



in touch with the wild

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Lion Encounters – Casela Nature & Leisure Park, Mauritius

Unique adventure in Mauritius launched April 2007. The “Lion Encounter” available daily through-out the year at Casela Nature & Leisure Park, Mauritius

Lion Walking, Lion Interactions and Lion Viewing

Safari Adventures in association with Casela Nature and Leisure Park is offering you a chance of a lifetime to experience and study the natural behaviour of the lions and to be part of their “Pride” in a very natural environment

With over 3 generations of lion handling, training and expertise passed down through the family and on to the whole Lion Adventure team, we have conducted thousands of walks and interactions over the years without a single incident Safari Adventures offers you the safest lion experience a world leader in any Lion encounter and is second to none.

Lion Walking **Reservations should be made in advance to avoid disappointment.**

Walks are conducted daily in the early mornings and late afternoons, the cooler parts of the day. This whole adventure takes a couple of hours. It includes a safety talk and refreshments. The actual walk takes approximately an hour and is conducted along the banks of the River du Rampart within the 2000 acres of the estate. Under the coolness of the coqueluche trees indigenous to Mauritius you can enjoy the lions as they play amongst you, jump on the rocks of the river bed and climb the trees. Upon arrival you will be greeted by the Adventure team who in turn will give you a short introductory talk on the lions and a few safety procedures to be followed on your adventure. The guests will then take a short walk and be introduced to the lions and their handlers. On meeting the lions, your adventure begins! At the end of your walk Safari Adventures serves you chilled refreshments before your departure.

Lion & Cheetah Interactions

Carried out throughout the day 9am to 5pm the lion interaction is a very popular activity although not as exhilarating as the walk you are however still amongst and become one of the "Pride". The sheer size of the lion can really be appreciated and the strength in his nails as he climbs the trees and plays on the stumps. This is a real "up close" experience. "In Touch with the wild" really comes to life with this adventure.

Trips Available

Walks with Lions are conducted in the morning between 8am to 11am and again in the afternoon between 2pm & 5pm.

Interaction and viewing available all day.

Safety

A first aid kit and fresh bottled water is carried on each walk

Health Requirements

There are no specific health requirements for the lion adventure. If a guest does have a medical condition such as epilepsy, diabetes, asthma etc please ensure that Safari Adventures is informed when making your reservation.

Public Liability

The lion adventure is covered by a US\$ Public Liability Insurance.

Age Restrictions

The lion adventure does not base itself on actual age but on a height chart of which the minimum height requirement is 1.5 metres. Anyone shorter than this will not be permitted to participate in the walk.

The guides' decision is final.

Language

All walks and interactions can be conducted in both English and French

What to Wear / bring

Please remember that all guests will be carrying their own personal items so therefore it is advisable to keep belongings to a minimum. Bottled water is supplied by Safari Adventures so guests do not need to bring their own.

Recommended items:-

- Comfortable walking shoes
- Long trousers are preferable
- Camera, mosquito repellent, sun block, personal medication
- Sunglasses, hat
- Dresses, skirts and high heels are NOT recommended

Exclusivity / Custom Designed Adventure

Corporate and Tour Groups – available upon request. If you require a larger group or a custom designed trip, Safari Adventures will make every effort to accommodate your needs. Advance bookings are essential for this service.

Cheetah Viewing and Interaction

As from the middle of January 2008 Safari Adventures now also offers you the chance to view and interact with the Cheetah (Gepherd).

We have 4 young cubs that arrived mid December and completed their mandatory quarantine period.

They all have names the 2 males are called Bwana – the boss and Tokwe a river in Zimbabwe, the 2 females are called Impi – meaning in zulu the warrior and the other is named Sabi after a slow meandering river in Zimbabwe.

Unlike the lions children are able to interact with these animals from the age of approximately 7 years (this decision can also be made by Safari Adventure guides and is final) they are non aggressive animals and enjoy the interaction. It is a great photographic opportunity.

Later on in the year, after some training we will also be conducting cheetah walks (we will keep you updated on their training progress!)