

Is africaboundadventures.com a scam? TrustSniffer's high-risk assessment: 0/100

africaboundadventures.com

Verdict

0

OUT OF 100

CRITICAL RISK

africaboundadventures.com shows high-risk / scam indicators.

This assessment found strong scam indicators. Do not pay, sign in, or share personal details with this site.

Sensitive Interaction Risk

Governance Risk

Assessed 2026-08-20 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 55%.

What this site appears to be

Marketing and booking homepage for Africa Bound Adventures, a safari and travel operator offering destination pages, itineraries, reviews, and a brochure signup. Clear contact details provided (phone, email).

Evidence status and limitations

- Evidence completeness: UNKNOWN
- The real-world operator identity was not independently verified.
 - Module-level completeness metadata is unavailable for this legacy report.

At a glance

The checks that decide most of this verdict.

Malware engines	6 flagged it VirusTotal	RISK
Google Safe Browsing	Not listed Google	CLEAR
Abuse reports on the host	0 reports AbuseIPDB; shared hosting inflates this count	NOTED
Domain age	21 years old Registered history	CLEAR
Web archive	Archived since 2008 Public history exists	CLEAR
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by YR1	NOTED

The page as captured

<https://africaboundadventures.com/>



What africaboundadventures.com served when TrustSniffer captured it on 2026-08-20. The page may look different now.

Key findings

- Automated classification: Sensitive Interaction Risk.
- Domain age: more than 10 years (registration continuity).
- Public web-archive history exists since 2008.
- At least one reputation service TrustSniffer consulted had flagged this domain at assessment time.

Full analysis

Security Alert

Fortinet flagged this site in external intelligence checks, indicating elevated compromise/scam exposure that requires immediate caution.

This website is the marketing and booking site for Africa Bound Adventures, presenting safari destinations across southern and eastern Africa, camps and lodges, itineraries, travel-planning information, reviews, and enquiry or brochure-signup facilities for prospective travellers.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No on-page brand-impersonation, phishing, hidden-login, or identity-inconsistency indicators were observed. However, the site is subject to **confirmed blacklisting**, with multiple external threat detections, including six malicious and one suspicious classifications and a Fortinet threat detection. This external evidence outweighs the otherwise professional travel content and creates a material risk for sensitive interactions. The browsing environment also recorded substantial post-interaction page changes and repeated console errors; these are supporting technical concerns rather than proof of phishing, but they reinforce the need for a security-forward posture.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage is identified as a travel and booking site and contains no login form, hidden form, password form, or wallet-related interaction.
- External reputation assessment recorded 6 malicious detections, 1 suspicious detection, and a confirmed blacklist finding from 2 external sources.
- Interaction testing recorded 2 successful runs, 2,565 maximum DOM changes after interaction, and 20 console errors.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The available pages present Africa Bound Adventures as a safari and travel operator, with the homepage describing relationships with local operators, camps, and lodges. The apparent business identity is plausible but not independently verified. The supplied site content does not disclose a licence, registration number, or identifiable regulatory authority; for a travel intermediary, this is a verification gap rather than, by itself, proof of misconduct. The domain is long-established and uses a recognised registrar, while its transport security is valid but limited to domain validation. These positive technical and registration signals do not neutralise the external threat findings.

EVIDENCE

- The registration record lists creation on 2005-12-15 and an age of 20.69 years; registrar: Squarespace Domains II LLC.
- The website is served from AS14061, DIGITALOCEAN-ASN - DigitalOcean, LLC, US.
- TLS is issued by YR1 at DV validation level and is valid to 2026-10-26T03:30:48+00:00.
- The homepage, About material, and booking-oriented content do not display a licence number or named licensing authority.

What to Verify Next

Before any booking, payment, or submission of personal information, an organisation should independently confirm that Africabound Adventures Ltd is the contracting travel provider, verify any applicable travel-business registration or consumer-protection membership with the relevant authority, and confirm the beneficiary and refund terms through independently sourced contact channels. Payment should use a method offering meaningful dispute and chargeback protection, and any request for credentials or unrelated sensitive information should be treated as outside the stated travel-booking purpose.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage provides a telephone contact and a brochure or contact-enquiry form rather than a credential-login workflow.
- The stated service model involves travel enquiries, bookings, contact details, commissions, and travel services.
- Destination, itinerary, review, and travel-planning pages provide material that can be compared with independently obtained company and itinerary information.

