

# KRUGER NATIONAL PARK DAY TOURS

"Everything in Africa bites, but the safari bug is worst of all" - Brian Jackman

This world-famous reserve, almost 2 million hectares, is unrivalled in its' variety of wildlife – 147 species of mammals and more than 500 species of bird recorded as well as 336 trees, 49 fish, 34 amphibians and 114 reptiles.

Get an up close and personal experience with the wildlife of Africa! Embark on one of our Kruger National Park guided safaris and observe the animals in their natural habitat. You will be accompanied by one of our skilled guides who will take you through the reserve pointing out animal behaviour, interesting facts and cultures. Our guides are trained in many areas, so whether you are a birding fanatic, a cat fiend or just a general nature lover, be sure to let your guide know so we can tailor the best experience we can for you. All of our guides are experienced Kruger Park specialists

A visit to the Kruger is a highlight for any visitor to Africa

# FULL DAY OPEN VEHICLE SAFARI

Embark on a full-day safari tour of Kruger National Park, one of the continent's largest game reserves. Get an early start from Hazyview on your wildlife-viewing adventure in order to catch the animals at one of their most active times. Travel alongside a knowledgeable guide in an open vehicle, seeking out Africa's big five as well as crocodiles, zebra, hyenas and more. Your guide offers details on local fauna and flora, including a wealth of local birdlife, en route. Stop for lunch (own expense) before resuming our search for game. From Park opening until approx 16:00

# MORNING OPEN VEHICLE SAFARI

Set out from Hazyview on an early morning safari through world-renowned Kruger National Park. Join a skilled guide on a quest to find Africa's 'Big Five' and other wildlife in one of the continent's largest game reserves. Since animals are most active in the mornings and evenings, you'll have a better chance of spotting leopards, hyena, lions and more. Learn about the area's flora and fauna as you go, including distinct behaviour patterns of everything from hippos to elephants. Your guide can even cater the drive to highlight specific interests. From Park opening until approx. 12:00

# AFTERNOON TOURS

Departing from Hazyview between 13:30-14:00 depending on the season, we head to the Kruger Parks' Phabeni Gate, 10 minutes from Hazyview, for a short safari, ideal for those with limited time. We might be lucky to see predators getting ready to go hunting, elephants enjoying a bath at Nyamundwa Dam or just general game such as impalas, zebras, giraffes, warthogs etc., strolling along the road before settling down for the evening. Enjoy a magnificent African sunset on the journey back to your hotel.

Park times:-	Open	Close
Jan/Feb Nov/Dec Mar & Oct April, Aug & Sep	05:30 05:30 06:00	18:30 18:00 18:00
May/Jun/Jul	06:00	17:30

# **BIRDING SAFARIS**

The Kruger Park, apart from having the highest mammal biodiversity of any protected areas in Africa, boasts a bird list in excess of 500 species. Birding is highly rewarding year-round with the peak during the wet summer months (Sep-Mar). Travel with an experienced birding specialist and other bird enthusiasts on a full day safari in an open vehicle. The tour will be for birders only.

# KRUGER PARK MORNING WALKING SAFARI

Guests are transferred to the world famous Kruger National Park where a National Parks Trails Ranger is ready to introduce you to a number of skills including tracking, the use of plants and trees in medicine, as well as bird and animal identification. Walks are conducted in the wilderness areas of the Kruger, in particular, an area that is renowned for its rhino population, so a "Big 5" sighting is always a possibility. A short game drive to and from the walking area adds to the excitement of the day. Snacks & drinks included.

