

# **HOLA TOURISM NETWORK**

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## THE HOLA TEAM



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### **Detailed Itineraries with inclusions/exclusions available on request**

Please don't wait too long before you decide. And do not hesitate to call  
Annie if you have any questions about any of the trips, or want to have a  
private trip designed according to your needs

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Our focus is still on variety, with some new trips, some shorter trips, some  
popular trips and special requests.

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This includes:

- Picking guests up and dropping them off at their homes.
- **Travel in small groups, with between 6 and 7 persons in the travelling party.**
- Limited driving distances per day in quality vehicle
- Traditional “coffee and photo stops” along the road
- Visiting “small dorpies” and doing many convenience stops
- Quality star graded accommodation and excellent meals
- Private rooms with own bathrooms

All tours are guided by registered South African Tourist Guides with a valid professional driver’s permit + license.

**Initial reservations need to be made telephonically or via email, to check and ensure availability. If there is, Annekie will then send a confirmation, invoice and the deposit requirements. A deposit of R2 500 per person travelling will secure the reservation.**

On receipt of the deposit Annekie will confirm your seat on the trip in writing. The full balance needs to be paid at least two months before departure unless otherwise arranged.

**The banking details are:**

**Account name: Hola Tourism Network  
bank Cresta**

**Bank/ branch: Absa**

**Account no: 9125161522  
632005**

**Branch code:**

**Full terms and conditions and general information are available on request**

**Covid-19**

**We will have to refuse you entry to the tour should you have any signs of Covid or Swine Flu at the start of the tour.** All guests must disclose honestly if they have symptoms or were in contact with positive case in the 14 days prior to the tour departure. Any fever or symptoms whilst on tour must be reported immediately to the Guide.

**Pricing and departure dates:** All tours for 2025 have been agreed upon and fixed at the published rates. Once you have booked and paid the relevant deposits, these prices will be maintained.

**Flights** – If your trip includes a flight HOLA will still book your flight and let you know the costs before we confirm. Flights are no longer included in the costs.

**The tour price includes:** All land transportation costs and accommodation in carefully selected guesthouses, hotels. Two full meals per day- breakfast and dinner- unless specified for trips with full board rate. All entrance and related fees in national parks, museums and attractions, guided tours. Activities as per Itinerary is included. Trips includes airport transfers as well

**The tour price includes and excludes as per each individual Itinerary. We do try to include as much as possible but in general NOT included are:** lunch, any beverages with meals, telephone calls, laundry, items of a personal nature, flight, activities not specified, gratuities to lodge/hotel staff, and if relevant, gratuities to nature / specialist guides.

**Single Supplement:** It is purely for the extra cost of a single room, and no extra costs are added. Single travellers are gladly accommodated.

**Travel Insurance cover:** Normal insurance and medical cover for traveling passengers is recommended. Please ensure you have the correct insurance cover to cover protection against trip cancellation or interruption for unexpected medical reasons, medical cover for illness or injury whilst on tour, emergency medical evacuation benefits, protection against baggage loss, theft or damage, and 24-hour assistance anywhere on route.

**Malaria:** On certain trips we do travel to areas that are within a malaria risk areas. Appropriate prevention is advised, and you should consult with a doctor for advice.

**Special conditions regarding mobility of guests:**

All effort is made to ensure the places we visit and stay is easily access-able to all. On all tours there are inevitably areas that involve climbing of steps, walking to attractions, walking on uneven ground and surfaces, etc. All persons on tour must be able to do these activities un-assisted and without delaying their fellow passengers.

Should travellers not be able walk freely, climb steps or do any activities un-assisted, they would be required to have their own assistance (a person travelling with them) to ensure fellow travellers are not affected by this. The Hola Tourism Network needs to be informed of any such conditions before the reservation is made.

Although no age limit applies to participation in the tours, it is important to declare any medical conditions on the reservation form which will be sent when the reservation is made. The Hola Tourism Network reserves the right to

cancel the reservation if a person's medical condition is too much of a risk to undertake any of the trips.

For everyone's comfort and fairness, seats in the vehicle are rotated on a daily basis. No specific seat can be reserved in the vehicle due to a medical condition or handicap. Everyone needs to rotate seats.

The chosen accommodation always has on-suite bathroom facilities, but the choice of a bath or shower cannot always be specified or guaranteed. Should this be a problem, please enquire before a reservation is made.

Guests must be aware of the traveling distances covered per day, and that it may be longer on certain days due to continuous road works.

***We reserve the right to send a person home due to bad conduct or disrupting a tour at own cost and no refund.***

**Useful information to plan your trip:**

**Weather:** Depending on the time of the year we travel, the weather will differ. Your host will gladly advise you with what relevant clothing to take on the trip. A suggestion is to always have some layered clothing, at least a warm jacket and raincoat and umbrella. The Hola Tourism Network cannot be held accountable for the weather experienced on trips.

**Dress Code:** The dress code on all trips is casual.

**Luggage:** Is limited to one suitcase per person which goes into the trailer, plus a small carry-on bag for inside the vehicle.

**What else to take:** Binoculars, cameras, hat and sunscreen, comfortable walking shoes, and a keen sense of adventure. Insect repellent and malaria prophylactics are advised on certain trips.

**Laundry:** facilities and service is available at all places of stay at own cost.

Special interest and private tours- Many tours can be planned around special interest groups and activities, and we will gladly be willing to assist and plan the correct itinerary for it. Please feel free to contact us in this regard.

**Itineraries:**

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On receipt of the deposit Annekie will confirm your seat on the trip in writing. The full balance needs to be paid at least two months before departure, unless otherwise arranged.

**Cancellation fees applicable:**

- Notice of a cancellation by a client must be done in writing and is subject to the following penalties:
- More than 60 days prior to departure: 10% of total tour price.
- 59 to 45 days: 25% of total tour price.
- 44 to 31 days: 50% of total tour price.
- 30 to 0 days: 100% of total tour price.

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**ALL TOUR PRICES ARE CALCULATED FOR A MINIMUM OF 6 PEOPLE PER TOUR – SHOULD THERE BE LESS THAN 6 PEOPLE HOLA RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CANCEL THE TRIP OR OFFER THE TRIP AT A NEW COST TO GUESTS WANTING TO CONFIRM**

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## Trip 1 | Pilanesberg - Tambuti Lodge

4 Days / 3 nights

13 February – 16 February 2025

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### Introduction

Pilanesberg National Park, nestled in South Africa's North West Province, is a renowned wildlife sanctuary spanning 55,000 hectares. Home to the "Big Five" and boasting stunning landscapes. It is a malaria free area.

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## Price

- Cost of the 4-day tour is R14 300 per person sharing
- Single supplement is R3000

## Included

- 3 night Accommodation
- All meals
- All drinks including wines, spirits, teas, coffees, soft drinks and mineral water
- Laundry service
- Wi-Fi
- Entrance fees
- 2 open vehicle game drive per day
- Road Transfers

## Excluded

- Telephone calls - Curios - Personal items - Gratuities

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## Day 1: **Tambuti Lodge, Pilanesberg (Thu, 13 February)**

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### Day Itinerary

- On Arrival at the Lodge you will be checked in, given a short orientation and taken to your rooms where you can unpack and relax before high tea around 15h00.
- After high tea it is time for your first open vehicle game drive.
- Enjoy sundowners somewhere in the bush with snacks and returning to the Lodge around 19h00 for dinner
- After dinner relax around the fire or in your rooms



## **Overnight: Tambuti Lodge**

Set in the north western side of the greater Pilanesberg National Park, this malaria free Big Five private game lodge is surrounded by the trees of an old Tambuti forest within the Black Rhino Game Reserve.

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## **Day 2: Tambuti Lodge, Pilanesberg (Fri, 14 February)**

### **Day Itinerary**

- Enjoy coffee and rusks before you depart on your open vehicle safari.
  - You will stop for coffee and muffins on your game drive before you return to the Lodge around 09h00
  - Enjoy breakfast before you can go and relax in your room, around the pool or our lounge until lunch time.
  - After lunch you have some more time to relax before high tea and your evening open vehicle game drive. You will stop again for sundowners in the bush, enjoying a drink and snacks and watching the sun set over the African bush. Returning to the Lodge for dinner.
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## **Day 3: Tambuti Lodge, Pilanesberg (Sat, 15 February)**

### **Day Itinerary**

- Very early wake up call, enjoy coffee and rusks before you depart on your morning open vehicle safari. You will stop for coffee and muffins on your game drive before you return to the Lodge around 19h00.
  - Enjoy breakfast before you can go and relax in your room, around the pool or our lounge until lunch time.
  - After lunch have some more time to relax before high tea and your evening open vehicle game drive. You will stop again for sundowners in the bush, enjoying a drink and snacks and watching the sun set over the African bush. Returning to the Lodge around 19h00 for dinner.
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## Day 4: End of Itinerary (Sun, 16 February)

### Day Itinerary

- Very early wake up call, enjoy coffee and rusks before you depart on your last morning open vehicle safari. You will stop for coffee and muffins on your game drive before you return to the Lodge around 09h00. Check out and return to Johannesburg.

