

Blue sky

SOCIETY TRUST

JOURNEYS WITH PURPOSE



Blue Sky Society is more than an organisation. It is a way of moving through the world with intention.

We exist to connect people to conservation through ethical adventure travel, raising funds and awareness for projects that protect wild places, wildlife, and the communities that depend on them. Each expedition is designed with purpose at its core. We call them Journeys with Purpose.

Curated by Carla, these journeys are created for women who feel most alive on dirt roads, who crave space away from constant noise, and who are drawn to the quiet power of Africa's landscapes.

They are for those who value presence over pace, depth over distraction, and connection over convenience.

At the heart of every journey is the opportunity to give back, but equally, to receive. Time to slow down. Time to breathe. Time to travel Africa with an open mind and an open heart. These journeys invite women to arrive exactly as they are, and to reconnect with parts of themselves that may have been softened, stretched, or misplaced in the busyness of everyday life.

This is not about ticking destinations off a list. It is about meaningful travel that leaves a lasting imprint. On the land, on the communities we support, and on the women who walk this path with us.

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WILDLIFE, WILDERNESS & WETLANDS

A JOURNEY WOMAN EXPEDITION BY BLUE SKY SOCIETY TRUST

DATES: 13 TO 21 SEPTEMBER & 21 TO 25 SEPTEMBER 2026 (8 NIGHTS / 9 DAYS + ADD ON TO CT)

COUNTRY: SOUTH AFRICA

GROUP SIZE: 9 GUESTS + 2 STAFF (MIN OF 4 GUESTS TO RUN THIS TRIP)

Wildlife, Wilderness & Wetlands is now in its second year and offers a 9-day, all-women expedition through the wild beauty of KwaZulu-Natal. The journey begins on the sun-kissed shores of Ballito, continues into the pristine wilderness of Mnywana Conservancy, and then moves to the Indian Ocean at Mabibi for snorkeling and coastal adventures. It concludes at Manyoni Private Game Reserve, where guests engage in meaningful conservation work, track the Big Five on private game drives, and connect with local communities. More than a safari, this is a bespoke, immersive experience blending adventure, connection, and purpose — every moment designed to foster understanding, inspire action, and leave a positive impact.

THIS TRIP IS FOR YOU IF:

- You're over 50 and wondering 'what now?'
- You've always dreamed of Africa but thought it was 'too late' or 'too far'
- You're newly single, widowed, or rediscovering who you are
- You're an empty nester with space in your life for the first time in decades
- You care deeply about conservation and want to contribute, not just observe
- You're tired of mainstream tourism and want something real
- You're an introvert who needs solo time but also craves meaningful connection
- You're ready to stop waiting for 'someday'

THIS TRIP IS NOT FOR YOU IF:

- You need luxury 5-star accommodation (this is comfortable but wild)
- You want constant Wi-Fi and Instagram updates
- You need everything scheduled and structured
- You're not comfortable with moderate fitness (you'll need to climb in/out of game drive vehicles)
- You want a large group (maximum 9 guests — this is intimate by design)

TRIP PRICING

Main Journey (9 days / 8 nights):

Single: R90,750 (≈ USD 5,649)

Sharing: R87,875 (≈ USD 5,475)

Optional Cape Town Add-On (5 days / 4 nights):

Single: R49,200 (≈ USD 3,065)

Sharing: R38,400 (≈ USD 2,392)

Includes: All accommodation, meals & water, road transfers, park & conservation fees, all activities, expert talks, conservation fundraising contribution.

Excludes: International and domestic flights, gratuities (tip kitty recommended), alcohol & personal expenses, comprehensive travel insurance (compulsory), visas.

Pricing based on current exchange rates and may change if rates fluctuate significantly.



