



My African Dream

INSPIRED TRAVELING

CNP SAFARIS
AN INTIMATE PHOTOGRAPHIC JOURNEY

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My African Dream Experience

MAIN TOPICS

Invitation to accompany me
Destinations
Mapungubwe - South Africa
Chobe River - Botswana
Victoria Falls - Zimbabwe
Sterkfontein Caves - South Africa
Travel Package
Itinerary
Guide - Veronica Coetzer
Contact Details

Have You Dreamed of Africa?

Accompany me on this innovative and inspiring journey of discovery and adventure, where the words of Isak Dinesen (Karen Blixen) will ring true:

“ Here I am where I ought to be”

From the baobab tree that welcomes you at the gate, to the splendor of ancient lost civilizations, Mapungubwe will leave a lasting impression. The mystique of this exotic location is further enhanced by the anticipation of witnessing the Verreaux Eagle with its wingspan of between 1.8 to 2.3 meters, soaring above, or even below us from the lookout at the confluence of the Limpopo and the Shashe rivers where South Africa neighbors Botswana and Zimbabwe.

I want to share the wondrous charm of the Chobe river with you. Learn a new skill, and with me as your guide, use professional photographic equipment to capture the essence of nature. Embrace the feeling of being submerged in this abundance; it might be the highlight of your personal journey.

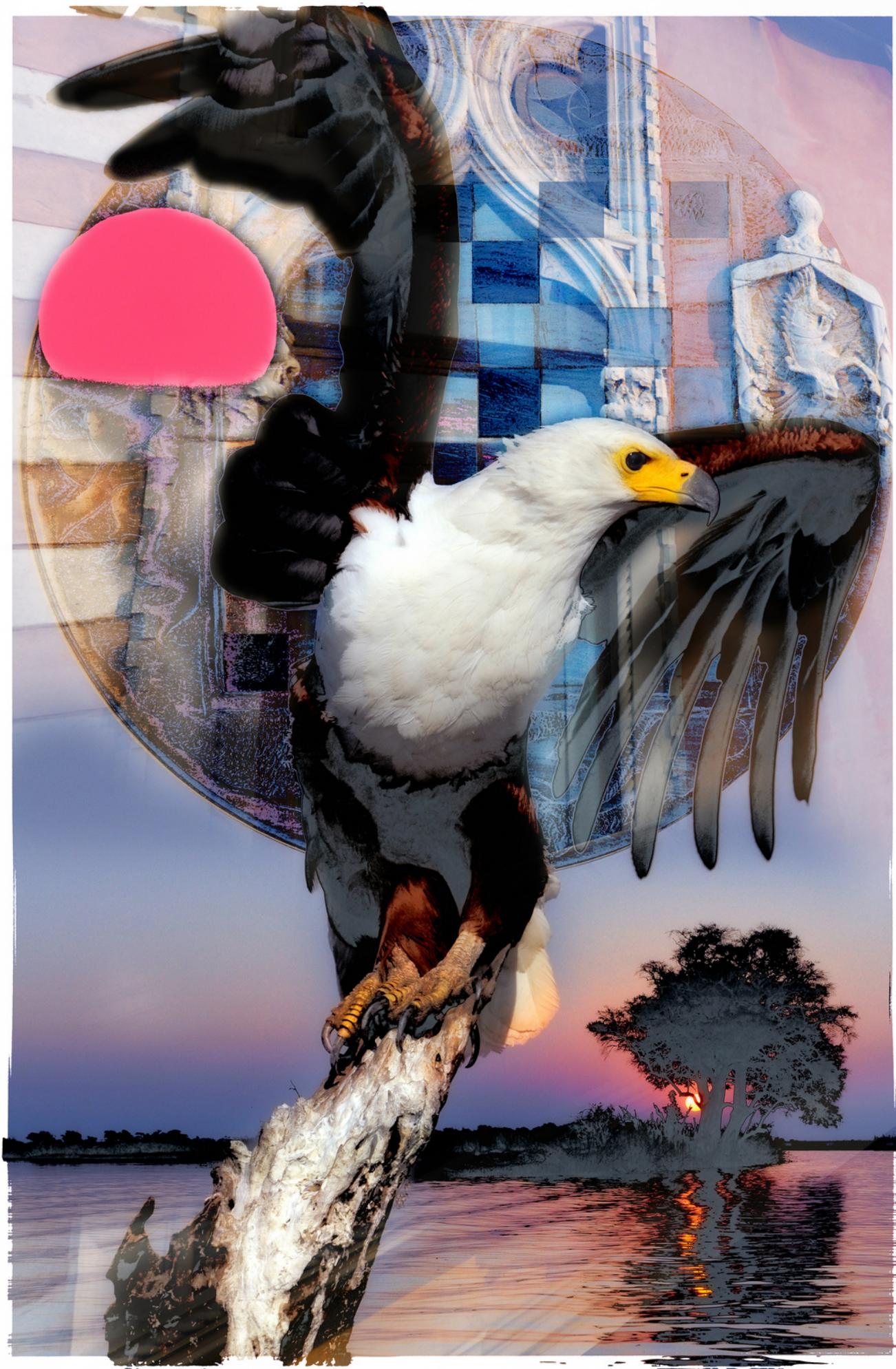
As we glide on a river that resembles a mirror, notice as the reflections change into expressionistic paintings set to the backdrop of a symphony of sounds of the awakening day. Through your own lens, realign, and rediscover your own peace and harmony.

