

KrugerCapeVicFallsSafari



KPJS12J: 12-night package – Kruger Park + Cape Town + 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. Check in to your luxury guesthouse for dinner and overnight.

[Or 45-minute transfer from Mpumalanga Airport]

Day 2

This morning your host will share with you the splendour of the **Drakensberg Panorama Route** as you drive through **Blyde River Canyon**, the third largest canyon in the world.

View Mac Mac Falls, Bourke's Luck Potholes and the panoramic views from **God's Window**. If time permits, we also make a brief stop at the historic mining village of **Pilgrim's Rest**.

Continue to **Moholoholo Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre**, where you have the unique opportunity of viewing wild lion, leopard, cheetah, eagles and vultures at close quarters. Animals found injured, poisoned or orphaned are given a second chance and released back into the wilds.

Check in to your luxury guesthouse for dinner and overnight.

Day 3

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 of 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 4

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 5

This morning transfer to **Mpumalanga Airport** for your 2-hour flight to **Cape Town**.

Meet your Cape Town host, who will transfer you to your luxury hotel conveniently situated near the **Victoria & Alfred Waterfront**.

Check in and relax in your magnificent surroundings.

Day 6

Today is free for independent sightseeing in **Cape Town**.

You will be given a day pass for the convenient red **Hop-On Hop-Off Bus**, which stops at all Cape Town's key sights and beaches. Start by ascending **Table Mountain** by cable car to enjoy one of the world's most famous views. Continue to **Camps Bay** beach and then explore the shops and many other attractions of the **Victoria & Alfred Waterfront**, which is also the centre of Cape Town's nightlife.

Day 7

This morning your host will collect you for a full day tour to the beautiful **Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve**.

We start with a short boat trip from **Hout Bay** to view Cape Fur seals at **Seal Island**. We continue via spectacular **Chapman's Peak Drive** to **Cape Point** where we hope to see ostrich, baboons and perhaps even dolphins. On the return journey we pass through naval **Simons Town**, and stop to see its resident penguin colony at **Boulders Beach**.

We also make a short stop at the Living Hope HIV/AIDs craft centre, your opportunity to support this self-help scheme by purchasing some of their hand-made products, before returning to your hotel in the late afternoon.

Day 8

Another day of leisure in beautiful **Cape Town**.

Choose one of the many local excursions available such as a visit **Robben Island**, the infamous prison home of Nelson Mandela. Alternatively explore the many sights of Cape Town, shop at the **Victoria & Alfred Waterfront**, or simply relax on golden **Camp's Bay beach** – the choice is yours!

Day 9

Enjoy a full day tour to the **Stellenbosch Winelands** today, travelling through the scenic **Franschhoek Valley** where a handful of French Huguenot refugees started South Africa's now famous wine industry.

Visit the historic town of **Stellenbosch** and several different **Wine Estates** of your choice – sampling as you go! Enjoy a picnic lunch at a wine estate, before visiting a cheetah breeding project and another Wine Estate on the way home.

Day 10

Early morning transfer to **Cape Town Airport** for your 2-hour flight to Johannesburg and connecting 2-hour flight to **Livingstone, 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.

Days 11 and 12

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. There is also an interesting local craft market.

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

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

Day 13

Transfer to **Livingstone Airport** for your flight to **Johannesburg** and journey home.

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

PANORAMA ROUTE

- ❑ 2 nights luxury guesthouse accommodation, with en-suite facilities
- ❑ Moholoholo Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre
- ❑ Blyde River Canyon
- ❑ English breakfasts daily
- ❑ Dinners daily

KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

- ❑ 2 nights game park accommodation, with en-suite facilities
- ❑ 1 open top game drive per day and further game drives with host
- ❑ All game park fees and local taxes
- ❑ Breakfasts daily
- ❑ Dinners daily

CAPE TOWN

- ❑ 5 nights luxury accommodation, with en-suite facilities
- ❑ Table Mountain via cable car (weather permitting)
- ❑ Hop-On Hop-Off Bus day pass
- ❑ Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve, including boat to Seal Island & penguins
- ❑ Stellenbosch Winelands, including wine-tasting and picnic lunch
- ❑ English breakfasts daily

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 \$25 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

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

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 – outstanding wildlife and birds. Vehicle mounts & beanbags 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)

CAPE TOWN

Cape Town City Tour – orientation tour of this beautiful city (half day)

Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve – visit Cape Point, spectacularly situated where the two major oceans meet. Optional visits to penguin colony at Boulders Beach and boat ride to Seal Island (half day or full day)

