



2019 NEWSLETTER



Greetings from Eva's Field, where our 2019 Safari Season has come to an end, and Summer is upon us with daytime temperatures rising into the mid-30's. It's time

for us to reflect on the past season, catch up on some maintenance and upgrades on the fleet, and start preparing for what looks to be another wonderful season in 2020.

It's hard to believe that 2019 was only our third year of operating fully fledged Flying Safaris, and we have been truly blessed to have met and hosted such an amazing group of pilots and their companions over the past couple of seasons. Strangers have become friends, and it feels like we have a growing "family" of Bush Pilots scattered around the World.

In early 2019 we added a second Savannah to our little fleet, taking it up to 4 aircraft (2 Savage Taildraggers and 2 Savannah 5 nose-draggers!). This turned out to be a great addition to the fleet, and with 9 Safaris successfully completed in 2019, we are satisfied that we have the right mix of aircraft for our operation.

Let me apologise in advance - I set out with this Newsletter to write a short review of our 2019 season, and it has turned into rather a long, drawn out book. For that I apologise. Once I started writing, and inserting photos, it amazed me at what a truly incredible amazing season we have just had, and it would not have done it justice to leave out the beautiful photos of the scenery and the people who shared it with us this over the past year.

SAFARI #1 - NIMROD GOOR GROUP

Our first Safari of 2019 kicked off in late April, with Nimrod Goor and his son Daniel, along with friends Yuda and Shay Doron, as well as Steve "Shabi" Cohen. Nimrod has become a friend of the family over the past couple of years, and we were delighted to have him visiting us again. We were headed for Namibia on a 12 Day trip in 3 planes, and once validations and training were complete, we had a day's delay due to rain, and set off the next day to double up on our flying time, arriving late evening at Thuru Game Lodge near Upington after a gruelling 8 hours in the saddle. Having caught up, we set off the next day on schedule, routing for Keetmanshoop in Namibia where we cleared Customs and proceeded to the Canyon Roadhouse near the Fish River Canyon, the World's second largest canyon system after the Grand Canyon in the USA.



Nimrod and Daniel Goor with our faithful Bobber

After flying the length of the Canyon at sunrise, we headed north to Solitaire, an isolated yet beautiful oasis in the Namib desert, some 50 miles from the massive Sossusvlei sand dunes.



Flying the Fish River Canyon - Shabi in the Cub

The first night was spent in the lodge, and the second, as somewhat of a surprise for our guests, was spent out in the desert on the owner Pasquale Scaturro's home farm, where a fly-camp had been set up for us under a canopy of stars that can only be experienced in the desert. Pasquale entertained us around the campfire with stories of his many adventures exploring the world, including climbing Mt. Everest and other amazing feats of endurance.



Happy campers

A highlight for all was a sunrise flight over Sossusvlei, with the soft dawn light over the Namib creating an incredible spectacle on the red dunes.



From Sossusvlei, we continued north to the Erongo mountains, where we spent a night at Ai Aiba Lodge, before making the turn to head back south, overnighing at Ibenstein farm where we were wonderfully hosted by René Krafft and his partner, Annie.



Incredible Desert Scenery

From here we headed due south, stopping for a cup of tea at Bitterwasser, a huge salt pan in the desert, and home to a huge gliding fraternity during the hot summer months.



Bitterwasser Tea Break

Keetmanshoop was the next stop along the way, and with Customs formalities out of the way, we headed back across the border to Upington, and along the Orange River to Zuikerkop where we spent the last night, before a short hop over the Drakensberg mountains back to Eva's Field.

With close on 45 hours of flying, we covered some huge distances, but this provided great reward for all involved. It was great having Nimrod back flying with us for the third time, and hope we can do it again in the near future.

SAFARI #2 - 12 DAY SA & BOTSWANA - KEDAR FAMILY BOTSWANA SAFARI

Next to join us in early May, was the Kedar family. Shiko, accompanied by his daughter Dafna, sons Gil and Guy, with Guy's partner Gani, were our first group on the new Botswana route. Using two Savannah's and with Craig leading the group in the Cub, we set off northwards to White Elephant Game Lodge for the first night, and then on to Hannah Lodge before crossing the border into Botswana at the seemingly deserted Limpopo Valley Airport, into Mashatu Game Reserve. Staying at Mashatu Tented Camp, we were treated to an incredible experience of camp luxury mixed with some amazing wildlife sightings, including close elephant encounters and two beautiful lionesses on a riverbank at sunset.