Stand transfixed while taking in the majestic Zambezi River cascading into the gorge and feel how thoughts that no longer serves you wash away, bringing new balance and transformation. Spend time in the classic opulence of the Victoria Falls Hotel reflecting on the events and dreams you've had under the African skies.

Enjoy the excitement of a photographic portrait shoot in a Victorian Studio, before following in the footsteps of our prehistoric ancestors in the Sterkfontein Caves in the Cradle of Humankind.

Return home with more than precious memories. Your photographs and canvas artwork will be tangible and lifelong reminders of your footprints on African soil.





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Ascent to the highlands of the Leopard's Kopje where the first indigenous kingdom of Southern Africa rose and fell due to climate change, to reconnect to our ancient African roots.

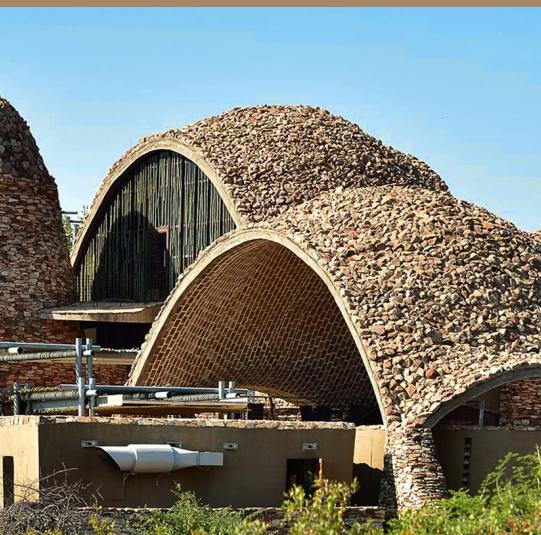
Be submerged in the abundance of nature of the Chobe river, while capturing memories of elephants crossing the majestic waters to the iconic cry of the African Fish Eagle.

Receive the water blessing of "Smoke that Thunders" where the mighty Zambezi river cascades into the abyss at the frontier town of Victoria Falls.

Descent deep into earth, the cradle of humankind, and in her caves lies the origin of our ancestry and path to our future.

Re-emerge, rejuvenated and transformed through inspirational experiences and dreams under the African night skies.

Where are we going?



