



Holidays in Africa: The Best Travel Deals to Africa

Africa offers beautiful landscapes, stunning animals, and many incredible countries to choose from. Here, you'll find great deals on **cheap flights** to places like **Cape Town** and **Kenya**, affordable **safari glamping** resorts, **cheap vacation packages to Morocco** and **hotels in Egypt**, and plenty of other options.

Africa is a vast **continent** with breathtaking sceneries made up of **54 very different countries, cultures and identities**. It is a smorgasbord of exciting travel destinations with something for everyone: exhilarating **dune rides** in **Morocco** and some of the **world's best snorkeling** in **Egypt** in the **north**, **exotic safari adventures** in **Kenya** in **central Africa**, powder white **beaches** on the paradise islands of **Zanzibar**, **Mauritius** and **Seychelles**, incredible biodiversity in **Madagascar**, and, all the way down south, **penguins** and rolling **vineyards** in **South Africa**.

So let's start from the top in the very **north**, and work our way down to the **south**, listing some (not all) of the **best places to visit in Africa**.



Holidays in Morocco

Go 4x4 in the dunes



Holidays in Cape Verde

Try island-hopping



Holidays in Egypt

Ride along the Nile

1. Morocco

Located in Northern Africa, **Morocco** is a popular **year-round destination** thanks to its relatively high winter temperatures and dry summers.

Marrakech is rich in history and architecture and a great choice for a **city break** with plenty of **sightseeing** and **shopping** on offer. The **bustling souks** in the medieval **Medina** are a real feast for all the senses, and if it's adventure you are after, look no further than the **Sahara Desert** – there are many organized tours where you can go on **Jeep safaris** in the **dunes**, ride on a **camel**, and sleep in **luxury glamping tents** overnight in the desert for a taste of Bedouin life.

For **culture fans**, the ancient city of **Fez** is one of Morocco's most underrated cities, offering a plethora of vibrant souks, spice markets and bathhouses (hammams) along its dwindling streets.

Then there's **Agadir**, one of the most popular **beach destinations**, offering a more laid-back atmosphere and waves that appeal to surfers.

2. Cape Verde

No stranger to British holidaymakers, **Cape Verde** offers **great beaches** and **guaranteed winter sun**. There are plenty of direct flights to **Sal** and **Boa Vista Islands** from the UK, giving the Canary Islands a real run for their money. Plus, there is no time-difference to worry about!

This independent island nation is geographically located off the coast of **western Africa**, but is more westernized and has close ties with the European Union. The culture here is a vibrant mixture of **African**, **Caribbean**, **Portuguese** and **Brazilian** influences.

Cape Verde is great for **sun-worshippers** and **thrill seekers** alike – you can go **kite-surfing**, or explore under the surface with great **diving** and **snorkeling** conditions on offer. Why not hike up a **volcano**, jump on a **quad bike** or try your hand at **fishing**?

Just remember one thing: "No stress", which is the local Cape Verdean motto.

3. Egypt

Egypt packs a real holiday punch with awe-inspiring **ancient architecture** and **attractions** shrouded in mystery – think the **Great Pyramids**, the **Great Sphinx of Giza**, **Valley of the Kings** and the legendary **Nile River**. Then there are the great **all-inclusive beach resorts** on the **Red Sea Riviera**, flanked by beautiful turquoise water.

Hurghada is one of the most popular resorts, with a myriad of luxe hotels catering to families as well as those looking for an adults-only experience.

There are **snorkelling opportunities** aplenty here, along with loads of cultural **tours** and **excursions** on offer: You could visit the **pyramids**, poke around **Pharaoh's tombs** and take a full day trip to **Cairo** to explore the **Egyptian Museum** when not lapping up the sun.



Holidays in Kenya

Try safari glamping

4. Kenya

Kenya in **East Africa** is the number one most visited destination in the region, averaging over 2 million international visitors per year. It's not hard to see why. Famous for its **beauty** and **exotic wildlife**, here you will find a **savannah** teeming with life, scenic **mountain backdrops**, a beautiful **coastal region** and overall **great weather**. Not sold yet? Take time to rewatch *The Lion King*. (The creators got most of their inspiration from Kenya and neighbouring Tanzania!)

