



South Africa: Untamed Beauty and African Wilderness

DURATION | 8 Days

TRIP LEVEL | Moderate

Trip Overview

Embark on an unforgettable adventure through the heart of Africa, where expertly guided day and night safaris offer thrilling encounters with the Big Five and other extraordinary wildlife. Traverse the wilderness on foot, uncovering hidden flora and fauna, and stay at luxurious lodges seamlessly integrated with Kruger National Park for unmatched game viewing. Immerse yourself in local culture by visiting nearby villages and learning about collaborative projects with the Africa Foundation.

Trip Highlights

- Embark on exhilarating day and night safaris led by expert guides. Encounter the Big Five and other incredible wildlife up close, creating unforgettable memories and breathtaking photo opportunities.
- Discover the hidden gems of the African wilderness on guided walks. These immersive experiences reveal the secrets of the bush, from unique flora to elusive fauna, offering a deep connection with nature an intimate peak into the beauty of South Africa.
- Relax in exclusive lodges with open borders to Kruger National Park. Enjoy top-notch accommodations and unparalleled access to wildlife, ensuring a perfect balance of comfort and adventure. You will unwind, sleep soundly, and have plenty of time to reflect.

Map View



Trip Itinerary



Day 1

Arrive in Johannesburg

Arrive at O.R. Tambo International Airport (JNB) at any time today. Guests will be met by airport personnel upon arrival to assist through passport control and luggage collection. Up to 4 arrival assistance services from the airport to the hotel will be provided timed for when most guests arrive. The exact times will be determined closer to departure. Additional arrival assistance at other times is available for purchase. Dinner will be on your own tonight. A welcome dinner is on Day 2.

Meals: breakfast | Overnight: City Lodge Johannesburg Airport



City Lodge Johannesburg Airport

City Lodge Johannesburg Airport is conveniently located in Africa's busiest airport. It offers guests access to a wide variety of retailers, restaurants and banking facilities within the airport building. The hotel is equipped with a fitness room and a pool deck.

Amenities: complimentary toiletries, safe, flatscreen TV, air conditioning



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Day 2

The Adventure Begins

After breakfast at your hotel, transfer to the airport for your flight to Hoedspruit, where a light snack will be served on the plane. Upon arrival, your representative will arrange a private transfer to Ngala Safari Lodge in the Timbavati Reserve. Enjoy a meal and afternoon tea before embarking on your first safari experience, which includes an exciting 4x4 game drive. Conclude the day with a lively welcome dinner under the stars and around the open blazing fire in the lodge's traditional boma.

Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner | Overnight: Ngala Safari Lodge



Ngala Safari Lodge

Ngala Safari Lodge is an elegant retreat set on a private concession within Kruger National Park, offering exclusive Big Five wildlife experiences across 14,700 hectares (36,000 acres). Expert-led safaris provide close-up encounters with elephants, lions, leopards, and more. The lodge features a pool and sundeck overlooking riverine woodlands, perfect for birdwatching, along with a serene massage sala and fitness room. Evening dinners are beautifully arranged in a candlelit courtyard or as a traditional African feast in the open-air boma. All meals, refreshments, and drinks are thoughtfully prepared and included, ensuring a delightful culinary experience to complement your safari activities.

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Day 3

Ngala Safari Lodge

Enjoy your first day at Ngala Safari Lodge, where each day begins and ends with thrilling safari adventures. Embark on scheduled game drives and bush walks led by expert guides, encountering the Big Five and other incredible wildlife in their natural habitat. Between game drives, relax and enjoy the lodge's serene amenities. For a unique adventure, the optional Treehouse Experience offers an unforgettable night under the African sky. All meals, refreshments, and drinks are thoughtfully prepared and included, ensuring a delightful culinary experience to complement your safari activities.

Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner | Overnight: Ngala Safari Lodge



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Day 4

Game Drives and Bush Walks

Start Day 4 with an exhilarating morning game drive or guided bush walk, immersing yourself in the sights and sounds of the African wilderness. As the sun sets, venture out again for an evening safari to discover the nocturnal wonders of the bush. Savor a variety of delicious meals throughout the day, from hearty breakfasts to refreshing lunches and indulgent dinners. Drinks and refreshments are also available throughout the day, ensuring you're well cared for between activities. Unwind at the lodge during the midday break, enjoying its tranquil atmosphere and luxurious facilities.

Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner | Overnight: Ngala Safari Lodge



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Day 5

Transfer to Kirkman's Camp

Begin your day with a safari drive or walk, followed by breakfast. Depart at 10:00 AM for a 4-hour private road transfer to Kirkman's Kamp in the Sabi Sands Private Reserve, with snack packs provided for the ride. Upon arrival, you'll be oriented and checked in. Later, participate in an evening game drive or bush walk.

Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner | Overnight: Kirkman's Kamp



Kirkman's Kamp

Kirkman's Kamp is located high on a ridge of the world-famous Sabi Sand Game Reserve. Step back in time, into the classical ambiance of this original 1920s homestead. Immersed in the bushscape is a rim-flow swimming pool with views of the Sand River. All meals, drinks, and refreshments are carefully crafted and included, providing a delicious culinary experience that perfectly complements your safari adventures.

Amenities: complimentary toiletries, hair dryer, coffee / tea maker, minibar, Wi-Fi, air conditioning



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Day 6

Kirkman National Park

A day at Kirkman's Kamp offers immersive experiences in the African wilderness, including thrilling day and night safaris led by expert guides. Bush walking adventures provide a closer connection to the environment, exploring flora and fauna on foot. The Sabi Sand Reserve's unfenced boundary with Kruger National Park enhances the safari experience with exceptional game viewing. Visits to nearby Shangaan communities offer cultural engagement and insights into joint initiatives with the Africa Foundation.

Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner | Overnight: Kirkman's Kamp



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Day 7

Celebrate An Amazing Journey

Another magnificent day of exploration awaits, with expertly guided day and night safaris to encounter the Big Five and other remarkable wildlife in their natural surroundings. Participate in guided bush walks to explore the African wilderness on foot, discovering hidden flora and fauna. Enjoy a farewell dinner with your new AdventureWomen friends, reflecting on cherished memories and celebrating an amazing journey through this remarkable country.

Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner | Overnight: Kirkman's Kamp



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Day 8

Departure

Enjoy one last early morning activity followed by breakfast. Your lodge Your lodge staff will arrange a transfer to Skukuza Airport for your flight back to Johannesburg (JNB). Assistance will be provided at Johannesburg for connecting international flights. Ensure that you schedule a flight with a departure time is after 7:00 PM to allow ample time for travel and airport procedures.

What's Included

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- Accommodations as per itinerary based on double occupancy
- All meals as listed in the itinerary
- Ngala Safari Lodge and Kirkman's Kamp: soft drinks, house wines, local brand spirits and beer, laundry service
- Up to 4 airport arrival assistance services on arrival day, assistance at Johannesburg Airport for connecting international flights on departure day.
- Domestic airfare
- All ground transportation
- Guided sightseeing and activities as indicated in the itinerary
- English-speaking guide(s) throughout the trip
- Emergency medical evacuation insurance
- All gratuities except for the main guide and safari guides

Not Included

- International airfare
- Optional activities
- Meals not specified in the itinerary
- Champagne, cognacs, fine wines, premium brand spirits and cigars; alcoholic beverages when not at the lodges
- Fees for passport, visas, immunizations, or travel insurance
- Cost of hospitalization or evacuation
- Items of a personal nature
- Gratuities for the main guide
- Gratuities for the main guide and safari guides (game ranger, tracker, walking guide)

Please note: AdventureWomen will attempt to adhere to the itinerary as much as possible. However, certain conditions (political, climatic, environmental, and cultural) may necessitate changes in the itinerary. AdventureWomen reserves the right to alter any itinerary at any time if necessary. We will attempt to notify participants of changes as far in advance as possible. Costs incurred by such changes will be the responsibility of the participants.

