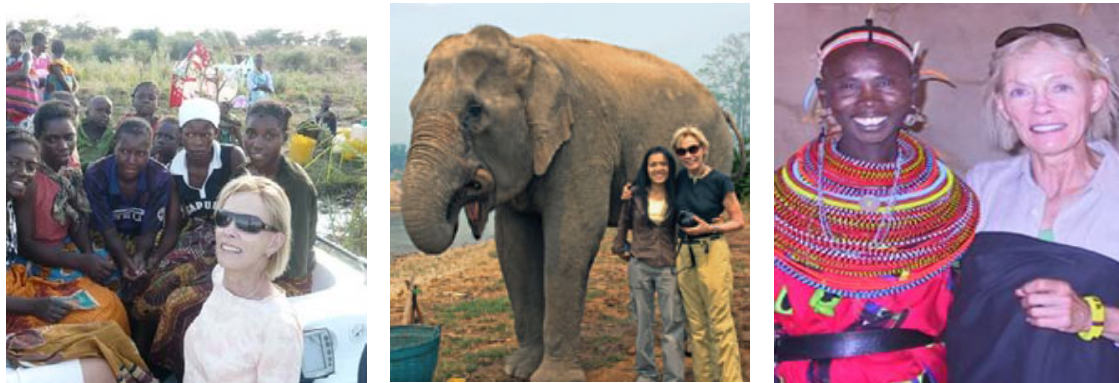




THE HEART OF SOUTHERN AFRICA ZAMBIA & BOTSWANA September 2011

Our intimate journey through Southern Africa will be led by Singer Rankin, founder of WorldWomenWork (WWW). A quote from Singer: "I had been traveling extensively in Africa and Asia for 25 years and was becoming increasingly concerned about the loss of habitat for wildlife and the seemingly endless cycle of poverty. One day when I was trekking on Kanchenjunga in Nepal, the world's third largest mountain, the idea came to me: buy beautiful things made by indigenous women and sell them to my friends and others who love hand-crafted, finely crafted goods. Then donate the profits back to conservation and to educational projects for women. It seemed to be a simple way to change lives, help alleviate poverty, and simultaneously preserve the environment". Thus, WorldWomenWork was born.

For the last ten years, Singer has combed Africa and Asia, meeting women artisans who make exquisitely crafted unusual items. She has become an expert in helping the women improve their products to appeal to Western tastes. She then helps them market their goods to the outside world. WorldWomenWork provides a steady stream of income which grows local women's enterprises. All profits from the sale of the goods are donated back to projects that educate girls and women and encourage the protection of the natural world. On this extraordinary adventure to some of Africa's most magical places you will experience superb African wilderness and wildlife in great comfort, and have the opportunity to meet some of the remarkable women who are gaining strength and independence through their work with WWW.



THE HEART OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

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Thursday, September 1

USA / JOHANNESBURG/ INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT TO JOHANNESBURG

Depart the USA on your international flight to Johannesburg, South Africa.

Friday, September 2

JOHANNESBURG / COURTYARD HOTEL

Upon arrival in Johannesburg you are met and transferred by private vehicle to the beautifully appointed Courtyard Hotel, located on a small lake only 15 minutes from the international airport. In the evening, meet your fellow travelers who share a common interest in women's empowerment and African wildlife.

Saturday-Tuesday, September 3-6

OKAVANGO DELTA/LUXURY MOBILE CAMP

On the morning of September 3, board your Air Botswana flight to the small frontier town of Maun, Botswana. Upon arrival you are met and chartered by small plane to the spectacular Okavango Delta. The Okavango Delta qualifies as one of the most unique and beautiful environments on Earth – Botswana's verdant Garden of Eden. Hundreds of tiny islands are formed as the Okavango River fans out over the flat Kalahari sands of Northwestern Botswana, creating a verdant Eden-like Utopia for wildlife.



Here you meet your guides and are driven in open air safari vehicles to your classic "Hemingway style" camp which has been set up for the group in a very private location. Each spacious and comfortable Meru safari tent has two beds with linens and an attached bathroom with long drop toilet and bucket shower (hot water on request)... all the comforts of a lodge but in total privacy. While in the mobile camp one can experience the wonderful night sounds and enjoy true wilderness!