Shiko, Gil, Dafna, Guy and Gani in Mashatu

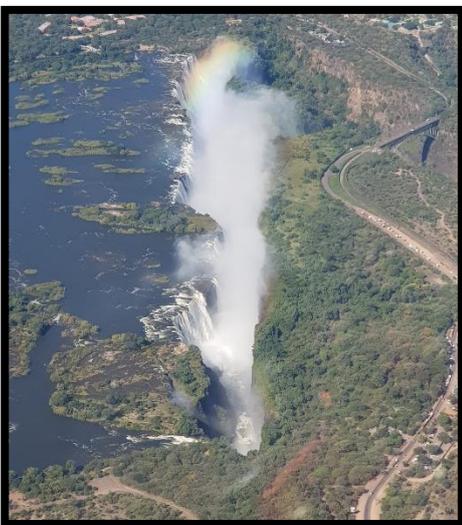
From Mashatu we headed north, stopping in Francistown for fuel, before continuing on to the Makgadikgadi Salt Pans in the centre of Botswana's Kalahari, landing at Camp Kalahari, set in an oasis of huge palm trees on the edge of the salt pans. Our first evening game drive was a huge success, with a great sighting of cheetah hunting wildebeest on the open plains of the Makgadikgadi. An elephant bull drinking at the camp swimming pool also provided great entertainment, and the afternoon walk with the local San or "Bushmen" people gave an interesting insight into this ancient tribe's way of life in the Kalahari.



From Camp Kalahari, our next destination was the jewel of Botswana, the Okavango Delta. Flying into the private Kwai concession on the edge of the Moremi Game reserve in the delta, we were met and whisked off to our camp, Jackal and Hide for two nights of luxury and some of the most amazing game viewing on the African continent. Fantastic leopard sightings, huge herds of elephant and buffalo in this wetland wilderness, and of course the MGM black-maned lions that are so famous in the Kalahari did not disappoint.



Reluctantly we had to leave the Okavango and proceed to Kasane to clear Customs for the short flight to Victoria Falls, where we again cleared into Zimbabwe after pleading with the ATC at Victoria Falls to allow us to overfly the waterfall. The sight of the Victoria Falls from the air (even if we were only allowed to overfly at some 5000ft) was something to remember, rainbow and all.



Left - Victoria Falls from the air

From Victoria Falls we routed south to the Hwange National Park, and Bumbusi camp, which was to be our private home for the next 2 days. Having exclusive access to this camp provides guests with amazing and intimate encounters with the bush. With only solar energy to power the camp, and no telephones or WiFi to distract, the experience of being absolutely remote in the bush is one that

I think the Kedar's will remember for a very long time, as this was for them one of the highlights of the trip.



Gil, Shiko, Dafna, Gani, Guy and Craig in the Matobos

From Hwange we headed back south, landing at Bulawayo to spend the night in the nearby Matobos National Park with its huge granite domes, and home to the grave of Cecil Rhodes, the founder of Rhodesia.

The next morning we headed back to South Africa, entering the country at Polokwane, and spending the night at a nearby Hotel, before setting off at first light for the last leg of the adventure home to Eva's Field.

This was an amazing trip, and we all enjoyed some really interesting campfire conversation around the topics of conservation, poaching in Africa, Bush Flying and generally solving the world's problems. Your flying was superb, and really hope to share the skies with you guys again soon!

SAFARI #3: 7 DAY SA SAFARI - MICHAEL POLLIG AND HIS MERRY MEN

Keeping with the Israeli connection, we next hosted a group of young(ish) pilots, that provided Samantha and I with hours of amusement...constant banter and friendly competition between the guys made the experience of flying with Michael Pollig, Eyal Halperin, Arnon Harish, Oded Menahem and Dotan Geva an absolute blast.

