



HEARTEN AFRICA

MAKING A DIFFERENCE, ONE SAFARI AT A TIME



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Our commitment

At Encompass Africa, we believe that exploring Africa opens your eyes and your heart.

Beyond the breathtaking landscapes and iconic wildlife, it is the people who welcome you, the stories they share and the care they show for their home that leave a lasting impression.

Africa gives us so much. We believe the places and people that make these journeys possible should benefit from them too.

Since founding Encompass Africa in 2009, we have built our business around a deep love of Africa and lasting relationships with the people who call it home.

Hearten Africa brings our direct support for conservation and community organisations together, giving our guests a way to connect with work that matters to them.





What is Hearten Africa?

Hearten Africa is our conservation and community-giving programme.

To hearten means to give courage, confidence and hope. It felt like the right name for a programme supporting the wildlife, wild places and communities that make Africa so special.

It is one part of our wider approach to responsible travel, alongside the partners we choose, the journeys we design and the advice we share with our guests.

The connection can continue long after you come home.





How your safari contributes

Every safari includes an AUD20 contribution per person, which Encompass Africa matches.

Together, that makes AUD40 per traveller for the Hearten Africa fund.

Contributions are brought together and allocated annually to our selected organisations.

You can nominate a recipient from our current giving list, connecting your contribution with a cause that matters to you.

We keep the list focused so we can build meaningful relationships and understand the work we support.

If you would like to know more about how contributions are allocated, please ask us.





You referral, Africa's reward

When Africa stays with you, it is only natural to want to share it with others.

Our Refer and Reward programme is how we thank our guests for introducing family and friends to Encompass Africa. For each qualifying referral, we donate AUD100 to an organisation of your choice from our current Hearten Africa giving list.

This is an additional donation from Encompass Africa, alongside the matched safari contributions.

Your recommendation helps someone else begin their own journey while bringing more support to work we care about together.



Our 2026/2027 Giving Partners

Our current giving list brings together five organisations working across wildlife conservation, environmental care and community wellbeing.

Their work is different, but each gives us a reason to care more deeply about the places we explore.

We choose partners for the work they do, the integrity of their approach and our connection with the people behind it.

Our giving list is reviewed annually. You can nominate any of the organisations featured here to receive your contribution.





Gorilla Doctors

Veterinary care in the wild

An encounter with gorillas is a privilege. Behind the opportunity to see them in their forest home is the ongoing work of people dedicated to their protection.

Gorilla Doctors provides veterinary care and conservation science for wild eastern gorillas, including mountain and Grauer's gorillas, in Rwanda,

Uganda and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Its teams monitor gorilla health and respond when animals are ill, injured or caught in snares. Treatment takes place in the forest, where the gorillas live, with veterinarians working alongside park authorities and other conservation partners.

Their One Health approach recognises the connections between the health of gorillas, people and their shared environment. It is skilled, patient work that continues well beyond any visitor's time in the forest.





Ele Collection

Turning plastic waste into opportunity in Victoria Falls

Victoria Falls is a place of extraordinary beauty, but plastic waste poses a challenge for its communities and surrounding wildlife areas.

Ele Collection is a plastic recovery company based in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. It collects plastic waste from natural environments and pays local residents for the plastic they gather, connecting environmental care with local livelihoods.

Through its Plazrok process, recovered plastic is transformed into a construction aggregate for use in concrete. Its work brings together waste recovery, practical innovation and opportunities for people in the area.





Conservation South Luangwa

Protecting wildlife and supporting coexistence in Zambia

South Luangwa is one of Africa's remarkable wildlife landscapes.

Protecting it means caring for its animals and habitats while working with the people who live alongside them.

Conservation South Luangwa works with Zambia's Department of National Parks and Wildlife, local communities and conservation partners. Its work includes anti-poaching patrols, wildlife rescue, aerial surveillance and a specialist canine unit.

It also supports community awareness, livelihoods and measures to reduce conflict between people and wildlife. This combination recognises that wildlife protection and the wellbeing of neighbouring communities need to progress together.





Uthando

Supporting community-led opportunities in Cape Town

There is much more to Cape Town than its famous views. Across the city, local people are building opportunities through education, food growing and community initiatives.

Uthando (Love) South Africa connects tourism with community development. Its support includes early childhood development centres, community-driven food-growing projects and initiatives that turn discarded materials into useful community facilities.

The people leading these projects bring knowledge, creativity and commitment to their own communities.

Uthando helps connect their work with funding and wider support.

Where appropriate, its community-led excursions also offer visitors a chance to learn directly from the people involved, with visits arranged around the projects and their needs.





Travel for Impact

Connecting Botswana's tourism industry with local livelihoods

The people living around Botswana's safari destinations are an essential part of its story. Travel for Impact works to connect the opportunities created by tourism with community wellbeing and local enterprise.

Based in Maun, it works with the tourism industry, community businesses and civil society organisations. Its approach helps local entrepreneurs develop skills, reach markets and supply goods and services to tourism businesses.

Its work includes support for artisans and community-led cultural experiences, creating opportunities for visitors to appreciate Botswana beyond its wildlife.

Through its collaboration with Impact Fund, tourism contributions also support community organisations. The aim is a closer relationship between the travel industry and the livelihoods of the people who call the region home.



“The land was here
before we were,
and it will be here
when we’re gone.”

ERNEST HEMINGWAY



Together, we can make a difference

As travellers, we have opportunities to show care through the choices we make. Respecting wildlife, listening to local guides, buying locally made goods and reducing unnecessary waste all have a place in that story.

Through Hearten Africa, your safari also contributes to organisations working on the ground. A referral can bring additional support. And if a particular cause captures your heart, there may be a way to learn more or become involved.

Some guests choose to make an additional donation. Others are interested in a suitable project visit or taking requested supplies.

We can help explore the possibilities with our local partners, guided by what each organisation needs and welcomes.

You do not need to have all the answers. Tell us what interests you, and we will help you find a thoughtful next step.

“I feel truly inspired
to be part of it.”

DANICA WILSON





Come home different

Africa has a way of changing what we notice, what we value and what we carry home. For us, designing a safari means caring about both what the journey gives you and what it contributes to the places you visit.

Hearten Africa is one way that connection continues.

Thank you for travelling with care, sharing your experience and helping support the people working for Africa's future.



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