This classic Botswana landscape is dominated by mopane forests, acacia woodland and permanent and semi-permanent wetland. The Khwai/Moremi area is one of the most famous wildlife sanctuaries in the world and is particularly well known for its predators, especially one of the most endangered carnivores in Africa – the wild dog. Lion and leopard are commonly found as well as herds of buffalo, elephant, and large pods of hippo. Other species include just about everything imaginable, from tsessebe, to lechwe, wildebeest, impala, waterbuck, elephant, sable, hyena, aardvark, and giraffe.

Take daily morning and afternoon game drives along the river where vast numbers of breeding herds of elephants feed during the day and accumulate in large numbers for the water in the late afternoon. It is not unusual to view a hundred or more elephants at the river, drinking, washing and playing!

Wednesday & Thursday, September 7 & 8
CHOBE RIVER/ZAMBEZI QUEEN CRUISE

On the morning of September 7 you are chartered by small plane to Kasane and then driven to the opulent Zambezi Queen safari ship where you spend the next two nights. The

Zambezi Queen is the first eco-friendly floating luxury hotel. It is actually 'moored' in Namibia, across the river from Botswana, and is far less trafficked than the Botswana side. Spend your days exploring the river on smaller vessels where you are guaranteed to view pods of hippos poking their heads up from the deep water, crocodiles sunning themselves along the banks and massive herds of elephant and buffalo on the islands which dot the river. Or embark on an exhilarating 4x4 game drive into Botswana's famed Chobe National Park.

You also have the opportunity to tour a local village, try your hand at tiger fishing, or simply relax and watch the game from the deck of the ship. Chobe National Park remains one of Africa's prime game-viewing areas. Here one finds all of the "Big Five", except for rhino. This is elephant country, home to the largest population of elephants in the world. The Park forms part of Botswana's northern-most border and is a contrast of desert aridity and flood plains. The Chobe region is best known for its vast





magnificent river and floodplains filled with grazing herds of big game. Buffalo, sable, lion, leopard, hippo, hyena, and thousands of antelope all find safety in this huge national park. The spectacle of large flocks of waterfowl winging their way towards the sunset is just one indicator that this is one of Africa's most pristine ecosystems and greatest wildlife refuges.

The 5-star ship features 14 suites with private balconies for enjoying the view, a dining room overseen by one of South Africa's top chefs, a library filled with documentaries on African history and wildlife, limited internet access, a bar with a stylish lounge area and wood-burning fireplace, a shaded deck, and small outdoor plunge pool.

Friday, September 9

VICTORIA FALLS/ VICTORIA FALLS HOTEL

This morning you are driven to the Kazangula Border Post to clear customs before continuing on to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe and the beautiful Victoria Falls Hotel. Upon arrival, you have lunch on the terrace overlooking the Batoka Gorge.

The Victoria Falls Hotel, a beautiful hotel designed in the colonial tradition, is an African landmark. Established in 1904, The Victoria Falls Hotel is set in The Victoria Falls National Park with a private path to the Victoria Falls. The elegant lounges offer serenity and seclusion. The corridors reflect all the past glories of the Empire, and the suites and rooms are superbly furnished in Edwardian-style. The courtyard entrance to the hotel overlooks lily ponds, lush flowering shrubs and palm trees. Traditional high tea is served every afternoon on the terrace with a spectacular view of the Victoria Falls Bridge and gorge in the background.

This afternoon take a tour of the magnificent Victoria Falls where the Zambezi River opens out into an extravaganza of roaring, spray-tumbled water, known to the locals as "Mosi oa Tunya" (the Smoke that Thunders).





Here beneath the brooding gaze of David Livingstone's statue, who in 1855 named the falls for his Queen, the raging river is compressed into a massive surge of green-white water known as the Devil's Cataract. Few sights are as awe-inspiring as this as the ground rumbles with the forces of the water. You also visit the fabulous craft market where you find unusual handicrafts and sculptures. Dinner in the Livingstone Room this evening (own account).

