

CLASSIC KRUGER MAKUTSI SAFARI SPRINGS South Africa



7 day safari package

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Makutsi's natural spring outdoor pool

Price includes:

- return transfers Hoedspruit, or Phalaborwa airport to Makutsi Safari Springs
- 6 nights' accommodation in a private thatched roof rondavel
- breakfast and dinner daily
- full day guided, enclosed vehicle game drive in the Kruger National Park (5 hours +)
- 3 x guided, open vehicle game drives in Makutsi's private conservancy (3 hours + each game drive)
- 1 x guided, open vehicle game drive in Makutsi's private conservancy (5 hour afternoon to evening game drive)
- guided tour of Blyde River Canyon, lookout fees included
- national park fees.

Price excludes:

- flights and visa (if applicable)
- medical and travel insurance
- gratuities
- drinks, dining room tips
- telephone calls and laundry
- purchases of a personal nature.

B - breakfast

L - lunch

D - dinner

Hoedspruit to Hoedspruit

Accommodation: standard

Departs: daily

Itinerary overview:

Day 1: South Africa, Greater Kruger region - Makutsi Safari Springs

Day 2: South Africa, Greater Kruger region - Makutsi Safari Springs

Day 3: South Africa, Greater Kruger region - Makutsi Safari Springs

Day 4: South Africa, Greater Kruger region - Makutsi Safari Springs

Day 5: South Africa, Greater Kruger region - Makutsi Safari Springs

Day 6: South Africa, Greater Kruger region - Makutsi Safari Springs

Day 7: South Africa, Hoedspruit airport - ends

Makutsi Safari Springs also offers a walking safari package. The walking safari includes four nights at main camp, plus two nights at Makutsi's tented camp where you enjoy walking safaris on the lodge's private concession. The walking safari also includes many of the excursions that feature in this Classic Kruger package. Ask for our Kruger Walking Safari package for details.

(Please note: only children aged 16 years or older are permitted to stay at Makutsi's tented camp or go on walking safaris at Makutsi Safari Springs).

Classic Kruger Makutsi Safari Springs

Day 1: Makutsi Private Game Reserve, Kruger

Upon arrival at Hoedspruit or Phalaborwa airport a representative from Makutsi Safari Springs will meet you and transfer you to the lodge, about an hour's drive away. This afternoon there is time to relax and get settled into the camp. Dinner is served in the traditional open air lapa.

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Makutsi Safari Springs

Makutsi Main Camp is set on 10 hectares of tropical and landscaped gardens which ensure there are plenty of quiet places to relax and take in the surroundings. The camp is rustic, clean and well organized, offering privacy and personal attention to each and every guest. Nestled among indigenous trees, this delightful camp has two swimming pools with soft thermal mineral water that comes from the earth at 34°C, meaning guests can swim year-round. Guests are accommodated in thatched roofed rondavels. All rondavels have en-suite bathrooms, a mini-bar, coffee and tea facilities, ceiling fans, air-conditioning, mosquito nets and a terrace with lounge chairs.

Both the restaurant and the bar are built as an open 'lapa', or seating area, offering a natural and relaxed atmosphere for guests. Meals at Makutsi are a highlight with produce sourced from the lodge's own organic vegetable garden and local markets, and guests eating together in a social setting. Lunch, and snacks, can be ordered at the lodge's restaurant and café for a reasonable price.

Guests can enjoy game viewing at the local hippo pool, or watch wildlife pass by from a hidden viewing platform when not out on excursions. For those who are sports-minded you can play tennis, volleyball or table tennis, or use the lodge's fitness centre for a work-out. At an additional cost guests can enjoy local excursions such as: a 45 minute scenic helicopter ride where Makutsi staff undertake anti-poaching helicopter patrols in order to keep track of animal numbers and movements, join a ranger on a cheetah research drive, finding cheetah using the lodge's radar tracking system, visit Moholoholo Animal Rehabilitation Centre or enjoy a boat trip on the Blyde River Dam.

