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9-days Cape Town, Garden Route & Kruger



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KAPAMA PRIVATE GAME RESERVE

9-days Cape Town, Garden Route & Kruger

*Cape Town - Simons Town - Oudtshoorn - Klein Karoo - Knysna - Kapama Private Game Reserve
9 Days / 8 Nights*



Itinerary Summary:

Date	Itinerary	Hotel	Room Type	Basis
Day 01	Arrive Cape Town Airport, Private Transfer to Hotel	Hyatt Regency Cape Town	Standard King/Twin	BB
Day 02	Private Half Day City Tour Includes: Table Mountain	Hyatt Regency Cape Town	Standard King/Twin	BB
Day 03	Private Full Peninsula Tour Includes: Seal Island Cruise, Cape Point, Funicular, Boulders Beach	Hyatt Regency Cape Town	Standard King/Twin	BB
Day 04	Transfer/Self-drive via Route 62 from Cape Town to Oudtshoorn. Visit to Cango Wildlife Ranch	La Plume Boutique	Superior Suite	BB
Day 05	Visit to Cango Caves and Safari Ostrich Farm. Self-drive to Knysna	Pezula Nature Hotel & Spa	Nature Suite	BB
Day 06	Full day at own leisure - Optional activities	Pezula Nature Hotel & Spa	Nature Suite	BB
Day 07	Transfer/Self-Drive to George Airport for flight to Hoedspruit via Johannesburg. Transfer to Kapama Private Game Reserve. Afternoon game drive.	Kapama River Lodge	Deluxe/Spa Suite	FB+
Day 08	Full day on safari – morning and afternoon game drives, all meals at the lodge.	Kapama River Lodge	Deluxe/Spa Suite	FB+
Day 09	Morning game drive and breakfast. Transfer to Hoedspruit Airport for departure flight.			

Includes:

- 8 nights accommodation as above
- Breakfast Daily
- Private transfer on arrival in Cape Town
- Half day private guided Cape Town city tour including Table Mountain cableway tickets
- Full day private guided Cape Peninsula tour including Seal Island, Cape of Good Hope entrance and Boulders beach entrance
- Garden Route activities: Cango Wildlife ranch entrance and guided tour, Cango Caves Heritage Tour, Safari Ostrich Farm Tractor Tour
- Fully Private Guided includes full day services of driver-guide and vehicle while touring on Garden Route, including dinner transfers when required
- Self-drive on Garden Route includes: 4-days vehicle hire, contract fee, delivery fee (week day, working hours), one-way rental (pick-up in Cape Town, drop-off in George), super insurances (zero excess), tyre and windscreen waiver, 1x additional driver, GPS.
- All meals, local drinks and twice daily game drives at the lodge

Private Guided Vehicle specifications:

2 pax in a sedan

4 pax in a 7-seater minivan (Hyundai H1 or similar)

6-8 pax in a 10-Seater Hyundai Staria or 11-Seater Hyundai H1 with trailer

Car Rental Vehicle specifications:

2-3 pax in a Europcar Group D – Toyota Starlet or similar AUTO

4-6 pax in a Europcar Group E – Hyundai H1 or similar AUTO

Introduction

This tour takes in the highlights of South Africa's Mother City - the beautiful and vibrant Cape Town, as well as the scenic Garden Route. Table Mountain, Cape Point, Boulders Beach penguins, Route 62, Cango Caves, an Ostrich farm, Knysna and Plettenberg Bay are all some of the must-see attractions included on this tour. A full board 2-night Big Five safari in the greater Kruger area is also included.

Offered on either a fully private-guided basis or with self-drive on the Garden Route.

Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Duration
Hyatt Regency Cape Town	Cape Town	B&B	3 Nights
La Plume Boutique Guest House	Oudtshoorn	B&B	1 Night
Pezula Nature Hotel & Spa	Knysna	B&B	2 Nights
Kapama River Lodge	Kapama Private Game Reserve	FB+	2 Nights

Key

B&B: Bed and Breakfast

FB+: Full Board Plus - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Activities

Day 1: Hyatt Regency Cape Town, Cape Town

Day Itinerary

Upon arrival at Cape Town International Airport you will be met and transferred you to your hotel in the city centre - your home for the next 4 nights. Immerse yourself in the culture and color of one of Cape Town's most vibrant neighborhoods, Bo-Kaap. Taste your way through a flavor-filled Cape Malay gastronomic experience along two of the city's hottest food and beverage streets, Long street and Bree, both walking distance from the 5-star hotel. If you make it in before dark, you just might catch a sunset-kissed view of Table Mountain or Signal Hill.

