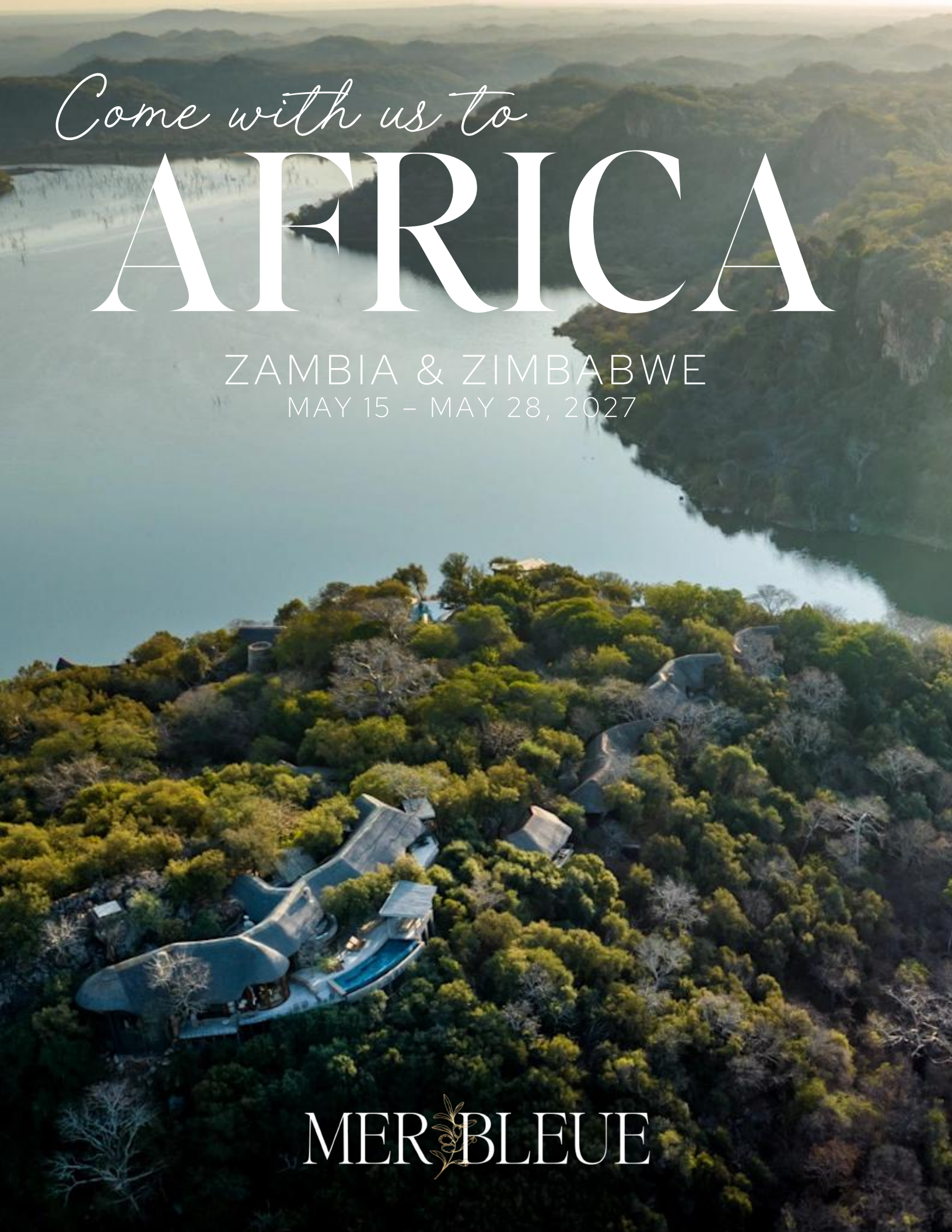




Come with us to

AFRICA

ZAMBIA & ZIMBABWE

MAY 15 – MAY 28, 2027

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WHERE *the journey* BEGINS



Discover What Lies Beyond the Ordinary

Set out on a journey that steps well beyond the expected and experience where the rhythm of the wild, the quiet elegance of extraordinary lodges, and the vast beauty of Southern Africa come together in perfect harmony.

Over twelve unforgettable nights, you'll witness landscapes and wildlife that stir the spirit, share moments that bring travelers closer to one another and to the remarkable planet we call home, and experience hospitality that feels both deeply authentic and effortlessly refined. This is not simply a safari. It is an invitation to immerse yourself in places that awaken wonder, restore perspective, and reveal a side of the world few ever truly encounter.

