



OPTIONAL ENHANCEMENTS

Symphony of Sounds

Imagine creating your own Symphony of Sounds in the bushveld ... at your event?

Guests will unwind and tune into the sights, sounds and smells that surround them. They are tasked with recording the sights and sounds of the great African Experiences they have on their game drive – the buzzing of flies on Elephant dung, the mating call of the African Rain Frog – perhaps even the warning sounds of primates, telling each other that there is a snake in the grass or a lion approaching.

Once back from the game drive, the sounds of the bush are composed with an infusion of Rock or maybe Bach – the choice is yours.

In the evening, around the camp fire, they enjoy listening to each teams symphony and view their journey on video. Awards are presented to winners in each category. Symphony of Sounds is no accident. It is a carefully facilitated interactive experience which is both stimulating and fun, whilst also being a phenomenal opportunity to unwind and in the process really connecting with the environment



Rhino Capture Safari

The Southern White Rhinoceros is a conservation success story. By the late 1800's there were only 30 individuals left on earth. Today, thanks to active conservation measures (particularly in KwaZulu-Natal) they number some 15 000 world wide.

Conservation work and wildlife management is an ongoing process. You can become an integral part of this process with ethical hands-on involvement. All the activities on offer involve conservation procedures and wildlife management.

The group will be split into smaller groups of 10 each, and taken over a three day period. This activity is strictly subject to prearrangement and numbers could be reduced at the discretion of the organisers to ensure safety of both the animals and guests.

EXPERIENCE RHINO CAPTURE...

After a thorough briefing on the various capture methods and techniques used, the capture excursion will involve the immobilization of several rhinos from a helicopter by one of South Africa's most experienced wildlife veterinarians, all darted and released individually. Once the animal has been darted you can assist the capture team with a number of actions that need to be taken to prepare the animal before it is worked on. Although the animal will be unconscious, the eyes and ears need to be covered to minimize stimulation of those senses; the animal will need to be manoeuvred into the appropriate position to retrieve the dart and to ensure that the animal's respiration and blood circulation can function properly.



This means that you will get every opportunity to touch and handle these totally wild animals, monitor their breathing and heart rate and keep the animals cool by pouring water over them. After wiping the dust from your face and the sweat from your brow, you will be off again to capture another rhino. This activity is not all sweat and dust. After the mornings action you will have deserved the scrumptious brunch laid out for you in the heart of the bush far from the stresses of civilization. You will be able to reflect on what will have been an experience of a lifetime, and be satisfied in the knowledge that you have actively helped protect these magnificent animals from the threat of poaching; that you have contributed financially towards this operation – an operation that is costly yet necessary for the survival of this species.

The conservation work often required on white rhinos includes:

- Microchip implants in horns to deter poaching
- Ear notching for visual identification
- Capture for relocation
- Capture for various research purposes

Frog Identification

Having a truly African experience is not only about the sights but also about the sounds. The African bush comes alive at night and the distinctive calls of Amphibians complete the nocturnal symphony. The Pilanesberg is home to 18 species of frogs and toads, and due to the ability to recognize individual species from their calls your guide will be able to point out the diminutive Common Caco (the size of a Human Thumb Nail) to the dinner plate sized Giant Bullfrog. Not only will your drive be enjoyable but you will be contributing to the continued research and distribution census of these amazing creatures.



Solve the Crime Anti Poaching

In Anti-Poaching Unit delegates disembark their game drive vehicles and proceed on foot through the bush, following small clues and blood trails to the 'Poaching Scene'. They have limited time to solve the crime. They need to become crack forensic investigators. Firstly they will observe the scene where the elephant fell and make appropriate notes. They need to follow forensic procedure to collect evidence. Perhaps they will discover more tracks leading to poacher camps, where more evidence could be found. During all the procedures, the main laboratory would have certain findings from real elephant DNA, ballistics and other "tell-tale" clues. Slowly the pieces of the puzzle fall into place but they are racing against the clock. This teambuild will have adrenaline pumping and mental gears turning like no other product.

