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## Travel interests get behind rhino rescue program

By Dorine Reinstein

The Great Plains Foundation, a conservation company that operates upscale tourist camps in Botswana and Kenya, has committed alongside industry partners to relocate 100 rhinos from South Africa to safe havens in Botswana. By mid-2015, this relocation operation, called Zeros for Rhinos, will take place with an assertive and elaborate anti-poaching force and strong commitment to save the species.



One of Great Plains' industry partners is Extraordinary Journeys, which has designed a 10-day Botswana Safari that benefits the program. On this safari, guests will enjoy game viewing in Botswana's two prime wildlife areas: the Selinda Reserve and the Okavango Delta. The safari concludes with three nights on the Zambia side of Victoria Falls. The cost of all accommodations at Zarafa Camp is donated to Zeros for Rhinos, with additional funding from Extraordinary Journeys. Prices start at \$12,000 per person and include accommodations at Duba Plains Camp, Zarafa Camp and Islands of Siankaba Lodge. Travel is valid from Nov. 1 to May 31, 2015. International flights are not included. Almost \$6,000 of the cost of the safari goes to Zeros for Rhinos.

For more information, visit [www.extraordinaryjourneys.net/blog/zeros-for-rhinos-safari-in-botswana/](http://www.extraordinaryjourneys.net/blog/zeros-for-rhinos-safari-in-botswana/).

Luxury experiential travel company AndBeyond has also done its bit to support the cause. With an estimated \$8 million required to carry out the project, AndBeyond is collecting donations through its corporate social responsibility partner, the Africa Foundation. Donations to these foundations can be made at [www.africafoundation.org](http://www.africafoundation.org), specifying "Rhinos Without Borders" as the project.

Depending on the amount, donors receive rewards for their donations ranging from fine art prints by Beverly Joubert; a two- or three-night stay for two guests at either AndBeyond Phinda Forest Lodge or Phinda Mountain Lodge in South Africa or at AndBeyond Xaranna Okavango Delta Camp or Xudum Okavango Delta Lodge in Botswana. Donors of amounts between \$250,000 and \$1 million will enjoy nine complimentary nights on safari for two, consisting of three nights at AndBeyond Phinda Forest Lodge or Phinda Mountain Lodge as well as three nights at Xaranna Okavango Delta Camp or Xudum Delta Lodge.

For more information, visit [www.andbeyond.com/conservation-community/rhinos-without-borders.htm](http://www.andbeyond.com/conservation-community/rhinos-without-borders.htm).

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