After the necessary skill and mind-set adjustments of converting Jet Pilots into Bush Pilots was complete, we set off northwards to Zululand, flying down the Tugela River valley and low along the Indian Ocean coastline towards Hluhluwe, where we landed to refuel and continued on to White Elephant for our first night on safari.



Gin & Tonics all round for Arnon, Oded, Michael, Dotan and Eyal

From here, our route took us around Swaziland (Eswatini), via Lydenberg for fuel, and then over the edge of the inland plateau down to the greater Kruger National Park, where we landed at the Manyeleti Game Reserve airstrip, where we would spend two nights in Khoka Moya camp. At times it was hard to tell if it was wild animals making night time noises, or this rowdy bunch of guys, but lots of fun was had by all.



Safely on the ground in Manyeleti Game Reserve



More Gin & Tonics.....with an elephant

After a couple of great days in Manyeleti, it was time to head west to Madikwe Game Reserve, where we were to spend 2 nights at Rhulani Safari Lodge.

We routed over the spectacular Blyde River Canyon, and after a lunch break along the way, arrived in Madikwe in time for high tea and an afternoon Safari.

In addition for the numerous elephant and lion sighting at Madikwe, a highlight was the dinner outside under the stars, with a pair of black rhino in attendance at the waterhole, and the male lion who passed practically through camp (left).



From Madikwe, we started our trip back to Eva's Field, via Zuikerkop in the eastern Free State, with its beautiful sandstone mountains.

The next day we routed back to Eva's Field, over the eastern Drakensberg mountains, always a spectacular end to our journey. This was a thoroughly enjoyable safari, and I think the bush-flying bug has certainly bitten with this group of guys.



SAFARI #4 - 12 DAYS INTO NAMIBIA, JUNE 2019

Our next Safari was a 12 Day trip through South Africa and Namibia, with Alon Pereg's group, consisting of Alon, Udi and Daniella Gazit, Modi Tovel, Yaron Meron, Tovi Sivan and Oded Gol Vardi. What an interesting mix of people and experience, from ship captain to airline captains to medical engineering specialists, this was a fascinating and wonderful group of people to fly with.

After a few days of training and validating licenses, we were off on the first day of the Safari to the Royal Hotel in Bethulie, where proprietor Anthony Hocking owns one of the largest collections of books and vinyl records in private hands in the world. Here we land on an old golf course fairway, which is a great introduction to short, bumpy airfields for our budding new Bush Pilots, requiring a steep approach over a powerline and stopping in under 250m...I was very proud to see everyone "grease" it on that first evening...



In formation over the central plateau of South Africa

An early, cold start to the second day was worth the effort, as we swept low level along the Orange River, over Gariep Dam and the massive Vanderkloof Dam, before taking a breakfast break at the abandoned airfield in Petrusville. From there we continued along the Orange River to the stunning Thuru Game Lodge near Upington, where we were in time for a memorable evening Safari, being spoilt with the sight of a large herd of buffalo and some rhino in the late evening light.





Low level formation along the Orange River near the Vanderkloof Dam

Having cleared Customs early the next morning at Upington International, we set off for Keetmanshoop in Namibia, where we landed a few hours later and cleared into the country, before setting off for the Canyon Roadhouse, where we would spend the next two nights.

The Canyon Roadhouse is an amazing, eccentric mix of Namib Desert and Route 66 roadhouse vibe, totally unique and off the wall. Having a couple of days here allowed us time to explore the Fish River Canyon, both by road and by air the next day.



Destiny's Safaris

From the Canyon, our route took us north towards Solitaire and Sossusvlei, vast open desert plains give way to red sands of the Namib dunes as we approach Solitaire.



Take-off from a desert plain north of the Fish River Canyon



Approaching the huge red dunes of Sossusvlei

We had two nights scheduled at Solitaire, with the second night again camping under the majestic Namib stars. Absolute highlights were the sunrise flight to Sossusvlei, and the evening formation flight along the Kuiseb Canyon before landing at sunset at our "fly" camp out in the desert.



Some perfect formation flying across the desert, Alon leading in the Bobber



The incredible freedom of landing out in the desert - Daniella, Udi, Tovi, Alon, Yaron, Oded and Modi

From Solitaire, we set off northbound for Etendeka Mountain Camp, in an incredibly remote and arid region of Damaraland. This rocky landscape is home to desert elephant and a small population of the rare and shy black rhino. The Camp is appropriately described as being "in the middle of nowhere", and is equipped with a fantastic telescope for stargazing in the desert sky. We were spoilt with incredible viewings of the moon, Saturn with its rings, and even the details such as the moons around Jupiter.

