



## AFRICA: ACROSS A CONTINENT BY PRIVATE JET (2025)

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Small Group Journeys, Private Jet Journeys



Africa, Kenya, Rwanda,  
Botswana, South Africa, Morocco



23 days from AU\$229,500 pp



48 Guests

## Journey Overview

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### Journey Highlights

- Explore the ruins of Tunis' ancient Carthage, including its Antonine Baths and reconstructed Roman-era theatre
- Search for iconic plains wildlife by land and by air, meet rescued animals at a wildlife orphanage and visit a community school in the Masai Mara
- Venture into the Rwandan jungle to encounter two rare primates, and visit with a local conservation researcher
- Search for wildlife in Botswana's Chobe National Park, staying on the banks of the Chobe River
- Enjoy your choice of activities in South Africa, including wine tasting, flightseeing by helicopter or visiting Robben Island
- Attend a Vodoun ceremony in Benin for authentic insights into this venerable religion
- In Morocco, camp privately under the Sahara Desert stars and explore bustling Marrakech



## Itinerary

### **Feb 4; London | Your Journey Begins**

Arrive in London and transfer to your accommodations at Rosewood London, where you meet your tour leadership team and fellow guests over cocktails and dinner.

#### ***Rosewood London | Meals: D***

### **Feb 5-7; Tunisia | Ancient Trading Empire**

Arrive in Tunis and transfer to your hotel overlooking the beautiful Mediterranean Sea. After settling in, join your fellow guests for dinner accompanied by a local band playing jazz and Tunisian music.

The following morning, visit the old medina of Tunis to explore its ancient streets and alleyways. Lavishly decorated with tiles, carved stucco and marble, they lead to historic palaces, hammams, mosques and madrasas. After a lunch of local specialties, take a short drive to the city of Carthage, seat of a once-great trading empire that stood as ancient Rome's strongest rival. Visit the Antonine Baths, Carthage's most impressive ruin and the largest bath outside Rome. Enjoy time at the reconstructed Roman-era theatre, and admire the view of the shimmering Gulf of Tunis from Byrsa Hill. Return to the hotel and dine at the restaurant of your choice at the hotel. On your last full day in Tunisia, select from several Design Your Day options:

- **Visit Sidi Bou Said** to walk its cobbled streets and view its distinctive blue and white houses.
- **Explore the Bustling Souks of Tunis** to practice your negotiating skills.
- **Journey to the Roman City of Dougga**, arguably the most magnificent and intact Roman site in Africa.
- **Enjoy a Day of Leisure at the Hotel**, with the option to choose a spa treatment or a round of golf.

Your evening concludes with a sumptuous dinner and lively entertainment. Reboard the private jet the next morning for your flight to Nairobi.

#### ***The Residence Tunis | Meals: BLD***

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## **Feb 8-11; Kenya | The Big Five**

Your private jet now takes you to Nairobi, Kenya, where you enjoy a night at the historic Fairmont The Norfolk hotel. After breakfast the next morning, travel to the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust, where an orphaned elephant is adopted on your behalf during a private visit with the rescued animals and their keepers. Then sit down for lunch at a local restaurant before boarding your charter flight to the Masai Mara. Spend the days observing its amazing variety of wildlife, including the iconic Big Five: lion, elephant, leopard, rhino and Cape buffalo. Explore on game drives, a guided bush walk and even an early morning balloon safari complete with a private Champagne breakfast served in the bush. You also have the opportunity to visit a Maasai village, where you meet the nomadic herders who have acted as stewards of this land for hundreds of years. A visit to a local school provides a glimpse of how A&K Philanthropy is working to make lives better in the Mara. Your last evening includes an informal talk from a wildlife conservation expert.

