

# SAFARI BUDGET PACKAGE





#### **Highlights**

- · 5 FULL days in the world famous Kruger National Park
- Multiple morning and afternoon game drives in KNP led by your personal advanced field guide
- · Morning bush walk and night drive in Kruger – led by a Kruger Park Ranger
- ·Stay in three of the parks iconic rest camps
- · Airport pick up and drop off from Hoedspruit
- ·Dinner cooked one night by your guides in traditional South African style



#### Day 1 - Arrival, Hoedspruit airport

Pick up from Hoedspruit Eastgate airport. Depending on various arrival times of other guests there may be an opportunity to enjoy a refreshing cool drink from a local restaurant whilst we wait for the other guests to arrive.

Once we have everyone a quick grocery shop is needed to stock up for the next few days. Your guides will accompany you around and advise on what South African food is worth a try.

After shopping it's a short drive through Hoedspruit to our accommodation for the night. Mariepskop is set in a stunning location looking out onto the Drakensberg mountain range. Here you can relax for the rest of the day recovering from your journey to Hoedspruit.

For dinner your guides will show you how to braai. A traditional South African style of cooking food over the fire. Make sure you've bought the appropriate food at the supermarket earlier on in the day.

Accommodation - Mariepskop View backpackers



## <u>Day 2 – Kruger National Park – North – Shingwedzi</u>

We depart Mariepskop early to travel into the world famous Kruger National Park. We enter via the Northern gate of Phalaborwa.

Today is a long day of safari to get up to our beautiful camp for the next few days – Shingwedzi. There will be stops en route at some of the rest camps for breaks and a chance to grab some food to keep us going on this trip.

Shingwedzi is well known for amazing elephant sightings with massive breeding herds frequently visiting this area.

The camp has a pool, laundry services, restaurant/café, small grocery shop and communal kitchen areas.

Accommodation - Shingwedzi rest camp



## <u>Day 3 – Kruger National Park – North – Shingwedzi – Morning bushwalk</u>

This morning you will have the opportunity to explore Kruger on foot - walking safari. You will be accompanied by a Kruger Park ranger who will guide you throughout this amazing experience.

Once back at camp you will spend the hottest part of the day relaxing until late afternoon when we will head out for an afternoon game drive.

Accommodation -Shingwedzi rest camp



#### Day 4 - Kruger National Park - North to South

Today we head out on our epic safari trip down through the Kruger to our destination in the South -Skukuza.

There will be multiple stops on the way. Depending on what sightings we have this trip can easily take all day.

Skukuza restaurant overlooks the Sabie river and serves good food reasonably priced. Or you can choose to cook for yourselves for the next few days.

Skukuza has a pool & laundry facilities.

Accommodation - Skukuza rest camp http://www.krugerpark.co.za/Kruger\_National\_Park\_ Lodging\_&\_Camping\_Guide-travel/skukuzacamp.html

http://www.cattlebaron.co.za/stores/skukuza.html



## <u>Day 5 – Kruger National Park – South – Skukuza – Night Drive</u>

Today we head out on an early morning game drive towards the East. The road we take is renowned for amazing sightings as have lovely bushveld on our right and the stunning Sabie river on the left.

We will be driving towards the sunrise – a perfect setting to enjoy the soundtrack to The Lion King. In particular 'Circle of Life' ...

We arrive at Lower Sabie rest camp in time for breakfast. Once we are all satisfied we make our way to Skukuza for lunch.

The rest of the day is spent at Skukuza until the evening when you head out on a night drive! This activity is certainly one not to be missed. You will be accompanied by a Kruger Park ranger and have the chance to spot many of the nocturnal animals that live here. The list of potential sightings include porcupine, serval, civet, genet, bushbabies, scrub hares, nightjars and many more!

Accommodation - Skukuza rest camp http://www.krugerpark.co.za/Kruger\_National\_Park\_ Lodging\_&\_Camping\_Guide-travel/skukuzacamp.html http://www.cattlebaron.co.za/stores/skukuza.html



#### <u>Day 6 - Kruger National Park - Skukuza to Satara</u>

Early morning drive up to our final destination – Satara rest camp.

We will stop at the picnic spot Tshokwane to refuel en route.

Once we arrive at Satara (about lunch time) the rest of the day is spent at camp exploring the grounds. The garden area of the rest camp is fenced with animals often being spotted walking very close to the perimeter. Make sure you get some food for your breakfast tomorrow morning to have en route to the airport.

Enjoy your last night in South Africa sharing sundowners with your fellow travellers and guides whilst listening to the night sounds coming to life as the African sun sets.

Accommodation - Satara Rest camp



## Day 7 - Kruger National Park - Satara & departure

Early morning departure from Satara. We will enjoy our last few hours of game drive to get to our Kruger Park exit gate – Orpen.

We then make our way to Hoedspruit Eastgate airport for everyone to catch on their onward transfers. We say our goodbyes and hope everyone has made some lifelong memories and maybe some new friendships too.

Every place we stay has been hand chosen by your guides to offer a truly amazing South African experience. Please note that every accommodation has laundry facilities and swimming pool.