

4 Day Kruger Park Camping Safari



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Stay inside Kruger National Park Sunset Game Drives Big 5 Game Drives inside Kruger Park Panoramic Route Morning Game Drive or Bush Walk



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TOUR ITINERARY

4 Days | South Africa

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DAY 1: JOHANNESBURG TO KRUGER

Embark on an unforgettable journey as we pick you up early in the morning from your Johannesburg accommodation, Nestled in the captivating low veld, the well-known Kruger National Park offers optimal conditions for wildlife to flourish. As we enter the park, we proceed to our designated rest camp, where you'll check in and settle into your comfortable accommodation.

Prepare for an afternoon filled with excitement as we set off on our first captivating game drive. Our open vehicles provide exceptional viewing and photographic opportunities, ensuring you don't miss any of the incredible wildlife encounters along the way. After an eventful afternoon, we return to the camp to indulge in a delicious meal.

Your accommodation for the next 3 nights will be in permanent safari tents, equipped with beds and bedding, guaranteeing a restful night's sleep.

AccommodationSafari tents – shared ablutions.MealsDinner

DAY 2: KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

Early morning wake up with tea/coffee and snack, before heading out in open vehicles in search of Kruger's famous wildlife. Your knowledgeable guide will point out the various animals and birds and knows where to locate the best sightings. After some incredible sightings we head back to camp in the afternoon.

Your guide will stop at a restaurant where you can purchase lunch (at own cost).

In the late afternoon we head off for another sunset game drive to try spot the Big 5. We arrive back at camp and enjoy another scrumptious dinner before getting a good nights rest.

Accommodation	Safari tents – shared ablutions.
Meals	Breakfast and Dinner

DAY 3: KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

Today we head off on another exhilarating adventure in the Kruger National Park! Our expert guides will ensure you don't miss any of the extraordinary animals we may have overlooked yesterday.

For those seeking a different kind of exploration, we offer an opportunity to skip the morning game drive and instead indulge in the awe-inspiring Panoramic Route. Discover breath-taking vistas and natural wonders as we explore Gods Window, Bourke's Luck Potholes and if time permits Graskop.

To secure your spot on the Panoramic Route option, kindly inform your consultant during the booking process as this must be booked in advance.

After enjoying a delicious lunch, we head off on sunset game drive, offering a chance to encounter nocturnal animals in their natural habitat.

As the day comes to a close, we return to our camp and indulge in another delicious dinner before retiring for a peaceful night's sleep.

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DAY 4: KRUGER TO JOHANNESBURG

It's our last chance to see the animals that may have eluded us. We begin our final day with an early morning game drive or bush walk. (*Please let your consultant know if you prefer a game drive or bush walk as this must be pre-arranged.*)

We return to the camp to enjoy breakfast before heading back to Johannesburg. We expect to arrive at Johannesburg Airport (O.R Tambo) and surrounding hotels between 5:00 – 6:30 pm.

Accommodation	None
Meals	Breakfast

TOUR INFORMATION

ACCOMMODATION:

2-bed permanent furnished canvas tents on stilts, (some accessible to wheelchairs), fully equipped, with 2 single beds, a fridge, overhead fan and small veranda. Please note that some tents might differ depending on which rest camp you are accommodated at.



WHAT'S INCLUDED:

Accommodation, meals as indicated, services of an experienced guide, park entrance fees and all activities and game drives as listed.

WHAT'S EXCLUDED:

Drinks, gratuities and personal items

JOINING INFORMATION:

We can pick up from O R Tambo or any hotel or guesthouse in Johannesburg city centre. We recommend staying close to the airport or in Sandton area.

SUGGESTED PACKING LIST:

What to Bring

- A positive attitude and a sense of humour
- Passport international guests need to have passports with them while traveling in South Africa
- Toiletries (we do not provide shampoo or soaps)
- Personal medication if you are prone to car sickness, stomach bugs etc.
- Small backpack that you can take with you on excursions and keep all your valuables in during the day
- Water bottle please help us use less plastic by not buying plastic water bottles daily, rather refill your own water bottle
- Beach towel (accommodation does provide bath towels)
- Comfortable walking shoes/trainers (no hiking boots needed)



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- A sweater/jacket/hoodie (evenings by the sea can get cool, even during summer)
- Rain jacket or emergency poncho in case you get caught in the rain
- Gloves, jacket and cap for early morning game drives (it can get VERY cold on early morning game drive in winter)
- Sunscreen & hat
- Mosquito repellent
- Camera or smart phone for photos
- Cash for some drinks and meals, shopping and optional activities
- Bank card debit and credit cards are widely accepted in South Africa and ATMs are widely available along our route. MasterCard and Visa are best, American Express/Diners Club are not accepted all over.
- Plug types: In South Africa the most common wall socket/plug type is Type M. In most places Plug Type C can also charge directly from the wall socket. It's best to bring an adapter for Type C to Type M.

