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a travel professional's guide to Southern Africa

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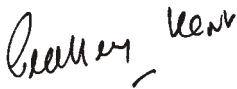
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Abercrombie & Kent has been exploring Africa since 1962, and on every page of this expert sheet, the travel information reflects our experience, knowledge and love for South Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Namibia, Mozambique as well as the Indian Ocean Islands. Abercrombie & Kent has become synonymous with personalised service and quality of the highest standards.

Southern Africa is a region of incredible diversity: in landscape, wildlife and culture. There is nowhere better to view the "Big Five" than Southern Africa's luxurious private reserves, where A&K guests travel in open four-wheel-drive vehicles, allowing for unobstructed views of wildlife. Lion, leopard, buffalo, elephant and rhino can all be found with highly skilled rangers who know just where to look. Bird life is prolific and for the sheer variety of flora, only the Amazon rivals the density of all species found here. In the Cape region, Mediterranean in climate and European in culture, you will find ample opportunities for day cruises, nature hikes, wine tasting and simply soaking up the spectacular view.

Truly, A&K Southern Africa does have something for everyone to enjoy!



Geoffrey Kent
Founder, Chairman & CEO



Abercrombie & Kent in Southern Africa

Abercrombie & Kent is proud to provide a true point of difference in travel to Southern Africa. A&K's Insider Access works to satisfy your client's demand to delve into the culture of the country they are visiting – to understand, interact, and ultimately, to expand their own horizons. Utilising ground level local knowledge, our Insider Access identifies the hidden aspects of a destination so that your clients will be privy to the excitement of rare and authentic experiences. Researchers, experts and passionate individuals; A&K employs highly experienced staff and guides. Educated and engaging, our guides' extensive knowledge of history, food, wine, indigenous culture and the arts, enables each journey to be personalised. To provide added peace of mind, our on-ground specialists ensure that your clients deal with A&K and A&K only.

A&K's long-standing local relationships represent priority check-in, preferential treatment, more frequent room upgrades and flexibility on checkout times. Whether your clients are travelling independently, on a shore excursion, as part of a group or on a family holiday, our highly experienced

team will go the extra mile...

A&K Southern Africa is a one-stop travel shop for the Southern African region which includes South Africa, Botswana, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Namibia, Mozambique and the islands of Mauritius and Seychelles.

Abercrombie & Kent's four regional on-site offices in Southern Africa including Johannesburg, Cape Town, Victoria Falls, Lusaka and Maun ensure peace of mind when it comes to the safety and well-being of your clients. A&K Southern Africa provides support 24/7. Emergency 24 hour contact numbers for agents and guests. Experienced professional guides.



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A&K IN BOTSWANA

ABOUT BOTSWANA

Botswana is dominated by the Kalahari desert, but is more famous for its spectacular inland Okavango Delta. The country offers travellers truly amazing and diverse safari experiences. Explore the fascinating deserts, wetlands, salt pans, savannahs and wildlife-packed game reserves and private concessions of one of the wildest regions of Africa. Principal sights include the Okavango Delta, the Moremi game reserve in the centre of the Delta, known for its predators and Big Five game viewing. The Chobe National Park and river draws huge numbers of game, while the area is also home to the highest concentration of elephants in Africa. The Kalahari is an endless expanse of land that occupies the centre of Botswana where the San people live.

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- Spend the morning with Doug and Sandi and their three semi-habituated elephants and learn more about these fascinating animals.
- Enjoy a scenic helicopter flight over the Delta.

RECOMMENDED TRAVEL TIMES

Botswana offers great game viewing all year round. May to October is dry season when game viewing is at its best. November to April is green and low season where the landscape changes to lush greens with plenty of young running around.

A&K IN ZAMBIA

ABOUT ZAMBIA

Zambia offers travellers an authentic safari experience that will challenge expectations and make you feel like you've been to the heart of Africa. Zambia is blessed with great waterfalls including the spectacular Victoria Falls - one of the natural wonders of the world- situated in the Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park, offering a holiday filled with adventure and scenic beauty.

The country has worldclass wild life parks including the Lower Zambezi National Park and South Luangwa National park – known as the land where the legendary walking safari first started. The South Luangwa is a wild and remote area and one of the top three places in Africa to see the elusive leopard.

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- Visit Nakatindi Village, one of our AKP (A&K Philanthropy) projects in Livingstone where you can interact with the local people and see how small changes can make a big difference.

RECOMMENDED TRAVEL TIMES

Zambia offers good game viewing all year round. May to October is dry season when game viewing is at its best. November to April is rainy season. Victoria Falls flows at its fullest from April to May each year.

A&K IN ZIMBABWE

ABOUT ZIMBABWE

Experience Zimbabwe's ethereal beauty reflected in its wide open spaces with a never-ending canopy of sky, forested escarpments, national parks and game reserves teeming with wildlife and cascading waterfalls.