This was a chance to relax for a couple of days, in a remote and beautiful place as far removed from civilization as possible.



Udi soaking in the sunset scenery from Etendeka Mountain Camp

Our next stop on this adventure was Epupa Camp on the Angolan border, some 250 miles north of Etendeka. Stopping periodically for a comfort break and some refreshments (meaning Israeli coffee for all of us, and biltong for Modi) we arrived in the afternoon to the amazing sight of the green waters of the Kunene River flowing over the Epupa Falls, just metres from our camp.



Modi on coffee duty somewhere in the Desert



Dinner on the edge of the Kunene River - and the view at sunset below



With the aircraft refuelled, and back in the air the next day, we headed east along the Kunene River, to Ruacana, and then south over Ovamboland to the Etosha National Park, where we spent our second-last night on Safari at the Onguma Safari Lodge.

From here it was on to Ibenstien, the home farm of René Krafft, a stunning beef and game ranch south of Windhoek. The Safari ended here on a high note, with the group departing over the next 24 hours, and leaving Craig with a 2 day layover to prepare for the incoming Safari group!!

SAFARI #5 - 12 DAYS RETURN TRIP FROM NAMIBIA - JUNE 2019

Our new group had arrived at Ibenstein for the return trip from Namibia. Eitan and Meirav Arzi, Amnon Harari and Michal Sela, Arnon Kraemer and Orna Adoram as well as Koby Yaniv.



Koby, Eitan, Arnon, Orna, Meirav, Michal and Amnon

Having spent a day getting re-acquainted with the aircraft, we set off early on the first day of the Safari, heading north to the Onguma Game Reserve on the border of the Etosha Park.

At first light, we were off the next morning to the north, and the Kunene River on the Angolan Border, with our destination being Epupa Falls. We flew over miles and miles of flat white sand of Ovamboland in northern Namibia, taking a coffee break on a dry pan, a surreal experience...



We arrived in Epupa in time to enjoy a sundowner, and a short walk to the magnificent Epupa Falls.



The next morning we set off west along the Kunene River in the direction of the Marian Fluss, a huge, wide open desert valley extending south from the Kunene River for miles and miles.



Low level along the Kunene River, Angola on the right, Namibia on the left

Having flown over herds of Oryx and Springbok along the Marian Fluss, the countryside changes to big mountains and valleys as we passed overhead the small settlements of the Himba people, who are a semi-nomadic pastoralist tribe living in the most remote parts of northern Namibia. It was like a window into a different world, or a time warp into an ancient civilisation.



Coffee stop along the Marian Fluss

Soon after mid-day, we arrived at open rocky plains, and Etendeka Camp's airstrip. After a short drive to camp, we had the chance to relax and unwind in the serene environment.



Etendeka Mountain Camp

A highlight of our 2 night stay at Etendeka was most certainly the sighting of a pair of black rhino on the open rocky plains - amazingly spotted by our guide Bonnie. These shy animals are seldom seen, although evidence of their existence is clearly visible in their tracks and dung scattered around the area.



Sundowner time with Amnon and Bonnie

After the peace and solitude of Etendeka, we routed southbound to Solitaire, again crossing some incredible desert scenery, before landing out in the desert to take break, where Arnon was unlucky enough to get a flat tyre from a sharp rock. Field repairs and a tyre change completed, we finished the short hop to Solitaire, where a more permanent repair could be done.

At sunrise the next day, we flew over the red dunes of Sossusvlei, and amazing spectacle that was enjoyed by all.



Routing back from Sossusvlei



The late evening flight to our campsite was again spectacular, flying low over herds of zebra and Oryx on the desert plains. We landed right at sunset, in time for sundowners next to our planes, and a night under the stars.



