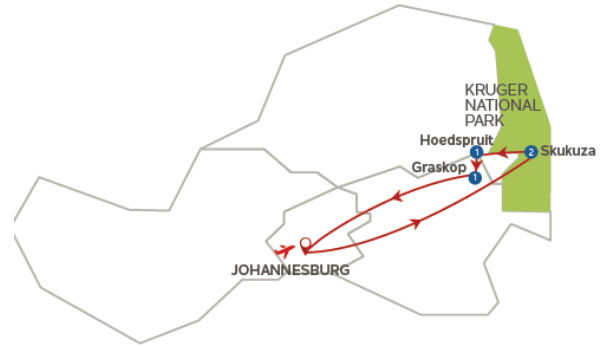


5-day Wild and Scenic Kruger

Head out of the city to enjoy 'Big 5' game viewing in the Kruger National Park. Discover the African bush at a private game lodge and explore the awe-inspiring Panorama Route.



TOUR DETAILS

Tour Code	TISD 06	
Duration	5 days 4 nights 2 nights Skukuza 1 night Hoedspruit 1 night Graskop	
Start location	Johannesburg, Gauteng	
End location	Johannesburg, Gauteng	
Group size	2 – 8 guests per vehicle	
Departure time	±06h00 from Rosebank hotels ±06h30 from Sandton hotels - Collection times vary; are subject to the hotel collection route and will be confirmed, via the hotel, the day before departure - Selected pick-up and drop-off hotels list available on request	
Language	English guided German guided Other language tour guides are available on request if booked on a private basis	
Accommodation	4-star hotels and 5-star private game lodge	
Vehicle	Air-conditioned vehicle of appropriate size Sedan or minibus	
Included	Meals	4 breakfasts and 4 dinners
	Entrance Fees	Blyde River Canyon Bourke's Luck Potholes Lisbon Falls God's Window The Pinnacle Daily conservation fees into Kruger National Park and a private game reserve Hotel Porterage
	Excursions	Full day open safari vehicle game drive in Kruger National Park Afternoon and morning open safari vehicle game drives in a private game reserve
	Green Seat	Endangered Wildlife Trust, Trees for Tourism
Excluded	Travel insurance, flights, visa fees, airport transfers, 5 lunches and gratuities	

