Have been back a week and a half and feel we are still in a “dream.” After five years of pepperi
with questions about where, when and how best to go, we finally made it to Africa. My husband, at
first reluctant, has declared the trip “well worth it” and we were very pleased to have chosen to work
with Africa Adventure Company.

We took the Atlanta to Joberg flight, and after a night at the Intercontinental (very nice), it was off to
Kirkman’s in Sabi Sand. For us, this was a perfect first safari. A team of four greeted us and kept an eye
on us for the whole four night stay. Our guide, Sean, was exceptional and we understand he also
occasionally guides at Ngala Tented. We saw four of the big five (the lions had gone out of the area
for two weeks, but we understand they came back the day we left), food was delicious, wonderful massage,
etc. The drought has had an impact on the area, but there are still many animals. And the staff has an
amazing spirit of hospitality.

Next we flew to Victoria Falls, where we had two nights at the Victoria Falls Hotel. We had dinner at
Jungle Junction, a lovely tour of the falls with Esther, and did the Zambezi Explorer cruise signature deck.
Everything was very nice but we wished we had skipped the sunset cruise to just rest. Throughout our trip
we saw many couples just skipping a morning or afternoon safari drive to rest but we could never bring
ourselves to do it.

Next up was two nights at Ngoma Lodge, one of the nicest accommodations we have ever stayed in, with
sweeping views down to the river from our room. In the mornings we could see the impala (and one
morning elephants) walking down to the river from our bed. Magical. Food was also good, and they do a
full day safari here that includes time on the water… this property is different in that we saw large herds of
animals such as zebra and elephants, as well as many extraordinary water birds, crocs, etc.

The journey on to Little Vumbura was an adventure in itself in our five-seater plane. Vumbura has
beautiful grassy plains interspersed with “roads” that go right through the water. Again, guiding by Nas
was wonderful, and here we saw the lions we had missed up to this point, a leopard in a tree, herds of
sable, tsessebe, red lechwe, reedbuck, and so forth. I enjoyed the mekoro more than my husband, who
found it a little tame. The boma (only Monday nights) was a treat.

Our last stop was the Queen Victoria in Cape Town, and though the weather was somewhat dreary and
we never got up Table Mountain, we did get down to Cape Point one day and we would strongly
recommend this drive. In the winelands, we especially enjoyed the chocolate and wine pairing at
Waterford. We really enjoyed dinner at Willoughby’s and a stop by Bascule, the whisky bar at Cape Grace
that also serves small plates. Near the end of our stay we discovered a great food market (closes at
6:00), bakery and wine store, all near the entrance to the waterfront, that provided great picnic fare.

A special thanks to Elena and AAC for triple checking all arrangements - there were so many junctures
where something could have gone wrong but nothing did. Transfers were timely and smooth and we were
especially grateful to have assistance making the border crossing from Zambia to Zimbabwe, which is a
little complicated.

From the many options for a first trip to Africa, this itinerary worked well for us. Our dates were August 18
to September 4 and with the weather this year we understand we were about one or two weeks too early
for the maximum abundance of the spring wildflowers around Cape Town but the weather was absolutely
perfect for safari.

We would highly recommend this trip. Again, many thanks.

Betty Kuhn, Aug 2016
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.

Victoria Falls Hotel - beautiful hotel. Excellent service!

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

Words cannot describe the amazing trip you planned for us. Your tag line states “For the safari of a lifetime” 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