

**Wild Wonders:**

# LIONS

Regal, powerful, iconic, lions  
symbolize the African  
wilderness more than any  
other species.



# Top Carnivore

Lions are apex predators at the very top of the African food chain.

Their carnivore lineage and weaponry includes retractable sharp claws and long piercing canine teeth to deal the final killing bite! They then use their shearing carnassial molars to slice off chunks of meat to consume.



# Lion Prey



There are many herbivore species that can potentially fall prey to lions. Being such a large, social carnivore, lions prefer to tackle zebra, large antelope and cape buffalo to feed their pride!



## Hear Me Roar!

A lion's roar is deep and resonating and can travel eight kilometres across the savanna!



**Lion mating is a raucous affair with dozens of mating sessions each day for several days, as the pair are virtually inseparable! The frequency increases the chances for success and for the lioness to birth cubs around 60 days later.**



# Cub Cuteness

**Lion cubs are, well, adorable! They will suckle mom's milk for 3-4 months and then wean onto raw meat, prey that has been taken down by the adults. Female cubs form the pride's future, whereas males will eventually disperse and form other prides.**



# PRIDE POWER

Lion prides are families that can be up to 25 individuals strong, making them the only truly social wildcat!





# Conserving the King

As iconic as lions are, they are actually a threatened species with less than 25,000 individuals spread across the African continent (and a small population in India). They require our help to conserve them for future generations and need large scale intact habitats and a strong and diverse prey base. Conservation groups such as **GREAT PLAINS CONSERVATION, PANTHERA & the ZAMBIAN CARNIVORE PROGRAM** work tirelessly to protect this African icon!





WILD EXPOSURES