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### Trip 2 | Victoria Falls

4 Days / 3 nights

09 March – 12 March 2025



#### Introduction

Victoria Falls is one of the world's most impressive waterfalls. It is set on the magnificent Zambezi River which creates the border between Zambia and Zimbabwe. Considered to be the world's widest waterfalls, Victoria Falls measures an impressive 1708 metres in width.

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#### Price

- Cost of the 4-day tour is USD 1650 per person sharing
- Single supplement is USD200

#### Included

- 3 nights Accommodation
- Breakfast x 3
- Dinner x 3

- Guided Falls Tour
- Park fees
- Sunset cruise with snacks/drinks
- English speak Guide
- Microbus
- Entrance fees

## **Excluded**

- Flights – Lunch - All drinks - Any extra activities - Travel Insurance  
- Curios - Personal items – Tips
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## **Day 1:            Victoria Falls            (Sunday, 9 March)**

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### **Day Itinerary**

- You will be transferred from your home to the ORT Airport for your flight to Victoria Falls Airport
- On arrival at the Victoria Falls Airport you will be met by your Guide with a nameboard in the arrivals hall and transferred to your Hotel.
- Check in, unpack and explore a bit before we depart in the late afternoon for your Sunset Cruise
- Sunset Cruise is on the Zambezi River with snacks and drinks
- Return to the Hotel for Dinner

### **Overnight: Victoria Falls**

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## **Day 2:            Victoria Falls            (Monday, 10 March)**

### **Day Itinerary**

- Enjoy breakfast before you can go and enjoy a guided Victoria Falls Tour with your local English speaking Guide.
- Return to the Hotel midday to rest and enjoy lunch

- Relax and explore the town of Victoria Falls
  - Dinner at a local restaurant.
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### **Day 3:           Victoria Falls           (Tuesday, 11 March)**

#### **Day Itinerary**

- Today is at leisure to explore as you wish
  - We can book a Helicopter flip over the falls for you (own cost)
  - OR a full day Safari into Botswana (own cost)
  - Dinner at the Hotel
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### **Day 4:           End of Itinerary       (Wednesday, 12 March)**

#### **Day Itinerary**

- Depending on flight departure time we will enjoy a leisurely breakfast and then transfer back to the Victoria Falls Airport
  - On arrival in Johannesburg you will be met by your driver who will take you home
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## **Trip 3 | Kalahari - !Khamab lodge**

*6 Days / 5 Nights*

**05 April 2025 - 10 April 2025**

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**Khamab Lodge**

!Khamba Lodge is a 5 star accommodation as a game lodge on the largest, private, Big-5 reserve in South Africa.

The Kalahari has been called a predator's paradise. You will find all of southern Africa's large carnivore species at !Khamab. Lion, leopard, African wild dog, cheetah, spotted and brown hyena all call !Khamab home. Black-backed jackal, caracal, aardwolf, African wild cat, honey badger, bat-eared fox, Cape fox, meerkat and two mongoose species are always special to see. Gemsbok, eland, giraffe, red hartebeest, steenbok, and springbok.

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## Price

1. Cost of the 11-day Tour is R25 900 per person sharing.
2. Single supplement is R3000

## Included

- Accommodation
- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner
- Entrance fees
- 2 game drives per day

## Excluded

- Flight – Drinks - Personal items – Laundry - Tips
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## Day 1: Khamab Kalahari Reserve Lodge (Sat, 5 April)

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### Day Itinerary

We depart early from JHB at 07H00 and head for the North West province. We will do convenience stops and brunch in Sannieshof. We arrive in Vryburg in the afternoon and sleep over at a Guesthouse to split the distance we have to travel as the Khamab on a gravel road shortly after Vryburg, Approx 97

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kilometers from any tar road. At leisure for the rest of the afternoon and dinner at the guesthouse.

### **Overnight: Khamab Kalahari Reserve Lodge**

Tucked away on the southeastern edge of the Kalahari, Khamab Kalahari Reserve Lodge is situated in Khamab Kalahari Reserve, the largest, private, Big-5 reserve in South Africa. The accommodation comprises guest rooms featuring air-conditioning, lounge areas and coffee stations. Guests can enjoy delicious home-cooked meals served in the dining room deck overlooking the waterhole or in the dining room next to the fireplace. Other facilities include a swimming pool and a poolside bar.

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### **Day 2: Khamab Kalahari Reserve Lodge (Sun, 6 April)**

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#### **Day Itinerary**

After breakfast we depart towards Tosca (convenience stop) and soon after we leave the tar road and meet the green Kalahari in all its splendour. This part of the trip we reduce our speed and enjoy the Kalahari with a picnic along the road. Once we reach the gate and enter Khamab, Ian and Mark take over with cold drinks and check you in to your accommodation. Enjoy a late afternoon open vehicle game drive. Dinner in the boma depending on weather conditions.

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### **Day 3 & 4 & 5: Khamab Lodge (7-8-9 April)**

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#### **Day Itinerary**

Depart early after a cold breakfast and explore this reserve. You might spot the anti-poaching unit and what an honor to meet these guys protecting endangered species. The Big 5 are here and the reserve Ecologist has been

working the past 16 years preparing the reserve for visitors like you. We have to work to find the big 5 and at the same time, see an amazing bird life and smaller Kalahari animals. This is really authentic and exclusive. The Kalahari is harsh so be prepared for hot weather in the day and cool to cold at night.

We will enjoy the morning and afternoon game drives to also view the nocturnal wildlife and enjoy the sunrise and sunsets with a drink in hand. On one of the days we will have a longer game drive and enjoy lunch in the bush as we travel down south to see Khamab Game Reserve with amazing nature around you. It is a long day but well worth the experience. Lunch will be under a Camel thorn tree.

Returning to the Lodge to rest and enjoy dinner.

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## **Day 6: Khamab Kalahari Reserve Lodge (Thu, 10 April)**

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### **Day Itinerary**

After breakfast either depart back home by road via Vryburg back to Johannesburg.

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## **Trip 4 | Kruger Park - Needles Lodge**

*5 Days / 4 Nights*

**06 May 2025 - 10 May 2025**

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## Kruger National Park

Stretching over more than two million hectares, the famous Kruger National Park is one of the world's largest game reserves and a truly remarkable destination. The park is home to over 130 mammals and over 500 bird species.

### Price

Cost of the 5 day tour is R13 900 per person sharing.  
Single supplement is R1600

### Included

- Accommodation
- Entrance fees
- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner
- All game drives in air conditioned vehicle!

### Excluded

- Drinks – Laundry - Tips – Curious - Personal items

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**Day 1:            Needles Lodge, Kruger Park            (Tue, 6 May)**

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### Day Itinerary

We depart early morning from Johannesburg to avoid any peak hour traffic. We travel toward Nelspruit with lunch on route. Arrive at Needles Lodge late afternoon, check in for the next 4 nights. All dinners will be at the Lodge – either in the Boma or on the deck.

**Overnight: Needles Lodge** An upmarket 4 star lodge bordering the southern Kruger Park with double rooms with air-con and ceiling fan.

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Outdoor swimming pool and 100 square deck area for guests to relax and enjoy our gourmet meals.

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**Day 2:            Needles Lodge, Kruger Park        (Wed, 7 May)**

**Day Itinerary**

Enjoy the view from your room with coffee/tea before we enjoy a lovely breakfast and then head off into the Kruger Park for the day. Stopping at picnic spots and camps for lunch and refreshments. Returning to our Lodge in the afternoon for a bit of rest and enjoying the tranquility of the gardens.

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**Day 3 & 4: Needles Lodge, Kruger Park (8 -9 May)**

**Day Itinerary**

Another great morning in the bush. Enjoy an early morning breakfast before we set off to explore areas further up to Tshokwane picnic spot or Skukuza where we can have lunch if we are hungry and then return back to Crocodile bridge and our Lodge in Marloth Park.

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**Day 5:            End of Itinerary        (Sat, 10 May)**

**Day Itinerary**

Today it's time to leave this beautiful place after breakfast and checking out. On route we will stop for lunch and buying some oranges and avocados to take home. Arrive home during the afternoon.

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**Trip 5 - Namibia**

*9 Days / 8 Nights*

**12 May 2025 - 20 May 2025**

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### **Introduction**

Namibia has the oldest desert and the only desert in the world where you can find large mammals like elephants, rhinos, lions and giraffes

### **Price**

- Cost of the 9-day tour is R42 700 per person sharing
- Single supplement is R3650

### **Included**

- 8 nights Accommodation
- Meals as indicated
- Water while driving
- Wi-Fi when available
- Entrance fees
- Microbus and Guide
- Road Transfers
- Park entrance fees
- Listed activities

### **Excluded**

- Flights – Curios - Personal items – Drinks - Any extra activities
  - Meals not indicated – Tips
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## **Day 1: Hotel Thule, Windhoek (Mon, 12 May)**

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### **Windhoek**

Situated in Central Namibia, the cosmopolitan city of Windhoek serves as the capital of the country. It is home to an international airport and a plethora of restaurants, shops, entertainment venues and accommodation options.

