

HOLA TOURISM NETWORK TOUR PROGRAM

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

**Account no: 9125161522
632005**

Bank/ branch: Absa

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 2024 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.

Minimum numbers: Some tours are for a minimum of 4 persons and some a minimum of 6 persons on tour. Should it happen that the trip do not get the required minimum passengers a full refund will be given or we will liaise to adjust the tour with each individual.

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. Please feel free to inquire about the conditions, activities and access-ability on any of the trips.

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:

Detailed Itineraries are available on request or can be seen on www.hola-network.com

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.

Full terms and conditions are available on request.

TRIP 1 : Tambuti Lodge - Pilanesberg

A guided safari around Pilanesberg National Park at one of the best Private Lodges.. Open vehicle game drives – early morning and late afternoon. All inclusive Safari. Pilanesberg is one of the largest volcanic complexes of its kind in the world

Day 1: Sunday 11 February 2024

More detailed itineraries can be viewed on www.hola-network.com

Pickup around 11h00 from Johannesburg/Pretoria and transfer to Tambuti Lodge. 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.

Day 2: Monday 12 February 2024

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 the Lodge around 09h00. Enjoy breakfast before you can go and relax in your room, around the pool 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.

Day 3: Tuesday 13 February 2024

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 the Lodge around 09h00. Enjoy breakfast before you can go and relax in your room, around the pool 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 around 19h00 for dinner.

Day 4: Wednesday 14 February 2024

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 the Lodge around 09h00. Check out and return to Johannesburg.

Departure date and costs for the trip:

Sunday 11 March to Wednesday 14 March 2024

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

Included: 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



Trip 2 : The Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park: (!Xaus Lodge)

Xaus Lodge is a private lodge built on top the 91st dune off the Auob River Road overlooking a heart shaped salt pan. The lodge includes stand-alone accommodation units, with communal facilities accessed on a raised walkway. The †Khomani San (Bushman) and Mier communities are the owners of !Xaus Lodge and all its furnishings.

Day 1: Sunday 3 March 2024

We depart early morning from Johannesburg. On route to Kuruman, we travel through Ventersdorp and Vryburg, lunch on route. We will stay overnight at Red Sands outside Kuruman. Dinner at the Red Sands restaurant

Day 2: Monday 4 March 2024

After breakfast, we continue the journey toward the Kgalagadi Park. The route is via Olifantshoek towards Upington where we will have lunch. We then drive in a northerly direction towards the town of Askham. It is a slow drive, and around every corner you will see more dune landscapes. We arrive at the Kgalagadi Lodge (5km from the gate) and check into the well-appointed chalets for 1 night. We relax for the remainder of the afternoon before dinner is enjoyed at the Restaurant.

Day 3: Tuesday 5 March 2024

After a healthy breakfast, we will drive up to the Kamqua picnic spot where the Game Ranger from !Xaus Lodge will meet you and take you over 92 sand dunes to the Lodge. On arrival at the Lodge enjoy a welcome drink, check into your rooms for 3 nights.

Day 4 & 5: Wednesday & Thursday - 6/7 March 2024

On one of the day we have an early wake up call for a walk into the Dunes to learn some of the Bushmen Culture and the next day we will enjoy a very early morning game drive. Returning to the Lodge for breakfast and time to relax before lunch. Late afternoon game drive with sundowners on a dune watching the African sun setting.... followed by dinner at the Lodge.

Day 6: Friday 8 March 2024

We depart early with a packed breakfast that we will have at Kamqua picnic spot. Our road back is over the 92 sand dunes for our return to the Auob river and transfer over to our microbus. We travel from Kamqua picnic spot to Twee rivieren gate enjoying our last game drive until we leave the park. Tonight we sleep in Upington

Day 7: Saturday 9 March 2024

Depart after breakfast travelling back to Johannesburg. Lunch on route. Arrive back in Johannesburg late afternoon.

**** optional fly back from Upington for own account.**

Departure date and costs for the trip:

Sunday 3 March – Saturday 9 March 2024

Cost of the 7-day tour is R 19 500 per person sharing. Single supplement is R 4 500

Included: Accommodation Entrance fees Breakfast lunch Dinner

Excluded: Drinks Laundry Curios Personal items Gratuities



!XAUS LODGE

The complex comprises a central lodge building and 12 individual chalets, each with its own deck overlooking a vast saltpan and waterhole fed with fresh water.

At the art and craft shop, you can purchase locally made Bushman crafts as well as crafts made in the wider Kalahari. Visit the large observation deck from which we gaze in wonder at the night sky, and by day the swimming pool provides cool relief from the desert heat.

In the en-suite chalets we provide purified drinking water from the desert which you will find in a flask in your bathroom. Winter sheets and gas heaters provide comfort for the cold nights, and ceiling fans bring relief in the hot months.



