

SIYA PHAMBILE EXPEDITIONS

## SOUTHERN AFRICAN WILDLIFE EXPEDITION ITINERARY 2019

Africa is the last continent to host wildlife in all its majesty, in its natural environment. This is enough reason to visit the continent at least once in a lifetime; to experience places untouched in their primeval glory. From the Big

Five to the smallest animals, taking time out in the bush to view these magnificent creatures is a trip all on its own. You will visit various wilderness areas that each offer unique experiences and animals... This tour includes participation camping. This means that guests will have to assist with camp chores, such as setting up your tent.

### DAY 1 | LD

- ⤴ Be greeted in the morning by your guide in Johannesburg at 09h00
- ⤴ Drive from Johannesburg out to the Panoramic Route
- ⤴ Lunch en route, picnic style
- ⤴ We arrive at the Blyde River Canyon and settle into camp
- ⤴ Dinner is served for our first night!

**Stay at Blyde River Canyon (Chalet) Distance: +-400km**

Spending 6 nights in the Kruger Park, we travel slowly by game drive as we explore the varied landscapes of this incredible national park. For the most part, each day will consist of morning and evening drives included in the trip. You will also have the option to go on night drives and game walks (at your own expense as we don't have the permission to conduct these ourselves), a great activity and highly recommended! All meals are catered for. We stay in a comfortable bungalow for two nights, and camp for three nights.

### DAY 2 | BLD

- ⤴ Enjoy a relaxed morning and breakfast
- ⤴ Spend time exploring the Blyde River Canyon, enjoying a hike or other activities
- ⤴ We then head off the short distance out to Kruger National Park
- ⤴ Entering the gates, we set off on our first game drive to camp
- ⤴ Enjoy lunch on the way at a local picnic spot
- ⤴ We arrive at camp late in the afternoon, checking in and relaxing
- ⤴ Enjoy dinner around the fire

**Stay at Satara Rest Camp (Bungalows)**

**Distance: +-150km**



### **DAY 3 | BLD**

- ⤴ Wake up early and enjoy a morning game drive
- ⤴ Return to camp for a large breakfast
- ⤴ The middle of the day is spent relaxing
- ⤴ We enjoy an afternoon game drive
- ⤴ Return to camp for dinner over an open fire

Night Drives and game walks are an optional activity everyday

**Stay at Satara Rest Camp (Bungalow)**

### **DAY 4 | BLD**

- ⤴ Wake up early and enjoy a morning game drive
- ⤴ Return to camp for a hearty meal and relaxation
- ⤴ Afternoon game drive exploring the region
- ⤴ Dinner is enjoyed again in the evening around an open fire

Night Drives and game walks are an optional activity everyday

**Stay at Satara Rest Camp (Bungalow)**

### **DAY 5 | BLD**

- ⤴ Wake up early and enjoy a morning game drive
- ⤴ We enjoy a large breakfast en route to our next camp
- ⤴ We set up camp at another area for the next three nights
- ⤴ In the afternoon we enjoy another game drive
- ⤴ Dinner around an open fire

Night Drives and game walks are an optional activity everyday

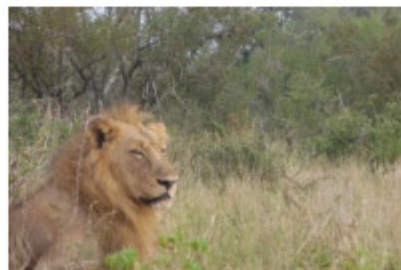
**Stay at Lower Sabie Rest Camp (Bungalows)**

### **DAY 6 | BLD**

- ⤴ Wake up early and enjoy a morning game drive
- ⤴ We drive through to another rest camp to spend the midday
- ⤴ Lunch is enjoyed at a local restaurant (at own expense)
- ⤴ During the afternoon we enjoy a game drive back to camp
- ⤴ We enjoy dinner around an open fire

Night Drives and game walks are an optional activity everyday

**Stay at Lower Sabie Rest Camp (Bungalows)**





### **DAY 7 | BD**

- ⤴ Wake up early and enjoy a morning game drive
- ⤴ Return to camp for a hearty meal and relaxation
- ⤴ Afternoon game drive exploring the region
- ⤴ We enjoy dinner around an open fire

Night Drives and game walks are an optional activity everyday

#### **Stay at Lower Sabie Rest Camp (Bungalows)**

Leaving KNP, we travel down into the neighbouring country Swaziland, known for its natural beauty, friendly people, and large swathes of sugar cane plantations.