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### **Day Itinerary**

- Transfer from your home to the Airport for your flight to Windhoek.
- On Arrival at the Windhoek airport you will be met by your Guide and transferred to your Hotel.
- Check in and relax until dinner time
- Dinner at the Hotel.

### **Overnight: Hotel Thule**

Hotel Thule is an upmarket, 25 room hotel, located 5 minutes from the city centre of Windhoek - restaurant serving fine Namibian cuisine. Hotel Thule is renowned for its sundowners, being perched on a hilltop, thus offering stunning views over the city of Windhoek.,

## **Day 2: Etosha Safari Camp Namibia (Tue, 13 May)**

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### **Etosha South**

Located just south of the boundary of Etosha National Park in northwestern Namibia, Etosha South makes up the southern region of this wild paradise. The area is comprised of a collection of world class private game reserves. The national park can be accessed via the southern entrance at Andersson's Gate. Visitors can catch a glimpse of a variety of wildlife including: lion, giraffe, elephant, white and black rhino, and a multitude of plains game.

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## **Day Itinerary**

Your personal guide will meet you at Hotel Thule at 09h00. The tour begins right away and the route is leading via the central part of Namibia to the Etosha National park, where you will stay for 2 nights.

The Etosha Safari Camp is 8 km before the Anderson Gate. Down to earth, relaxed, innovative and charming are Etosha Safari Camp's alluring qualities - and of course, its proximity to Etosha National Park. This friendly safari camp has cosy accommodation set between the mopane trees, an inviting circular swimming pool, a lush green campsite and ample character. Extending the theme of Etosha as being a 'Place of Legends', Etosha Safari Camp takes it one step further by bringing home the story and spirit of Africa. And the result is - legendary! Here, the typical informal bar or shebeen, well-known and beloved throughout southern Africa, is given expression in the Okambashu ('Our home') restaurant and Oshebeena bar with local colour and country bric-a-brac. It's the place to open doors to the mystery and magic of Etosha, 'Place of Legends'.

The Etosha national park is covering an area of 22'270 km<sup>2</sup>, the habitat for 114 species of animals and 340 species of birds. It has been described as one of the best game reserves on the African continent. Game drives will be undertaken with your own guide and vehicle. But the lodge also offers AM and PM game drives inside the park in open vehicles. (not included in tour price)

### **Overnight: Etosha Safari Camp Namibia**

Tap toes to an African beat in the novel Oshebeena Bar and relax at this friendly Camp, 10 kilometres from Etosha National Park. 50 chalets, shaded by mopane trees, and a grassy campsite provide a comfortable home from which to explore the abundant animal kingdom. Legendary.

## **Day 3: Etosha Safari Camp Namibia (Wed, 14 May)**

### **Day Itinerary**

Depart very early for your safari into Etosha with packed breakfasts  
Game viewing until late afternoon before we return back to Etosha safari camp

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## **Day 4: Ai Aiba Rock Lodge, Erongo Mountains (Thu, 15 May)**

### **Day Itinerary**

At 09h00 am depart after breakfast via Outjo and Omaruru to the Erongo Mountain area.

Ai-Aiba -The Rock Painting Lodge is dramatically set against imposing granite boulders in the foothills of the Erongo Mountain range. Steeped in history these ancient rock formations are the eroded remains of a volcanic complex about 130 million years old. Famous for its countless rock painting sites, Ai-Aiba is a mystical exploration of nature. Admire the magic of the breath taking landscape, gently touched by the mystic colours of the setting sun, while enjoying a guided walking trail in the late afternoon. Dinner at the Lodge.

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**Erongo Mountains** stretches across the plains between the towns of Omaruru and Karibib, and is home to a remarkably rich natural heritage. This expanse of rugged wilderness serves as one of Namibia's most popular tourist drawcards, attracting visitors with its spectacularly scenic landscapes, magnificent caves and rock painting sites, and its impressive array of wildlife species. These include, among others: rhino, elephant, cheetah, leopard, giraffe, wildebeest, impala, blesbok, waterbuck, kudu, warthog, mountain zebra, oryx, eland, springbok and over 200 species of bird.

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## **Overnight: Ai Aiba Rock Painting Lodge**

Famous for its countless rock painting sites Ai-Aiba is a mystical exploration of nature. The lodge with its high thatched roof restaurant, lounge and pool is an oasis surrounded by tall palms and scenic vistas of magnificent rocky outcrops and bush savannah. Towering boulders form the backdrop to the mountain facing chalets with views that incorporate this rugged landscape.

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**Day 5: Hansa Hotel, Swakopmund (Fri, 16 May)**

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## **Swakopmund**

Set along Namibia's spectacularly scenic coast, the seaside town of Swakopmund is known for its wide-open avenues, colonial architecture, and its surrounding otherworldly desert terrain. Founded in 1892 as the main harbour for German South-West Africa, Swakopmund is often described as being more German than Germany. Now a seaside resort town, Swakopmund is the capital of the Skeleton Coast tourism area and has plenty to keep visitors happy. The quirky mix of German and Namibian influences, adventure options, laid-back atmosphere and cool sea breeze make it a very popular Namibian destination.

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## **Day Itinerary**

In the morning visit the living Museum of the SAN at Omandumba Guestfarm, before you travel to the Spitzkoppe Mountain, the third highest mountain in Namibia. Due to the rock formation it is also known as the "Namibian Matterhorn". The granite is more than 120 million years old and the highest outcrop rises about 1,728 metres (5,669 ft) above sea level. During a walking trail one can explore the beautiful landscape, visit the "Bushmen Paradise" and take great photos of stunning rock formations.

From here you travel to Swakopmund the lovely town at the Atlantic. The town has many small shops and some good restaurants. Visit the Light house and the Old Jetty in the afternoon and enjoy the sunset at the beach front.

## **Overnight: Hansa Hotel**

Centrally situated, the hotel serves as the perfect getaway to all tourists amenities which Swakopmund and surrounding areas have to offer, from sand-boarding some of the highest dunes in the world to big game viewing in one of our country's world-known game parks. Surrounded by local tour operators, aviation and safari offices and five minutes from the beach.

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## **Day 6: Hansa Hotel, Swakopmund (Sat, 17 May)**

### **Day Itinerary**

The following morning you will be transferred **at 07h45** to Walvis Bay for a catamaran boat cruise. Experience Dolphins swimming alongside our sailing catamaran, Seals playing around, Sunfish sharing the secrets of the depths and shy Leatherback Turtles surfacing. In season Humpback and Southern Right Whales breach about. How better to round off a perfect morning with Oysters and Sparkling Wine, followed by our trademark platters with savoury snacks, coffee/tea and cakes while we leisurely sail the South-Atlantic Namibian coastline.

Return to Swakopmund and enjoy a stroll through in town and sit down at one of the coffee shops

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## **Day 7: Desert Quiver Camp, Sesriem (Sun, 18 May)**

### **Sesriem**

As there is no accommodation at Sossusvlei, visitors to this desert wilderness are likely to end up staying at Sesriem, 65 kilometres away, where camps and lodges serve as a base from which to explore the dunes. Sesriem Canyon, a deep chasm carved through the rocks by water, is a striking natural feature of the area that is best explored on foot. Stony walls rise up sharply on both sides of the canyon, while birds roost in its crags and lizards dart along the ledges.

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## **Day Itinerary**

Departure at 09h00 via Walvis Bay and the Kuiseb Pass to the Namib Naukluft Park, where you will spend 1 nights at a camp, only 4 km from Sesriem, the entrance to the Namib Naukluft park and the famous Sossusvlei. En route stop at the various view points .

Desert Quiver Camp uniquely combines modern self-catering accommodation with comfort and style. Conveniently located a mere 5km from the entrance gate to Sossusvlei, the inspiring scenery characterised by granite outcrops, spectacular views and roaming wildlife will captivate your senses.

### **Overnight: Desert Quiver Camp**

Desert Quiver Camp uniquely combines modern self-catering accommodation with comfort and style. Conveniently located a mere 5km from the entrance gate to Sossusvlei, the inspiring scenery characterised by granite outcrops, spectacular views and roaming wildlife will captivate your senses.

Meals can be enjoyed at the nearby Sossusvlei Lodge restaurant

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## **Day 8: Barkhan Dune Retreat, Naukluft Mountains (Mon, 19 May)**

### **Naukluft Mountains**

Located in Central Namibia, the Naukluft Mountains cut a fine silhouette against the vast open skies of this incredibly beautiful country. Private farms occupy the northern reaches and to the south, the range falls within the spectacular Namib-Naukluft National Park. Rising steeply from the vast plains of Central Namibia, the rugged landscape holds a fascinating history, interesting geology and a boasts a variety of deep gorges, caves, small streams and beautiful waterfalls. These mountains support an array of wildlife including over 50 mammal species such as leopard, mountain zebra; various antelope species and almost 200 species of bird. Popular activities



include: game viewing, hiking, bird watching, camping, off-roading in a four-wheel drive and swimming in the spectacular rock pools at the Kudusrus campsite.

