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OVER THE WATERS OF AFRICA

**An Exclusive Flying Safari - Nairobi to Livingstone
August 16 – September 02, 2012**



This unique, low-level flying safari will explore the great “Waters of Africa.” I will personally fly only three or four fortunate people over Lake Victoria, Lake Tanganyika, Lake Malawi, the Luangwa River, the Zambezi River, and the Victoria Falls. An option will be continue on to the Okavango Delta, the Atlantic Ocean’s Skeleton Coast, finishing at the foot of Africa in Cape Town.

I have flown throughout Africa all my life, and the last two years my guests have further explored the great watercourses of Africa. From the source of the Nile to the southern tip of this continent, these waterways define life in Africa. On this year’s trip, our flight plan will cover *eight* of the greatest game countries on earth.

KENYA: Depart Nairobi to fly over the migration and the shores of Lake Victoria.
TANZANIA: 3 nights on Lake Tanganyika, trekking for chimpanzees, 1 night in Katavi.
MALAWI: Fly over the northern shores of Lake Malawi and the Nyika Plateau.
ZAMBIA: 3 nights in South Luangwa Park - Africa's least traveled wilderness.
3 nights at Victoria Falls – rafting, walking across to ***ZIMBABWE.***

Optional: continue on to BOTSWANA:

3 nights in Okavango Delta, the world's greatest wetland, great wildlife.
NAMIBIA: 3 nights of the Skeleton Coast and climbing the world’s highest dunes.
S. AFRICA: 2 nights in Cape Town to celebrate the most exclusive flying safari ever!



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Thu Aug 16 – Sat Aug 18

Rekero Tented Camp – Masai Mara, Kenya



Thursday - Arrive Nairobi JKIA on Kenya Airways KQ 101 at 6:30am from London. Met upon arrival by my personal driver who will drive you to the famous old Aero Club for breakfast. I will meet you here with my Cessna 210 fuelled and ready to go ... After breakfast we will taxi out for the first leg of our extraordinary adventure, across the Great Rift Valley west to the Masai Mara, arriving Ol Kiombo airstrip at 10:45am. You will be met upon arrival and game drive to Rekero luxury tented camp, located along the banks of the Talek river. Maasai partner and

legendary guide Jackson Looseyia will host you at Rekero, here at the height of the wildebeest migration.

A trip to Africa without nights under canvas is simply not complete. Tents are brand new and very comfortable, with flushing loo and bucket shower attached to the rear of the tent. Rekero tented camp is located in a beautiful setting on the banks of the Talek River in an area of the Mara visited by less tourists. Your hosts have lived in the area for years and have close relations with the local Maasai people who will introduce you to their culture.



Your days will be spent game driving and taking walks amongst the greatest concentration of wildlife anywhere on earth.

Imagine an early morning hot air balloon ride floating above the Mara and evenings spent sitting around a campfire under the unforgettable African stars.

Sun Aug 19

Rusinga Island – Lake Victoria, Kenya

Depart from Rekero Tented Camp on our flight to Rusinga Island for a day of fishing and exploring the lake. It is a 30 minute flight to **Rusinga Island**, located just off the East shore of Lake Victoria, the world's second largest lake.



Rusinga is a wonderful place from which to explore the lake, do some fishing for up to 200 lb giant Nile perch, or even windsurf and water ski. You can cruise along the lakeshore witnessing superb bird life, fishing villages of a time gone by, have close encounters with Fish Eagles, take boat trips to bird-nesting islands, sail in a traditional dhow, or just relax in the tropical gardens and recharge your batteries.

Mon Aug 20 – Wed Aug 22

Mahale Mountains - Western Tanzania



Monday – Depart from Rusinga Island, a short flight to Kisumu to clear customs, and on along the shores of Lake Victoria, the source of the Nile, to Mwanza, on the southern end of the lake, to clear customs into Tanzania. Airborne again, we fly southwest along the Burundi border, joining the Great Rift Valley and the crystal blue waters of Lake Tanganyika, 4,700 feet deep and the world’s longest lake.

