

JOURNEY WITH PURPOSE – AQUA EARTH – “A Soulful Journey from Land to Sea”

Beach to Bush Conservation Expedition | South Africa, Botswana & Mozambique |



Dates: 28 April – 12 May 2027 (+ Optional Cape Town Extension: 12–16 May 2027)

Duration: 15 Days (Base Trip)

Group Size: 6–8 Women Only

Fitness Level: Moderate to Fit

Style: Conservation Safari | Cultural Immersion | Marine Expedition

Accommodation: Simple lodges, camps & bungalows (shared or single, not pre-partnered)

Pricing Overview:

Base Trip Single (1 Person)

Item	ZAR (R)
Base Trip Single	R152,922
Conservation Fee	R20,000
TOTAL	R172,922

Base Trip Sharing (Per Person)

Item	ZAR (R)
Base Trip Sharing	R143,216
Conservation Fee	R20,000
TOTAL	R163,216

SUMMARY

Join a Journey with Purpose – Aqua Earth 2027

Aqua Earth 2027 is a transformative conservation expedition through Southern Africa's wild landscapes and coastal ecosystems, designed for women seeking meaningful travel, authentic connection, and hands-on conservation experiences.

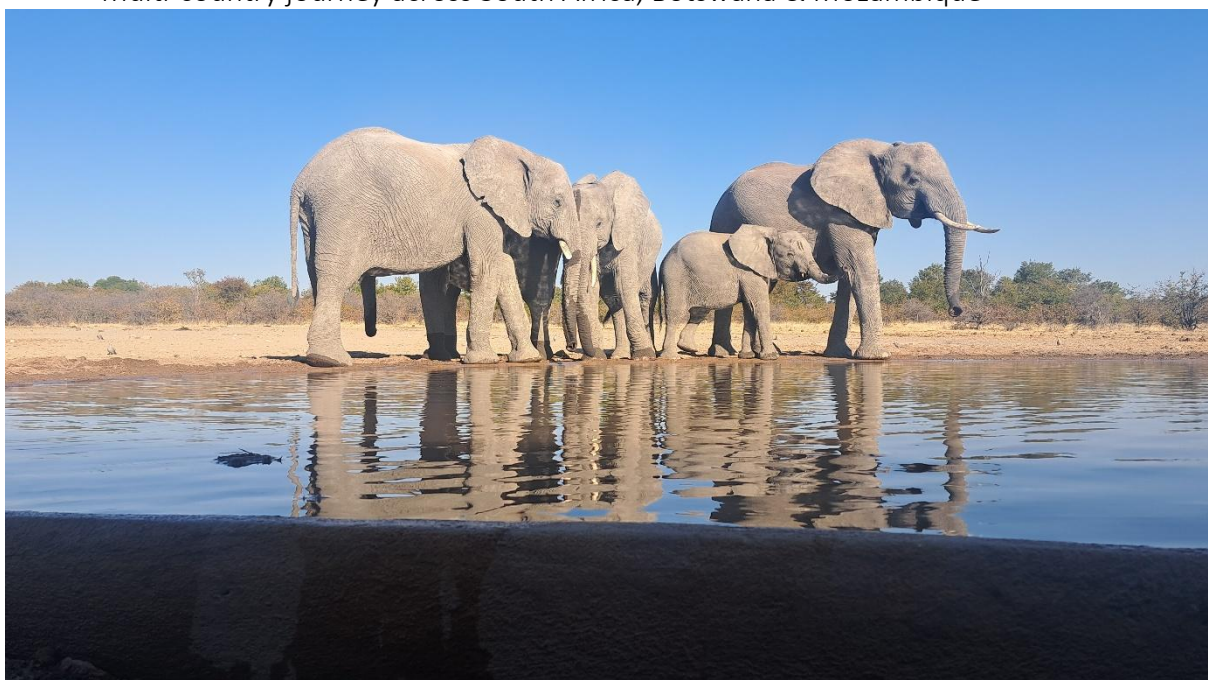
The journey begins in Johannesburg before moving into Botswana's remote Tuli Block, where riverine forests, rocky outcrops, and open savannah support iconic wildlife such as elephants, giraffes, and leopard. From here, the expedition continues into Tswehe Reserve, a community-focused conservation landscape where guests engage in wildlife tracking, observation, and ecological learning.

Crossing back into South Africa, the journey continues into the Greater Kruger ecosystem at Selati Game Reserve, where participants work alongside Wildscapes Veterinary Services in real conservation operations, including wildlife monitoring and ecological fieldwork.