From Solitaire we winged our way south, low level over the ever-arid Namib, making a few stops on the way to stretch our legs and make use of the coffee pot...before continuing to the Fish River Canyon and the Canyon Roadhouse, our last overnight stop in Namibia. Again, this interesting place didn't disappoint, and a sunrise flight over the Canyon, followed by an evening drive to edge of the Canyon gave amazing views of this massive geological feature.



Canyon Roadhouse - Above

Eitan and Meirav in the Bobber over the Fish River Canyon - Below



With a long leg ahead of us, we left Canyon Roadhouse early for Keetmanshoop, and clearance out of Namibia. Heading south from Keetmanshoop to Upington was a 3 hour trek, and finally we were welcomed back into South Africa at Upington airport. After Customs and refuelling, we made the short hop to Thuru Game Lodge, in time for a game drive in their Unimog (much to Eitan's pleasure), and a peaceful sundowner in the sand dunes.



From Thuru, we had one more night on the way home, which was in Bethulie, at the Royal Hotel. Anthony gave the group an interesting historical tour of the town and the Anglo Boer concentration camp, before settling in for an evening of music on the vinyl player and dinner at the fire.

Our last flying day was through the Free State, landing in Bethlehem for fuel, before continuing on home to Eva's Field, arriving safely in the early afternoon, in time for those making their flights home that evening.

In all an incredible experience, and one that everyone will remember and cherish for a long time.

SAFARI #6 - JULY 2019 - 7 DAY SOUTH AFRICAN BIG GAME SAFARI

Next up was a 7 day South African Safari, through Zululand, the Kruger Park and the Madikwe Game Reserve in the west. This is a safari which focuses on the Big Game, and some beautiful scenery along the way. Joining me on the safari was a group of friends that fly together often, Eran Peleg, Yoram Sadan, Avner Yonaei, Joel Nir, Ron Ganz, Dan Tamir and Ran Giladi.

Once the usual formalities of the license validations and training were completed, we set off towards Zululand, via the stunning Tugela River to the coast, and then northwards towards Empangeni where we had a coffee break, and then onto Hluhluwe for fuel. From there it was a short hop to White Elephant Game Lodge, and our first night on Safari.



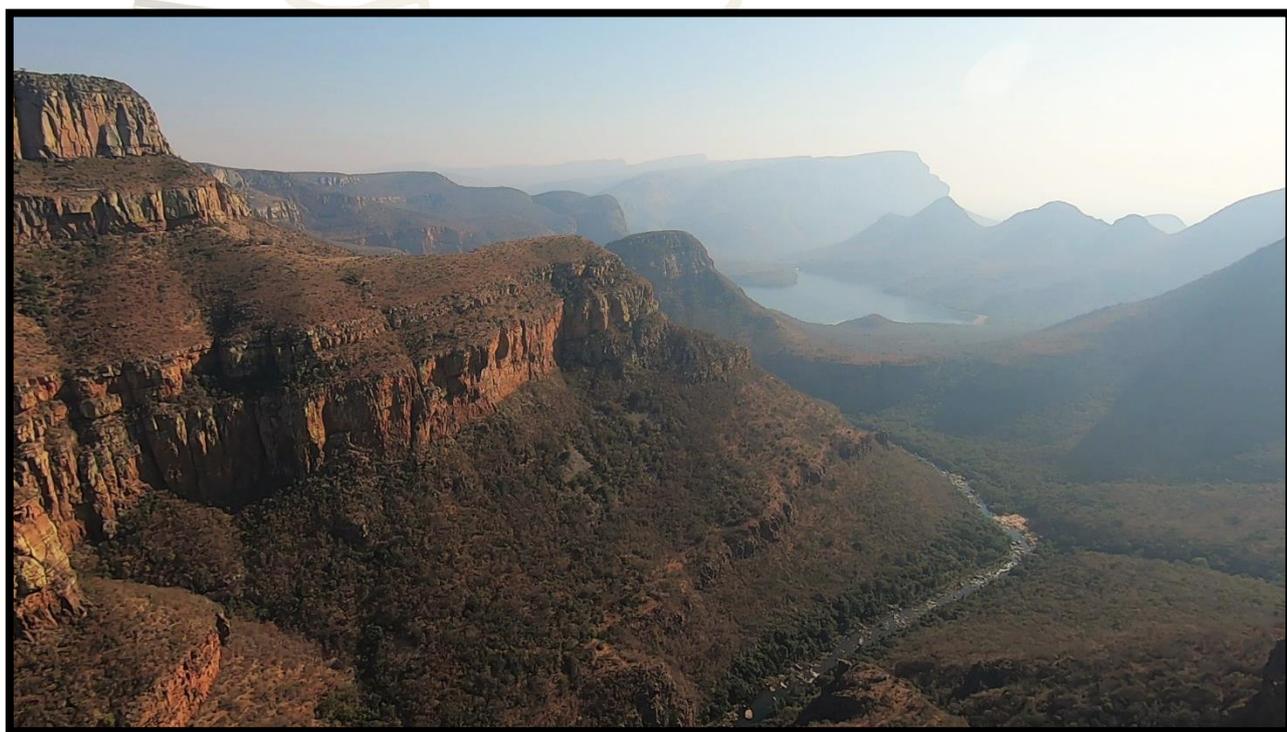
From White Elephant, we routed around Swaziland, over the high escarpment of the eastern Plateau to Lydenberg, where we