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### **Day Itinerary**

A guided excursion to the Sossusvlei in the early morning will take you to some of the highest sand dunes in the world (300m). Observe the Dead Vlei where red dunes provide a breathtaking backdrop to centuries old dry Acacia trees standing in the desert, hopefully highlighted by a sighting of game. Your guide will also show you how much life is in the dunes and you may see spider, side winder, Chameleon and other small creatures of the desert. Return to the lode around 10h30. this is when the outside temperatures start to increase.

Visit the 18 million years Sesriem Canyon, in the later afternoon. The canyon is small but very picturesque – many plants grow in the shade and shelter offered by the canyon, and water pools attract several species of birds and animals.

Travel via Solitaire towards the Spreetshoogte Pass and a small, intimate lodge, where you spend the last night. Situated in the peaceful solitude of an idyllic valley, in the heart of the desert, Barkhan Dune Retreat is the ideal place for travelers who seek tranquility and intimacy. Nestled in a Barkhan dune, the Retreat makes it possible for its occupants to live in harmony with nature, at the same time offering them comfort, luxury, adventure and relaxation.

### **Overnight: Barkhan Dune Retreat**

The resort is home to eight beautifully decorated rooms, of which two are located in the main building while the others are self-catering units. Each room is elegant and modern in design and fully equipt with amenities such as Wi-Fi. Guests can enjoy a hearty full English breakfast served daily, as well as a 3-course dinner.

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### **Day 9:           End of Itinerary   (Tue, 20 May)**

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## Day Itinerary

After breakfast travel via the scenic Spreetshoogte Pass back to Windhoek. After a short city tour an airport transfer will followed in time for your return flight to SA. End of service!

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## Trip 6 | Mapungubwe World Heritage Site

*5 Days / 4 Nights*

**23 May 2025 - 27 May 2025**

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### Mapungubwe

It is believed that Mapungubwe was the capital of the kingdom Bukalanga in the 13th century. The site of the city is now a World Heritage Site, South African National Heritage Site, national park, and archaeological site.

### Price

Cost of the 5-day tour is R15 200 per person sharing.

Single supplement is R2000.

### Included

- Accommodation
- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner

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- Tourist guide fee
- Entrance fees
- Vehicle Activities as per itinerary

## **Excluded**

- Drinks – Tips – Laundry – Curios - Personal items
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## **Day 1: Tshugulu Lodge, Mapungubwe (Fri, 23 May)**

### **Day Itinerary**

We depart early morning as we have a long drive ahead of us. It fortunately is all on the N1, which is a double highway. We travel on the N1 route towards Polokwane and Makhado (Louis Trichard). Over the lovely Soutpansberg mountain range, through the tunnels, and onwards towards Musina. The whole route from Makhado to Mapungubwe is covered by giant Baobab trees. At Musina we turn in a westerly direction towards the Mapungubwe National Park. We stay in the park at a lovely self-catering guest house. We will for the duration of the tour have breakfast & dinner at the guest house.

### **Overnight: Tshugulu Lodge**

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## **Day 2: Tshugulu Lodge, Mapungubwe (Sat, 24 May)**

### **Day Itinerary**

It is best to do the tour of Mapungubwe Hill early in the morning, otherwise it becomes too hot. So we will depart early on the short drive to Mapungubwe National Park. On arrival at the park our first guided trip will be to Mapungubwe Hill. On doing the guided trip to the “Hill”, guest must also realise that there is a set of steps (easy going, but many – 147steps) to climb to get to the top of the hill. We do the climbing very slowly. After doing the 3 hour guided tour to the Hill, we travel back to the guest house for a lovely brunch, and time to relax.

Around 14h00 we will have a light meal before returning to the park to visit the wonderful Mapungubwe Museum and Information centre, where many of the artefacts and information of Mapungubwe Hill is on display. For persons who perhaps do not want to do the climb of the hill in the morning, the information centre will be a good

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### **Day 3: Tshugulu Lodge, Mapungubwe (Sun, 25 May)**

#### **Day Itinerary**

After a relaxing breakfast, it is time to visit the nature side of the Mapungubwe National Park on an open vehicle. We will travel via various paths in the park. Please note the drive focuses mainly on the natural beauty of the park – its fantastic landscapes, rock formations and Baobab trees, and not the animals only. The Northern boundary of the Park is the Limpopo River, and on its banks it has giant fever trees, Mashatu or Nyala berry trees and Sycamore fig trees. The look - out point overlooking the confluence of the Shashe and Limpopo rivers is an awe-inspiring vista where three countries - Zimbabwe, Botswana and South Africa - meet.

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### **Day 4: Tshugulu Lodge, Mapungubwe (Mon, 26 May)**

#### **Day Itinerary**

A more relaxed but very exciting day lies ahead. After a leisurely breakfast, we do a short drive to a private game farm adjoining the Mapungubwe. Here we will do a short nature walk to a very well preserved Rock art site. Our Guide will give us a very informative description of this very important site, which is in my own personal opinion, one of the best sites in the country. We return to the guest house for lunch, time for relaxation.

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## Day 5: Tshugulu Lodge, Mapungubwe

(Tues, 27 May)

### Day Itinerary

After an early breakfast it is time to leave this beautiful area. Enjoy lunch on route home, and arrive home during the mid - afternoon.

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## Trip 7 | Kruger Park - Far North

*6 Days / 5 Nights*

**14 June 2025 - 19 June 2025**

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### Kruger Far North

We visit the northern region of Kruger Park with riverine forest along the Luvuvhu river, Dense Mopane woodlands, Sandveld areas, lots of Baobab trees, Fever Tree Forest. The area also has some animals that is not normally seen further south like Roan, Eland and a few others.

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### Price

- Cost of the 6-day tour is R13 900 per person sharing.
- Single Supplement is R2000

### Included

- Accommodation in Standards chalets
- Entrance fees

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner
- Tourist Guide
- Vehicle

## **Excluded**

- Drinks – Laundry – Curios - Porterage - Tips
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## **Day 1: Mopani Camp, Northern Kruger (Sat, 14 June)**

### **Day Itinerary**

As it is a long day ahead of us, we depart early morning from Johannesburg to avoid most of the peak hour traffic. We will enjoy a brunch on the way to Kruger Park. We will enter at Phalaborwa Gate. Game viewing until we reach Mopani camp, where we will check in for the first 2 night's stay. Relax in the camp until it is time for dinner. Dinners for the whole trip will either be prepared by your host or enjoyed at the camp restaurant.

### **Overnight: Mopani Rest Camp**

The Mopani tree, which is in abundance in the Pioneer Dam area, lends both its beauty and its name to the Mopani Rest Camp.

Thatched buildings and rock faced walls blend flawlessly into the natural surroundings, by using specific materials to construct these buildings. You can view abundant water birds over the Pioneer Dam, without having to leave the camp.

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## **Day 2: Mopani Rest camp, Northern Kruger (Sun, 15 June)**

### **Day Itinerary**

We will do various drives from the camp, enjoying breakfasts and lunches at either picnic spots, or at some of the surrounding camp's restaurants. Enjoy coffee and rusks before departing on the game viewing for the day. The days are set out to explore the area but also to relax and enjoy our camp.

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## **Day 3: Punda Maria Camp, Northern Kruger (Mon, 16 June)**

### **Northern Kruger**

Although located close to the Indian Ocean, northern Kruger experiences high levels of aridity because of the Limpopo high-pressure system. Covered in a blanket of shrub mopane, the low-lying northern Kruger area is dissected by the Olifants and Letaba rivers and other, smaller rivers that are more like large pools of water.

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### **Day Itinerary**

Early morning wake up with coffee and rusks. Pack up and drive to Punda Maria. Breakfast at Shingwedi camp. ON arrival at Punda Maria we check in, unpack and explore the camp. Returning to camp to rest and then enjoy a late afternoon game drive. Dinner in camp

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## **Day 4: Punda Maria Camp, Kruger Park (Tue, 17 June)**

### **Day Itinerary**

Today we explore the areas around Punda Maria with time to relax. Visit the Hid at the waterhole to see the animals coming for a drink or to swim. Dinner in camp

**Overnight: Punda Maria Main Camp** Punda Maria Camp is located in the northernmost part of the Kruger National Park, which has been described as the ‘botanical garden’ of the park.

