

20 DAYS SOUTH AFRICA & BOTSWANA



DAY 1

Arrive at Johannesburg's OR Tambo airport and connect with a flight to Kruger Mpumalanga airport. You will be met and transferred by road to the Notten's Bush Camp (Sabi Sand Game Reserve) Arrive at the lodge in time for lunch and an afternoon/evening game drive in search of the Big 5. Return to the lodge in time for dinner.

Notten's Bush Camp is an exclusive family-run lodge in the Sabi Sands Game Reserve which borders the Kruger National Park with no fences in between, the game roam freely. Experienced rangers lead daily safaris in open top Landrovers. These offer close-up encounters with the region's prolific wildlife.

DAY 2 & 3

An early morning wake up for your game drive and stopping in the bush for coffee. Back at the lodge enjoy breakfast and an optional bush walk. Afternoon at leisure and then an afternoon/evening game drive in search of the Big 5. Return to the lodge in time for dinner.

DAY 4

Early morning wake up for your game drive, return to the lodge for breakfast/brunch. After which you will be met by your guide who will take you on a tour of the Panorama route. A landscape characterised by mountains, panoramic passes, valleys, rivers, waterfalls and forests. Blyde River Canyon is a 3 hour drive from Nottens.

The Blyde River Canyon and Nature Reserve conserves the largest green canyon in the world. Arrive at the Blyde River Canyon and enjoy an optional boat cruise on the Blyde Dam. Cruise is at 15h00. Clients are welcome to bring along refreshments. Minimum 6 pax is required before cruise departs.

Your guide will drop you off the Blyde River Canyon Lodge in the late afternoon to spend the night.

DAY 5

After breakfast you will be met by your guide again to continue along the Panorama Route which would include Bourke's Luck Potholes, 3 Rondavels, God's Window and one of the waterfalls with a sit-down lunch at Harries Pancake Bar in Graskop.

This scenic area is also steeped in early Southern African mining history, local characters and pioneers and the famous "Jock of the Bushveld" routes as well as the village of Pilgrims Rest which conserves the history of this once vibrant gold mining community

DAY 6

After breakfast you will be transferred to the Kruger airport for your flight to Cape Town. On arrival you will be met and transferred to your accommodation in **De Waterkant Village** in central Cape Town.

This area is close to the Waterfront complex, the centre of the city and nestles below Signal Hill. An area with bistros and restaurants and refurbished Georgian cottages.

DAY 7/8/9/10

Days at leisure to explore Cape Town. Day tours with guide, or car hire, can be arranged.

An option would be to stay one or two nights in the Winelands at Avondrood Guest House

Franschhoek nestles in a beautiful valley surrounded by mountains and vineyards and is the centre of the Cape Winelands and the fine dining capital of South Africa.

DAY 11

Check out of accommodation after breakfast and transfer to Cape Town airport for your flight to Maun. (this flight only operates on Thursday and Sunday)

On arrival in Maun you will be met and transferred by air to the Leroo La Tau Lodge.

(Secure luggage storage facilities available in Maun as the luggage allowance on these private air charter flights is 20Kg including cabin luggage and must be packed in soft bags).

Leroo La Tau sits on 15m high cliffs overlooking the newly flowing Boteti River and the Makgadigadi National Park.

Game drives are conducted in the Leroo La Tau private concession. This area is home to the largest zebra and wildebeest migration in the world second to Serengeti. There are plains animals and elephant and predators. The lodge has 12 thatch and timber luxury en-suite rooms with a 270deg. panorama of the Boteti River.

DAY 12/13

Activities at Leroo La Tau are twice daily game drives , boat trips and evening bush dinners.

DAY 14

Air transfer to Xugana Island Lodge situated on a private island concession on the northern reaches of Botswana's Moremi Game Reserve. The lodge overlooks the expansive waters of the Xugana Lagoon a spectacular and permanent feature of the Okavango Delta.

8 luxury rooms in secluded thatch and reed chalets raised high above the ground on teak platforms.

DAY 15/16

Activities at Xugana: morning and afternoon game-viewing activities are conducted by experienced guides and include exploring the picturesque waters of the Okavango Delta by Mokoro, a traditional dugout canoe. Guests can track the large game species on guided nature walks on the many surrounding islands. The birdlife is fantastic and at certain times of the year fishing for bream and tiger fish.

DAY 17

Air transfer to Savute Safari Lodge situated in the south west of the world famous Chobe National Park. The lodge overlooks the Savute Channel, a fascinating river which recently began flowing after a curious 28 year absence.

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The Lodge had 12 spacious thatch and timber en-suite rooms and lounge areas. Private viewing decks span the entire width of each room.

DAY 18/19

Guest activities include morning and afternoon game drives throughout the many varied ecosystems that Chobe National Park's 5000kmsq Savute area encompasses. Experienced guides point out a multitude of environments from the Savute Marsh to the waterlogged Maribou Pans and the rocky outcrops of the Gubsatsa Hills with ancient San Rock paintings.

Wildlife at Savute is phenomenal: the area is home to the rare roan antelope, the endangered African wild dog, leopards, cheetahs and large herds of zebra, tsessebe and wildebeest. Savute is also well known for its concentration of lions and huge elephant herds, which can be viewed from the lodge day and night sometimes in their hundreds.

DAY 20

After early morning game drive and breakfast you will be transferred by air back to Maun. Collect luggage and connect with flight to Johannesburg.

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