



# Kruger Big 5 Family Safari

## 9 Night Private Tour

Embark on an unforgettable family safari adventure in the heart of South Africa! Designed with families in mind, this tour offers a perfect blend of excitement, education, and cultural immersion that will captivate travelers of all ages. From the thrill of encountering Africa's majestic wildlife on a game drive in Kruger National Park to the heartwarming experience of visiting rescued chimpanzees, this journey is packed with memorable moments that will bring your family closer to nature and each other.

### Highlights:

- 2 half day private Kruger National Park game drives in search of the Big 5
- Chimpanzee experience at Chimp Eden
- Spot hippos from the hotel's terrace
- Cultural village experience at Matsamo Cultural Village

### 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 flying in each direction) - 7 nights accommodation at Pestana Kruger Lodge or similar
- Meals included: Half board at the accommodation
- Two half day private game drives at Kruger National Park in an open-air vehicle
- Chimp Eden Chimp Tour
- Matsamo 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 guide awaits you at the airport and after you are sorted with money exchange, you will make your way towards the Kruger Region, enjoying the scenery along the way. Check in to your hotel, Pestana Kruger Lodge, and spend the rest of the day at leisure.

Pestana Kruger is a 4 star hotel, situated only 800m from Malelane Gate, one of the most important access point to the Kruger National Park. Is surrounded by marvelous gardens and offers a fantastic view of the Crocodile River, where hippos and several wildlife species can be seen. The hotel has many special facilities that includes two outdoor pools including a water slide, a restaurant and bar and one Massage Room that offers a range of body treatments. The room representing the famous Big Five - Lion, Elephant, Rhino, Buffalo and Leopard - are spread over a wide and very quiet area, ensuring maximum privacy and a unique stay.

ACCOMMODATION: 4\* Pestana Kruger Lodge or similar

MEALS INCLUDED: Dinner





## Day 3: Kruger Region

Enjoy a relaxing day at the lodge perhaps taking a refreshing dip in the pool.

ACCOMMODATION: 4\* Pestana Kruger Lodge or similar

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast, Dinner



## Day 4: Kruger Safari

Today is an early wake-up. Around 5H30 you will leave the lodge and head towards the famous Kruger National Park.

You will pass all the gate formalities and then your game drive adventure starts. You must be curious what you will spot behind the bushes and which animals cross your way. You will stop for breakfast (packed breakfast from the lodge).

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.

Return to the lodge in time for lunch and the afternoon at leisure.

ACCOMMODATION: 4\* Pestana Kruger Lodge or similar

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast, Dinner



## Day 5: Kruger Region

Enjoy a relaxing day at the lodge.

ACCOMMODATION: 4\* Pestana Kruger Lodge or similar

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast, Dinner

## Day 6: Chimp Eden

Today you will head to Chimp Eden. The Jane Goodall Institute (JGI) South Africa Chimpanzee Sanctuary is home to chimps that have been misplaced from their natural habitats in Africa.

The goal of the chimpanzee sanctuary is to rescue chimpanzees that have survived the bushmeat trade, been orphaned, traded in the illegal pet market, or rescued from being traumatised for entertainment in circuses, beach resorts and nightclubs. Visitors have a unique opportunity to see chimpanzees in semi-wild enclosures. The chimps show normal social interaction and behavioral patterns despite their traumatic backgrounds as pets, entertainment animals and victims of the bushmeat trade. The enclosures also have viewpoints overlooking the forest and 'foraging areas' These areas provide the chimps with endless hours of fun, safe from human intervention and positively reinforce their natural behaviour.

ACCOMMODATION: 4\* Pestana Kruger Lodge or similar

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast, Dinner





## Day 7: Lodge Day

Enjoy a relaxing day at the lodge.

ACCOMMODATION: 4\* Pestana Kruger Lodge or similar

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast, Dinner



## Day 8: Cultural Experience

Today you will have a cultural experience and visit a cultural village. At the heart of the cultural village, are two Swazi villages which are authentic and alive with cultural activities.

A traditional African village is organized around family relationships and creates household activity areas and places for special occasions. You can wander through the village with its many huts. Traditional African crops are cultivated, the Nguni cattle herd can be seen, traditional food is prepared and ancient crafts will be practiced.

In the afternoon you will go on an afternoon game drive in the Kruger National Park. Return to the lodge for dinner.

ACCOMMODATION: 4\* Pestana Kruger Lodge or similar

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast, Dinner

## Day 9: Kruger Region - Johannesburg

Today it is time to say goodbye and head back to Johannesburg Airport for your overnight flight back home.

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast

## Day 10: Arrive Home

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

# FAQs

### 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 use of insect repellents is recommended, please consult your doctor for the best advice.

### GAME DRIVES

Two half day private game drives in open air vehicles - 1 in the morning where you'll leave camp at 5.30 am to have the best chance of spotting animals.

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

The other game drive will be in the afternoon.

### AGE RESTRICTIONS

No age restrictions, this tour is recommended for families with children of any age.