

# JAMBO! SAFARI

## ANIMAL FACTS Elephant

**Weight:** 31/2 - 61/2 tons (7,000 - 13,200 lb). **Lifespan:** 60 to 70 years.  
**Habitat:** Dense forest to open plains. **Diet:** Herbivorous.

### PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

- The African elephant is the largest living land mammal.
- Of all its specialised features, the muscular trunk is the most remarkable, it serves as a nose, a hand, an extra foot, a signaling device and a tool for gathering food, dusting, digging and a variety of other functions.
- Tusks grow for most of an elephant's lifetime and are an indicator of age.
- The African elephant's ears are over twice as large as the Asian elephant's and have a different shape, often described as similar to a map of Africa.

### HABITAT

- Elephants can live in nearly any habitat that has adequate quantities of food and water. Their ideal habitat consists of plentiful grass.

### DIET

- An elephant drinks about 30 to 50 gallons of water.
- Elephants eat an extremely varied vegetarian diet, including grass, leaves, twigs, bark, fruit and seed pods.

### DID YOU KNOW?

- The elephant is distinguished by its high level of intelligence, interesting behaviour, methods of communication and complex social structure.
- The African elephant and the Asian elephant are the only two surviving species of what was in prehistoric times a wide spread and big group of larger mammals.



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