



Kruger Vic Fall Safari

KPFS7J: 7-night package – Kruger Park + Victoria Falls

Day 1

Arrive **Johannesburg Airport** and meet your Kruger Park safari host, who will introduce you to the beauty of the Eastern Transvaal on your scenic 3-hour drive to Sabie and Hazyview. Check in to your luxury guesthouse for dinner and overnight.

[Or 45-minute transfer from Mpumalanga Airport]

Day 2

Today we enter the world famous **Kruger National Park**. Game viewing opportunities should present themselves almost immediately in this vast 2-million hectare game sanctuary the size to Wales. Hopefully we will see several species of antelope, zebra, wildebeest and maybe even giraffe before we reach camp.

The Kruger Park offers a choice of seven camps, each situated in a different section of the park with its own unique flora and fauna: **Skukuza, Letaba, Olifants, Lower Sabie, Pretoriuskop, Satara and Berg-en-Dal**. Accommodation is in simple but comfortable thatched game park bungalows, with each camp having a restaurant and a small shop. Check in, settle-in and relax in your outdoor bushveld surroundings before enjoying dinner (exact camp subject to availability at time of booking).

Day 3

As you will have the services of a private driver/guide throughout your safari, you will have the flexibility of discussing preferred routings and travelling times with him each day. However we recommend setting off early each morning as the camp gates open (05h30 to 06h00 depending on the season), to take advantage of the best game viewing conditions of the day.

Explore the vast **Kruger Plains**, which offer magnificent game viewing opportunities and the highest concentration of lion in the whole of Africa. Hopefully we will see at least one of the **Big Five** today - **Lion, Elephant, Buffalo, Leopard and Rhino**, before returning to camp at around 09h00 for breakfast. The rest of the morning can be spent relaxing at camp, reading or bird watching, before setting out again at the time of your choice (usually the late afternoon) for another game drive.

One game drive per day will be in an **open-top game viewing vehicle** operated by the Kruger Park (either early morning, late afternoon or evening), with all other game drives taken with your host in an air-conditioned minibus, as this is more comfortable in the heat of the day. With nearly 150 different species of mammals and over 100 species of reptiles in the Kruger Park, we hope to see giraffe, kudu, sable antelope, waterbuck, warthogs, baboons, wild dogs and many other interesting animals.

In the evening, enjoy the balmy weather and pristine stars of the Southern Sky and Milky Way, as you have never seen them before – including the spectacular **Southern Cross**.

[Note: Children <12 are not allowed on open top game drives. However they may enjoy unlimited game drives in your host's vehicle]

Day 4

This morning we return to **Johannesburg Airport**, stopping at a Cultural Village and self-help project to give you the opportunity of supporting the local community by purchasing one of their handmade products.

[Or fly from Mpumalanga Airport]

Check in to your airport hotel for overnight. Conveniently situated only a few minutes from the airport, your hotel is part of a casino and entertainment complex and has several restaurants on site.

Day 5

After breakfast, take the free hotel shuttle to the airport for your 2-hour international flight to **Livingstone Airport, Zambia**. You will be met at Livingstone and transferred to your hotel on the banks of the Zambezi River, near the mighty Victoria Falls.

Check in, settle-in and relax whilst you catch your first glimpses of the magnificent **Smoke That Thunders**” first discovered by Dr. David Livingstone and still one of the greatest natural wonders of the world. The flow of water over the Victoria Falls is greatest during the wet months (February to June) but the falls are a magnificent sight at any time of year.

In the later afternoon, enjoy a **Sunset Cruise** on the **Zambesi River** to see hippos, crocodiles and the abundant bird life.

Days 6 and 7

Today explore on foot the mighty **Victoria Falls** situated close to your hotel and offering magnificent views.

Later relax by the swimming pool and enjoy the many pleasures of your hotel, or participate in one of the many local activities, such as a helicopter flight over the falls or an elephant-back safari.

Adrenalin seekers can participate in many adventure holiday activities, such as canoeing in the gentler rapids above the falls; white water rafting in the turbulent gorge below the falls (beware: grade 5); or bungi jumping from Victoria Falls Bridge!

There is also an interesting local craft market.

Day 8

This morning return transfer to **Livingstone Airport** for your flight to **Johannesburg Airport**.

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

PANORAMA ROUTE

- ❑ 1 night luxury guesthouse accommodation, with en-suite facilities
- ❑ English breakfast
- ❑ Dinner

KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

- ❑ 2 nights game park accommodation, with en-suite facilities
- ❑ At least 4 game viewing drives in the Kruger National Park
- ❑ All game park fees and local taxes
- ❑ Breakfasts daily
- ❑ Dinners daily

JOHANNESBURG AIRPORT

- ❑ 1 night airport accommodation, with en-suite facilities
- ❑ English breakfast

VICTORIA FALLS

- ❑ 3 nights luxury accommodation, with en-suite facilities
- ❑ Zambezi River sundowner cruise
- ❑ English breakfasts daily

WHAT IS INCLUDED:

All airport and ground transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
Accommodation on a bed and breakfast basis
Activities specified in itinerary, including transfers and entrance charges

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED:

International & domestic flights (quoted separately)
Lunches & dinners (unless specified)
Drinks & refreshments
Tips for porters and restaurants
Telephone calls, laundry & other incidental personal expenditure
Visa fees, in countries where these apply
Airport departure taxes, in countries where these apply
e.g. Victoria Falls: currently US\$20 per person
Mozambique: currently US \$10 per person
Please ensure you take the necessary US dollars for this purpose