MAPUNGUBWE

South Africa

WORLD HERITAGE SITE



CHOBE RIVER

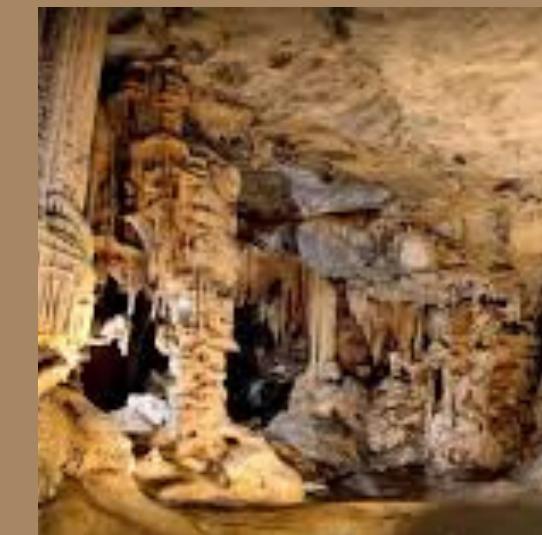
Botswana



VICTORIA FALLS

Zimbabwe

WORLD HERITAGE SITE

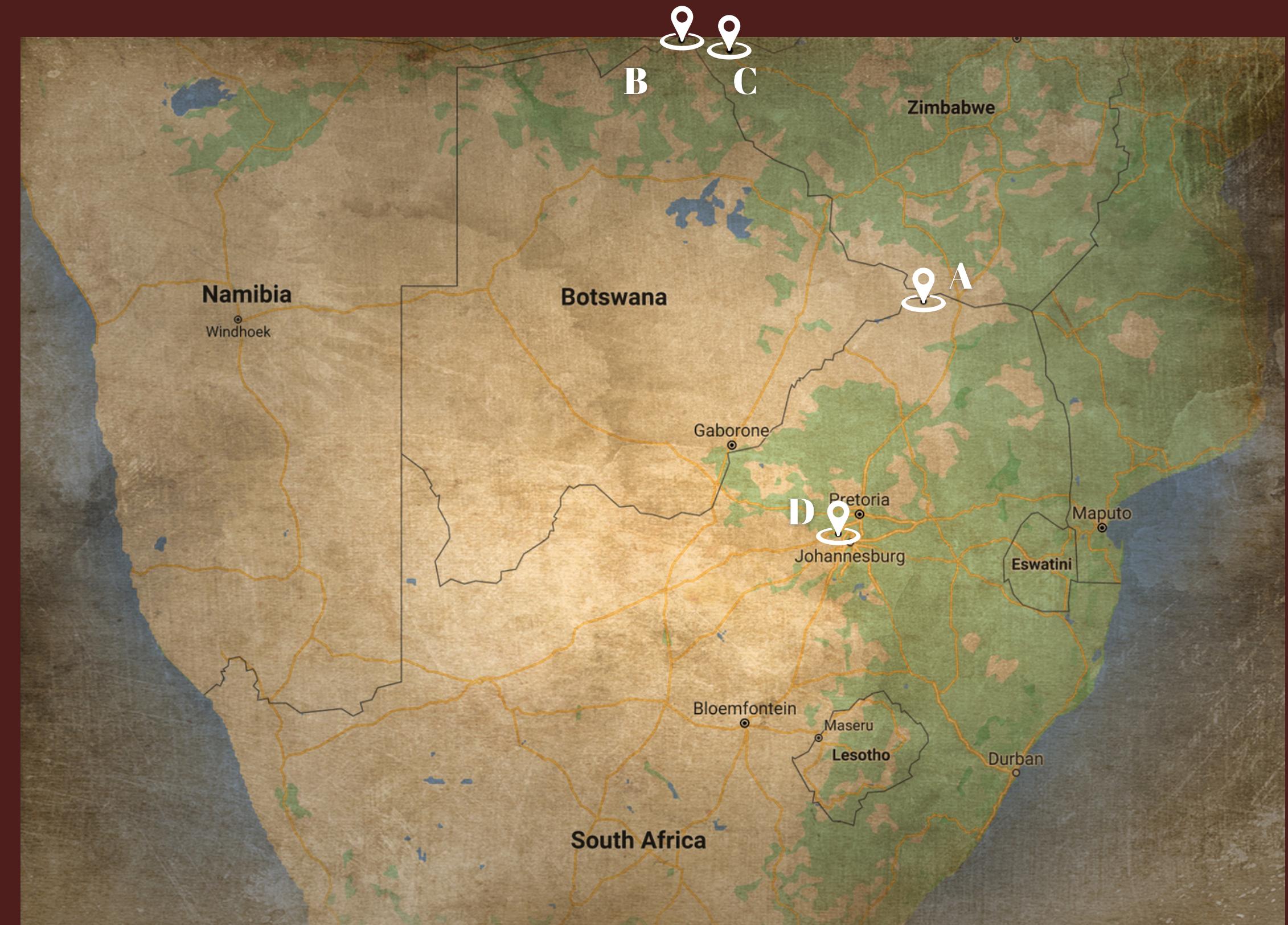


STERKFONTEIN
CAVES

South Africa

WORLD HERITAGE SITE

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Mapungubwe

SOUTH AFRICA



The ancient city of Mapungubwe (meaning 'hill of the jackal') is an Iron Age archaeological site in the Limpopo Province on the border between South Africa, Zimbabwe and Botswana, Mapungubwe was the capital city of a flourishing African kingdom 1 000 years ago and was one of 24 sites around the world added to UNESCO's World Heritage List in 2004. It is a natural treasure holding the history of 50 000 years of human development and contains priceless archaeological and paleontological treasures.



Chobe River

BOTSWANA



Chobe National Park takes its name from the Chobe River. The Chobe River forms the northern boundary and protects about 11700 square km. Its vegetation varies from lush floodplains to the scorched Savuti marsh. Chobe is a classic big game country where herds of buffalo and elephant attain legendary proportions.

Capture a lifetime of memories from the uniquely designed photographic boat with 360-degree rotating chairs, including professional photographic equipment.



Victoria Falls

ZIMBABWE



Victoria Falls presents a spectacular sight of awe-inspiring beauty and grandeur on the Zambezi River, forming the border between Zambia and Zimbabwe. It was described by the Kololo tribe living in the area in the 1800s as 'Mosi-oa-Tunya' – 'The Smoke that Thunders'. In more modern terms Victoria Falls is known as the greatest curtain of falling water in the