

24 of the Most Stunning Spots and Things in Africa

With its expansive landscapes and amazing animal life, the world's second-biggest continent is an interesting place to visit!

1. The great migration, Tanzania- Serengeti National Park



A photo won't capture the thunder of hooves on dirt as more than a million wildebeest and several hundred thousand zebra make their annual migration, but still, this is one for the top of the pile.

The migration is actually a year-round event as the animals move from Tanzania's Ngorongoro Reserve in January, up through the Serengeti around June and hit Kenya's Masai Mara around September, before journeying south again.

More info at <http://www.serengeti.org/>

2. Table Mountain, South Africa



Table Mountain makes Cape Town, one of the world's best beach cities, also one of the world's most scenic.

Cable car rides are available to the top of the mesa, giving great views, fantastic sunrises/sunsets and a great photo.

More info at https://www.sanparks.org/parks/table_mountain/

3. Marrakech, Morocco



A Very Unique Market

This exciting town square, Djmaa el Fna reminds you you're in Africa. In the heart of the old city of Marrakech, snake-charmers, henna-painters, story-tellers, date-sellers and orange juice vendors set up their stalls in the sleepy heat of the afternoon.

As night falls, the vendors are joined by tribal drummers, dancers and mobile restaurateurs selling delicious grilled meats, bread and salad as the smoke rises above their stalls till past midnight.

More information at <https://momaboard.com/cities/marrakech-morocco-the-ultimate-guide-with-kids/>

4. Sossusvlei Dunes, Namibia



Who knew sand could be so stunning? Sossusvlei means "the gathering place of water" but you'll need to bring your own if you don't want to be thirsty at this, Namibia's most outstanding attraction.

The dunes have developed over millions of years, the result of material flowing from the Orange River into the Atlantic, carried north and returned again to land by the surf.

Climbing the dunes yields breathtaking views, including the Deadvlei, a ghostly expanse of dried white clay punctuated by skeletons of ancient camelthorn trees.

More info at <http://www.sossusvlei.org/about/>

5. Mountain gorillas, Rwanda



A close encounter with the mountain gorillas of the Rwandan rainforest will stay with you for a lifetime.

Various operators run tours tracking silverbacks and their troupes in the dense forest.

More info at <http://animals.nationalgeographic.com/animals/great-apes/>

6. Victoria Falls, Zambia and Zimbabwe



More info at www.zambiatourism.com

One of the world's most majestic water spectacles, Victoria Falls (also called Mosi-oa-Tunya, or "The Cloud That Thunders") -- were reportedly first seen by a European when Scotsman David Livingstone journeyed here in 1855.

Since then thousands have enjoyed the spray from the 354 foot high falls, which was once recorded flowing at 12,800 cubic meters per second -- double that of Niagara's highest flow.

7. Spitzkoppe, Namibia



More info at www.namibia-1on1.com

Namibia -- home of the beautiful desert. The Spitzkoppe feature various granite peaks in Namibia's Namib Desert, with the highest peak hitting nearly 1,800 meters.

Activities in the area include bouldering and rustic cave camping as well as multi-day safaris.

8. Sahara dunes, Morocco



The most user-friendly part of the Sahara is accessible from the northern edge of Morocco. You can trek with Berbers from the town of Zagoura, or camp out in Tazzarine where runners from all over the world complete the week-long [Marathon des Sables](#) every spring.

The foot of the Merzouga Dunes is the ultimate location for star-gazing, totally free of light pollution.

For camel treks, click to http://www.ducksters.com/history/africa/sahara_desert.php

9. Pyramids of Giza, Egypt



And you thought building your garden wall was hard work. The most famous of the structures at Giza, near Cairo, the Pyramid of King Cheops was built around 2650 BC from 2.5 million blocks of limestone.

Its sides are oriented exactly to the north, south, east and west.

The Chephren pyramid, built by Cheops' son, is similar in size and incorporates the entrances to a burial chamber which still contains the large granite sarcophagus of King Chephren.

The pyramid of Mycerinus is smaller than both and all three are surrounded by other smaller pyramids and dozens of tombs.

More info <http://www.ancientegypt.co.uk/pyramids/home.html>

10. Nyika Plateau National Park, Malawi



Nyika, Malawi's largest park, is one of the most unusual in Africa with a plateau cut by numerous rivers that reach Lake Malawi by way of waterfalls off the eastern edge of the mountains.

The eastern border of the plateau forms the wall of the Great Rift Valley.

The great domes of hills have gentle slopes, making Nyika perfect for both trekking and mountain biking as well as Jeep exploration.

Antelope and zebra abound, and the park has one of the highest densities of leopard in Central Africa.

