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4 Day God's Window & Kruger Comfort Safari





HIGHLIGHTS

Full-Day educational Panorama Tour including God's Window amongst other places of interest
Early access to Kruger National Park on open 4x4's
Try to spot the Big Five in Kruger National Park on multiple safaris in the Kruger National Park
Night Drive and Sunset Drive
Comfortable transfer vehicles to and from Johannesburg

ITINERARY

4 Days
South Africa

DAY 1
Johannesburg to Panorama Route and God's Window

Guests will be collected from various lodges and hotels within a 5 km radius of the OR Tambo International Airport between 6:30 am and 6:45 am, and then from the OR Tambo International Airport shuttle and bus Terminal between 6:45 and 7:00 am, we depart at 7:15 am. Your consultant can help discuss and arrange suitable pre tour accommodation if need be.
Clients can fly directly into Skukuza Kruger National Park, or Kruger Mpumalanga International Airports and be collected by one of our guides at no additional cost if you prefer. Please note these are shared departures.

We will travel directly to our lodge in Hazyview and arrive between 11:30 am – 12:00 pm. Guests will have time to relax, unpack and enjoy a light lunch, there after enjoy a swim or walk around the beautiful Lodge and it's walking trail.

We depart at around 15.45 Pm for a Sunset / Night safari in the Kruger National Park before returning to the lodge at approximately 20.00 pm for a lovely dinner, and a good night's rest. Do note the sunset times vary between Winter and Summer. Guests traveling in winter months will have a longer night safari while summer travelers will enjoy beautiful sunsets.

Accommodation: En-suite Private Rooms
Included Activities: Sunset/night Kruger Park Safari on open 4x4 Safari Vehilces
Meals included: Lunch & Dinner

DAY 2
Kruger National Park

All safaris start before sunrise, Mpumalanga means the place of the rising sun and is the first province in South Africa to see the sun rise. This is the best part of the day, not knowing what to expect, after a short drive to the park, we enter the park gates and your guide will have an idea of the best areas to find the wildlife including the Big 5 and plains game, this is the finest time of the day to see predators in the Kruger National Park.

The Lodge will arrange breakfast packs and your guide will stop after about 3 hours for a breakfast and bathroom break and chance to get a coffee. We then continue with your safari, Kruger offers a variety of eco zones and each one has a different range of wildlife, we visit rivers and watering holes as well as plains and Bushveld regions.

We then stop for lunch at a rest camp, where this meal will be for your own account, time to do some curio shopping or enjoy a cold beer! The guide will then continue with the safari heading towards the lodge, we arrive around 15.30 – 16.00 pm, time to relax, swim and have a great dinner.

Accommodation: En-suite Private Rooms
Included Activities: Full Day Open 4x4 Safari Vehicle Game Drive in Kruger Park
Meals included: Breakfast and Dinner

DAY 3
God's Window and the Panorama Route

Visit Gods Window, Bourkes Luck Potholes, Blyde River Canyon (world's 3rd largest canyon), Lisbon waterfall, the 3 rondavels and the town of Graskop.
Today we start with delicious hot breakfast at the lodge at 7.30 Am and your guide will meet you at 8 am in a closed air-conditioned vehicle. The Panorama route starts after a 45 min drive from Hazyview, however we climb almost 1 000m in elevation to the Northern Drakensburg Mountain range. The temperatures vary a lot from Hazyview, so bring a jacket and comfortable walking shoes as we do some lovely walks.

We visit God's Window which allows people a window from the escarpment and a1 000 m drop below one can see as far as Kruger and beyond on a clear day. Your comfortable walking shoes will be needed as the various lookout points have paths and trails to the view sights. To get to the top takes an average person around 15-20 minutes, but it is worth the walk through a natural rainforest environment.

Bourkes Luck Potholes is a stunning natural formation created by water erosion over hundreds of years. The Bourke's Luck potholes have round carvings and holes with different sizes formed in the Treur River and Blyde river confluence in the red sandstone. Your guides will brief you on all the history of the region. Guests can use small foot bridges and walk over the chasms, looking at the water flowing through the cracks and holes. There are also several small but beautiful waterfalls that litter the area, we spend about 1 hour here and it's a great walk of about 1 Km in total.

