



GREATER KRUGER WALKING TREK

4 OR 5 DAY WALKING SAFARI THROUGH THE GREATER KRUGER FROM JOHANNESBURG.

This walking safari in the Greater Kruger National Park gives you the opportunity to follow the routes of the “Big Five” (lion, leopard, elephant, buffalo and rhino) and other animals by foot to obtain the closest view possible. Spend ample time in the bush increasing your chances of seeing a host of your favourite animals, birds and other living creatures.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Greater Kruger National Park: Visit a wildlife rich private game reserve bordering the national park, enjoying daily walking safaris and game drives

QUICK FACTS

Tour type:	Lodge accommodated walking safari	Meals:	All meals included
Duration:	4- or 5-day package available	Vehicle:	4x4 safari vehicle for game drives Minibus for transfers
Start and end:	Johannesburg, South Africa	Group Size:	Min. 1* / Max. 10
Country visited:	South Africa		

DEPARTURE DATES 2024

Daily, subject to availability.

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B = Breakfast **L** = Lunch **D** = Dinner

DAY OF ARRIVAL

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On arrival at OR Tambo International Airport, please proceed to the bus terminal building where your shuttle driver will meet you for your 06h45 transfer departure. The journey to the Greater Kruger Reserve takes approximately six hours on tarred roads with well-maintained and clean service stations along the way. Two comfort stops en route allow you to stretch your legs and purchase drinks and snacks. On arrival you will be collected at the drop off point and driven to the camp where you will meet your ranger who will explain the rest of the day's activities. The area has two resident prides of lions – known as the Ross and Giraffe prides, and guests can expect to see the full Big Five, which are regularly sighted.

DAYS IN GREATER KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

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Your typical days will start with an early morning wakeup call followed by coffee and a light breakfast, as you take in the African sunrise. We then head off on our morning game walk, which will bring us back to camp for brunch after 3 to 4 hours. During the course of the walk your highly qualified & trained field guide will teach you how to track, read the bush and educate you about all the various plant species. Taking place in this flat area, the walk is not too strenuous and gives you the opportunity to encounter giraffe, zebra, warthog and kudu, to mention just a few. You then have a few hours to relax at the facilities of the camp, before meeting again in the afternoon for tea and a light lunch. The camp features a beautiful splash pool & deck, perfect for cooling off in the summer months and the main lodge area offers guest the use of the library. As the camp is unfenced, guest should always be aware that any number of the Big Five could be close by.

We then head off on our afternoon and night game drive, which will again take about 3 to 4 hours. In the cooler hours of the late afternoon the animals become more active, increasing the chances of seeing wild dog, aardvark, duiker and hippo, among others. Night drives are done with a powerful spotlight with which to search for animals and you stand to encounter the nocturnal animals not often seen in the day, such as leopard, bush baby and if you are lucky, the very rare and seldom spotted pangolin.

On return to the camp, we share our day's experiences over a pre-dinner drink, followed by dinner at the lodge. End off the day with coffee/tea around the camp fire, before retiring for the night, as you fall asleep to the sounds of the lions prowling the night.

One of the unique advantages of a small safari camp is that the activities can be tailored to your specific needs. For example, if the guides hear lions roaring close to camp at night, they will often knock on your door and ask if you would like to go and find them. In addition, if you only want to go on game drives, this too can be arranged.

DAY OF DEPARTURE

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On the day of departure you will go out for one last walk in the morning. Breathing in the typical scents of the bush you'll realize how much you've learned already! After breakfast it's time to pack up and we say our goodbyes and transfer you back to the city.

PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION

TRANSPORT:

You will be picked up and dropped off at the Bus Terminal Building at OR Tambo International Airport, Johannesburg.