refuelled, and proceeded to Manyeleti Game Reserve for 2 nights in Khoka Moya camp. Once again, we

were spoilt by fantastic sightings of lions, elephant, rhino and much more, including elephant visiting the camp waterhole and our tents....



From Manyeleti, we flew west, over the impressive Blyde River Canyon, making a stop in Nylstroom for a bite to eat, and then continued west to Madikwe Game Reserve, and our home for the next 2 nights, Rhulani Safari Lodge.



Blyde River Canyon on the way to Madikwe Game Reserve



Madikwe came through again with some great game sightings, and 2 days of luxurious comfort at Rhulani.

From Madikwe we routed west towards the Drakensberg Mountains, stopping at Zuikerkop, our last overnight stop along the way, before heading off early the next day, making a coffee stop at Destiny Castle, an unusual modern sandstone castle perched at 6000ft atop a mountain on the Lesotho border.



*Ran, Avner,
Eran,
Yoram, Ron,
Dan and
Joel at
Destiny
Castle*

From Destiny Castle to Eva's Field is a comfortable 2 hour flight, and with ample daylight left, we landed home safely at Eva's after an enjoyable and memorable safari.



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SAFARI #7 - 7 DAY SOUTH AFRICA BIG GAME SAFARI - JULY 2019

Another group from Israel arrived soon after, on a similar safari to the previous one. Haim and Efrat Zaklad were joined by Eitan and Yael Melamed, Zvika Grinberg, Menahem Katz and Shlomo Goren.

An unfortunate incident on the first morning of the safari saw Shlomo and Menahem departing early, but the rest of us continued on, spending the first night on Safari in Hluhluwe, before routing around Swaziland to Lydenberg and then Manyeleti Game Reserve, part of the greater Kruger Park. Here we were spoilt with fantastic big cat sightings, such as cheetah and lion in abundance.



Yael, Eitan, Zvika, Haim and Efrat on Safari in Manyeleti



Cheetah in Manyeleti Game Reserve



From Manyeleti we routed again over the Blyde Canyon, making a couple of stops along the way to Madikwe, where we were spoilt in the comfort of the private Matla camp. Highlights of Madikwe included a fantastic rhino sighting, as well as great lion and general game sightings.



Our route home took us over the central plateau, with an "off-field" landing or two making the trip more interesting. The last night on the trip was at Zuikerkop, before the descent over the Drakensberg mountains to Eva's Field.

Again, a really enjoyable safari with great people, and looking forward to the return trip in 2020!!

