

Information and Itinerary



Big 5 Kruger NP 8 Nights (9 Days) Guided Mid Range Tour

Experience the thrill of traveling through rarely seen areas in Southern Africa.

Where nearly 2 million hectares of unrivalled diversity of life forms fuse with historical and archaeological sights – this is real Africa. The world-renowned Kruger National Park offers a wildlife experience that ranks among the best in Africa. This national park is unrivalled in the diversity of its life forms. Kruger is home to an impressive number of species: 336 trees, 49 fish, 34 amphibians, 114 reptiles, 507 birds and 147 mammals.

We hope that this is the tour you dreamed of. Please do not hesitate to advise us if you have any questions related to this tour.

We eagerly await your response.

Best regards

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Day by Day



Start of Tour: Pretoria

See details on the following pages

Days	Main Destination	Accommodation	Meal Plan
1	Awelani Lodge	Chalet	At own expense
2-3	Northern Kruger National Park	Punda Maria Chalet	At own expense
4	Northern Kruger National Park	Mopani Chalet	At own expense
5-6	Central Kruger National Park	Olifants Chalet	At own expense
7-8	Southern Kruger National Park	Berg en Dal Chalet	At own expense
9	End of tour	No accommodation	At own expense



End of Tour: Pretoria

Best Time To Visit: May to September (Dry season)

High Season: December to January and July to August

Best Weather: April to May and September to October (Mild and little rain)