***Fairmont The Norfolk (8 Feb) & Angama Mara (9-11 Feb) | Meals: BLD***

## **Feb 12-14; Rwanda | Gorillas & Golden Monkeys**

Arrive at Rwanda's Kigali International Airport and continue by road to Musanze, your gateway to Volcanoes National Park. Set out on your once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to encounter the mountain gorillas residing in the jungle between 8,000–11,000 feet above sea level, part of a worldwide population of only about 1,000. This is one of the world's truly memorable experiences — a look into these magnificent creatures' eyes brings home the bond that exists between them and us. It also underscores the poignant fact that they are on the edge of extinction, and that your presence here contributes to their continued survival. Learn the ins and outs of gorilla conservation during a talk with a Gorilla Doctor. This afternoon, pay a visit to the research centre established by anthropologist Dian Fossey in 1967 and attend a talk by a conservation expert. Later, enjoy a private visit to the Iby'iwacu Cultural Centre for an in-depth immersion into traditional Rwandan culture. The following morning, choose a Design Your Day option:

- **Trek to Spot Golden Monkeys**, active and playful creatures who live in bamboo trees at the base of the volcanoes.
- **Explore a Local Market** to browse a variety of goods.
- **Relax and Enjoy a Massage** at your lodge.

***One&Only Gorilla's Nest or Singita Kwitonda Lodge | Meals: BLD***

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**Feb 15-17; Botswana | Wildlife Along The River**

Your journey now takes you to Botswana, whose abundant waters mirror the boundless African skies and provide life-giving sustenance to a variety of wildlife. Land at Victoria Falls Airport and transfer by local charter flight to Kasane, where your search for wildlife begins as you make the drive through Chobe National Park to your accommodations at Chobe Game Lodge. In addition to some of the largest elephant herds on the continent, the Chobe plain is home to buffalo, giraffe, kudu and hippo, as well as predators such as lion and leopard, all of which you may come across during your game drives through Chobe National Park, led by your expert wildlife trackers. Between game drives, relax in one of the lounges, take a dip in the pool or stake out a spot on one of the viewing decks to watch the ever-changing wildlife parade across the river. Enjoy a unique sundowner safari experience in the evening, cruising down the Chobe River, cocktail in hand.

***Chobe Game Lodge / Meals: BLD*****Feb 18-20; South Africa | Winelands & Mountain In The Sea**

Begin your morning with a drive to Victoria Falls and enjoy a visit to the “Smoke That Thunders” before reboarding your private jet to Cape Town. South Africa presents a landscape more familiar, if equally beautiful, with modern cities and tended fields nestled alongside mountains and scrubland. Transfer to the elegant Cape Grace Hotel for a casual dinner overlooking the harbour. The following day, participate in your pre-selected Design Your Day activity and dine at the restaurant of your choice from our recommended options:

- **Explore Cape Peninsula with a Scenic Helicopter Flight**, flying over Cape Point Nature Reserve and landing to search for African penguin on a beach known only to locals. Continue on to the Cape of Good Hope for a gentle hike.
- **Visit Robben Island**, where Nelson Mandela was confined, and then, weather permitting, ride a cable car to the top of Table Mountain for thrilling views of Cape Point.
- **Enjoy a Food and Photo Safari in Bo-Kaap**, the traditional home of Cape Malay culture and cuisine.

The following day, participate in an optional excursion to the famous wine regions of Stellenbosch and Franschhoek, enjoying lunch at one of the few wineries in the world owned by women of colour; or relax and enjoy a day at leisure. In the evening, join fellow guests for dinner paired with exquisite local wines.

***Cape Grace Hotel / Meals: BLD***

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**Feb 21-22; Benin | Mysteries Of Vodoun**

Cross the heart of the African continent en route to Benin's capital of Cotonou, where you are greeted with a rousing display of traditional drumming, singing and dancing. At Ouidah, one of the epicentres of African Vodoun, tour the temple dedicated to the sacred python, which is believed to bestow vitality and protection. Delve deeper into the realm of Vodoun, a religion born in West Africa that migrated to the Americas with the slave trade. Attend an authentic Vodoun ceremony, and then roam through the Sacred Forest and Foundation Zinsou, a modern museum of contemporary art. Visit the historical Museum of Ouidah, located in an old Portuguese fort built in 1721, its exhibits frankly recounting Benin's role in the Atlantic slave trade. Then explore Ganvie, a sensational village on water, commonly referred to as the Venice of West Africa. A band and a dance troupe welcome you as you arrive. Watch as vendors in dugout canoes piled high with wares transact commerce. Take some time to shop the floating market, and then settle in for a relaxing canoe ride on the waterways of this exotic 300-year-old village.

