

COMPASS & Vine



CUSTOM JOURNEYS TO AFRICA



DISCOVERING AFRICA

"Africa is not just a place; it is an emotion, a state of being where the rhythm of life beats in harmony with the pulse of the wild."

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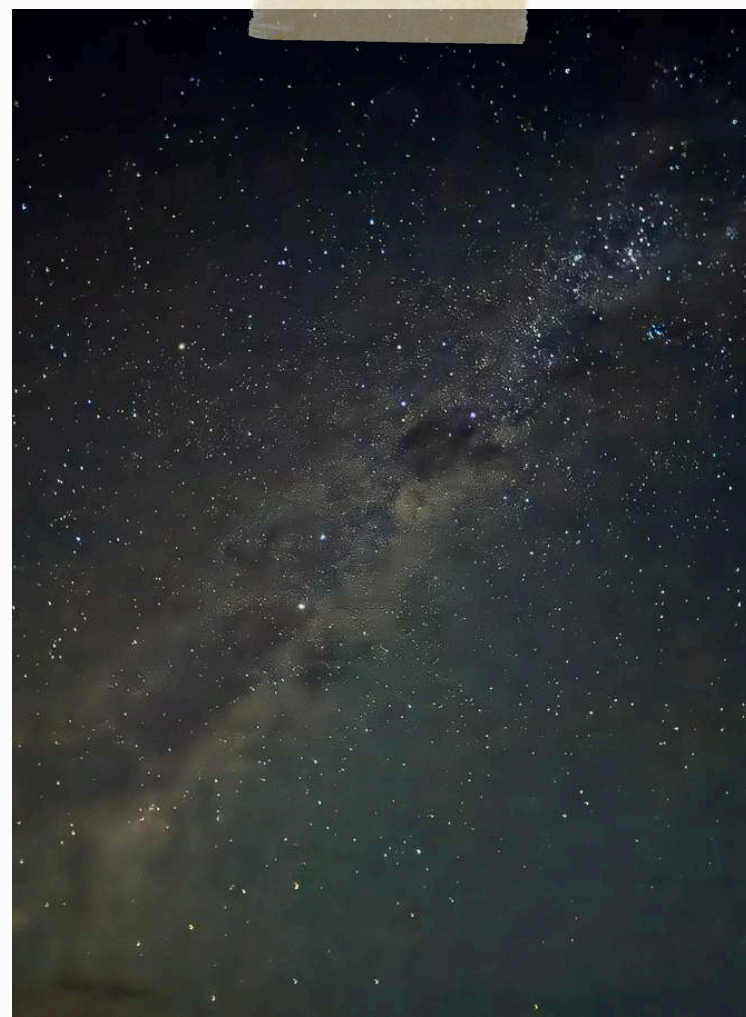
WHY AFRICA?

In many ways, African travel was the foundation of Compass & Vine; the very reason my path as a travel advisor came to be. As many travelers to Africa will tell you after a visit to the continent: Africa isn't a destination, it's an emotion. The experience of travel in Africa, of being on safari and waking up in the bush, is a transformative one and if it's your first time to the continent, it's very likely unlike anything you've experienced before. It's that transformative element and wonder that continues to draw me to all parts of the continent, to the mountains of the DRC, the savannah in Kenya and the water-laden plains of the Okavango. It's a continent that continues to challenge and excite me, and it's the destination that I simply love to plan the most.

If it's your first time to Africa, you'll have *many* questions. Where do I go? What seasons are best? Can/should I bring my children? What are the differences between countries, parks, and regions? How much should I budget? I'm here to help. Think about your dream Africa experience - what you envision seeing and doing - and let's chat to help bring that vision to life.

Thank you for involving me in your planning process! Before our intro call, review this packet for some preliminary insight and information.

WHERE TO GO



DESTINATIONS

54 countries. 6 time zones. 300+ national parks. Savannah. Wetlands. Jungle. Desert.

It's no wonder the *where* can be daunting from the outset. With so many destinations and a variety of landscapes and experiences on offer, honing in on the right destination is half the battle. The best way for us to help narrow down destinations?