world. Columns of spray can be seen from miles away as, at the height of the rainy season, more than five hundred million cubic meters of water per minute plummet over the edge, over a width of nearly two kilometres, into a gorge over one hundred meters below.



Sterkfontein Caves

SOUTH AFRICA - CRADLE OF HUMANKIND



Within the Sterkfontein Caves, scientists have discovered many hominid and other animal fossils, dating back more than 4-million years, to the birth of humanity. The most important and most famous of these fossils are “Mrs Ples”, a 2.1-million-year-old Australopithecus skull, and “Little Foot”, an almost complete Australopithecus skeleton that is more than 3-million years old. These fossils, both found in the Sterkfontein Caves in the Cradle of Humankind, tell us much about the precursors of modern humans, Homo sapiens.

Archaeological finds within the Cradle of Humankind also include 2-million-year-old stone tools. The oldest recorded, at Swartkrans, near the Sterkfontein Caves, is a collection of 270 burnt bones that reveals how our ancestors learned to master fire more than 1-million years ago – a significant development and an early technological innovation. The ability to do this has taken us from the basic skills needed to keep ourselves warm and to cook our food, to being able to control and harness the power of fire to the extent that we can now create and burn rocket fuel to reach space and beyond.

Destination Highlights



Golden Rhinoceros

The golden rhinoceros of Mapungubwe is a medieval artifact made from wood which is covered with thin sheets of gold from the medieval kingdom of Mapungubwe. The artifact is described as being small enough to stand in the palm of your hand.



