



Don't miss this special opportunity to view **big cats** and other amazing wildlife with two experts in their fields: renowned big cat biologist **Jeff Sikich** and conservation leader **Beth Pratt**.

Big Cats of Botswana Luxury Safari

14 - 24 November 2025 | \$18,850 p/p/sharing*



Itinerary Overview

Africa's savannas are famous for the incredible abundance of wildlife they support. Jeff and Beth, together with exceptional local African guides, will take you on a visceral and enlightening journey through the African Bush. Absorb the beauty and exciting wilderness, while delving into the ecology and biology of big cats and other wildlife, their behavior and the complexities associated with human coexistence. One of the privileges of visiting these vast protected areas is that animals are relaxed around game-drive vehicles. This allows one the wonderful opportunity to observe even the most elusive cats at close quarters.

November is the beginning of the summer rainy season where the parched land flushes with green, flowers appear, animals have their babies and migratory birds have arrived. The weather is dramatic, with gorgeous cloudscapes and breathtaking sunsets. If it rains it is usually in short bursts which adds to the excitement.

All the safari camps are intimate and luxurious, with excellent service, and have exclusive use of huge conserved areas so your sightings are not shared with large crowds of people.

Qorokwe, 4 nights: From Maun, Botswana, you will board your bush plane taking to your first safari camp in the Okavango Delta, a remarkable World Heritage Site. The luxurious Qorokwe Camp is in the best game area in Botswana. It has an incredibly diverse ecosystem which is home to a great diversity of animal life. This will be a spectacular introduction to the wildlife Africa has to offer.

Little Vumbura, 3 nights: Take a scenic flight to Little Vumbura, an intimate Wilderness camp in a beautiful setting on an island surrounded by permanent water channels, floodplains and wooded 'islands'. This will give you the quintessential Okavango Delta experience. This watery landscape provides opportunities to explore not just through game drives, but also boating and the special experience of being poled through the shallows in mokoros (traditional dug-out canoes). While slowing the pace and enjoying the beautiful area, birds and wildlife, you may also start looking more closely at some of the conservation challenges and solutions in Africa and back home.

Chitabe, 3 nights: Another scenic flight will take you to your final camp, Wilderness Chitabe, situated in the game-rich and diverse ecosystem neighboring Qorokwe. Enjoy the luxurious new suites built in the edge of a woodland overlooking a grassy plain. The predator sightings here are exceptional and Chitabe is known for its relaxed leopards, prides of lions, painted dogs and more! A longer drive will take you out to the idyllic Gomoti Channel where you might be lucky enough to spot one of the cheetah seen in the area. This should be an action packed climax for your safari.

On your final morning you will say goodbye to the Okavango Delta and get a bush plane back to Maun from where you will catch your flight home.

[Click here for more on the safari camps and a camp video!](#)



Jeff Sikich

Jeff Sikich is a wildlife biologist researching the impacts of urbanization and habitat fragmentation on mountain lions in Southern California. Jeff manages the field work for this study, one of the longest running of its kind, which informs mountain lion conservation, as well as outreach, education, and habitat conservation efforts locally and around the world. Over the last 26 years Jeff has captured and handled over 16 carnivore species for wildlife research and he has advised and trained many professionals around the world on humane capture methods. In addition to his work in California, Jeff has contributed to mountain lion research in Montana, Arizona, Mexico, Nicaragua, and Peru. He has worked with gray wolves, black bears, lynx, coyotes, bobcats, desert tortoise, sea lions, and deer, as well as studies focused on tigers in Sumatra, jaguars in North, Central, and South America, and leopards in South Africa. His work has centered on conservation, including habitat connectivity, corridors, toxicants, and human-wildlife conflict resolution. Jeff has contributed to many scientific papers and popular articles on carnivore ecology and conservation, and his work has been featured on numerous television programs, news outlets, and documentary films.



Beth Pratt

A lifelong advocate for wildlife, Beth Pratt has worked in environmental leadership roles for over thirty years, and in two of the country's largest national parks: Yosemite and Yellowstone. As the California Regional Executive Director for the National Wildlife Federation, Pratt leads the #SaveLACougars campaign to build the Wallis Annenberg Wildlife Crossing, which broke ground on Earth Day in 2022. Her innovative conservation work has been featured by The New Yorker, The Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, BBC World Service, CNN, CBS This Morning, the Los Angeles Times, Men's Journal, The Guardian, NPR, AP News, and more. Her books include *When Mountain Lions are Neighbors*, published by Heyday in 2024, and *I Heart Wildlife*, by Di Angelo Publications in 2020. Her new book, *Yosemite Wildlife: The Wonder of Animal Life in California's Sierra Nevada*, will be published in 2025. Beth has also given a TEDx talk about coexisting with wildlife called, "How a Lonely Cougar in Los Angeles Inspired the World," is featured in the documentary, "The Cat that Changed America," on CNN's *Heroes in Conservation* series, and the new reboot of *Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom*. The Western Section of the Wildlife Society named her "Conservationist of the Year" in 2023, and in 2024, she received the Alan Rabinowitz Conservation award from the Explorers Club.

This special safari for curious wildlife lovers is handcrafted by True Wild in support of the National Wildlife Federation's [#SaveLACougars](#) crossing and connectivity work, and also supports wildlife conservation efforts in Africa.



True Wild LLC is a conservation and safari company based in San Francisco's North Bay. Our mission is to connect people strongly to nature through experiences and encourage individual action to conserve our planet. We do mountain lion research and conservation, and work with communities on how to co-exist with wildlife. We also design personalized safaris, specializing in authentic journeys to Africa. In all we do, we strive for conservation impact.



W I L D E R N E S S

For this journey we have chosen **Wilderness** safari camps. Wilderness is Africa's leading eco-tourism operator, renowned for their excellent camps and service. It actively conserves millions of acres of wilderness in the areas in which it operates. They are deeply committed to creating a positive impact on the communities of people and animals that live within and adjacent to these extraordinary wild ecosystems.

Logistics

Group size: 6 - 10 people. Price of \$18,850/person/sharing* is all inclusive (accommodation, food, drinks, activities, transfers between camps, group leaders) but excludes international travel (to and from Maun, Botswana), insurance and gratuities. *Singles in their own room will be charged \$22,850.



Join Beth & Jeff!

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