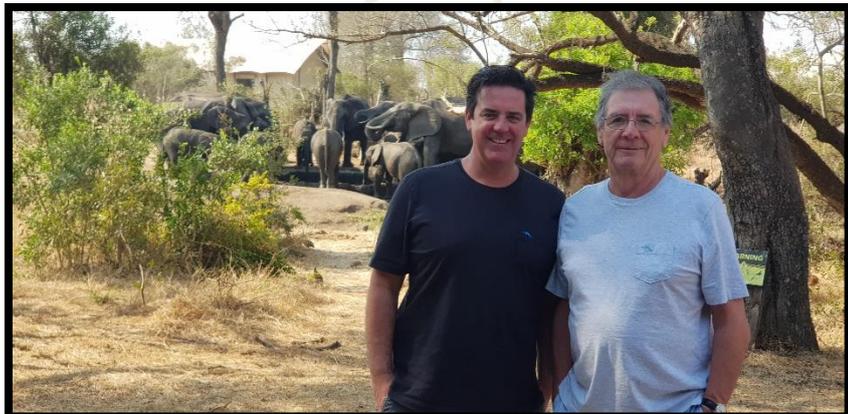
SAFARI #8 - 7 DAY SOUTH AFRICA BIG GAME SAFARI, SEPTEMBER 2019

Canadian pilot Justin Tiplady and his father, Ron, joined us in early September for a 7 day trip around the Big Game parks of northern South Africa. I had a spare seat in my Cub, and was really grateful that my wife Sam had the opportunity to fly with us, and for her to experience some of what I am fortunate to experience on a regular basis.

After a stunning flight along the Tugela valley and up the coast, we arrived at White Elephant Game Lodge in time for high tea, and the evening safari.

After an early start the next morning, we made our way over the high mountains north of Swaziland, and via Lydenberg and God's window into the Lowveld and Manyeleti Game Reserve. Once again we were welcomed to Khoka Moya camp, my home away from home, where we had a wonderful time in the hands of our guide, Lyton.

Rain on our second day in Manyeleti forced us to stay another night, but did not put a damper on our game viewing experience. Cheetah, lion on a buffalo kill and rhino were some of the highlights of our stay.



Justin and Ron in camp at Khoka Moya, with an elephant herd in the background.

The rather gruesome sight of lions on a fresh buffalo kill in the rain - below





Ron, Sam, Craig and Justin with the compulsory Safari Sundowner in hand

With the weather clearing, we were able to depart for our next destination, the Madikwe Game Reserve on the western edge of South Africa. Some beautiful calm conditions allowed us to fly low and slow, over the Blyde canyon, via Nylstroom where we topped up our fuel, and onto Madikwe, where we stayed at the beautiful Rhulani Safari Lodge.

Our guide, Sean, spoilt us to great sightings of elephant and lion, as well as hyena pups at their den.



After two nights of luxury at Rhulani, we departed reluctantly, and headed across the central South African plateau, stopping for fuel in Bethlehem before the descent back to Eva's Field. Much to Justin's satisfaction, we landed a couple of times off field, once on the edge of a small stream close to the Drakensberg mountains, where some very friendly locals were fascinated by our flying machines, and all wanting photos with the aircraft.



A wonderful time was had by everyone on the trip, and Sam and I are both extremely grateful for Justin and Ron's hospitality in allowing her to join our safari. It was great for us to have some time together, and for Sam to have some insight into my daily life on Safari.

We hope to do it again someday soon Justin!!

SAFARI #9 - 7 DAY SOUTH AFRICAN BIG GAME SAFARI - SEPTEMBER 2019

Our last Safari of 2019 was also a Big Game Safari, with the Israeli/US group of Michael Edrei, Roy Benyamini, Nir Granot, Maoz and Tsila Tsur and brothers Shmuel and Haim Epstein. With years of airline and military flying experience amongst the group, we set off after the necessary licensing and familiarisation on the aircraft, and after following the Indian Ocean coastline north, we overnighted at White Elephant Game Lodge. Flying into the lodge we spotted a large herd of buffalo, and much to our pleasure, two black rhino on the edge of Lake Jozini.

The next morning brought clear skies, and we followed the Pongola River northwards to Piet Retief, where we had our breakfast, before continuing onwards to Lydenberg for fuel, and then the descent to Manyeleti Game Reserve (descending from 8000ft to 1300ft). Staying at Mantobeni camp this time, we had fantastic game viewing. The first afternoon drive delivered a leopard and cub on a kill in a tree, with a patient hyena waiting below for scraps to drop.

We also saw great sightings of elephant and lion, and many of the antelope species.



Leopard Cub resting in a tree after a meal



Roy, Tsila, Maoz, Michael, Craig, Nir, Shmuel and Haim at sundowner time

One of the highlights for the group must have been the impala dung spitting competition, with Haim walking away victorious with the dubious winning title of the "shitty man", managing to spit the dry dung further than the rest of us!

