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**Expertise:** Africa and the Middle East

**Specialty:** South Africa / Zimbabwe / Botswana / Zambia / Kenya / Tanzania

**Categories:** Wine, Food, Art, Adventure, Family Travel, Villas

### **What sets your offerings apart from those of other travel specialists?**

Our contact book and local office in Africa allow us to access and source what other specialists cannot.

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### **What is one of your all-time favorite experiences you've been able to pull off for guests?**

We had an A-list musician who needed to escape at short notice from the UK paparazzi. We flew him privately to South Africa and were able to arrange for him to clear immigration on the aircraft on arrival in Johannesburg, which is just not possible, before he flew onwards into the bush to enjoy a remote safari. The world's press had no idea where he was until he was safely back in London two weeks later!

### **How do you see your role changing in a post-COVID world?**

I think the role of the specialist and the tour operator in general, will have ever-increasing levels of importance. Now, more than ever, with changing regulations and travel restrictions, the consumer wants guidance and re-assurance as to when and where they can travel. A genuine specialist will have the very latest up-to-date info and will be able and willing to assist with the re-booking and re-scheduling of client's arrangements, which is something an online agent or the internet will not be able to offer.