



## NJJ – THE KRUGER BIG 5

### Activity Package

This is an optional payment that covers what we consider to be ‘essential activities’ on our tours. Ideally we would include all of these, but not everyone can afford this. This payment is 100% transparent and is listed below. The Activity Package can be pre-purchased prior to your arrival or through your guide on day 1 of your tour. **This dossier has been written with the inclusion of the Activity Package items.**

Activity	Price
Kwa Madwala evening game drive	<b>R170</b>
Kwa Madwala morning game walk	<b>R150</b>
Full day 4x4 game drive – Kruger NP	<b>R500</b>
	<b>R820</b>

### Countries Visited

South Africa

### Vehicle

Adventure truck / safari vehicle

### Malaria

Malaria prophylactics are required for the duration of this tour

### Departure Point

8.00 am from Garden Court O.R. Tambo International Airport, 2 Hulley Road, Isando Ext. 3, Kempton Park, Gauteng, South Africa.  
Tel: +27 11 392 1062

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### End Point

Garden Court O.R. Tambo International Airport, 2 Hulley Road, Isando Ext. 3, Kempton Park, Gauteng, South Africa.  
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### What’s included

Meals as indicated on the itinerary (unless otherwise specified, all meals are prepared and served at the truck), accommodation, registered guides and transport. We also include some of the highlights. These highlights are listed below in the day-by-day descriptions as “included highlights”.

### What’s excluded

All items of a personal nature, alcohol, snacks, souvenirs, tips and optional activities (see list for an indication of prices.)

### Health

Please inform us of any pre-existing conditions such as diabetes or asthma and any prescription medicine you may be taking. We also need to know about any food allergies or physical disability that you may have.

### Insurance

All clients require adequate Travel Insurance. Medical Insurance is not sufficient. Activity providers can refuse participation of activities, if the correct valid Travel Insurance is not provided.

### Climate

The African sun is very strong. Please use a factor 30 sunscreen and wear a hat. You should drink at least 3 litres of water per day to avoid dehydration. It can also get very cold during winter months on this route. Please see Pre Departure Booklet for detailed information.

### Visas

Please note that these are your responsibility.

### Currency and Banking

South African Rand is the only currency on this route. Credit Cards can be used on this tour. Please see Pre Departure Booklet for detailed information on each country.

### Vaccinations

No vaccinations are prescribed by law for or on this tour. Please see the Pre Departure Information booklet for detailed information on vaccinations in Africa.

### Onward Travel

This tour can be linked beforehand to the Okavango & Chobe Trail, South African Explorer, Rediscover Zimbabwe, Discover Mozambique and Mozambique in comfort tours.

### Pre and Post Tour Accommodation

If you require accommodation before or after your tour we can arrange this for you. We can also arrange airport transfers – contact us via [info@shapshaptravel.com](mailto:info@shapshaptravel.com)

### Arrival

Please be sure to arrive 1 day before your tour is due to depart. This will avoid any unforeseen problems.

## Departure

You can be dropped off at the airport and depart Johannesburg if you have a flight that departs after 10pm. You accept the unlikely possibility that there could be an unexpected delay which would

mean arriving late in Johannesburg. We do however strongly recommend spending this night in Johannesburg

**Note: All information is subject to change without prior notice. Travel times and campsites can change depending on road or weather conditions, etc. These are used as a guideline only. On our longer tours it is possible that your crew, truck and fellow travellers will change due to our unique tour linking system. On this tour, camping and accommodated clients will be travelling together with a maximum number of participants of 18.**

## Did you receive your Pre Departure Information Booklet?

If not please contact us at [info@shapshaptravel.com](mailto:info@shapshaptravel.com) and we will e-mail you the document; alternatively you can also download from our website at [www.shapshaptravel.com](http://www.shapshaptravel.com).

## OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Country	Area	Activity	Price Range
South Africa	Kruger National Park	Night Game Drive with SANP	R180 to R250
South Africa	Kruger National Park	Morning Game Walk 2 to 3 hours with SANP	R340 to R400

## Note

There are more optional activities being created every day – we have listed only the most popular. If there is something specific you would like to do then speak to your guide as they will be able to assist you (if it is possible). Due to peak or holiday seasons, there is the possibility that some of these options may not be available.

Please note that due to the seasonal fluctuations of the Kruger National Park we cannot guarantee that we will stay at the places indicated in this itinerary – we will follow the game in order to give you the best viewing experience.