Enjoy the afternoon and evening at your own leisure.

Optional Activities:

- Sunset Cruise in Table Bay
- Sunset views from Signal Hill
- Sunset Kayak Experience along Table Bay Coastline

Cape Town

Set at the confluence of the Indian and Atlantic oceans and backed by the iconic Table Mountain, the bustling city of Cape Town presents an alluring combination of drawcards. Incredible powdery white beaches, highly acclaimed wine routes, and astonishingly beautiful mountain trails surround a cosmopolitan hub. This diverse metropolis is filled with superb shops and restaurants, extraordinary heritage monuments, a multitude of entertainment venues, and a

spectacular, chic waterfront harbour. Highlights include the Zeitz Museum of Contemporary African Art; Table Mountain's jaw-dropping views; Boulders Beach, where penguins might swim right up to you in the warm Indian ocean waters; the Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens, where you can walk along a treetop canopy among incredible native flora or watch an open-air concert at the base of the mountain; Robben Island, where visitors can see the cell where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned for 27 years; and many more.

Activities

V&A Waterfront

V&A Waterfront

Situated between Robben Island and Table Mountain in the heart of Cape Town's working harbour, the V&A Waterfront has become South Africa's most visited destination. Set against a backdrop of magnificent sea and mountain views, exciting shopping and entertainment venues are intermingled with imaginative office locations, world-class hotels and luxury apartments. The Waterfront is the heart of the tourist industry in Cape Town.



Overnight: Hyatt Regency Cape Town

Located on the border of the historical Bo-Kaap neighbourhood in Cape Town, Hyatt Regency Cape Town is an ideal option for both business and leisure travellers looking for a luxurious and convenient accommodation option. The hotel offers a selection of modern rooms and suites, all of which feature air-conditioning, flat-screen TVs, and free Wi-Fi access. During their stay, guests can enjoy delicious locally and internationally inspired dishes at the on-site restaurant. Other facilities include a swimming pool, a fitness centre, and meeting facilities. Nearby attractions include Table Mountain, V&A Waterfront, and the Bo-Kaap Museum.

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 2: Hyatt Regency Cape Town, Cape Town

Day Itinerary

Enjoy a morning or afternoon guided tour of the Mother City - venture through the streets crowded with history. This tour includes a visit to Table Mountain (cableway tickets included).

HIGHLIGHTS

- South African Museum

- Company Gardens
- Malay Quarter/ Bo-Kaap
- Green Market Square
- Table Mountain including cableway
- Short Diamond factory tour – optional

The rest of the day will be at your own leisure, you can choose from a wide range of optional activities and excursions that Cape Town has to offer.

Optional Activities:

- City Tour by Bicycle or E-Bike
- Paragliding from Signal Hill
- Lions head guided hike (morning or sunset)
- Robben Island Excursion - with option of a private guided tour with Christo Brand as the guide (Nelson Mandela's prison guard who became his friend)
- Cape Malay Cooking experience in the Bo Kaap
- If this day falls on a Saturday a visit to a local Food Market (e.g. Oranjezicht City Farm or Neighbourgoods market at the Old Biscuit Mill)
- Constantia Winelands Zip and Sip Trip (half day Ziplining and Wine Tasting in the Constantia Valley)

Activities

Table Mountain Cableway
South African Museum
Company Gardens
Bo Kaap
Greenmarket Square

Table Mountain Cableway

A trip up Table Mountain is quite rightly one of the first things a tourist wants to do when arriving in Cape Town. Once on the top, a 1000m above the city below, you are rewarded with spectacular 360 views. Take your time and enjoy this unique environment, go for a walk or have a bit to eat at the restaurant with arguably one of the best views possible.



South African Museum

At the South African Museum, you can see everything from dinosaurs to rock art and fossils to a stuffed quagga, the extinct zebra that once graced Table Mountain. These exhibitions document the evolution of animals and man in

Africa. One of the highlights is the Whale Well where you can listen to whale sounds and see a life-size, 20-metre-long skeleton of the planet's largest mammal; the Blue Whale. This is always a crowd-pleaser with the kids.

Company Gardens

The Company Gardens is a treed haven in the middle of the city and is surrounded by museums and fascinating buildings - St Georges Cathedral, the Salve Museum, The National Art Gallery and the Jewish Museum to mention a few.



Bo Kaap

The colourful suburb of Bo Kaap was exclusively for coloured Muslims during the Colonial and Apartheid times and today, this group still makes up the majority of residents. The quaint cobbled streets, the museum, the authentic purveyors of Cape cuisine and Cape Town's oldest spice emporium are all worth a visit.



