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# 5 Day Kruger Park Chalet Safari



## INTRODUCTION

This is a perfect safari for those wanting to experience the real African Bush!

The tour specialises in Big 5 safaris inside the Balule Private Nature reserve: a wildlife rich area in the heart of Kruger where game viewing is spectacular. Get real close on the Big 5 game drives and explore the Kruger Park from within. Evenings in the camps are spent around the campfire listening to the night sounds including the roar of lions and whooping of hyenas.

Combine luxury with adventure on this exciting journey!

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Luxury En-Suite accommodation

Spectacular bush lodge in Greater Kruger Park

Morning open vehicle safaris in big 5 country

Big 5 open vehicle afternoon / sunset game drives

Fully inclusive safari

Amazing game viewing opportunities



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# TOUR ITINERARY

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## 5 Days | South Africa, Kruger National Park

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### **DAY 1: JOHANNESBURG / HOEDSPRUIT TO KRUGER NATIONAL PARK**

Today your adventure starts at either Hoedspruit Eastgate Airport or Johannesburg central, depending on whether you require transfers from Johannesburg or not.

Arriving at the lodge just after lunch (+-15h00) you will have some time to relax, explore the beautiful surrounds and property, before heading out on your first afternoon game drive.

The area the lodge is located in is within the Balule Private Nature Reserve - a wildlife rich region in the heart of the Greater Kruger known for its large predators and spectacular Big 5 sightings!

After your afternoon game drive, you return to camp for some drinks at the bar and a delicious dinner followed by some campfire chatter.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Twin Share/Single Lodge: en-suite chalet
<b>Meals</b>	Dinner
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Sunset game drive

### **DAY 2: KRUGER NATIONAL PARK**

Today starts with an early wakeup call followed by coffee and rusks at the lodge. Shortly after we depart for the first game drive of the day...getting out into the bush early ensures the best opportunities for animal sightings. By 09:00 we head back to the lodge for a hearty breakfast overlooking the riverbed.

You'll have some time to relax and enjoy the lodge before brunch is served at appx. 13:00 followed by another afternoon/evening Big 5 game drive after high tea at around 16:30. While out on safari your guides will always find a beautiful spot to stop for 'sundowners' in the bush.

After another full day exploring the wild you finish off with some time to relax by the campfire enjoying a delicious dinner.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Twin Share/Single Lodge: en-suite chalet
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, brunch, high tea and dinner
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Morning game drive & Sunset game drive

### **DAY 3: KRUGER NATIONAL PARK**

Another early start has us heading out on another exhilarating Big 5 game drive through this spectacular part of the Greater Kruger Park. The area is known for its multitude of big cats and other predators, and the undulating landscape never ceases to offer fantastic views of the African bushveld at it's best. After returning to camp for breakfast you have the afternoon to relax before heading out on another Sunset game drive.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Twin Share/Single Lodge: en-suite chalet
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, brunch, high tea and dinner
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Morning game drive & Sunset game drive

### **DAY 4: KRUGER NATIONAL PARK**

Today you can enjoy another day in the bush, or if you prefer, you'll also have the option to book a Private Panoramic day trip (additional charge). This will take you out to see the spectacular sights of Blyde River Canyon, God's Window, Three Rondavels and Bourke's Luck potholes. Enquire with your consultant about pricing and availability options for this if you are interested.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Twin Share/Single Lodge: en-suite chalet
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, brunch, high tea and dinner
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Morning game drive & Sunset game drive
<b>Optional Activity:</b>	Private Full Day Panorama Route tour





## **DAY 5: KRUGER NATIONAL PARK TO HOEDSPRUIT/JOHANNESBURG**

To kick off your last day in the bush we go out for another morning game drive to see if we can spot any of the animals that may have eluded us the previous days.

Breakfast back at the lodge while you reminisce and share photographs before saying a sad farewell to your fellow travellers and new friends you have made.