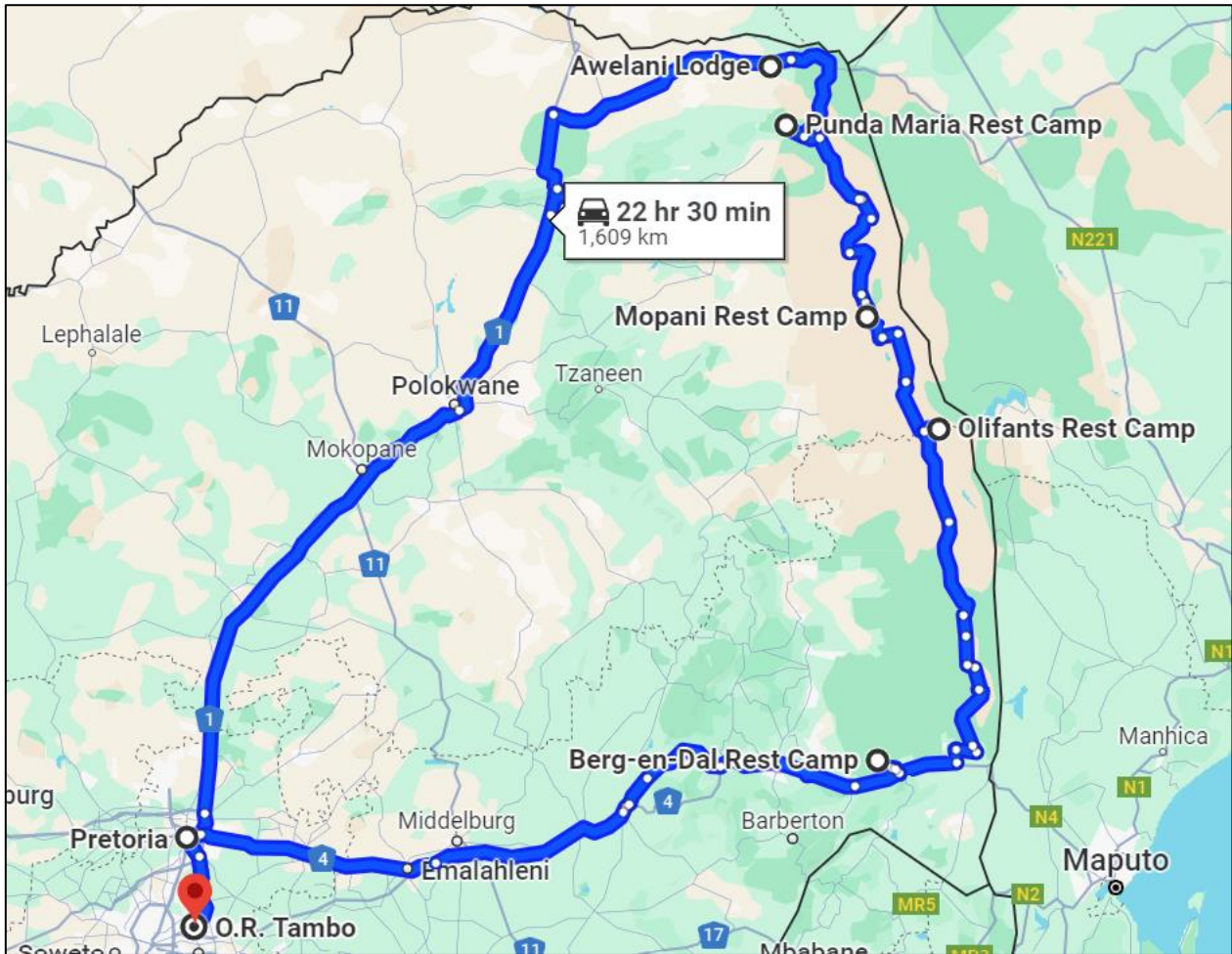
Highlights

- ❖ Kruger National Park
 - ❖ Big 5
 - ❖ Remote wilderness areas
 - ❖ Fauna and Flora
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Example rental vehicle D/Cab Auto – two people



Map



Kruger National Park

Where nearly 2 million hectares of unrivalled wildlife mix with historical and archaeological sites - this is real Africa. The world-famous Kruger National Park offers a wildlife experience that ranks with the best in Africa.

Established in 1898 to protect the wildlife of the South African Lowveld, the park is unrivalled in the diversity of its wildlife and is a world leader in advanced environmental management techniques and policies. Kruger is home to an impressive number of species: 336 trees, 49 fish, 34 amphibians, 114 reptiles, 507 birds and 147 mammals.

Day 1

Start of your tour

We love this moment: your South Africa tour begins here. We'll answer all your questions and set you off to discover the amazing wildlife, people and landscapes that this remarkable country has to offer.

You meet your guide at a place and time that will be communicated to you before the start of the tour.

Awelani Lodge is situated near Pafuri Gate (just 10 km away) at the northern section of Kruger National Park in South Africa. A pub is available for you if you want to relax with something cold. Situated in a 1700-hectare conservancy, Awelani provides visitors with an outstanding opportunity to walk or mountain bike through a wooded conservancy with a remarkable arrangement of trees; Baobab, Mopani and Lobombo Ironwood to name a few.

Sandstone outcrops hide San and Khoi rock art and traditional Venda grain storage units. A purpose-built bird hide and waterhole offers outstanding bird watching. This Pafuri area destination is an excellent site for twitchers.

Your guide will discuss the adventures ahead over a meal in the restaurant.

You can choose to prepare your own meals or visit the on-site restaurant.

Accommodation | Day 1

Mid Range Chalet with Ablution Facilities and Electricity

Day 2

Drive to Punda Maria Rest Camp

We depart for the Kruger NP and enter the Kruger NP at the Pafuri Gate (the most northern gate of the Kruger NP). We drive to the Pafuri Picnic Site on the banks of the Luvuvhu River, surrounded by tall Ana trees and thick riverine bush.

Join a guided trip to the Thulamela Iron-Age Kingdom. The guide is also a professional field guide. Thulamela, an ancient fortress overlooking the Luvuvhu River, was the political capital of an Iron-Age kingdom between 1200 AD and 1640 AD. The name is derived from the Shona phrase meaning "giving birth".

We follow the trail to Punda Maria that winds through the fever tree forest to Crooks Corner. Crooks Corner got its name from the outlaws who lived there in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

You are now in a big-5 area! Keep in mind that it can be hard to spot all of these wild animals, especially in one single game drive. Your goal is to experience being in the bush and see all African wildlife in their natural habitat.

