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LIMPOPO VALLEY HORSE SAFARIS

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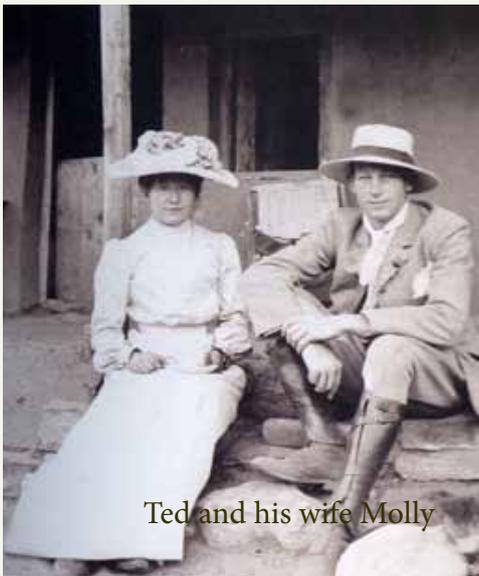
AFRICAN EXPLORER

Horizon Horseback's Camp Davidson has recently been built high in the bushveld above the Matlapeng valley.

It offers the opportunity to explore from a base camp nestled in the heart of the wooded mountains of

the Waterberg. The camp commands a wonderful panoramic view of the central highlands of the

Waterberg massif, while overlooking the picturesque Sunset Lake at the eastern boundary of Triple B Ranch.



Ted and his wife Molly

In the late 19th century, Ted Davidson, one of the first members of the Baber family (owners of Triple B Ranch) to settle in the Waterberg, was a young man trading by ox wagon to remote cattle outposts of a young ranching area. A good days travelling may have been only five miles or so by rugged track, and so an itinerant life in the Waterberg meant a life by the campfire.

Horizon has captured that early camp atmosphere in Camp Davidson, with beautiful decked canvas tents nestled amongst the sandstone ridges overlooking grassy game filled valleys. Each tent is appointed as it would have been in Ted's day with classic items that would have been essential to the traveller accustomed to regular nights in the bush.

Limpopo Valley Horse Safaris operates riding safaris in the vast Mashatu Game Reserve in the Tuli Block of south eastern Botswana. This is an area of great diversity, magnificent vistas, ancient civilizations

and dramatic rock formations bordered by the great Limpopo River in the south. Aptly named the "Land of the Giants" for its baobab studded plains and large herds of elephant, the land remains largely untouched

by man and is home to a wide variety of wildlife species including lion, cheetah, leopard, African wild dog, a multitude of plains game like zebra, wildebeest and giraffe, as well as over 350 species of birds.





Suggested Itinerary

Day One: Guests will be met at Johannesburg International Airport and transferred to Camp Davidson in time for lunch. That afternoon you will be introduced to your safari horse. We will ensure that you are matched with a horse to suit your ability and experience before heading off on your ride. On route through the Matlapeng reserve, the ride will take a sundowner break at the Red Lake, where you are likely to encounter our pod of resident hippo, before climbing the ridge back to Camp Davidson.

Day Two: A day of exploration in the reserve, tracking herds of

giraffe, zebra, eland, wildebeest, kudu and impala. The terrain lends itself to straying off the trails as your horse leads you along game trails and narrow kloofs. A saddlebag lunch is served at the riverside along a long abandoned wagon route used by the pioneers to congregate for church each Sunday. Riders can rest in the shade of the riverine forest during the heat of the day or take a dip in the clear flowing streams whilst the horses graze, before gradual meandering back through the plains in the fading afternoon light.

Day Three: A full days ride west of camp takes you around Bellevue on the southern end of the property and on to the historic

Barber homestead for lunch by the poolside. That afternoon riders visit the local Sotho village and have a tour of some of the traditional houses with the local characters Martha Mosima and the group of village lady elders for afternoon tea accompanied by traditional singing and dancing. After a day of long riding, culture and history you will return to the tranquility of the Camp Davidson where dinner is served under the stars.



Day Four: Any early departure from camp for a game drive at a nearby Big Five private game reserve, with a chance to see rhino, lion, elephant, buffalo and leopard. On the way back we will visit Beadle, a craft workshop on Triple B Ranch which has a community upliftment project since 1998. The crafters specialise in beautiful handmade beadwork and leather products including riding chaps. Lunch will be served by the pool at the Horizon horseback Signature Safari lodge, before heading back to the camp for a sundowner ride in the game reserve.



