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## Companies provide tour options for the jet set

By Felicity Long

In Beryl Markham's book "West With the Night," the author/aviatrix writes so stirringly about flying above the vast Serengeti that supposedly even Hemingway was impressed. "When you fly, you get a feeling of possession that you couldn't have if you owned all of Africa," she wrote.

Luxury clients won't need a pilot's license to replicate Markham's feeling of exhilaration, thanks to Extraordinary Journey's 30-day African Skies flying safari. Limited to nine participants, the trip kicks off in Cairo and ends in Cape Town, making 17 stops along the way. Travel is aboard a new, custom-fitted Cessna Caravan, and accommodations are in exclusive properties selected by an African specialist guide.



Photo by Mike Myers

Victoria Falls, on the border between Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Passengers will soar over the deserts, mountains and lakes of the continent, giving them a bird's-eye view of wildlife and villages. And, because of the size of the aircraft, the pilot can land on small landing strips in remote areas.

Highlights of the journey include the monuments of Egypt, the stone churches of Lalibela, the gorillas of Rwanda, Victoria Falls and, of course, Serengeti National Park. Passengers will also see Lake Malawi, Namibia's Etosha, Damaraland and the giant dunes of Sossusvlei.

The company also organizes customized trips to such destinations in Africa as Botswana, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia.

In addition to private planes, passengers can tour via 4x4s and hot-air balloons as well as by elephant, camel and horseback.



Shwedagon Pagoda in Yangon, Myanmar.

The African Skies journey is priced at \$57,000 per person. See [www.ejafrika.com](http://www.ejafrika.com).

Myanmar is another destination beautifully experienced via private jet, and clients with limited time to spare can see the sights through Khiri Travel's three-night private jet excursion.

The Millionaires' tour, which includes travel aboard a six-seat Cessna Citation CJ3 private jet, begins and ends in Bangkok and features such activities as guided bicycle rides among the remote temples of Bagan (Yangon), an elephant ride in Heho with local villagers and a boat excursion on Inle

Lake to see the floating gardens and colorful markets of the Shan and Pa-O tribes.

The tour is available May 1 to Sept. 30 and is priced at \$8,500 per person for six passengers, \$11,350 per person for four and \$22,000 per person for two. Rates include visa on arrival, transfers, deluxe accommodation and most meals.

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