## Day 1 Kwa Madwala Reserve

An early start from Johannesburg, we travel through the Northern Province of Mpumalanga en route to the breathtaking Kruger National Park. This afternoon we enter the Kwa Madwala Game Reserve just south of the Kruger Park. After settling in we enjoy an evening game drive followed by local dancing and dinner. Look out for those shining eyes and keep your cameras ready!

Meals:	Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation:	Two per room: Gazebo Game Lodge <a href="http://www.kwamadwala.net/gazebo-game-lodge.html">www.kwamadwala.net/gazebo-game-lodge.html</a>
Facilities:	En-suites, swimming pool, bar.
Route:	Johannesburg to Kwa Madwala Reserve. ±440 km
Travel time:	±8-10 hrs
Activity Package:	Evening game drive in the Reserve
Included highlight:	Local traditional dancing after dinner

## Kwa Madwala Reserve

Kwa Madwala, meaning 'place of rock', is an independent wildlife conservancy covering 4 000 hectares of the Lowveld just south of the mighty Kruger National Park. It is relatively new, started 10 years ago, and has a well-managed eco-system supporting lion, elephant, rhino, leopard and a wide variety of other general game as well as a diverse birdlife. The focus is not only on the big game here, but also the small and the rare. Due to the small size of the reserve, guests can expect to get close to most species on a game drive. Kwa Madwala has also initiated a Leopard Conservation Project to provide a safe haven for leopards in the area, and gradually increase their numbers.

## Day 2 Kruger National Park

Today we start with a morning game walk before proceeding into the Kruger National Park. We enjoy an afternoon game drive from the comfort of our overland Truck. On the way keep your eyes open for more wildlife. Our truck gives us a more elevated view of the park, and the ability to spot big cats and other smaller game that can be hiding in the vegetation. *Optional Activities: Night game drives with SANP Game Ranger (Subject to availability)*

Meals:	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation:	Camp: SANP Camp: <a href="http://www.sanparks.org/parks/kruger">www.sanparks.org/parks/kruger</a>
Facilities:	Shared ablutions, shop, restaurant
Route:	Kwa Madwala Reserve to Kruger National Park ±150 km
Travel time:	We will be game driving through the park for the duration of the day
Activity Package:	Morning walk in Kwa Madwala Reserve
Included highlight:	Afternoon game drive in overland truck through Kruger National Park

## Kruger National Park

Established in 1898 to protect the wildlife of the South African Lowveld, this national park of nearly 2 million hectares is unrivalled in the diversity of its wildlife and a world leader in advanced environmental management techniques and policies. Approximately 145 mammal species including the 'Big Five', a list of over 500 bird species, some of which are not to be found elsewhere in South Africa, and 336 tree species occur in the park.

When the first tourist cars visited the park in 1927, they made their own camps in thorn-bush enclosures and had to carry weapons to protect themselves from predators. During the Second World War the park was closed to the public, and reopened in 1946 under new management. Today it is one of the most famous safari destinations in the world with all the facilities that one would expect from a world class holiday destination, but it has retained the untamed, unspoilt environment where you can experience Africa just as you imagined it.

### Day 3 Kruger National Park

Today we have a full day of game viewing planned in a Kruger National Park open 4x4 vehicle. This gives you some fantastic photo opportunities so keep your eyes open for Elephant, Lion, Leopard, Rhino and Buffalo, known as Africa's 'Big Five' as well as many other species of animals and birds. For those not participating in the activity package, the overland truck will also do a full day game drive. *Optional Activities: Night game drives with SANP Game Ranger (Subject to availability)*

Meals:	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation:	Camp: SANP Camp: <a href="http://www.sanparks.org/parks/kruger">www.sanparks.org/parks/kruger</a>
Facilities:	Shared ablutions, shop, restaurant
Travel time:	We will be game driving through the park for the duration of the day.
Activity Package:	Full Day Game Drive in Open 4x4 Safari Vehicle
Included Highlight:	Full Day Game Drive in overland truck

### Day 4 Panorama Route – Johannesburg

This morning we leave the Kruger National Park on our journey back to Johannesburg. We travel along the spectacular Panorama Route. Blyde River Canyon is the 3rd largest canyon in the world, with breathtaking views of formations such as God's Window and the Three Rondavels. We also see The Bourke's Luck Potholes, which have been gradually eroded by the Treur River. Your tour ends on arrival in Johannesburg and most groups spend this last night together at a local restaurant. *Optional Activities: Morning Game Walk with SANP, Dinner in a local Restaurant.*

