



TIMELESS AFRICA
— SAFARIS —

TURNING DREAMS INTO MEMORIES



TIMELESS HISTORY:

Timeless Africa Safaris began with our CEO, Marco van Embden's first bush experience over thirty years ago, where he was so moved by an up-close encounter with a female lion striding haughtily down the centre of the road, yellow eyes blazing, powerful muscles rippling, that it sparked his own lifelong love of Africa. Combining this with his passion for people and organising, he soon found himself helping to organise safaris for friends and friends-of-friends.

As an active YPO member, he brings an only-in-YPO-type approach, aiming to source the most incredible destinations, plan the most extraordinary experiences and complete them with special details and thoughtful touches that make each travel itinerary unique.

Word spread, more and more people wanted to come, and in 2002, Marco decided to turn his hobby into a business. Over the years, the company has grown and attracted a team of like-minded people who share his passion and commitment to looking after guests, giving them a once-in-a-lifetime journey, and sending them home richer in spirit and memories.

Timeless Africa Safaris remains a largely referral based business and this philosophy remains at the core of who we are. Our happy guests recommend us to their friends who then recommend us to their friends.

The Timeless Africa Safaris team of 15 dedicated professionals is based in Cape Town, South Africa and has collectively over 100 years of industry experience.



SOME OF OUR ESTEEMED GUESTS:

YOUNG PRESIDENTS ORGANIZATION (YPO)

Marco is a YPO Cape Town Chapter Founding Member and Hickok award winner. Has served on the Board of YPO International in various capacities since 1991. He served as Executive Chairman of the YPO Board in 2002-2003. Marco & his wife, Gwen chaired the very successful Cape Town 2000 University. He started chapters in various countries all over the world including Mauritius, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Nairobi, Warsaw and Moscow. He is a passionate YPO-er who has served the organization well for many decades and carries a wealth of institutional memory.

Timeless Africa Safaris has put together trips for thousands of YPO members since 2002 including family trips, multi-generational family trips, business trips and chapter & forum retreats.

YPO refers chapter & forum retreats, families & couples to Timeless Africa Safaris on a consistent basis.

We have been showcased at 8 YPO Global Leadership Conferences (GLC) & YPO EDGE conferences.

We were the official travel company organizing the pre and post travel around the YPO GLC & EDGE in Cape Town, March 2019 and assisted over 350 YPOers with their travels.

FEEDBACK FROM YPO GLC & EDGE 2019

“Marco brings enormous passion, energy, commitment, creativity, and experience to every project he is involved with. The quality I value most in Marco is his honesty, and his ability and willingness to speak up and try to fix a situation that is in need of a fix. He works collaboratively and with a win-win attitude and does an amazing job in coming up with great ideas and solutions. Marco has great leadership qualities, and people trust him.”

Reference from David Cook – YPO Executive Director of Events

CHIEF EXECUTIVES ORGANISATION (CEO):

“We highly appreciated you and your teams support for the CEO event in South Africa. With your network and support we were able to attract very able and highly visible speakers and guides. The organisation of the event was smooth and flexible - exactly what you expect and need for such a demanding group of participants. The overall rating for the event of all the participants was a clear ‘outstanding’. Thank you again for your support and thanks again to your team,

Dieter Ammer - Comment on an 8 day luxury tailor-made experience for 30 members to Johannesburg, Cape Town and the Winelands ending with a 3 night Londolozi academy. We have worked with CEO for over 2 years.



THE TATE MUSEUM

“One of the best TATE trips ever.”

Nathalie Debono, TATE Museum

Comment on Timeless Africa Art Experiences hosting 52 patrons of the TATE Museum, London.

THE GUGGENHEIM MUSEUM

“The trip was described by the participants as unforgettable.”

Mary Ann Talotta, Guggenheim Museum, New York – after a trip for 25 patrons of the Guggenheim in 2015.

“Eight gazillion thank yous for going way above and beyond the call of duty for all of us Guggenheimers.”

Debi Wisch, patron of the Guggenheim Museum – of her experiences in South Africa with Timeless Africa Art Experiences.

THE ISRAEL MUSEUM:

We have been working with the Friends of the Israel Museum since 2012.

“We travel to absorb experiences just like this, and we could not have done this trip without you! Everything was amazing – the official program, the unofficial program (!), sights, collections, hosts and their incredible warm hospitality – and all of this made us feel very much at home and very much treated to a very special insight into the heart of what makes South Africa unique in our time.”

James S. Snyder

Director Emeritus. Comment on a 7-day art and cultural programme in South Africa trip arranged for 65 of the International Friends of the Israel Museum.

ALIREZA WEDDING

We were the wedding DMC and arranged pre and post travel for a Saudi Arabian couple with guests traveling from across the globe and included captains of industry and highly regarded Saudi families.

Reference on request

MORAN WEDDING

“Belinda I’m lost for words on what just happened this weekend... the guests were so impressed by all the logistical organization... their hands were held as soon as they arrived and left with their hearts full... so thank u again and we hope to see you again soon... much love.”

Madi & Mikey Moran (Indonesia)

We were the wedding DMC and arranged pre and post travel an Indonesian couple with guests travelling from across the globe to join the international DJ and his bride on their wedding day.



SALIM DEWJI (YPO MEMBER & HARVARD BUSINESS SCHOOL ALUMNI)

We have been working with Salim Dewji since 2016.

“The wonderful team at Timeless Africa Safaris assisted in organizing the Harvard OPM37 South Africa Retreat in January 2017. The outstanding service received from Timeless Africa Safaris definitely contributed to the great success of our retreat and I would highly recommend them as a preferred Travel Management Company.”