**Accommodation**

Own Arrangements

**Meals**

Breakfast

**Included Highlight**

Morning game drive

## **TOUR INFORMATION**



### **Lodge Information**

Elevated above the landscape and built on an old anthill lies this beautifully laid out lodge, located in the heart of the Greater Kruger in the Balule Game Reserve. This 6-bedroom safari camp overlooks a winding dry riverbed, bustling waterhole and the Drakensberg Mountain range which carves across the distant skyline. Views of this wilderness are framed by the lodge's unique and open design.

The camp has been in the Drinkwater family for almost 40 years, passed down through the generations and home to many memories with both family and friends. The name Nambu means 'river' in the local language of IsiThonga, and this unique lodge has many ties to this natural source that flows through the traverse. From the family name to the flowing waters of the Olifant's River nearby. Tawny eagles soar above and herds of elephants drink down below; this hilltop lodge is certainly a wildlife haven surrounded by nature.

During the heat of the day, relax by the camp's poolside or bird watch from the lodge's vast viewing platform before a midday brunch up at the main camp. Here there are two activities per day, situated in a big five reserve head out on foot or on safari and explore this vast and diverse landscape, you never know what you may find here in South Africa's true wilderness.

### **Accommodation Information**

The lodge has a total of 6 safari-style bedrooms and can accommodate up to 12 people. The rooms are well equipped for a stylish and comfortable stay in the bush, each room has air-conditioning.

Comfortable king size beds with modern and stylish bathrooms which look out to the bushveld behind. Winding wooden pathways lead the way from the main camp, through the lush gardens and to the secluded rooms, nestled into the bush.

Fall asleep to the sounds of nature here in the heart of Kruger.





## A TYPICAL DAY AT CAMP

Each morning begins with a morning wake-up call, coffee and a game drive in the Olifants West Nature Reserve.



### At a glance

- Authentic safari lodge with 6 en-suite bedrooms
- Spacious viewing platform overlooking a dry riverbed and waterhole where many of the bushveld's inhabitants come to visit.
- A large traverse area with the Olifant's River running through the reserve, rocky outcrops, drainage line and natural springs, which makes for incredible game viewing amongst the landscape scenery.
- Simple, yet modern and stylish cuisine is served in the open dining area which overlooks the vast landscape below.
- Natural, Safari-style decor throughout, raised wooden pathways lead the way through the camp & gardens.
- Swimming pool and sun lounges with bushveld and mountain views.

### Lodge Facilities

- 2 luxury chalets equipped with modern interiors and private balconies (Rooms 1 and 2)
- 4 standard chalets with simple and authentic interiors (Rooms 3, 4, 5 and 6)
- Accommodating up to 12 people, the lodge is a quiet and intimate safari camp.
- Framed scenic views from the upper deck and an open-air viewing platform below.
- Air-conditioning / Overhead fans in all rooms.
- Bathroom products are supplied
- Swimming pool located on lower deck with waterhole views
- Shaded and comfortable lounge areas on both upper and lower decks, perfect for wildlife viewing
- Lodge boma area and fireplace / Fires are lit before the evening meal is served.
- Daily turndown service / Laundry available upon request
- Wifi available at the lodge

### Room Facilities

- King size bed (Twin bed on request)
- Shelf / Hanging space
- New modern bathrooms with showers and basins
- Air conditioning / Overhead fan
- Bathroom amenities supplied
- Laundry available on request
- Daily turndown service







### Activities

- Morning and evening game drives
- Sundowners in the bush
- Bird watching
- Bush dinner at the river (Tuesday & Friday)
- Plated Traditional South African braaivleis (barbecue) cooked over the open fire.
- Kruger National Park Day Trip (*additional charge*)
- Private Panoramic Day Trip (*additional charge*)

### Wildlife

The lodge is built in the heart of the Balule Private Nature Reserve which is open to the Kruger National Park. This wild and diverse reserve is home to the big five and overall a vast array of wildlife.

The camp itself overlooks a winding dry riverbed and waterhole and there are also natural springs dotted in the riverbed, many animals are drawn to the little oasis. This undulating landscape means that there are many great vantage points perfect for spotting any movement below from the towering giraffes, herds of elephants to the bushveld's predators.