SCHEDULED DEPARTURE DATES

2025 Season 01 Nov 2024 – 31 Dec 2025	Language	Start	End		
		Tuesday	Saturday		
Scheduled Tuesdays	Group 1	German	05-Nov-24	09-Nov-24	
	Group 2	English	12-Nov-24	16-Nov-24	
	Group 3	German	19-Nov-24	23-Nov-24	
	Group 4	English	26-Nov-24	30-Nov-24	
	Group 5	German	03-Dec-24	07-Dec-24	
	Group 6	English	10-Dec-24	14-Dec-24	
	Block-out dates may apply	Group 7	German	17-Dec-24	21-Dec-24
		Group 8	English	24-Dec-24	28-Dec-24
		Group 9	German	31-Dec-24	04-Jan-25
		Group 10	English	07-Jan-25	11-Jan-25
		Group 11	German	14-Jan-25	18-Jan-25
		Group 12	English	21-Jan-25	25-Jan-25
		Group 13	German	28-Jan-25	01-Feb-25
		Group 14	English	04-Feb-25	08-Feb-25
		Group 15	German	11-Feb-25	15-Feb-25
		Group 16	English	18-Feb-25	22-Feb-25
		Group 17	German	25-Feb-25	01-Mar-25
		Group 18	English	04-Mar-25	08-Mar-25
		Group 19	German	11-Mar-25	15-Mar-25
		Group 20	English	18-Mar-25	22-Mar-25
		Group 21	German	25-Mar-25	29-Mar-25
		Group 22	English	01-Apr-25	05-Apr-25
		Group 23	German	08-Apr-25	12-Apr-25
		Group 24	English	15-Apr-25	19-Apr-25
		Group 25	German	22-Apr-25	26-Apr-25
		Group 26	English	29-Apr-25	03-May-25
		Group 27	German	06-May-25	10-May-25
		Group 28	English	13-May-25	17-May-25
		Group 29	German	20-May-25	24-May-25
		Group 30	English	27-May-25	31-May-25
		Group 31	German	03-Jun-25	07-Jun-25
		Group 32	English	10-Jun-25	14-Jun-25
		Group 33	German	17-Jun-25	21-Jun-25
		Group 34	English	24-Jun-25	28-Jun-25
		Group 35	German	01-Jul-25	05-Jul-25
		Group 36	English	08-Jul-25	12-Jul-25
		Group 37	German	15-Jul-25	19-Jul-25
		Group 38	English	22-Jul-25	26-Jul-25
		Group 39	German	29-Jul-25	02-Aug-25
		Group 40	English	05-Aug-25	09-Aug-25
		Group 41	German	12-Aug-25	16-Aug-25
		Group 42	English	19-Aug-25	23-Aug-25
		Group 43	German	26-Aug-25	30-Aug-25
		Group 44	English	02-Sep-25	06-Sep-25
		Group 45	German	09-Sep-25	13-Sep-25
		Group 46	English	16-Sep-25	20-Sep-25
		Group 47	German	23-Sep-25	27-Sep-25
		Group 48	English	30-Sep-25	04-Oct-25
		Group 49	German	07-Oct-25	11-Oct-25
		Group 50	English	14-Oct-25	18-Oct-25
		Group 51	German	21-Oct-25	25-Oct-25
		Group 52	English	28-Oct-25	01-Nov-25
		Group 53	German	04-Nov-25	08-Nov-25
		Group 54	English	11-Nov-25	15-Nov-25
		Group 55	German	18-Nov-25	22-Nov-25
		Group 56	English	25-Nov-25	29-Nov-25
		Group 57	German	02-Dec-25	06-Dec-25
		Group 58	English	09-Dec-25	13-Dec-25
		Group 59	German	16-Dec-25	20-Dec-25
		Group 60	English	23-Dec-25	27-Dec-25
		Group 61	German	30-Dec-25	03-Jan-26

ADDITIONAL TOURING OPTIONS

Scheduled Private Guided Tour	<p>The itinerary is available on a private basis departing on scheduled Tuesdays</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Available on 30-day freesell and on request thereafter - Departure on any other day is subject to availability and a surcharge applies - Public attractions and open safari vehicle game drives will not be private - Other foreign language tour guides available on request if booked on a private basis and a surcharge applies
Scheduled Self-drive Tour	<p>The itinerary is available on a self-drive basis departing on scheduled Tuesdays</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Available on 30-day freesell and on request thereafter - Excluding Panorama Route entrance fees - Departure on any other day is subject to availability and a surcharge applies

EXTEND THE EXPERIENCE Recommendations

Pre/Post-Tour Accommodation in **JOHANNESBURG**: **4-star** Protea Hotel by Marriott Balalaika Sandton

5-star Sandton Sun Hotel

Pre/Post-Touring in **JOHANNESBURG**:

Half Day Johannesburg City and Soweto Highlights

Post-Touring **GARDEN ROUTE extension**:

4-day Klein Karoo & Garden Route PE to Cape Town, Starts Sundays, Ends Thu

6-day Cape Kaleidoscope Cape Town to Cape Town, Starts Mondays, Ends Sat

9-day Karoo, Addo & Garden Route Cape Town to Cape Town, Starts Tue, Ends Wed

TOUR SUMMARY

Alternative accommodation may be booked when required and will be communicated 30 days before departure