In addition, the current King has, over the past few decades, helped sanction fantastic Reserves to protect and allow for the appreciation of Swaziland's natural beauty and wildlife. We stay overnight at Hlane Game Reserve, an initiative supported by the King, and containing different landscapes to Kruger, with a more rustic feel to it.

Game walks and game drives are possible at own expense with a local guide. Normal game drives with us are included.

### **DAY 8 | BLD**

- ⤴ We pack up camp early and set off
- ⤴ We enjoy a long game drive out of Kruger National Park
- ⤴ Breakfast is en route
- ⤴ We exit Kruger National Park and drive into Swaziland
- ⤴ In the afternoon we check into our camp
- ⤴ Dinner is over an open fire with a waterhole for viewing

#### **Stay at Hlane Royal National Park (Chalet)**

**Distance: +-400km**



Leaving Swaziland, we travel south into another of the premier South African wildlife destinations, Mkhuze Game Reserve. In the heart of rural Zululand, spend two nights at Mkhuze doing game drives, visiting fantastic bird hides where animals come to drink, searching a different type of bush for wildlife. Amongst them, the endangered Black and White Rhinoceros.

(Elephant, Rhino, various antelope species, and special sightings of Bush Babies and a variety of different birdlife can be hoped for)

### **DAY 9 | BLD**

- ⤴ We enjoy an early morning game drive
- ⤴ We return to camp for a hearty breakfast
- ⤴ The day is spent relaxing at camp and viewing the waterhole
- ⤴ In the afternoon we go on another game drive
- ⤴ Dinner is enjoyed around an open fire
- ⤴ Bush walks, night drives, and the Fig Tree Forest walk are optional activities

**Stay at Mantuma Camp (Luxury Tent)**

**Distance: +-200km**

### **DAY 10 | BLD**

- ⤴ We enjoy an early morning game drive to a local game hide
- ⤴ We return to camp for a hearty breakfast
- ⤴ The day is spent relaxing at camp
- ⤴ In the afternoon we go on another game drive
- ⤴ Dinner is enjoyed around an open fire

**Stay at Mantuma Camp (Luxury Tent)**

### **DAY 11 | BLD**

- ⤴ We enjoy an early morning game drive to the local lake
- ⤴ We enjoy a hearty meal there
- ⤴ We return to camp and relax during the day
- ⤴ In the afternoon we go on another game drive
- ⤴ Dinner is enjoyed around an open fire

**Stay at Mantuma Camp (Luxury Tent)**

From Mkhuze, we travel further south into Zululand to visit one of Africa's oldest Game Reserves, Hluhluwe/iMfolozi Game Reserve. Here we spend three nights on a wilderness trail in the wilderness area of iMfolozi, where 30 000ha of pristine wilderness area can be explored on foot, with two local, armed guides. This is undoubtedly one of the best wilderness experiences one can have, searching for the Big 5 and other fascinating aspects of the wilderness, before setting up camp under the stars.

We carry light packs with our essentials, and the guides take care of cooking and camp chores. The only participation is to spend one hour in the night tending to the fire on watch, a fantastic experience in itself. One of primeval significance.





### **DAY 12 | BLD**

- ⤴ We enjoy an early morning game drive
- ⤴ We enjoy a hearty breakfast back at camp, and pack up
- ⤴ We journey to Hluhluwe/iMfolozi Game Reserve
- ⤴ We arrive at base camp, settle in and enjoy an afternoon game drive
- ⤴ Dinner is enjoyed around an open fire
- ⤴ The following day begins our wilderness trail. This evening we have the chance to send personal items ahead with donkeys so that walking only requires a small backpack and your luggage will already be at camp

