



Escape to Africa

Whether you want to soak up the sun on a far-flung island, be pampered in divine luxury, go on a safari adventure, or enjoy a chic city break, Africa has a destination to suit every couple.

LOOKING FOR... A SAFARI ADVENTURE

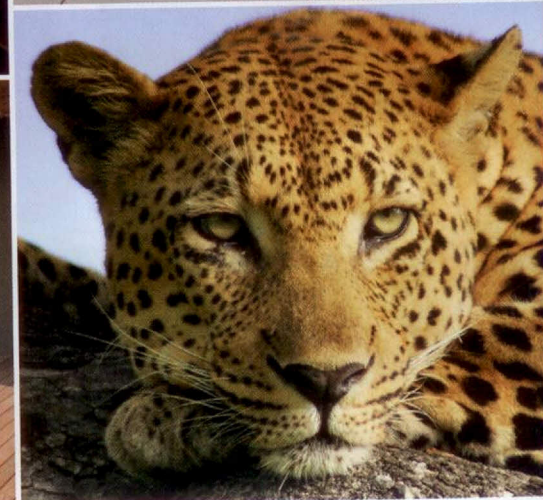
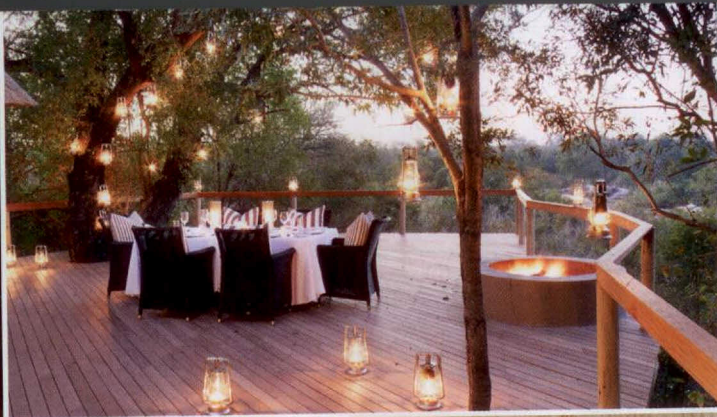
Famed for its fascinating wildlife and magical landscape, South Africa is the number one honeymoon hotspot for nature lovers looking for an unforgettable experience.

WHERE TO STAY: Situated west of the Kruger National Park, in the north east of South Africa, the Sabi Sands reserve spans 65,000 hectares and is renowned for providing some of the best game viewing in Africa. Just a short flight from Johannesburg in a small 18-seater plane, is the breathtakingly beautiful Londolozi Private Game Reserve located in the heart of the Sabi Sands and with impressive eco-tourism credentials (Londolozi is derived from the Zulu words 'to protect'). Founded more than 80 years ago, the newly-refurbished and family-run camp is world-renowned not only as one of the original South African safari camps but as one of the best – promising to give you a true taste of nature alongside

wonderful personal service and the warmest of welcomes. With five unique lodges to choose from, you can handpick the perfect style and atmosphere to suit your needs. For the most luxurious accommodation, opt for the exclusive Private Granite Suites situated on the banks of the Sand River. Each suite is decked out in elegant contemporary style in a cool palette of grey and silver and boasts a private pool so you can cool off together under the African sun. Alternatively, for maximum seclusion, choose Pioneer Camp, which has three sumptuous private suites featuring four-poster beds, decadent marble spa bathrooms, outdoor showers, and a decking area with your very own plunge pool. All suites also have floor-to-ceiling glass panels revealing superb river views. Sleep with the panels open and shutters closed and you can enjoy all the magical sounds of the wild while you doze safely in your bed. In line with Londolozi's pioneering conservation ethic, there are no fences separating the lodges from

the bush, so animals are at liberty to roam freely around the reserve. Make sure you keep your camera at hand for those occasions when you come across an antelope in your path!

WHAT TO DO: Get ready to experience the drive of your lives on adrenalin-pumping game drives, which take place at dawn and dusk. Heading into the bush in open-top Jeeps, your ranger and tracker will seek out the famous big five (lion, elephant, buffalo, leopard and rhinoceros), getting you up close and personal with animals you'll previously only have seen on your TV set. It is impossible not to be blown away by the experience – a mixture of awe, excitement and a healthy dose of fear. You'll never forget the thrill of seeing leopard cubs playing in a tree or coming right up beside a young, curious bull elephant, and it feels like wherever you glance there are hippos, zebras and herds of impala. If it all gets too much, take some time out to relax and recharge. You could join the daily



yoga session which takes place on an outdoor deck by the river, unwind together with an aromatherapy massage at wellness centre Londolozzi Life, or simply pick up the phone and arrange for a spot of pampering in the privacy of your own suite. Alternatively, get the heart racing with a session of bush running, clay pigeon shooting, deep sea fishing or a lesson in the art of tracking from one of the camp's Shangaan master trackers.

HOW TO DINE: Londolozzi is heaven for food lovers. From the moment you awake, you'll be tempted with delicious treats – freshly baked muffins at sunrise, morning morsels on your early game drive, a hearty breakfast, gourmet lunch, and even an indulgent afternoon tea to set you up for your evening drive. If you're feeling sociable and want to trade tales of all your thrilling spots when you return, join the other guests for dinner in the camp dining room, where delicious meals are cooked before your eyes against the fabulous backdrop of the moonlit bush. Don't miss their

Braai (barbecue) nights, where you'll all gather round the fire in a candlelit Boma (a round enclosure where livestock were once kept) – make sure you sample the local speciality of tender springbok. Alternatively, enjoy a romantic meal for two in the comfort of your own suite or create an unforgettable occasion by arranging a Champagne dinner in the secluded tree house out in the bush. You could even choose to stay there all night, sleeping under the stars in the open air together. ▶

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BOOK IT: Rooms from £585 per person, per night (www.londolozzi.com). Alternatively, book a Bush & Cape trip from £3,095 via Africa Travel (0845 450 1535, www.africatravel.co.uk) including three nights at Londolozzi Varty Camp with all meals and safari activities, four nights with breakfast at Cape Grace in Cape Town, return British Airways flights, all transfers and departure taxes.