DAY	ACCOMMODATION	MEALS	ACTIVITIES & ENTRANCE FEES INCLUDED	KM
1 Tue	Skukuza Safari Lodge	Dinner	Kruger National Park conservation fee Touring vehicle game drive from a Kruger National Park gate to Skukuza Rest Camp	465
2 Wed	Skukuza Safari Lodge	Breakfast Dinner	Kruger National Park conservation fee Full day open safari vehicle game drive in the Kruger	
2 Thu	aha Makalali River Lodge	Breakfast Dinner	Kruger National Park conservation fee Touring vehicle game drive from Skukuza to Orpen Gate Afternoon open safari vehicle game drive at Makalali	250
3 Fri	Hoyohoyo Angel's View	Breakfast Dinner	Morning open safari vehicle game drive at Makalali Blyde River Canyon and Three Rondavels Bourke's Luck Potholes Lisbon Falls God's Window The Pinnacle	135
4 Sat	TOUR ENDS IN JOHANNESBURG	Breakfast		385

DAY-BY-DAY BREAKDOWN

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Day 1 | Tuesday

JOHANNESBURG to SKUKUZA, KRUGER NATIONAL PARK (±465km)

Breakfast at the hotel (own expense – own arrangement)
Lunch en route (own expense)
Afternoon game viewing to the touring vehicle to Skukuza Rest Camp
Arrive at the lodge in the late afternoon
Dinner at the lodge (included)
Skukuza Safari Lodge – Dinner, breakfast and 1 game drive activity (4-star)

Day 2 | Wednesday

FULL DAY IN KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

Early breakfast at the lodge (included)
Full day open safari vehicle game drive (included)
Lunch at a Rest Camp Restaurant or Picnic spot (own expense)
Dinner at the lodge (included)
Skukuza Safari Lodge – Dinner and breakfast and 1 game activity (4-star)

Day 3 | Thursday

SKUKUZA, KRUGER NATIONAL PARK to HOEDSPRUIT via ORPEN GATE (±255km)

Breakfast at the lodge (included)
Game viewing in Kruger National Park in the closed touring vehicle from Skukuza to Orpen Gate
Arrive at the lodge in the late afternoon
Afternoon High Tea (included)
Afternoon open safari vehicle game drive (included)
Dinner at the lodge (included)
aha Makalali River Lodge or similar – Dinner, breakfast, and 2 game activities (5-star)

Day 4 | Friday

HOEDSPRUIT to GRASKOP via PANORAMA ROUTE (±145km)

Morning open safari vehicle game drive (included)
Breakfast at the lodge (included)
Blyde River Canyon and The Three Rondavels (included)
Bourke's Luck Potholes (included)
Lisbon Falls (included)
God's Window (included)
The Pinnacle (included)
Lunch en route (own expense)
Arrive at the hotel in the late afternoon
Dinner at the hotel (included)
Hoyohoyo Angel's View or similar – Dinner and breakfast (4-star)

Day 5 | Saturday

GRASKOP to JOHANNESBURG (±385km)

Breakfast at the hotel (included)
Lunch en route (own expense)
Arrive in Johannesburg late afternoon
Drop-off at OR Tambo International Airport or main Sandton / Rosebank hotels
NOTE for airport drop-off: It is advisable to book a local flight departing after 18h00

DETAILED ITINERARY

Alternative accommodation may be booked when required and will be communicated 30 days before departure

Day 1 | Tuesday

JOHANNESBURG to SKUKUZA, KRUGER NATIONAL PARK (±465km)

Your adventure begins as we depart Johannesburg, towards the Kruger National Park - South Africa's top-ranked safari destination and one of the planet's last vast preserved wildernesses. We stop en route for lunch (at your own expense). We enter the park in the afternoon and enjoy game viewing as we make our way to our lodge at Skukuza Rest Camp. Kruger National Park is home to what is famously known as the 'Big 5' (lion, elephant, leopard, buffalo, and rhino), along with 336 tree, 49 fish, 34 amphibian, 116 reptile, 507 bird, and 147 mammal species. Arrive at the lodge in the late afternoon. We dine at the lodge restaurant.