Haim showing the "ammunition" used in the Dung-spitting competition.



Roy, Nir and Maoz cooling down while being watched carefully by a grey giant.

From Manyeleti, we were again westbound, routing to the Madikwe Game Reserve, and this time, Tau Game Lodge. Tau is situated right at a large waterhole, where huge herds of animals congregate in the dry season. But on the way, we had to do some playing "off-field"....



We had great fun at Tau, with our enthusiastic ranger Mike "Ray", just enjoying the tranquillity of the herds of elephant, rhino and other game that came to drink at the camp waterhole. We spend a great 2 days at Tau, before making our way back to Eva's Field via the beautifully situated Zuikerkop lodge in the foothills of the Maluti mountains.



Tau Game Lodge, with its waterhole in front of camp

Once again, it was a great privilege flying with these wonderful folks, and sharing a little of Africa with them.

CONCLUSION:

To all of you who made it possible, we are truly grateful, and hope that you enjoyed the experience as much as we did.

To my "people" who helped make it all possible - Fiona who worked tirelessly through the season, arranging everyone's accommodation, travel plans, special dietary requirements (and there were a few of those...), license validations (almost 40 of them this season, which is a serious achievement considering the challenges we sometimes face with the authorities), and the many other roles she fulfilled. I would NOT have managed the year without her.

James, who always keeps my aircraft in prime condition, and prioritises our work - we would really battle without your support. We are also truly grateful for the wonderful base we call home at Eva's Field, which is always in tip-top condition.

To my wife Sam, and my kids, who patiently supported me and my crazy dreams for the past few years, and in particular this season, when I was away for some long periods of time. Thanks for holding the fort, and taking such good care of our home and the children!

To all the folks who helped us along the way, at various camps and lodges. They are too many to name, but certain folks stand out. Dean Hunter who helped in Lydenberg with fuel on our many visits this season, the Staff and Management at Khoka Moya and Mantobeni camps in the Manyeleti - you always made me feel like I was at home.

The staff at Rhulani in Madikwe were amazing. Huge thanks in particular to Shaun and Alasdair who worked cheerfully and tirelessly to always find the best possible sightings for us.

To Anthony Hocking and his staff at the Royal Hotel in Bethulie, a huge thank you for making our visits so memorable. I love the little "runway" on the golf course you prepare for us, and the evenings listening to old vinyl records in front of the fire. Great memories indeed.

To the folks who made Namibia possible, in particular Pasquale Scaturro, owner of Solitaire Lodge, who set up a fly camp on his beautiful farm for each of our safaris. This required a huge amount of effort, and went that extra mile to making our stay so unforgettable.

René Krafft, and his partner Annie, who hosted us in such a warm and friendly environment on their farm, Ibenstein, between safaris - thank you so much for all you helped with, it really made us feel welcome.

To all the other folks, too many to mention, who made our stays so memorable at the amazing places we visited throughout southern Africa, thank you so much for your kindness.

To Alon Pereg in Israel for helping to facilitate the groups this season, and putting the 2020 groups together - we really appreciate the hard work you are doing on your end.

Bookings are open for the 2020 Season now, and we have some exciting new ideas and routes. Some of our routes that have proven popular have stayed more or less the same, but with some minor changes, and we have added a new Eastern Cape and Wild Coast option. Please click on the link below for the 2020 safari options.

<https://www.africanbushflyingsafaris.com/safari-options>

I have also found and purchased an almost new Savage Classic in Uganda, which will shortly be flown down through East Africa, and will join our fleet in time for the 2020 season. We are also seriously considering the option of adding an additional Savannah to our fleet for the next season as well.



ZU-IJV, our green Savannah will be sporting a brand new Orange paint scheme for 2020, making her a lot more visible on safari.

Please feel free to contact either myself, at craig@flyingfrontiers.com, or Fiona at fiona@flyingfrontiers.com, or in Israel, please feel free to contact Alon Pereg on his email alon@alonpereg.co.il

Looking forward to seeing you all in South Africa in 2020!!!!

Have a safe and blessed end to 2019, and a wonderful New Year.