



African Spring Season Safari

Big game areas - South Africa

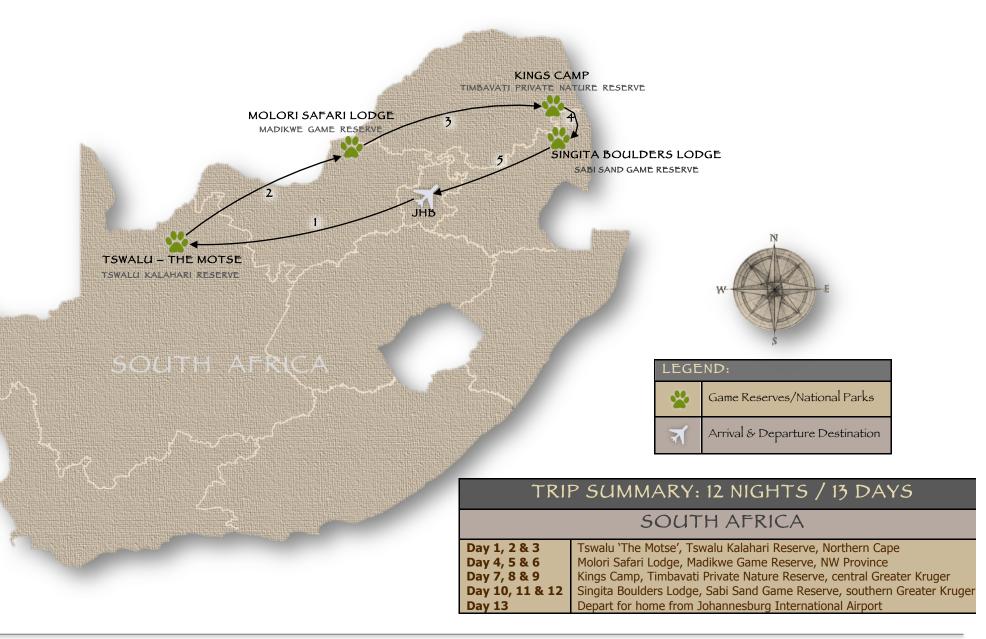


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Trip Summary & Routing







Safari starts in Johannesburg, South Africa

Light aircraft transfer from Johannesburg to Tswalu Kalahari Reserve.

Tswalu Kalahari Reserve – Tswalu 'The Motse' – 3 Nights

Included: All meals, local beverages, laundry service, daily activities, private guide* & private vehicle* (*with private tour option).

Tswalu Kalahari Reserve

This is South Africa's largest private game reserve, covering an area of over 220 000 acres. 'To restore the Kalahari to itself' is the motto of current owner Nicky Oppenheimer. This reserve offers an 'alternative' wilderness experience for visitors who have already been on a number of safaris, because it is a classic example of what is being done to transform old farms to their former wilderness glory and the focus is on research, giving the visitor the opportunity to spend time with experts trying to unlock the secrets of Kalahari species as diverse as sociable weavers and suricates (meerkats). The reserve is also a very important location for the breeding (in natural conditions) of endangered species such as black rhino and various antelope such as Sable, Roan and Tsessebe and as such, the lodge occurs in a 150 000 acre 'safe area' free of lions that would impact negatively on the stocks of these species, but where the African wild dogs and cheetah do occur. Lions and white rhino can be found in a separate 70 000 acre area where the habitat is more conducive to their existence.

Game drives, nature walks, visits to the suricates (meerkats) and night drives are offered. The suricates are a delight if you visit very early in the morning and this is one of the only places in Africa where you can get up close and personal on foot with these small creatures. Watch them basking in the morning and then perhaps follow them as they set off to forage. The night drives are also a real highlight as the Kalahari is one of the best places to see some of the more elusive nocturnal species that are difficult to spot in other safari destinations. You may be lucky enough to see porcupine, caracal (similar to lynx), brown hyena, aardwolf (a termite-eating hyena), aardvark and African wild cat.

'The Motse' Lodge

Meaning '*village*' in Setswana, this beautiful 20-bed lodge is located at the base of the Korannaberg Mountains with views across the expansive Kalahari grasslands. Each stone, clay and thatch suite boasts an open fireplace, indoor & outdoor shower, dressing room and private sundeck overlooking the waterhole that attracts a variety of Kalahari animal species. The main guest areas comprise a variety of decks, infinity pool, spa, gym, a walk-in cellar, gift shop, library with satellite TV, broadband Wi-Fi throughout and a museum displaying local artefacts.

Tswalu 'The Motse' Website: <u>http://www.tswalu.com</u>







Light aircraft transfer to Johannesburg, followed by a connecting light aircraft flight to Madikwe Game Reserve.

Madikwe Game Reserve – Molori Safari Lodge – 3 Nights

Included: All meals, local beverages, laundry service, daily activities, private guide* & private vehicle* (*with private tour option).

Madikwe Game Reserve

The malaria free 150 000 acre (75 000 ha) Madikwe Game Reserve is situated in the North West Province of South Africa. It is bordered by Botswana in the north, the spectacular Dwarsberg Mountains to the south and the Marico River to the east. Madikwe is run as a three-way partnership between the State, local communities and the private sector, providing a major social and economic benefit to the region. There are a number of lodges within the reserve that all share the area for game viewing.

The diverse habitat in the reserve ranges from acacia thickets to more open savannah and riverine bush ensuring a unique combination of mammal and bird species. Madikwe offers the Big Five and is considered one of the best places on the continent to see African wild dog - the second most endangered carnivore in Africa. Sightings of lion, elephant, buffalo and rhino (both black and white) are also frequent and off-road driving is permitted to get close-up views of these magnificent animals. Night drives with spotlights in search of nocturnal species are also permitted.