Blyde River Canyon, the 3rd largest canyon in the world. The canyon is over 40km long and is as deep as 1 200m. The canyon contains vast amounts of plant life with rivers and dams making up the floor of the canyon.

At a certain lookout point on the canyon, guests get to see another beauty of the Panorama Tour, the 3 Rondavels - The Rondavels get their name from their similar appearance to the Rondavel houses a traditional hut commonly built in Africa, these 3 outcrops stand prominently from the landscape.

The Guides will also visit Lisbon falls, a beautiful waterfall that has a strong flow of water throughout the year. Lunch and some curio shopping will be in the Highveld town of Graskop, famous for its great Pancakes and our lunch venue for the day, there some great small shops and quests will have time to enjoy a stroll through the town.

Arrive back at the Lodge at about 4 Pm after a great day, enjoy a drink, a swim and dinner at the lodge, before an early start for a last morning safari in Kruger.

Accommodation: En-suite Private Rooms
Included Activities: Full Day Panorama Route Tour.
Meals included: Breakfast and Dinner

DAY 4
Kruger National Park & Return Transfer to Johannesburg

We begin our final day with an early morning game drive, you guide will pick you up again with packed breakfasts on an open 4 x 4. Our last chance to see the animals that may have eluded us the day before. Every day in nature is different, who knows what sighting awaits us. We game drive until about 10 –11am after which we will return to the lodge for a quick freshen up, a chance to say goodbye to your guide and get ready for the shuttle back to Johannesburg.

Clients are collected by the shuttle at around 11.30 am, and we return to Johannesburg OR Tambo shuttle terminal and or lodges within a 5 km Radius, arriving between 17.00 – 18.00 pm

Included Activities: Morning Kruger Park game drive safari on open vehicle
Return Transfer to Johannesburg
Meals included: Breakfast

Tour Information

ACCOMMODATION:
Umbhaba Lodge or Similar. If not available your consultant will advise you other options (Quality en-suite air-conditioned units). Umbhaba Eco Lodge is situated just 1 km outside Hazyview on the R40, between Hazyview and White River. We are surrounded by natural, indigenous bush including the Umbhaba Tree (Lowveld Chestnut) after which the lodge is named. The lodge is built among stunning dams and water features, overlooking the Sabie valley in the distance. We have abundant bird life and the most beautiful sunsets, making it the perfect location for a sundowner after an amazing safari in the Kruger National Park.

27 Standard Rooms and 16 Superior room the lodge is designed mainly for clients visiting the Kruger national park and surrounding Panorama Route and not primarily as a holiday resort, There are no self-catering rooms available , the lodge offers a great indoor and outside restaurant with a selection of great meals and a licenced bar.
There 5 dams on the property and plenty trails and gardens to walk around enjoying the beauty of the Mpumalanga Lowveld. With safe secure and modern air-conditioned rooms, WIFI thought the property, we are looking forward to tour visit.
Each room has its very own private balcony, all en-suite & air-conditioned with Wi-Fi.





WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- Licensed and Professional Safari Guides
- 1 Sunset / Night Safari
- 1 Full-day open vehicle safari
- 1 Half-day open vehicle safari morning safari
- 1 Full day Panorama safari in a closed vehicle
- Transfers to & from Johannesburg O.R. Tambo Airport
- 3 Nights' Accommodation in Hazyview
- 3 Breakfasts
- 3 Dinners
- 4 Days' Conservation levies & entry fees
- 1 Lunch on Day 1
- Mineral waters on all drives

WHAT'S EXCLUDED:
Drinks, optional activities and personal items, meals not mentioned above.

JOINING INFORMATION:
We pick up from OR Tambo or Surrounding lodges/ Hotels (5kms Radius). Departure is usually early; a consultant will communicate your timings with you on booking and before departure.

TOUR END POINT:
Airport (bus terminal) or surrounding hotels.

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 bird, 114 reptile 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 23º C), with sometimes cool nights (down to 6º C). In the summer the days average 30º C, but sometimes exceed 40º 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.

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