



# About Nature - Wildlife & Birding Tours

Private & Tailored Safaris Throughout South Africa's National Parks & Private Reserves



## Greater Kruger National Park Private Wildlife & Birding Tour

### Brief Tour Outline

Offering superb photographic opportunities at an affordable price, this safari has been designed to give you the best opportunities to photograph the iconic wildlife of Africa while enjoying the exclusivity of a private guide and open safari vehicle without the fuss of a dedicated tour group.

You'll spend 6 nights in the world famous Kruger National Park, enjoying full day safaris in a private open safari vehicle, followed by 3 nights at a private luxury lodge in the Sabi Sands Game Reserve with multiple morning and afternoon safaris.





## Detailed Itinerary

**Day 1:** (*Kruger National Park - Skukuza*) After meeting up with your guide at OR Tambo in Johannesburg, we'll make a start to our tour and travel a short 3 hours through to Nelspruit, where we'll stop for a light lunch and get the photographic gear ready for our entry into the Kruger National Park. On arrival at the Malelane gate of the Kruger National Park, we'll transfer in to the open safari vehicle and will spend the rest of the afternoon on route to Skukuza searching for wildlife. Checking in to our accommodation late in the afternoon, we'll have a chance to freshen up before heading down for dinner while we watch the sun set over the African wilderness and maybe have a chance to see the Elephants strolling through the Sabie River in front of the restaurant.

**Days 2 & 3:** (*Kruger National Park - Skukuza*) After an early morning wake up call, we'll meet for the traditional tea, coffee and rusks before heading out for a fairly full day of game viewing. Subject to the probability of rain or high temperatures, we'll aim at spending most of the day in search of wildlife, only returning to camp for a late breakfast or lunch and then maybe another short break in the hottest part of the afternoon, when the wildlife is least active, before getting in a final 1 or 2 hour drive before gate closing time. For those who are interested, an optional sunset drive with the South African National Parks can be arranged at this camp, which may give you an opportunity to see some of the nocturnal species found in Kruger.

**Day 4:** (*Kruger National Park - Satara*) This morning we'll take a short morning drive along the Sabie River and then return for breakfast, before making our way north to the central region of the Kruger National Park and a new camp, however, this is not a travel day, we'll be game viewing the entire way. We'll arrive at Satara for a late lunch before checking in to the rooms and then again a late afternoon drive to capture any wildlife that may be moving around near waterholes as the afternoon starts to cool.

**Days 5 & 6:** (*Kruger National Park - Satara*) Ready for more adventures, we'll explore the open savannah areas in this central region of Kruger, that are home to some larger herds of plains game than we would have experienced in the south. A number of the roads in this region are also home to some of the largest prides of Lions known in the National Park. For anybody who is interested, an optional sunset drive is also available from this camp.



**Day 7:** (*Sabi Sands – Nkorho Bush Lodge*) After an early morning drive and returning to Satara for breakfast, we'll load the car and while enjoying some more game viewing, head towards the Orpen Gate and ultimately the Nkorho Bush Lodge, in the neighbouring Sabi Sands Game Reserve. Arriving to a late lunch before our afternoon game drive, we'll notice that the pace of the safari here changes significantly and overall will be much more relaxed, with more free time during the hotter parts of the day to enjoy the infinity pool and the more luxurious rooms.

**Days 8 & 9:** (*Sabi Sands – Nkorho Bush Lodge*) We'll receive an early morning wake up call to meet for tea, coffee and rusks before heading out on our morning drive, however, this time it will be with the lodge guides and uniquely, the trackers, sitting on the front of the vehicle watching and interpreting every groove and ripple in the road as we search for some of the big cats that are renowned in this area. After a hopefully action packed 3 hours, we'll return to camp for a delicious breakfast that has been prepared by the Lodge Chef, before having some time to ourselves to either relax by the infinity pool, overlooking a watering hole that is frequented by a number of game species throughout the day, or to relax in our rooms or at the bar, going through some of the hundreds of photos that have probably been taken over the last few days. Shortly after lunch, we'll again head out on our afternoon/evening drive, returning for a Boma dinner.

**Day 10:** (*Departure*) After our last early morning drive and breakfast, we'll have a short time to pack our bags before heading back to Johannesburg. Stopping along the way for lunch, we'll aim to arrive at OR Tambo International Airport by around 16h00, in time for most afternoon/evening flights.

**Notes:** There is a low to medium level risk for Malaria in the Kruger National Park region, so we ask that you would please, take precautions and speak to a medical professional regarding appropriate prophylaxes before you depart your home country. Regarding photographic equipment, as a general rule for wildlife photography, anywhere from a 200mm to a 400mm lens would be ideal for most situations, and a wider angle will also be useful for scenery.

