



HORIZON HORSEBACK

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FOR BIG FIVE SAFARI

Do I need a visa?

You must be in possession of a passport that is valid for at least six months after your return date and has at least 3 blank pages.

No visas are necessary for most countries but we do advise that guests contact their local embassy and make sure they don't need one.

What vaccinations do I need?

For South Africa no vaccinations are required however we recommend your tetanus to be up to date. Botswana, this is a low risk malaria area and the official advice is that guests contact their physician and take the necessary prophylactics.

Are hard hats compulsory?

Yes, hard hats are mandatory and you will not be able to ride without one. We can provide helmets, but suggest that clients bring their own. We do not provide half chaps but might have the odd pair extra should clients need.

What should I bring?

As well as comfortable riding clothes and your hard hat, we recommend the following; Bum bag, lip salve, strong sun protection cream factor 20 or higher, short boots and chaps. (Long rubber boots are not advised), swimming costume, light weight long sleeved shirts, light weight raincoat, camera memory cards and camera batteries or charger with international plug adaptor. A good book.

What is the pace of the riding?

Guests must be experienced riders. They

must ride regularly (at least once or twice a week) and be comfortable at a canter and gallop as well as being able to do small jumps should they have to.

What time are the road transfers?

Day 1 You will make your way to the information desk in the arrivals hall you will then be met at 10am and driven to the Horizon safari lodge for lunch.

Day 5 you will have a lite breakfast before departing the lodge at 7am arriving at the Botswana border at 11 in time for lunch and a good afternoon ride.

Day 9 you will have a short ride and brunch and will depart the Botswana camp by 11.am arriving at Johannesburg airport at 5pm. Should you need to arrive late or depart early a private transfer will be supplied at additional cost.

NB please book flights that arrive into SA no later than 9 am and depart SA no earlier than 7.30pm.

What is the Min and Max number of people I can expect on the trip?

We will confirm a trip for two and normally take a maximum of eight. Private groups can be up to 12 (group leaders of 8 - 12 get a free place).

What is included in the package price

Accommodation, riding, meals, all beverages including house wines and a selection of spirits.



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Is there a laundry service?

Yes we offer a free laundry service at both locations, when packing do bear in mind that it helps not to have too much luggage in Botswana. We can normally turn laundry around within 24 – 48 hours (excluding the 30 or so days a year that it rains!)

Who will be guiding us in Botswana?

The Botswana operation is professionally managed and guided by owners Cor and Louise Carelsen who share a wealth of specialist knowledge of the African bush, horses and classical horsemanship with their guests, ably assisted by Botswanan guides.

What are the horses and tack like ?

In both locations The horses have been selected for their temperament and ride-ability. They have been carefully chosen from the various South African breeds, which are well known for being of a tougher nature - able to cope under extreme conditions. These breeds include the Boerperd, Shire Cross Thoroughbreds, Appalosas, and the S.A. Warmblood. They range in size from 14.3h. to 17h.

Tack in South Africa is McClellan trail saddles and English saddles in Botswana.

Do cell phones work?

Yes in a few select places at both locations

Useful contact numbers

Should there be any problem with the transfer when you arrive you can phone or text Laura on 0027(0)83-4191929. If you need to contact us before you leave the UK you can try the same number or our UK

representative Kate on 07779 410 481.

In the case of a badly delayed flight, please dial 0027(0)834191929 during the day and after hours on +27(0)14755-4009.

Money

We suggest you don't change too much money into the local currency as your holiday is fully inclusive. Gratuities are at your discretion and can be paid in pounds, euros or dollars.

Is there electricity?

South Africa Yes
Botswana No

What is there to do for non riders and how much does it cost as a non rider?

In the Waterberg there are two game drives and one guided walk on the property included in the trip, other game drives are available at £50 for the vehicle and on a nearby big five game reserve for £40 pp, Elephant riding is also available at £100 pp. Whilst in Botswana activities offered are walking, cycling, or game drives.

What is the non-rider rate?

Whilst on the Horizon Classic Safari the non rider rate is £150 pppn, this rate includes accommodation and all meals 1 game drive and 1 guided bush walk during the week. Extra game drives on the property can be booked whilst there at a rate of £50 for the vehicle (ie 1 person pays £50pp 2 people pay £25pp each). Whilst in Botswana non riders pay the normal daily rate.



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What is the weather like?

Month	Max Daily Temp		Min Daily Temp		Possibility of Rain	
	S.A.	Botswana	S.A.	Botswana	S.A.	Botswana
Jan	36° C	40° C	20° C	25° C	yes storms	yes storms
Feb	36° C	40° C	20° C	26° C	yes storms	yes storms
Mar	34° C	29° C	15° C	22° C	occasional storms	occasional storms
Apr	30° C	28° C	10° C	19° C	occasional storms	not likely
May	25° C	25° C	5° C	15° C	not likely	not likely
Jun	21° C	21° C	0° C	12° C	not likely	not likely
Jul	21° C	21° C	0° C	9° C	not likely	not likely
Aug	25° C	25° C	5° C	11° C	not likely	not likely
Sep	28° C	30° C	15° C	17° C	not likely	not likely
Oct	30° C	31° C	20° C	18° C	occasional storms	occasional storms
Nov	34° C	36° C	20° C	22° C	occasional storms	occasional storms
Dec	36° C	40° C	20° C	24° C	occasional storms	occasional storms