

5 Day Kruger Park Luxury Eco Lodge Safari







HIGHLIGHTS

Big Five game drive
Kruger National Park
Sundowner at waterhole and thrilling evening game drive
Morning walk escorted by qualified rangers
Full Day Panorama Route and Gods Window viewing day
Three Rondawels overlooking Blyde River Canyon

ITINERARY

5 Days South Africa

DAY 1

This Kruger Park adventure begins with an early morning departure from Johannesburg to beat the morning traffic. We travel across the "high veld" to the Drakensburg escarpment, where we descend into the "low veld" – ideal conditions for wildlife. On arrival at the lodge, we have lunch and some time to unwind before our first game drive. This afternoon / evening game drive takes place in the private reserves and gives us our first opportunity to view Africa's incredible wildlife, including the Big 5. Dinner is enjoyed under the stars.

Accommodation: Luxury Tented Lodge **Meals included:** Lunch, Dinner





DAY 2

The day begins early with tea and coffee before heading for the Kruger Park in our 4x4 open vehicle. We enter the park as the Kruger gates open and enjoy an exciting sunrise game drive. These especially adapted vehicles allow for excellent game viewing – have your cameras ready. A mid-morning stop for a packed breakfast and our search for wildlife continues. The experienced guides have an in-depth knowledge of the Kruger Park and know all the best waterholes and areas to spot animals. A stop for lunch at one of the Kruger rest camps, and we continue our search for the Big 5. After a full day of exploring the Kruger, we leave the park at sunset and head back to the lodge for dinner.

Accommodation: Luxury Tented lodge **Meals included:** Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 3

Today we have the opportunity to visit the Panorama Route. After a leisurely breakfast, we make our way to the Drakensberg Escarpment and the Panorama Route where we enjoy some of the most amazing scenery South Africa has to offer.

This tour includes God's Window, Bourke's Luck Potholes, and the Three Rondawels located in stunning Blyde River Canyon. After a full day, out we return to the lodge to relax, enjoy dinner and take in the night sounds of Africa.

Accommodation: Luxury Tented lodge **Meals included:** Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 4

This is your leisure day, where you can soak in the African sun, relax at the lodge and sip cocktails around our inviting swimming pool or partake in any of our numerous and exciting optional activities on offer. Visit a local animal rehabilitation center or simply spend the day reading under the shade of our famous Marula trees. After a day spent relaxing in the distinct African ambience of the lodge, you can look forward to enjoying delicious African dishes prepared by our talented chefs.

Optional Activities on offer – Subject to local availability, these activities can be booked at the lodge or beforehand. In some season's availability can be limited locally, if there is something you would really like to do, please speak to your consultant before travel.

- Big Five Game Drive
- Morning Game Drive
- Moholoholo Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre
- Panorama Route and Blyde River Canyon
- Kapama Cheetah Project
- Cycling Safari

Accommodation: Luxury Tented En-suite Room

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 5

An early morning nature walk gives us a chance to learn about the spoor (tracks) and habits of the various animals, bird life and more. After breakfast, we head back to Gauteng with a brief stop at the Blyde River Canyon for final photos. Our Kruger Park safari finishes late afternoon in Johannesburg.

Meals included: Breakfast





Tour Information

ACCOMMODATION - CHEETAH PAW LODGE

Cheetah Paw Eco Lodge is a 4-star standard tented lodge. Each of the luxurious tented accommodations and the deluxe chalets has its own terrace for privacy and its own view of the waterhole which is frequented by animals. You stay in a luxury accommodation but feel close to nature with the African bush right outside your door. Guests can safely walk on the entire property, while watching zebras, giraffes, wildebeests, impalas, etc. roaming around the lodge. The viewing deck features a sparkling pool where you can swim or just chill out while you watch animals drinking at the waterhole. The bar invites you to relax and watch the sunset with a refreshing sundowner after an exciting day safari or bush walk. The food at Cheetah Paw is homemade and prepared fresh daily with the best ingredients. A combination of the South African and International cuisine satisfies variety of tastes. The chef takes care of dietary issues and caters to individual needs on request. When weather permits, the set 3-course dinner will be served on the viewing deck, where guests can enjoy the delicious meal while listening to the sounds of Mother Africa. They might even hear a lion roar. The guests can also enjoy a braai (African BBQ) dinner in our Boma, with a bonfire under the African sky full of stars.





WHAT'S INCLUDED:

Transport to and From Johannesburg, accommodation, meals as indicated, services of an experienced guide, Park entrance fees and all activities and game drives.

WHAT'S EXCLUDED:

Drinks, optional activities and personal items

JOINING INFORMATION:

We pick from most Accommodation establishments in the Johannesburg area as well as Johannesburg Airport, please confirm the relevant times with your reservation's agent. The journey to and from the lodge is in the comfort of an air-conditioned microbus.

TOUR END:

You can be dropped off at your accommodation in Johannesburg or the Airport, if you are flying out the same day please book national flights for 8pm or after and international flights for 9pm or after.

ABOUT THE KRUGER:

Kruger National Park, in the Mpumalanga Province of South Africa, is among the world's greatest nature reserves. It is one of the few places on earth where wildlife can be seen in such great variety and at such close quarters. Some 520 birds, 114 reptiles and 146 mammal species, including the fabled Big Five - elephant, rhino, lion, leopard and buffalo, densely populate the park. Although in nature there are no guarantees, in Kruger Park you stand the best chance of thrilling sightings of game. From some of Africa's largest prides of lion, to birds found nowhere else within the country's borders.

The present Kruger Park is immense, covering 19,685 km2, an area almost the size of Wales or two thirds of Belgium. There are more than 3000 km of roads on which to explore the Park. Obviously in a limited time, one can do only so much, however our experience shows us which are the best roads to take at certain times of the year, ensuring you get the most of your visit to the Park. Our tour focuses mainly on the Central and Southern areas of the park, as it has the largest concentration of game.

CLIMATE:

In winter (April to September) the days are mild (average about 23° C), with sometimes cool nights (down to 6° C). In the summer the days average 30° C, but sometimes exceed 40° C, with the welcome cooling effect of afternoon thunderstorms. Rain in the summer months (October - March i.e. "rainy season") varies from about 800mm in the south, to 500mm in the northern areas.





Should you have further questions, please feel free to contact us on the below details.

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