TRIP 3 : Swaziland & Natal

Day 1: Saturday 6 April 2024

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.

Day 2: Sunday 7 April 2024

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 the Mandelaras arts and craft centre, the Swazi Candle Shop, the Parliament and Royal gardens, and more. We will have also have lunch on the terrace of the Royal Swazi Sun, 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.

Day 3: Monday 8 April 2024

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

Day 4: Tuesday 9 April 2024

After breakfast we enjoy a Midday game drive.

Optional for the fit is Guided walks that we have to pre-arrange (2 hours)

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: Wednesday 10 April 2024

After a relaxing breakfast overlooking the forest, it is time to depart from this lovely country hotel. We will follow a very scenic route today through the eastern and southern parts of Swaziland, 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. You are familiar with the hotel, but this

time I have booked you into the Garden rooms which are more spacious.

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. Please also remember that the hotel has a fantastic SPA, so should you wish to have a treatment, it can be arranged.

Day 6 Thursday 11 April 2024

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.

Day 7: Friday 12 April 2024

Today we will visit the Hluhluwe Game Reserve. It is a 50 km drive to the entrance of the park. This part of the drive is done in my vehicle. On arrival there, 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 explore the park for as long as you wish, and we will enjoy lunch at the Hilltop Camp. In the mid afternoon we will return to the hotel, for the last afternoon of relaxation.

Day 8: Saturday 13 April 2024

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

Departure date and costs for the trip:

Saturday 6 April to Saturday 13 April 2024

Cost of the 4-day tour is R17 500 per person sharing. Single supplement is R2 500

Included: Accommodation Breakfast Dinner Entrance fees 2 open vehicle game drives All activities as per Itinerary

Excluded: Lunch Drinks Telephone calls Curios Personal items Gratuities



Trip 4 : The Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park: (Kgalagadi Lodge)

For this trip we stay outside the Park, 5 kilometers from the gate at Twee Rivieren. For the 4 nights at Kgalagadi Lodge we will do day trips in to the Park with brunch or lunch at picnic spots in the Park in air conditioned vehicle. Meals will be prepared by your host or enjoyed at the restaurant.

The 3.7 million hectare Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park is one of the world's largest conservation areas, and is sanctuary to herds of gemsbok, springbok, blue wildebeest, eland, red hartebeest, as well as the black-mane Kalahari lions, leopard and cheetah..

Day 1: Sunday 21 April 2024

We depart early morning from Johannesburg. On route to Kuruman, we travel through Ventersdorp and Vryburg, lunch on route. We will stay overnight at Red Sands outside Kuruman. Dinner at the Red Sands restaurant

Day 2: Monday 22 April 2024

After breakfast, we continue the journey toward the Kgalagadi Park. The route is via Olifantshoek towards Upington where we will have lunch. We then drive in a northerly direction towards the town of Askham. It is a slow drive, and around every corner you will see more dune landscapes. We arrive at the Kgalagadi Lodge (5km from the gate) and check into the well- appointed chalets for 4 nights. We relax for the remainder of the afternoon before dinner is enjoyed at the Restaurant.

Day 3/4/5 : Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday 23/24/25 April 2024

We will alternate our days with drives into the Kgalagadi, having breakfast either at Kgalagadi Lodge or at a picnic spot. Taking different routes depending on the sightings board at Twee Rivieren. Returning to the Kgalagadi Lodge for dinner either prepared by your host or at the restaurant.

Day 6: Friday 26 April 2024

Enjoy breakfast and depart for our last night on tour. Lunch on route. Overnight and dinner in Vryburg.

Day 7: Saturday 27 April 2024

Depart after breakfast travelling back to Johannesburg. Lunch on route. Arrive back in Johannesburg late afternoon.

**** optional fly back from Upington for own account.**

Departure date and costs for the trip:

Sunday 21 April – Saturday 27 April 2024

Cost of the 7-day tour is R 11 200 per person sharing. Single supplement is R 2 500

Included: Accommodation Entrance fees Breakfast lunch Dinner

Excluded: Drinks Laundry Curios Personal items Gratuities



Kgalagadi Lodge

The lodge is situated 5km from the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park main gate and is a family-owned lodge. It includes 32 strategically placed chalets, offering family, luxury, standard and business chalets – each with its own bathroom. The on-site restaurant, **Black Mane Butcher & Grill**, was founded by Head Chef and owner SJ Koortzen, and offers only the finest quality meat -including game meat – burgers, pies, artisanal sandwiches and gourmet pizzas – serving delectable meals suitable for all palates. A grocery shop, **Black Mane On-the-Go**, with eco-

friendly and biodegradable packaging, is also available on-site offering on-the-go meals for travellers making their way through the Kalahari.



