

The Wildlife Wonders Of South Africa – 11 Days

Our Nature and Wildlife Tour will take you to a distant world that remains natural and unspoilt. Our Safari tour will provide you with a genuine African experience and you will visit private reserves and the world's greatest wildlife park - The Kruger. Our tour there visits four different ecological zones, all with an abundance of wildlife and each with its own unique character and natural beauty.

Day 1 London - Johannesburg

Enjoy full meal service on your overnight flight from London Heathrow.

Day 2 Johannesburg - Mabalingwe Nature Reserve (2 Nights)

After being met by your Guide, transfer to Mabalingwe Nature Reserve, just two hours north of Johannesburg a haven for eco-connoisseurs. After freshening up, the Head Veterinarian (subject to scheduling) of the Nature Reserve will present a Lecture on their pioneering conservation project, aimed at re-establishing buffalo, free of TB, to South Africa. It is possible to see and pet the young buffalo in their special enclosure. Our Game Drive, in an open four wheel drive Safari vehicle, is with an expert Ranger who will introduce you to many of the animal kingdom's untamed wildlife.

Day 3 Mabalingwe

After our early morning Game Drive we will relax by the pool or enjoy sporting activities. This afternoon there is an optional choice between a Horseback or Hiking Safari through the bush followed by an Evening Game Drive with a Driver Guide for an opportunity to spot more unique creatures and birds of Africa.

Day 4 Mabalingwe – Pilgrim's Rest – Mount Sheba Resort (2 Nights)

After breakfast we will travel towards Pilgrim's Rest, a 19th century gold mining town that is now a living open-air museum. Nearby is the Mount Sheba Hotel & Resort, our base for the next two nights. Our stay at Mount Sheba will allow us to rest and relax at a luxury hotel in a very African setting.

Day 5 Blyde River Canyon

On our excursion to the Blyde River Canyon we will enjoy the spectacular view of the canyon and the Three Rondavals from Pinnacle Rock. This is justifiably considered to be one of the world's most spectacular viewpoints. We will also stop at Bourke's Luck Potholes, where strange cylindrical holes have been carved by river whirlpools, and God's Window for an extensive view of the Lowveld.

Days 6 - 7 Kruger National Park (2 Nights)

After breakfast we will depart for The Kruger National Park, justifiably the most famous wildlife park in the world. The Kruger has a greater variety of animals than any park in Africa, including lion, leopard, elephant, buffalo, rhino, cheetah, giraffe, hippo, zebra and many varieties of antelope. We will spend two days exploring the park at leisure. Our itinerary provides a wonderful opportunity to see all the park's main ecological zones and a full variety of landscapes. Our travels should be rewarded with regular viewings of some, or indeed all, of the 'Big Five', and an extraordinary variety of smaller mammals and birds. We will also take one Evening Game Drive with a Park Ranger in a four wheel drive vehicle.

Day 8 Kruger National Park – Dumazulu Cultural Village (2 Nights)

An early morning start today as we drive to Kwazulu-Natal. Arrive at Dumazulu Cultural village. Dumazulu Traditional Village & Lodge is situated in the heart of Zululand, near Hluhluwe. Visitors are able to enjoy an authentic African cultural experience when they stay in the traditional, ethnic accommodation at Dumazulu Lodge. The lodge is connected by wooden walkways to Dumazulu Village, where guests can watch and learn about Zulu traditions. Traditional Dinner at the village

Day 9 Dumazulu Cultural Village – Cheetah Breeding Park

We will drive to the town of Hluhluwe and visit the **Cheetah Breeding Park**. The aim of the project is to care for wild Cheetahs and Serval Cats, which have been orphaned or injured in the wild and are in need of care and rehabilitation. The Park intends to breed where possible and release the offspring back into their natural habitat. You will have an informative presentation regarding the animals and the project by a specialist guide. The project has grown well in the last year, with two young Cheetah, six Caracal / Lynx and five African Wildcat joining the project. It may be possible to pet and feed the cubs. Later, return to the Cultural village for the afternoon full of Zulu dancing and traditional ethics. Dinner will be at the Village.

Day 10 St. Lucia Park & Game Reserve - Johannesburg - Departure

This morning we will visit the Greater St. Lucia Wetlands, one of the world's great eco-tourism destinations. A highlight is a Boat Trip on the Santa Lucia, from which we hope to observe hippo, crocodile, fish eagle, heron, ibis and other birds and wildlife.

We transfer this afternoon back to Johannesburg for our evening return flight to London.

Day 11 London

Your flight arrives back in the UK early this morning.