Embark on a thrilling **safari adventure** to spot "**The Big Five**" (lion, leopard, rhinoceros, elephant, and Cape buffalo), or behold **The Great Wildebeest Migration** (the annual migration of giant herds of grazers), also called "The World Cup of Wildlife". **Lake Nakuru**, famous for its flamingos, is another top sight.

If you are after some **beach** time you can often find **combined safari and beach packages**, as both **Mombasa** and **Diani Beach** offer top beach digs and **gorgeous white sandy beaches**.



Holidays in Zanzibar

Take a spice tour



Holidays in Seychelles

Meet a giant tortoise



Holidays in Madagascar

Spot a lemur

5. Zanzibar

Zanzibar is the semi-autonomous **beach haven** off the coast of **Tanzania** consisting of a group of islands. It is a **year-round destination** offering **glorious weather** with average daytime highs between 28°C and 32°C.

Here you can expect **powder white beaches**, wide-stretched **spice plantations** and a **rich history**, traceable in Zanzibar's old **Stone Town** (set within **Zanzibar City**), which is now a **UNESCO World Heritage Site** with loads of sightseeing on offer.

Experience a 'blue safari' **boat tour** in search of **wild dolphins**, take a walk around the legendary **Freddie Mercury's birthplace**, and get a snap of the Instagrammable **Rock restaurant** when not busy lapping up the sun.

6. Seychelles

The stunning **Seychelles** is made up of **115 exotic islands** situated way out in the **Indian Ocean**, off the coast of **East Africa**. The three main islands are **Mahe**, **Praslin** and **La Digue**, which are relatively close to one another – perfect for **island hopping!** Think **turquoise waters**, lush **flora and fauna**, cool **rock formations** and rare **giant animals**, such as the **Aldabra tortoise**.

Apart from **sunbathing** and **snorkelling**, other musts include visiting the aforementioned **giant tortoises** at the **conservation centre** on Curieuse Island.

And a visit to **La Digue** will make you feel like you've traveled back in time, as there are barely any motor vehicles there. There you can also behold the spectacular rock formations on **Anse Source d'Argent beach**, guaranteed to take your breath away.

7. Madagascar

Ever heard of Darwin's Bark Spiders, Aye-Ayes or Giraffe Wheeivls? They are just a few examples of the **weird and wonderful animals** that are indigenous only to the island of **Madagascar** – one of the most unique places on earth. (Another, more famous character, is the iconically cute **ring-tailed lemur**, which you will have seen in **DreamWorks** animated blockbuster, *Madagascar*.)

Some top pastimes on Madagascar include swimming with the **world's largest fish**, the **whale shark** (no, they don't eat humans!), and walking along the **Avenue of the Baobabs** – an "avenue" of huge, otherworldly trees. And speaking of trees: the **Tsingy de Bemaraha Strict Nature Reserve** is a labyrinth of spiky, grey limestone rocks – the largest stone forest in the world.

Aside from its astounding flora and fauna, Madagascar is also home to some **sparkling white beaches**.

8. Mauritius

Situated in the **Indian Ocean**, the tropical paradise of **Mauritius** is famed for its palm-fringed, **powder soft beaches**, **crystalline water** and **reefs** abundant with life. It is a favourite amongst honeymooners and families alike.

Flic en Flac on the west coast is home to some of the island's **best beaches**. Or, if you are hunting for the more deserted kind, jump on a **catamaran cruise** to any of the small, **uninhabited islands** surrounding Mauritius.

