Phinda Airstrip     Included Activities: Game Drives, Briefing and Orientation     Overnight: Andbeyond Phinda Zuka Lodge		
DAY 2	Included activities: Tracking and Walking Adventure, Photographic Adventure, Frogging Expedition and Stars Identification     Overnight: Andbeyond Phinda Zuka Lodge		
DAY 3	Included activities: Specialist Birding Safari and Ringing, Tracking and Walking Adventure and Spend a Night Under the Stars     Overnight: andbeyond Phinda Zuka Lodge		
DAY 4	<ul> <li>Included activities: Specialist Walking Safari, Tracking Adventure, Craft Gin and Tonic or Beer Tasting and Food Pairing</li> <li>Overnight: and Beyond Phinda Zuka Lodge</li> </ul>		
DAY 5	Included activities: Community Trip     Overnight: and beyond Phinda Zuka Lodge		
DAY 6	Included activities: Wildlife Monitoring and Research, Rhino Notching/Dehorning     Overnight: Andbeyond Phinda Zuka Lodge		
DAY 7	DEBRIEF SESSION     SCHEDULED FLIGHT FROM PHINDA AIRSTRIP TO OR TAMBO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT     DEPARTURE		

## DAY 1: &BEYOND PHINDA ZUKA LODGE, PHINDA PRIVATE GAME RESERVE

Upon arrival at Johannesburg's Oliver Tambo International Airport [JNB], guests will be met by a representative who will hand over their travel documents and then transfer them through their flight to &Beyond Phinda Private Game Reserve. Upon Arrival at the Airstrip, guests will be met by an &Beyond Team member and transferred to the lodge.

Embark on a fascinating game drive through &Beyond Phinda's Seven World's of Wonder. The reserve is famous for its sightings of the iconic Big Five and Cheetah. Enjoy a briefing and orientation session conducted by Les Carlisle, &Beyond's Group Conservation manager

Guests will stay at the Breath-Taking &Beyond Phinda Zuka Lodge, a sole-use lodge in the southern reaches of &Beyond Phinda Private Game Reserve, which offers its own private vehicle and guide, butler and chef. The stay includes three meals daily, soft drinks, house wines, local brand spirits and beers, teas and coffees, scheduled safari activities, refreshments on game drives, emergency medical evacuation insurance and laundry.

OVERNIGHT AT &BEYOND PHINDA ZUKA LODGE SUITE - (FULLY INCLUSIVE BASIS)









#### DAY 2:

GET BEHIND-THE-SCENES AND DISCOVER WHAT EACH &BEYOND GUIDE AND TRACKER HAS TO LEARN AND EXPERIENCE IN THEIR UNIQUE &BEYOND TRAINING PROGRAMME.

LEARN THE ART OF PHOTOGRAPHY AND MASTER SKILLS THAT WILL BE USED THROUGHOUT THE REST OF YOUR SAFARI. DELVE INTO THE BUSH ON A GUIDED WALK WITH THE FOCUS ON TRACKING, AND PARTICIPATE IN TRACK AND SIGN EXERCISES, AS WELL AS TREE AND PLANT IDENTIFICATION

BE CAPTIVATED BY A FROGGING EXPEDITION, (IF FROGS ARE ACTIVE), AND LISTEN FOR DISTINCT FROG SOUNDS, TRACK THEM DOWN, IDENTIFY AND PHOTOGRAPH THEM.

Gaze up at the night sky, a blanket of infinite sparkling stars and learn to distinguish myriad stars and celestial constellations of the Southern Hemisphere.

> OVERNIGHT AT &BEYOND PHINDA ZUKA LODGE SUITE - (FULLY INCLUSIVE BASIS)

#### DAY 3:

GET OUT YOUR BINOCULARS FOR A FANTASTIC BIRDING SESSION. TAKE PART IN A BIRD RINGING EXERCISE, WHICH ENTAILS NETTING AND THEN RECORDING MEASUREMENTS, AND RINGING (TAGGING) THE BIRDS BEFORE RELEASING THEM.

Strap on your walking boots for a bush walk. This adventure will show you the focus and awareness our rangers need in the bush, and offers practical ranger rifle training, with an exhilarating simulation of a lion charge!

FOCUS MORE ON TRACKING AND VIEWING NOCTURNAL ANIMALS ON AN EVENING GAME DRIVE. ENJOY AN ADVENTURE-FILLED SLEEP OUT UNDER THE STARS, AND ENJOY BEING OUT IN THE WILD UNDER THE PROTECTION OF QUALIFIED NIGHT-SECURITY.

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#### DAY 4:

EMBARK ON A WALKING SAFARI FROM YOUR SLEEP OUT CAMP, AND NAVIGATE BACK TO THE LODGE, RECALLING YOUR BIRDING, TRACKING AND TREE IDENTIFICATION SKILLS ALONG THE WAY, CONDUCT A TRACKING EXERCISE, USING THE SKILLS YOU HAVE LEARNT, AND SPOT FRESH ELEPHANT, BUFFALO OR RHINO TRACKS

Delight in an afternoon game drive and focus on hospitality, with a fun-filled session of craft gin and tonic or beer tasting. There will also be a delicious food pairing to enjoy too.

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#### DAY 5:

Spend an enjoyable day out in the local community and gain insight into projects that the Africa Foundation is undertaking.

Interact with members of community and learn about their way of life as well as the fascinating Zulu culture. Engage with students at Nkomo Primary School and assist in preparing lunch meals for Children

Teach a classroom of kids and present a short presentation, which is in line with their school curriculum.

RELISH A DELICIOUS LUNCH IN THE COMMUNITY, AND VISIT A CRAFT MARKET AND LOCAL CLINIC.

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#### DAY 6:

MEET UP WITH A WILDLIFE RESEARCH TECHNICIAN FROM THE RESERVE, AND FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE WILDLIFE MONITORING AND RESEARCH PROGRAMS CURRENTLY IN PLACE. TAKE PART IN THE CAPTURE OF A RHINO FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES. ALONGSIDE THE TEAM, YOU WILL CARRY OUT EITHER AN EAR NOTCHING EXERCISE (FOR MONITORING PURPOSES) OR COLLARING OF A SPECIFIC ANIMAL. IF NECESSARY, YOU MAY HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN A RHINO DEHORNING EXERCISE, WHICH WILL HELP PROTECT THE ANIMAL FROM POACHERS.

LEARN TO USE TELEMETRY EQUIPMENT, WHICH IS ESSENTIAL FOR THE RESEARCH TEAMS TO LOCATE WILDLIFE.

HEAD OUT IN SEARCH OF ELEPHANT HERDS, AND COLLECT DATA WHICH IS USED TO INFORM THE NUMEROUS RESEARCH PROJECTS.

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#### **DAY 7:**

Spend your last morning over breakfast engaging in a debrief session of the week's activities with les and Andrew, and delight in the handover of a photography canvas that has been taken with pictures of your journey.

You will be transferred to the airstrip for your flight to OR Tambo International Airport in Johannesburg.













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