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SANCTUARY RETREATS AND LIVING WITH ELEPHANTS

Sanctuary Retreats and Living With Elephants invite you to explore Africa from an elephant's perspective, walking in the gigantic and silent footsteps of nature's great masterpiece. Discover the elephant, from the bristled ends of its long tail to the tip of its powerful yet sensitive trunk.





Join The Herd

Unique in the world today, this very special learning adventure fosters a kinship with the African elephant. Sanctuary Retreats' sponsorship allows guests at Sanctuary Baines' and Sanctuary Stanley's Camps in the Okavango Delta the opportunity to accompany resident herd members Jabu, Thembi and Morula on daily foraging treks. Join veteran elephant experts and guardians Doug and Sandi Groves as they share their passion, vast knowledge and astonishing relationship with the three elephants, forged over more than two decades.

The day involves a leisurely paced walk with the elephant trio, becoming personally acquainted with them, observing and interacting with the elephants, before enjoying a picnic lunch in their company. Immersed in elephant life, warm bonds of kinship grow from a newfound appreciation of these gentle

giants.

A delicate blink of Morula's long eyelashes reveals her sensitive yet powerful personality. Jabu, with his bold and generous nature, takes you hand in trunk, and together you slowly uncover the age-old secrets of the African elephant and the mysteries of the surrounding wilderness. Cute, boisterous and impossible to ignore, Thembi charms and transforms your understanding of elephants to a deeper and more personal level.

ELEPHANT INTERACTION PRE-BOOKING

The maximum number of participants on the activity is ten. The elephant interaction activity is very popular and in order to avoid disappointment we recommend pre-booking. Please note the elephant trio take a month's "leave" between 15 January and 15 February each year.



The Living with Elephants Foundation

The Living With Elephants Foundation is a Botswana registered non-profit organisation, dedicated to creating harmonious relationships between people and elephants. Doug and Sandi Groves have strived to find ways in which their adopted elephants can act as ambassadors for their wild counterparts. In 1999 Living with Elephants was launched as an organisation that could help the Groves and their elephant trio fulfil their elephant sized dreams. Today, Living with Elephants is a thriving local organisation with educational projects which benefit both elephants and the people living within their range.

Living with Elephants also works to secure the long term future of its elephant ambassadors. Elephants can live for 70 years so when Doug and Sandi adopted Jabu, Thembi and Morula,

rescuing them from culling operations that had left them orphans, they knew they were making a life-long commitment to the trio – and that the trio would probably outlive the Groves by decades.

Doug and Sandi strive to give Jabu, Thembi and Morula a life that is as close to the natural lives of elephants as possible, yet one that is cushioned from the enormous pressures, insecurities and challenges with which wild elephants are confronted. The Groves vowed from the beginning never to compromise the quality of life and security their elephants need.

They are proud that their trio live a life so close to that of wild elephants that they even share grazing grounds.



The Outreach Project

Every year Living With Elephants offers residents of neighbouring villages the opportunity to touch, feel and walk with Jabu, Thembi and Morula in the heart of the Okavango Delta. Immersed in the world of the African elephant for two days, ten children at a time (aged between 9 and 12 years), along with two adult chaperones, participate in active educational games and share in discussions, art and music. They learn about the natural history, ecology and behaviour of the African elephant, their complex interaction with people, and explore actions that encourage a more positive relationship between elephants and humans.

Sanctuary is proud to sponsor Living With Elephants' invaluable work to improve the human-elephant interface... one child at a time.

Human-Elephant Conflict Mitigation

Living With Elephants has listened closely to the worries of residents who share range with the African elephant. Locally, and internationally, there is concern about the increasing number and severity of negative encounters between elephants and humans living in the same area. Living With Elephants is working in partnership with village members and all stakeholders to set up an explorative research project to tell us why, how, where and when conflict occurs. We have begun to understand more clearly how increasing human pressures alter elephant activity, and vice versa. The findings from this research have been passed onto Botswana's Department of Wildlife and National Parks, to be used towards developing effective mitigation strategies and techniques at national, regional and local village levels.

Become part of the Herd!

The Living with Elephants Foundation relies on the support of foundations, corporations and individuals all over the world who share a common interest in the peaceful co-existence of elephants and people. Receive an annual newsletter, a certificate recognising your herd membership stamped by Jabu and the ongoing satisfaction that you have made a difference in the lives of both the people and elephants who are helped by our program.

YES! I would like to make a donation to Living With Elephants Foundation for the following amount: US\$ _____

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