A MESSAGE *from* *your* DESIGNER & GUIDE



I'm Dianna Hetzel — textbook Enneagram 7, lover of wine & coffee, recovering people pleaser, and unrepentant travel nerd!

Africa has long lived in my imagination as one of the last places on earth where the world still feels vast, untamed, and deeply alive. The first time I began studying the great safari regions of Southern Africa, the wildlife corridors, the conservation efforts, the legendary lodges, I knew that when I finally went, it would not be casually. It would be thoughtfully designed, carefully paced, and experienced in a way that honored the rare privilege of being welcomed into places like these.

After spending time there myself, meeting the guides, experiencing the lodges, and witnessing the extraordinary landscapes and wildlife firsthand, I returned home knowing one thing for certain: I wanted to come back and share it. This journey is the result of that intention.

There is something profoundly moving about watching elephants cross a river at sunset, hearing lions call in the distance, or sitting beside a fire under a sky filled with stars while listening to stories from the people who know this land so intimately. These are the moments that shift perspective and stay with you long after the journey ends.

It would be a joy to share this experience with you. This is Africa as it was meant to be seen, thoughtfully curated, deeply personal, and shared in wonderful company.

Dianna



ATTENTION *to* DETAIL

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Thoughtfully Designed, Seamlessly Delivered

From the moment you arrive in Africa to your final farewell, every detail of this journey has been thoughtfully considered so you can fully immerse yourself in the experience. Private charter flights between camps, VIP airport assistance, expert guides, and exceptional lodges allow each destination to unfold effortlessly into the next. With logistics handled and every transition carefully arranged, you are free to focus on what matters most: witnessing extraordinary wildlife, connecting with remarkable people, and savoring the rare privilege of exploring some of the most beautiful and protected landscapes on earth.



Included in Your MER BLEUE Journey

Seamless Travel. Rare Access. Africa at Its Most Extraordinary.

Luxury Accommodations & Exceptional Lodges

- 11 nights of luxury accommodations across three extraordinary safari regions
- 1 night at the InterContinental Johannesburg O.R. Tambo Airport for a seamless arrival into Africa
- 3 nights at Puku Ridge in South Luangwa National Park
- 4 nights at Matetsi Victoria Falls along the Zambezi River
- 3 nights at Singita Pamushana Lodge in the Malilangwe Wildlife Reserve

Seamless Travel Throughout the Journey

- VIP Meet & Greet services at Johannesburg Airport on arrival and departure
- Personal airport assistance through customs and immigration
- All private road transfers throughout the journey
- Private charter flights between safari camps for efficient and scenic travel across Southern Africa
- Scheduled charter flight returning to Johannesburg

All-Inclusive Safari Hospitality

- All meals, house beverages, and premium wines at safari lodges
- Laundry service while at safari camps
- Elegant indoor and outdoor dining experiences in extraordinary settings

Expert-Guided Wildlife Experiences

- Daily game drives with highly trained professional guides and trackers
- Walking safaris for an immersive experience in the African bush
- Night drives in South Luangwa, one of Africa's premier destinations for nocturnal wildlife viewing
- Zambezi River boat safaris and wildlife viewing along the river
- Opportunities for birding, photography, and wildlife tracking

Iconic & Cultural Experiences

- Privately guided exploration of the magnificent Victoria Falls
- Cultural village visit offering meaningful insight into local Zimbabwean life
- Opportunities for community engagement and cultural exchange throughout the journey

Meaningful Conservation & Community Connections

- A special opportunity to meet the youth involved in the Namununga Anti-Poaching Initiative, a conservation program Mer Bleue and friends have proudly supported
- Insight into the vital role local communities play in protecting Africa's wildlife and wilderness
- National park fees, conservation levies, and community contributions are included throughout the journey, ensuring your travels directly support the protection of wildlife, landscapes, and the people who call these regions home

Hosted by Mer Bleue Travel

- Personal hosting and guidance throughout the journey by Dianna & Josh Hetzel
- A small group of like-minded travelers who value meaningful travel, discovery, and connection

LODGES *at* *a* GLANCE

Untamed. Rare. Remarkable.