Waterside Safari

Photography on Chobe is a very intimate experience. You tend to slow down and watch the dramas of nature unfold before your eyes. We will be experiencing and capturing wildlife from the CNP Photography boat. The Chobe River sustains the largest population of African Elephants in the world. However, it is not only a mammalian paradise. The abundance of bird life will provide photographers of all levels with unbelievably exquisite photographic opportunities.



Victoria Falls Hotel

One of the world's Classic five-star hotels with prime location overlooking Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, an acclaimed Natural Wonder of the World. A proud member of Leading Hotels of the World, the Edwardian-style hotel, built in 1904, was splendidly redecorated in 2013 to combine its traditional majesty with modern sophistication. For more than 110 years The **Victoria Falls** Hotel has been a luxury icon in Africa.



Mrs Ples

Mrs. Ples is the popular nickname for the most complete skull of an Australopithecus africanus ever found in South Africa. Mrs Ples was born over 2-million years ago, and lived and died in the Cradle of Humankind. In 1947, palaeontologists Dr Robert Broom and John Robinson discovered her skull encased in breccia in the **Sterkfontein Caves**.

My African Dream Experience

30 August - 10 September 2022

\$7995



Includes

- Dinner, Bed and Breakfast accommodation as per itinerary (drinks excluded)
- Gift box including a Cap, Buff & Trip Journal
- Portrait studio shoot
- Bespoke artwork of each guests by Veronica Coetzer
- 600x900mm heat-seal protected 360g cotton canvas print in tube
- All road transfers as per itinerary
- Museum & Heritage site fees
- Park Fees, Boat Fees & Game Drive fees as per itinerary
- Use of professional camera equipment while on the CNP boat
- Guidance from Professional CNP wildlife photographer / Guide on the CNP boat

Excludes

- All flights, Visas *if applicable, Gratuities , Expenses of personal nature.

Itinerary

11 nights / 12 days itinerary 30 Aug - 10 Sept 2022

Day 1 (30 Aug)

- Arrival of guests during the day
- Road transfers to Pretoria from OR Tambo Airport
- Dinner @ Chez Coetzer Guesthouse
- Hand out of Gift boxes (incl Trip & Dream Journal)
- Accommodation: Chez Coetzer Guesthouse

Day 2 (31 Aug)

- * Remember to start keeping your dream journal
- Early morning drive to Mapungubwe *(4h30min – 5h00min road transfer)
(On the south African border with Zimbabwe & Botswana)
- Snacks on the road for Brunch
- Game viewing and photography (own camera/cellphone)
- Early Dinner @ Main camp restaurant
- Accommodation: Tshugulu Lodge

Day 3 (1 Sept)

- Continental Breakfast
- Heritage Site & Museum Tour
- Visit to Golden Rhino Auditorium
- Snacks for Lunch
- Game drive and Bush Braai Dinner
- Accommodation: Tshugulu Lodge

Day 4 (2 Sept)

- Leisure day at Tshugulu Lodge pool
- Picnic Lunch @ Confluence Viewing deck
- Sunset game drive
- Dinner @ Tshugulu Lodge
- Accommodation: Tshugulu Lodge

Day 5 (3 Sept)

- Continental Breakfast
- Drive back to Pretoria
- Studio portrait shoot for Artwork with Lunch @ The Photographer studio
- Traditional South African Braai Dinner @ Chez Coetzer
- Accommodation: Chez Coetzer Guesthouse

Day 6 (4 Sept)

- Breakfast @ Chez Coetzer Guesthouse
- Transfer to OR Tambo Airport
- 11:45 Flight from OR Tambo Airport to Kasane Airport
- *Flight to book / Airlink 4Z306 *suggested flight to book
- 13:30 Arrival at Kasane Airport
- Transfer to Lodge
- Afternoon Photography Introduction session & equipment allocation.
- Free time to enjoy the Lodge & surroundings
- Dinner @ Chobe Safari
- Accommodation: Chobe Safari Lodge