Meals:	Breakfast, Lunch
Accommodation:	Own Arrangements / Post tour accommodation can be booked through ShapShap
Route:	Kruger National Park Area to Johannesburg. ±600 km
Travel time:	± 9-10hrs
Included highlight:	Panorama Route, including God's Window, Blyde River Canyon & Bourkes Luck Potholes

### Panorama Route

The Panorama route in Mpumalanga follows the edge of Blyde River Canyon, and includes some breathtaking views of the Three Rondavels, Bourke's Luck Potholes and the Pinnacle. Blyde River Canyon is the third largest canyon in the world, and got its name in 1840 ('blyde' meaning 'joyful') from the Voortrekkers who passed through on their way to Lorenzo Marques (now Mozambique).

It is one of the most spectacular canyons in Africa and its cliffs rise between 600m-800m from the riverbed. Possibly the best view in the whole of the Blyde River Canyon is of the "Three Rondavels - three huge rock spirals rising out of the far wall of the canyon. Their tops appear to have a hut-like rounded roof. They are named after the Swazi Chief Maripi's wives - from the lowest to the highest, they are Magabolle, Mogoladikwe and Maserote.

Where the Blyde River and the Treur River meet, water erosion has formed one of the most remarkable geological phenomena in the country, known as 'Bourke's Luck Potholes'. Over thousands of years, surreal cylindrical rock sculptures created by whirling water have formed a series of dark pools which contrast artfully with the streaked white and yellow lichen covered rocks. Following the road and the Treur River south, there are further viewpoints; Wonder View, God's Window and the Pinnacle.

## **Johannesburg**

Johannesburg is the largest and most populated city in South Africa, and the second largest city in Africa, after Cairo. Gold was discovered in the mineral-rich Witwatersrand in 1886 by an Australian prospector, George Harrison. This discovery started a major gold rush as fortune hunters came to the area from all over the world. A huge labour force of contract workers sprang up to work in the mines and within three years Johannesburg became the largest settlement in South Africa.

It is now the economic and financial core of the country, and although mining is no longer practiced within the city bounds, the headquarters of most of the mining companies can be found here.

Johannesburg is also known as the world's largest human-made forest, with over 10 million trees planted throughout the city.

## **Tour Ends**

We will drop you off at Garden Court O.R. Tambo International Airport [www.southernsun.com/garden-court/or-tambo-international-airport/pages/overview.aspx](http://www.southernsun.com/garden-court/or-tambo-international-airport/pages/overview.aspx). We suggest you book accommodation here for this evening through ShapShap Travel. If you choose to stay elsewhere you will need to arrange a transfer. Garden Court O.R. Tambo International is about 10km drive from O.R. Tambo (Johannesburg) International Airport. If you are flying out the following evening we highly recommend the day tour of Johannesburg city and Soweto as an informative and enjoyable way to spend the day.

## **TIPPING ON TOUR**

Southern Africa: In general tipping in restaurants is generally expected and is around 10% for good service, more if you have received exceptional service, and, feel free not to tip at all if you received poor service. Tipping taxi drivers etc is really at your own discretion and not always expected. If in doubt please ask your guides.

Our guides do work hard, but they are also paid at (and often above) industry levels for this work. Our crew can be tipped if you feel that they have done a good job and/or gone above and beyond the call of duty.

The best way to arrange tips is to elect one person in the group to collect the money. We recommend USD1 (or about R5) per day per person, per guide as a fair tip. So if you have 3-crew on a tour, we would recommend that 3 envelopes are used and each crew member's name written on one. Place what you feel is fair into each envelope and the elected person can give these to the crew at the end of the tour. If you do not feel that the crew deserve a tip, please, do not tip them. You must remember that tipping is only for exceptional service and is not at all compulsory or expected.

## **THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING WITH SHAPSHAP TRAVEL**

At the end of your tour you will be provided with feedback forms. These forms are confidential and should be given to your crew in a sealed envelope. If you are not sure of the confidentiality of the feedback form please feel free to email us as well on [info@shapshaptravel.com](mailto:info@shapshaptravel.com). Please make sure to also complete the feedback form as we use the answers on these forms to improve and maintain our service levels.

*Accommodation providers are subject to change without notice, the accommodation listed in this dossier is our preferred supplier, but sometimes due to availability, we are unable to make use of the property listed in this dossier. If we cannot use the accommodation provider as listed we will substitute another property of similar standards, however, en-suite facilities are not always guaranteed.*