Saturday, September 10
VICTORIA FALLS/ VICTORIA FALLS HOTEL

This morning you head out on an elephant back safari at the Masuwe Estate in Victoria Falls Town. The experience begins with a short introductory talk by the local guide, after which you are introduced to the elephants and their handlers; each elephant is under the charge of a handler. Climb aboard the elephants and the safari begins! The trail leads through the riverine bush alongside the Zambezi River, and even crosses the shallow parts of the river onto the islands. During the safari you are likely to see numerous species of wildlife including kudu, buffalo, zebra, giraffe and impala. After dismounting the elephants, you have the opportunity to feed and interact with them, during which time the local guide gives a talk on the African elephant and its relationship with humans.

NOTE: The following optional activities are available during your stay (some at additional cost & some activities must be booked in advance):

- Visit historic Livingstone – the craft market and the Livingstone Museum noted for its artifacts that belonged to David Livingstone
- Guided canoeing down the Zambezi River
- Horseback riding along the Zambezi River
- Helicopter flight over the Victoria Falls or Microlight flight over the Victoria Falls
- Grade 5 white water rafting or world's tallest bungi jumping

Sunday, September 11
LOWER ZAMBEZI / KANYEMBA LODGE

On the morning September 11, you are transferred by road across the border to Livingstone, Zambia where you board your flight to Lusaka. Upon arrival in Lusaka, you are chartered by small plane to the Royal Airstrip in the Lower



Zambezi (a quick 20 min flight). The Lower Zambezi is unquestionably one of the most beautiful places in Africa and home to a plentitude of wildlife, especially elephants. It is also the base for two of *WorldWomenWork's* exciting projects.

On arrival in the Lower Zambezi, you are transferred by road to the charming Kanyemba Lodge which is located on the banks of the Zambezi River. Completely surrounded by nature, the lodge is a small and exclusive lodge with six chalets built of natural materials which blend in perfectly with the surroundings. Each chalet has a private verandah overlooking the Zambezi River.

This afternoon you take a leisurely cruise upstream to the Murgurmeno Cultural Village where you stop to experience the fascinating Goba culture. After a delicious traditional lunch is served at the village, you have the opportunity to view traditional dances, learn about Goba folklore, farming practices and construction methods for the Goba hut. One of WWW's projects is located at this village. Singer co-founded the **Waka Simba** group (meaning 'strong women' in Goba) with Gloria Steinem and EXPLORE's Cherrri Briggs in 2008. WWW continues to provide funding for scholarships to send local women to professional tailoring school for four months in-residence training. WWW purchased sewing machines for their use and has helped them form a cooperative. The local women participating (some of whom had never held a pencil) are learning to make bags and other crafts to sell to safari lodges along the nearby Zambezi River as well as products for local purchase, from school uniforms to dresses and curtains.

This project not only provides skills and income to the women involved, but it also gives them the ability to see beyond their village and status to take part in decisions concerning the way their lands are being used. In 2010, WWW will provide the funds for several more women to attend sewing school and will also fund new classes in organic farming.



Singer Rankin with Cherrri at Chiawa



Gloria Steinem with Cherrri

Afterwards, you take a leisurely boat cruise back to the lodge. Dinner is served on the stunning deck overlooking the Zambezi River.

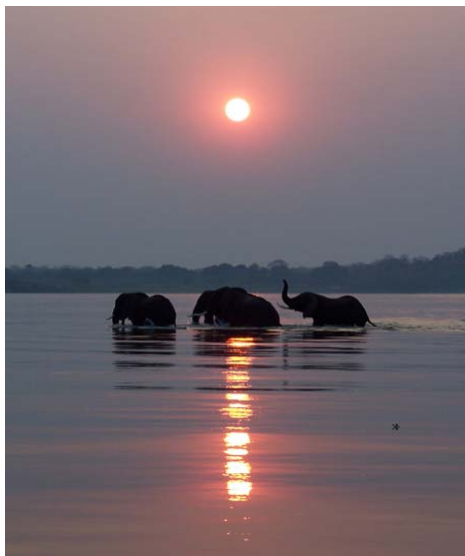
Monday, September 12

LOWER ZAMBEZI / KANYEMBA CAMP

This morning you are met by Isaiah Museto who works closely with EXPLORE, Inc. on local community projects. He takes you to Chiawa Village to meet Charles, the director of the Chiawa Clinic, and Francis, headmaster of the school. During these visits you learn about the community needs and EXPLORE's "Direct Impact Africa" projects and their work in the surrounding Lower Zambezi area. Another of WWW's projects is located here, so you once again witness first hand the work of these industrious village women. Return to Kanyemba Camp in the afternoon for a relaxing 'sundowner' on the Zambezi.



