

# Getting there

Major airlines provide services into East and Southern Africa from North America, Europe, the Middle and Far East and Australasia. Indicated on our map are major airports with direct links to all or some of these overseas regions.

Upon arrival at these major airports you will either be transferred to a local airline or regional charter immediately or the next day—depending on your scheduling—to reach your safari destination. So-called bush planes (statistically among the safest in the world) are used extensively to transport guests to remote airstrips across Southern and East Africa. Flying at lower altitudes afford passengers the opportunity to observe interesting landscapes, villages and even animal movement on the ground. Sometimes the pilot might have to go into a holding pattern, not because of air traffic but the presence of wildlife on the airstrip that have to nudged back into the bush by the welcoming party on the ground.

## AVERAGE FLIGHT TIMES IN AFRICA



In most regions there is the option to go by road instead. The Okavango Delta is one exception as waterways make many camps accessible only by air. Air is definitely advisable for overseas visitors who wish to take in as much as possible in a limited period.

For those who opt to self-drive, 4x4 vehicles are usually a necessity. (For rentals be sure to enquire beforehand about the type of vehicles needed, age limits for drivers and other special requirements). There are a number of rental firms across the region that specialize in "bush capable" vehicles and provide clients with expert advice and detailed know-how before they embark on their self-drive journey.

Regardless of whether you opt for air or road on your final leg to safari country, your destination remains the same: The animal kingdom where you are merely a visitor, soon to be immersed in the life of fascinating creatures to the point where you actually forget where you came from and resent going back there. Be prepared to join many others in becoming addicted to Africa's sights, sounds, sunsets and sunrises when you embark on your first journey into safari country.

*Chasing an elephant off airstrip, Katavi, Tanzania*



*Landing at Kleins Kamp, Tanzania*



*Arrival, Vumbura Plains, Botswana*



*OR Tambo Airport, Johannesburg*