

KRUGER WALKING SAFARI MAKUTSI SAFARI SPRINGS South Africa



7 day safari package
(standard accommodation)

Makutsi Safari Springs is located within a private game reserve 60 km from The Kruger National Park. Owned and operated by the Weber family since the 1970s, Makutsi is the perfect game lodge for travellers who wish to do more than simply game drive. A stay at Makutsi includes accommodation, two meals per day, several game drives and excursions, along with two nights in Makutsi's own tented camp enjoying walking safaris.





Makutsi's natural spring outdoor pool

Price includes:

- return transfers Hoedspruit, or Phalaborwa airport to Makutsi Safari Springs
- 4 nights' accommodation in private thatched roof rondavel
- 2 nights' accommodation in a permanent safari tent with en suite
- breakfast and dinner daily
- 2 x guided, open vehicle game drives in Makutsi's private conservancy (1 x 3 hour and 1 x 5 hour game drive)
- daily guided safari walks at tented camp
- guided tour of the Panorama Route, lookout fees included
- national park fees.

Price excludes:

- visas and flights
- medical and travel insurance
- gratuities
- lunch and 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, Kruger region - Makutsi Safari Springs Main Camp

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

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

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

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

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

Day 7: South Africa, Hoedspruit airport - ends

The Kruger Walking Safari is unsuitable for children aged under 16 years old. For an alternate package please refer to our Classic Kruger Safari package at Makutsi Safari Springs. The Classic package includes many of the excursions that feature in the Kruger Walking Safari, plus a day's game drive in the Kruger National Park and an extra 2 x 3 hour game drives within Makutsi's private concession. Refer to our Classic Kruger Safari package for details.

* Guests can also be transferred from Phalaborwa airport

Kruger Walking Safari - 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 about an hour's drive to the lodge. This afternoon there is time to relax and get settled into the camp. Dinner is served in the traditional open air lapa. Makutsi Safari Springs is located within a private game reserve 60 km from The Kruger National Park. Owned and operated by the Weber family since the 1970s, Makutsi is the perfect game lodge for travellers who wish to do more than simply game drive. A stay at Makutsi includes accommodation, two meals per day, several game drives and excursions, including a drive along the panorama route. The Weber family are truly hospitable hosts and this, along with its affordability, makes visiting Makutsi addictive.

Makutsi Safari Springs - main camp rondavel (D).

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.

The tented camp consists of four permanent safari tents, under thatch, scattered along a ridge, with views to the Drakensburg mountains. All tents have electricity, a private covered deck, standing fan and en-suite bathroom with shower and flush toilets. The camp also has a comfortable lounge area, restaurant and pool.

At main camp 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: Five hour afternoon/ evening game drive, Makutsi Private Game Reserve

Your morning is at leisure to enjoy the facilities of the lodge. Guests often enjoy a swim in the outdoor pool, or a relax in the indoor roman style baths. Both are fed by Makutsi's natural spring, which replenishes the pools each day and keeps them at a temperature of around 30 - 35 degrees year round. 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. Dinner is with your fellow travellers at the lapa.

Makutsi Safari Springs - main camp rondavel (BD).



Makutsi tented camp



Makutsi main camp - thatched rondavel



Day 3: 1 x 3 hour game drive and 1 walking safari, Makutsi Private Game Reserve

In the early morning your ranger will take you for a three hour game drive in an open Land Rover. Many of Africa's wildlife species may 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 a half hour drive to Makutsi's tented camp, where you will stay for two nights. In the afternoon you depart for your first walking safari, before returning to the camp just in time for a sundowner drink, after which dinner is served. **Makutsi Safari Springs - tented camp (BD).**

Day 4: 2 x 3 hour walking safaris, Makutsi Private Game Reserve

This morning you depart early for a your walking safari. 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 bring the bush to life as they point out flora which has assisted life in this region for centuries. Track animals using spore and prints and learn about the intricate details of the local flora and fauna. After breakfast and some time to relax, you set off on another walking exploration in the afternoon. Dinner consisting of fresh vegetables and herbs from the lodge's large garden is served at the camp. **Makutsi Safari Springs - tented camp (BD).**

Day 5: Morning walking safari, Makutsi Private Game Reserve

Today starts with an early morning walking safari, followed by breakfast at the camp. You then return to the main camp for the rest of your stay. 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 - main camp rondavel (BD).**

Day 6: Panorama Route tour

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 - main camp rondavel (BD).**

Day 7: Hoedspruit - ends

After breakfast transfer to Hoedspruit or Phalaborwa airport for your onward flight (flight not included) **(B).**

Kruger Walking Safari - Makutsi Safari Springs

Important information:

- Guests who are self-driving must arrive before sunset.
- Children under the age of 16 years are not permitted to stay at Makutsi's tented camp or go on walking safaris at Makutsi Safari Springs. (For families with children under 16 years please refer to the Classic Kruger Safari package at Makutsi Safari Springs).
- 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).
- 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.



Dining at Makutsi's main camp