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Day 7 (5 Sept)

- Morning boat safari / Photography on the Chobe River on CNP boat
- Breakfast @ lodge
- Afternoon boat safari on the Chobe River
- Dinner @ Chobe Safari Lodge
- Accommodation: Chobe Safari Lodge

Day 8 (6 Sept)

- Morning boat safari / Photography on the Chobe River on CNP boat
- Breakfast @ lodge
- Afternoon boat safari on the Chobe River
- Dinner @ Chobe Safari
- Accommodation: Chobe Safari Lodge

Day 9 (7 Sept)

- Breakfast @ lodge
- Transfer to Vic Falls, Zimbabwe (1h45min to 2h15min road transfer *travel time border crossing dependent)
- Arrival @ The Victoria Falls Hotel in Victoria Falls
- Lunch @ The Victoria Falls Hotel
- Group tour of the Victoria Falls
- Dinner @ Victoria
- Accommodation: The Victoria Falls Hotel

Day 10 (8 Sept)

- Breakfast @ lodge
 - Free time to explore the frontier town of Vic Falls
 - Transfer to airport
- 13:55 Flight from Vic Falls Airport to OR Tambo Airport
*Flight to book / British Airways BA6282*suggested flight to book
- 15:35 Arrival at OR Tambo Airport
- Road transfer to Chez Coetzer Guesthouse
 - Dinner @ Chez Coetzer
 - Accommodation: Chez Coetzer Guesthouse

Day 10 (9 Sept)

- Breakfast @ Chez Coetzer
- Day trip to the Sterkfontein caves (Cradle of Human Kind) - World Heritage site
- Afternoon Artwork reveal
- Dinner @ Chez Coetzer
- Accommodation: Chez Coetzer Guesthouse

Notes

- Only Credit card & Cash accepted. No debit card facility. No ATM (only at Mapungubwe)



Illusive Butterfly

Chobe River



In a Land of Dreams

Mapungubwe



The Black Moon

Mapungubwe

Veronica's Art inspired by dreams, experiences and memorable destinations on her travels.





50x75cm Custom Designed Artwork by Veronica Coetzer.

*Artwork Uniquely Designed according to every guest's experience.

*340g cotton canvas with protective heat-seal layer,
printed with Epson original archival ink.

*Rolled in a tube for easy transport.

*Framing available as optional extra.

Veronica Coetzer - My African Dream Guide

Portrait, landscape and wildlife photographer Veronica Coetzer was born and raised in Pretoria, South Africa. Having discovered an interest in photography at the age of 14, she soon earned acclaim for her distinctive style of studio-based portraiture.

But she combined this with a devotion to nature and wildlife, leading photographic safaris to many African countries and even travelling as far as Alaska in pursuit of her passion. Her works have been exhibited both locally and internationally, often in conjunction with speaking engagements about her life and art. During her 40 years in the field, Veronica progressively discovered an extra-sensory perception that led her to explore new art forms of surrealist expression in which she removes images from their original context and reassembles them in frameworks inspired by her dreams.

