Epic Affiliated Guide Sheet

Epic has close relationships with Africa's best guides. Their unique and diverse skills highlight the importance of having a guide travel with you on safari.

DAVID LUCK (Southern/Eastern Africa)

David was born in South Africa and grew up in Zambia spending much of his youth in the bush where he quickly developed a passion for the wilderness. Dave has travelled extensively in south and central Africa. He accompanied anti-poaching patrols to combat elephant and rhino poaching.

Since 1998 Dave has been leading privately guided trips in Botswana, Tanzania, Madagascar, Namibia, Zimbabwe, Zambia, South Africa, the Republic of Congo, Uganda and Rwanda. A passionate advocate of wild places and wildlife conservation for over 30 years, Dave is a master of creating an epic experience, teaching, engaging and inspiring travellers from novice to seasoned and especially younger adventurers.

SAM WALLACE (Southern/Eastern Africa)

Sam is a passionate, motivated, and adaptable individual who is fascinated by wildlife and the natural environment. His background in Zoology, Ichthyology, guiding and outdoor activities has molded him into this person. He is very practical and believes that hard work and the correct approach can take you a long way.

Travel is something he has always enjoyed and has travelled over the world but there are many more places he wishes to explore and many species he would still like to see. He has guided extensively in South Africa, Botswana, and Tanzania.

DEON KRUGER (Southern/Eastern Africa)

Deon developed a passion for nature at a young age, growing up in an environment that nurtured a love for wildlife. When I joined the South African Air Force I realised I had another passion, flying. I have been very fortunate to combine these two passions by working as a professional pilot and wildlife guide. I have flown and guided in South Africa, Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Mozambique, Tanzania, Kenya, and Rwanda.

Safaris are memorable and exciting but also scientific educational opportunities. The preservation of Africa's wildlife can only be accomplished through education of its children and instilling a passion for conservation in every guest I take on safari.

IAN BATCHELOR (Southern/Eastern Africa)

Born in Kenya, Ian's family moved to Zimbabwe when he was young. After schooling in Zimbabwe and University in South Africa he spent time in the South African Army. Thereafter trained in Zimbabwe for his professional guides licence which he obtained in 1992. In 1995 Ian moved to Tanzania to join one of the most prestigious safari company's starting off as a Camp Manager/Guide and two years later he was promoted to Senior Guide leading mobile tented safaris, walking, adventure, and photographic safaris.

Ian moved back to Zimbabwe in 2010 and still guides extensively throughout East and Southern Africa. Ian is fervently committed to Africa and the conservation of its wildlife and works closely with a number of Foundations focused on communities and people in different wildlife environments.

AKE LINDSTROM (Kilimanjaro-Tanzania)

Ake was born in Kenya and educated in England and is now generally considered to be one of East Africa's most knowledgeable and innovative guides. Ake has a passion for mountain biking, enjoys participating in the famous East African road rally, and loves the exhilaration of leading a first-rate climb to the peak of Kilimanjaro or the top of a volcano.

Ake is super fit but is also able to tailor his unique safaris to suit all tastes and abilities, from the most challenging to the enthusiastic beginner. Ake is a consummate guide of the highest quality, an inspiration to adventurers everywhere.

ELIBARIKI KASTAI (Kilimanjaro-Tanzania)

Elibariki is a mixed adventure guide specialising on Kilimanjaro with over 150 Kilimanjaro ascents, he has plenty of experience under his belt. Bariki has risen up through a 12-year process that has really paid dividends in terms of the breadth of experiences and time with guests.

As well as Kilimanjaro Bariki has mountain biked 600 km challenges in Uganda, Climbed Mt Kenya and trekked the Ngorongoro Highlands. Quite the all-rounder and a wonderful host for Kilimanjaro.

ETHAN KINSEY (Tanzania)

Ethan is a 3rd generation Tanzanian, born and raised in a small village close to Arusha. His passion for nature started at an early age, playing in rivers and forests behind his home, and traveling with his parents to remote parts of Tanzania. Their enthusiasm rubbed off on him, and his favourite part of school was the outdoor pursuit's program that allowed him onto Mt. Meru and Mt. Kilimanjaro at least twice a year, and into Maasai land and other parks.

He came home to Tanzania at the beginning of 2004, having also completed a guiding course in South Africa. Ethan began work in Ruaha National Park and after two and a half years he moved back to Northern Serengeti.