Imagine your dream day in Africa. What does it look like? That vision, whether it's a single tree in the savannah, a boat-based excursion, Mt. Kilimanjaro backdrops, ATVing in the desert, or being face-to-face with mountain gorillas, will help us narrow in on which locales will best deliver.

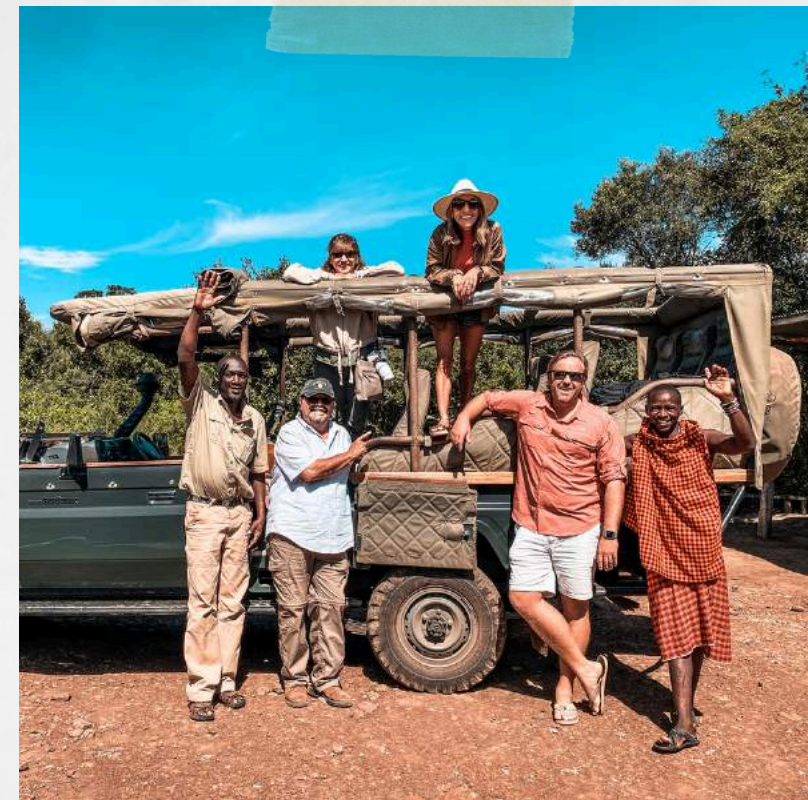
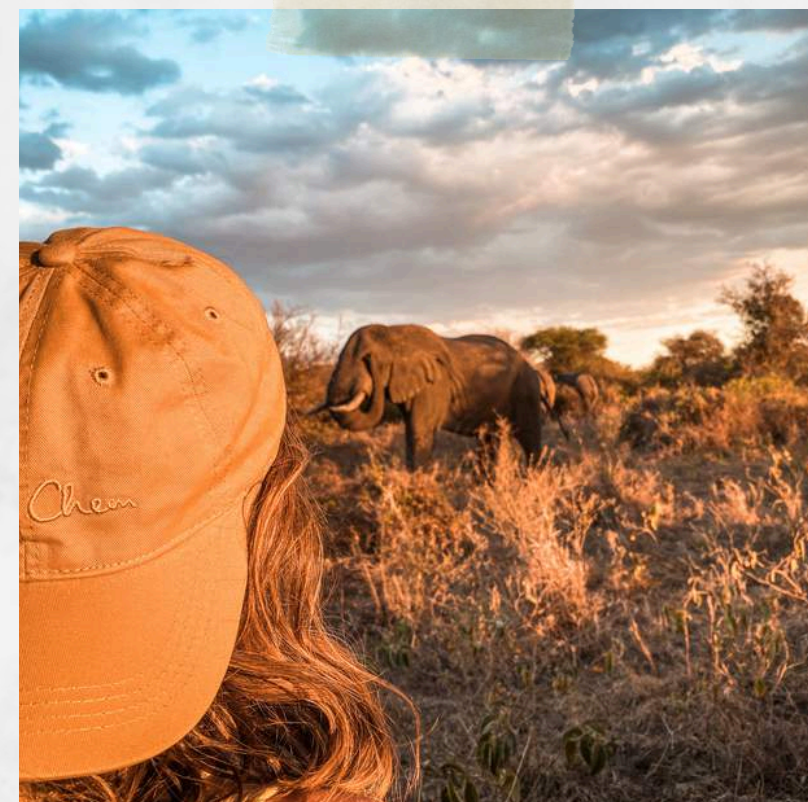