The flowing waters of the Olifant's River run through the reserve and life can always be found here and you're almost guaranteed to see large pods of hippo and basking crocodiles. The Balule birdlife is second to none with a huge variety of riverine species drawn to the winding waterway. The rare pel's fishing owl has quite often been seen as well as kingfishers, herons, vultures and many eagle species. However, a perfect location to observe the birdlife, is at the camp itself – where a tawny eagle's nest can be seen in front and vibrant sunbirds are attracted by the flourishing gardens here. Bird-watching at camp is a true highlight.

### Game Drive Vehicles

On game drives you are able to get a lot closer to big game. The animals are generally habituated to the vehicle. This means that they are used to the vehicle approaching them and know that it never causes them harm. This enables to you to get within five to 10 metres of the large animals – and safely! All game drives are conducted in open 4 x 4 Toyota Land Cruisers or Landrovers.

### Weather

The average mean rainfall for the year is 350mm, with most rainfall occurring during mid-summer (November – February). The rainfall generally occurs in the form of thunderstorms where a downpour is experienced, very seldom lasting longer than a few hours. The mean average maximum temperatures range from 24.5°C in July to 31.5°C in January with the mean monthly minimum occurring in July at a temperature of 8.5°C.



**What to pack:**

The climate in the Kruger Lowveld brings the hot summer months between October and April when the rainfall is high, and so is the temperature, reaching over 40 degrees Celsius. The dry winter months begin in May and carry on until October/ November, during which time the weather is mild during the day with temperatures averaging mid to high 20s, while very cold in the evenings and early mornings.

- Throughout the year, we recommend packing lightweight, neutral-coloured clothing with short sleeves.
- Bring sun protection in the form of sunblock, sun hats, and glasses.
- Insect Repellent.
- Scarfs, jackets and gloves are needed for early mornings on game drive, especially in winter.
- Comfortable walking shoes as well as open sandals for when the weather is hot.
- Cameras & Binoculars for the many wildlife sightings and day-trips on your visit to South Africa
- Adaptor plug

**Malaria**

The Balule region is a low-risk malaria area. It is best to consult your local Doctor for advice. Generally, the type of medication needed for the Kruger area is Malarone, Doxycycline or Melfloquine. Mosquitos are more prevalent in the wet, warmer season. Mosquito repellent and creams are also great preventative measures.

**What's included**

All meals, all game drives, accommodation.

**What's excluded**

Items of a personal nature (snacks, alcohol, bottled water, soft drinks, tips) / entrance fees (associated with optional activities) / souvenirs.

**Arrival / Departure**

Please be sure to arrive 1 day before your tour is due to depart. This will avoid any unforeseen problems. We also highly recommend that you book your flights to depart the day after the tour officially ends to allow for delays and changes. If you are arriving in Hoedspruit, please make sure you arrive before 13h00 so you have time to be transferred to the lodge inside the park in time to catch the afternoon/sunset game drive.

**Pre and Post Tour Accommodation**

If you require accommodation before or after your tour, we can arrange this for you. We can also arrange airport transfers – contact your travel agent to make these bookings.

**Countries Visited**

South Africa

**General**

All information is subject to change without prior notice, changes would always be in consideration of your safety first and a better-quality experience. This would be where we are able to make improvements, sometimes last-minute decisions due to the nature of the tour/event. Travel times and campsites can change depending on road or weather conditions, or any unforeseen circumstances. These are used as a guideline only.

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**Special Requirements**

Please confirm to us in writing if you are a vegetarian or if you suffer from any allergies (i.e nuts, milk, fish) (i.e. vegetarian), allergies (i.e. nuts, milk, fish). Where possible our guides do try and accommodate clients with intolerances (i.e. gluten, lactose), however we cannot guarantee the availability of speciality foods en-route and we therefore recommend you to bring these items with you or purchase them prior to departing on your tour.



### Luggage

We advise clients to be as light as possible when travelling through Africa. It is not a destination where you want to lug suitcases and heavy bags around. Lodges rarely have suitcase ramps meaning wheels are sometimes more of a hindrance and also impact on the case fitting in the lockers.

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

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