***Sofitel Cotonou Marina Hotel & Spa | Meals: BLD***

**Feb 23-26; Morocco | Desert Wonders & The Pink City**

Arrive at Morocco's Errachidia airport, where your A&K desert team is ready to escort you by four-wheel-drive vehicle through the city of Erfoud and into the desert for a drive across the dunes. Mount a camel for a ride up the famous Erg Znaigui sand dunes to your private tented camp. Enjoy cocktails while watching a spectacular sunset over the dunes, and then enjoy an unforgettable night in the Sahara, complete with a traditional performance by Gnaoua tribesmen and stargazing into the vast desert skies. The next day, fly over the Atlas Mountains to Marrakech, arriving in time for lunch. The next day starts with a visit to the Ben Youssef Madrasa and the Dar el-Bacha Museum, followed by bustling, lively Djemaa el-Fna square, a kaleidoscope of activity. Later, explore the Majorelle Gardens, known for their vivid cobalt-blue buildings.

This evening, gather for a lavish Berber feast at Palm Grove camp, exclusively prepared for an unforgettable celebration of your African adventure. The next day, board your private jet for your flight to London, where you connect with your international departure flight.

***A&K Private Desert Camp (23 Feb), The Oberoi, Marrakech (24-26 Feb) | Meals: BLD (23-25 Feb); BL (26 Feb)***

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## Journey Details

- Authentic Insider Access and Exclusive Experiences Made Possible by A&K's Unrivalled Local Expertise
- Dedicated Tour Director, Tour Managers and Local Guides throughout
- Chartered Boeing 757 with Fully Lie-Flat, First-Class Seats with Dedicated Crew and Executive Chef
- Hand-Selected, One-of-a-Kind Accommodations
- A Choice of Activities in Select Destinations with A&K's Design Your Day
- Physician and Photographer Throughout the Entire Journey
- Travelling Bell Boy Luggage Handling
- White Glove Passport and Visa Handling Service
- Traveller's Valet Complimentary Mid-Journey Laundry Service
- All Meals with Beverages, Including Custom-Crafted Culinary Experiences and Festive Local Entertainment
- All Gratuities
- Complimentary Internet Access (Where Available)
- 24/7 A&K On-Call Support

Accommodation and room upgrades are available. Please contact A&K for details.



# Map





## Accommodation

### One&Only Gorilla's Nest, Virungas



One&Only's second resort in beautiful Rwanda, Gorilla's Nest is a new jungle sanctuary. Cushioned in the foothills of the Virunga Mountains, One&Only Gorilla's Nest "makes the magical possible" as you enjoy encounters with mountain gorillas in their natural habitat.

This haven – which blends seamlessly into the environment – is home to 14 luxury rooms and seven suites, all encircled by trees for ultimate privacy. Traditional *Imigongo* art and craftsmanship fill each space with warmth and rich history, as expansive glass opens onto forest views.

With a plentiful chef's garden, exceptional local providers, and talented chefs, the cuisine is "born of Rwanda and inspired by the world". Field-to-fork food here is seasonal and organic.

At Gorilla's Nest, you can not only track in the footsteps of mountain gorillas, but also go golden monkey tracking, on the 'Honouring Dian Fossey Hike', hike to Crater Lake, and explore the Musanze Cave.

With exceptional dining and selected beverages included in your stay, plus two signature resort experiences daily, prepare to feel immersed in the magic of Virunga.

### Why we like it

- The location: in Volcanoes National Park at the foothills of the Virungas
- The locals: endangered mountain gorillas roam this region and languish here in their troops
- The décor: traditional *Imigongo* art and craftsmanship fill each space
- The food: field-to-fork, organic and seasonal
- **Our top tip:** stay for three nights to enable you to track for gorilla twice

## Singita Kwitonda Lodge, Parc National des Volcans



Set in Rwanda's northwestern reaches, right on the edge of Volcanoes National Park, Singita Kwitonda Lodge's unparalleled position puts life-changing gorilla-trekking experiences within easy reach.