**Stay at Mpila Camp (Luxury Tents)**

**Distance: +-200km**

### **DAY 13 | BLD**

- ⤴ We enjoy an early morning game drive
- ⤴ We meet our trail guides and head out on trail
- ⤴ We spend the day walking the bush, looking for animals
- ⤴ We arrive at our campsite and prepare for the evening
- ⤴ This is the camping section of the tour. We camp out under the stars in the wilderness at a base camp, with a cook and tents already set up

**Stay on the Wilderness Trail**

### **DAY 14 | BLD**

- ⤴ We enjoy an early morning walk after packing up camp
- ⤴ We spend the day walking the bush, looking for animals
- ⤴ We arrive at our campsite and prepare for the evening
- ⤴ Our guides are armed for protection against potentially dangerous animals

**Stay on the Wilderness Trail**

### **DAY 15 | BLD**

- ⤴ We enjoy breakfast and pack up camp
- ⤴ We walk to our base camp and vehicle
- ⤴ We travel a short distance out to the coast to enjoy luxury there
- ⤴ We arrive at our lodge in the afternoon
- ⤴ Dinner is enjoyed around an open fire

**Stay at Maphelane (Log Cabins)**

**Distance: +-150km**

### **DAY 16 | BLD**

- ⤴ We enjoy a relaxed morning and breakfast
- ⤴ This morning is spent enjoying a hike up to the viewpoint over-looking the Ocean and coastal forests, with great birding opportunities
- ⤴ Depending on the tides, we can walk to the nearby town of St Lucia to enjoy lunch and the lively atmosphere of this seaside town
- ⤴ Dinner is enjoyed around an open fire back at our cabins

**Stay at Maphelane (Log Cabins)**

Heading back inland, we travel to the world-famous Drakensberg mountains for a different scenic experience. Spending two nights at the foot of the hills, we take hiking trips, that require a medium level of walking fitness, up into the mountains to spot species unique to this area (vultures, duiker, klipspringer) and visit thousand-year old Bushmen paintings. We are ideally placed centrally in the uKhahlamba Drakensberg Park to visit a variety of optional activities around, such as trout fishing, 4x4 trips onto the summit, horse-riding trips and more.

### **DAY 17 | BLD**

- ⤴ We enjoy a relaxed morning and breakfast
- ⤴ We travel to the Drakensberg region, enjoying lunch en route
- ⤴ We arrive at our lodge in the afternoon
- ⤴ Dinner is enjoyed around an open fire

**Stay at Kamberg Nature Reserve (Chalet)**

**Distance: +-450km**

### **18<sup>th</sup> DAY 18 | BLD**

- ⤴ We enjoy a relaxed morning and breakfast
- ⤴ We spend the day visiting the majestic Sani Pass, travelling up to the border of Lesotho and enjoying lunch at the 'highest pub in Africa!'
- ⤴ We return to camp sometime in the afternoon
- ⤴ Dinner is enjoyed around an open fire

**Stay at Kamberg Nature Reserve (Chalet)**

### **DAY 19 | BL**

- ⤴ We enjoy a relaxed morning and breakfast
  - ⤴ Enjoy a short hike to visit one of the nearby Bushmen paintings
  - ⤴ Enjoy lunch back at camp, and pack up
  - ⤴ Transfer back to Johannesburg
  - ⤴ Flights home or own itinerary
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## NOTES

An idea of pricing (inclusive of VAT @ 15%):

✧ <b>Per person sharing</b>	<b>ZAR 55 456.60</b>	<b>or about \$3975</b>	<b>2 Adults</b>
	<b>ZAR 41 754.14</b>	<b>or about \$2990</b>	<b>4 Adults</b>

- ✧ The trip includes accommodation, most meals (unless stated as own expense), and activities (unless optional)
- ✧ The trip does not include beverages (we provide a fridge for drinks), we do provide bottled water and snacks in the vehicle



- ✧ We travel in a vehicle with air-conditioning & seat belts
- ✧ This does NOT include pre-tour or post-tour accommodation, flights, visas or travel insurance
- ✧ This is a private tour for only you, so all travel will be only you and our guide. Some activities only, may be with other people as they are public and bound by public employees and rules (like the wilderness trail)
- ✧ Any comments, suggestions, queries etc. should be sent to us as soon as possible for consideration

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