



Africa's Top Wildlife Countries, 7th Edition

Botswana, Kenya, Namibia, Rwanda, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe by Mark W. Nolting

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Top misconceptions about Africa's untamed wilderness debunked

It's hot, it's humid and danger lurks in every direction = wrong!

Forget what you think you know about African safaris. It's the stuff of Hollywood legend. In fact, travel in Africa has never been safer – or more luxurious.

“Many travelers seem to think that an African safari means sleeping in grass huts, eating strange foods and fending off danger at every turn, but nothing could be farther from the truth,” says Mark W. Nolting, author of **Africa's Top Wildlife Countries, 7th Edition**. He is passionate about dispelling many of the common myths surrounding the Dark Continent.

“Sure, you can camp out in a tent and ‘rough it,’ but you can also stay in a five-star resort, eat gourmet meals every day and come home with fewer mosquito bites than you might get in your own backyard,” says Nolting, who has spent the last 30 years exploring Africa. “Hollywood’s version of the African wilderness makes for great drama, but much of what we see in the movies is based on myth.”

MYTH #1: To experience Africa’s wildlife up close, you have to “rough it.”

FACT: Plenty of safaris offer somewhat primitive lodging for the more adventurous, but going on safari can be quite comfortable – even luxurious. Almost all of the top parks and wildlife reserves feature deluxe or first class accommodations with air-conditioning, swimming pools and gourmet dining that appeal to discriminating travelers.



MYTH #2: Due to political unrest, Africa is not safe for tourists.

FACT: More than 1 million Americans travel safely to Africa each year. The areas of political unrest are far from the top wildlife countries, and when you are in the wildlife reserves, the only people there are the staff catering to tourists.

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MYTH #3: Africa is hot and humid, which means venomous snakes and disease-carrying mosquitoes pose a big threat.

FACT: Insects and snakes might be a bigger problem in your own backyard. Most safaris do not take place in the jungle, but on open savannah during the dry season when insect populations are at a minimum. Generally, the best time to go on safari is in the winter when many snakes hibernate.

MYTH #4: The language barrier poses a challenge.

FACT: English is widely spoken in the top wildlife countries of Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda. While each region also has their own language or dialect, your guide will be fluent in English.

With over 50 countries and a landmass roughly three times the size of the United States, there's a lot to learn about Africa before applying for that passport – and at a cost of \$15,000 or more per couple for the average African vacation, you don't want to miss a thing.

“If you're going to spend the money, you want to make sure you do it right,” Nolting says. “Before you book the trip of a lifetime, make sure you're clear on what you want to see and do while on safari because the options are virtually endless.”



In its seventh edition, **Africa's Top Wildlife Countries** is newly revised with the most up-to-date information on what to do, where to stay and when to go to get the most out of your trip, all presented in a full-color, easy-to-read format. It is *the definitive resource* for designing your dream safari – whether that means trekking for gorillas in Uganda, capturing cheetah on film from a balloon over Maasai Mara in Kenya or scouting hippo while canoeing the mighty Zambezi River in Zimbabwe or Zambia.

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About the Author

Known in the industry as the “Travel Expert of Africa”, Mark W. Nolting is the author of two award-winning books: **Africa's Top Wildlife Countries** (now in its 7th Edition) and **African Safari Journal** (now in its 5th Edition). Though he has essentially covered the African continent in his numerous journeys there, Nolting continues to travel to Africa yearly to update information and explore new areas. Hard to find information on Africa is always at his fingertips, and he loves to take the time to talk to people about the many adventures that can be found on the continent. Learn more at <http://www.globaltravelpublishers.com>.

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Africa's Top Wildlife Countries

by Mark W. Nolting includes plenty of practical information to help travelers plan their dream safari, including:

- The Best Time to Go for Game Viewing
- The Best Places to See Specific Wildlife
- Regional Rainfall and Temperature Charts
- Photography Tips
- Safari Packing Lists
- Visa and Vaccination Charts
- Glossary of Common Safari Terms