Departure day:

Departure time: 06:45 am at OR Tambo International Airport
Approximate time of arrival: 13:15 - 13:45 pm at Timbavati Gate

Return Day:

Collection time: 10:45 am at Hoedspruit
Approximate time of arrival: 17:00 - 18:00 pm OR Tambo International Airport

Most airport area accommodations offer complimentary transfers to/from OR Tambo every 20-30 min. Pre/post shuttle transfers from/to other locations are available on request at local private transfer rates. Please request this at the time of booking.

Please reconfirm pick up and drop off times at the time of booking.

Airport transfers are usually conducted in sedan vehicles or minibuses. The game drives take place in open 4x4 vehicles.

ACCOMMODATION: AFRICA ON FOOT



The small, intimate camp has five chalets, two of which are family units, and a treehouse where more adventurous guests can sleep under the stars.

Facilities at the camp include a main area which houses a comfortable lounge with two sitting areas and a library. The dining room has a large table where, as per safari tradition, everyone dines together to enjoy each other's company and share stories of the day's game sightings.

There is also a boma area with camp fire, perfect for warming you up with your coffee before the morning walk, or for enjoying evening drinks around the fire. In addition guests will experience a traditional South African "braai" cooked over the open fire.

The Greater Kruger area can get very hot in summer and thankfully the camp has a beautiful splash pool with decking area where guests can relax and siesta during the midday heat between game activities.

To truly immerse yourself in a natural and authentic bush experience, the chalets are equipped with mosquito nets, showers, solar-powered lanterns as well as pedestal mist fans. Plug points in the rooms and main area can be used to charge your camera batteries.

THE WALKS



Each walking safari begins with a comprehensive demonstration on how to behave when encountering animals. All walking safaris are led by qualified rangers who have had intensive specialized training in approaching dangerous game. In addition to allowing you to view the larger mammals on foot, the rangers will give you an insight into the bush that will surprise you. They will explain the animal tracks and which animals passed through during the night, in addition to the sophistication of termite mounds and other interesting facets of the bush that go unnoticed on game drives.

The chance to walk amongst wildlife allows you to fully immerse yourself in African smells and sounds. The main aim of a Kruger Walking Safari is to help you appreciate the nature around you, and to provide you with detailed explanations of spoors, vegetation and the ecology in general - an unsurpassed wildlife experience that you are guaranteed to remember for the rest of your life.

GAME DRIVES



The Afternoon Game Drives:

One of the main aims of going on safari is to go on a game drive. On game drives you are able to get a lot closer to big game. The animals are generally habituated to the vehicle. This means that they are used to the vehicle approaching them and know that it never causes them harm. This enables you to get within five to ten meters of the large animals - and safely! All game drives are conducted in open 4 x 4 Toyota Land Cruisers. No roof allows you 360 degree views, perfect for wonderful photographic and video opportunities. The afternoon game drives generally leave at 4pm and stop for sundowners, and then continue into the night drive on your way back to camp.

The Night Game Drives:

The night drives allow guests the opportunity to see the nocturnal animals not encountered during the day. Your chances of seeing leopard in particular are a lot higher at night and with a bit of luck you might even encounter the predators such as lion and leopard hunting. During the night drives, your tracker uses a powerful spotlight to search for nocturnal animals. Expect to see a wide variety of animals not normally seen during the day, including leopards, hyenas, aardvarks, bat-eared fox, porcupines, bush babies, bushbucks, mongoose, genet cats and nocturnal birds like owls and nightjars.

MEALS:

Meals included in your safari will be taken in the dining area at the camp. Please advise us of any special dietary requirements in advance.

VISAS:

The onus is on the client to organize all visas required to visit South Africa prior to departure.

TRAVEL INSURANCE:

Please note that travel and cancellation insurance is mandatory for every guest travelling with Jenman African Safaris. All insurance is solely the responsibility of our guests. Please ensure you arrange your own insurance with protection for the full duration of your journey to cover personal injury, damage and loss of personal items including but not limited to camera equipment and other electronic items, medical expenses, repatriation expenses and loss of luggage, etc. Please speak to your travel agent if you require assistance.

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