Trip 5: Kruger Park – MARLOTH PARK / NEEDLES

For this trip we stay in Marloth Park and enter Crocodile bridge every day for our game drives. Enjoy the Lodge and watch zebras, kudu, impala, wharthogs come quite close as we sit on the deck and early evening watch the Bushbabies wake up and start exploring.

Day 1: Sunday 5 May

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. Enjoy all the animals around the Lodge and wait for the Bushbabies to wake up for the night and watch them jumping around.

Day 2: Monday 6 May

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.

Day 3: Tuesday 7 May

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

Day 4: Wednesday 8 May

Early morning wake up call with coffee/tea and rusks before departing on the game viewing for the day. Drive up to Skukuza camp for breakfast or lunch at the old Train Station before we turn around and return to Needles.

Day 5: Thursday 9 May

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.

Departure date and costs for the trip:

Sunday 4 May – Thursday 9 May 2024.

Cost of the 5 day tour is R14 500 per person sharing. Single supplement is R2 000

Included: Accommodation Entrance fees Breakfast Lunch Dinner All game drives in air conditioned vehicle

Excluded: Drinks Laundry Telephone calls Curios Personal items



TRIP 6: The Mapungubwe World Heritage Site:

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. The purpose of this specific tour is to expose more visitors to the wonderful Mapungubwe World Heritage Site. Come experience the natural beauty of this region and the heritage site.

Day 1: Wednesday 8 May

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. 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.

Day 2: Thursday 9 May

It is best to do the tour of Mapungubwe Hill early in the morning, otherwise it becomes too hot. 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.

We will 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 substitute

Day 3: Friday 10 May

After a relaxing breakfast, it's 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. This is where will enjoy a picnic lunch. This experience lasts for about 4 hours, where after guests will enjoy tea and cookies on our return at the guest house, followed by time to relax and dinner.

Day 4: Saturday 11 May

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. Our last dinner will be at the guest house.

Day 5: Sunday 12 May

After an early breakfast it is time to leave this beautiful area. We follow a different route towards Polokwane, where we join the N1 again, towards Johannesburg. Enjoy lunch on route home, and arrive home during the mid - afternoon.

Departure date and costs for the trip:

Wednesday 8 May to Sunday 12 May 2024.

Cost of the 5-day tour is R14 900 per person sharing. Single supplement is R 2 500

Included: Accommodation Breakfast lunch Dinner
Tourist guide fee Entrance fees Vehicle Activities as per
Itinerary

Excluded: Drinks Gratuities Laundry Curios Personal items



Trip 7 – Kruger Park – 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.

Day 1: Saturday 1 June

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 travel north and enter at Punda Maria Gate. Game viewing until we reach Sirheni camp, where we will check in for the first 3 night's stay. Relax in the camp until it is time for dinner. Dinners for the whole trip will be prepared by your host

Day 2 & 3: Sunday / Monday 2 & 3 June

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. On one of these days we will visit Crooks Corner. 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.

Day 4: Tuesday 4 June

Early morning wake up with coffee and rusks. We check out of the chalets for the day's travel to the next rest camp searching for the elusive big 5. We will stop at Babalala picnic spot to enjoy a lovely brunch. Visit Shingwedzi camp for coffee. On arrival at Mopanie, we will check into the chalets for the next two nights stay in the park. Dinners will be either at the camp restaurant or prepared by your host.

Day 5: Wednesday 5 June

We will explore the areas further south and visit Letaba and Olifants camps our 2 full days in the Park. Spend some time at the view point near the restaurant overlooking the lake.

Day 6: Thursday 6 June

We depart after breakfast for our return to Johannesburg. Arrival in Johannesburg will be late afternoon

Departure date and costs for the trip:

Saturday 1 June – Thursday 6 June 2024

Cost of the 6-day tour is R 11 600 per person sharing. Single supplement is R 3000

Included: Accommodation in Standard chalets Entrance fees
Breakfast Lunch Dinner Tourist Guide Vehicle

Excluded: Drinks Laundry Curios Porterage Gratuities



Trip 8 - Namibia

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

Day 1 & 2:

Welcome to Namibia. 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.

The Etosha national park is covering an area of 22'270 km², 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)

Accommodation: Etosha Safari Camp – Including Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 3:

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.

Accommodation: AiAiba Rock Lodge – Including Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

Day 4 & 5:

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.

Spend 2 nights at the private own 4star hotel, situated in the centre of Swakopmund.

The following morning you will be transferred 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.

Accommodation: Hansa Hotel - including breakfast

Day 6:

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.