Waka Simba at work



Tuesday & Wednesday, September 13 & 14

LOWER ZAMBEZI / ROYAL ZAMBEZI LODGE

On the morning of September 13, you are transferred by boat downriver to the Royal Zambezi Lodge which is located on the bank of the Zambezi River at one of its broadest points.

The next couple of days are dedicated to appreciating the fabulous landscape and wildlife of the area which is famed for its dense populations of elephant. There are many options during your stay – motor boat or canoeing safaris are available from the camp anytime, manned by expert guides who steer you as you explore the numerous interesting channels and islands in search of the many photographic opportunities that invariably arise. Fishing for the world-renowned "tiger fish" is also available. You also have the option to take game drives in the adjacent Lower Zambezi National Park which is remote and unspoiled with a diverse range of eco-systems, offering stunning scenery and varied wildlife viewing.

The park is home to large herds of elephant and buffalo as well as the regular plains game including kudu, zebra, impala, warthog, bushbuck and baboons. Lion and leopard are common and wild-dog also reside in the Lower Zambezi National Park, but are not

often sighted. Game drives are offered in the morning and evening and the open air spa is always open for business where you can have a massage while watching elephants cross the river.

The lodge is a striking combination of contemporary style and comfort in a completely unspoiled bush environment directly across from the famed Mana Pools World Heritage Site. Offering king-size beds in large, fully netted, canvas tents under thatched canopies, comfortable sofas in front of roaring open fires and airy verandahs, the lodge is a luxurious base from which to explore this beautiful area.

The open plan reception area, dining room and lounge have classic architectural lines and lofty thatched roofs. A wide copper-roofed verandah provides an informal space for al fresco dining or taking tea in the afternoon. Timber decks extend over the river shallows, perfect for fine dining under the stars or sitting around the campfire listening to the sounds of the African night. During the day, the decks overlook a reed bed, a fascinating micro-ecology affording close study of bird and fish life as well as elephant, hippo and buffalo. There are also large pods of hippo in the river directly in front of the lodge, as well as crocodile.

Thursday, September 15

LUSAKA / JOHANNESBURG / INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT HOMEWARD

After breakfast and your morning activity, you are flown by scheduled charter to Lusaka where you board SAA flight #63 to Johannesburg departing at 1:50PM. Upon arrival at 3:45PM connect to your international flight homeward.

Friday, September 16

Arrive home.

Optional trip to Cape Town (on request)



GENERAL INFORMATION

Cost of Safari : **\$6,990.00 per person based on double occupancy**

Price Includes: All ground and air charter transportation upon landing in Africa; accommodation, guides and vehicle throughout; park fees; and activities as stated in the itinerary.

Courtyard Hotel: Breakfast

Luxury Mobile Camp: All meals, most beverages, laundry, safari activities

Zambezi Queen Cruise: All meals, most beverages, activities

Victoria Falls Hotel: Breakfast, teas & coffees, elephant ride, tour of falls

Kanyemba Lodge: All meals, most beverages, limited laundry, cultural visits

Royal Zambezi Lodge: All meals, most beverages, limited laundry, game activities

Price Excludes: U.S. domestic and international airfare; all commercial internal Africa air (see below); medical immunizations; passport fees; visa fee for Zambia (\$50.00 pp); accident/baggage/medevac & cancellation insurance; individual transfers; excursions deviating from the scheduled tour; excess baggage charges; medical expenses; airport departure fees and taxes; fishing license on the Lower Zambezi (\$5.00 pp/day); telephone or fax charges; room service; gratuities to guides and staff; and other items of a purely personal nature.

Courtyard Hotel: Lunch, dinner, beverages, laundry, any activities in Johannesburg

Luxury Mobile Camp: Imported wines & spirits, laundry

Zambezi Queen Cruise: Imported wines & spirits, laundry

Victoria Falls Hotel: Lunch, dinner, beverages, additional activities, laundry

Kanyemba Lodge: Imported wines & spirits

Royal Zambezi Lodge: Imported wines & spirits

Internal Africa commercial flights NOT included in the cost:

September 3: Air Botswana flight #212 from Johannesburg to Maun

September 15: SAA flight #63 from Lusaka to Johannesburg