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Great combinations: the clear waters of Lake Malawi, above; Selous Game Reserve, top right; elephants, one of the Big Five

From wildlife to beach life

It's not a safari or the seaside. It's both, says Eric Owen

Africa's natural variety cries out to our imagination – and you can combine the best of it. In the vast interior of this amazing continent, incredible wildlife teems and the Big Five roam in savage, untamed splendour.

In contrast, there's the tropical idyll of the balmy Indian Ocean, with its enchanting islands and perfect palm-fringed white-sand beaches.

The twin experiences may seem worlds apart but why force yourself to choose between the adventure of the bush and the relaxation of the beach? Africa Travel, the UK's leading specialist for travel to Africa, can help you

create the perfect bush-and-beach combination.

For example, it's just a 90-minute flight from Kruger National Park to the beaches of Mozambique's Bazaruto Archipelago, so you can enjoy a game drive in the morning and a dip in the Indian Ocean after lunch.

Similarly, the wildlife of the South Luangwa National Park in Zambia can easily be twinned with

the white sands and crystal-clear waters of Lake Malawi for a wonderful dual-centre dream holiday.

For sheer luxury, Africa Travel offers Tanzania's Selous Game Reserve and magical Zanzibar.

Sitting amid dense indigenous forests in a World Heritage Site, the Selous Luxury Camp is the ultimate wilderness retreat. With 360-degree views, 12 widely-spaced tents feature

elegant Victorian-style bathrooms, private viewing decks, crystal chandeliers, opulent rugs and elegant rosewood furniture.

A 60-minute flight takes you from Selous to the beachside Z Hotel in Zanzibar. Set in a tropical garden opening directly on to white beaches, the hotel has been finished by an international team of architects and interior designers. Two nights in the Selous and seven nights in Zanzibar costs from £2,345pp.

The adventure-in-luxury theme continues with a world-class safari in Kenya's Masai Mara and a stay in an island paradise in the Seychelles, now linked by twice-weekly flights.

Three nights on safari at the Governor's Camp, blending the best of colonial style with every modern comfort, combined with seven nights at the Constance Ephelia Resort costs from £2,825pp.

Combine Africa with an idyllic island

The world-class hotels of Mauritius are served by two non-stop flights each day from South Africa, so travellers can pair a safari in the Kruger National Park area with a sojourn in the sun.

A three-night safari at the

Chapungu Luxury Tented Camp and seven nights in Mauritius at Legends hotel costs from £2,665pp.

Top-of-the-range Legends was voted the world's most romantic place to stay on the TripAdvisor website in 2008.

Do you fancy Madagascar to see the lemurs followed by a beach stay? Or combining a gorilla trek in Rwanda with the centuries-old charm of Kenya's Lamu?

Africa Travel can create a dream bush-and-beach experience.

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