Each of the lodge's eight luxurious suites features a private heated plunge pool, in-and outdoor fireplaces and large timber-framed windows that welcome the breathtaking scenery and volcano views inside. Elements such as woven ceilings and hand-fired terracotta brickwork crafted by local artisans highlight the authentic East African appeal of this remarkable lodge. Guests can also choose to relax with in-room wellness treatments available.

A central hub with beautiful indoor and outdoor living spaces serves as the heart of Singita Kwitonda Lodge. This space exudes relaxation, with lounges, dining areas, an outdoor fire pit, an interactive kitchen, bar deli and a wine cellar for guests to enjoy.

Kwitonda's farm-to-table food journey celebrates Rwandese cuisine and fresh produce from the on-site garden, while the Akarabo Nursery is a fundamental part of Singita's ambitious undertaking to contribute to the long-term conservation of endangered mountain gorillas by increasing their habitat through reforestation.

## Cape Grace, A Fairmont Managed Hotel



Nestled on a private quay between the working harbour of Cape Town's bustling Victoria & Alfred Waterfront and the serenity of an international yacht marina, Cape Grace, A Fairmont Managed Hotel is a welcome and gracious sanctuary of traditional sophistication whilst emanating progressive style and comfort. The luxurious space within the 120 custom decorated guest rooms and suites, diversity of amenities and the unsurpassed standards in service that is both proficient and personal ensures Cape Grace is a favourite for many returning guests. The Bascule bar has a collection of over 400 whiskies from nearly every producing region including Scotland, Ireland, USA and Canada,

Revitalisation of body and mind can be achieved at the African-inspired spa located on the top floor. Other facilities include: library, heated outdoor pool, hair salon and in-room workout facilities. Children are always welcome at Cape Grace. Signal Restaurant offers creative Cape cuisine that's fresh and inventive drawing on influences from the many nationalities and customs that have shaped this region since being settled in 1652. The library is the perfect place to relax during the day and serves sumptuous afternoon tea.

### Why we like it

- Cape Grace, A Fairmont Managed Hotel is a luxury five star hotel, part of the Leading Hotels of The World
- The Spa at Cape Grace offers a variety of massages located on the top floor with stunning views
- Perfect location for the Victoria and Alfred Waterfront with the backdrop of Table mountain

- Exceptional service and attention to detail
- Special children's services with story time, babysitting, children's menus and a jam packed activity pack given on arrival



## A&K Private Desert Camp



A convoy of 4x4 vehicles takes all the equipment necessary to the dunes of Merzouga. Traversing the rocky, flat-baked sand bordering the dunes of Erg Chebbi, you can jump in the convoy or arrive in style by camel, where a traditional mint tea awaits your arrival.

The tents themselves are extremely comfortable and decorated in Berber style to enhance your desert experience. Large rugs keep out the night chills, while your bed space is accompanied by a torch - essential in the desert where the sun is the only source of light - and your campfire, of course. All tents have a small wash basin with cold running water, with towels and basic shower provisions provided. Two chairs stand sentry outside your tent - perfect for watching the permanently shifting dunes and the incredible desert sunsets.

Each tent has use of a bathroom just a few feet away, with a canvas partition separating the sink area (with the luxury of hot and cold running water) from the toilet and shower area at the back.

### Why we like it

- Sahara Desert camping in an isolated spot close to the dunes of Merzouga
- Private Arabic caidal tents with wash basin and a separate toilet and shower tent
- Outstanding cuisine served quite literally in the middle of nowhere
- Enjoy a traditional cooked Moroccan dinner around the campfire or in the private restaurant tent, followed by a wonderful array of exotic fruits
- Camel trek through the dunes at sunrise or sunset

## Dates & Pricing

Prices are in AUD, per person, based on double occupancy

**Feb 4, 2025 - Feb 26, 2025**

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
<b>AU\$229,500 pp</b>	AU\$24,485	AU\$0	Available



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