The 24 uniquely designed units have spacious air-conditioned bedrooms, en-suite bathrooms, patio and private parking. The patio is equipped with a barbeque facility available at reception and fresh food supplies can be ordered daily. A sparkling swimming pool and 2 communal Boma-areas which are perfect to cater for groups travelling together. Meals can be enjoyed at the nearby Sossusvlei Lodge restaurant

Accommodation incl. dinner & breakfast – Desert Quiver Camp

Day 7:

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.

The natural materials used for the construction of Barkhan Dune Retreat blend perfectly with the surrounding landscape.

Combinations of vibrant earth tones and raw materials such as canvas, wood, stones, logs and sand in an essential wilderness mix to keep a sense of the old safaris, transcending the ephemeral nature of modern decor fashions to harmonize with the natural world.

Accommodation including breakfast – Barkhan Dune Retreat

Day 8:

After breakfast travel via the scenic Spreetshoogte Pass back to Windhoek. If time allows your guide will take you on a short city tour, before he transfers you to the international airport for your return flight to South Africa.

Departure date and costs for the trip:

Saturday 19 October – 23 October 2024

Cost of the 8-day tour is R33 900 per person sharing.

Single supplement R2950

Included: 7 night accommodation Entrance fees Meals as indicated Listed activities Park entrance fees Mineral water while driving 15% vat Microbus English speaking guide

Excluded: Flights Meals not indicated All drinks/beverages extra activities Curios Personal items Gratuities Travel Insurance



Trip 9 – Namaqualand

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.

Day 1: Saturday 10 August

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 in Kathu at Namakwari.

Day 2: Sunday 11 August

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. The overnight stay in Kakamas

Day 3: Monday 12 August

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

Day 4: Tuesday 13 August

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

Day 5: Wednesday 14 August

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

Day 6: Thursday 15 August

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. In the afternoon travel onwards to Lamberts Bay. Overnight stay for the next 1 night is in Lambertsbay

Day 7: Friday 16 August

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

Day 8: Saturday 17 August

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

Day 9: Sunday 18 August

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.

Departure date and costs for the trip:

Saturday 10 August to Sunday 18 August 2021

Cost of the 9-day tour is R15 100 per person sharing.

Single supplement is R3 000

Included in the costs above:

Accommodation Entrance fees Breakfast Dinner

Excluded in the costs above:

Flight Lunch Drinks Laundry Telephone calls Curios
Personal items Gratuities



Trip 10 – Overberg and whale watching

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

Day 1: Wednesday 21 August

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.

The town has a great village atmosphere, and it is easy to explore it and the wonderful gardens on foot. Dinners will be enjoyed at some of the many restaurants in the area.

Day 2: Thursday 22 August

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.

Day 3: Friday 23 August

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 and maritime museum. It is a beautiful area, and we spend quality time here. On the return trip, we visit the famous Kapula Candle Factory and Julien's Pottery Galleries 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.

Day 4: Saturday 24 August

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: Sunday 25 August

Today we will explore the wonderful Franschhoek Valley. We travel to Villiersdorp and visit some of the wonderful art galleries in the region. Then 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 and allow time for guests to explore all the wonderful art galleries and shops in town. Lunch will be enjoyed in town, and we return to the guest farm

Day 6: Monday 26 August

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.

Departure date and costs for the trip:

Wednesday 21 August – Monday 26 August 2024

Cost for the 6-day tour is R15 600 per person sharing. Single supplement is R 2 000

Included: Accommodation Entrance fees Breakfast Dinner transfers

Excluded: Drinks lunch Laundry Curios Personal items Gratuities Flights



Trip 11 : Namaqualand – Cape Town to Cape Town

This second flower trip is to save time travelling and flying to Cape Town from Johannesburg and back. We will visit the region of Namaqualand and the West Coast that transforms into a kaleidoscope of colour.

DAY 1: Sunday - 18 August

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.

** Glenfinnan Guesthouse

Day 2: Monday - 19 August

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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 Vredendal and book into Melkboomsdrift Lodge where we will stay for 2 nights.

Day 3: Tuesday - 20 August

Today we visit Doringbaai, Lutzville, Strandfontein. Some wine tasting along the way and lunch in Doringbaai at Fryer's cove. Enjoy a walk on the beach or just sit and watch the ocean. Returning to Melkboomsdrift Lodge in the late afternoon

Day 4: Wednesday - 21 August

After breakfast we will travel south to Clanwilliam. On the way we stop at Klaver 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 at The Baths for 2 nights

Day 5: Thursday – 22 August

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

Day 6: Friday – 23 August

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

Departure date and costs for the trip:

Sunday 18 August to Friday 23 August 2024.

Cost for the 6-day tour is R11 600 per person sharing. Single supplement is R2 500.

