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We believe in providing a great deal of information on the options available, to help you choose the right trip. As a result, there's a lot to read in these pages (and even more on our website). To help you to navigate, see the summary boxes beside our maps.

In addition, on pages 6–21 we've included sections that focus on a variety of special interests. We recommend that you read these, following the page references of the ones that interest you. Then, after reading about the areas that most appeal to you, take a look at our trip ideas. These are listed at the end of each country section. None are fixed; they are just ideas of what is possible. Dig deeper into these by reading our website, and see thousands of reviews written by our travellers.

When you want more detailed and personal guidance, call us. We can help you to understand the choices in greater depth, answer any questions, and give independent advice from our own experience. With our guidance you can plan your tailor-made trip, and then (at no charge) we'll send you a fully costed, suggested itinerary designed to suit you perfectly.

NAMIBIA

Pages 26–67 Namibia is visually stunning, and you can drive yourself as easily as you can be flown. Both first-time Africa visitors and veterans come for great scenery and wildlife – and all love it!

BOTSWANA

Pages 84–113 Botswana offers some of Africa's most exclusive big-game safaris – with stylish camps, wonderful wildlife and excellent guides. You'll hop around by light aircraft, and perhaps drop in to the Victoria Falls at the start or end of your trip.

THE CAPE

Pages 68–83 South Africa is vast and we feature only the Cape. Come for a weekend or a few weeks to enjoy fine food, wineries and culture in and around Cape Town, one of the world's most beautiful cities. Explore further to visit the seaside towns and beaches of the Garden Route, perhaps ending at a malaria-free, child-friendly game reserve for a few days.

RWANDA

Pages 164–171 After its troubled history, this small, mountainous central African country is new to tourism, and most of its hotels are still basic. However a few excellent new lodges have recently opened, its people are fascinating, and the trips to see Rwanda's gorillas are outstanding.

ZAMBIA

Pages 114–141 Zambia offers superb safaris with many tiny, owner-run camps and some of the most knowledgeable guides in the business. Come for classic 4WD safaris, night drives, the very best walking safaris and the great spectacle of the Victoria Falls.

EXPERT AFRICA ONLINE

Use our website alongside this brochure, and don't miss the thousands of lodge reviews written by our travellers – they are a great resource when you're planning your trip. It also includes much that we haven't the space for here: detailed camp reports written by our experts; satellite maps locating specific lodges and points of interest, and expanded details of our trips ideas (day-by-day itineraries, costs, etc).

You'll also find direct links to further information, including the websites of most of the camps, lodges and hotels that we feature. Our website is constantly changing and being updated – so do use it to check the latest reports before you book your trip.

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Kunene River

Okavango River

OKAVANGO
DELTA

MAUN

NAMIBIA

WINDHOEK

BOTS

Orange River

SOUTH
AFRICA

CAPE TOWN



SEYCHELLES

Pages 244–269 A vast archipelago of 155 tropical-island idylls, Seychelles is the epitome of Indian Ocean indulgence. Sparkling waters, powder-sand beaches and lush vegetation create a stunning seaside environment – with options from the world-class luxury of private islands, to a handful of lovely, but affordable, small hotels and guesthouses.

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TANZANIA

Pages 172–233 Tanzania offers a classic combination: big-game safaris and tropical beaches. Visit remote safari areas in the south and west, or the popular reserves of the north – and combine either with some of Africa's most magical islands and beaches.

MALAWI

Pages 142–147 Malawi is a quiet, friendly country that features one of Africa's greatest lakes. Old Africa hands will enjoy exploring, relaxing beside the lake or venturing to Nyika Plateau, where there's great walking and riding.

MOZAMBIQUE

Pages 234–243 Travel is getting easier in Mozambique, although much of the country remains offbeat and remote. We've offered trips to the stunning archipelagos of Bazaruto and Quirimbas for years; now we're introducing several mainland areas that also lay claim to remote beaches and fabulous marine environments. Plus – also new for this year – the option of a pioneering safari in Gorongosa National Park.

ZIMBABWE

Pages 148–163 Zimbabwe seems to have recently turned a corner, making this is a great year to visit! We've excellent-value trips which are ideal for experienced Africa travellers. These include short tastes, possible as side-trips from Zambia, and more adventurous safaris focusing just on Zimbabwe.