The expedition then transitions from land to sea with a flight into Mozambique's Bazaruto Archipelago — a pristine marine paradise of coral reefs, islands, and turquoise waters. Guests will snorkel, or dive, and explore the ocean while learning about marine conservation initiatives supported by African Parks. The journey concludes with an optional Cape Town extension, offering time for reflection, culture, and exploration of one of the world's most iconic coastal cities. This is not a typical safari — it is a purpose-driven journey connecting wildlife, oceans, and people through conservation, education, and shared experience.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Full-day hands-on conservation with Wildscapes Veterinary Services (Selati Game Reserve)
- Wilderness immersion in Botswana's Tuli Block & Tswehe Reserve
- Close wildlife encounters with elephants, giraffes, predators & birdlife
- Marine exploration in Bazaruto Archipelago (snorkelling, diving, dhow excursions)
- Conservation education with African Parks marine initiatives
- Small-group women-only travel for deep connection and reflection
- Multi-country journey across South Africa, Botswana & Mozambique



ITINERARY OVERVIEW

Day 1 | Johannesburg, South Africa | 28 April 2027

Guests arrive in Johannesburg after international travel and are transferred to a cultural lodge on the outskirts of the city for a soft landing into Africa. This is a rest and recovery day after long-haul flights, followed by a hosted welcome dinner and cultural introduction experience.

Accommodation: Lesedi Cultural Village (or similar)

Meals: Dinner, Breakfast

Website: <https://www.lesedi.com/>

Day 2–3 | Tuli Block, Botswana | 29–30 April 2027

We travel north, crossing the Platjan Border into Botswana and continuing into the remote Tuli Block. This journey transitions from South Africa into vast, unfenced wilderness. Over two days, guests experience game drives and guided tracking through dramatic rock formations, river corridors, and open savannah where wildlife moves freely through ancient landscapes.

Accommodation: Serolo Safari Camp

Meals: Full Board

Website: <https://tulitrails.com/>

Day 4–6 | Tswehe Reserve, Botswana | 1–3 May 2027

We move deeper into the wilderness of Tswehe Reserve, a remote conservation landscape focused on ecological balance and wildlife protection. These days are slower and more immersive, with time spent on game drives, wildlife hides overlooking watering holes, and bush walks with expert guides. Guests also gain insight into community-based conservation and long-term ecosystem management.

Accommodation: Lone Tree Camp

Meals: Full Board

Website: <https://www.tswehewildlifereserve.com/>

Day 7–9 | Selati Game Reserve (Greater Kruger), South Africa | 4–6 May 2027

We cross back into South Africa and enter the Greater Kruger ecosystem at Selati Game Reserve. This is a working conservation landscape where wildlife management is actively taking place. Guests engage directly with conservation professionals through Wildscapes Veterinary Services, participating in fieldwork, monitoring, and ecological support activities depending on operational needs.

Accommodation: Selati Wildlife Research Tented Camp (or similar)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Website: <https://www.selatigamereserve.co.za/accommodation/>

Conservation Partner: <https://www.wildscapesvet.com/>

Day 10 | Nelspruit / Lowveld, South Africa | 7 May 2027

We leave the bush and travel through the Lowveld region toward Nelspruit. This is a transition and integration day moving from wilderness into softer agricultural landscapes. Guests stay at a boutique farm-style lodge for a relaxed evening before the final travel leg.

Accommodation: Da Loose Mongoose (or similar)

Meals: Breakfast, Packed Lunch, Dinner

Website: www.daloosemongoose.co.za/suites

Day 11 | Vilankulos, Mozambique | 8 May 2027

We travel to KMIA and fly via Johannesburg into Vilankulos, Mozambique. From here, guests transfer to a beachfront lodge overlooking the Indian Ocean. The environment shifts dramatically from bushveld to tropical coastline, white sand, and warm ocean waters. The afternoon is free for swimming and rest.

Accommodation: Bahia Mar Boutique Hotel (or similar)

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Website: <https://www.bahiamarclub.com/>

Day 12–14 | Bazaruto Archipelago, Mozambique | 9–11 May 2027

Over three unforgettable days, guests will explore the breathtaking Bazaruto Archipelago, one of Africa's most pristine marine environments. Time will be spent out on the ocean by boat, moving between remote islands, reefs, and sandbanks depending on sea and weather conditions. Experiences include snorkelling in crystal-clear waters, optional scuba diving at the renowned 2 Mile Reef, island exploration on Santa Carolina, and relaxed time enjoying the warm Indian Ocean.

One full day will be dedicated to exploring the spectacular Benguerra Island, allowing guests to experience its untouched beaches, turquoise waters, and incredible marine biodiversity. Another day combines culture and marine discovery, beginning with a morning cultural tour to experience the local island community and way of life. In the afternoon, guests will enjoy the famous Sea Horse Safari — a unique experience that takes place around low tide and lasts approximately four hours.

The final day focuses on conservation and sustainability with a visit linked to African Parks' work within the Bazaruto Archipelago National Park. Guests will gain insight into marine ecosystem protection, sustainable tourism initiatives, and the ongoing conservation efforts helping preserve this extraordinary part of Mozambique. Potential activities may also include a traditional dhow sailing experience.