Landing in the Mahale Mountains in western Tanzania, we take a dhow, and will spend three days at the ***Greystoke Camp***, in elegant comfort right on the lake shore. Tropical forests hang full of vines, waterfalls course down the mountain slopes and thousands of butterflies flutter like confetti. Here you will explore the national park on foot and go fishing from a traditional Arab dhow. Trekking up through lowland and montane forest, we will spend time with the oldest habituated group of chimpanzees in Africa. Some are so accustomed to human presence that they allow you to sit amongst them. There are other primates too, including Colobus and Blue Monkeys.



The shores of Lake Tanganyika lie at the foot of the Rift Valley’s eastern wall, territory well known to Stanley and Livingstone. Surrounded by spectacular forests and a daily crescendo of powerful sunsets, the lake’s clear waters are home to a vast number of cyclids, vividly-colored tropical fish, offering superb *snorkeling and fishing*.

Thu Aug 23

Katavi – Southern Tanzania



Flying low along the rugged shores of Lake Tanganyika and southern Tanzania we will land on the vast open plains of Katavi, a wild and remote home to some of the best game in Africa. Here we refuel and proceed to a fly camp near Katavi Katuma camp to spend the night. At this time of year we will be stunned by the most spectacular congregations of hippo and crocodiles anywhere in Africa.



Fri Aug 24 – Sun 26 Aug ***Tafika - Luangwa Valley, Northern Zambia***

We continue on to across the scenic highlands to Mbeya to stretch legs and clear customs out of Tanzania. Winging south over the hills of northern Zambia, we will follow the western shore of Lake Malawi. Crossing the famed Nyika plateau we will notice how much this remote countryside has changed, before landing at Mfue two hours later for Zambian customs. Our final short hop is to Tafika on the sandy, lazy Luangwa River.





In Zambia's remote South Luangwa Park lies *Tafika*, the home and unique safari camp of John and Carol Coppinger, nestled on a sweeping bank of the Luangwa River. Whilst here, John will take you for a fly along the river in his micro-light to see the vast pods of hippo, giving you yet another perspective.

Our first evening we will set off on a game drive by car and on foot to spot the great black - maned lions lounging on the river bank, elephants, massive herds of buffalo, and always-elegant giraffe. The next morning we will walk through some of Africa's wildest country with an armed safari guide to Crocodile Bush Camp for the night - a wilderness haven. We return for a second night at Tafika, having experienced first hand many of the African bush's glories.

Mon Aug 27 – Tue Aug 28

Sausage Tree Camp – Zambia

Flying low on over the wild northern Zambian bush, we pick up the Luangwa River again, merging dramatically into the Zambezi coming in from our left. Half an hour later, we descend over the stark Zambian escarpment and over the Zambezi itself; our circling brings us over Zimbabwe's Mana Pools before settling on the sandy strip at Jeki. Here we will be met and board our boat to take us gently upstream, casting our lines for tiger-fish and marveling at the elephant forging across this mighty river.

Here we will spend two days getting to know this mighty river and the great quantities of game, birdlife and fish that rely upon it.



Wed Aug 29 – Fri Aug 31

Royal Livingstone Hotel- Livingstone - Zambia

We skim low along the river observing the massive flow of this African powerhouse and two hours later the spray from Victoria Falls announces its thunderous cauldron. We fly overhead the Falls for unforgettable Views, crowned with rainbow effects, before landing at Livingstone.

Met by a driver from Safari Par Excellence and transfer to the Royal Livingstone Hotel, approximately 20-minute drive. The Royal Livingstone is a beautiful modern period hotel on the banks of the Zambezi River. Located a couple of miles upstream from the Victoria Falls, the hotel offers magnificent views overlooking other islands and a nearby floodplain of the Victoria Falls National Park. Whilst here you will game view by boat, canoe, and simply relax in the hotels luxury surroundings. There are several activities, which can be organized in advance: helicopter flight over the falls, sundowner cruise on the Zambezi River, etc. (We will discuss these and plan the activities according to your interests).

Thursday We will boat up river to have a *cordon bleu* lunch on Livingstone

Island, and plunge into a rock pool on the very lip of the Falls. Other options are the thrill of a full or half day's white water rafting on one of the most exciting rivers in the world, and or stimulating your adrenalin with a bungee jump!



Sat Sep 01 Road transfer to Kasane From here you will either take a commercial flight onto Johannesburg for your flight home,

OR you may elect to continue on to Botswana and Namibia.

I will fly the aircraft back to Kenya via Malawi and Tanzania.

Please call me for the cost and options for this unique, once in a lifetime safari.

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