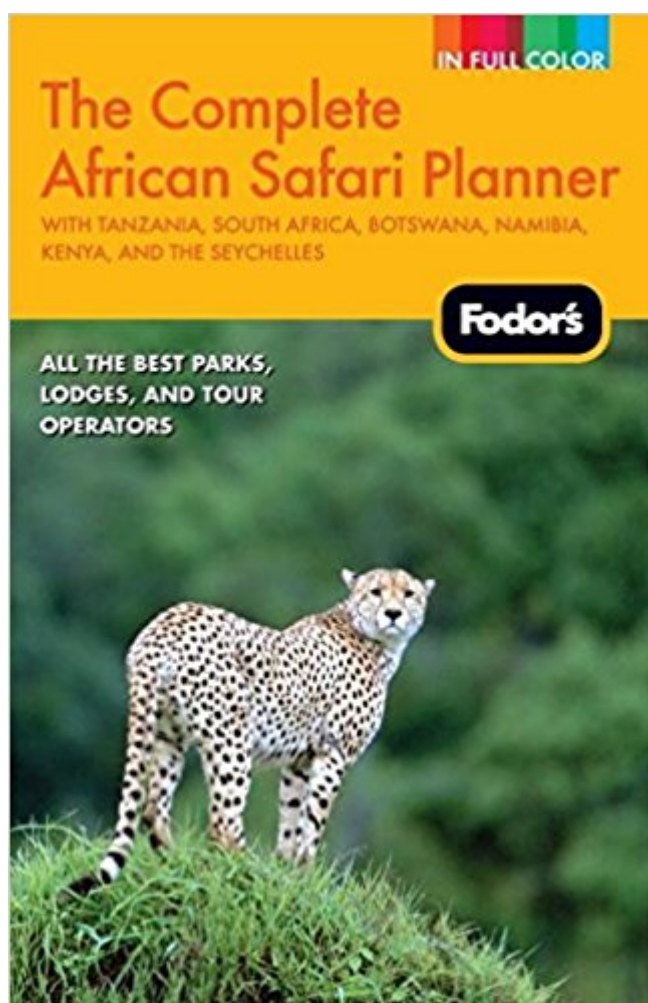


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Fodor's The Complete African Safari Planner: With Tanzania, South Africa, Botswana, Namibia, Kenya, And The Seychelles (Full-color Travel Guide)



Synopsis

Fodor's THE COMPLETE AFRICAN SAFARI PLANNER Everything You Need to Plan the Adventure of a Lifetime. Fodor's full-color travel guide can help make your trip to Africa unforgettable with 8 pages of detailed maps, magazine-style illustrated features, 125 stunning photos, and all the practical information you need. Customize your trip with simple planning tools. Options that fit your travel preferences: field-tested itineraries, ideas for making the most of your time, and easy-to-read color regional maps Explore South Africa, Kenya, Namibia, and beyond Discerning Fodor's Choice picks for hotels, restaurants, sights, and more "Word of Mouth" tips from fellow Fodor's travelers Illustrated features on The Cradle of Mankind, Safari Tipping, and Kenya's Tribes Recommendations for everything from helicopter rides over Victorias Falls to the Big 5 on Safari and Zulu essentials to bridge the language barrier Expert opinions, gorgeous photos and graphics Fodor's African-based writers reveal their favorite local haunts Quick and easy to browse with sidebars and key points in full color Frequently updated to provide the most up-to-date information

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I used the Fodor's Wildlife Safari Guide for a recent safari trip to Kenya. Before buying it, I probably should have looked past the average rating and read detail of some of the reviews. On the one hand, I love the full glossy colored print and that it would *ideally* cover me through several future safari destinations besides Kenya. I'll give Fodor's credit for being useful from a planning perspective. It helped answer questions like: What type of vehicle? What type of lodging? What practical considerations (health, camera use, etc.). The ratings for each park on different bases (game quality, scenic beauty, etc.) were also really useful and the reviews section of lodges was pretty thorough. I also appreciated the cultural tidbits (Tribal customs, history, and so on) spread throughout the book.

WHAT I DID NOT LIKE:

- 1) I would've really liked much more detail on the various wildlife, flora & fauna I would encounter. Not just a brief overview of the big five and some other animals. This could have been a much more comprehensive section than some of those that were unnecessary. I truly felt at a loss that I could not reference this book for reviewing most of my game-viewing.
- 2) The Seychelles is not a safari destination. Nor is Victoria Falls. Nor are beach areas like Mombasa and Zanzibar. Sure, I think the small introductions to the gateway city in each country are important, because you are bound to be there for a day or two, but when Seychelles-Victoria Falls takes up 80 valuable pages in the guide, I get confused about whether this is a safari guide or a Sub-Saharan Africa travel guide. On the flip-side important parks like Masai Mara and Serengeti get about ten pages each.

Overall, this isn't a terrible safari planner, but if I were to do it all over again, I'd get one dedicated safari guide with comprehensive sub-Saharan Africa flora & fauna reference, and one dedicated guide to the country (with a focus on safari). I respect that this is a "planner", so your best bet is to leave it at that and not waste space in your limited safari luggage!

Just an ok guide and resource. Instead of a comprehensive guide (a'la Nolting's "Africa's Top Wildlife Countries"), the Fodor's guide merely lists a FEW options at the parks and reserves they choose to review. And how do they omit one of the best wildlife countries, Zambia, except for a brief discussion of Victoria Falls from the Zambian side??? If you are fortunate enough to see your desired camp described by Fodor, then lucky you - they do a good job of describing it, including the most valuable element 'pros' and 'cons'. But they do not cover some of the most outstanding camps. So while somewhat valuable, this guide is very limited in scope.

I just booked a trip to Tanzania come next February. I used information gleaned from this book in

making the decision but the book was not the last word. I went with Road Scholar who are not even mentioned in the book. Thus, there are a lot more providers than they mention (thus NOT complete). And most are more cost effective than the "luxury" camp ones which predominate their suggestions. Still a lot of good info on major spots to go which the tour companies follow.

Great book not only for planning Safari, but also has general information about culture, money, emergency telephone numbers, what to do and what not to do.

It describes Africa perfectly and provides great information for our upcoming safari. The photos absolutely make you want to be there.

good book

This was the only BOOK incl S Africa & Botswana --BUT EXCLUDES Zimbabwe which is a booming country.. HUGE ERROR>Rating: B

Fodor's has never let me down. Great reference guide. Plenty of content to prepare me for my trip to South Africa

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