Itinerary

Day By Day

Day 1 – Sun 13 Sept | Arrival in Durban → Ballito

- Arrive at King Shaka International Airport (Durban).
- Private transfer to Coco De Mer, Ballito or similar (included).
- Relax on the Dolphin Coast and enjoy a gentle start to your adventure.
- **Overnight:** Coco De Mer | Meals: D | Drinks: Own Account

Day 2 – Mon 14 Sept | Ballito → Bayala Founders Lodge (Munywana Conservancy)

- Morning transfer from Ballito to Bayala Founders Lodge.
- Settle into the heart of the Munyawana Conservancy.
- Afternoon game drive with sundowners.
- Welcome dinner with hosts and fellow travellers.
- **Overnight:** Bayala Founders Lodge | Meals: B, *L, D | Drinks: Own Account

*L means we will stop along the way and buy lunch or have lunch packs

Day 3 – Tue 15 Sept | Bayala Founders Lodge

- Sunrise game drive in search of the Big Five.
- Breakfast and relaxation at the lodge.
- Mid-morning optional bush walk.
- Evening game drive and dinner under the stars.
- **Guest visit:** Grant Fowlds or a Project Rhino representative (TBC).
- **Overnight:** Bayala Founders Lodge | Meals: B, L, D | Drinks: Own Account

Day 4 – Wed 16 Sept | Bayala → Thonga Beach Lodge (Mabibi)

- Morning safari activity.
- Scenic road transfer to Thonga Beach Lodge, then with 4x4.
- Afternoon at leisure – swim, beach walk, or relax.
- **Overnight:** Thonga Beach Lodge | Meals: B, L, D | Drinks: Own Account

Day 5 – Thu 17 Sept | Thonga Beach Lodge

- Full day of coastal and marine adventures: snorkelling, kayaking, or optional scuba diving (extra cost).
- Community visit.
- Sunset drinks overlooking Lake Sibaya.
- **Overnight:** Thonga Beach Lodge | Meals: B, L, D | Drinks: Own Account

Day 6 – Fri 18 Sept | Thonga → Manyoni Private Game Reserve

- Morning beach walk or ocean swim.
- Transfer inland to Zebra Hills Safari Lodge (Manyoni Private Game Reserve).
- Afternoon game drive.
- **Overnight:** Zebra Hills Safari Lodge | Meals: B, L, D | Drinks: Own Account

Day 7 – Sat 19 Sept | Manyoni

- Sunrise game drive.
- Conservation activities: rhino orphanage visit, anti-poaching insights, meet conservationists.
- Afternoon/evening game drive.
- **Overnight:** Zebra Hills Safari Lodge | Meals: B, L, D | Drinks: Local drinks provided

Day 8 – Sun 20 Sept | Manyoni

- Morning safari with ecological focus.
- Conservation intervention (depending on current needs).
- Afternoon game drive.
- **Overnight:** Zebra Hills Safari Lodge | Meals: B, L, D | Drinks: Local drinks provided

Day 9 – Mon 21 Sept | Manyoni → CT/JHB

- Private transfer to King Shaka airport – fly to Cape Town or JHB
- **Meals:** B

Add-On: Cape Town (21 – 25 September | 4 Nights)

Day 9 – Mon 21 Sept | Arrival Cape Town

- Flight KIA → Cape Town (own account).
- Transfer to hotel. Evening welcome dinner with African drumming.
- **Overnight:** Winchester Hotel or similar | Meals: B, D | Lunch & Drinks: Own Account

Day 10 – Tue 22 Sept | Cape Peninsula & Penguins

- Full-day Cape Peninsula tour: Hout Bay, Chapman's Peak, Cape Point, and Boulders Beach penguin colony.
- **Overnight:** Winchester Hotel (or similar) | Meals: B, Light Lunch
- Dinner & Drinks: Own Account

Day 11 – Wed 23 Sept | Cape Winelands

- Wine and cheese tastings in Stellenbosch, Franschhoek, and/or Paarl.
- **Overnight:** Winchester Hotel (or similar) | Meals: B
- Lunch & Dinner: Own Account | Drinks: Own Account

Day 12 – Thu 24 Sept | Robben Island, City Tour & Table Mountain

- Robben Island tour (09:00–13:00). *Please note 24th is a Public Holiday
- Table Mountain Cableway ride (weather dependent).
- Cape Town city highlights: Bo-Kaap, Company's Garden, Castle of Good Hope.
- **Overnight:** Winchester Hotel (or similar) | Meals: B
- Lunch & Dinner: Own Account | Drinks: Own Account

Day 13 – Fri 25 Sept | Cape Town → Return Home

- Breakfast at hotel. Transfer to Cape Town airport.
- Flight Cape Town → Johannesburg → International connections from 16:00 onwards.