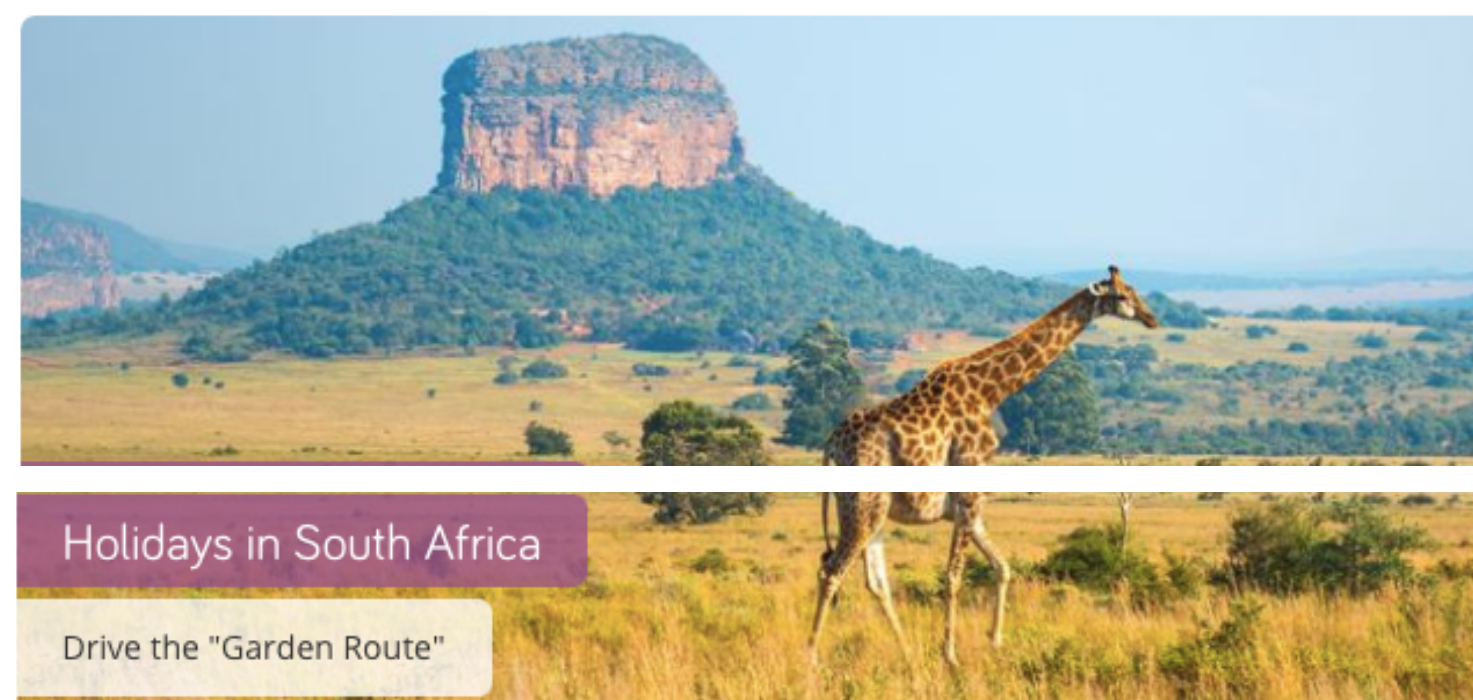
The blue, green, red and yellow soils of the **Chamarel** region – the so called Seven Coloured Earths – makes for a unique experience, and you will also find the stunning, 100 metre **Chamarel waterfall** nearby.

A visit to **Port Louis**, the island's capital and old colonial city, is a must. As is a visit to the old sugar factory **L'Aventure du Sucre**, where you can sample rum – every pirate's favourite – and familiarise yourself more with the island's history.



Holidays in Mauritius

Swim with dolphins



Holidays in South Africa

Drive the "Garden Route"

9. South Africa

The huge **South Africa** makes up the southernmost tip of **Africa**, and is famous worldwide as an adventure central, thanks to the iconic **Kruger National Park** with its exhilarating **safari tours**. But it is also popular among **beach bums** for its stunning **coast**, attracts **culture buffs** with its checkered **history**, and appeals to **wine lovers** with its rolling **vineyards**.

Renting a car is the best way to take in all that South Africa has to offer, and the **Garden Route** is the scenic 200km drive along the beautiful coastline from **Cape Town** in the west to **Port Elizabeth** in the east. There are many great stops along the way, one being the **Addo Elephant Park**.

In **Johannesburg** you can visit the **Apartheid Museum**, and take a tour of **Nelson Mandela's** former house. Meanwhile, over in Cape Town you can grab a cable car to the top of **Table Mountain** with spectacular views of the city. Did you know that **Boulder's Beach**, just outside **Cape Town**, is not only a **family-friendly** beach for sun lounging, but also a popular hangout place for **African penguins**?

A visit to **Robben Island**, the former maximum security prison, makes for an educational – and to some extent unsettling – excursion.