The town of Victoria Falls is home to "the smoke that thunders" and also known as the adrenalin capital of Africa. Hwange National Park is the largest park in Zimbabwe and a haven for herds of elephant, buffalo and large concentrations of giraffe. Beautiful Mana Pools, situated on the Zambezi River is a world Heritage site and one of Zimbabwe's Big Five parks. Great Zimbabwe features ancient ruins dating back to 1200AD and is located in the southern part of the country.

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- Signature tour of Victoria Falls and drinks in the rainforest.
- Private dinner on the helipad.
- Signature flight of angels.

RECOMMENDED TRAVEL TIMES

Zimbabwe is an all year round travel destination. Summer is from October to April and winter is from May to September. The Victoria falls are spectacular from April to June, after the rainy season.



Abercrombie and Kent is able to offer a unique circuit of exclusive lodges and camps in South Africa, Botswana and Zambia with our preferred partner Sanctuary Retreats. Our recommended activities include: Game drives, sunset cruises, mokoro excursions, scenic helicopter flights, elephant interaction activity, walking safaris, a walking tour of Victoria Falls, Tiger Fishing, white river rafting, cultural interactions and village visits. Services offered by A&K Southern Africa include: FIT's, groups, incentives, special interest groups, cruise ships pre/post packages and shore excursions, adventure and family holidays.

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Mozambique's Quirimbas Archipelago island is covered in indigenous vegetation, with statuesque age old baobab groves and stunning flora and fauna, a real nature-lovers paradise. There are 4 large sandy beaches on the island, the villas are spread along 2 of them, the main beach always has boat access, and the remote and beautiful turtle beach is home to dozens of nesting turtles and is an excellent spot for a private picnic lunch. It's just as amazing below the sea, with snorkelling accessible off the beaches and around most of the island, patrolled by huge potato bass and schools of hunting jacks.



A&K IN NAMIBIA

ABOUT NAMIBIA

Namibia, situated in the South West of Africa, offers unparalleled attractions including the red dunes of the Namib Desert with its unique fauna and flora, the Skeleton Coast - the largest ship graveyard - and the game rich Etosha National Park which is also a Big Five area. Namibia is also a photographer's paradise. Safaris in Namibia offer a rich cultural and wildlife experience - enjoy wide open spaces nestled between the vast desert landscape and the Atlantic Ocean. Highlights include Damaraland, with its fascinating geological features and some of the most extensive rock paintings and engravings in the world. Sossusvlei boasts ochre coloured sand dunes, some reaching heights of 360 metres - the highest on earth.

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- Educational guided quad bike tour through the prehistoric Namib desert and Kuiseb River.
- Meet and interact with local people.

RECOMMENDED TRAVEL TIMES

Winter is from May to September, and summer from October to April, which is also rainy season. The best time to visit Namibia is from March to October.



A&K IN MOZAMBIQUE

ABOUT MOZAMBIQUE

With endless beaches, World Heritage sites, colonial architecture and colourful local culture, Mozambique is a fascinating place to visit. Mozambique Island, in the north, is steeped in history and culture reflecting indigenous African culture and architecture, combined with Arab and Portuguese influences. The Ibo islands and the city of Pemba in the north of the country are also very popular tourist attractions. The southern coast is renowned for its beaches. The peaceful Bazaruto and Bengueria islands lie off the coast from Vilanculos while in the far north is the exclusive Quirimbas Archipelago with islands such as Quilalea, Ibo, Matemo and Vamizi off the mainland from Pemba.

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- Drive through a local fishing village with traditional lunch with the local Chief.
- Dolphin interactions and observations.

RECOMMENDED TRAVEL TIMES

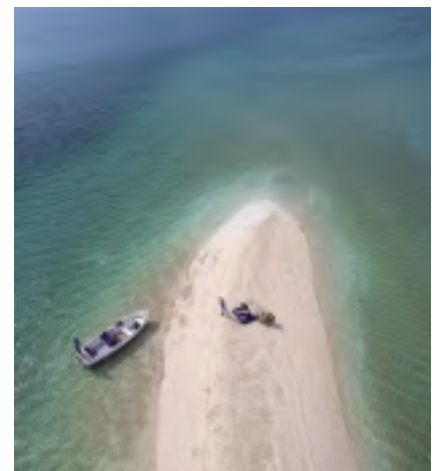
The coast experiences a sub-tropical climate while the northern parts of the county are tropical. Generally, the hot rainy season is October to March, winter from April to September.

A&K IN MAURITIUS

Mauritius is an island of beauty and charm set in the sparkling turquoise waters of the Indian Ocean. The vast contrast of colours, cultures, scenery and tastes make for an unforgettable tropical holiday. The island offers unparalleled luxury and an array of experiences including water sports, a walk in one of the stunning nature reserves, a relaxing day in a spa or sipping a cocktail while watching the sun set over the Indian Ocean.

A&K IN SEYCHELLES

The Seychelles represents timeless beauty and tranquillity. The island is famous for its great diversity which rolls from lush forests down to the warm Azure Ocean. Seychelles is home to no less than two UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the legendary Vallée de Mai on Praslin where the wondrously shaped Coco-de-mer nut grows high on ancient palms and fabled Aldabra, as well as the world's largest raised coral atoll, first seen by early Arab seafarers of the 9th century A.D. Seychelles, one of the world's very last frontiers, promises adventure and breath-taking natural beauty in pristine surrounds still untouched by man.