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Molori Safari Lodge

This magnificent 5-roomed lodge was the private retreat of the owners before being turned into an exclusive commercial operation for discerning guests. Since opening to the public, the lodge has won numerous awards and has set new standards for wilderness retreats in Africa. The stylish, well-appointed and expansive accommodations are complemented by superb cuisine and facilities that include a gym, spa, wine cellar and an on-site 'planetarium' with retractable roof. Molori Safari Lodge Website: http://www.molorisafari.com



Light aircraft transfer to Johannesburg followed by another light aircraft flight to Timbavati Private Nature Reserve.

Timbavati Private Nature Reserve, central Greater Kruger – Kings Camp – 3 Nights

Included: All meals, local beverages, laundry service, daily activities, private guide* & private vehicle* (*with private tour option).

The Greater Kruger

The Kruger National Park is the second oldest National Park in the world and arguably the best-known of Africa's great wildlife sanctuaries. At 6 million acres, the Park is one of the largest in the world and has the greatest diversity of fauna and flora of any African park. A unique feature of the park is the inclusion (no physical barrier) along the western border of 650 000 acres of private conservation land into a mega-park called 'Greater Kruger'. Many of



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Africa's finest lodges are to be found in this private section which is divided into separately managed reserves, one of which is the famous Timbavati Private Nature Reserve comprising 150 000 acres of prime wildlife land where your camp is situated.

Kings Camp

This camp reflects the charm and romance of a colonial past in a pristine corner of unspoilt Africa. The 11 spacious thatched suites look onto an open savanna plain with a waterhole, which is frequented by a wide variety of wildlife, day and night. Each spacious suite is equipped with air-conditioning, a Victorian ball-and-claw bath, indoor and outdoor double showers and a private verandah. The public areas comprise a number of very comfortable living areas, a swimming pool, a well-stocked library with Wi-Fi and television, a gym and a spa.

Activities offered at the lodge include morning and afternoon game drives accompanied by a guide and tracker, whilst bush walks with an armed guide are also offered after breakfast and are the ideal way to experience the smaller things that are so easily missed while on a vehicle. The exclusivity of this region affords visitors the opportunity to approach and follow big game off-road, to participate in bush walks and to search for nocturnal species after dark with spotlights. Kings Camp Website: http://www.kingscamp.com



Light aircraft transfer to the Sabi Sand Game Reserve

Sabi Sand Private Game Reserve, southern Greater Kruger – Singita Boulders Lodge – 3 Nights



Included: All meals, local beverages, laundry service, daily activities, private guide* & private vehicle* (*with private tour option). Sabí Sand Reserve

The Sabi Sand Game Reserve is situated in the southwestern corner of the world-renowned Kruger National Park and comprises 65 000 hectares (160 620 acres) of rolling savannah and riverine woodland along the many ephemeral streams and perennial Sand River. It is the most prestigious game reserve in South Africa with one of the richest game populations in the country. The area is renowned for its big game viewing (especially leopard), and the totally open vehicles, ability to follow big game off-road, night drives with spotlight to search for nocturnal species and the contributory skills of some of the best wildlife trackers on the continent will make for a thrilling safari.

Singita Boulders Lodge

Located in the western section of the Sabi Sand Reserve and adjacent to the sister Ebony Lodge, the 12 magnificent and spacious suites at Boulders Lodge all overlook the perennial Sand River. Each features an en-suite bathroom and shower, outside shower, private heated swimming pool, double-sided fireplace, private lounge and game-viewing deck. A business centre, gym and spa are located at the main building where expansive dining and viewing decks and the main swimming pool are also to be found. The name Boulders was inspired by an enormous boulder located at the spot where the wine cellar was to be built but rather than removing it, a simple decision was made to build the cellar around the boulder!

Singita Boulders Lodge Website: http://singita.com/lodge/singita-boulders-lodge/



Light aircraft transfer to O.R. Tambo International Airport, Johannesburg

The Safari ends in Johannesburg



Itinerary

End of services





Tour is inclusive of the following:

- Private safari guide services for the entire itinerary (on private tours)
- Private vehicle at all safari destinations (on private tours)
- Shared vehicles at all destinations (on standard tours)
- All accommodation costs
- All meals, beverages, game-viewing activities and excursions as detailed in the itinerary
- Laundry costs where this service is included
- Internal / regional economy / coach flights* and shared charter flights
- Airport departure taxes for commercial flights
- All road transfers to / from hotels, lodges and airports
- Park and conservation fees
- Local taxes and levies

* Please advise if you would prefer business class seats on regional flights – the costing will then be adjusted accordingly.

Tour is exclusive of the following:

- Flights to and from Africa
- Private trip and medical insurance cover
- Visa costs
- Personal purchases
- Telephone, internet, business centre and room service charges
- Meals as noted such as lunch and dinner at city hotels
- Premium beverages (unless otherwise noted)
- Excursions not detailed on the itinerary
- Laundry costs where this service is not included
- Airport departure taxes not included in air ticket cost
- Gratuities
- Any other costs of a personal nature
- Credit Card Fees
- New taxes, levies, fuel or industry increases that are beyond the control of Beat About The Bush Safaris.

Tour is offered in the following options but can be customised for differing party sizes*

Standard Tour	Private Tour – 2 People	Private Tour – 4 People	Private Tour – 6 People
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* Please enquire for confirmed prices due to currency fluctuations.