

The Cape

Environment Forest with leaves and exotic tissue flowers and petals. Butterflies on sticks. Big mirrors. Sparkly coloured face-paint, antennae, sparkly cloths. Mbiras, shimmers, dulcimer. Silk fans. Forest elephant video, congas, blanket and cocktails, elephant puppets.



Butterflies Find dancing butterflies among the leaves and explore the space. Paint swirling colours on faces and hands, put on antennae and sparkly cloths - you are becoming butterflies.

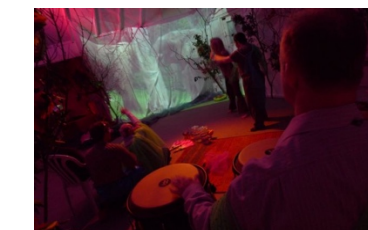
Butterfly music Play mbiras together creating light, airy music with shimmers and dulcimer joining in.



Fans Spread your wings and learn to fly as you dance around the space making colours flutter and spin, filling the space with movement, reflected in the big mirrors. Sing butterfly songs.



Sunset Butterflies come to rest as the sun goes down and forest elephants can be heard and seen through the trees as they come to the watering hole to drink and bathe. Settle down to watch as the congas gently drum out rhythms. Cocktails arrive. Enjoy 'Sundowners' before travelling home.



Observations Repeating face-paint was successful in that more clients were comfortable with the 1-1 activity and allowed close physical contact - reinforced. Dressing up was playful and fun. Silk fans beautiful and encouraged movement in whole space. Also motivated singing and dancing together. Elephants came as a surprise and focused attention - even with more disparate groups. Cocktails supported this 'coming together' as everyone likes a 'T-Break'. Elephant puppets fostered further 1-1 engagement and even the most 'fearful' young children responded to and even facilitated the puppets - a big step forward.