Approx. 5 hrs 04:30/05:00 – 09:30/10:00 Min age: 12 years Min 4 pax

# **DAY TOURS IN & AROUND THE KRUGER REGION**

"We live in a wonderful world that is full of beauty, charm and adventure. There is no end to the adventures we can have if only we seek them with our eyes open" – Jawaharial Nehru

#### **FULL DAY PANORAMA TOUR**

The mountainous escarpment of Mpumalanga provides us with stunning views of the Lowveld. This wonderful full day tour includes sights such as God's Window, with its spectacular views across the Lowveld, Bourke's Luck Potholes, with its extraordinary rock formations, the Blyde River Canyon, one of the deepest canyons in the World, the famous Three Rondavels and quaint little town of Graskop. In the afternoon we visit one of the picturesque waterfalls outside Sabie. An excellent opportunity to see some of Mpumalanga's most spectacular scenery. Lunch at renowned Harrie's Pancakes in Graskop (own account).

Approx. 7 - 8hrs 09:00 - 16h00 (scheduled) or 16:45/17h00 (private)

NB: On a private full day tour, we can now start off the day with a stop at the Panorama Gorge and a trip down the face of the gorge in a custom-designed glass elevator, built by the Graskop Gorge Lift Co., some 51m to the elevated wooden walkways & suspension bridges, which take you around 600m of the floor of the Gorge, under the tree canopy, past the Panorama Falls which plummet 70m into the Gorge and across babbling streams. From here the tour will proceed as above. Lunch is included at Harrie's Pancakes or Wagner's on Main (traditional South African food) in Graskop or the Potluck Boskombuis, next to Bourke's Luck Potholes, where everything is cooked on an open fire. Guides will discuss the options in the morning

# PANORAMA HIGHLIGHTS TOUR

For those with limited time, this tour offers guests the opportunity to experience the highlights of the Panorama Route including Graskop, God's Window, Lisbon Falls and the Blyde River Canyon. No meals included.

Approx. 4hrs 08:00 – 12:00

# **BLYDE DAM CRUISE & MOHOLOHOLO**

Departing from Hazyview at around 09h00 we travel north towards Hoedspruit to the Blyde River Canyon for an alternative look at the Dam. We board the boat at 11h00 for an interpretive tour with a qualified site guide who will show you the rare, living Kadishi Tufa waterfall, which at 200m (660 feet) is the 2<sup>nd</sup> tallest Tufa waterfall on earth. An abundance of wildlife, including hippos, crocodiles, primates and a diversity of birdlife, will keep you enthralled while learning more about the natural history of the Blyde Canyon. The Dam is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest in the World and is the largest "green canyon" due to the subtropical foliage. The cruise takes about 1.5hrs and is followed by lunch (own account) before we head to Moholoholo Rehabilitation Centre for their tour at 15h00. Their experts will take you around the centre where some of the animals and birds might be handled depending on their condition. Learn about the rehabilitation techniques and treatment of injured, poisoned and abandoned animals & birds of prey. Depart Moholoholo at around 16h30 for the journey back to Hazyview arriving at around 18h00

Approx. 8hrs 09h00 – 18h00 (Mon-Sat)

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Approx. 9hrs 08:00 – 17:00

# MOHOLOHOLO ANIMAL REHAB CENTRE & PANORAMA HIGHLIGHTS TOUR

Departing from Hazyview at around 07h30 we travel north towards Hoedspruit to the Blyde River Canyon for an alternative look at the Dam. We board the boat at 09h00 for an interpretive tour with a qualified site guide who will show you the rare, living Kadishi Tufa waterfall, which at 200m (660 feet) is the 2<sup>nd</sup> tallest Tufa waterfall on earth. An abundance of wildlife, including hippos, crocodiles, primates and a diversity of birdlife, will keep you enthralled while learning more about the natural history of the Blyde Canyon. The Dam is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest in the World and is the largest "green canyon" due to the subtropical foliage. At around 10h30 we climb back in the vehicle for the journey along the Panorama Route via the Abel Erasmus Pass enjoying the amazing vistas over the northern Drakensberg Escarpment before we drop down into the Olifants River Valley. We stop at Three Rondavels to look at one of South Africa's most famous views, then the picturesque Lisbon Falls and Gods' Window with it's magnificent views over the Lowveld. Lunch at the Chubby Pig overlooking the Treur River (own account). Arrive back in Hazyview at around 15h30

