

DETOUR AFRICA



5 Day Kruger Lodge 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 in a communal setting with friendly hosts!

Visit the awesome Blyde River Canyon and view the Three Rondavels on your return trip to Johannesburg!

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5 Days



Day 1: Johannesburg to Greater Kruger National Park

We depart Johannesburg and head for the Greater Kruger National Park where our Safari adventure begins. After travelling through the Highveld farmlands we descend the dramatic Drakensberg Escarpment and into the Lowveld, home to some of the most pristine Private Game Reserves in South Africa and the world renowned Kruger National Park. We arrive at Thornhill Safari Lodge in time for a delicious lunch.

After some relaxation time, we venture out on a late afternoon/evening Big five game drive in open 4x4 Safari vehicles in one of the neighboring Private Reserves. Sundowner drinks and snacks are enjoyed at one of the waterholes en route; enjoying the sights, sounds and smells of the African Bushveld before continuing our game drive into the night. After an exciting evening, we return to Thornhill to experience a traditional South African meal around the log fire.

The lodge offers comfortable accommodation in authentic thatched roof chalets. Vibrant fabrics and local hardwood furniture all create that rustic yet stylish bush atmosphere. Sit back and relax in our Bar/Lounge area or sip cocktails around the swimming pool and treetop viewing deck overlooking the majestic Drakensberg Mountain Range and a never ending wilderness.

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: Packed breakfast and Dinner

Day 3: Greater Kruger

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: En-suite Private Rooms

Meals included: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 4: Full Day Kruger National Park

After an early wakeup call you 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.

After an insightful afternoon, we make the trek back to the lodge in the late afternoon in time to freshen up before again 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 – Greater Kruger National Park - Johannesburg

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. Ascending the scenic Drakensberg Escarpment, we stop off to view the spectacular setting of the Three Rondawels towering over the Blyde River Canyon en route back to Johannesburg.

Please don't book any international flights until after 10pm this evening. Local flights can be booked for earlier however please talk to your consultant about this.

Included Activities: Morning game walk in the Guernsey Private Nature Reserve
Visit to the Three Rondawels and Blyde River Canyon.

Meals included: Breakfast

Tour Information

ACCOMMODATION:

Thornhill Safari Lodge Located in the greater Kruger. 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 guests comfort.



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, please confirm the relevant details with your reservation's agent. The journey to and from the lodge is in the comfort of an air-conditioned microbus.

TOUR END POINT:

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 10 pm 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 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 countries 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.

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