Overnight at Skukuza Safari Lodge – Dinner, breakfast and 1 game drive activity

Day 2 | Wednesday

FULL DAY IN KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

Wake up early with a sunrise cup of coffee and fresh rusks (a traditional South African biscuit). Expect an exciting safari as we head out on a full day game drive with expert guides in an open safari vehicle. You will receive a breakfast pack to enjoy at a picnic spot in the park. Explore the wilderness with heightened senses on the lookout for creatures big and small. Be ready to add to your animal and bird viewing list! There is a lot to look for, including the 'Big 5'. Find graceful giraffes among the thorn trees, while in the vast African skies, vultures circle, marking a kill. Listen out for the compelling cry of a Fish Eagle or the unforgettable, full-throated roar of a lion. As the day unfolds, relish a tranquil lunch (at your own expense) at a scenic picnic spot, surrounded by the park's untamed beauty. Relax and take in the special energy of the African bush. We return to the lodge in the late afternoon. Enjoy dinner under the starry galaxy, and share stories around the campfire or at the restaurant.

Overnight at Skukuza Safari Lodge – Dinner, breakfast and 1 game activity

Day 3 | Thursday

SKUKUZA, KRUGER NATIONAL PARK to MAKALALI GAME RESERVE via ORPEN GATE (±255km)

You will be reluctant to leave the wild world of the Kruger National Park, but Hoedspruit is a wildlife mecca. After breakfast, there are more opportunities to spot wildlife on the 3-hour drive to Orpen Gate, where we exit the Park and head towards the Makalali Private Game Reserve. Makalali is renowned for its diverse wildlife and beautiful landscapes, with a signature skyline of the Drakensberg Mountain Range. It is also home to the highly endangered African wild dog. We stop for lunch (at your own expense) en route. Once at the lodge, you can enjoy an afternoon high tea, cool off in the pool, or relax on a viewing deck. You will explore this private reserve, spanning 26,000ha of pristine bushveld, in an open safari vehicle with an expert game ranger in the afternoon. With two game drives, you can expect hours of excitement and wonder. You are in for a treat this evening with fine dining on the deck, before retiring to your suite for the night.

Overnight at aha Makalali River Lodge or similar – Dinner, breakfast, and 2 game activities

Day 4 | Friday

MAKALALI GAME RESERVE to GRASKOP via PANORAMA ROUTE (±145km)

Early morning in the bush is extraordinary. The clear air is filled with birdsong; animals make their way to drinking holes. Be part of the wilderness on a guided walk through the bush, or head out on an open vehicle game drive. After a lodge breakfast, we drive along the Panorama Route where the scenery shifts from bushveld to the lush green mountains and valleys. We stop for lunch (at your own expense) along this route. First, we visit the Blyde River Canyon, the world's largest green canyon filled with waterfalls and ancient geological formations that will astound you, including the Three Rondavels - three conical peaks resembling African huts. Stand on the bridges over the Bourke's Luck Potholes, where millennia of swirling water have carved giant holes into the sandstone. Watch misty rainbows formed by the cascading Lisbon Falls as it plunges 94m of sheer rock face. If time permits, take a short walk to the bottom of the falls. We continue to the highest point of the day, at God's Window before seeing the Pinnacle – a tall, freestanding rock formation that offers unrivalled views of the Canyon. We overnight near Graskop, a town established in the 1880s at the height of the gold rush, and now part of the local timber industry. Enjoy a relaxing dinner at your hotel.

Overnight at Hoyohoyo Angel's View or similar – Dinner and breakfast

Day 5 | Saturday

GRASKOP to JOHANNESBURG (±385km)

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel before we make our way back to Johannesburg. We will stop for lunch (at your own expense) en route and arrive in Johannesburg in the afternoon at OR Tambo International Airport or the main Sandton and Rosebank hotels.