Stellenbosch Winelands – tour of the beautiful Cape Winelands, including a cellar visit and wine tasting (half day, or full day including Franshoek & Paarl)

Combination Tour (Cape Point + Winelands) – if your time is limited chose this tour, which combines the highlights of Cape Point and Stellenbosch (full day)

Whale Watching – seasonal full day tour via Gordon's Bay and False Bay to Hermanus, where Southern Right whales come to breed. See their lob tailing and spy hopping courtship displays, close to shore (August to November)

Township Cultural Tour – soak up the multi-cultural life of Cape Town, as you meet and speak to the local community. Visit Bo-Kaap and the Malay Quarter; District Six Museum and Cape Flats. Also visit a traditional spaza shop & shebeen pub (half day)

Robben Island – catch the ferry across Table Bay to the infamous prison home of Nelson Mandela & other political prisoners during the struggle years. A very poignant experience (half day, or full day if combined with the Township Cultural Tour – weather permitting).

West Coast Flowers – seasonal full day tour to see the magnificent wild flowers in spring (August and September)

Cage Diving – early morning departure to view the fearsome great white sharks of False Bay, whilst snorkelling or scuba diving in a cage. Alternatively view these surface-feeding predators from the relative safety of the boat. Bring your own towel. Includes lunch (full day – weather permitting)

Deep Sea Game Fishing – seasonal pre-dawn departure for deep sea game fishing for tuna up to 220 lbs (100 kg) some 40 nautical miles out to sea. Also albacore, yellowfin tuna and fighting mako sharks (full day). Outside the tuna season, game fishing around Cape Peninsula (half day). Includes all tackle and a light lunch (weather permitting)

Cape Town by Night – evening tour to Bloubergstrand to enjoy the sun setting over Table Mountain followed by dinner at a popular Cape Town restaurant and a night-cap on Signal Hill

Nature Reserve Safari – view and photograph wildebeest, zebra, ostrich and other antelope, on a Nature Reserve just outside the city (half day)

Aquila Game Reserve – travel for 2-hours through the beautiful Hex River Valley to this arid Game Reserve in the Karoo (full day)

Golf – 18-holes of championship golf, with shared cart

Golf club hire

Harbour Cruise – view Cape Town from the water, as you cruise leisurely around the historic harbour

Helicopter Flight – enjoy spectacular views of Table Mountain & the Cape Peninsula (15 mins)

Hot Air Balloon – pre-dawn departure for 1-hour flight over the Paarl Winelands, followed by a champagne breakfast (weather permitting)

Botanical Gardens: Kirstenbosch on the slopes of Table Mountain, world famous for its fynbos and protea; **Karoo** with its specially adapted desert plants or **Harold Porter** near Hermanus, also famous for its fynbos

Walking Trails – explore on foot Cape Point; the Winelands; Lion’s Head (3.5hrs); or Table Mountain (6hrs) with walking guide. Distances adjusted to suit your level of fitness. Pack suitable boots, backpack, water, sunhat, sunscreen and windcheater (full day)

Cycling around Cape Point – enjoy a day riding and walking around the Cape Peninsula, with a vehicle back up when tired. Pack suitable shoes, sunhat, sunscreen, sweater and bathing costume (full day)

Mountain Bike Trails – explore some of the many trails in Constantia, along the slopes of Table Mountain (half day or full day)

Bird Watching – view Cape pelagic birds by boat with expert guide. Also migrant waders at Langebaan Lagoon (November/April) and endemics. Over 950 bird species (full day)

Motor Bikes – hire a Harley Davidson or BMW, and explore the Cape Peninsula. Motor bike licence required (full day)

4x4 Driving – test your 4 x 4 driving skills in the Hottentots Holland Mountains, with instructor (full day)

Paragliding – from Lion’s Head to Camps Bay beach below, in tandem with guide (max 220 lbs)

Abseiling – down Table Mountain, for serious adventure seekers!

Two Oceans Aquarium – enjoy the fascinating displays in this world-class aquarium at the V&A Waterfront. For certified divers, also the opportunity to **Scuba Dive** amongst the sharks and big game fish in the main oceanic tank

Ratanga Junction – a day of fun for all the family, with over 30 exciting rides

Cooking Lessons – discover some of the secrets of South Africa’s world-class cuisine, with expert chef (2 hrs)

Horse Riding – enjoy an early morning ride on miles of unspoilt Noordhoek beach

Spa Treatments – from a simple massage to a luxury 5-hour combo at a top spa

Casino – test lady luck on the slot machines, at the roulette wheel or in the casino

Cricket, Rugby & Football Matches – subject to fixtures

VICTORIA FALLS

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)

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)

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)