

# KRUGER ENCOMPASSED

## South Africa



### 6 day travel package (deluxe accommodation)

This dual lodge package is perfect if you want to combine game viewing with a range of exciting experiences within the Kruger region. Track Africa's 'Big Five', view the Panorama Route's iconic sights and have the opportunity to observe wildlife in both the Kruger National Park and a private game reserve during your stay at two of our favourite lodges.





#### **Cost includes:**

- meet, greet and Hoedspruit airport arrival transfer
- road transfer between lodges and departure transfer to Hoedspruit airport
- 5 nights' accommodation in 4 star lodges
- meals as listed
- guided Panorama Route tour with stops at Blyde River Canyon, lookouts and Graskop Gorge lift
- guided full day game drive in Kruger National Park
- Kruger National Park entry fees and conservancy fees
- four ranger-guided game drives within Makalali Private Game Reserve.

#### **Cost excludes:**

- visas and flights
- international and domestic airport taxes that cannot be pre-paid (clients pay direct)
- driver / guide gratuities
- personal travel, baggage and medical insurance
- drinks, dining rooms tips, telephone calls, laundry and any items of a personal nature.

**B - breakfast**

**L - lunch**

**D - dinner**

**FI - fully inclusive of all meals and local brand drinks**

#### **Kruger to Kruger (Hoedspruit to Hoedspruit)**

**Accommodation:** deluxe

**Departs:** daily

#### **Itinerary overview:**

Day 1: South Africa, Blyde River Canyon - Blyde River Canyon Lodge

Day 2: South Africa, Blyde River Canyon - Blyde River Canyon Lodge

Day 3: South Africa, Blyde River Canyon - Blyde River Canyon Lodge

Day 4: South Africa, Kruger region - Makalali Main Lodge

Day 5: South Africa, Kruger region - Makalali Main Lodge

Day 6: South Africa, Hoedspruit airport

Extend your African journey with a visit to some of the popular sights of Southern Africa, including Cape Town, the Garden Route and Victoria Falls. See our Cape Town Experience packages, our Garden Route tours and self-drive packages and our Falls Experience packages for details.



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## Day 1: Blyde River Canyon

On arrival at Hoedspruit airport, in the Kruger region, you are met and transferred to your lodge where you enjoy a relaxing afternoon. **Blyde River Canyon (LD - lunch is dependent on arrival time).**

## Blyde River Canyon Lodge

Nestled between the Drakensberg Mountains and the Blyde River, Blyde River Canyon Lodge features elegantly decorated rooms that open onto tranquil gardens, where zebra and wildebeest wander. Located near the entrance of Blyde River Canyon Nature Reserve, the lodge has air-conditioned rooms, each with satellite television and tea and coffee making facilities. An English breakfast is served daily, and the guesthouse's restaurant offers local dishes for lunch and dinner. This friendly lodge is ideally located for travellers visiting the panorama route, Blyde River Canyon and the Kruger National Park.

## Day 2: Blyde River Canyon - Panorama Route

After breakfast you join a guided tour of the iconic Panorama Route. This route is best known for its cultural heritage and its dramatic landscapes and is undoubtedly one of South Africa's most popular travel destinations. One of the major highlights of the region is the Blyde River Canyon Reserve, home to spectacular wildlife, birdlife and some of the best scenery in South Africa. The Blyde River Canyon is the third largest canyon of its kind in the world.

During your drive you will also stop at 'God's Window' for a truly breathtaking view of canyons, rock formations and waterfalls. God's Window offers a panoramic view of the lowveld more than 900 metres down into a lush indigenous forest-clad ravine. Your day also includes a visit to the lookout at the three rondavels, which is known as one of the best views in South Africa. Lunch is at the friendly Harrys Pancakes prior to taking the Graskop Gorge Lift down 51 metres to capture views of the surrounding Afromontane forest.

