

Next stop Skukuza and the Savanna Lodge. Our airport pick-up was great - he even stopped and we saw Cape buffalo and giraffe on the way to the lodge. We were really spoiled by having Savanna as our first stop. GREAT EXPERIENCE!!!! People, facility, guide, accommodations - outstanding! Paddy was a terrific host as were Natasha and MacKayla and our guide Derrick was the best. Every time I thought "it can't get any better than this" it did. At lunch the day of arrival, we sat down and a huge herd of Cape buffalo came to the waterhole just outside the grounds. Really liked sitting at one long table with the rest of the guests, trading stories of the day. The first morning we had a leopard hiding next to the wheel of the rover peeking underneath to watch the impala. David was on the top seat just 4 feet above him. Also saw plenty of lions - David's favorite. I'm not sure I can even pick a favorite...Food was great too. Loved the cocktail hour around the fire. Went to the village and took the school supplies we packed. The little ones sang songs for us. They were just precious. Hated to leave.

You were right about the panorama tour- we saw some gorgeous scenery. Did a lot of walking too- didn't make it to the top of God's Window - settled for the lower view...

Victoria Falls Hotel - beautiful hotel. Excellent service! Loved the elephant experience. We had a huge 30 year old male Jock - nicknamed the pig as he wants to eat all the time...Great sightseeing experience with Victoria Falls guide, Cynthia. She walked us over to the train station and had the driver pick us up there.

David got to go up into the cab of the steam engine- he loved it as he is a big steam train aficionado. Even with the raincoats we were wet. Falls were breathtaking and Cynthia got us there at the right time of day. Rainbows everywhere. Could ask her anything and she knew the answer.

Chobe Chilwero was terrific too. The river cruise was great- saw elephants swimming-hippos too. They're a bit scary- they'd just pop up and then we would change course away from them. We were a bit concerned that we wouldn't see as much since they aren't allowed to go off trail, but didn't need to worry - saw lots. Elephants up close and personal - 2 feet from the rover. Lions only 20 yds from the restroom/ breakfast stop. She was so hidden in the grass that none of the vehicles spotted her right away. She had cubs stashed in a thicket and didn't appreciate the traffic...Hippos, crocs, sable antelope, more giraffe, zebra, lions. Lots of animals large and small and birds of all kinds. We loved it here too. At meals they have separate tables, but we sat with another couple on a few occasions which we liked better. Ish was our guide and the first day our rover group asked to take off the canvas top of the rover- which they did. It allowed us to see more birds and when we saw giraffe and elephant the top didn't get in the way. Since temps were mild we really didn't need the shade. Accommodations were first rate - would do little special things in the room each eve and after our last evening game drive had a hot bubble bath and champagne waiting for us.

This was our best trip ever. Not sure that anything could top it - ever. Ps: took about 1500 photo plus video - still going thru them all.

**Debra Christensen, June 2016**

Hello everyone -

Just a quick note to thank you for an amazing trip!

Cape Town: Our guide (Lucia) was perfect - thank you for matching her with us! Use her wherever you can - your guests will never be disappointed. We went to Signal (at Cape Grace), Del Aire Graff, Mondiall, and Black Sheep for restaurants. And Karibu in the V&A Waterfront. Oh - and Two Oceans at Cape Point. All were excellent - no disappointments. (And the dollar is so strong!! It's ridiculous how impeccably you can eat & drink in South Africa for very low prices.)

MalaMala...We loved it. The animals, the scenery, the lodging, the food, the service... They were amazing to us - and our ranger Dave was phenomenal. We loved the history of the place & the old school vibe. And of course, the game viewing was fantastic.

I'd go back and do any of it in a heart beat.

You gave us the trip of the lifetime. Thank you. Please let me know if there are any other ways that I can spread the word about you guys. I'm so glad that John recommended you when I started my search; I hope to be that person for many others in the future. And as I said, I'm happy to be a reference for you if ever necessary.

All my best,  
**Liza Weale, March 2016**

Words cannot describe the amazing trip you planned for us. Your tag line states "For the safari of a life time" and it is true!

I travel a lot and this has been my favorite trip to date! The trip was so easy and smooth due to all the people that transported us from location to location.

I have so many highlights including the following:

- Cheetah Plains Safari Camp was amazing! Everyone there had a visible passion for being there and were so welcoming! The guide Andrew was a phenomenal guide who taught me more in 3 days than I thought I could learn. ..I would have loved more time with him! His love of animals was addicting. The rooms were so clean, comfy and felt like home while we were there. The food was delicious! Chef made local dishes which were so much fun to eat and so yummy!
- Cynthia in Victoria Falls was so fun. She helped me understand the culture of Zimbabwe and see the beautiful falls!
- Everyone at Muchenje Safari Lodge was very kind. Paul was a wonderful guide who was extremely informative! Sy's boat cruise was an amazing end to our trip.

We had no glitches and had the best trip thanks to all your preparation!  
Thank you!

**Jean Kostka and Meg Kefaloonitis, May 2016**