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Abercrombie & Kent in South Africa

ABOUT SOUTH AFRICA

Southern Africa is a region of incredible diversity in landscape, wildlife and culture. Experience deserts, savannah, forests, coral reefs, endless beaches, mountains, modern cities, epic scenery and prolific wildlife. The people of South Africa are made up of

many diverse cultures and hence it is known as the “Rainbow Nation” with eleven official languages.

JOHANNESBURG

Johannesburg, South Africa’s largest city and the gateway to Southern Africa, offers first world infrastructure, hotels and a variety of world class restaurants. Soweto is an increasingly popular destination for travellers from around the world, and the Apartheid Museum is a worthwhile stop for any traveller wanting to learn more about South Africa’s previous regime. The Cradle of Humankind World Heritage Site is the world’s richest hominin site and offers fascinating insights into our human ancestors.

CAPE TOWN

The Western Cape is known for the cosmopolitan city of Cape Town and the world famous landmark Table Mountain, its vast Cape Winelands and the most exquisite coastline. With its magnificent natural beauty, its rich cultural heritage and its world-renowned wines, the Winelands Region is synonymous with all the best that the Cape has to offer. A must-visit is the World Heritage Site of

Robben Island, and the Cape of Good Hope on a Peninsula Tour.

GARDEN ROUTE

The Garden Route is one of the most scenic areas and stretches for two hundred miles from Heidelberg in the West to the mouth of the Storms River in the East. Certainly, anyone who has explored the Garden Route soon comes to understand why it is considered by many to be South Africa’s “Garden of Eden”. When travelling along the scenic roads, relax and enjoy the drive, stopping off at popular spots such as George, Wilderness, Sedgfield, Knysna, Plettenberg Bay, Nature’s Valley, Storms River and the Tsitsikamma National Park.

KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

Known as Big Five game country, the Kruger National Park has several luxurious private reserves within its borders, with breathtaking scenery, affordable and luxury accommodation and lodging, rich biodiversity and amazing wildlife encounters. Private reserves adjoining Kruger Park offer incredible luxury, open air dining, superior personalised service and sensational game viewing. These include the Sabi Sands Private Game Reserve, Timbavati Private Game Reserve, Thornybush Private Game Reserve and Kapama Private Game Reserve.


RECOMMENDED TRAVEL TIMES

South Africa is an all-year-round travel destination. Spring and summer months are from October to March. Autumn and winter is from April to September.



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- Tour of the Hector Pieterse Museum with Antoinette Sithole
- Behind the scenes tour of the Two Oceans Aquarium
- Private Robben Island tour with Christo Brandt, the prison warden during Nelson Mandela’s incarceration
- Wine Blending experience at Grande Provence Estate



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SUGGESTED ITINERARIES

MALARIA FREE FAMILY

- 1 Night The Saxon Hotel, Johannesburg
- 2 Nights Madikwe Safari Lodge, Madikwe Game Reserve
- 3 Nights One&Only Cape Town
- 2 Nights Grootbos Forest Lodge, Grootbos Private Nature Reserve

HONEYMOON IN STYLE

- 1 Night Fairlawns Boutique Hotel and Spa, Johannesburg
- 2 Nights Lion Sands Ivory Lodge, Sabi Sands Game Reserve
- 2 Nights Royal Malewane, Timbavati Game Reserve
- 2 Nights Rovos Rail, Johannesburg to Cape Town
- 3 Nights Birkenhead House, Cape Town
- 2 Nights La Residence, Cape Winelands

ADVENTURE TIME

- 3 Nights Queen Victoria Hotel, Cape Town
- 2 Nights Phinda Forest Lodge, Kwazulu Natal
- 1 Night 54 on Bath, Johannesburg
- 2 Nights The Elephant Camp, Victoria Falls
- 3 Nights Sossusvlei Desert Lodge, Namibia

BOTSWANA AND FALLS

- 2 Nights Jack's Camp, Makgadigadi
- 2 Nights Sanctuary Chief's Camp, Moremi Game Reserve
- 2 Nights Sanctuary Chobe Chilwero, Chobe National Park
- 2 Nights Victoria Falls River Lodge, Victoria Falls

THE ROAD LESS TRAVELLED

- 3 Nights Tintswalo Atlantic, Cape Town
- 2 Nights Bushmanskloof Nature Reserve, Cederberg
- 2 Nights Tswalu Motse, Tswalu Kalahari Game Reserve
- 3 Nights Kwandwe Game Reserve, Eastern Cape

EXCLUSIVE VILLAS

- 1 Night The Saxon Villas, Johannesburg
- 3 Nights Royal Malewane Africa House, Timbavati Game Reserve
- 3 Nights Ellerman House Villa, Cape Town
- 2 Nights La Residence Villa, Winelands
- 3 Nights Villa Santorini, Mozambique

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