Approx. 8hrs 07h30 – 15h30 (Mon-Sat)

# CHIMPANZEE EDEN & BOTANICAL GARDENS

A fascinating day tour which combines conservation, education and botany. Depart from your hotel at around 08h00 and drive to the Jane Goodall Institute Chimpanzee Eden situated about 15kms outside Nelspruit. We arrive in time to join the tour, which includes the feeding of the chimpanzees at 10h00. This is a unique opportunity to view chimpanzees in semi-wild surroundings. Visitors will be captivated by these primates who share 98% of mans' DNA. With every visitor we take to the Sanctuary, we contribute to the rescue of another chimpanzee. After the tour we stop for lunch (own account) before travelling to the Lowveld Botanical Gardens in Nelspruit. Situated on the banks of the Crocodile and Nels Rivers, the 159ha garden is home to around 600 plant species. After a leisurely stroll through the gardens, we return to Hazyview, arriving at around 16h00

Approx. 8hrs 08h00 - 16h00

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Approx. 8.5hrs 08h00 – 16h30

# PILGRIM'S REST GHOST TOUR

The Ghost Tour provides a fascinating insight into life (and occasionally death) in Pilgrim's Rest during its heyday in the Gold Rush. Starting with a look at Alanglade House, where the Barry's, the mine manager and one of the town's wealthier families, lived a life of extreme comfort and entertained lavishly. We take a close look at their lives, their house and their furniture and hear about Mrs Barry as a society hostess and some of the important historical figures who stayed and dined here. The house is believed to be haunted, as is much of the town, and during the tour, uncanny and inexplicable occurrences are common with almost all participants feeling a presence or awareness of something or someone from the past or from 'the other side'. Leaving the house after dusk, we head up to the cemetery, where, after a glass of sherry, we take a tour of some of the graves and find out about some of their occupants and their unusual lives and deaths. This is another eerie place and manifestations are frequent for those inclined to them and even to some more cynical souls! We stop for dinner at one of the towns' restaurants before returning to Hazyview.

Approx. 6hrs 15h30 - 21h30 Weds & Sat only 4 pax min

# SWAZILAND MEANDER

A fascinating day tour to the mountainous kingdom of the Swazi's, one of the longest standing dynasties in Africa. Ruled since 1986 by their current King, Mswati III, who is also famous for having 14 wives!! The Swazi people are well known for their friendly and welcoming nature. The country consists of lush & fertile valleys and magnificent mountain scenery. After a stop at Matsamo Cultural Village, we enter Swaziland at Jeppe's Reef which is not one of the busiest border posts so crossing here should not take too long. We travel via Piggs Peak down to Ngwenya Glass where their artisans still blow glass by hand. The centre has several boutique shops selling hand woven crafts, baskets, jewellery, batiks and of course beautiful glassware. From here we head back to the magnificent Maguga Dam for lunch. The dam lies on the Komati River, it holds up to 332 million cubic litres of water, has a wall 115 metres tall and has been a huge boost to tourism and agriculture in the area. After lunch we travel to back to Piggs Peak for a walk down to Phophonyane Falls, said to have been formed by a grieving maiden's tears after her suitor was seized by witches whilst trying to find her a leopard skin. After that, we take the last opportunity to buy handcrafted curios at Peak Fine Craft Centre before departing through Jeppe's Reef. Please advise nationality at the time of booking so that we can check if you need a visa.

Approx. 12hrs 06:00 – 18:00

# SABIE RIVER MORNING BIRDING WALK

Guests are transferred to Sabi River Sun in Hazyview where they are met by bird expert & enthusiast, Keith, for a relaxed & interesting stroll around the grounds. The resort is home to around 50-60 different bird species during the winter months and 70-80 species in the summer months. The walk will take around 3-3.5hrs and is followed by tea & coffee at the hotel before returning to your hotel

Approx. 3-3.5 hrs 06:30/06:45 – 10:00/10:30 MONDAY ONLY