Included: Accommodation Breakfast Dinner Tourist guide
Entrance fees

Excluded: Lunch Drinks Gratuities Flights Laundry
Curios Personal items



Trip 12: Western Cape & the Klein Karoo

Day 1: Tuesday 27 August

Guest will be picked up from their homes, and transferred to the airport.. Depart on domestic departing from Johannesburg to Cape Town.

On arrival at the Cape Town Airport your Guide will meet you in the arrivals hall and you then depart from the airport to enjoy your first flowers. We travel along the coastline. If the weather is good on the day, we can drive to Langebaan via the West Coast National Park. It is one of the best places on the coastline to view the wildflowers. It is not a detour, just an alternative road to take. If we don't visit it today we will visit the park over the next two days. We then arrive at the Glenfinnan Guesthouse in Langebaan. This is where we will be staying over for the first 3 nights of the trip, and you will have time to relax and unwind after the long flight and

drive. Dinners will be at some of the well-known restaurants in town.

Day 2 and 3: Wednesday/Thursday 28 & 29 August

On these two days, we are going to drive you around to various places along the West Coast to experience many of the quaint little fishing villages and the wildflowers of the regions. We would have just finished a flower tour of the area, so we should have a pretty good idea where to take you. Some of the places we will be visiting (and more), are Saldanha, Vredenburg, Paternoster, Velddrift, Clanwilliam, Darling, Hopefield and Yzerfontein. So without describing too much, it would be a lovely 2 days in this lovely part of the country.

Day 4: Friday 30 August

Today we will travel inland for a while, on very scenic routes and mountain passes. This route will be via Malmesbury, Wellington, Paarl, Worcester and Montagu, where we will enjoy lunch. All along the route there will be wildflowers, fruit trees in flower, wheat, barley and canola fields, and various other farmland areas, before arriving in Barrydale where we will stay over in a Guesthouse.

Day 5: Saturday 31 August

The plan is to do a short drive to the charming old town of Swellendam (3rd oldest town in SA), and to visit its attractions via the fantastic Tradouw Pass. The town has charming old styled architecture, a wonderful museum, various lovely art galleries, and beautiful pavement gardens to see.

Lunch would be under the old oak trees that line the streets, before we do a casual drive back to Barrydale. We will enjoy a lovely wine and/or brandy tasting before we go back to our Guesthouse. A lovely walk can be done on the return, or you can just relax until dinner time

Day 6: Sunday 1 September

It's time to move on again, but the scenery and the new destination will be worth it. Another very scenic drive takes us right to the Indian Ocean at Mossel Bay, where we visit some of the major attractions, viewpoints and museums. It's also a town to enjoy a "Fish and Chips" lunch, overlooking the sea. Oudshoorn is in the Klein Karoo region, which is also one of the most fertile valleys of South Africa. We will spend the next 3 days in this valley.

We will arrive at De Denne Country Guest house, which is again ideally situated for the things we are going to do for the next 2 days.. At the farm your rooms will have lovely views of the mountains and river, and various walking and birding trails are again available to do. It is also a working farm, and there is a lot to observe.

Relax, unpack, and enjoy the surroundings until it is dinnertime. We are going to have dinner at the farm on two evenings, and on one evening we will take a short drive into town to have dinner in the town of Oudtshoorn. Something to consider for either of the next 2 mornings is to do the Meerkat Magic tour. Early morning rise to go out with Devey to observe the Meerkat families on the farm. It's something to consider, not compulsory, and not included in the price of the trip.

Day 7: Monday 2 September

A full day of real adventure and fantastic scenery lays ahead- a route that we do regularly. Not too many people do it as the trip is to an area lesser known and travelled- partly due to the road conditions, or that they don't want to travel it with their expensive cars, or they may be scared of travelling over the Mountain. But do not fear, it is fantastic- and very safe, and really worth it.

Travelling via the Prince Albert valley to Prince Albert, where we will enjoy an early lunch, and explore the attractions of the town. We will travel along the most scenic and finest mountain passes in the Karoo, (built in 1896). It is the historic Swartberg Pass, a National Heritage site. This 27 km un-tarred road winds up to a summit at 1583 metres above sea level, with breathtaking views

on every turn, and wildflowers in bloom as well. We will stop at a few viewpoints along the route for photo opportunities. After reaching the summit, the pass descends into the valley close to the Cango Caves, which we will also visit before returning to De Denne.

Day 8: Tuesday 3 September

We will have a more relaxing day today. We will do a lovely farm tour, and then do a short drive into town to visit the very informative museum and art gallery, as well as have lunch in town. The afternoon is there to relax at the farm, go on a walk, use the swimming pool, etc. Pure pleasure in a wonderful environment.

