

# 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 onto 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



There is, of course, the option to go by road instead. Some **operators** offer this option not only because it is less expensive but afford clients with lots of time on their hands the opportunity to take in interesting sights along the way. For those who prefer to **self-drive** instead, 4x4 vehicles are often, but not always, required. (Be sure to enquire beforehand regarding the type of vehicles required, age limits for drivers and other special requirements).

There are a number of **car rental** firms across the region that specialize in “bush capable” vehicles and provide clients with expert advice and detailed know-how before the embark on their self-drive journey.

Regardless of whether you opt for the air or the road mode 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 once you have taken 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*