What to Leave at Home

- Negative attitude
- High heels
- Suit & tie, evening dresses
- Hiking boots (trainers or trail shoes are fine for the hikes on our tours)
- Hiking poles (you will not climb Kilimanjaro on our tours, only casual hikes)
- Foreign currency, cheque book or travellers' cheques you can use an ATM, no need to pay high commissions to exchange foreign currencies or travellers' cheques. Foreign personal cheques are not accepted in South Africa.
- Laptop You are on holiday, relax leave your work at home! If you must bring a laptop, take good care of it in a protective pouch or bag, and plan to carry it with you this is a high value item which can easily be lost or stolen.

TIPPING

In general tipping in restaurants is expected and is around 10% for good service, more if you have received exceptional service, and, feel free not to tip at all if you received poor service. Tipping taxi drivers etc is really at your own discretion and not always expected. If in doubt please ask your guides. It is expected to tip porters and car guards. Ask your guides how much is appropriate in local currency.

ON SAFARI:

You will usually be assigned a guide and a tracker. A good tip indication is an average of R125–240 (US\$9–17) per person per day for the guide, and R60–125 (US\$4–9) for the tracker. If you only participate in a half-day activity (morning or afternoon excursion) then we recommend half of the above sums to each of the tracker and guide. If you have private guide for a full day then we would suggest a tip of R200–300 (US\$14–21) per guest per day. Most safari lodges also have a general staff gratuity box (for waiters, chambermaids etc) and R50–150 (US\$3–10) per guest per day is a suggested tip guideline.

WHO TO TIP ON SAFARI

You wouldn't normally tip the following individuals on safari: (not to say you don't have to)

- Lodge or camp managers
- Pilots
- Cabin crew
- Airport desk staff
- Sales assistants in safari shops
- Medical or evacuation crews
- Lodge or tour owners

You *would* tip the following individuals on safari:

- Back of house staff cleaners, cooks, gardeners, maintenance workers, guards and anti-poaching units
- Front of house staff guides, spotters or trackers, waiters and waitresses, spa therapists and transfer drivers

HOW TO TIP ON SAFARI

1) Placing cash in a communal tip box.

Located in the main area or mess tent, this is the easiest option as you simply put your tip into a locked box. Sometimes there are separate boxes for front- and back-of-house staff. The manager generally shares out the accumulated tips in



intervals. Sometimes there is one box for your guide and tracker, and another for all other staff. This system eliminates any awkwardness about handing over money and does not allow staff to know how much specific guests tipped them.

2) Handing money to the manager when you leave

If there is no box, some guests do this upon departure. Some will specifically say to whom the money must be given, while other guests leave it up to the manager's discretion.

3) Handing cash to the individual staff

This is also an option but makes it clear that you are tipping some and not others, as well as how much money you are giving.

4) Leaving cash in the room

This is not always recommended as staff may assume you've forgotten it and radio the guide to drive back for you to get it. Staff are well trained not to 'steal' and will hand over anything found in your room to the lodge manager. Honesty is a big part of running a successful lodge.

BE A RESPONSIBLE TRAVELLER:

We are lucky to live in a beautiful country with great infrastructure, and we would like to continue tours showing off this special country for years to come. We know it will only be possible if we look after our country, people, wildlife, and natural environment. As a company we strive to operate in a responsible way, but this is not possible without the help of our guests. We have therefore identified ways in which you can limit negative impacts and make a positive contribution while travelling in South Africa.

SAVE WATER:

Water is a valuable resource, and SA is prone to experience periodic droughts.

- We ask that you be conscientious when using water by:
 - Taking showers instead of baths
 - Having short showers
 - Not running the tap while brushing teeth or washing hands
 - Only flushing the toilet when necessary
 - Reusing towels when possible.

REDUCE, REUSE AND RECYCLE:

We discourage the use of single-use paper or plastics. Please:

- Refill your water bottle
- Don't use takeaway coffee cups bring your own
- Don't use plastic straws
- Don't take plastic shopping bags use a backpack or buy a reusable bag
- Recycle tins, bottles, glass, and plastic when possible
- Don't print your itinerary or voucher; your tour guide will have all necessary info readily available

SUPPORT SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL PARKS:

We believe in patronizing National Parks, to support the conservation of South Africa's wildlife and indigenous flora. We aim to limit the impact on fauna & flora when visiting these areas. How can you help:

- Do not remove anything from our National Parks. Not even a stone.
- Keep your distance from wildlife and listen to your guide's instructions
- Never touch a wild animal
- Always stay on the marked/designated trail when hiking
- Take out what you brought in to the Park. Leave only your footprints.

BE RESPONSIBLE WITH WILDLIFE:

We do not support unnatural animal encounters.

- Support only National Parks and Private Game Reserves with free roaming wildlife, in their natural habitat.
- Never ride a wild animal like an ostrich or elephant
- Never feed a wild animal like baboons or dassies



PROTECT AND SUPPORT LOCAL PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES:

We are mindful of the many cultures which make up our rainbow nation. We aim to educate our guests on sensitive topics and situations they might encounter on our route. How you can be a conscientious traveller:

- Take the opportunity to learn about all of the different cultures who call South Africa home.
- Be sensitive and respectful to people who are of a different race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, or speak a different language than you do.
- Choose small local businesses for your shopping. We believe this is a good way to have a direct positive economic impact on local communities. There are loads of awesome local options for restaurants, shops, and curios.
- If you would like to make a charitable donation, please speak to us about worthy local causes.

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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