



# Day in the Life OF A FAMILY ON SAFARI

The **andBEYOND** lodge team will welcome your family at the lodge entrance with open arms and refreshing, ice-cold homemade lemonade. You will be shown to your family accommodations – depending on which **andBEYOND** lodge you have selected, you might be staying in a mountain suite, thatched cottage, sole-use safari villa, riverside suite, stilted mud and thatch suite, desert villa, or luxurious tented suite. Deliciously inviting lunch platters are served in the guest area, or if you prefer to eat in the privacy of your own suite, platters heaped with salads, cold roast chicken, freshly baked bread rolls, cheese, preserves and fresh fruit will be delivered for your family to enjoy together. The children will be invited to the kitchen to help bake cookies for afternoon tea. The chef will encourage them to get stuck in, be creative and have fun. In the mean time, parents can indulge in an afternoon siesta, relax with a good book, or amble down to the pool for a cool dip.

**Later**, the family will gather for afternoon tea on the guest veranda and be introduced to your expert **andBEYOND** trained ranger, who will give a full orientation of what to expect on the game drives. Your children will each receive a **andBEYOND** Planet Manager backpack, filled with surprises and containing an Eco-guide – a fantastic interactive booklet that encourages the conservation of our planet's precious natural resources. Throughout your stay with us, your ranger will help the children to complete their guides, taking them out into the bush to collect feathers, pods, insects and leaves. At the end of the safari, the children will each receive a certificate declaring them official Planet Managers.

**After tea**, it is now time to depart on the afternoon drive in an open 4x4 safari vehicle through breathtaking landscapes, be it sprawling savanna, dramatic desertscape or dense bushveld. Witness the region's rich wildlife, including the famous Big Five and the not-so-famous Little Five, and try your luck at spotting the lodge's ten Star Birds. The children will learn why elephants have long noses and why giraffes have long necks. Capture the wonder and amazement as they witness the extraordinary wildlife for the first time. Stop to take in the African sunset with a chilled sundowner, complete with a choice of snacks prepared by the kitchen team. As you arrive back at the lodge after sunset, ice-cold signature cocktails are served on the guest veranda. Dinners are a true highlight, with an abundance of flavours and textures on offer. Early meals can be arranged, with a specialised children's menu – chicken skewers, sausage and mash, homemade pasta with fresh tomato sauce, and ice cream with hot toffee sauce. Delicious Pan African dinner platters are served in the dining area or perhaps in an outdoor boma under starry African skies. A special children's table is set aside in the boma, where children can share their own campfire complete with marshmallows for roasting – always under the ranger's watchful eye. After dinner, indulge in decadent desserts, followed by freshly brewed coffee and a cognac. Then it is time for bed and a peaceful well-earned night's sleep.

**The next morning**, a gentle knock on your door as a wake-up call, will get you all up in time to enjoy early morning tea, coffee and homemade biscuits, prior to departing on your safari. After a morning filled with adventure, it is back to the lodge for a hearty breakfast. Breakfast platters are brought to your table on the guest veranda, next to the pool or to your suite – the choice is always yours. Enjoy freshly squeezed fruit or vegetable juices, or get energised with a bush espresso! The platters are laden with toast, jams and marmalades, chutneys, homemade muesli, fresh fruits, and cheeses. Hot breakfasts are also prepared by the kitchen according to guest's preferences – eggs any which way, grilled bacon, sausages, tomato, mushrooms and heaps of





hot toast. The children will be enchanted by an abundance of adventures suited to their unique likes and dislikes. The ranger can take them on fishing or frogging safaris to explore some of the small wonders of the bush, or they can go on a bark-rubbing expedition and a bug hunt. They can visit the workshop to oversee maintenance to the safari vehicles. They can learn how to make recycled paper. They can spend time in the sun painting. Or perhaps they would enjoy a guided 'Pooh' walk to identify animal droppings, spoor, animal species, trees and vegetation. Or go on a special children's picnic. The options are endless! We hope you will leave **andBEYOND**, well rested and already planning your return family safari!

#### **andBEYOND: a Family's Heaven**

**andBEYOND** proves that it is both safe and fun to travel with children in Africa. Many **andBEYOND** lodges offer a host of fascinating and entertaining activities for children aged 3–12 years, to bring the magic of Africa alive. While on an exciting family safari, parents can rest assured that their children will always be safe and well cared for (both on and off game drives). Every minute is supervised by the rangers, trackers and camp staff, who provide hours of amusement, as well as invaluable information, to the children in their care. **andBEYOND's** Planet Manager Eco-guides – unique booklets specifically designed for children aged 0-6 and 6-12 – guide them on how to protect our planet's precious natural resources in a fun, interactive way. Our rangers help the children complete their eco guides, collect pods, feathers, bugs and leaves, and teach them to identify various animal species.

#### **andBEYOND lodges renowned for their excellent children's programmes:**

- Phinda Mountain Lodge, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa
- Ngala Safari Lodge, Kruger National Park, South Africa
- Kirkman's Kamp, Sabi Sand Game Reserve, South Africa
- Madikwe Safari Lodge, Madikwe Game Reserve, South Africa
- Kwandwe Uplands Homestead & Ecca Lodge, Eastern Cape, South Africa
- Sossusvlei Private Game Reserve, Namib Desert, Namibia
- Matetsi Private Game Reserve, Victoria Falls
- Ngorongoro Crater Lodge, Tanzania
- Kichwa Tembo Tented Camp, Masai Mara, Kenya

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