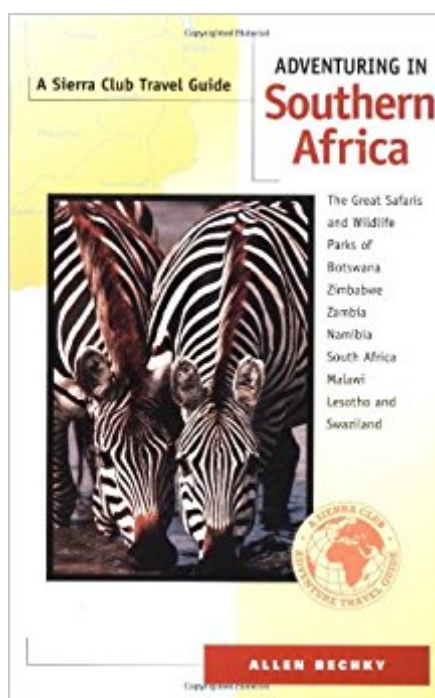


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Adventuring In Southern Africa: The Great Safaris And Wildlife Parks Of Botswana, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Namibia, South Africa, Malawi, Lesotho, And Swaziland



Synopsis

A comprehensive guide to the geography, culture, natural history, and adventure opportunities in the eight countries that make up the southern portion of the African continent. Includes appendices of safari tour operators and conservation groups. An essential tool for everyone planning a trip to this spectacular and still unspoiled part of the world. Bibliography. Photos.

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Bechky (Adventuring in East Africa, Sierra Club, 1990), who has led many safaris in southern Africa, offers a comprehensive travel guide to a region that constitutes the southern third of the African continent. A wealth of useful information is crammed into these pages, illustrated with photographs by the author. An overview provides facts about the region and its peoples. The chapter on planning a safari should be required reading for anyone embarking on one. Like other titles in the series, the emphasis is on natural history, wildlife, and adventure. Later chapters offer an in-depth look at the national parks and game reserves in each of the eight countries covered. The author supplies information about access to these parks and accommodations, as well as essential safari facts. Since prices aren't quoted for the lodges and camps, this book should have a long shelf life. An excellent purchase for travel and wildlife collections. (Maps not seen.)
Ravi Shenoy, Hinsdale P.L., Ill. Copyright 1997 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Allen Bechky is the former head of the African Tours Division of Mountain Travel and has led many

safaris in southern Africa. The author of *Adventuring in East Africa*, he lives in Albany, California.

I just got this book and have only glanced at it. It has a lot of background material on history, climate and how the wildlife was or wasn't being taken care of in 1997 and comments on tour companies at that time. There are NO color pictures and only sketchy hand drawn maps. I hope to read it for background material before we go on our first trip to Africa this fall but definitely NOT planning to take it with me.

very dry. if i wasn't already planning a trip, i doubt this book would convince me to go! no visuals...

GREAT SERVICE. will be using them again. It's even better than I thought it would. Great quality. ... Jack

...I bought this book to make plans for a trip to Zambia but the chapter about this country is only 40 pages long, both verbose and superficial. Don't get fooled by the "Adventuring" in the title, unless your idea of adventure is to hop by plane from lodge to lodge at \$200 or \$300 a night. More importantly, except for the park entrance fees, this book doesn't list any price at all (I got them from two other, excellent, travel guides). Comments on cheaper accommodations are few and disenchanted. The maps are equally few and over-simplified (the roads don't even appear!...) Finally, I looked at the chapters about the other countries and it certainly didn't change my opinion about this book. Note also that the date of the last edition (October 97) makes it relatively outdated.

This book is full of interesting and pertinent travel information; it is a MUST for anyone interested in game-viewing and travelling in southern Africa. The author gives best times to travel depending on what you want to see, and for each country, lists brief history/present politics, places to stay--easily accessible to remote--and how to get there and what you may see. He also gives a comprehensive packing list, medical info, and tips on game viewing. Out of the 4 books I bought on southern Africa, this is the one I referred to most often. This book, coupled with *The Kingdon Field Guide to African Mammals*, is an invaluable southern Africa traveller's necessity.

This is a very well researched book and in-depth book that reviews all the parks, animals, flora, and areas of Southern Africa. There is great information on lodges, hotels and campsites. What I really liked about the book is that it gives a lot more information about the above, and about the cultures

and people of the regions than do most travel "guides." I also had the opportunity to see the author, Allen Bechky, speak. He is definitely knowledgeable on the subjects. His slides, enthusiasm, and the information in the book all make me wish I were in Southern Africa right now!

Prior to my trip, I purchased 4 travel books on Southern Africa then found this guidebook at the Miami airport. It was by far the most accurate and contained all the "need to know" information. Unlike the others, it contained excellent hotel and activity descriptions plus gave detailed information on each region. Sure you want to know some local history but I'm more interested in where to stay, where to eat and what things I can do. At the end of the trip, I left my first 4 guidebooks in Botswana and brought this one home!

This book is an outstanding resource to be read prior to traveling to South Africa. It covers many different aspects of what the experience will entail. These include the history, etiquette, positives and negatives of each type of travel, various diseases and safety precautions one should take. In addition, he thoroughly delivers every aspect of each south african country...ie. countryside, animals, weather, and history. This book is interesting, exciting, and educational!

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