You return to the lodge in the early evening, having spent the day on tour. Dinner is served a-la-carte at the lodge. **Blyde River Canyon Lodge (BLD).**

## Day 3: Blyde River Canyon

Today you head into the Kruger National Park on a full day's game drive. Covering an area of just under 20,000 square kilometres, Kruger National Park is one of the most famous wildlife parks in the world. Established in 1898 by Paul Kruger, the park is home to an impressive number of species. Approximately 2,000 plants, 53 fish, 34 amphibians, 118 reptiles, 517 birds and 147 mammals live within the park.

Your game drive is taken in a park safari vehicle. Starting early in the morning when animals are at their most active, a day in the Kruger offers the chance to see one of the broadest range of animal species on the continent. Lunch is taken as a picnic to afford more time spotting wildlife. Return to the lodge for your final night at Blyde River. **Blyde River Canyon Lodge (BL)**

## Day 4: Makalali Private Game Reserve

After an early morning game drive and breakfast, you farewell Blyde River and transfer to one of the region's top game reserves. Upon arrival you enjoy lunch and time to relax prior to high tea and your afternoon game drive.





Game drives at Makalali are taken in open sided safari vehicles. Rangers are assisted by a spotter who tracks and seeks out animals in the reserve including the 'big five'. Game drives are taken within the reserve. This insures personal, close-up encounters with the region's animals. Your drive continues into the early evening allowing sightings of nocturnal creatures and predators such as leopard, hyena and male lions, who roam at night. Dinner is taken in style on the deck overlooking the adjacent bushveld. **Makalali Main Lodge (BLD).**

#### **Makalali Private Game Reserve - Main Lodge**

Located on a 26,000 hectare game reserve, this lodge's rangers have a reputation for their infectious enthusiasm. Having been totally rebuilt in 2017, Makalali now features two lodges. The four-star Main Lodge offers great value with 30 well designed rooms, with classic leather and wood furnishings and luxurious social areas. The outside boma is ideal for an evening under the African sky. The spa offers a variety of soothing treatments and the pool area offers the perfect place to unwind and take in the sounds of the African bush. Makalali appeals to the adventurer in all of us with tracking to within metres of wildlife a common occurrence. The reserve features the Big Five, with sightings of the major predator's common place.

#### **Day 5: Makalali Private Game Reserve**

Your day will generally start with an early morning tea and coffee, followed by a three hour morning game drive. Animals are often most active at this time of day and spotting wildlife is guaranteed. You return to the lodge for a hearty breakfast. After breakfast there is time to enjoy the facilities of the lodge, such as a cooling swim in the lodge's pool, or a relaxing read in the comfortable lounge area, or scan for wildlife from the lodge's extensive decks.

Your second safari today will begin in the late afternoon. This provides guests with the opportunity to enjoy a different side of the bushveld, as day-roaming animals prepare to settle in for the night and our nocturnal friends emerge to stalk the plains. You will drive into the veld as the sun begins to set, painting the sky with streaks of amber, ochre and gold, making your way into the approaching African dusk. You stop to enjoy sundowner drinks as the sky is transformed into a velvety backdrop for thousands upon thousands of stars. On the way back, the guide turn on a powerful spotlight and point out night-time predators and their prey.

Back at the lodge there is an opportunity to return to your room to freshen up before dinner. Dinner is served on the dinning deck or barbeque-style at the traditional boma. **Makalali Main Lodge (BLD).**

#### **Day 6: Hoedspruit airport**

This morning enjoy an early morning game drive prior to breakfast, before transferring to Hoedspruit airport. **(B).**



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## Important information:

- It is the responsibility of the client to be at the tour departure point at the time assigned by the tour operator.
- On completion of the tour, flights must be booked taking into consideration the time recommended by the tour operator.
- Transfers may be in a sedan, minibus or coach.
- It is the responsibility of the client to have all necessary documentation, including visas and inoculation certificates relating to this tour.
- At times an alternative vehicle type may be used other than those mentioned in the itinerary and inclusion listing.
- At times, the sequence or inclusion of activities may vary due to local conditions, opening hours or non-availability.
- 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 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 will be passed on to the client.
- Children younger than six are unable to join seat-in-vehicle safaris, however we would be pleased to book a private safari for families with young children.
- 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.

