

Take it into the field.

A printable companion for the final checks, the long drives, the shared decisions and the things each person notices differently.

BEFORE Agree	ON THE ROAD Notice	AFTER Remember
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Names around the table

1. _____	2. _____
3. _____	4. _____
5. _____	Trip window: _____

Before the deposit

Talk through the shape of the experience before comparing rooms.

01	What does each person want most? Wildlife depth, comfort, photography, food, cultural time, downtime or adventure.
02	Where will we compromise? Name one non-negotiable and one place each person is willing to save.
03	Can the operator hold the whole system? Guide continuity, vehicle, transfers, bush flights, meals, laundry and dietary needs.
04	How will the group handle early mornings? Agree how many dawn starts feel exciting rather than exhausting.

The final departure check

Confirm current requirements with official sources and your own clinicians.

01	Documents Passport, visa or entry records, insurance, emergency contacts and offline copies.
02	Aircraft limit Confirm the combined checked and hand-luggage weight and physical bag dimensions.
03	Health Personal prescriptions, clinician-led prevention decisions and a shared kit with named ownership.
04	Operator handoff Final route, pickup, guide, dietary notes, provided equipment and payment status.

The game-drive day bag

Carry less, but carry the things that change the day.

01	Body Warm layer, hat, glasses, sunscreen, repellent, long socks and scarf or face covering.
02	Attention Binoculars, camera or phone, spare power and a notebook - only what you will actually use.
03	Comfort Water, familiar snack, tissue, sanitizer and any medication needed during the day.
04	Timing Tell the guide about bathrooms, temperature, fatigue or proximity before discomfort becomes urgent.

The vehicle agreement

A private vehicle is also a small temporary society.

01	Voices Low near animals; conversation is welcome when the guide says the moment allows it.
02	Bodies Stay seated, keep arms inside and follow the guide's cues about distance and movement.
03	Phones Choose the group norm before the first sighting: photographs, messages and time fully offline.
04	Crowds Give the guide permission to leave a congested sighting and find a quieter one.

Five sets of eyes.

Give each person a different prompt for one drive. Compare notes at dinner.

TRAVELER	LOOK FOR	ONE THING I NOTICED
1	Birds and calls	
2	Animal relationships	
3	Landscape and weather	
4	Guide decisions	
5	Moments without cameras	

Protect the landing.

After sustained attention, rest is not an empty itinerary. Use the final page before returning home.

	The decision that improved the trip most	
	Something better than expected	
	Something nobody used	
	Something we wished we had	
	What we would shorten, lengthen or skip	
	Something only one person noticed	

Our one-sentence advice to friends

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