

African Odyssey (13 x 26')

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A photographer's journey through the breathtaking landscapes
and awe-inspiring wildlife of Africa

A photographer's journey across Africa. Rich and ancient cultures, unique flora and fauna, scenic wonders and immense silent landscapes combine to create a tapestry of great diversity disturbed only by the passing of many animals and a few privileged visitors.

In this 13 part series the viewer will be able to go on safari as many could only dream of. From water safaris, breakfasts flying over the bush to close encounters with the wild animals, this series has it all.

Think of an animal you would like to see, from a hippo to a dung beetle to a wild dog and you will almost certainly find it in African Odyssey. Think of an unusual bird such as the Shoebill and it's here. Think of a superbly exotic location and you'll be on Livingstone Island on the very edge of Victoria Falls. This series has the 'feel and smell' of Africa as can only be shown by the passion of a photographer who lives and works on that continent.

Robin Taylor has been travelling Africa, capturing images of its wildlife and scenic wonders, for the last 15 years. His African photography has been used on a wide variety of calendars, brochures and postcards, as well as appearing in numerous magazines and newspapers worldwide. Earlier credits include work with various international music companies -- Casablanca, Pye, United Artists and Satbel.

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Episodes

Governor's Camp, Masai Mara, Kenya - Every year one and a half million wildebeest accompanied by vast numbers of zebra, trek north from the Serengeti in search of the lush sweet grasses of the Mara, followed by the many large predators.

Impalila Island, Caprivi Chobe, Namibia - Fighting tiger fish, fascinating bird life and close encounters with bathing elephants, all accessed from Impalila Island at the confluence of two major rivers – the Chobe and the Zambezi – and the only place in the world where four countries meet – Namibia, Botswana, Zambia and Zimbabwe

Susuwe, Caprivi, Babwata Reserve, Namibia - Babwata is a remote reserve in Namibia close to the Angolan border; a wildlife haven for the shy and reclusive lechwe, some aggressive hippo on the river Kwando and vast herds of elephants congregating around Horseshoe Lagoon.

Deception Vally, Kalahari, Botswana - The Central Kalahari is a starkly beautiful and unspoilt wilderness. A semi-desert with no sign of any surface water, it supports a varied wildlife population and is a refuge for the Bushmen or Khoi-San, last of the hunter-gatherers.

Boma Ulunga/Selous, Mikikoni/Dar es Salaam, Tanzania - We explore the city and camp at Mikokoni Beach, just 15 kilometres from the city yet a million miles from anywhere, before setting out on our train ride to Ifakara. This is our jumping-off point for the trip down the Kilombero River into the Selous, one of the world's largest wildlife reserves – a 50,000 square kilometre wilderness with wondrous bird-life, huge buffalo and elephant herds and the river full of dangerous hippos and crocs.

Sabi Sabi, Greater Kruger / Sabi Sand, South Africa - Part of the Greater Kruger Park, one of the world's great game sanctuaries; home to a great diversity of wildlife with a large predator population. We encounter lions with their cubs and track the increasingly rare wild dog.

Victoria Falls / Tongabezi, Mosi o Tunya, Zambia - 1700 metres wide and 100 metres high, the Victoria Falls – Mosi o Tunya, is one of the world's great natural wonders – especially when viewed from Livingstone Island on the edge of the gorge. We explore the Mosi o Tunya National Park on the banks of the Zambezi with great elephant sightings.

Lower Zambezi, Sausage Tree, Zambia - The little-known Lower Zambezi National Park spreads from the Zambezi over a massive flood plain – impassable in the wet - to the escarpment. We explore the wood savanna areas of the park and have our first ever sighting of tree-climbing lions.

Semliki, Semliki Reserve, Uganda - A remote area of diverse terrain and vegetation set in Uganda's western Rift Valley. Broad savanna - home to the endemic Uganda Kob, tropical rainforest with colobus monkeys and chimpanzees, and nearby Lake Albert where we eventually find the rare and elusive Shoebill.

Sabi Sand / Simbambili, South Africa - The dense vegetation of the Northern Sabi Sand Reserve provide the perfect cover for big game and it requires all our tracker's skills to find it. We track elephant and rhino on foot and find leopard cubs honing their skills as they move into adulthood.

Madikwe, South Africa - A fascinating area of wide-open spaces and great Inselbergs – volcanic mountains formed more than 4 million years ago. Wildlife is abundant and we encounter many species including the rare and endangered wild dog.

Chifungulu, Lower Zambezi Valley, Zambia - Pods of hippos, lone crocodile, buffalo herds and elephants abound in this ideal habitat. Smaller things too, myriad birds and tiny community spiders that create masterpiece structures.

Il Moran, Masai Mara, Kenya - A return to the fabled Masai Mara. We still find the vast herds of wildebeest and zebra, but this time on foot, as they turn to head home to the Serengeti. Predator encounters between hyena and lions, a cool leopard and mating lions too engrossed to tackle the easy prey around them