

Give Back, Get Active and Go on Safari



3 days

service work with preschool children

3 days

Bushfire Music Festival

3 days

luxury safari Sabi Sands
Private Reserve

Sightseeing, wine tasting, local wares
shopping & other fun stuff



Sunday, May 25th
to
Sunday, June 8th, 2025

We would like to invite you to join us

on a service trip to the small African country of Eswatini (recently changed from Swaziland). As many of you know, we have been to Eswatini about 30 times, alone and guiding groups of up to 29 people. Let me tell you about this one and offer some snapshots of what could lie ahead for you.

The trip will be a total of **14 days** days, (with optional side trips and additional days in Johannesburg) plus travel. There will be a maximum of 8 spots available. Due to safari bookings, these dates are firm.



There will be days of work at the Moya Centre Preschool.

The work will be of a nature that everyone can participate. We will be painting the interior of the new preschool, with fun colours and patterns. We will begin a garden, and adding to the playground. The work can be adjusted to individual strengths, abilities and interests. We can work with unskilled but keen, and we have even accommodated people who can't work at all.

You will also be asked to bring items in your baggage allowance for the preschool. Details to follow, but in particular warmer clothing for small boys ages 3-7 years, metal die cast toys, art supplies, Duplos, etc.

One fun aspect to this particular service project, is that it is walking distance from your accommodations. It is very safe and you will enjoy walking with local people for the 1 km to the work site.

There will be days of viewing.

You can't come to Eswatini without seeing it. There will be at least two days where we tour the rural areas, view other projects with women and enjoy Eswatini's mountainous beauty.



Moya inside new preschool



Moya staff new preschool





MALANDELA'S LIFESTYLE -Location of the Bushfire Music Festival and a great restaurant, 1.0 Km from your Willows Lodge accommodations.



Accommodations:

I have travelled this country from end to end and this is one of the best accommodations in Eswatini. For the first four nights, you will be staying at Willows Lodge (willowslodgeswaziland.com), in single, double or triple chalets. Willows is situated on a farm in a rural area, it is private, safe and very comfortable. All have private en-suites and views of the grounds. There is a shared pool and nice spots for a sundowner. Some rooms have kitchenettes. There is a restaurant and a night watchman on site. These grounds are lovely with a pond, mature gardens and sugar cane fields in the distance. It is often used for weddings and gatherings.

During the music festival, you will be glamping in my backyard. I live onsite at Mandela's Farm where the music festival is held. We will set up very comfortable tents, with sleeping platforms and foamie mattresses for the 3 nights of the festival. You will have access to a private bathroom and our kitchen throughout. It is a busy time, but oh so much fun!



Local shops:



BAOBAB BATIK

High quality batik interior decor, scarves, leggings and an eclectic kids' collection.

These hand-painted batiks are made by women in Eswatini at a nearby workshop.



GONE RURAL

Traditional weaving techniques reinterpreted into new and innovative contemporary designs.

Our women are skilled weavers and are at the heart of everything we do.



DALA SPACES

Eswatini's first concept store offering the best of Eswatini home, fashion, accessories and lifestyle brands.

The store holds a curated selection of products from over 20 local small brands.



KHOKHO

Leather and woven bags, combining local craft and contemporary design.

These beautiful bags and accessories are created in the studio at Mandela's.



BUSHFIRE FESTIVAL

Africa's largest multicultural festival, globally infused, authentically African and proudly Eswatini.



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30 MAY- 1 JUNE 2025

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the official video





Hyena



White Rhino



Giraffe

3-Day Luxury Safari included

3-days all inclusive safari in the Sabi Sands private game reserve, Kruger National Park, South Africa. World-reknown safari location, with world-class rangers, amazing accommodation, 5 star dining and animal viewing that you have only dreamed of. Come and see: lions, leopards, rhinos, elephants, hippos, cape buffalo, impala, hyenas, and many many other species large and small. If we are really lucky, there could be a visit from a local pack of the most endangered; wild dog.



Leopard



Zebras



Wild Dogs



Open Game Vehicles



Elephants



Wild Dogs



FAQs

HOW MUCH DOES THIS TRIP COST? 2025 pricing is \$xxxxCAD per person. NOTE: GST and PST do NOT apply to these trips. This does not include airfare. (As a point of reference, the retail value of this safari at Inyati is \$xxxx per person.)

ACCEPTED FORMS OF PAYMENT

- e-transfers, to jacarandajourneys@gmail.com, make the password: safari
- cheque via the post, make cheques payable to Jacaranda Journeys, post to 4531 Gaspardone Rd, Kelowna, BC V1W 5A7
- PayPal using credit or debit card.

SINGLE OR DOUBLE OCCUPANCY? All pricing above is based on double occupancy. Single supplement while in Eswatini, add \$xxx CAD to this price (available on first come first served basis, limited availability.)

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THIS PACKAGE? All ground transfers to and from the airports, 3 day all-inclusive safari at Inyati Game Lodge in a private game reserve, Sabi Sands (Kruger National Park) all accommodations, all breakfasts, most lunches, all ground transportation while in Eswatini, bottled water while in Eswatini, all needed material onsite for the service project and a full time guide.

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED IN THIS PACKAGE? Airfare to and from Johannesburg, 10 dinners, 5 lunches, tips for housekeeping in Eswatini and for your Inyati Game Lodge safari ranger, tracker and staff, travel insurance and trip cancellation insurance. The tipping at Inyati can be in cash or on a credit card as you check out.

