



About the White Lions and the Global White Lion Protection Trust (WLT)

- White Lions are exceptionally rare—world wide only an estimated 300 alive in captivity; eradicated from the wild, the WLT has reintroduced three prides back into the wild that have bred.
- White Lions have been actively hunted, poached, and sold into zoos since their first appearance in the wild in the 1970s.
- Indigenous people of this region have many centuries-old legends about the existence of the White Lions and their reappearance during these tumultuous times.
- This is the only reintroduction program of its kind—there are currently seven White Lions (and two tawny lionesses) located at Tsau in Timbavati, the only area on earth to which White Lions are indigenous.
- The White Lion Protection Trust is a non-profit scientific and community conservation organization dedicated to saving this species; 85-90% of all income goes directly towards ensuring the survival of the White Lions.
- To learn more about the White Lions and the WLT, please visit whitelions.org.

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The White Lion Experience

Whether you're seeking to learn about and spend time with one of the rarest and most sacred animals on earth—the White Lions—or are looking for an adventure, wanting to give back to those less fortunate, or hoping to truly “get away from it all,” White Lion Journeys can help you create a once-in-a-lifetime journey to the heartlands of Africa.

This ground-breaking scientific program is not open to the general public. There are only a few ways to visit the heartlands: as a volunteer or intern at Camp Mbube, through the Shidolo Retreat Center, as a participant in the annual Leadership Academy, as an individual who is referred by an approved guide, or as part of an organized sacred journey (tour) at Camp Unicorn, of which there are several scheduled each year. (Check our website for details about upcoming journeys.)

Each of three camps—Mbube, Shidolo, and Unicorn—are unique, and all are very simple, clean, and basic. All bedding and linens are provided. In most cases, participant will share a bathroom. More detailed information for each type of journey is available on our website: whitelionjourneys.com.

Offsite excursions can be arranged, and some of these might include horseback riding near Adam's Calendar (the oldest calendar on earth), whitewater rafting down the majestic Blyde River Canyon, day trips to Kruger National Park to see the “big five,” hiking in the three-billion-year old Drakensburg Mountain Range, and much more.

To get the most from your experience, what's needed from you? A love of animals and nature, a desire to contribute and make a difference in the world, an open mind, and an adventurous and flexible spirit.

Travel Options

Each option is unique. Through all, the primary experience is to join each morning the daily scientific monitoring teams tracking the the White Lions at dawn and dusk in their native habitat. Below are some of the types of activities you might expect to participate in while at Tsau heartlands—and we will work with you to create a trip that suits your interests.

As a **volunteer at Mbube**, participants might:

- help monitor the White Lions and assist in ongoing scientific research.
- work with local schools, assisting in literacy and creativity programs.
- contribute to bush clearing and other important Tsau! improvement projects.
- be a part of the proposed cultural heritage site and experience the rich Sepedi culture first hand in our community-conservation programs.

At the **Shidolo Retreat Center**, you could:

- spend quiet, reflective time in nature, walking the labyrinth.
- sleep outside under the starlit African sky, listening to the night-time roars of the White Lions or the whooping sounds of the hyenas.
- enhance your yoga practice, or participate in or organize a yoga retreat.
- go within by unplugging from life (and electricity) through meditation retreats.
- arrange to have a Hara or Bio-Dynamic healing session.

Journeys to Camp Unicorn often include:

- a visit to a local Shangaan community for an authentic African cultural experience—our eco-tourism program benefits the local communities as well as the environment.
- participation in spiritual workshops and educational seminars.
- sleeping in authentic African rondavels (round huts with thatched roofs).