You can choose to prepare your own meals or visit the on-site restaurant.

Accommodation | Day 2

Mid Range Chalet with Ablution Facilities and Electricity

Explore the area around Punda Maria Rest Camp

The northern section of the Kruger NP is an area of unique biodiversity. It's one of the few places where fever tree forests grow alongside forests of giant baobabs. Today you explore the area around Punda Maria on your own. Be on the lookout for animals behind bushes and around corners. Who knows, maybe you see more than the big 5 today.

The camp is situated in the Sandveld region, often described as the botanical garden of the Kruger National Park. There are numerous plant species which occur that are unique to the area. Game species most likely to be sighted include impala, zebra, buffalo, elephant, eland and sable and the area is a bird paradise.

Late afternoon you join a sunset game drive with a professional field guide in an open game viewing vehicle. It is a perfect time for game viewing. As the evening approaches all the nocturnal animals become active, and you can experience a truly amazing African sunset.

You can choose to prepare your own meals or visit the on-site restaurant.

Accommodation | Day 3

Mid Range Chalet with Ablution Facilities and Electricity

Drive to Mopani Rest Camp

Drive slowly to the Mopani Rest Camp following various game-viewing roads.

Named after the mopane veld that surrounds the camp, Mopani Rest Camp nestles amongst the Mopani tree-covered koppies. A signature feature is the huge gnarled old baobab tree in the heart of the camp. The vegetation inside the camp is left as found in the wild, adding to the unique atmosphere of the camp.

Relax in the camp or explore the area around Mopani on your own.

You can choose to prepare your own meals or visit the on-site restaurant.

Accommodation | Days 4

Mid Range Chalet with Ablution Facilities and Electricity

Drive to the Olifants Rest Camp

Drive slowly to the Olifants Rest Camp following various game-viewing roads.

The Olifants Camp is situated on top of a hill towering several hundred feet over the river of the same name. Sightseeing views from the lookout platforms allow a person to observe the river below. The camp is warm and welcoming and will win many staunch supporters for Kruger Park accommodation.

Because Olifants Camp is situated in a transitional zone, 2 distinct types of vegetation can be found, offering a wide range of game. In the north, the low-lying Mopane trees provide cover for Zebra, Impala, Kudu and Elephant.

To the south, rolling plains are dotted with Buffalo, Giraffe and Kudu. While along the Olifants River, wildlife such as Lion, Crocodiles and Hippopotamus can be viewed on game-viewing and sightseeing excursions in Kruger Park, as well as an abundance of birdlife such as Owls, Storks and Eagles.

You can choose to prepare your own meals or visit the on-site restaurant.

Accommodation | Day 5

Mid Range Chalet with Shared Ablution Facilities and Electricity

Explore the area around the Olifants Rest Camp

Guests who visit Olifants will be exposed to an unforgettable window of Africa. Explore the area around the Olifants Rest Camp on your own.

Join a guided walk to the Olifants River. Experienced (and armed) guides share their knowledge of the fauna and flora to explain natural wonders. The walks are relaxed and don't take longer than a few hours, so no over-exhaustion will take place.

Two armed field guides accompany you on the walk to ensure your safety, they will focus on the things that you will usually not be able to see from a vehicle. By being out on foot you cover an area more intensely and you can experience nature using all of your senses.

Comfortable shoes must be worn, and clothing should be natural colours and applicable to the prevailing weather conditions. Cameras and binoculars can be taken along, as very interesting sights will be discovered and guests can revel in the spotting of fascinating creatures and plant life. No children under 12 are allowed.

You can choose to prepare your own meals or visit the on-site restaurant.

Accommodation | Day 6

Mid Range Chalet with Shared Ablution Facilities and Electricity

Drive to Berg en Dal Rest Camp

Today is a bit of a long drive to the Berg en Dal Rest Camp following various game-viewing roads.