Puku Ridge - 3 nights



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Pamushana - 3 nights



Matetsi - 4 nights



Puke Ridge

South Luangwa National Park, Zambia

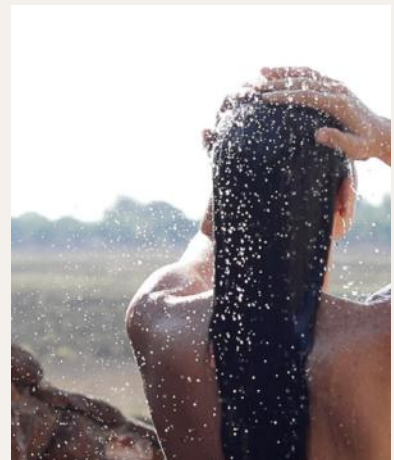
Perched high above a sweeping floodplain in Zambia's legendary South Luangwa National Park, Puku Ridge is an intimate safari camp where the wilderness feels both vast and deeply personal. With just eight tented suites along the ridge, the lodge overlooks a private waterhole and open plains where giraffe wander, elephants gather to drink, and the distant call of hyena carries through the night.



Each elevated suite features sweeping valley views, a private plunge pool, an expansive deck, indoor and outdoor showers, and a star bed tower for unforgettable nights beneath the African sky.



Days unfold to the rhythm of the bush with game drives, world-renowned walking safaris, and sunset sundowners before returning to camp beneath a canopy of brilliant stars.



Highlights

- Intimate safari camp with just eight luxury tented suites
- Elevated ridge location overlooking a private floodplain and wildlife waterhole
- Spacious suites with private plunge pools, star beds, and panoramic views
- Located deep within South Luangwa National Park, one of Africa's most wildlife-rich ecosystems
- Renowned for walking safaris and exceptional guiding

Signature Experiences

- Sunrise and sunset game drives in South Luangwa National Park
- Walking safaris, following the footsteps of Africa's early explorers
- Wildlife photography from the camp's private viewing hide
- Classic safari sundowners overlooking the African plains

Matetsi Victoria Falls

Zambezi River · Zimbabwe



Set along a private stretch of the mighty Zambezi River, Matetsi Victoria Falls is a serene riverside retreat where Africa's untamed wilderness meets refined luxury. Just upstream from the legendary Victoria Falls, the lodge sits within 55,000 hectares of protected wilderness where river, savanna, and sky stretch endlessly in every direction.



Elegant riverfront suites open to sweeping views of the Zambezi, each featuring a private plunge pool and expansive deck where wildlife often appears along the water's edge.



Days may include privately guided explorations of Victoria Falls, game drives through the Matetsi Private Game Reserve, and sunset boat safaris along the river, where elephants gather to drink and hippos surface in the fading light.



Highlights

- Luxury riverfront suites with private plunge pools and panoramic Zambezi views
- Located within 55,000 hectares of private wilderness just upstream from Victoria Falls
- Exceptional wildlife viewing within **Matetsi Private Game Reserve**
- Elegant lodge design paired with warm Zimbabwean hospitality

Signature Experiences

- Privately guided tour of Victoria Falls
- Game drives in the **Matetsi Private Game Reserve**
- Zambezi River boat safaris at sunrise or sunset
- Interpretive bush walks with expert guides
- Wildlife photography along the Zambezi riverbanks
- Opportunity for a helicopter ride over Victoria Falls (additional cost)

Pamushana Lodge

Malilangwe Wildlife Reserve · Zimbabwe

Perched high on a sandstone ridge overlooking the vast Malilangwe Wildlife Reserve, Singita Pamushana is one of Africa's most extraordinary safari lodges. Surrounded by more than 130,000 acres of protected wilderness, the lodge offers sweeping views of baobab-studded landscapes and the shimmering Malilangwe Dam below.

Inspired by the rich heritage of Great Zimbabwe and local Shangaan culture, the lodge blends bold African design with exceptional comfort. Each expansive suite features a private plunge pool, outdoor shower, and panoramic viewing deck.

Days unfold with expertly guided game drives, walking safaris, and quiet moments overlooking the reserve, while evenings invite guests to gather for exceptional cuisine, world-class wines, and unforgettable stargazing.



Highlights

- Set within the **Private Malilangwe Wildlife Reserve**, one of Africa's leading conservation success stories
- Iconic Singita property known for exceptional guiding, service, and design
- Only eight luxurious suites, each with a private plunge pool and panoramic views
- Exceptional wildlife viewing, including rhino, elephant, lion, leopard, and wild dog

Signature Experiences

- Twice-daily game drives with expert guides and trackers
- Walking safaris exploring the wilderness on foot
- Visits to ancient San rock art sites within the reserve
- Sunset cruises and fishing on Malilangwe Dam
- World-class wine experiences from Singita's renowned cellars
- Stargazing beneath Africa's crystal-clear night skies



why TRAVEL *with* MER BLEUE

Personally Hosted by Dianna Hetzel

Travel alongside the founder of Mer Bleue Travel, whose firsthand experience and deep relationships within the region allow you to experience these remarkable places with greater insight, ease, and connection.