Day 2: 2 x 3 hour game drives, Makutsi Private Game Reserve

In the early morning your ranger will take you for a three hour game drive in an open Land Rover. Most common species of Africa's wildlife can be encountered in the game reserve, including: elephant, rhino, zebra, lion, giraffe, crocodile, hippo, leopard and much more. Breakfast is taken after your game drive, followed by ample time to relax and enjoy the facilities of the lodge. In the afternoon you depart for another three hour game drive, before returning just in time for a sundowner drink at the bar, after which dinner is served. **Makutsi Safari Springs (BD).**

Day 3: Full day game drive, Kruger National Park

This morning you depart at 5.00 am for a full day's game viewing in the world famous Kruger National Park. The early hours of the day are used for finding as much game as possible as this is when animals are often most active. Your guide will take a picnic style breakfast to enjoy at one of the many rest areas in the park. After breakfast, you are off on another game exploration which includes a lunch stop (at own expense) at one of the camps inside the Kruger National Park.



Panorama route tour



Makutsi thatched rondavel

Kruger National Park game drive



After lunch there is time for more game viewing, before you return to the lodge at around 4.30 pm. Dinner, consisting of fresh vegetables and herbs from the lodge's large garden, is served in the traditional lapa. **Makutsi Safari Springs (BD).**

Day 4: Blyde River Canyon excursion

After breakfast you depart for a day of sightseeing along a section of the Panorama Route, which includes the breathtaking Drakensberg Mountains and Blyde River Canyon region.

Blyde River Canyon is the third largest canyon of its kind in the world and is home to spectacular wildlife and bird-life. Several stops are made along the way, including a visit to Bourke's Luck Potholes and the Three Rondavels viewpoint overlooking the Blyde Dam. Stops are made during the day at markets and shops to browse at locally made crafts and curios. You return to Makutsi in the late afternoon in time to freshen-up before dinner is served. **Makutsi Safari Springs (BD).**

Day 5: Morning game drive, Makutsi Private Game Reserve

Today starts with an early morning game drive followed by breakfast at the lodge. The remainder of the day is at leisure to enjoy some of the many activities the lodge offers. Enjoy relaxing in the natural warm spring water pools, play a game of tennis, try some retail therapy, or choose from a range of optional excursions. **Makutsi Safari Springs (BD).**

Day 6: Five hour afternoon / evening game drive, Makutsi Private Game Reserve

Your morning is at leisure to enjoy the facilities of the lodge. Later in the day you enjoy a five hour, open sided vehicle, game drive on Makutsi's private concession. Your game drive departs mid-afternoon, affording viewing of nocturnal wildlife as you return to the lodge. Sundowners are taken on the game drive as the sun sets over another perfect day in the South African bush. Your last dinner with your fellow travellers is taken this evening at the lapa. **Makutsi Safari Springs (BD).**

Day 7: Hoedspruit - ends

After breakfast you are transferred from Makutsi to Hoedspruit, or Phalaborwa, airport to board your flight (flight not included) **(B).**

Important information:

- Guests who are self-driving must arrive before sunset.
- The sequence of inclusions listed in this itinerary may vary due to weather conditions and date of arrival.
- A single supplement does not apply to solo travellers at Makutsi Safari Springs (some exclusions apply).
- Children under 12 years are charged at 50% of the adult rate.
- Prices may vary when booking seasons overlap. Bookings over Christmas, New Year and Easter incur holiday supplements. Please ask for a date-specific quote for travel during these dates.
- Prices for flights, airport taxes, park fees and applicable government taxes and levies may be changed without prior notice. Any change is beyond our control and any increase levied will be passed on.
- As prices are calculated in foreign currencies it may become necessary to add a currency surcharge.
- Please refer to our terms and conditions for amendments and cancellation policies if necessary.