I WANT TO GO, HOW TO I RESERVE MY SPOT ON THIS TRIP? Send us \$xxxx CAD now to hold your spot via etransfer. This is 90% refundable up to January 3rd, 2025.

BALANCE IS DUE: 30 days before travel.





WILL I BE SAFE? Although one can never offer guarantees on such a trip, we can reassure you that I have now guided 150 people there, without incident. Basic safety rules apply, we on the roads during the day, we stay only in best quality accommodations, eat at reputable restaurants, we use only the best quality and maintained vehicles and drivers for ground transportation, we have night watchmen at our accommodations, we lock up our belongings. This small country is not at war, it did however have some pro democracy political unrest in July 2021. There remains the occasional protest from the pro-democracy group. As the months pass, however, these events are dampening and infrequent. I am currently living here and can attest that life is completely normal. We guide families with children and student groups, all with equal comfort and safety.

HOW ABOUT HEALTH, WILL I GET SICK? Again, no guarantees, but we recently guided 29 people there with only two sore throats. We've taken approximately 150 people over the past years and 3 times we have had stomach flu or belly issue.

WHAT SAFETY MEASURES MUST I TAKE FOR HEALTH? No vaccines are required, however make your own decisions in this regard. Jacaranda's main health precaution is drinking only bottled water or bottled drinks. While on safari, you are in the low-veld, which has the potential for malaria. Make your own health decisions in this regard also.

WHO IS THIS TRIP MEANT FOR? People love travel, want to learn about Africa, who wish to give back, be active and experience a once in a lifetime safari!

WHAT ABOUT THE FOOD? ALLERGIES? All meals will be good, wholesome and with well sourced ingredients. We can accommodate all eating types, aversions and allergies such as: vegan, vegetarian, gluten free, Celiac, nut and seafood allergies safely with healthy and delicious options.





CAN I DRINK THE WATER? You could, however we recommend drinking only bottled water, which is included in the cost and will be provided throughout the trip. You can bath/shower and brush your teeth in the tap water.

ARE THERE ANY MORE COMFORT PIECES TO THIS TRIP NOT YET REVEALED? We can visit the mineral hot springs in the area for a refreshing and cultural experience. It can be arranged to have a massage therapist or esthetician come to our accommodations for massage, pedi, or mani if desired. (added cost)



I'd like to know more: links.....



Swazi Kids is the name of the non-governmental organization of which Pam Carlson has been founder and president, since the year 2001, when it first began work in Eswatini. Your service project will be under the umbrella of work being done by Swazi Kids.

Visit Swazi Kids online: swazikids.org



Moya Centre

moya.org.sz/education-program



Malandela's is your wonderful, fun, funky and comfortable accommodations while in Eswatini.

mandelas.com



Your safari location is **Inyati Game Lodge** in Sabi Sands private game reserve, adjacent and contiguous with Kruger National Park: www.inyati.co.za If you investigate Inyati online, you will learn that it is a first-class safari experience. The animal viewing is amongst the best in the world, and is certainly the best in South Africa. The rangers are top flight, accommodations are gorgeous and the food is excellent.



HIKING, WALKING AND PARKS:

www.biggameparks.org/mlilwane we will be in Mlilwane Reserve at least once.



GROUND TRANSPORTATION: All Out's van and driver will meet you at Sun Rock Guest House, JNB and transport you into and around eSwatini/Swaziland, onto safari and back to OR Tambo, JNB airport. Their vehicles are air conditioned vans and held to a first world standard for drivers' abilities and service. www.alloutafrica.com



GONE RURAL WOMEN'S SOCIAL ENTERPRISE:

goneruralswazi.com/bomake We build and create community centres for women working within this social enterprise, on the ground in Eswatini. You will visit some of these centres during your trip and observe the women at work.

RETAIL IDEAS:

some or all of these may be visited during your stay

www.facebook.com/ZoggsIt

www.swazicandles.com

www.gonerural.co.sz

www.ngwenyaglass.co.sz



Any more questions, just ask!

I am currently living in Swaziland/Eswatini, the best way to reach me is via my personal email pambigdog3@gmail.com or via Whatsapp on 268-7629-0717

Pam Carlson

The fine print

Before attending this trip, you will be asked to provide the following:

- 1) Proof of travel health insurance
- 2) Signed release of liability forms provided by Jacaranda Journeys
- 3) Signed and completed health questionnaire
- 4) Copy of your travel arrival and departure details
- 5) Jacaranda Journeys is a travel company, Swazi Kids Society is the Canadian recognized charity for whom Jacaranda does project work, to adequately distinguish between these separate entities, you will be asked to sign a release form for Swazi Kids Society.

More fine print

BE FLEXIBLE: The descriptions and itineraries provided are guidelines of the trip before you. This is a developing country and many aspects of these details are subject to change or possibly be omitted. (Safari would be an exception as it is guaranteed.) We ask that participants remain open to adjustments in schedule, timing, extra-curricular activities, choices of restaurants etc.

SAFETY: it is expected that travelers remain on site at both the work site and the accommodation site. We request that anyone wanting to walk or run or otherwise leave the premises indicate this to your group leader before departing. There are some basic safety measures to be taken and such departures are by day light only.

HIV AND SEXUAL SAFETY: Eswatini has a very high HIV rate, it is expected that NO travelers will be engaging in sexual activity with any Eswatini citizens while on our guided trip. Your safety and health cannot be assured if you were to engage in such risky behavior. No one will be permitted to head off with friends that they may have met for any daytime event or an evening out, in a vehicle other than those provided by Jacaranda.



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