WHO ARE YOU TRAVELING WITH?



We've done it all!

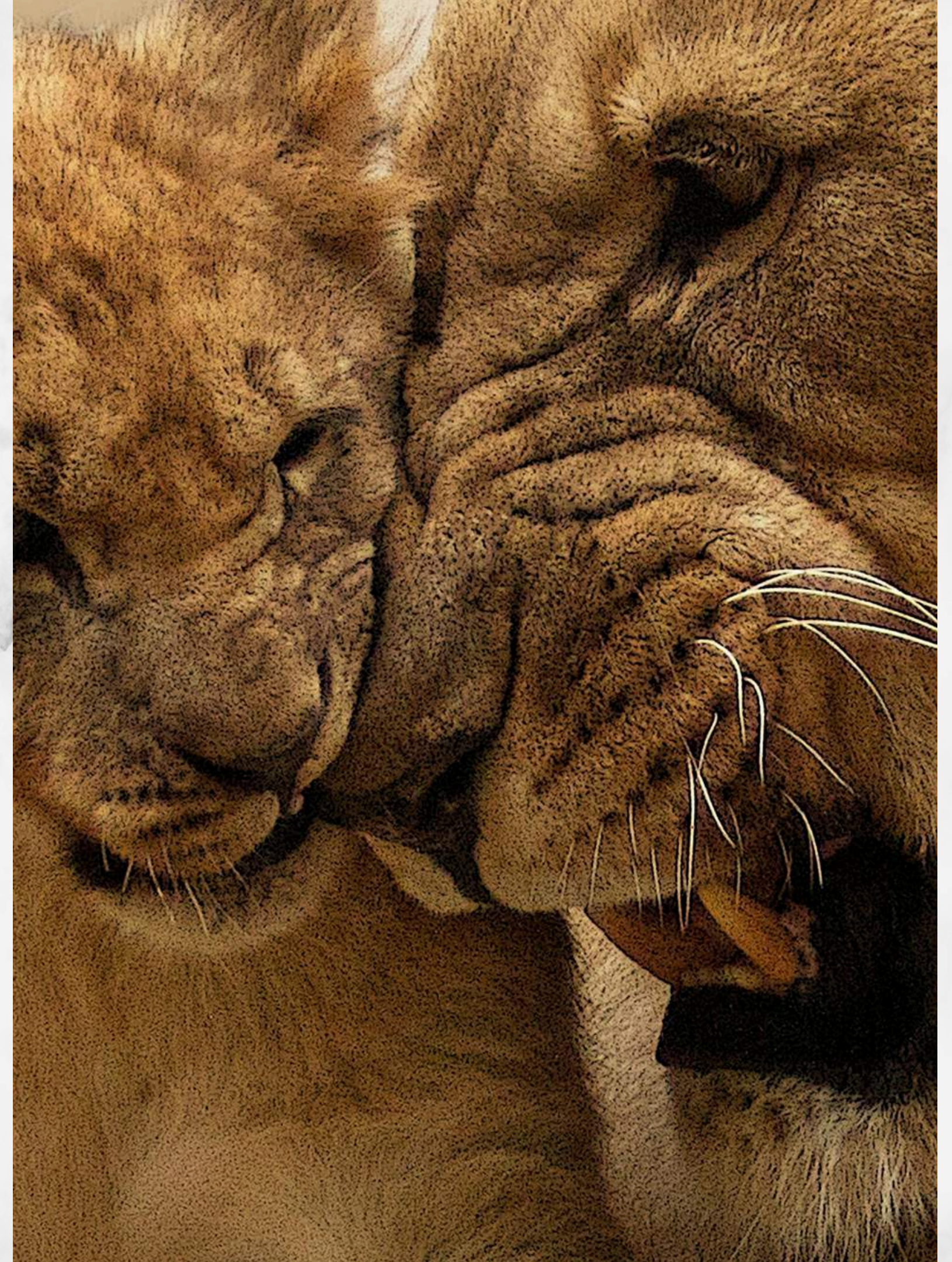
Family trips, solo expeditions, babies on safari, milestone celebrations, honeymoon escapes. Different dynamics call for different locales and lodges so let's dig into the *who* during our discovery call.