Day 9: Wednesday 4 September

We first travel via the town of De Rust to the Meiringspoort Pass with its unbelievable rock formations and a wonderful waterfall. This pass also crosses a river 21 times as it meanders through the mountain. We will spend good time here taking photos before we continue on route to the Karoo National Park where we will overnight. Enjoy a late afternoon game drive looking for the lions that was released a few years ago into the Park.

Day 10: Thursday 5 September

After breakfast we depart via the N1 motorway towards Johannesburg. Overnight in Bloemfontein at a Guesthouse.

Day 11: Friday 6 September

Our last day will be all along the N1 route to Johannesburg, which is a good double carriageway. We travel via Venterburg and Kroonstad towards Johannesburg. Guests will be dropped off at their home in the mid afternoon.

Departure date and costs for the trip:

Tuesday 27 August to Friday 6 September 2024.

Cost of the 11-day tour is R 19 200 per person sharing. Single supplement is R 3 500

Included: Accommodation Breakfast Dinner Entrance fees

Excluded: Flight Lunch Drinks Personal items Laundry Telephone calls Porterage Tips



Trip 13: !Khamab Kalahari Reserve:

iKhamab is the San word for Cape Fox, a shy predator. This is an authentic and exclusive safari experience in the Kalahari untouched, harsh, the real thing.

This tour is an exclusive trip to a 96 000ha private reserve with the lodge the only accommodation sleeping 8 people maximum with the Big 5 on your doorstep. You will never experience an open vehicle safari better than the one at !Khamab.

Day 1: Saturday 19 October

We depart early from JHB at 07H00 and head for the North West province. This is a long drive but well worth the travelling and 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 kilometers from any tar road. At leisure for the rest of the afternoon and dinner at the guesthouse. Full board trip with soft drinks included.

Day 2: Sunday – 20 October

After breakfast we depart further into the NW province heading 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.

Day 3,4 & 5: Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday - 21/22/23 October

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.

Day 6: Thursday 24 October

After breakfast either depart back home by road via Vryburg or depart for the landing strip for your flight back to Johannesburg. You will be met at the airport for your transport to your home or hotel.

Departure date and costs for the trip:

Saturday 19 October – 24 October 2024

Cost of the 6-day tour is to R23 600 per person sharing.

Single supplement R3000

Included: Accommodation Entrance fees Breakfast lunch
Dinner Soft Drinks

Excluded: All other drinks Curios Personal items Gratuities

!KHAMAB LODGE

The lodge is perfectly situated near the Botswana overlooking a water hole.

!Khamba Lodge offers Kalahari 5 star accommodation as a game lodge situated in for eco-tourists and visitors.

Tucked away on the south-eastern edge of the Kalahari is !Khamab Kalahari Reserve, the largest, private, Big-5 reserve in



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South Africa.

This 96 000ha reserve has the vision to become a premier conservation area renowned for its positive contribution to the conservation of landscapes, habitats and ecological processes and the full spectrum of herbivores and carnivores typical of the eastern Kalahari Bushveld.

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. Also, many of the smaller, and often shy carnivore species are present. 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.

Lower in the food chain you will find the typical ungulate species of the Kalahari. Adapted to survive in this semi-desert with only short periods of available surface water are gemsbok, eland, giraffe, red hartebeest, steenbok, and springbok.

With permanent water now provided in nine waterholes, species that were known to be present in large numbers as they migrated through the area during wet periods in the past are now flourishing. Blue wildebeest and zebra are flourishing at !Khamab

and form an important food source for the large predators on the reserve. !Khamab's proximity to the Molopo River puts the current location of the reserve in the historic migration routes of many species that moved west, following the river course – before humans occupied the area and fences prevented migration in large numbers. Elephant, buffalo, kudu and small populations of both rhino species now occur permanently on the reserve.

The Kalahari is also well known for its raptors, and !Khamab provides a place where many can soar in the skies. The reserve provides a safe place where two vulture species – the white-backed and lappet-faced vultures – can build their nests in tall camelthorn or shepherd's trees. Other common raptors include bateleur, secretary bird and several eagle, owl, falcon, goshawk and kite species. The reserve is also home to other birds that are synonymous with the Kalahari. This includes the largest bird in the world, the ostrich, and the heaviest flying bird, the kori bustard.

We accommodate only eight sharing guests maximum at the lodge and you have exclusive use, a visit to !Khamab is a truly intimate and private wilderness experience. You have the privilege of having the entire reserve to yourself, adding to the feeling of remoteness that the Kalahari brings



TRIP 14 : Addo & Bedford Gardens

This trip is designed for persons to visit the very popular Bedford Garden Festival, which is only held for one weekend per year. The festival's aim is for visitors to experience world renowned country gardens, as well as pretty town and township gardens, to enjoy scrumptious food and wines, and visit the craft stalls. The festival is during spring time, so the scenery all along the route will be very colourful.