Salim Dewji

We worked in conjunction with Salim to organise the Harvard Business School Global Alumni Food, Wine and Art programme around South Africa. We have assisted many friends and contacts of Salim’s on their travels to Africa as well.

AJC - USA:

“You were an ideal partner on this venture. As you know it was a whirlwind programme - even though we bombarded you with our crazy requests, your steady hand guided us so admirably to port.” Eliso Newman

We worked with the AJC on a programme designed to further the aims of their organisation in South Africa and Mozambique.

THE SANDLER FAMILY, MEXICO:

“Africa stole my heart! For all those who have asked me about who organized my trip I recommend our agency in Africa, which made the difference, that more than a tourist trip, it was a trip of experiences, from knowing an African village of a native tribe to meet an elephant sanctuary and feed them! I hope it serves you! I leave you the email where you can contact the agency to personalize and plan your trip louisee@tasafaris.com and the website www.tasafaris.com, as well as your account on Instagram [@timelessafricasafaris](https://www.instagram.com/timelessafricasafaris)”

Yael Sandler

We have just successfully completed a 2 week multi-generational family safari experience for the well-known Mexican Influencer Sandler family.

OTHER NOTEWORTHY GUESTS:

Niehaus Group Programme: Princeton University (2020)

ILR - International Leadership Reunion (2015)

The late Avicii - musician (2016)

Mandy Patinkin - actor (2015)

Otto-Bernstein - film maker (2015)

Molly Bloom - personality (2020)

FOR FEEDBACK FROM A VARIETY OF OTHER GUESTS INCLUDING FAMILIES, MULTI GENERATIONAL FAMILIES, HONEYMOONERS, BUSINESS TRAVELLERS ETC. PLEASE FOLLOW THESE LINKS:

- [Facebook Reviews](#)
- [Google Reviews](#)
- [Website Reviews](#)



OUR TOP SUPPLIERS:

We work with the best suppliers across Africa in the destinations we specialize in.



LION SANDS, THE ROYAL PORTFOLIO, INYATI PRIVATE GAME RESERVE, BOSCHENDAL, SANCTUARY RETREATS, AFRICAN BUSH CAMPS, SEASONS IN AFRICA, MOUNT NELSON HOTEL, RADISSON HOTEL GROUP, LE QUARTIER FRANCAIS, ROVOS RAIL and many more.

“Timeless Africa Safaris is held in high esteem by us, and we are pleased to recommend their services.”

Singita Game Reserves

“Marco is passionate about travel and about delivering perfectly planned and crafted experiences for his clients - I know this because we are at the receiving end of his detailed requests to ensure his guests have unique experiences when they stay in our lodges. I would unhesitatingly recommend Marco and Timeless Africa Safaris as a trusted and creative supplier of bespoke travel to Africa.”

Nicky Fitzgerald, Angama Mara

AFFILIATIONS:



GIVING BACK:

STOP RHINO POACHING:

Safeguarding Rhinos under threat of extinction from poaching is a cause so close to our hearts that we make generous donations on behalf of all of our guests to StopRhinoPoaching.com in the manner of funding the purchase of camera traps, first aid courses, radios and other necessary equipment in the fight against poachers.

THE RHINOS ARE COMING (TRAC):

We are a proud sponsor of The Rhinos Are Coming; an open-air exhibition of colourfully painted rhinos which help to raise funds for rhino conservation. Our rhino was painted by some of the talented children from the Lalela Project and is currently on display at the V&A Waterfront in Cape Town.

RELATE:

Each of our guests receive a Relate bracelet in support of anti-rhino poaching efforts. Relate bracelets are handmade and sold to make a difference and change lives. As a 100% not-for-profit social enterprise, the majority of their revenue is donated to credible causes and invested in social upliftment initiatives, with a focus on creating opportunities for all involved, at every stage of a project.

THE RHINO BILL OF RIGHTS:

We have written the Rhino Bill of Rights which we actively market and promote to encourage our network to use their sphere of influence and help change the headspace around rhino products and the distribution of rhino horn. When we shift the tide of thinking, we will affect long-term change.

<https://www.tasafaris.com/blog/the-rhino-bill-of-rights/>

BOITHATELO CRÈCHE:

In the names of our international friends and ambassadors who refer guests to us, we have built classrooms for the Boithatelo Creche in Ngala.

COATS FOR CAPE TOWN:

Approximately 7000 men, women and children live on the streets of Cape Town, finding what little shelter they can when the stormy Cape winters bring icy winds, driving rain and plummeting temperatures. The mission is to provide Capetonians-in-need with a warm winter coat at no cost.

LALELA:

Providing educational arts for at-risk youth to spark creative thinking and awaken the entrepreneurial spirit is the mission of the Lalela Project; a Cape Town-based initiative with which Timeless Africa Safaris has worked for many years.



WHY TIMELESS AFRICA SAFARIS WILL CREATE THE BEST AFRICAN JOURNEY FOR YOU:

- We are your “personal connection” in Africa, we form one-on-one relationships with our guests, offering guidance and support throughout the planning and during the trip.
- We are an owner run company. Our CEO is personally involved in all aspects of the business.
- Our goal is to treat guests’ travel arrangements as we would our own. With very high levels of personalisation and attention to detail.
- Our Luxury Travel Managers have been travelling and sending guests to Africa for many years and collectively have over 100 years industry experience.
- You will receive free, no obligation proposals from your Luxury Travel Manager
- We take care of every detail from the moment you arrive to the time you depart: your flights, activities, accommodation, transfers, special personalised experiences, all the pre travel advice and guidance.
- There are no hidden charges – Quoted prices include all accommodation, logistics, arrival documentation & expert advice. Flights can either be included or excluded.
- We’re on the ground & on hand 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- Our credibility is reputation based – the majority of our guests are referrals

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