TIPS

It is not necessary to tip your host. However, if you have received exceptional service and wish to express your gratitude, you may of course do so. In such circumstances, a tip of between £20 and £40 per couple per week would be regarded as normal.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Malaria tablets are recommended for Kruger Park & Victoria Falls
All activities are subject to prevailing weather conditions

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES – please enquire for supplements

KRUGER PARK – All Holidays

Night Drive – in an open-top game vehicle accompanied by a park ranger, to search in the beam of a powerful spotlight for the seldom-viewed nocturnal birds and animals of the park such as nightjars, owls, genet and leopard

Walking Trail – with a park tracker and armed ranger to view the trees and smaller animals, reptiles and insects of the park (4 hours am or 2 hours pm: Min age 12 years)

Panorama Route – tour the dramatic Blyde River canyon, the third largest in the world. Enjoy spectacular views from Gods Window; visit Bourke's Luck potholes; Mac Mac Falls; Three Rondavels. If time permits, visit the historic mining village of Pilgrim's Rest

KRUGER PARK – Private Tours only

Moholoholo Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre – enjoy close encounters with animals rescued from certain death, & see efforts made to rehabilitate and return them to their natural habitat

Photography – enjoy the huge challenge of wildlife photography. Tripods on request

Bird Watching – with over 500 bird species, the Kruger Park offers an outstanding holiday for twitchers. Predator and species-specific excursions available on request

Astronomy – view the stars of the Southern Sky through a telescope at Olifants

Golf – play the untamed 9-hole staff course at Skukuza, where animals may stray onto the fairway; Alternatively play 18-holes at Sabie; White River; Nelspruit or Leopard Creek **Golf club hire**

Hot Air Balloon – pre-dawn departure for 1-hr flight over Kapama Game Reserve (weather permitting)

Fly Fishing – for trout in the Sabie River, incl tackle & light lunch (full day, with river guide)

Horse Riding – through the rivers and forests of the Panorama Route

Helicopter Ride – thrilling flight over the Blyde River Canyon (weather permitting)

Driving a 4x4 – test your driving skills on a rugged 4 x 4 course, with instructor

Sudwala Caves – view the fascinating stalagmites and stalactites in this 600-million year cave, thought to be the oldest known to mankind. The main cavern has a dome of 120 ft and a diameter of 230 ft

Shangana Village – visit a reconstructed village to learn about Shangaan life, including a visit to "sangoma" traditional healer and tribal dancing

Cheetah & Endangered Wildlife Centre – see their vital breeding, maintenance and conservation programme for endangered species of cheetah

Monkey Rehabilitation Sanctuary – specialising in the conservation of vervet monkeys and other primates

Arts & Crafts – shop for local beadwork, carvings, pottery and embroidery

San Bushmen Rock Art – walk to view these ancient Bushmen painting, with guide

Walking & Hiking Trails – through the magnificent Blyde River canyon

Mountain Bike Trails – from your hotel in the beautiful Panorama Route; or in the Kruger Park accompanied by an armed ranger (4 hours am or 2 hours pm)

Nelspruit Botanical Gardens – enjoy the indigenous flora of this lush region

Painting – capture the essence of wildlife on canvas, on a painting holiday safari

Archaeology – open a window to the past, exploring the cradle of mankind

Paragliding – descend from God's Window, in tandem with a guide (max 220 lbs)

River Rafting – enjoy the thrill of riding rapids on the Sabie River

Abseiling – on wild & remote cliffs, with spectacular views. No experience necessary

Overnight Wilderness Trail – spend 3 nights in a basic tented wilderness camp with mattresses, sleeping bags and bush showers, accompanied by an armed ranger and his assistant. Walk up to 6 hours per day. Minimum age 12 years (NB: availability on these basic trails is extremely limited and need to be booked up to a year in advance)

VICTORIA FALLS – All Holidays

Walking Tour – explore the mighty Victoria Falls and rain forest on foot (1.5 hrs)

Zambesi Sunset Cruise – scenic cruise above the falls to view crocodiles, hippos and bird life (2 hours)

Helicopter Ride – 15 min flight over the Victoria Falls; or 30 min flight over falls and game park (weather permitting)

Tiger Moth Flight – over the Victoria Falls (15 mins) and nearby game park (30 mins)

Elephant-back Safari – a unique opportunity to interact with the “gentle giants” of Africa. Ride lasts 1-hour with total interaction time of 3-hours

White River Rafting – in the turbulent Zambezi gorge below the Victoria Falls: grade 5 (half day or full day - same price, as option to exit half way down the gorge)

Abseiling or Gorge Swing – in the Zambezi Gorge (half-day or full day)

Chobe Game Reserve – full day excursion to view the elephants and other animals of this famous game reserve. Also a game-viewing river cruise (1.5-hr transfer each way; passports & Botswana visas required)

VICTORIA FALLS – Private Tours only

Guided Walks – Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park

Game Drives – Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park

Horseback Trail – beginners (1.5 hrs) and advanced (2.5 hrs). Also sunset trail with snacks & wine (minimum 2)

Canoeing – through the gentler rapids above the falls, with guide (half day)

Local Village – meet the chief and be welcomed to his village (3 hrs)

African Dancing – enjoy the exuberance of local African dancers and their music (1-hr)

Crocodile Farm – view these fearsome creatures up close in captivity

Livingstone – visit Zambia’s second largest town, including a stop at the Dr Livingstone museum with its collection of memorabilia and the railway museum

Bicycle Tour of local markets – a community project initiative, with local guide (4-hrs)