Day Five: We break camp early and riders mount for a last ride through the reserve, soaking up the early morning sights and sounds of the African bush to the Signature Safari lodge. Guests will depart from the lodge at 7.30 and are transferred to Limpopo Valley Horse Safaris in Botswana. Cross the Limpopo river and into the Tuli block, before arriving at the stables. An introductory afternoon ride will familiarize riders with their horses for this leg of the safari, arriving at the Two Mashatus camp in time to freshen up before supper.

Day Six: An early wake-up call with tea/coffee brought to your tent, followed by breakfast around the campfire. We make an early start each day to enjoy the freshness of the morning and to maximise game-viewing opportunities in the hours that the wildlife is most

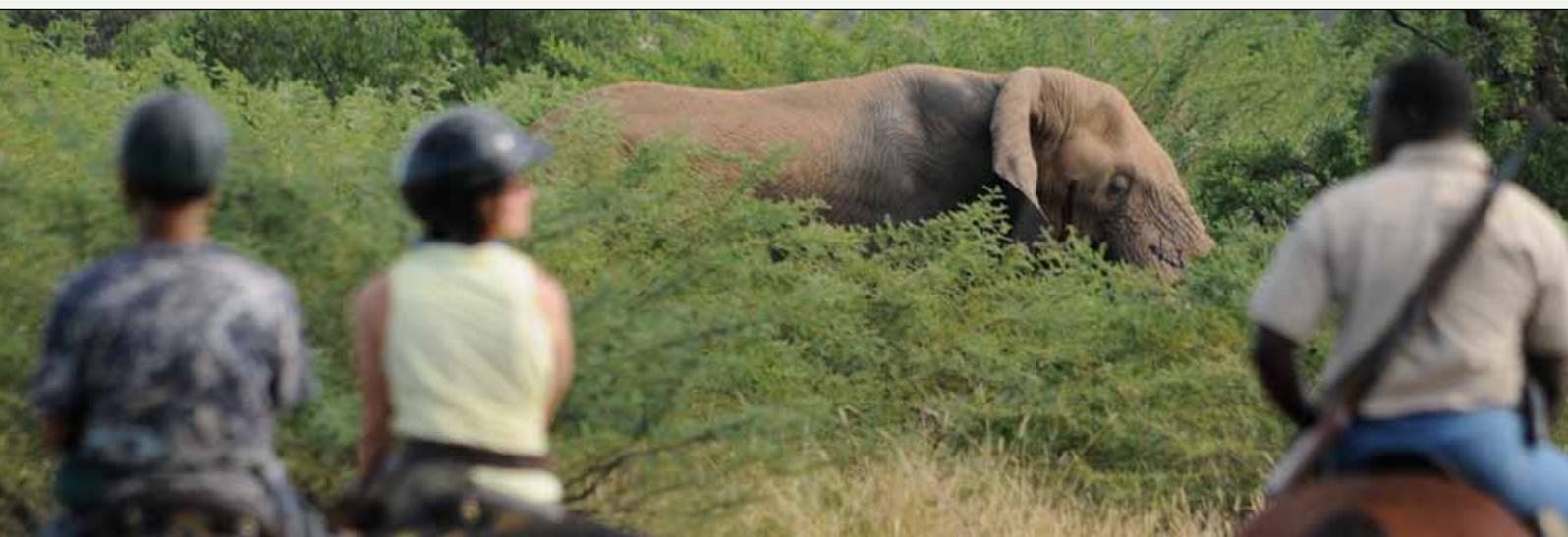
active. Undoubtedly we will come across the large herds of elephant for which the Tuli is renowned, as well as many different species of antelope; also giraffe, zebra, bat-eared fox, jackal, hyena and possibly even lion, leopard, wild dog and cheetah. Later ride along the Limpopo River, enjoying the rich birdlife, spotting crocodile in the pools and learning about the magnificent trees lining the banks. Alternatively, you have the option of doing a game drive, game walk or visiting the local village Mothabaneng to see the local ladies make baskets as well as have a look at some bushman paintings.

Day Seven: Ride out following the movements of wildlife in the area and observing and interpreting the world around us. The tempo of the rides is always varied and depending on the terrain, there are opportunities to enjoy

the spirit and fitness of the horses at a faster pace.

Day Eight: After a last morning ride back to the stable there is time for a quick shower and brunch at the reception area before heading back to Johannesburg International via Pontdrift border post.

Please be aware that due to changes in weather and other unforeseen events the itinerary may be changed at the last minute. We will endeavour to keep everyone informed of any changes and the reason for them.



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