Accommodation: Bahia Mar Boutique Hotel (or similar)

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Website: <https://www.bahiamarclub.com/>

Conservation Partner: <https://www.africanparks.org/the-parks/bazaruto>

Day 15 | Departure or Cape Town Extension | 12 May 2027

Guests either depart Vilankulos and return home via Johannesburg, or continue to the optional Cape Town extension. This marks the end of a journey that has moved from wilderness to conservation fieldwork to marine exploration.

Meals: Breakfast

INCLUDES

- Trip host & facilitator: Carla Geyser
- Co-host support throughout the expedition
- All in-country transport (vehicles, fuel, tolls, transfers)
- Accommodation throughout (simple lodges, camps & eco-stays)
- All meals and drinking water
- National park & conservation fees

- All guided activities as per itinerary
- Flight: Nelspruit → Johannesburg → Vilankulos (Day 11)
- Flight: Vilankulos → Johannesburg (Day 15) or Cape Town for add on
- Participation in conservation programs
- Conservation contribution: Included in the total price above.

EXCLUDES

- International flights to and from South Africa
- Any internal flights not specified
- Visa and border fees
- Alcohol, snacks, and personal items
- Gratuities (approx. \$40–\$50 per person per day recommended)
- Compulsory travel insurance
- Personal expenses

IMPORTANT NOTES

This is a purpose-driven conservation expedition designed for immersive and flexible travel. Activities may change depending on wildlife movement, weather, and conservation priorities. Some regions will have limited or no connectivity, offering a natural digital detox experience. All conservation work is guided by professionals, with animal welfare and safety as the highest priority.

TRIP STYLE

- Once-off expedition
- Women-only group (6–8 guests)
- Mid-range adventure travel
- Strong wildlife & marine conservation focus
- Cultural immersion across three countries
- English spoken throughout

TERMS & CONDITIONS – BLUE SKY EXPEDITIONS / BLUE SKY SOCIETY TRUST

1. ABOUT THESE EXPEDITIONS/ TRIPS

These driving and conservation-led expeditions are organised and facilitated through Blue Sky Expeditions (BSE) in association with Blue Sky Society Trust (BSST). These journeys are immersive, small-group conservation expeditions focused on wildlife initiatives, community engagement, and overland travel through remote regions of Africa. By joining a #JWP expedition, you acknowledge that this is not a standard tourism product, but a participatory, team-based expedition experience.

2. PARTICIPATION & EXPEDITION STYLE

#JWP expeditions are designed for adventurous, flexible, and open-minded participants who are comfortable with remote travel and group-based living.

These expeditions may include:

- Long-distance overland travel on rough and remote roads
- Camping in remote areas and/or stays in basic to mid-range accommodation (camping, chalets, or guesthouses depending on itinerary)
- Limited or no mobile connectivity for extended periods

- Participation in conservation and community-based activities

This is a shared expedition experience. Guests may be requested to assist with general group participation such as cooking, cleaning, or camp setup. Each expedition is unique and participants are required to review the itinerary carefully before booking.

3. ACCEPTANCE OF RISK

By booking and participating, you acknowledge and accept that travel in remote areas involves inherent risks, including but not limited to:

- Limited access to medical facilities
- Variable road and travel conditions
- Wildlife encounters
- Environmental and weather-related conditions

Participation is undertaken entirely at your own risk.

4. BOOKING & PAYMENT TERMS

4.1 Booking Confirmation

A booking is confirmed upon receipt of payment and written confirmation from Blue Sky Expeditions.

4.2 Administration Fee

A non-refundable administration fee of R5,000 per person applies and is retained regardless of cancellation, postponement, or change of travel plans by the participant.

4.3 Payment Structure

- Deposit payable within 48 hours to secure booking
- Second payment due within 30 days of confirmation
- Final balance due 90 days prior to departure
- For bookings made within 90 days of departure, full payment is required at the time of booking
- Full upfront payment is also accepted

Credit card payments incur a 3.5% processing fee. Prices may be quoted in ZAR or USD.

Where applicable, exchange rate fluctuations may affect final pricing prior to full payment.

5. CANCELLATION POLICY

All cancellation requests must be submitted in writing via email. Verbal cancellations are not valid.

Refunds are calculated as follows:

- 150+ days before departure: Refund minus R5,000 administration fee
- 150–90 days before departure: 70% refund, 30% cancellation fee applies
- 90–30 days before departure: 30% refund, 70% cancellation fee applies
- Less than 30 days before departure: No refund (100% cancellation fee applies)

The R5,000 administration fee remains non-refundable in all circumstances.

