



Teresa Sullivan

T+L TOP TRAVEL ADVISOR | SAFARI SPECIALIST

Sullivan says her clients want to zig while other people zag, ditch bucket lists and Instagrams for human connection and personal growth. And she's the one who can show you how. After cofounding her company, Mango Safaris, 20 years ago, she's been jetting off to Africa every year. She spends at least one month vetting new properties, like Namibia's Hoanib Valley Camp, and visiting old favorites, like Sirikoi Lodge in Kenya. A few highlights from a recent trip to Rwanda include boating Lake Kivu, helicoptering around rainforests, and trekking to glimpse mountain gorillas and chimpanzees.

Mango Safaris is the only North American tour operator who's worked with Wilderness Safaris and Bisate Lodge to reforest and increase the size of Virunga National Park in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Sullivan and her team are also helping Wilderness open Magashi Camp in Rwanda.

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ADDITIONAL SPECIALTIES

Family safaris

Languages Spoken

English

Minimum Daily Spend

\$500 per person

Trip Planning Fees

None

Teresa Sullivan's 12-day Itinerary Around Botswana and Zambia

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Teresa Sullivan is a member of Travel + Leisure's A-List, a collection of the top travel advisors in the world, and can help plan your perfect getaway. Below is an example of the type of itineraries she creates. To work with Teresa, you can contact her directly at info@mangosafari.com.

Day 1: Arrive in Botswana

Fly into Kasane and transfer to your charter flight to the Linyanti Wetlands.

Stay: Lebala Camp

Day 2: Linyanti Wetlands

The floodplains around Lebala Camp attract a wonderful variety of wildlife, with excellent sightings of elephant, hippo, lechwe, zebra, giraffe. Take game drives with expert trackers, including after-dark drives with spotlights for nocturnal sightings.

Stay: Lebala Camp

Days 3-4: Chitabe Concession and Moremi Game Reserve

Transfer to the Moremi Game Reserve. Chitabe Lediba is a very comfortable and intimate tented camp in an enormous concession that is bordered on three sides by the Moremi Game Reserve. What makes Chitabe unique to some of the other areas in the Okavango Delta is that it contains such a variety of habitats within close proximity. Mazes of waterways wind between the islands of sky-high grasses and groves of towering trees.

Stay: Chitabe Lediba Camp

Days 5-6: Hunda Island

Little Tubu is located on the remote Hunda Island, the largest dry landmass in the Jao Concession. Wildlife seen around Little Tubu includes elephant, lion, Burchell's zebra, red lechwe, southern giraffe, tsessebe, blue wildebeest kudu, impala, bushbuck, and leopard. The variety of birdlife is impressive, with both dry-land species and a multitude of wetland birds in the floodplains and waterways. Throughout the year, day and night game drives are available. There are two platform hides on the Jao Concession, offering incredible up-close viewing or the unique opportunity to sleep out under the stars. During winter, the water levels around Tubu Tree rise and the floodplains become covered with water, which allows for a wide range of water activities, from boating and fishing to *mokoro* excursions.

Stay: Little Tubu Camp

Days 7-8: Livingstone

Transfer to Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park, in Zambia, near Livingstone and Victoria Falls. Activities include a tour of the Victoria Falls on the Zambian side, game drives within the park, sunset river cruises, canoeing, rafting, and guided nature walks. The Zambezi River offers ample fishing opportunities, and tiger fishing is an unforgettable challenge for keen fishermen.

Stay: Toka Leya Camp

Days 9-11: Lower Zambezi National Park

Transfer to Lower Zambezi National Park, near the border with Zimbabwe. Resting peacefully on the banks of the Zambezi River, under a grove of evergreen mahogany trees, Chiawa Camp holds a prime position in the heart of Zambia's Lower Zambezi National Park. Check out the viewing platform in a hidden corner of camp, or take a dip in Chiawa's refreshing plunge pool. Activities include guided bush walks, both morning and afternoon sundowner game drives, river cruises, fishing, and canoeing.

Stay: Chiawa Camp

Day 12: Depart from Lusaka

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.