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## **Day 5: Punda Maria camp, Kruger Park (Wed, 18 June)**

### **Day Itinerary**

Early wake up call with coffee and rusks before we start our safari up to Crooke’s corner. Enjoy breakfast at Crooke’s Corner, visit the Fever Tree Forest and return to Camp in the afternoon. Relax and enjoy dinner

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## **Day 6: End of Itinerary (Thu, 19 June)**

### **Day Itinerary**

End of our time in Kruger. We pack up and depart after breakfast for our return to Johannesburg. Arrival in Johannesburg will be late afternoon

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## **Trip 8 | Namaqualand**

*9 Days / 8 Nights*

**30 August 2025 - 07 September 2025**

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### **Introduction**



Namaqualand and the West Coast transforms into a kaleidoscope of colour which is brought on by the wildflowers of the area after the winter rains. The trips are real speciality trips, designed to visit many of these wonderful sights.

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## Price

- Cost of the 9-day tour is R18 500 per person sharing.
- Single supplement is R3000

## Included

- Accommodation
- Entrance fees
- Breakfast
- Dinner
- Lunch

## Excluded

- Flights – Drinks – Laundry – Curious - Personal items – Tips
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## Day 1: Red Sands Lodge, Northern Cape (Sat, 30 August)

### Day Itinerary

We depart early morning from Johannesburg. On route to Kuruman, we travel via Ventersdorp, Coligny, Sannieshof towards Vryburg. Then we continue towards Kuruman. Overnight stay at Red Sands Country Lodge.

### **Overnight: Red Sands Country Lodge**

Located in the Northern Cape, South Africa, Red Sands Country Lodge offers accommodation amidst the tranquil Kuruman Hills. The establishment features self-catering and standard units which all come equipped with air-conditioning, TVs with satellite channels and other conveniences.

## Day 2: Augrabies Falls National Park (Sun, 31 August)

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### **Augrabies Falls National Park**

Located in South Africa's Northern Cape Province, the Augrabies Falls National Park encircles the mighty Augrabies Falls. The Orange River plunges down 60 metres in absolute splendour, through the 18-kilometre ravine of the Orange River Gorge. The landscapes are characterised by rocky outcrops, scrub-dotted plains, and clusters of 'kokerboom', also known as quiver trees. This sanctuary provides a home for an array of animals including springbok, gemsbok, klipspringer, various bird species and the endangered black rhino. Other commonly spotted species include giraffe, steenbok, kudu, eland, leopard, African wild cat, jackal, and caracal.

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### **Day Itinerary**

After breakfast, we depart towards Kakamas. On route we have rest stops at Olifantshoek and Upington. After lunch in Upington, we travel via Keimoes, exploring the Green Kalahari before arriving in Kakamas. This afternoon we will visit the spectacular Augrabies Waterfall on the outskirts of the town. Overnight at Augrabies Waterfall National Park.

### **Overnight: Augrabies Falls Rest Camp**

The Augrabies Falls Rest Camp is set in beautiful surroundings and offers warm hospitality. The rest camp is large and well organised, offering accommodations inside Augrabies Falls National Park. It provides an excellent base from which to explore the lovely northern Cape park.

## Day 3: MountainView Guest House, Springbok (Mon, 1 Sept)

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## **Springbok**

Nestled amongst rugged mountains, Springbok is Namaqualand's commercial and cultural centre. This prosperous town has various sites of interest, including historical monuments, museums. Springbok is also close to the beautiful Namaqualand wildflower reserves, the secluded Richtersveld National Park.

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### **Day Itinerary**

We depart for Springbok, with a rest stop at Pofadder, and on route we start seeing the first of the wild flowers. We visit the Goegap nature reserve in the afternoon, together with the Hester Malan Wildflower Garden. Overnight stay at Mountain View Guesthouse in Springbok

### **Overnight: Mountain View Guest House**

Mountain View, as its name aptly describes, is situated high on the hill overlooking the picturesque and bustling Northern Cape Town of Springbok. A perfect stopover for business people and tourists to this enchanting region.

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## **Day 4: Aan't Dorpseind, Namaqualand (Tues, 2 Sept)**

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### **Namaqualand**

Stretching for over 1000 kilometres along South Africa's scenic West Coast, the Namaqualand is known for its stark, arid beauty. Once a year in early Spring, the Namaqualand landscape explodes into a kaleidoscope of colour. The dusty plains are transformed into a blanket of thousands of flowering wildflowers.

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## **Day Itinerary**

After breakfast we travel slowly southwards towards Kamieskroon. This is where we visit the famous Skilpad Wildflower Reserve with its spectacular display of Namaqualand daisies. We spend quality time in this spectacular reserve before we travel south, through the well-known “Knersvlakte”. The overnight stay for the next two nights is in VanRhynsdorp

### **Overnight: Aan't Dorpseind**

Aant Dorpseind B&B is ideal as a stay over choice when travelling the N7, in the old part of Vanrhynsdorp, and within walking distance of the world-renowned quiver tree.



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## **Day 5: Aan't Dorpseind, Namaqualand (Thu, 28 August)**

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### **Day Itinerary**

Today is set out to view the flowers of the Nieuwoudville area, visiting the Nieuwoudville Waterfall and the Hantam national botanical gardens. Enjoy the variety of bulb and plant species found in the area. Enjoy lunch in town. Return late afternoon to VanRhynsdorp

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## **Day 6: Lambertsbay (Fri, 29 August)**

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## **Lambert's Bay**

Set along South Africa's rugged and beautiful west coast, the small seaside fishing village of Lambert's Bay is best known for Bird Island, delicious seafood, white-sand beaches and rolling dunes. Keep an eye out for dolphins, whales and seals frolicking in the surrounding waters.

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### **Day Itinerary**

After a leisurely breakfast we travel to Clanwilliam to visit the town and the beautiful Ramskop Wildflower Garden. After spending quality time in these magnificent gardens, it is time for lunch in town and a visit to the Strassberger leather shop. In the afternoon travel onwards to Lamberts Bay. Overnight stay for the next 1 night is in Lambertsbay

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## **Day 7: Glenfinnan Guest House, Langebaan (Sat, 30 August)**

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### **Langebaan**

Set on the banks of the magnificent Langebaan Lagoon, the popular resort town of Langebaan is conveniently located only 120 kilometres from Cape Town, in the Western Cape province. This lovely little town is renowned for its pristine white sand beaches and turquoise lagoon.

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### **Day Itinerary**

Today we continue to explore the wonders of the West Coast, travelling along the coastline towards Saldanha Bay and Langebaan. Visit Paternoster for lunch. We stay over for the last 2 nights in Langebaan.

### **Overnight: Glenfinnan Guest House**

Glenfinnan Guest House offers 4-star quality to discerning travellers.

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## Day 8: Glenfinnan GuestHouse, Langebaan (Sun, 31 August)

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### **Day Itinerary**

The West Coast area offers a large and different variety of fauna and flora. Enjoy the day exploring the area, including a visit to Darling with its various wildflower reserves in and around town, the Tienie Versveld Wildflower Reserve. We end the day by visiting the West Coast National Park

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## Day 9: End of Itinerary (Mon, 1 September)

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### **Day Itinerary**

Depart after breakfast so that you are in time for your flight departure from Cape Town to Johannesburg. On arrival in Johannesburg, you will be met by a colleague and transferred back home.

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## Trip 9 - Namaqualand cape town to cape town

*6 Days / 5 Nights*

06 September 2025 - 11 September 2025

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## Introduction

### **Namaqualand**

Stretching for over 1000 kilometres along South Africa's scenic West Coast, the Namaqualand is known for its stark, arid beauty. Once a year in early Spring, the Namaqualand landscape explodes into a kaleidoscope of colour. The dusty plains are transformed into a blanket of thousands of flowering wildflowers.

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### **Price**

- Cost of the 6-day tour is R14 500 per person sharing.
- Single supplement is R2000

### **Included**

- Accommodation
- Entrance fees
- Breakfast
- Dinner
- Lunch

### **Excluded**

- Flights – Drinks – Laundry – Curious - Personal items - Tips
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## **Day 1: Glenfinnan GuestHouse, Langebaan(Sat, 6 Sept)**

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### **Langebaan**

Set on the banks of the magnificent Langebaan Lagoon, the popular resort town of Langebaan is conveniently located only 120 kilometres from Cape Town, in the Western Cape province.

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## **Day Itinerary**

Pickup early from your home for your flight to Cape Town. On arrival at the Cape town airport you will be met by your guide and depart north for our first overnight in Langebaan, visiting the West Coast national Park in the afternoon.

### **Overnight: Glenfinnan Guest House**

Glenfinnan Guest House offers 4-star quality to discerning travellers.



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## **Day 2: Aan't Dorpseind, Namaqualand (Sun, 7 Sept)**

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### **Day Itinerary**

After breakfast we travel north with lunch on route via Vanrhynsdorp to visit Nieuwoudtville and the Hantam Botanical Gardens before we return to Vanrhynsdorp and book into Guesthouse or Hotel where we will stay for 2 nights.

### **Overnight: Aan't Dorpseind**

Aant Dorpseind B&B is ideal as a stay over choice when travelling the N7. It is in the old part of Vanrhynsdorp, and within walking distance of the world-renowned quiver tree.