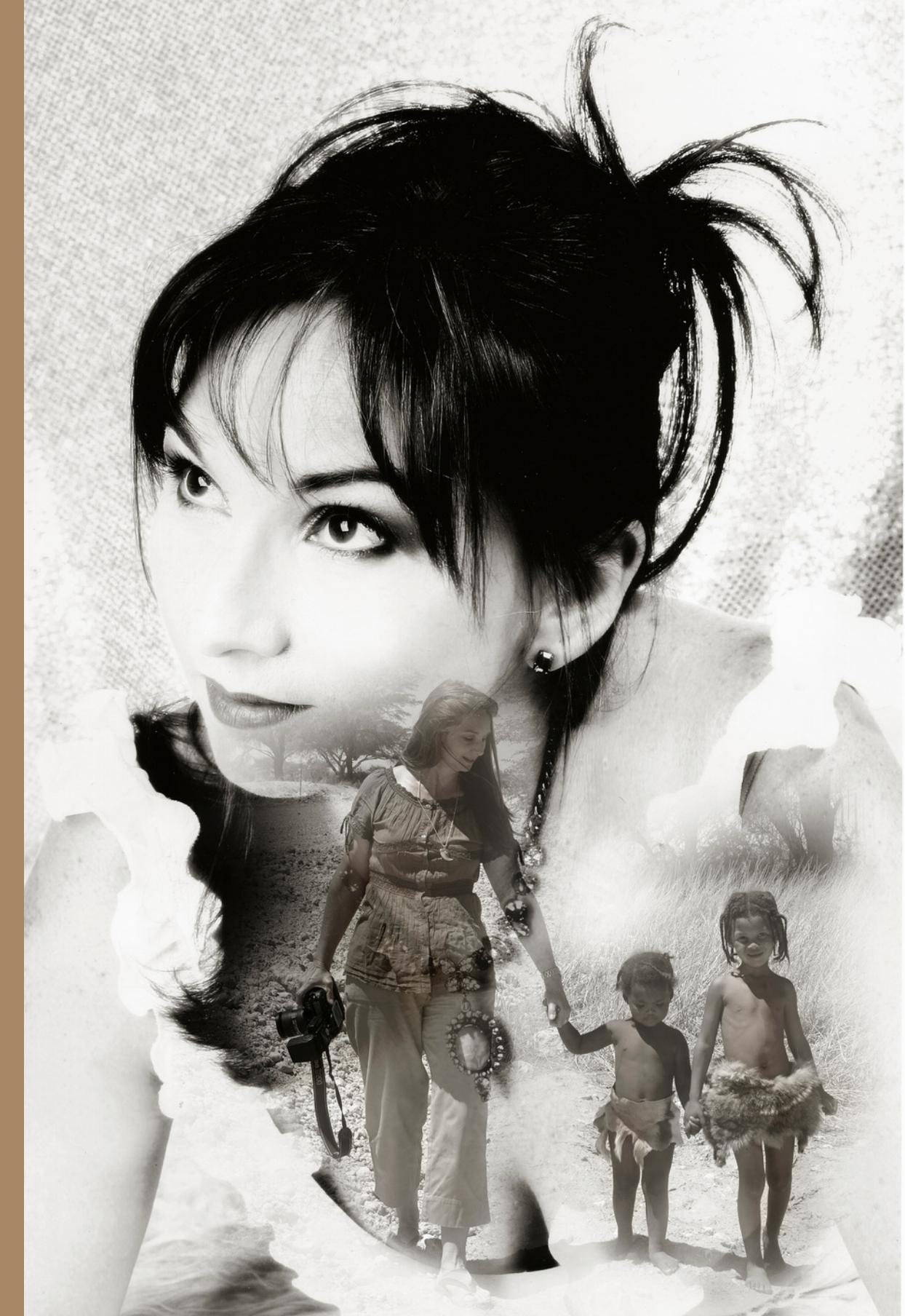
Sometimes paradoxical, often esoteric, these new composites can be provocative, searing or healing in their explorations of the subconscious, but they are always dynamic in their artistic impact. Veronica has also achieved acclaim for generous contributions of her artworks to charities and wildlife and environmental conservation projects. Veronica has been creating art of peoples dreams for many years, and have worked with WISN, Worldwide Indigenous Science Network, for seven years in Chartres France and once in Egypt, assisting in Dreamwork.

Currently 60 years old, she still travels extensively and is engaged in Legacy Stories, which she describes as portraying her clients personal, family and business histories in forms of photographic art. In addition to developing further her explorations for

bringing visual tangibility to the inspirations of the subconscious, Veronica produces conventional artworks on many different mediums such as aluminum, glass, wood and textiles that are used for the interior decoration of homes and offices. She is married to internationally acclaimed wildlife photographer Lou

Coetzer and the couple lives in the town of her birth.

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