

Pilots on Safari at West Midlands Safari Park
St Andrews' Roundhay

It was an early start meeting at church at 7.45am! I had the goody bags ready for the 3+ hour journey. As well as the activity sheets the Pilots Desk had provided, I included Noah's Ark colouring sheets, crosswords, word searches and colouring pencils. We watched a film on the way down and had a peaceful and relaxed trip.

Excitement grew as we got nearer and I told them more about what the day had in store. On arrival, we picnicked in the glorious sunshine before embarking on our adventure into the safari park. The range of animals all in their own named reserved was amazing and, even though it took 2 ½ hours to complete the safari, it gave me time to talk about the different areas and animals we were witnessing before us.

Free time afterwards saw lots of very excited families heading into the theme park. All the Pilots staff were extremely helpful and friendly and the whole day was a wonderful success. The planning was spot on, so a big thank you is offered to all involved!

We arrived home at 8.30pm, tired, but with wonderful memories. Here are some of the comments I received:

“The Safari trip was fun for the whole family and our friends. We saw four of the big five animals, Lions, Elephants, Black Rhino and Buffalo. We were all well looked after...and the kids were kept busy with crayons and papers and materials to have something to do in the coach. While we were there, the kids had fun on the rides so in all it was good fun. There was also a room for worship.’

‘ The trip reminded me of when I was about nine years old. My dad took our family to Mikumi national park in Tanzania and it was the first time me and my sisters saw the wild animals like lions and tigers and elephants. So I was glad...[my children]... were able to go to this trip to experience the wildlife.”

“What a fabulous day [with] all the animals [and] theme park rides. Thank goodness it was warm weather as me and my family got very wet on the water rides.”

“Great day, comfortable journey, with plenty for the children to do. West Midlands safari Park far exceeded my expectations and the whole day was great fun, looking forward to the next one.”

“We had a great time, thank you for organising the trip.”

As you can see from the comments, we had a super time. Thank you again for organising a great day for our families. We look forward to the next one!

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