CHARLEY SWYNNERTON (Tanzania)

Charley was born in Botswana and grew up in East Africa. Coming from a long line of game wardens, naturalists, hunters, and guides, she has a natural love for the wild. Charley has managed camps in some surreal African locations, been private chef for mobile safaris, has a great knowledge of wildlife and birds, has trained chefs and designed menus for some of the top safari companies throughout Africa.

You will find that she cannot get enough of this continent's different landscapes, cultures, languages, wildlife, and food. Exploring and unveiling the traditions and secrets of Africa - it will be a fantastic and tantalizing food safari experience.

AWEL SULTAN (Ethiopia)

Awel was born and brought up in Dinsho town, in the heart of the Bale Mountains. His father works for the Ethiopian Wolf Conservation Program and regularly took Awel out into the field as a young boy. It is here that Awel developed his passion for wildlife and conservation.

He soon embarked on a guiding career in the Bale Mountains and specialized in birdlife and ecology with the help of the University of Utah. He further enhanced his naturalist knowledge with training at Kruger National Park in South Africa. Awel has worked hard as a guide in the last few years and his incredible knowledge on flora and fauna helps him become a fantastic naturalist guide.

SQUACK EVANS (Southern/Eastern Africa)

Early days of Squack's life were spent barefoot and carefree on a large cattle ranch in the south east of Zimbabwe. Leaving school was the beginning of a wonderful working life, camel assisted walking safaris, guiding out of luxury lodges in Zimbabwe and Kenya and then a golden opportunity to live and work in one of Africa's most remote and untouched National Parks; Katavi in Tanzania.

With photographic opportunities literally around every corner when on safari an interest in photography was a natural path. Today I put together and lead bespoke safaris across East and Southern Africa, with an emphasis on wilderness, exclusivity and more than anything a desire to give the ultimate experience.

JOHN KAYIHURA (Rwanda)

John was born in Rwanda but grew up as a refugee in the jungles of Eastern DRC. Eventually, John moved back to his homeland Rwanda and worked at revamping tourism in Rwanda. He was instrumental is setting up the RTTA (Rwanda Tours and Travel Association, while still guiding and teaching his guests about his much-loved homeland.

John continues to facilitate unforgettable and priceless expeditions to some of Eastern Africa's greatest destinations. His forte is sharing knowledge, love and passion for these beautiful people and exceptional places.

MANDA CHISANGA (Zambia)

Manda spent his formative years following his construction-worker grandfather as he travelled round Zambia. This fuelled Manda's interest in his own country and, after a brief spell working in a bank and as a veterinary assistant, he became a safari guide.

Manda mainly guides at Bilimungwe Bushcamp and has spent most of his guiding career in the southern area of South Luangwa National Park. Manda has lived in all Zambian provinces and his compassionate nature means he is not afraid to address sensitive issues such as HIV/AIDS and is as comfortable discussing world politics as he is sharing amusing anecdotes about his time as a guide. His knowledge, respect and compassion earned him Wanderlust magazine's inaugural Paul Morrison Guide Award in 2006.

GRAEME LEMON (Ethiopia)

Graeme is a safari operator and fully qualified professional safari guide with over twenty years' experience in African safaris. His extensive guiding experience includes walking safaris, white water rafting, canoe guiding, wilderness hiking and conventional boat and vehicle excursions in Africa.

He passed a Canadian mountaineering program with distinction and spent a season guiding up in the far north of the Canadian wilderness. Graeme is currently discovering the many delights of the Ethiopian wilderness areas.

VICKY SIMBEYE (Tanzania)

Vicky was born in Tanzania near Mt. Kilimanjaro. She developed a deep love of animals at an early age; by the time she was eight, she was adopting baby hedgehogs from the wild and raising them.

One of the first formally trained female guides in Tanzania, Vicky's immense patience is often rewarded by amazing discoveries of animal behaviour. Vicky has worked with many reputable lodges and camps including &Beyond and Singita. Vicky is also a mother of three children.

KERRY GLEN (Kenya)

Kerry was born in Kenya and grew up accompanying her parents and brother on safaris all over East Africa. At the University of Cape Town, Kerry continued to pursue her interests in the natural world studying Environmental and Geographical Sciences.

Back in Kenya, Kerry designed, built, and managed the renowned lodge, Sabuk. In 2004 Kerry started Karisia Walking Safaris with James Christian to make a safari experience that was always comfortable but also always a unique adventure.