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Date	Day	Country	Route Details	Accommodation	Beneficiary / Activities
13-Sept-26	Sunday	South Africa	Fly into Durban – Transfer to Hotel	Coco De Mer	Welcome Dinner (B&B)
14-Sept-26	Monday	South Africa	Drive to Drive to Mnywana Conservancy	Bayala Founders Lodge	Transfer to lodge / Game Drive
15-Sept-26	Tuesday	South Africa	Mnywana Conservancy	Bayala Founders Lodge	Game Drive x 2 / Grant Fowlds Project Rhino
16-Sept-26	Wednesday	South Africa	Mnyawana – Mabibi	Thonga Beach	Game Drive + Beach walk
17-Sept-26	Thursday	South Africa	Mabibi	Thonga Beach	Snorkelling & Lake Sibaya Sundowners + Community visit
18-Sept-26	Friday	South Africa	Mabibi- Manyoni Game Reserve	Zebra Hills	Afternoon Game Drive
19-Sept-26	Saturday	South Africa	Manyoni GR	Zebra Hills	Game Drives, Conservation Work (ZCT)
20-Sept-26	Sunday	South Africa	Manyoni GR	Zebra Hills	Game Drives , Rhino Orphanage Visit
21-Sept-26	Monday	South Africa	Transfer to King Shaka – JHB OR Cape Town Add on	Winchester hotel or similar	Transfer + Drumming & Dinner
22-Sept-26	Tuesday	South Africa	Cape Town Add on	Winchester hotel or similar	Full Day Peninsular Tour
23-Sept-26	Wednesday	South Africa	Cape Town Add on	Winchester hotel or similar	Full Day Wine Tour/ Tram
24-Sept-26	Thursday	South Africa	Cape Town Add on	Winchester hotel or similar	Robben Island + Table Mountain + City Tour
25-Sept-26	Friday	South Africa	Home		

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

These driving adventures are organised and led by Carla Geyser, the founder of the Blue Sky Society Trust (BSST) and Blue Sky Expeditions (BSE) who has, to date, led many successful trips into Africa. If you are an enthusiastic adventurer who is passionate about conservation and takes life as it comes, then this is for you! #JWP brings together like-minded people from around the world on trips that focus on visiting and raising funds for wildlife initiatives along the route.

#JWP EXPEDITIONS ARE NOT FOR EVERYONE

Carla is always looking for well-rounded individuals of various skills and interests. If you are an enthusiastic adventurer passionate about conservation and taking life as it comes, then our next #JWP expedition could be for you.

REMOTE AND MEMORABLE

These expeditions often involve driving long distances over bumpy, dusty roads, camping in remote areas, at times being without mobile phone service for days, and of course, loads of giving back through hands-on charity work. Sometimes our accommodation varies from camping to chalets/rooms. Each journey is unique. So make sure you read the itinerary carefully.

This is not a 'normal' tour but rather a team expedition, and every now and then, team member (s) are requested to pitch in, if required, with cooking, cleaning, camp set-up etc. It is the experience of a lifetime, and we would love to have exploratory fun-filled compassionate spirits along for the ride.

ARE YOU UP FOR THE CHALLENGE?

This is a LIMITED entry journey, which means only a few people get to experience this unforgettable never-to-be-repeated experience. The minimum enrollment for this trip is four to six people. If minimum enrollment is not met 90 days prior to the departure date, the trip may be cancelled or postponed in which case full payment, excluding the deposit, will be refunded. (Minus the non-refundable deposit of R5000pp).

SAFETY:

Safety is always a priority. We are supported by SATIB Insurance 24-hour medivac and assistance on call, and access to doctors 24/7.

PAYMENT & BOOKING:

DEPOSIT: A R5000pp non-refundable deposit is required to be paid within 24 hours to reserve/book your spot on the expedition.

