

## MIKE MYERS SPECIALIST SAFARI GUIDE - FREELANCE



## Operates anywhere in Botswana, Namibia & Zimbabwe

Mike's career as a guide started at Londolozi in the 70s. He was already trained as a commercial pilot and worked with John and Dave Varty at Londolozi until he moved to Botswana.

By the middle of '79 he was flying and guiding, taking mobile camping safaris into the Okavango Delta which was exciting and truly wild. He did that for several years before taking on more managerial roles with Gametrackers, Belmond and later Chobe Game Lodge.

In mid '95 he joined Wilderness Safaris as part of the team that built a great safari business over 23 years. While there, he started the Specialist Guide division which is today better known as Private Guiding and guided all over southern Africa. From the magnificent waterways and floodplains of the Okavango Delta to fishing off the vast dramatic Skeleton Coast. Up to the remote and ancient landscape of Damaraland in Namibia to the famous Victoria Falls, Hwange National Park, Matusadona and the Zambezi in Zimbabwe. The Busanga Plains in Zambia has always been a highlight for him and he has spent time in Malawi. More recently, he guided a group in Tanzania in the Serengeti and Ruaha.

Mike is also a passionate wildlife photographer, who over the years, has photographed and captured wild animals in the context of their natural habitat. He has seen many changes to our natural habitat, and these have all been documented in his book "My African Landscape".

Africa's wild spaces are now more important than ever, and their protection is so relevant to the well-being of our planet and humankind. Safari travel supports this and working in Africa's great wild parks and places is where Mike gets to share his deep love and passion for Africa with like-minded travellers who are nourished by her magic.

## Years of guiding experience

Mike shas been guiding since 1977.

Regional knowledge and expertise

The Okavango Delta (Botswana), Skeleton Coast & Damaraland (Namibia),

Victoria Falls, Hwange National Park & Matusadona (Zimbabwe).

Ideal for accompanying

Adventurous families, multi-generation family travel, small groups, journalists,

photographers.

Areas of special interest

Wildlife photography, conservation, safari travel, animal migrations & natural

habitats.

**Qualifications & Expertise** 

• Mike has over 40 years' experience as a safari guide.

• Mike is also a qualified commercial pilot.

• He is a dedicated wildlife photographer who wrote a book called 'My

African Landscape' capturing the many changes he's seen to our natural

habitat as a safari guide.

Mike has also edited three books for Wilderness Safaris.

From 2012-2018 while living in Victoria Falls Mike travelled and

documented his life (together with his wife) for a blog called "Mike &

Marian on Safari'.

He recently spent three years living at Xigera Safari Lodge, in the

Okavango Delta, where he helped rebuild the lodge for Red Carnation

Hotel Group and the Tollman Family.

Languages: English.

**Currently Lives:** in South Africa.

"The fact that I was born in Africa has been the greatest gift I could ever have been given. From the youngest age I can remember being at peace in wild places. I loved being outdoors and that has always been enough for me. To this day,

Africa's wild places energize me and soothe my soul." – Mike Myers

## To book Mike as your specialist guide contact:

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