Day 1: Wednesday 23 October

Guest will be picked up from their homes, and transferred to OR Tambo airport. Time for the pickup, transfer and flight will be confirmed closer to the date. Depart on domestic departing around 11h00, from Johannesburg to Port Elizabeth. On arrival your host will be waiting for you. We depart from the airport on a 2 hour drive to the Addo Elephant Park. A convenience and lunch stop will be made on route.

We will check into the well-appointed chalets at Addo National Park for the first 2 nights of the tour. Around 16h00 we will do a first afternoon game drive in this wonderful park. Dinners and breakfasts at Addo will be prepared by your host.

Day 2: Thursday 24 October

Today we will do game drives into the park to view the variety of animals, and especially the elephants. We will set aside some time as well for a bit of relaxation, where guest can view the water hole from their chalets. Enjoy the beauty of this park.

Day 3: Friday 25 October

After a last drive through the park it will be time to move on again. We travel from Addo towards the town of Cradock. This is where we will check into our Guesthouse which will be our base for the 3 nights. We are staying here as quality accommodation in Bedford itself is very limited.

After enjoying lunch in town, we also visit the town's museum (if open) Dinner at Tuishuise Hotel.

Day 4 and 5: Saturday/Sunday 26/27 October

Over the next two days we will travel towards Bedford- 50 km away. The Bedford Garden festival has more than 40 gardens that are open to the public. Some of these gardens are on farms in the outlying areas of Bedford. So we will follow various routes to get too many of the prize winning gardens. We also visit the town Country Fair, where you can meander through craft stalls and sock up on local pantry fillers. We will learn more about heritage roses at the SA Rosarium and see an amazing butterfly collection. Returning to Tuishuise for dinner and overnight

Day 6: Monday 28 October

The journey home starts today, and we follow the N10 route via Middelburg, Noupoot, Colesberg and Springfontein. Being typical Karoo areas the landscape continuously changes from high mountain ranges and passes to open plains areas. After enjoying lunch in Colesberg we also visit the Gariiep Dam before the last part of the drive towards Bloemfontein. Arrive in the mid afternoon for the last evening at the Diaz Guesthouse. Relax in the gardens before dinner.

Day 7: Tuesday 29 October

Our last day will be all along the N1 route to Johannesburg, which is a good double carriageway. We travel via Venterburg and Kroonstad towards Johannesburg. Guests will be dropped off at their home in the mid afternoon.

Departure date and costs for the trip:

Wednesday 23 October to Tuesday 29 October 2024

Cost of the 7-day tour is R15 600 per person sharing.

Single supplement is R 3 000

Included in the costs above:

Accommodation Entrance fees Breakfast lunch Dinner All
activites as per Itinerary transfer

Excluded in the costs above:

Flight Drinks Laundry Telephone calls
Curios



Trip 15 – Cherry Festival

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.

Day 1: Thursday 14 November

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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.

Day 2: Friday 15 November

Today is the best day to attend the Cherry festival, as it becomes very busy over the weekend itself. We take the very scenic Highlands route towards Ficksburg. The town nestles between the foot of the Imperani Mountain and the banks of the Caledon River, the border with Lesotho. The district is renowned for the breathtaking sandstone formations of the mountains here. Many of the older buildings in and around the town were built of sandstone. 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.

On arrival in Ficksburg, we first drive through the town to visit the main features and buildings in town, and enjoy a lovely cup of coffee. Thereafter guests have the opportunity to explore the festival area and town, and attend events as per the festival program. Enough time is allowed to explore the whole festival area. At around 15h00, it is time to do a tour of a Cherry farm. We visit the cherry orchards at Ionia farm. This tour includes 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. The farm is on route back to Clarens, so the drive back home will be shorter than this morning.

Day 3: Saturday 16 November

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.

Day 4: Sunday 17 November

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.

Departure date and costs for the trip:

Thursday 14 November – Sunday 17 November 2023

Cost of the 4-day tour is R10 400 per person sharing.