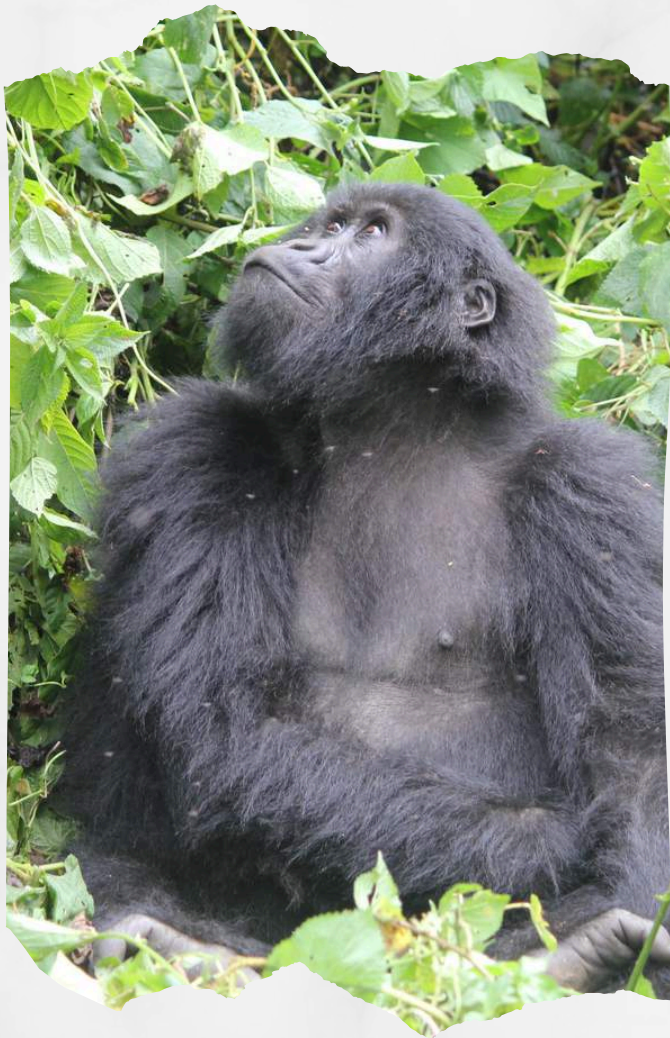
HOW MUCH TO BUDGET

Besides the *when* and *where*, this is the most common question when planning travel to Africa. First off, when we talk about pricing, we look at everything on a *per person basis*, and pricing is generally inclusive. All meals, drinks, drivers, guides, internal logistics, etc. are typically accounted for in your quote. *How much* depends on a variety of things: the destination, seasonality, the activities included, the level of lodge(s), whether there's a private vehicle or not, and whether the trip is solely safari-driven or includes other components. In general, I advise a minimum of \$1500 per person per day for 4*+ experiences when thinking about budgeting.

Also note, that there is typically a single supplement for travelers that varies between 30 and 50%.



THE PROCESS



INTRODUCTORY CALL

We'll start with a 30 – 60 minute Zoom session to flesh out ideas and narrow in on budget, destinations, travel style and more. I'll send a service agreement to get started.



