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6 Day Kruger Park Lodge Self Drive Safari



HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience a private game reserve after dark in an open top 4x4 vehicle!
- Enjoy traditional South African cuisine while dining under the stars!
- Try to spot the Big Five in Kruger National Park on a full day game drive!
- Stay in a comfortable safari lodge with friendly hosts!

ITINERARY

6 Days
South Africa

DAY 1:

Arrive at Lodge - Greater Kruger National Park

This safari is aimed at guests who want to drive themselves to the Kruger Park to join an authentic Big 5 African Safari. If you are looking at renting a car there are many available car rentals in Johannesburg, Nelspruit or Hoedspruit, pending your travel arrangements. Your consultant can help advise you.

Today you make your way to Thornhill Safari Lodge located in the heart of the bushveld. Once you check in, you will be served a scrumptious traditional African lunch. Please make sure you arrive before 2 pm so that you have time to settle in and enjoy your lunch before heading off on your Big 5 game drive which will take place in a neighboring private reserve.



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All game drives are conducted by experienced rangers and game trackers ensuring your safari will remain an unforgettable experience.

Sundowner drinks and snacks are enjoyed at one of the waterholes in the reserve; take in the sights, sounds and smells of the African Bushveld before continuing your game drive into the night.

After an exciting evening, we return to Thornhill to experience a traditional South African meal around the log fire. After dinner you can sit back and relax in the bar/lounge area or sip cocktails around the swimming pool. Don't forget to visit the stunning treetop viewing deck overlooking the majestic Drakensberg Mountain Range.

Accommodation:	En-suite Private Rooms
Included Activities:	Big 5 Open 4x4 Vehicle Game Drive in a Private Reserve open to the Kruger Park
Meals included:	Lunch and Dinner

DAY 2: Kruger National Park

An early rise as you are greeted by your guide as you enjoy coffee and rusks before embarking on a day of exploration in the acclaimed Kruger National Park. The Park offers an unrivalled wildlife experience that ranks with the best not only in Africa, but around the world. Its rich history dates back to 1898, and its goal has always been to protect the wildlife of the South African Lowveld. Today, this national treasure offers two million hectares of unspoiled African bushveld and captivating wildlife.

Truly the flagship of the South African National Parks, Kruger remains home to an impressive number of species ranging from 336 trees, 49 fish, 34 amphibians, 114 reptiles, 517 birds and 146 mammals. Look forward to a safari experience that unfolds from the moment you enter the Kruger Park and explore the best game drive routes the Park has to offer.

Our game drive takes us through a landscape like no other, with an amazing variety of wildlife, birds, plants and trees. We break at a remote picnic site to enjoy a scrumptious bush brunch before continuing our safari discovering the un-spoilt and untamed wilderness that makes the Kruger Park so special. Our journey continues as we stop off at the various viewpoints and waterholes whilst game viewing and bird watching along the way.

We return to the Lodge and enjoy yet another taste of traditional African cuisine before retiring to the peaceful sounds of the African night.

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

DAY 3: Greater Kruger National Park

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
- Moholoholo Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre
- Panorama Route and Blyde River Canyon
- Kapama Cheetah Project
- Cycling Safari



Accommodation: En-suite Private Rooms
Meals included: Breakfast & Dinner

DAY 4: Kruger National Park

After an early wakeup call, we head back to the Kruger Park and enjoy another full day on an open 4x4 safari. This is the perfect opportunity to explore other prime game drive routes and to spot the animals you may have missed on your previous game drives.

As per day 2, a packed breakfast will be served at a remote picnic site, and we will stop off at one of the rest camps where you can enjoy lunch.

After a full day of game driving, we make the trek back to the lodge in the late afternoon in time to freshen up before enjoying some delicious bushveld cooking.

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

DAY 5: Kruger National Park

Today is another leisure day where you have the opportunity to simply relax at the lodge or partake in some of the optional activities that you have missed so far. After an enjoyable day it is time to take in the sounds of the African night around the campfire whilst enjoying dinner in the Boma and watching the night skies.

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Accommodation: En-suite Private Rooms
Meals included: Breakfast and Dinner

DAY 6: Greater Kruger National Park – Tour ends

We begin our day with coffee and rusks before venturing out on an early morning game walk exploring the reserve on foot. Our qualified field guides will share their passion with you as you learn some fascinating facts about the environment and its inhabitants that surround you.

After a tasty breakfast, we bid you farewell as you continue further on your South African journey.

If you are driving back to Johannesburg and have the time, we recommend stopping off at Blyde River Canyon to view the spectacular setting of the Three Rondawels. The other option is to catch a quick flight back to Johannesburg via Hoedspruit Airport (Eastgate Airport) or Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport in Nelspruit. If you need transfers to these airports, please let us know as it can be pre-arranged.

Included Activities: Morning game walk in the Guernsey Private Nature Reserve
Meals included: Breakfast



Tour Information

ACCOMMODATION:

The Kruger lodge is located in the greater Kruger area. The stunning area comes complete with the typical wooded savannah, offset with Marula, Jackalberry and Leadwood trees, all of which just adds to the atmosphere of the lodge. The lodge offers comfortable accommodation in 13 Authentic thatched roof chalets. Accommodation is comprised of twin, double and family units. Special sleeping arrangements can be organized for our younger guests.

Vibrant fabrics and local hardwood furniture all create that rustic yet stylish bush atmosphere. En suite facilities, overhead fans and mosquito nets are just a few of the little things that Thornhill always provides to ensure our guest's comfort.



WHAT'S INCLUDED:

Accommodation, meals as indicated, services of an experienced guide, Park entrance fees, certain activities and game drives.

WHAT'S EXCLUDED:

Drinks, optional activities and personal items

JOINING INFORMATION:

Please make sure you arrive at the lodge before 14H00.

DIRECTIONS FROM JOHANNESBURG/ PRETORIA:

BY ROAD: Take the N4 from Johannesburg/ Pretoria. Bypass Witbank and Middelburg, turn off at Belfast R33 continue onto Belfast. From Belfast take the R540 to Dullstroom and then on to Lydenburg. From Lydenburg take the R36 to Orighstad and continue straight until you pass through the JG Strijdom Tunnel. From the tunnel continue for approx. 27 km before turning right at the Reptile Park, taking the R531 towards Orpen. Continue straight for about 30km until the R531 becomes the R40, following the direction to White River. After +/- 2 km on the R40 turn left on to the R531, direction Orpen Gate. Drive for about 2 km. At the sign posted Guernsey turn left onto the dirt road. Pass through the security gate. Continue along the dirt road for about 8 km until you see the signpost for Guernsey Private Nature Reserve on your right-hand side. Turn right into the corridor road and travel until you reach the entrance gates to Guernsey Private Nature Reserve. Once inside follow the wooden signs to Thornhill safari lodge.

BY AIR: There are flights daily from Johannesburg O R Tambo airport to Hoedspruit Airport and flights twice a week from Cape Town directly to Hoedspruit. If pre-arranged our transfer vehicle can collect you from either Hoedspruit Airport (Eastgate Airport) at no cost, or Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport in Nelspruit at a small fee. Please ask your agent for more information.

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 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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