PAYMENT TWO: To be paid within 30 days of booking confirmation

FULL PAYMENT DEADLINE: The remaining balance should be paid 90 days prior to departure. If you are booking within 90 days of departure, then full payment is required at the time of booking.

OR Full payment upfront (100%)

Credit Card Payments: 3.5% administration fee applies

Pricing: Quoted in Rands or sometimes USD; final price may vary if USD/Rand exchange rate fluctuates per day per guide. But you are welcome to tip more.

CANCELLATION & REFUND POLICY:

30 days (one month) or less: Cancellation by you up to 30 days prior to departure results in no refund. (100% Cancellation fee applies i.e. no refund)

30 – 90 days (one to three months): 70% cancellation fee applies. 30% will be refunded.

90 – 150 days (three to five months): 30% cancellation fee applies. 70% will be refunded.

150 days or more: Cancellation by you up to 150 days prior to departure will result in full reimbursement MINUS deposit of R5000pp.

Blue Sky Expeditions is not responsible for cancellations due to medical or family emergencies or for any pandemics or acts of god cancellations (please read the indemnity form).

A cancellation request must be received in writing by email from the participant. Verbal notice will not serve as a valid cancellation.

Should you choose to withdraw from the program, kindly note that the deposit is non-refundable.

In the event that the trip is cancelled due to inadequate enrollment, Blue Sky Expeditions is not responsible for reimbursement of non-refundable airline tickets. While we do our absolute best to fill each trip, we highly recommend that you buy refundable airline tickets.



TERMS AND CONDITIONS

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Unless you are purchasing the airline insurance, it is a good idea to wait until departure is confirmed before buying plane tickets.

Please ARRIVE at the designated airport on a specific date (see itinerary)

Please book your DEPARTURE from the designated airport on a specific date (see itinerary)

Traveling before or after the program is totally fine – just let Blue Sky Expeditions know your plans.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

Please note the itinerary may change slightly, but we will keep you posted as to any amendments or changes. This is Africa (TIA).

Blue Sky Expeditions would like to do educational work in rural schools as well from time to time, if possible, handing out educational booklets/painting a creche or handing out school shoes to children and/or visiting communities.

We will send you emails detailing the documentation and correspondence we require from you. An Expedition Agreement contract will be sent and needs to be read, understood, signed and returned to confirm your place.

MEALS: Most meals will be eaten together at the places we stay. Food restrictions and allergies can be accommodated; just please let us know beforehand.

SLEEPING ARRANGEMENTS:

Pricing is based upon a single and double occupancy sharing. We don't partner guests.

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL INSURANCE:

Here at Blue Sky Expeditions we do our best to ensure every program succeeds. However, in the event of something unexpected, we want you to be fully protected. We REQUIRE that you purchase international travel insurance.

Make sure you have sufficient supplies of any prescription medicine. In fact, it might be wise to bring a small personal first aid kit, including any patent medicines you prefer. You are responsible for taking all necessary health precautions before and during your trip. The client is responsible for seeking professional medical advice before travelling and taking all necessary health precautions and preventative measures.

Vaccinations: Be an informed traveller! Ultimately, it is up to you to consult a physician. We are here to help but cannot legally provide medical advice.

ENTRY & VISA INFORMATION

Please ensure that your passport is valid for at least six months from the date of entry and that you have at least two blank pages in your passport (the back page does not count).

MONEY & TIPPING:

The colourful currency in each country will be explained – please do your homework or ask.

South Africa – SA Rand

Namibia – Namibian Dollar

Botswana – Botswana Pula

Zambia – Zambian Kwacha

Mozambique – Mozambique Metical

Zimbabwe – US\$ *Cash only

Eswatini – SA Rand

Rwanda – Rwandan Franc

Credit cards are widely accepted so this can be your main form of payment. Reliable ATM's in banks are available in certain cities. You may also bring cash to exchange at banks and exchange offices.

TIPPING: There will be some situations where you may feel the need to tip, but as always, it is up to your discretion. Typically, it is customary to tip our local guides \$10-\$20 per day per guide. But you are welcome to tip more.