Single supplement is R 2 500

Included in the costs above:

Accommodation Entrance fees Breakfast Dinner Lunch
Guide

Excluded in the costs above:

Drinks – Laundry - Telephone calls – Curios - Personal items –
Gratuities



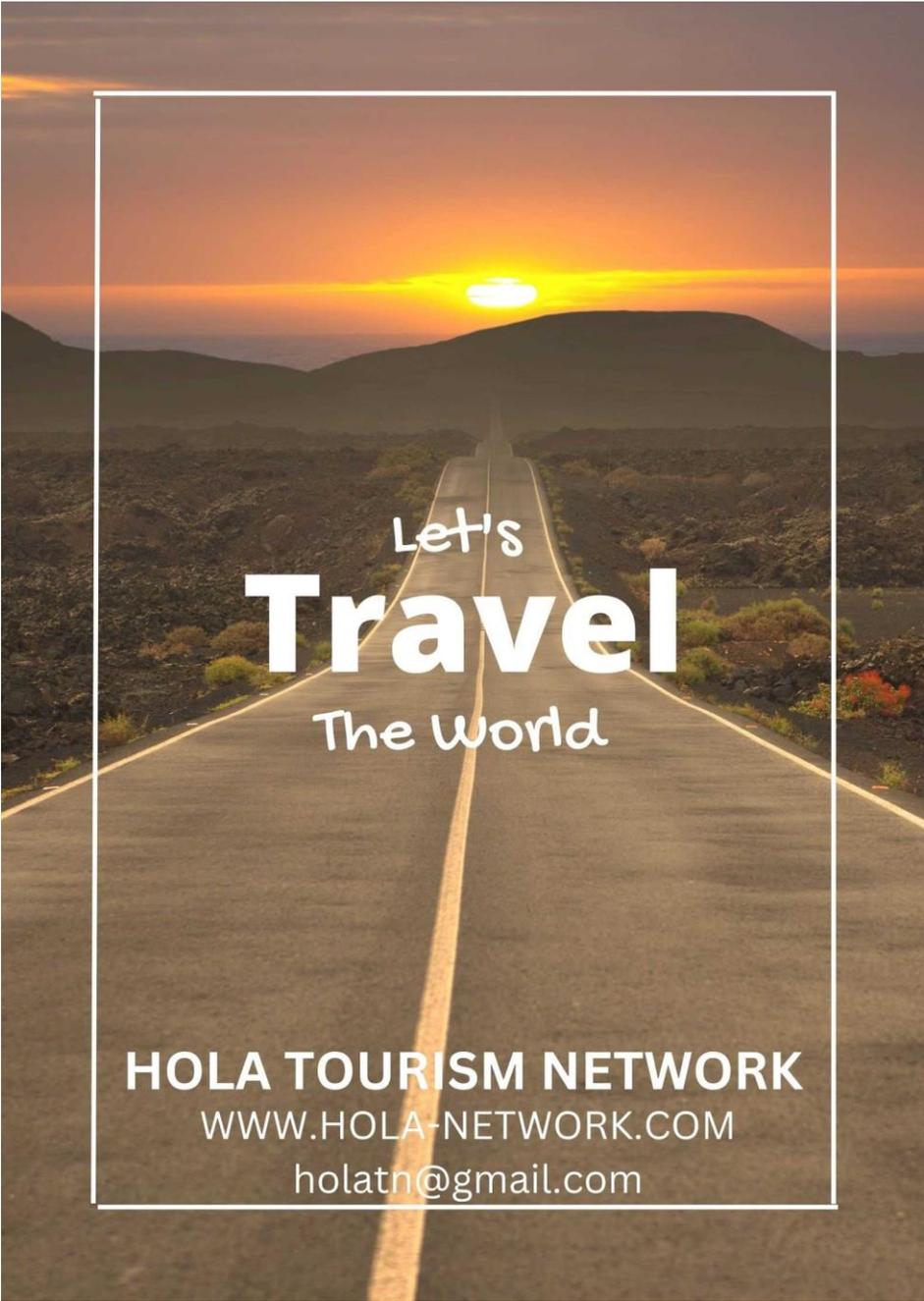
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1	11 - 14 Feb	4	Pilanesberg Tambuti Lodge	14 300	3000
2	3 - 9 March	7	Kgalagadi - Xaus Lodge	19 500	4500
3	6 - 13 April	8	Swaziland/Natal	17 500	2500
4	21 - 27 April	7	Kgalagadi - Kgalagadi Lodge	11 200	2500
5	5 - 9 May	5	Kruger - Needles Lodge	14 500	2000
6	8 - 12 May	5	Mapungubwe	14 900	2500
7	1 - 6 June	6	Kruger Far North	11 600	3000
8	2 - 9 June	8	Namibia	33 900	2950
9	10 - 18 Aug	9	Namaqualand	15 100	3000
10	21 - 26 Aug	6	Overberg	15 600	2000
11	18 - 23 Aug	6	Namaqualand = ct to ct	11 600	2500
12	27 Aug - 6 Sep	11	Western Cape & Klein Karoo	19 200	3500
13	19 - 24 Oct	6	Kalahari - !Khamab lodge	23 600	3000
14	23 - 29 Oct	7	Addo & Bedford Gardens	15 600	3000
15	14 - 17 Nov	4	Cherry Festival	10 400	2500



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