



Private Kruger Big 5 Safari

9 Night Private Tour

Our Kruger Big 5 Safari private tour is a true bucket list holiday.

You will be immersed in the beauty of the Kruger region of South Africa as you experience multiple game drives in Kruger National Park, enjoy multiple wildlife encounters as you go in search of the Big 5 and get up close with traditional village life.

Highlights:

- Private Kruger National Park game drives
- Panoramic drive
- Cultural village experience

What's included:

- Getting there: Overnight flight to Johannesburg
- Transport: Private transfers with an English speaker driver/guide, and private open air safari vehicles during safari
- Accommodation: 9 nights total duration (including 1 night on each international flight) - 7 nights' accommodation at either Ndhula Luxury Tented Lodge (or similar), or in a handpicked 3 or 4 star country lodge or hotel
- Meals included: Half board at the accommodation
- Experiences: Two 9-hour full day private game drives at Kruger National Park in an open-air vehicle, full day private panoramic drive and cultural village experience

Not included:

- Items of a personal nature such as laundry, table drinks, telephone bills and tips to hotel staff, drivers and guides
- Any meals (other than the one mentioned), drinks, tips, expenses of personal nature
- Anything not mentioned in the "What's Included" column

Full Itinerary

DAY 1: OVERNIGHT FLIGHT

Board your overnight flight from the UK to Johannesburg Airport JNB.

DAY 2: JOHANNESBURG - KRUGER REGION

Welcome to Johannesburg.

Your local driver/guide awaits you at the airport and after you are sorted with money exchange you will make your way towards the Kruger Region.

Enjoy the scenery along the way and if you want to you can stop along the way for some Biltong and dried fruits that you can purchase in some of the farm stalls.

After check-in, it is time to relax in the Bushveld environment.



DAY 3: KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

Today, enjoy a full day private Game Drive. An early start sees you head towards the famous Kruger National Park.

You will stop for breakfast (packed breakfast from the hotel) and for lunch (on own account) in the rest camps inside the park. The Kruger National Park is the most famous national park in South Africa and is the largest wildlife sanctuary, offering one of the best wildlife experiences. The biodiversity is one of its kind in the world. The park is home to 147 mammal species including the "Big Five" (leopard, lion, rhino, elephant, buffalo), as well as approximately 507 bird species, 114 reptile species, 49 species of fish and 34 amphibian species.



Nature takes no holidays, and as such, the Kruger Park provides a year-round destination with each season offering a unique spectacle. Summer rains in November & December provide lush greenery, new-born animals and excellent birding. The dry winter period of April to September provides sparser vegetation which makes for better game viewing. During this period, wildlife congregates close to remaining water sources.

DAY 4: KRUGER REGION - PANORAMA ROUTE

After breakfast, you will embark on the historical Panorama Route, a scenic road in the Mpumalanga Province which features sensational views of breath-taking natural wonders, fascinating rock formations, impressive waterfalls and wonderful fauna and flora.

The most popular stretch of the route is the R532 that winds its way from the town of Sabie via a selection of graceful waterfalls - the Sabie Falls, Bridal Veil Falls, Mac Mac Falls - to God's Window, the Blyde River Canyon, Bourke's Luck Potholes and the three Rondavels.

The first stop will be the famous Three Rondavels - one of the most famous sightings along the Panorama Route. Situated along the third largest canyon in the world you have a fantastic view of the formations as well as a chance to enjoy a walk. The view of the 'Three Sisters' is also known as one of the best in South Africa.

Enjoy the view onto the Blyde River Canyon which is known as the third largest canyon in the world, and the largest green canyon due to its green nature. It offers beautiful panoramic views within 25 kilometres and is home to about 1000 different species of fauna and flora.



The last stop is at Bourkes Luck Potholes. Visit this natural water feature, which marks the beginning of the Blyde River Canyon. Through countless eons the swirling whirlpools which occur as the Treur River plunges into the Blyde River caused waterborne sand and rock to grind huge, cylindrical potholes into the bedrock of the river. The informative visitors centre details some of the interesting natural and socio-historic features and is the starting point of the 700m walk to the potholes.

DAY 5: KRUGER NATIONAL PARK – FULL DAY GAME DRIVE

Today you will have your second visit to the famous Kruger National Park.

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DAY 6: CULTURAL VILLAGE EXPERIENCE

Today, you will immerse yourself in a cultural experience by visiting a vibrant cultural village.

At its core are two Swazi villages, authentic and bustling with traditional activities. The traditional African village is organized around family relationships, featuring areas for daily household activities and special occasions.

As you wander through the village and its many huts, you'll encounter traditional African crops being cultivated, a herd of Nguni cattle, and locals preparing traditional food. You'll also have the opportunity to observe ancient crafts being practiced, adding a hands-on touch to this rich cultural experience.



DAY 7 AND 8: LODGE DAY

Enjoy a relaxing day at the hotel or explore the surrounding area.

You could also book another optional game drive or an excursion to Chimp Eden. Part of the Jane Goodall Institute, it is the only chimpanzee sanctuary in South Africa.



DAY 9: KRUGER REGION - JOHANNESBURG

Today it is time to say goodbye - after a last relaxing breakfast in the Bushveld it is time to meet your driver and head back to Johannesburg Airport for your overnight flight back home.

DAY 10: ARRIVE HOME

Your overnight flight arrives back in the UK for you to make your journey home.

FAQs

WHAT HOTEL WILL I BE STAYING AT?

Depending on availability, you'll have the option to choose between staying in a Luxury Tent at Ndhula Lodge or a double/twin room at a carefully selected 3 or 4-star country lodge or hotel near Kruger National Park. These accommodations include Sanbonani Resort, Chestnut Country Lodge, Bohm's Zeederberg Country House or Rissington Inn.

BEST TIME TO TRAVEL

The best time to visit South Africa is between November to March, although each season provides a different spectacle.

Summer rains in November and December provide lush greenery, new-born animals and excellent birding. The dry winter period of April to September provides sparser vegetation which makes for better game viewing. During this period, wildlife congregates close to remaining water sources.

In July and August, the temperature is warm during the day and cold after sunset, around 5pm.

VISA

British citizens do not require a Visa to enter South Africa.

MALARIA

The chosen hotel is located in a low-risk malaria area. The use of insect repellents is recommended between September and May.

Please consult your doctor for the best advice.

GAME DRIVES

Full private game drives.

You'll leave camp at around 5.30am to have the best chance of spotting the animals.

The game drives are private in open air vehicles.

The packed breakfast from the hotel can either be eaten on route or at the rest camp.

Lunch will be a stop at one of the rest places with an onsite restaurant/bar.

AGE RESTRICTIONS

This tour is not suitable for children under 12, please enquire about our Private Kruger Big 5 Family Safari instead.