Drumming

Drumming has been used in Africa for thousands of years, to mark an occasion or to draw others near. Drums are used at births, initiations, weddings, funerals, celebrations and in preparation for battle.

Each person is presented with a traditional African drum – an accessible musical instrument for non-musicians. Our team of master facilitators and musicians will teach participants how to play and how to listen to one another. Within 15 minutes, the group will be making music together.

Gumboot Dancing

Gumboot dancing is a hallmark of traditional South African culture, with its core characteristic of shoes hitting the ground and heels clicking. Interactive gumboot dancing unleashes energy to any event. We provide each person with a pair of gumboots. Our team will teach your group basic dance routines, and within a few minutes the group will be grooving and stomping together.



Specialist Presentation

Presentation to the group by a field specialist, e.g, snakes or scorpions. The snake presentation is conducted as a more formal talk with the expert bringing in different species, and addressing the group. The scorpion talk is more interactive, and involves guests walking through the terrain in search of this creature. Identification is made, and the specialist addresses the group about the habits of that particular species.

Meerkat Motivation

Renowned motivational speaker Estienne de Beer is guaranteed to set your next conference or event on fire. Since ancient times, people have gleaned from nature's example. "Meerkat Motivation for the Marketplace" teaches us how the meerkats' success behaviours can be applied in the corporate world. Presented by the infectiously energetic Estienne de Beer, "Meerkat Motivation for the Marketplace" will inspire your team to new heights, through lessons from the charismatic South African meerkat.

Animal Planet's top billing television show, "Meerkat Manor", has fixated viewers in over 160 countries. The uncensored taping of these fascinating creatures has revealed the true synergy of the meerkats' nature.

In the wilds of Africa, the fight or flight impulse is the governing force. Corporates can learn from the meerkats' example, especially as it pertains to teamwork strategy. In the information age, where competition has intensified, and the corporate battlefield has grown more perilous, the need for survival has reentered modern culture.

For an exciting and informative hour, Estienne de Beer presents a fixating visual of these animals' masterminds in "Meerkat Motivation for the Marketplace". He clearly demonstrates to his audience that by basing their business principles on the meerkats' unmatched example, they can and will become more successful.

With the odds against them daily, meerkats forge their careers in a three square mile sandy environment, surrounded by ferocious maws and claws, bureaucracy, professional jealousy, and competition. Compared to the day-to-day expeditions of the meerkat, hostile corporate takeovers, or business challenges, seem insubstantial



Penguin Adoption

There were about 1.5 million adult African Penguins along the southern African coast in the 1930's. Human activities reduced this number by a staggering 90% in less than a century. The African Penguin, together with over a dozen other sea bird species found in South Africa, is considered to be threatened and vulnerable to extinction.

You can help us to save a species by adopting an African Penguin.

Penguin adoptions are quite simple. Each year during our busy winter season (June-November) we photograph each rehabilitated penguin before it is released back into the wild. Each bird receives a metal flipper-band before it is released. The medical history of the bird corresponds to the number on the band and this information is captured onto our database. To adopt a penguin, we look up its number and provide you with: a letter of adoption - including a brief medical history (where the bird came from, what was wrong with it, how much it weighed on admission and release etc.), a photograph of your penguin, a certificate of adoption. The documents are then posted to you and your bird can never be adopted by anyone else.

Child Sponsorship

Each couple will be paired with an underprivileged child. They can correspond with the child leading up to the trip through letters, photos etc should they want. On arrival in South Africa they will have the opportunity to meet the child at a special event arranged for the group at a child friendly venue. Should they choose they could then continue to correspond with and assist the child. A small donation can be given towards the child's education or upbringing in the guests name.

Sports Challenge

Soccer fever is at its peak in South Africa at the moment with the World Cup taking place in June/July. Challenge a local village team to a friendly match. In addition to a fun filled afternoon, there is the option of giving back to the community by assisting with uniform sponsorship.