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## **Day 3: Aan't Dorpseind, Namaqualand (Mon, 8 Sept)**

### **Day Itinerary**

Today we visit Skilpad Nature Reserve, enjoy lunch on route and return to Vanrhynsdorp in the afternoon. Dinner in town.

## **Day 4: The Baths, Die Swartland (Tues, 9 Sept)**

### **Day Itinerary**

After breakfast we will travel south to Clanwilliam. On the way we stop at Klawer Wine Cellar for a wine and rooibos food pairing. Visit the Ramskop Nature Reserve - lunch in town and a visit to the Strassbergers Leather Shop. Overnight in Citrusdal or Clanwilliam for 2 nights

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### **Overnight: The Baths**

The Baths, with its Natural Hot Water Springs of 43<sup>o</sup> Celsius, is situated only two hours drive from Cape Town on a citrus farm in the scenic Olifants River Valley, near the town of Citrusdal in the Western Cape of South Africa. Established in 1739 this self-catering resort, with handsome Victorian-style stone buildings, maintains an old world charm in a scenic, rural setting. hot and cold water swimming pools and hot mineral spring water baths.

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## **Day 5: The Baths, Die Swartland (Wed, 10 Sept)**

### **Day Itinerary**

Visit Lambertsbay or the Biedouw Valley and Wupperthal – weather permitting and depending on flower reports - we will visit one of the options. Return to Citrusdal late afternoon

## Day 6: End of Itinerary (Thur, 11 Sept)

### Day Itinerary

Depart for Cape Town International Airport after breakfast. On arrival back in Johannesburg you will be transferred to your home Driving Directions

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## Trip 10 | Overberg

*6 Days / 5 Nights*

**11 September 2024 - 16 September 2024**

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### Introduction

The Overberg region is a region with beautiful beaches, mountain ranges, abundant birdlife, fynbos, rolling wheat and canola fields and splendid coastal vistas with great whales watching during winter months

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### Price

- Cost of the 6-day tour is R16 500 per person sharing.
- Single supplement is R2000.

### Included

- Accommodation
- Entrance fee
- Breakfast

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- Lunch
- Dinner
- Transfers

## **Excluded**

- Drinks – Laundry – Curios - Personal items – Gratuities – Flights
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## **Day 1: Aan de Oever, Swellendam (Thu, 11 Sept)**

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### **Swellendam**

Perfectly situated at the foot of the Langeberg Mountains, the quaint heritage town of Swellendam is South Africa's third-oldest town. It is idyllically positioned in the scenic Overberg area and serves as an excellent base to explore the magnificent surrounding landscape, including the Little Karoo in the hinterland. The streets are lined with beautifully restored Cape Dutch buildings dating back to 1745.

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### **Day Itinerary**

Guest will be picked up from their homes, and transferred to the airport. Time for the pickup, transfer and flight will be confirmed closer to the date.

Your host will be waiting for you on arrival. Depart from the airport on a scenic 3 hour drive towards Swellendam. A convenience and lunch stop will be done on route. Arrive in the scenic town of Swellendam, where we will be staying for the first 2 nights of the trip. Relax, unpack, and enjoy the beautiful gardens at the Guesthouse.

Dinners will be enjoyed at some of the many restaurants in the area.

### **Overnight: Aan de Oever**

Aan de Oever, part of Aan de Leisure Collection, has exquisite accommodation in twelve elegantly furnished bedrooms & suits, each with its

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own bathroom & private entrance. We have an excellent selection of local wines from the Robertson Valley vineyards. You may prefer to sit in our garden, listening to the Koorndlands River bubbling by & the many species of birds.

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## **Day 2: Aan de Oever, Swellendam (Fri, 12 September)**

### **Day Itinerary**

It is a day for nature, the ocean, whale watching and scenic mountains. A leisurely drive takes us towards the ocean. We travel to the famous De Hoop Nature Reserve, which is a big breeding area for the Southern Right whales. We view these gentle giants from the cliffs above and spend quality time here. We then return to town, relax until dinner time.

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## **Day 3: Rouxwil Country House, Overberg (Sat, 13 Sept)**

### **Overberg**

Literally meaning 'over the mountain' in Dutch, the Overberg region extends from the Hottentots Holland Mountains, east of Cape Town, to the start of the Garden Route near the historic town of George. It serves as the perfect base to explore the spectacularly scenic landscapes which are characterised by fertile farmlands, a series of mountain ranges, tremendous plant diversity including the uniquely South African fynbos.

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### **Day Itinerary**

It is time to move on, and to do another coastal visit in the Overberg region. We travel amongst the rolling hills filled with wheat and canola fields towards Bredasdorp, Struisbaai and the southernmost point of South Africa at Agulhas, where we enjoy lunch. We also visit the region's long stretches of beach and the lighthouse. It is a beautiful area, and we spend quality time

here. On the return trip, we visit the famous Kapula Candle Factory in Bredasdorp.

From Bredasdorp we continue with another scenic drive towards Caledon and Rouxwil Country House. It is situated on a working wheat and sheep farm. You will find it nestled between vast, rolling hills of wheat fields, orchards and majestic mountains covered in Protea fynbos-providing an ever changing kaleidoscope of colours, a paradise for landscape photographers. We check in at the country house for the remaining three nights, and relax before dinner. Experience the Overberg hospitality. All dinners will be enjoyed at the farm, which is always a wonderful experience.

### **Overnight: Rouxwil Country House**

Situated in the heart of the Overberg, one and a half hour from Cape Town, this central location is perfect for exploring the magnificent Cape Winelands, from Hermanus to Franschoek, from Greyton to Caledon – with vast, rolling hills of wheat fields, orchards and majestic mountains, vineyards and fynbos in between.

## **Day 4: Rouxwil Country House, Overberg (Sun, 14 Sept)**

### **Day Itinerary**

A forty five minute drive takes us to the coastal town of Hermanus, where it is easy to view the southern right whales that are usually found in the bay below. Walk along the cliffs of Walker bay, and enjoy these unique giants of the sea. We spend quality time viewing the whales, and also explore the town. Lunch will again be taken on route at an interesting coastal venue. For those interested, we can arrange viewing of the whales from a boat. This needs to be arranged beforehand and at an additional cost. We return to the farm via the Hemel and Aarde Valley road.

## Day 5: Rouxwil Country House, Overberg (Mon, 15 Sept)

### Day Itinerary

Today we will explore the wonderful Franschhoek Valley. We travel alongside the Theewaterskloof dam, and over the Franschhoek mountain pass (a lovely Fynbos region), with its stunning views of the valley below. In Franschhoek, we will visit the wonderful Huguenot Museum and its lovely gardens as well as the wonderful Dutch Reform church. We will also do some wine tasting. Lunch will be enjoyed in town, and we return to the guest farm.

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## Day 6: End of Itinerary (Tue, 16 September)

### Day Itinerary

After a last farm breakfast, it's time to return to Cape Town for your return flight to Johannesburg. On arrival in Johannesburg, guest will again be met by a colleague and transferred home.

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## Trip 11 | Eswatini & Natal

*8 Days / 7 Nights*

**19 October 2025 - 26 October 2025**

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## Introduction

Nestled in the heart of Southern Africa, Swaziland, officially known as the Kingdom of Eswatini, and Natal, also known as KwaZulu-Natal, offer visitors a captivating blend of culture, history, and natural beauty. Swaziland, bordered by Mozambique and South Africa, boasts stunning landscapes

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### Price

- Cost of the 8-day tour is R19 800 per person sharing.
- Single supplement is R2 500.

### Included

- Accommodation
- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner
- Entrance fees
- 3 x open vehicle game drives
- All activities as per itinerary

### Excluded

- Drinks – Curious - Personal items - Tips
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## Day 1: Foresters Arms, eSwatini (Sun, 19 October)

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### eSwatini

Officially known as the 'Kingdom of eSwatini' and still referred to as Swaziland, this tiny landlocked nation boasts a rich historical and cultural heritage and is Africa's last remaining absolute monarchy. Swaziland encompasses a diverse array of ecosystems featuring towering mountains and low-lying savannah, tangled rainforests and lush river valleys. Highlights

of this laid-back land include the mesmerizingly beautiful 'Valley of Heaven', the handicraft haven of the Malkerns Valley and the Hlane Royal National Park, famed for its white rhinos, antelopes and lions.

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### **Day Itinerary**

We depart from your home towards the Swaziland border post of Oshoek. We will travel along the main N4 route via Middleburg, Belfast, and Carolina before we get to the border post. After border formalities, it is short drive before we reach the famous Ngwenya Glass factory. Here we do a tour of the factory to see how the glass is blown. Then it is another 20 minute drive towards Mbabane, from where we drive another 40 minutes into the scenic mountain areas, and check into the Foresters Arms Country Hotel for a 2 night stay. Relax and enjoy the lovely gardens and views, before enjoying the first of the special dinners at the hotel.