Greenmarket Square

In the heart of Cape Town's business district, you'll find Greenmarket Square. The square has quite a reputation, it has been a slave market, a fruit and vegetable market and, during the 1950s, a humble parking lot. These days it's just the place to look for clothing, glassware, hand-painted fabrics, footwear, music, sunglasses and curios from all over Cape Town and Africa.

Greenmarket Square is more than a flea market, not only will you find a wide range of goods to buy, there is also entertainment in the form of buskers, mime artists and jugglers, especially on Saturday mornings and other busy times. The market is a big success there are loads of coffee shops and restaurants in the vicinity, so take time out to sit at a sidewalk table and watch the world go by.



Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 3: Hyatt Regency Cape Town, Cape Town**Day Itinerary**

After breakfast you will be met by your guide and embark on a full day touring of the ruggedly beautiful Cape Peninsula. See all the top sights along South Africa's Cape Peninsula on this full-day tour from Cape Town.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Drive along the Atlantic Sea Board passing the beautiful beaches of Clifton and Camps Bay
- Stop at Hout Bay Harbour, take an optional boat ride to Duiker Island to see the Cape Fur Seals
- Chapman's Peak Drive – known as one of the World's most beautiful drives
- Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve and Cape Point – most South Western point of Africa and the southern tip of the Cape Peninsula, spectacular scenery
- False Bay Coastal Road – look out for whales between June and November
- African Penguins at Boulders Beach
- Simon's Town – home to South Africa's Naval Base
- Picturesque drive past Kalk Bay and Muizenberg

Optional Activities:

- Snorkelling with Seals from Hout Bay
- Kayaking with Penguins from Simon's Town
- Waterbike Ocean Adventure from Simon's Town
- Surfing lesson in Muizenberg

Activities

Camps Bay
Hout Bay
Chapman's Peak
Cape of Good Hope
Cape Point
Boulders Beach
Simons Town
Muizenberg

Camps Bay

Camps Bay is a wealthy coastal suburb located just ten minutes from the city bowl. Set on the slopes of Table Mountain, it overlooks a series of beautiful sandy bays and the Atlantic Ocean beyond. Camps Bay is home to Cape Town's most glamorous beach.



Hout Bay

The originally small fishing village of Hout Bay is now a popular suburb of Cape Town. Over and above being a lovely family beach, it has many tourist attractions which include the World of Birds, a township tour to the vibrant Imizamo Yethu, arts and crafts, boat rides out to Seal Island and some great, casual restaurants where you can relax and enjoy the surroundings.



Chapman's Peak

Chapman's Peak Drive winds its way between Noordhoek and Hout Bay. Situated on the Atlantic Coast, at the southwestern tip of South Africa, it is one of the most spectacular marine drives anywhere in the world. The 9km route, with its 114 curves, skirts the rocky coastline of Chapman's Peak. The drive offers stunning 180° views with many areas along the route where you can stop and take in the scenery or sit down for a relaxing picnic.



Cape of Good Hope

The Cape of Good Hope is a rugged promontory on the Atlantic coast of the Cape Peninsula and is a world-renowned landmark within the Table Mountain National Park that draws many visitors to Cape Town every year. The attraction functioned as a beacon for sailors for years and is still widely referred to as 'The Cape' by seafarers.

Cape Point

Cape Point is a spectacular sight, covered in endemic fynbos and home to breathtaking bays, beaches and rolling green hills and valleys, just 60km outside of Cape Town. Cape Point falls within the Cape Floral Region, a World Heritage Site.

The Cape Floral Region is one of the richest areas for plants in the world – it is home to nearly 20% of Africa’s flora. Cape Point is open daily and is a must-see.



Boulders Beach

Boulders Beach in Simon’s Town is ideal for kids as immense boulders shelter the cove from currents and large waves - but please always take care. It is a rare pleasure to swim with the penguins but don't touch or feed them. They might look cute and cuddly but their beaks are as sharp as razors and if they feel threatened they have no qualms about nipping the odd finger or nose.



Simons Town

Simon's Town (sometimes spelled Simonstown, is a town near Cape Town, which is home to the South African Navy. It is located on the shores of False Bay, on the eastern side of the Cape Peninsula. For more than two centuries it has been a naval base and harbour (first for the Royal Navy and now the South African Navy). The town is named after Simon van der Stel, an early governor of the Cape Colony.



Muizenberg

For many years Muizenberg was Cape Town’s favourite resort. Today it is regarded as a wonderful swimming beach with plenty for the whole family to do. Good facilities are complemented by super slides, mini golf, miles and miles of sandy beach and the perfect conditions for learning to surf.



Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 4: La Plume Boutique Guest House, Oudtshoorn

Day Itinerary

Travel along the famous Route 62 from the Cape Winelands en-route to Oudtshoorn. This route has previously been named "World's Best Road Trip Destination" by CNN! There are lots of interesting stops and places to discover along the way.

On arrival in Oudtshoorn you will visit the Cango Wildlife Ranch for a guided tour.

Check-in at your accommodation and enjoy the peaceful and picturesque setting on a working ostrich farm.

Oudtshoorn

Located along the well-known Route 62 in South Africa's beautiful Klein Karoo, the charming town of Oudtshoorn is known as the ostrich capital of the world. It is surrounded by numerous ostrich farms and the golden arid landscape of the Karoo. Visitors can enjoy the locally produced wine and port; sample ostrich meat and biltong; learn about the ostrich feather boom at the C.P. Nel Museum; and visit the world-renowned Cango Caves, the largest cave system in Africa featuring ancient rock formations and sparkling stalactites and stalagmites. Other popular activities include: mountain biking, paragliding, horse riding, and taking a day trip to the quaint town of Prince Albert over the scenic Swartberg Pass.

Activities

Route 62
Cango Wildlife Ranch

Route 62

Meandering from the cosmopolitan city of Cape Town to the Karoo town of Oudtshoorn, through a series of fascinating small towns and breathtaking scenery, Route 62 is the longest Wine Route in the world. Lush greenery and fertile valleys form a stark contrast against the semi-desert of the Klein Karoo, while towering mountains and their rivers and streams provide an awe-inspiring backdrop throughout. Some of the renowned attractions visitors will spot as they follow the route are the Winelands of the Breede River Valley, the majestic Swartberg Mountains, the Cango Caves and ostrich farms of Oudtshoorn, and the fruit orchards of the Langkloof Valley.



Cango Wildlife Ranch

The Cango Wildlife Ranch promotes awareness and conservation of endangered species, while encouraging supervised interaction – making this a wonderful destination for children of all ages. Housing the oldest and largest cheetah contact centre worldwide, visitors can view these powerful, speedy cats in a natural bushveld environment from elevated walkways. From predators of the land to predators of the water, visitors can then move on to the crocodile and alligator enclosures to study more of the world’s most dangerous beasts.



Overnight: La Plume Boutique Guest House

La Plume is a Boutique Guest House with Spa on a working ostrich, alfalfa, and cattle farm offering spectacular views of the Swartberg Mountains and the Olifants River Valley. A warm welcome awaits you at this charming 1902 Victorian homestead with its tranquil surroundings where old-world charm is combined with modern comforts to ensure extraordinary service and personal attention.

La Plume offers stylish luxury with a diverse range of accommodation from a Cottage, Private Farm Villa, Luxury Rooms to Luxury Junior Suite, Honeymoon and Superior Suites. With private entrances, sunny verandas and elegant, comfortable antiques, each of the 20 individually furnished air-conditioned units offer satellite television, free WiFi, minibar and abundant comforts.

The restaurant serves a full English Breakfast Buffet, lunch menu, picnic baskets, cheese platters and for dinner enjoy a Four Course Buffet with exceptional local wine in the candlelit dining room of the 1902 Victorian homestead.

Join the owner for an informative tour of this working ostrich, alfalfa and cattle farm. Learn about the day to day activities in the life of a full-time farmer and one of the few experts on the ostrich industry.

“Our philosophy is exclusivity and exceptional comfort with warm, personal attention in an environment conducive to the art of gracious living. La Plume welcomes you.”



Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 5: Pezula Nature Hotel & Spa, Knysna

Day Itinerary

Enjoy guided tours of the fascinating Cango Caves and of Safari Ostrich Farm - an ostrich showfarm.

You will then cross over the spectacular Outeniqua Pass today and onto the Garden Route and your hotel located on the Eastern Head of Knysna, surrounded by a lush paradise of indigenous forests, mountains, lakes and pristine beaches.

