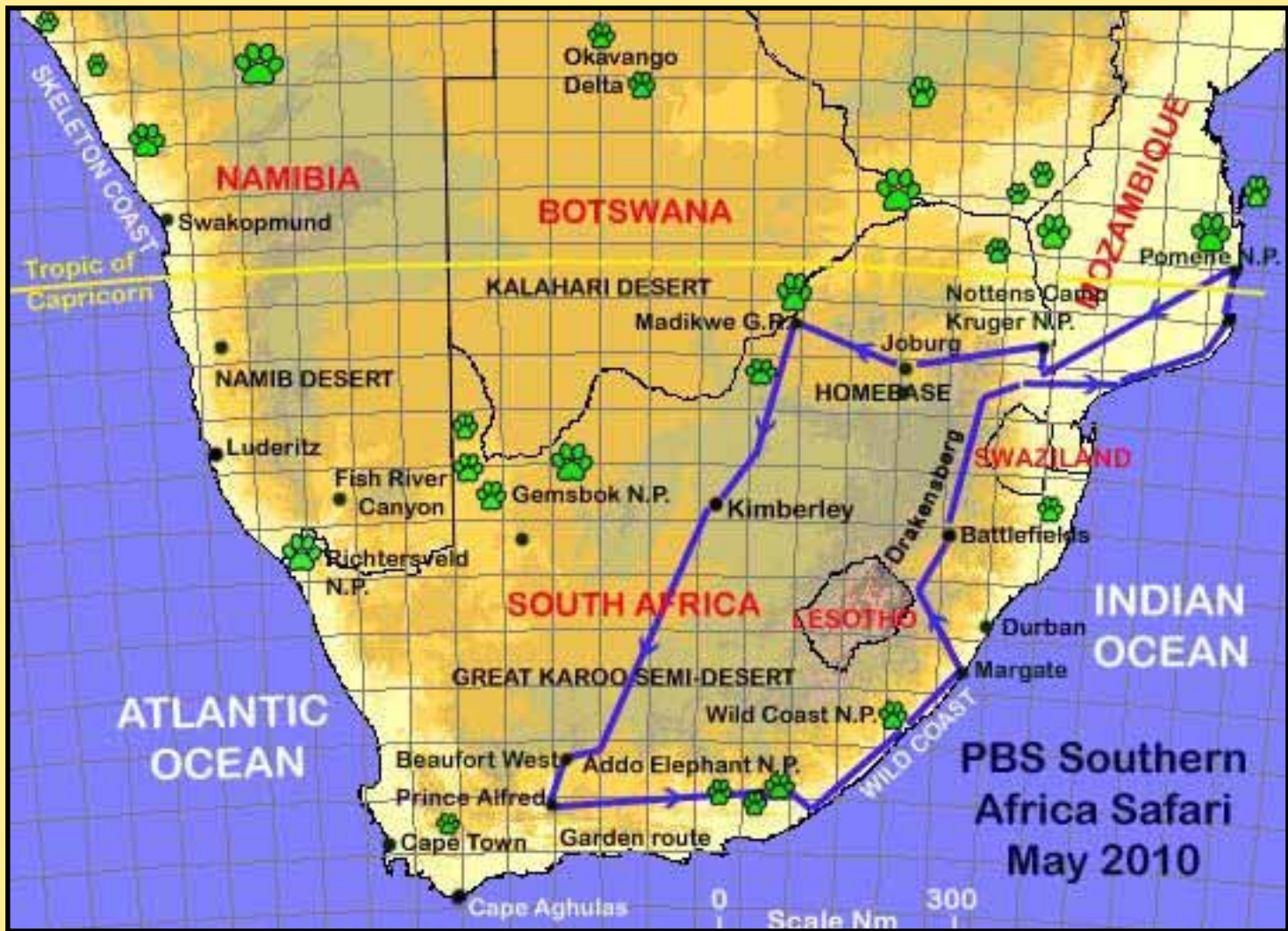




Aero-trekking on safari

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Our amended route appears in blue on this map.



**Madikwe Game Reserve
Tau Game Lodge
near the Botswana border**



**This is ZS-IAH, our
Cessna 182.**

**On the landing strip at Madikwe after we
avoided the impala and the elephant dung.**

The Madikwe landing strip from the air.





One of two bachelor brother lions at Madikwe after a meal.



A dazzle of zebra in the tall grass of the bush.





A female kudu in the Madikwe bush.



The African wild cat is disappearing as it breeds with feral domestic cats.



The Bruise Brothers of white rhino fame.



A mama elephant just passing by.



Our game drive chariots (notice the rifle on the dash).



A water buck in the pond in front of our cabin at Tau Lodge.

Giraffes at a water hole at sunset.





The lilac-breasted roller.

The “go away” bird.





An African Monarch butterfly.

A neighboring cabin at Tau Game Lodge.





Gorah Elephant Camp
Addo Elephant National Park
Eastern Cape
South Africa



One of our Huskies landing on the private grass strip at Gorah.



An elephant pas de deux right outside the lodge at Gorah.



A visiting hartebeest at the veranda and our “tent” at Gorah.



Elephants eat 20 hours a day and sleep for four.



A kudu stag keeps an eye out to protect his harem.





And elephant baby makes three!

An aerial photograph of a tropical coastline. The water is a vibrant turquoise color, transitioning to a deeper blue further out. A sandy beach curves along the shore, leading to a large island with a lagoon. The island has a mix of green vegetation and sandy areas. The overall scene is serene and picturesque.

**Mozambique
Pomene Lodge
on the Indian Ocean**



On final approach at the Pomene airstrip after coming through squalls.



Mozambique has 300 miles of pristine beaches.



The huts at Pomene Lodge on the estuary.



Sabi Sand Game Reserve
Kruger National Park
Notten's Bush Camp



Our first leopard!



She munched on this impala kill, which she dragged up the tree, for three days.



A hyena waited for the impala to fall and, when it did, she grabbed it.



So the leopard left to find her cubs who were a short distance away.



A face only a mother cape buffalo could love.



A lioness called Floppy Ear rests after a kill.



Expressing some annoyance at us.



Baby gets some coaching in decimating a tree.



Rhino pauses for a drink.



Kruger has cheetahs but we saw these at a preserve near Johannesburg.



One of the preserve's ambassador cheetahs.

The end!