### **Overnight: Foresters Arms**

Set in stunning mountain countryside, Foresters Arms is a short, scenic drive from the capital, Mbabane, the perfect base for exploring all the attractions of this majestic Kingdom.. During their stay, guests can enjoy delicious breakfasts, lunches and dinners at the on-site restaurant. The picturesque gardens attract many bird species, including sunbirds, paradise flycatchers and the elusive Narina trogon.

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## **Day 2: Foresters Arms, eSwatini (Mon, 20 October)**

### **Day Itinerary**

Today is set out to visit all the wonderful sights of the Mbabane and Ezulweni Valley Region. We will do a slow easy drive down the scenic valley to visit some arts and craft centre, the Swazi Candle Shop. We will also have lunch on route, before then travelling to the Mbabane CBD for a drive through tour



of the capital city. We then return to the hotel in the afternoon for some rest and relaxing before dinner.

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### **Day 3: Hlane Royal Nat Park Ndlovu Camp, (Tue, 21 Oct)**

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#### **Hlane Royal National Park**

Situated in Eswatini's Lubombo Region, Hlane Royal National Park is the country's largest protected area covering 30 000 hectares of Swazi bushveld. The landscape is characterised by ancient hardwood vegetation, shallow pans, and lowveld grasslands. The park is home to lion, elephant, white rhino, and leopard with an array of diverse bird life, including the highest density of nesting white-backed vultures in Africa. Visitors can enjoy guided bush walks, excellent game viewing, bird watching, lion and rhino tours, guided mountain bike trails as well as fascinating cultural tours.

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#### **Day Itinerary**

After a relaxing breakfast overlooking the forest, it is time to depart from this lovely country hotel. We will follow a very scenic route to Hlane Royal National Park via Manzini.

Sunset game drive (2.5 hrs) We still stay over at Ndlovu camp for the next 2 night. After the sunset game drive dinner will be enjoyed at the restaurant

#### **Overnight: Hlane Royal National Park Ndlovu Camp**

Ndlovu Camp is the active heart of Hlane with the Reception, curio shop, restaurant, activity centre, informal camping grounds and group accommodation. All accommodation is en-suite. No electricity at Ndlovu Camp, everything runs on gas / paraffin. Highlight is the busy waterhole frequented by elephant, rhino, hippo and other wildlife.

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## **Day 4: Hlane Royal Nat Park Ndlovu Camp, (Wed, 22 Oct)**

### **Day Itinerary**

After breakfast we enjoy a Midday game drive.

After the midday game drive we will relax and watch the waterhole that is frequented by elephant, rhino, giraffe and other species providing photographic opportunities throughout the day.

Dinner at the restaurant

## **Day 5: Ghost Mountain Inn, Mkhuze (Thu, 23 Oct)**

### **Day Itinerary**

After a relaxing breakfast it is time to depart from Hlane and head towards the border to exit Eswatini. We will follow a very scenic route today through the eastern and southern parts of Eswatini, towards the Lavumisa Border post. We travel via the towns of Big Bend and Nsoko. On route, you will see a variety of agricultural farms and traditional Swazi homesteads. The trip to the border post is about 2 hours.

Once again, border crossing formalities have to be done before we are back in South Africa. We then travel through the Pongola district of KwaZulu Natal, towards Mkuze. It is here that we check into the well known Ghost Mountain Inn for another 3 night stay.

On arrival we will enjoy a lovely lunch on the terrace, and thereafter you will have time to relax and enjoy the pool and lovely gardens.

### **Overnight: Ghost Mountain Inn**

At the foot of the legendary Ghost Mountain in the charming little town of Mkuze in the Northern KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa, lies the privately owned, award-winning Ghost Mountain Inn.

## **Day 6: Ghost Mountain Inn, Mkhuze (Fri, 24 Oct)**

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### **Day Itinerary**

We depart on a short drive to the Jozini dam, where we embark on a boat trip on the dam. This boat cruise travels alongside the side of the dam, to view game on the adjoining game farms. It is a very different from other game viewing activities, and a wonderful experience. The boat is big, with all the necessary ablution facilities on board. The boat cruise is approximately 3 hours. After this exciting trip we return to Ghost Mountain Inn for lunch and have the rest of the afternoon to relax, swim, take a walk or sit next to the lake and relax until dinner time.

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## **Day 7: Ghost Mountain Inn, Mkhuze (Sat, 25 Oct)**

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### **Day Itinerary**

Today we will visit the Hluhluwe Game Reserve. It is a 50 km drive to the entrance of the park. On arrival at the Game reserve, we will do a trip into the park on an open vehicle. This reserve is a classical big 5 reserve, but is mostly known for its conservation efforts to save the black and white rhinos. We will enjoy a 4 hour open vehicle safari with lunch at the Hilltop Camp. In the mid afternoon we will return to the hotel, for the last afternoon of relaxation.

## **Day 8: End of Itinerary (Sun, 26 October)**

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### **Day Itinerary**

After breakfast we depart via the N4 back to Johannesburg. We will travel via Pongola, Piet Retief, Ermelo and arrive back in Johannesburg late afternoon

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## Trip 12 - Karoo & Tigers

8 days/7 nights

16 November 2025 - 23 November 2025

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### Introduction

Visiting Kimberley and Mokala National Park for an unique experience and then off to the Karoo to meet the Shy Five at night and visiting free roaming Tigers near Phillipolis in the Free State.

#### Price

- Cost of the 6-day tour is R24 400 per person sharing.
- Single supplement is R2000.

#### Included

- Accommodation
- Entrance fee
- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner
- Transfers

#### Excluded

- Drinks – Laundry – Curios - Personal items - tips



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## Day 1: Kalahari Lodge, Kimberley (Sat, 15 November)

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### Kimberley

Synonymous with the birth of the international diamond trade, Kimberley is a picturesque little town with an extensive history. It was the first town to install electric street lights in the southern hemisphere, and today it is the largest city and capital of South Africa's Northern Cape Province. Kimberley is renowned for the Big Hole, the largest man-made excavation in the world. Kimberley also featured prominently during the Anglo-Boer War when it was besieged by the Boers.

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### Day Itinerary

We meet you at your front door early and we depart for the Northern Cape province. It is a long drive so we do breakfast on the way and will have every two to three hours convenience stops. We arrive in Kimberley in the afternoon and check in at the Kalahari lodge

## **Overnight: Kalahari Lodge**

Located in the Northern Cape, South Africa, Kalahari Lodge offers luxury accommodation with access to the Big Hole and many other historic tourist attractions. The lodge features 30 elegant and spacious rooms which come equipped with air-conditioning, TVs with ten channels, tea/coffee making facilities, and bathroom amenities. Guests can indulge in South African dishes that are accompanied by good wine at the on-site restaurant.



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## **Day 2: Lilydale Rest Camp, Mokala Nat Park (Sun, 16 Nov)**

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### **Mokala National Park**

Located just 70 kilometres southwest of the Northern Cape province's capital of Kimberley, Mokala National Park is a SANPark project spreading over 26,000 hectares. This massive expanse of wilderness features a majestic landscape, characterised by rolling hills and endless open plains. The park is home to an impressive array of wildlife species including black and white rhinoceros, roan antelope, nyala, giraffe, bat-eared fox, and tsessebe. Mokala is renowned for its impressive 140 bird species

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### **Day Itinerary**

After breakfast we depart for the Kimberley mine museum and Big hole for a short tour. We stop in town to purchase Karoo chops etc for evening dinner in Mokala. Lunch at the museum

More detailed itineraries can be viewed on [www.hola-network.com](http://www.hola-network.com)

After lunch we depart for Sanparks Mokala reserve 70 Km's from Kimberley. We arrive and check in for our first night under the stars. The accommodation is self-catering so depending on the weather, we braai or eat in.

### **Overnight: Lilydale Rest Camp**

Set amidst stunning natural scenery and overlooking the Riet River, Lilydale Rest Camp is a self-catering accommodation nestled amidst the koppieveld hills and vast open plains of Mokala National Park. Accommodation options include bungalows and chalets, each equipped with air conditioning, a private bathroom and a kitchenette or a hot plate with a fridge. Guests can enjoy a lap in the swimming pool and relax with a barbecue at the braai area. Peaceful and serene, this rest camp is the ideal retreat from the bustle of the city.

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## **Day 3: Lilydale Rest Camp, Mokala Park (Mon, 17 Nov)**

### **Day Itinerary**

After an early breakfast, we explore this park for the day. We do picnic lunch somewhere in the park. Dinner at the camp

"Where Endangered Species Roam"...Mokala is SANParks' newest park. It is situated approximately 70km south-southwest of Kimberley, and west of the N12 freeway to Cape Town. Nestled in the hills, Mokala's landscape boasts a variety of koppieveld (hills) and large open plains. A total of 863 animals were moved from the old Vaalbos to Mokala. The Park is currently 19611ha in size and the following species occur in the park:

Black Rhino, White Rhino, Disease-free Buffalo, Tsessebe, Roan Antelope, Mountain Reedbuck, Giraffe, Gemsbok, Eland, Zebra, Red Hartebeest, Blue Wildebeest, Black Wildebeest, Kudu, Ostrich, Steenbok, Duiker and Springbok.