Thoughtfully Curated Luxury Lodges

Each lodge on this journey has been carefully selected for its exceptional wildlife viewing, refined comfort, and authentic sense of place, ensuring every stay offers both extraordinary experiences and the warm hospitality that defines Africa at its best.

Seamless Travel Throughout the Journey

From VIP airport assistance to private charter flights between camps, every logistical detail has been thoughtfully arranged so that your time can be spent fully immersed in the landscapes, wildlife, and experiences unfolding around you.

A Small Group of Like-Minded Travelers

This journey is intentionally limited in size, creating a more personal atmosphere where meaningful connections can develop among travelers who share a curiosity for the world and an appreciation for exceptional experiences.

Meaningful Community & Conservation Connections

Travel becomes more meaningful when it connects you with the people who protect and steward these landscapes. Along the way, you will have opportunities to engage with local communities and witness conservation initiatives that are helping safeguard Africa's wildlife for future generations.

Exclusive Access Beyond the Typical Safari

Through carefully cultivated partnerships and firsthand knowledge of the region, this journey offers experiences that go beyond a traditional safari—private guiding, rare wildlife encounters, and personal connections that reveal the deeper story of Africa.

Journey SNAPSHOT

Dates: May 15 – May 28, 2027

Destinations: Zambia & Zimbabwe

Accommodations:

- InterContinental Johannesburg – O.R. Tambo Airport
- Puku Ridge – South Luangwa National Park
- Matetsi Victoria Falls – Zambezi River
- Singita Pamushana – Malilangwe Wildlife Reserve

Length: 11 nights

Group Size: 6 double occupancy suites (12 travelers)

Hosted By: Dianna Hetzel, the founder and owner of Mer Bleue, and her husband, Josh

Investment: \$24,965 per person

All suites are double-occupancy and must be booked in pairs. A non-refundable \$7,489.50 deposit is required per person at the time of booking. The balance will be due on February 14, 2027. We will assist all clients with airfare, insurance, visas, preparations, what to expect, and anything else needed for the trip.

This journey is intentionally limited to a small group of travelers to preserve the intimate nature of the safari experience. Space at these exceptional lodges is extremely limited. We expect all spaces to be booked by the end of March, as we've had a waiting list for several months. If Africa is calling you, don't wait! Email dianna@merbleuetravel.com ASAP to secure your spot.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is not included in the trip?

International flights to and from Africa, the commercial flight between Johannesburg and Lusaka, travel insurance, gratuities, personal purchases, and KAZA Uni Visa (\$50 pp) are not included.



Is Africa safe for travel?

Yes. The regions visited on this itinerary are among Southern Africa's most established safari destinations. You will be staying at highly respected luxury lodges and traveling with experienced guides and local teams who prioritize guest safety and comfort.

What wildlife might we see?

While nature always remains wonderfully unpredictable, these regions are known for exceptional wildlife viewing. Guests often encounter elephants, lions, leopards, buffaloes, giraffes, zebras, antelopes, and many other species, along with extraordinary birdlife.



What should I pack?

Packing guidance will be provided prior to departure. Because charter flights between safari camps have luggage restrictions, travelers should bring soft-sided bags and lightweight safari clothing in neutral tones.

Is this for couples only?

Not at all. While many guests travel as couples, this journey is equally wonderful for friends, siblings, or parents traveling with adult children. The experience naturally brings people together, and the shared moments often create lasting friendships among travelers.

Do I need vaccinations?

A yellow fever vaccination is not required for this itinerary. Travelers should consult their physician regarding malaria prevention and any recommended travel vaccinations prior to departure.

Is travel insurance required?

Travel insurance is strongly recommended and will be suggested as part of the planning process to protect your investment and provide peace of mind.

How do I reserve my place on the journey?