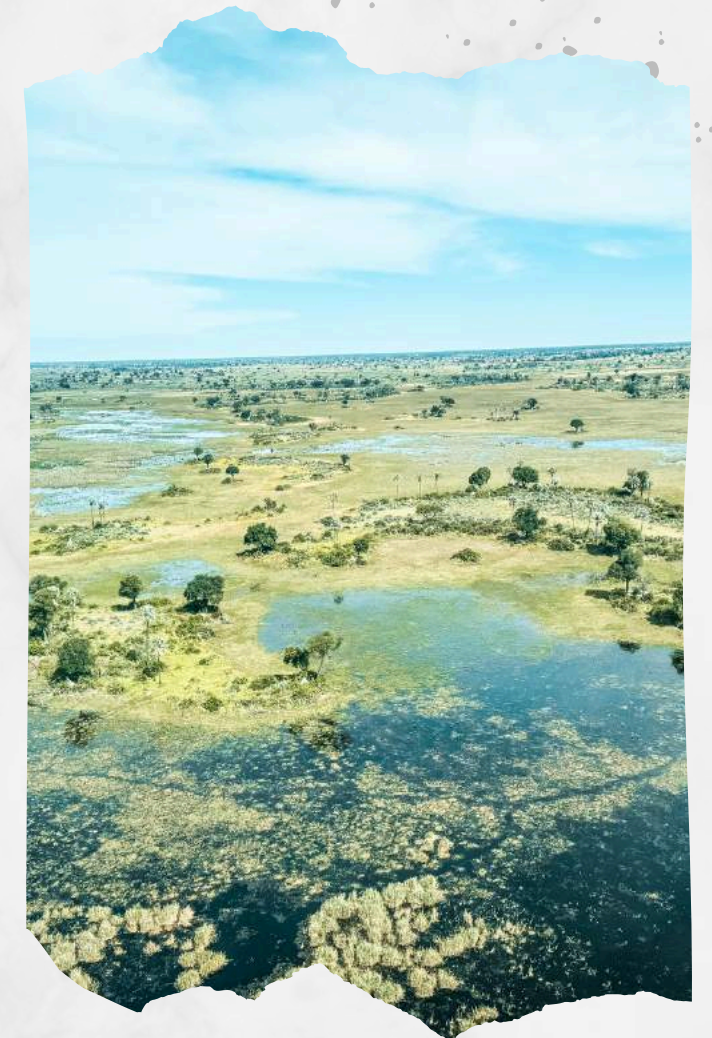
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Next, we'll finalize the itinerary. We'll start with a first draft and edit from there, examining lodges, where to splurge vs. save, and discuss nuances of each locale and camp.



DEPOSIT

Now it's time to formalize everything with a deposit. Typically a 30% nonrefundable deposit is required (this can vary). Travel insurance is highly recommended to secure your deposit and safeguard your trip.



FINAL PREP & DEPARTURE

We'll continue to delve into details of your trip prior to travel to make sure you're prepped for departure!



the details

After we finalize your itinerary and get a deposit in, we can get into the details! As your trip to Africa approaches, we'll dig into the nuances: visa requirements, medication/vaccine requirements and suggestions, packing lists, tipping practices, luggage limits. Having spent months exploring Africa from desert to sea, we'll share documents and info, plus personal insight from past experiences with visas, border crossings, medication, and more.

INVESTING IN MEANINGFUL TRAVEL

My interest in Africa was born long before my agency. In fact, as a graduate student at the London School of Economics, my thesis was centered around South Africa. I focused on social policy and international development, and in many ways I feel that booking meaningful travel to Africa is still aligned with that original vision I had as a twenty-something. If I've learned anything working in the travel space, it's that tourism can be a powerful driver for positive social and economic development. When we choose our partners, lodges, and destinations correctly, those tourism dollars are used to help make a huge impact in the places we visit. Conservation dollars go to help local communities, wildlife conservation, anti-poaching and de-snaring projects, and so much more. The partners we work with are aligned in this mission and some have full-fledged nonprofit or impact arms associated with their safari and tourism businesses. If seeing projects first-hand is of interest, we can chat about the best ways to do this!



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