## **Day 4: KhoiSan Karoo Conservancy, Karoo (Tue, 18 Nov)**

### **Day Itinerary**

After tea or coffee and rusks we depart to the Khoisan Karoo Conservancy for 3 nights with a stop in Orania for breakfast on the way.

Meet the Karoo shy five - Aardwolf, Aardvark, Black-Footed Cat, Porcupine and Bat-eared Fox.

15h00: Arrival, welcome, and settle into your rooms.

17h00: Sunset drive in our open safari vehicle to see the hippos and buffalo and enjoy the first course of our three-course dinner during a sundowner break.

19h30: Return to New Holme lodge for dinner.

20h30: Shy-Five-night drive to meet some or all the Shy Five-night nocturnal species – Aardwolf, Aardvark, Black-Footed Cat, Porcupine and Bat-eared Fox.

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### **Karoo**

Extending across 400 000 square kilometres of the country, the Karoo is South Africa's largest ecosystem and its semi-arid scrublands shelter a surprisingly rich diversity of plant, bird and animal life. Composed of the Great and Little Karoo, this vast semi-desert region may seem harsh and unforgiving to some, but to others, it's a sanctuary of peace and silence with its own unique, compelling beauty. The Karoo's landscape is characterised by rugged mountains hiding ancient caves, as well as undulating plains peppered with indigenous succulents and grazing ostrich and sheep.

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### **Overnight: KhoiSan Karoo Conservancy**

KhoiSan Karoo Conservancy includes the Karoo Gariep Nature Reserve and the Hanover Aardvark Nature Reserve. New Holme Nature Lodge is the main lodge at Karoo Gariep Nature Reserve, with Stoffels Rus and Karoo Gariep



tented camp as additional accommodation options. The properties span over 8000 hectares, and the lodges can accommodate 86 guests. Karoo Adventure Holidays is the in-house tour operator that offers five experiences and tours.



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## Day 5 : KhoiSan Karoo Conservancy, Karoo (Wed, 19 Nov)

### Day Itinerary

- 06h00** Enjoy coffee, rusks, and a morning birding drive, with snacks in the veld.
- 10h00** Breakfast at the lodge.
- 16h30** Experience our birding and game drive, followed by a veld braai. (BBQ in the bush)
- 20h30** We return to the lodge after dark, using a spotlight on a night drive, and end the evening with a delicious Karoo farm pudding at the lodge.

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## Day 6: KhoiSan Karoo Conservancy, Karoo (Thu, 20 Nov)

### Day Itinerary

- 06h00** Enjoy coffee and rusks before we set off on a 10 km drive followed by a 1 km walk to the Khoi etching. Snacks are included.
- 10h00** Breakfast at the lodge.

**16h30** A game and birding drive is followed by sundowners and the first course of our evening meal on a hilltop.

**19h30** Dinner at the lodge.

**20h30** Enjoy a two-and-a-half-hour drive over 20km searching for the Shy Five.

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## **Day 7:Tiger Canyon Private Game Reserve (Fri, 21 Nov)**

### **Day Itinerary**

Depart after breakfast for a 3 – 4 hour safari drive with the tigers. where we will have the chance to observe tigers, cheetahs, and a wide variety of wildlife, all while learning about the conservation efforts with the tigers and cheetahs. Enjoy a picnic lunch in the reserve prepared by the Tiger Lodge before we head over to our Guesthouse for the night

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### **Tiger Canyon Private Game Reserve**

Set at the heart of South Africa, the Great Karoo is an ancient, majestic land full of hidden wonders. This is the home of Tiger Canyon Private Game Reserve, a picturesque wilderness where the critically endangered tiger roams wild and free, flourishing alongside indigenous African wildlife. Through ecotourism, the tiger canyon supports a thriving population of wild tigers as part of the global effort to save the species.



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## Day 8: Guesthouse, Bloemfontein (Sat, 22 Nov)

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### Day Itinerary

After our scrumptious breakfast, we start making our way back to Gauteng travelling towards Bloemfontein. Arriving in Johannesburg in the afternoon

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## Trip 13 | Cherry Festival

*4 Days / 3 Nights*

**13 November 2025 - 16 November 2025**

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### Introduction

Cherry picking on the farm Iona and enjoy a tractor ride. Amazing Cherry products for sale with markets and we also explore Claren with a visit to the spectacular red sandstone mountains of Golden Gate and the Maluti mountain regions.

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### Price

- Cost of the 4-day tour is R9 500 per person sharing.
- Single supplement is R2 500.

## Included

- Accommodation
- Entrance fees
- Breakfast
- Dinner
- Lunch
- Guide

## Excluded

- Drinks – Laundry – Curios - Personal items - Tips
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## Day 1:           Clarens Retreat, Clarens (Thu, 13 November)

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### Clarens

Set on the slopes of the Maluti Mountains, between Bethlehem and Lesotho, the arty, peaceful and scenic village of Clarens lies on the slopes of the Maluti Mountains is known as the 'Jewel of the Free State'. Its abundant trees, including those bearing fruit, add vivid hues to the natural environment – colours which change slowly as one season blends into the next. With its numerous art galleries and curios, the town is a picturesque haven for artists and craftspeople. Golden Gate Highlands National Park nature and animal lovers have plenty more to explore (and may even spot zebra, eland, and other animals).

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### Day Itinerary

We travel via Villiers, Frankfort, Reitz and Bethlehem to visit and view these quaint little towns. Lunch will be enjoyed in one of these towns. After lunch we continue with the scenic drive. We visit the Ash River Fallout before arriving in the town of Clarens. Here we then check into our Guesthouse, where we be staying over for the duration of the trip. After checking in at the

guesthouse, it is time to relax or to start exploring the town on foot. Dinners will be at different restaurants in town.

### **Overnight: Clarens Retreat**

Situated in the idyllic town of Clarens, approximately 3 ½ hours' drive from Johannesburg, Durban and Bloemfontein, Clarens Retreat offers stylish and comfortable self-catering accommodation whilst being nestled in-between the beautiful Rooiberge. The Retreat consists of six self-catering units. Being 240m to 300m away from the town square, the activity hub of Clarens, everything is within comfortable walking distance.

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## **Day 2: Clarens Retreat, Clarens (Fri, 14 November)**

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### **Day Itinerary**

The Cherry Festival is the oldest crop festival in South Africa. It is estimated that there are 500 hectares of cherry trees in the Eastern Free State concentrated mainly in the Ficksburg, Clocolan and Fouriesburg area. There are approximately 250 trees per hectare and the average yield per hectare is 10 tons.

We visit Iona Farm to do a tour of a Cherry farm. We visit the cherry orchards and enjoy a tractor trip to the orchards on the farm for some picking, a tour of the packing shed, information on the cultivation and packing of cherries, plus a punnet to fill and take home. Jams, liqueur, wine, fresh cherries etc, will be on sale. There is a small market where you can do some shopping, buy cherries, enjoy lunch. Dinners will be at different restaurants in town.

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## **Day 3: Clarens Retreat, Clarens (Sat, 15 November)**

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### **Day Itinerary**

It is time to focus on the natural beauty of the area. During the morning, we travel to Golden Gate National Park. We travel through the park to view the wildlife and birdlife, and interesting rock formations of the park. It is a real photographic delight. After spending quality time in the park we return towards Clarens. The town has a big variety of art galleries and craft shops, all within very close distance from the main square, and the guesthouse. Guest will have the afternoon to spend at leisure roaming the town and enjoy the real village life. The streets are very safe to walk around in.

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### **Day 4:           End of Itinerary   (Sun, 16 November)**

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### **Day Itinerary**

Guests will have a last opportunity to visit the many craft shops and galleries in Clarens. We then start with the journey back towards the city. We will arrive back in the city in the early to mid-afternoon.

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1	13 Feb - 16 Feb	4	Pilanesberg Tambuti Lodge	14300	3000
2	9 - 12 March	4	Vic Falls	\$1650	\$200
3	5 - 10 April	6	Kalahari - !Khamab lodge	25 900	3000
4	6 - 10 May	5	Kruger - Needles Lodge	13900	1600
5	12 - 20 May	9	Namibia	42700	3650
6	23 - 27 May	5	Mapungubwe	15 200	2000
7	14 - 19 June	6	Kruger Far North	13900	2000
8	30 Aug - 7 Sept	9	Namaqualand	18500	3000
9	6 Sept - 11 Sept	6	Namaqua ct - ct	14500	2000
10	11 - 16 Sept	6	Overberg	16500	2000
11	19 - 26 Oct	8	Eswatini/Natal	19800	2500
12	15 Nov - 22 Nov	8	Karoo & Tigers	24 400	2000
13	13 - 16 Nov	4	Cherry Festival	9500	2500

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