Berg-en-Dal is situated on the bank of the Matjulu Spruit with a view of softly undulating hills to the east. On the northern and southern sides dry riverbeds and a dam border the camp. There are large trees along the streams and dry riverbeds. Special care has been taken to preserve the natural vegetation in the camp. Berg en Dal is also the only camp set in a rugged mountain environment.

You can choose to prepare your own meals or visit the on-site restaurant.

Accommodation | Days 7

Mid Range Chalet with Shared Ablution Facilities and Electricity

Explore the area around Berg en Dal Rest Camp

Join a guided morning walk. Experienced (and armed) guides share their knowledge of the fauna and flora to explain natural wonders. The walks are relaxed and don't take longer than a few hours, so no over-exhaustion will take place.

Two armed field guides accompany you on the walk to ensure your safety, they will focus on the things that you will usually not be able to see from a vehicle. By being out on foot you cover an area more intensely and you can experience nature using all of your senses. If there is any large game in the area you are more than likely able to encounter them and have an exhilarating experience of approaching them on foot.

Late afternoon you join a sunset game drive with a professional field guide in an open game viewing vehicle. It is a perfect time for game viewing. As the evening approaches all the nocturnal animals become active, and you can experience a truly amazing African sunset.

You can choose to prepare your own meals or visit the on-site restaurant.

Accommodation | Days 8

Mid Range Chalet with Shared Ablution Facilities and Electricity



Your last day with us

Today we drive back to Pretoria.

As our time together draws to a close, we say goodbye to our new friends and head back home. You will continue your journey to your next destination on your own, whenever you feel ready to leave. We hope that you will cherish the unforgettable memories you have made during your time with us and that you will have plenty of beautiful photos to share with your loved ones and friends.

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Have a look at the tour features and some of the frequently asked questions.

Features	
Trail Grading	2
Vehicle Type: 4x2	√
Vehicle Type: 4x4	√
Tyre Type: Off-road / All terrain tyres	√
Tyre Type: On-road	√
Accommodation Type: Wild camping	X
Accommodation Type: Camping	X
Accommodation Type: Safari Tent	X
Accommodation Type: Wilderness cabin	X
Accommodation Type: Chalet	√
Can I Tow an off-road trailer?	X
Can I Tow an off-road caravan?	X
Will my vehicle be scratched?	X
Must I remove my vehicle's sidesteps?	X
Do I need a compressor?	X
Children under the age of 12 years	X

Places Available

Place for only five 4x4 vehicles on the tour.

A minimum of three vehicles is required for the tour to take place.

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Included

Park fees, Hand-held radios, Professional 4x4 and overlanding adventure guide, Accommodation (chalet) for two adults, Trail cost for one 4x4 vehicle with two adults, Professional field guide(s) where applicable, Activities as indicated

Excluded

Additional accommodation before and after the tour, International flights, Domestic flights, Government imposed increase of taxes and/or park fees, Personal items (souvenirs, travel insurance, visa fees, etc.), Vehicle, Tips, Fuel, Toll fees, Drinking water (on all days), Snacks and beverages, Medicine, Fire wood, Food (on all days), Additional activities

Payment Terms

A 80% deposit will ensure your place on the tour with the balance payable 60 days before the start of the tour.

Full payment if the booking is made less than 60 days before the start of the tour.

Request a quotation

<https://bonsai-sa.co.za/tours-contact-us.html>

Terms and Conditions

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Your Tour Guides



Bonai-SA 4x4 Adventures and Tours

Our relaxed 4x4 adventures and tours allow you access to remote areas in national parks and reserves that are not frequented by many visitors.

The surrounding wilderness, the remoteness and the seclusion of travelling through rarely-seen areas are the main thrills of our tours. A professional 4x4 Adventure Guide will lead the tour and a qualified Field/Nature Guide will assist when it is necessary. The guides will provide the necessary interpretation en-route and also ensure your safety.

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“If you think adventure is
dangerous, try routine, it’s lethal”
~ Paul Coelho

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