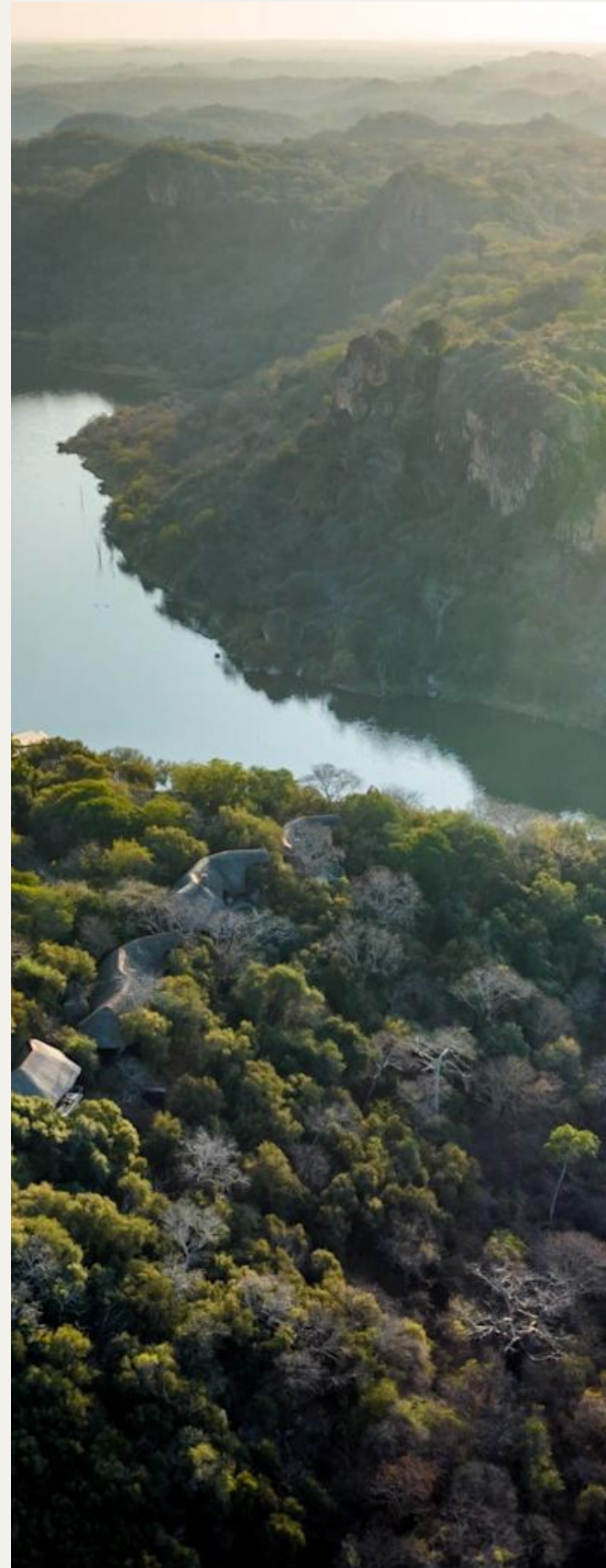
Space on this hosted safari is limited. Reservations are confirmed with a deposit, and final payment is due prior to departure. Mer Bleue will guide you through the reservation process and assist with all travel arrangements. Contact us for more info.

What are the safari vehicles like?

Game drives take place in custom-designed, open-air safari vehicles that allow for unobstructed wildlife viewing and photography. Vehicles are typically shared with a small number of guests, ensuring everyone has an excellent view and the opportunity to learn from the guide and tracker. If preferred, we can arrange a private vehicle for you at an additional cost.

Is this trip comfortable, even though we are in the remote wilderness?

Absolutely. While the landscapes you will explore are wonderfully wild and remote, the lodges selected for this journey are among the most refined in Africa. Spacious suites, private plunge pools, exceptional cuisine, attentive service, and thoughtful design ensure you experience the wilderness with extraordinary comfort.



The LINK LIST

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Mer Bleue

Mer Bleue Travel designs thoughtfully curated journeys that bring travelers closer to the people, places, and moments that shape lifelong memories.

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Puku Ridge

Click [HERE](#) to watch a short video of life at Puku Ridge.

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Matetsi Victoria Falls

Click [HERE](#) to watch a short video of life along the Zambezi at Matetsi Victoria Falls.

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Pamushana

Click [HERE](#) to watch a short video of Singita Pamushana Lodge.

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let AFRICA CHANGE *you*

Africa has a way of changing the way you see the world. It is the quiet power of standing in a landscape that feels timeless, watching elephants move across the horizon as the sun rises. It is the warmth of the people you meet, the stories shared around a fire, and the deep understanding that places like this are rare and precious.

This journey was designed not simply to see Africa, but to experience it deeply—with remarkable lodges, extraordinary wildlife encounters, and meaningful connections with the people and conservation efforts that protect these landscapes.

These are the moments that stay with you long after you return home.



We can't wait to show you Africa!

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