



Kruger Big 5 Safari Gold

9 Night Private Tour

Our upgraded Kruger Big 5 Safari Gold private tour is a true bucket list holiday, with 5 star luxury accommodation, an enhanced Panorama Route excursion and buffet lunch included during your visit to Matsamo Cultural Village.

You will be immersed in the beauty of the Kruger region of South Africa as you experience two private 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:

- Two full day private game drives at Kruger National Park
- Picturesque Panorama Route drive, including scenic views of the Three Rondavels and Blyde River Canyon, witness the spectacular Bourke's Luck Potholes and descend into the Graskop Gorge
- Cultural village experience, with music and dancing, and a traditional buffet lunch.

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 at a luxury 5 star accommodation near Kruger National Park
- 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 Panorama Route drive including Graskop Gorge Lift and Matsamo Cultural Village experience with traditional buffet lunch

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 to 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.

ACCOMMODATION: Summerfields Rose Retreat & Spa, Timamoon Lodge, Nut Grove Manor or Monkey Thorn Guest Lodge.

MEALS INCLUDED: Dinner



Day 3: Kruger National Park - Full Day Private Game Drive

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 lodge) 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.

ACCOMMODATION: Summerfields Rose Retreat & Spa, Timamoon Lodge, Nut Grove Manor or Monkey Thorn Guest Lodge.

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast, dinner

Day 4: Kruger Region - Panorama Route

Enjoy a full day exploring the breathtaking Panorama Route with your private driver taking you from one incredible site to the next. Begin at the Graskop Gorge Lift, where you'll descend into a lush forest and explore scenic trails.

Your driver will then take you to the spectacular Bourke's Luck Potholes, where centuries of water flow have created fascinating rock formations at the confluence of two rivers.

Next, visit the iconic Three Rondavels, towering rock formations resembling traditional African huts, and take in the sweeping views of the surrounding landscape.

Finally, your driver will guide you to the Blyde River Canyon Viewpoint, where you'll marvel at one of the world's largest canyons, with its dramatic cliffs and vibrant greenery, before heading back.

ACCOMMODATION: Summerfields Rose Retreat & Spa, Timamoon Lodge, Nut Grove Manor or Monkey Thorn Guest Lodge.

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast, dinner



Day 5: Kruger National Park - Full Day Private Game Drive

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

Your guide will navigate through diverse ecosystems, offering the chance to spot the renowned Big Five—lion, leopard, elephant, rhino, and buffalo—along with an array of other wildlife and bird species.

Enjoy the comfort of a private experience, with stops for photos, refreshments, and to fully immerse yourself in the sights and sounds of the African bush.

ACCOMMODATION: Summerfields Rose Retreat & Spa, Timamoon Lodge, Nut Grove Manor or Monkey Thorn Guest Lodge.

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast, dinner

Day 6: Cultural Village Experience with Lunch

Step into the vibrant world of Swazi culture with a guided tour of the Matsamo Cultural Village Living Museum. Discover traditional customs, music, and dance performances that showcase the rich heritage of the Swazi people.

Enjoy a delicious traditional lunch buffet, featuring authentic local dishes, and gain insights into the daily life and history of the community during this immersive cultural experience

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MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast, lunch, dinner



Days 7 and 8: Free Time at the Lodge

Spend a couple of leisurely days relaxing at your accommodation, or exploring the surrounding areas.

ACCOMMODATION: Summerfields Rose Retreat & Spa, Timamoon Lodge, Nut Grove Manor or Monkey Thorn Guest Lodge.

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast, dinner

Day 9: Kruger Region to 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.

MEALS INCLUDED: Breakfast

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?

Your accommodation will be an upgraded 5* property just outside of Kruger National Park. Depending on availability, you will stay at one of the following: Summerfields Rose Retreat & Spa, Timamoon Lodge, Nut Grove Manor or Monkey Thorn Guest Lodge.

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.