Summary Verdict

The overall posture is **critical trust risk**, driven by confirmed external threat and blacklist evidence despite a coherent, professionally presented travel business model. The site's apparent identity is credible in presentation but not proven, and the available evidence does not support treating sensitive interaction as trustworthy.

Infrastructure Integrity

CDN/WAF protection is present and is a mitigating control, but it does not establish legitimacy. The observed edge address is 167.172.55.73, associated with AS14061 and DigitalOcean; no origin-server address was observable in this analysis.

Closing Assessment

Restrict activity to passive review until independent company, regulatory, booking, and payment checks are complete; credentials, personal information, and payments should not be submitted through the site at this stage.

Written analysis generated 2026-08-20 by the TrustSniffer Analysis Engine from the evidence in this report.

What the analysis found

2 findings contributed to this verdict, raised by registration and ownership, analysis engine, behaviour in a sandbox, external reputation.

01 Governance Risk - Registration details are held behind a privacy service, so no operator is named publicly. This is common and legal, and it also means there is nobody to check. Registration and ownership rule:KF_WHOIS_PRIVATE - The registration record withholds contact details for the operator. Registration and ownership rule:KF_WHOIS_HIDDEN	
02 Sensitive Interaction Risk - The analysis matched a pattern TrustSniffer treats as a direct threat to a visitor. Analysis engine signal:direct_threat - The page rewrote itself after it was interacted with, so what a visitor first sees is not what they end up on. Behaviour in a sandbox rule:BEHAV_DOM_DIFF_AFTER_INTERACTION - The structure of the page changed sharply while it was loading. Behaviour in a sandbox rule:BEHAV_DOM_DENSITY_SPIKE - An external threat feed lists this domain: either Google Safe Browsing marked it malicious, or a significant number of malware engines flagged it. External reputation rule:EXT_BLACKLIST_CRITICAL	

Identity verification

Status

LIKELY

Identity score	80/100
Identity verification confidence	40%

- Trusted social count=4

Identity verification measures whether the site can be independently connected to a real-world brand or person. It is separate from the classification confidence.

What TrustSniffer observed

First-party facts recorded during the assessment of africaboundadventures.com.

- The request stayed on africaboundadventures.com. It was not redirected to another domain. [CLEAR](#)
- Registration is published under Squarespace Domains II LLC. [CLEAR](#)
- DNS for this domain is served by googledomains.com, across 4 name servers. [NOTED](#)
- The registration is paid up to 2026-12-15. [NOTED](#)
- The earliest public archive of this site is from 2008-09-05. [CLEAR](#)
- It is hosted on DIGITALOCEAN-ASN, from a server in US. [NOTED](#)

Domain intelligence

Registrar	Squarespace Domains II LLC
Hosting	DIGITALOCEAN-ASN - DigitalOcean, LLC, US
Country	US
Server IP	167.172.55.73
Name servers	NS-CLOUD-C1.GOOGLEDOMAINS.COM, NS-CLOUD-C2.GOOGLEDOMAINS.COM, NS-CLOUD-C3.GOOGLEDOMAINS.COM, NS-CLOUD-C4.GOOGLEDOMAINS.COM
SSL issuer	YR1
SSL expiry	2026-10-26
Domain age	20.69 years (continuous registration)
Domain expiry	2026-12-15
Archive first seen	2008-09-05
Archive snapshots	Not counted (archive lookup incomplete)
Reputation	VirusTotal: 6 flagged AbuseIPDB: 0 reports Google Safe Browsing: 0 matches

About this assessment

A trust score summarises the evidence TrustSniffer could collect about africaboundadventures.com at assessment time. It is a starting point for your own judgement, not a guarantee: a high score means the signals were consistent with a legitimately operated site, a low or critical score means several risk patterns were present.

TrustSniffer assesses a website from the evidence it can collect at a point in time: domain registration and age, hosting and certificate, the content the site served, and third-party reputation feeds. A score is a summary of that evidence, not a guarantee and not a legal finding. There is no human rating and no user review in it. A site can change after it is assessed.

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