More info at www.malawitourism.com

11. Sphinx, Egypt



Check out this 9,000 year old statue/temple in Egypt. This colossal temple is on the way down to Egypt's Valley Temple of King Chefren. It has the body of a lion with a human head is a 230 ft. long and 66 ft. high -- as tall as a six-story apartment block.

Although the Sphinx has been thought of as female, many scholars believe the face is that of King Chefren.

More information

http://www.ducksters.com/history/ancient_egypt/great_sphinx.php

12. Mount Mulanje, Malawi



If the view's good from down here, wait till you get up there. At around 9843 ft., the Mulanje Massif is the highest mountain in central Africa. It's split in two by the Fort Lister Gap, a broad pass eroded by the Phalombe and Sombani rivers.

The mountain is distinguished by giant basins of rock and narrow gullies cut by fast-flowing streams. A strenuous trek leads to magnificent viewpoints.

En route, expect to encounter monkeys, hares, voles and a carpet of enchanting wildflowers after the rain. Large numbers of butterflies are another feature.

More info at www.summitpost.org

13. Riding safari, Kenya



Hoofing it up the savannah. The best way to experience Kenya's zebras? From the back of a horse.

Travelers can gallop alongside the stripey beasts in the Masai Mara.

More info at www.ridingtours.com

14. Wonders of the Nile, Egypt



A cruise down the Egyptian Nile, ideally on a traditional felucca rather than a crowded tourist boat, reveals relics of one of the world's most ancient civilizations.

The highpoint is the Valley of the Kings, with its monumental statues, and the magnificent Kom Ombo Temple, north of Aswan on the east bank.

More info at www.gotoegypt.org

15. Flamingos, Kenya



[Lake Nakuru National Park](#) is home to one million resident flamingos, providing one of Kenya's most unforgettable sights.

This lake has become famous for the greatest bird spectacle in the world, with swathes of vibrant pink filling the alkaline lake and the huge sky.

More info at <http://www.kws.go.ke/lake-nakuru-national-park>

16. Lower Zambezi, Zambia



Canoeing safaris in the Lower Zambezi offer sightings of hippos, elephants and other animals drinking from the rivers and tributaries around camp.

Sports fishermen and women can also be accommodated at various of the camps and lodges on the banks of the river.

More info
at www.zambiatourism.com

17. Nxai Pan National Park, Botswana



The Baines Baobab trees that sit close to the entrance of Botswana's [Nxai Pan National Park](#) take their name from a series of watercolors by Victorian explorer and artist [Thomas Baines](#).

Their fruit apparently tastes a little like sherbet.

The Nxai Pan park is great for viewing the huge, salt-rich pans that characterize the Kalahari and is also known for lion, leopard and cheetah and unusually large herds of giraffe.

More info at http://www.botswana.co.za/Area_Guides-travel/botswana-nxai-pan-national-park.html

18. Fish River Canyon, Namibia



Some 1,640 ft. deep and more than 100 miles long, this great rift is second only to the United States' Grand Canyon in size, and during the dry season is characterized by beautiful turquoise pools of seasonally-flowing water stretching into the distance.

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More info at www.namibia-travel.net

19. Rhinos at Solio Reserve, Kenya



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Located in the valley between the dramatic slopes of Mount Kenya and the rolling peaks of the Aberdare Mountains, Solio Reserve is home to around 250 black and white rhino. It is considered the best place to see these increasingly rare species.

More info at <http://www.kenya-wildlife-safari.com/Frankcon/solio-reserve-kenya.html>

20. Nyiragongo Volcano, Virunga National Park, Eastern Congo



A whopping 1 ¼ miles wide and usually containing a lava lake, Nyiragongo Volcano is one of Africa's most active volcanoes, with an eruption in 2002 that forced half a million people to move.

More info at www.volcanolive.com

21. Kilimanjaro, Tanzania



Mount Kilimanjaro, at 3.66 miles Africa's highest peak - and an item any people want to see -- is a "Sky island," creating a varied and dramatic natural habitat.

Rising through lush rainforests and alpine meadows, climbers finally cross a barren lunar landscape to reach the twin summit, often above the clouds.

More info <http://www.worldwildlife.org/blogs/good-nature-travel/posts/ten-interesting-facts-about-mt-kilimanjaro>

22. Lake Malawi, Malawi



Lake Malawi, one of the largest lakes in the world, was dubbed “Lake of Stars” by Dr. David Livingstone, who trekked here a century and a half ago.

The lake has more tropical fish than any lake in the world -- 1,300 species -- and the freshwater diving is great.

The bio-diversity has been recognised by UNESCO, which has made Lake Malawi National Park, the world’s first freshwater park, a World Heritage Site.

More info at www.malawitourism.com

23. Abu Simbel, Egypt- <http://www.ancient-egypt-online.com/abu-simbel.html>



24. African Animal Pictures and Facts! <http://www.awf.org/wildlife-conservation/all>