6. MINIMUM NUMBERS & OPERATOR CANCELLATION

A minimum number of participants (typically 4–6 guests) is required for each expedition. If minimum numbers are not met 90 days prior to departure, the expedition may be postponed or cancelled.

In such cases:

- Payments made will be refunded excluding the non-refundable administration fee

- Blue Sky Expeditions is not responsible for additional costs incurred, including flights, visas, or third-party bookings

Guests are strongly advised to purchase flexible or refundable flights.

7. FORCE MAJEURE

Blue Sky Expeditions shall not be held liable for cancellation, delay, or changes caused by events beyond its reasonable control, including but not limited to pandemics, extreme weather, natural disasters, political instability, border closures, strikes, or other unforeseen circumstances.

8. SAFETY & SUPPORT

Safety is a priority on all expeditions. Emergency medical assistance and evacuation support is available through applicable insurance and assistance partners (including SATIB where relevant). Participants acknowledge that response times may vary due to remote travel locations.

9. TRAVEL INSURANCE (MANDATORY)

Comprehensive international travel insurance is mandatory for all participants.

Insurance must cover:

- Medical emergencies
- Emergency evacuation and repatriation
- Trip cancellation and interruption

Proof of insurance may be requested prior to departure. Failure to provide adequate insurance may result in refusal to participate without refund.

10. HEALTH, MEDICAL & VACCINATIONS

Participants are responsible for ensuring they are medically fit for travel.

It is strongly recommended to consult a medical professional prior to departure regarding:

- Vaccinations
- Preventative medication
- Personal health requirements

Participants must bring sufficient supplies of any required prescription medication. Blue Sky Expeditions does not provide medical advice and accepts no responsibility for medical conditions arising during travel.

11. PASSPORTS & VISAS

Participants are responsible for ensuring:

- Passport validity of at least 6 months beyond travel dates
- At least 2 blank pages in their passport
- All required visas and entry documentation

12. FLIGHTS & TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

Flights are not included unless explicitly stated.

Participants are advised to:

- Wait for expedition confirmation before purchasing flights where possible
- Purchase flexible or refundable tickets
- Follow itinerary arrival and departure instructions carefully

Blue Sky Expeditions accepts no liability for flight changes, delays, or cancellations.

13. MEALS, ACCOMMODATION & GROUP LIVING

Meals are generally shared as a group at expedition accommodation. Dietary requirements and allergies will be accommodated where possible if communicated in advance. Accommodation varies depending on itinerary and may include camping, lodges, or guesthouses. NB: Participants are not paired with strangers for accommodation unless agreed in advance.

14. ITINERARY CHANGES

Itineraries may be adjusted due to weather, logistics, conservation priorities, or local conditions. Blue Sky Expeditions reserves the right to make reasonable changes to ensure safety and overall expedition quality.

15. COMMUNITY & CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES

Expeditions may include conservation or community engagement activities such as school visits, outreach programmes, or environmental projects. These activities are dependent on local permissions and conditions and cannot be guaranteed.

16. THIRD-PARTY SUPPLIERS

Blue Sky Expeditions works with third-party suppliers including lodges, transport providers, guides, and conservation partners. Blue Sky Expeditions is not responsible for the acts, omissions, delays, or failures of any third-party supplier.

17. PARTICIPANT CONDUCT

Participants are expected to behave respectfully towards fellow travellers, staff, local communities, wildlife, and the environment. Blue Sky Expeditions reserves the right to remove any participant from an expedition if their behaviour is deemed unsafe, disruptive, or harmful. No refund will be issued in such cases.

18. LIABILITY LIMITATION

To the fullest extent permitted by law, Blue Sky Expeditions, its affiliates, partners, and representatives shall not be liable for any loss, injury, damage, delay, or expense incurred during participation in the expedition.

19. COMPLAINTS

Any concerns should be raised with the expedition leader as soon as possible during the trip to allow reasonable on-site resolution.

20. MEDIA & CONTENT RELEASE

Participants consent to photography and videography during the expedition, which may be used for marketing, social media, and promotional purposes. If a participant does not wish to appear in media, this must be requested in writing prior to departure.

21. MONEY, CURRENCY & TIPPING

Local currencies vary by country and will be explained prior to travel. Common currencies include:

- ZAR (South African Rand)
- NAD (Namibian Dollar)
- BWP (Botswana Pula)
- ZMW (Zambian Kwacha)
- MZN (Mozambique Metical)
- USD (used in some regions, including Zimbabwe)

Credit cards may be accepted in some locations, but cash is recommended for remote travel. Tipping is optional but customary in some regions (guideline: \$15–\$30 per day or at your discretion).

22. ACCEPTANCE OF TERMS

By paying a deposit or full payment, you confirm that you:

- Have read and understood these Terms & Conditions
- Accept all risks associated with participation
- Agree to comply with expedition requirements, safety guidelines, and group conduct expectations

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