Optional Activities in Oudtshoorn:

- Meerkat Safari
- Free-roaming cheetah tracking experience
- Elephant Experience
- Lion Experience
- Bush Safari
- Giraffe Experience

Optional Activities in Knysna:

- Sunset Boat Cruise (time and weather depending)

Knysna

Sandwiched between the towering Outeniqua Mountains and the Indian Ocean, Knysna is a large town often referred to as the 'Garden of Eden', surrounded by stunning bays perfect for sailing, boating, and swimming; picturesque beaches and lagoons; and world-renowned forests. This well-catered town is also a perfect base for safari expeditions at nearby parks such as Knysna Elephant Park, and close-up animal experiences at centres such as Jukani Wildlife Sanctuary, Tenikwa Wildlife Awareness Centre, Birds of Eden, and Monkeyland Primate Sanctuary. From here, enjoy ample opportunities for surfing, swimming, yachting, jet-skiing, boating, fishing, and golfing. Visitors can also look forward to an array of wonderful markets, a picturesque waterfront filled with superb restaurants and shops, and several fantastic art galleries. Make sure to take a ferry trip to the famed Knysna Heads and sample the local oysters.

Activities

Cango Caves
Cango Caves Heritage Tour

Safari Ostrich Showfarm
Safari Ostrich Showfarm Ostrich Tractor Safari
Knysna

Cango Caves

The spectacular Cango Caves are a subterranean wonderland of magnificent stalactite and stalagmite rock formations that attracts thousands of visitors annually. They extend more than two kilometres into the Swartberg Mountains and visitors can take guided tours that wind through narrow passageways and steep stairways linking the massive caverns.



Cango Caves Heritage Tour

Cango Caves Heritage Tour is a 60 minute tour, lead by experienced, knowledgeable and accredited cave guides. All tours are offered in English, but provision can be made for Afrikaans, German and French speakers when booking. The heritage tour gives visitors insight into the six halls, chambers and rooms within the caves, as well as a close up view of stalactites, stalagmites, and a colony of bats that have made the cave their home.

Safari Ostrich Showfarm

The Safari Ostrich Showfarm is an ostrich farm located in Oudtshoorn, Garden Route, South Africa. The farm is approximately 1800 hectares in size and boasts a beautiful old homestead build with sandstone called a “Feather Palace”.

This is the first ostrich farm in Oudtshoorn and South Africa where the Kenyan Red and Zimbabwe Blue Ostriches can be seen. Visitors will also get to see White Ostriches and the second biggest bird in the world, namely the Emu from Australia.

The tour also consists of a visit to the Incubator Room where chicks are hatched inside incubators. The room is fitted with a “Spy-Camera” which allows for a real close and personal perspective of the hatching process.



Safari Ostrich Showfarm Ostrich Tractor Safari

The Ostrich Farm Tour is an unforgettable experience on Safari Ostrich Farm. During the tour you will learn more about these remarkable birds and their fascinating nature. Your guide will explain every aspect of ostrich farming, from breeding to rearing.



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Overnight: Pezula Nature Hotel & Spa

Located on the Eastern Head of Knysna, surrounded by a lush paradise of indigenous forests, mountains, lakes, and pristine beaches, Pezula Resort Hotel & Spa offers unsurpassed luxury on South Africa's iconic Garden Route.

Top class facilities and amenities make Pezula Resort Hotel & Spa truly spectacular. The estate is home to Pezula's Championship Golf Course which has been dubbed as one of the most scenic golf courses in the world.

The luxurious Suites at the hotel are comfortable, beautiful and inviting and offer spectacular views of the estate. Zachary's Bistro, the in-house restaurant, offers delicious, locally sourced dishes to enjoy. The award-winning spa offers a rejuvenation escape, for those looking to fully immerse themselves in luxury relaxation.

The Garden Route offers a variety of activities to take part in, and Pezula Resort Hotel & Spa is the ideal homebase for an action-packed holiday full of activities and relaxation.



Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 6: Pezula Nature Hotel & Spa, Knysna**Day Itinerary**

Enjoy the day exploring the area.

Optional Activities Tsitsikamma Area:

- Visit to Tsitsikamma National Park Storms River Mouth - walk to the suspension bridges
- Kayak & Lilo Adventure
- Zip Lining, Quad Biking, Scootours or Segways in the Tsitsikamma Forest

Optional Activities Plettenberg Bay Area:

- Bloukrans Bridge Bungee Jump - highest in the world
- Hiking in the Robberg Nature Reserve
- Boat-based marine life encounters - dolphin and whales
- Visit to animal sanctuaries: Birds of Eden, Monkeyland, Jukani Cats, Tenikwa Wild Cats, Wolf Sanctuary, Elephant Park
- Wine tasting in South Africa's smallest wine growing region
- Horse Drawn Carriage ride or wine tour
- Horse Riding Trails
- Learn to surf
- Keurbooms River boat trip with Stand-Up-Paddling
- Keurbooms River Gorge boat trip

Optional Activities Knysna Area:

- Featherbed Eco Experience with lunch
- Kayak or SUP (stand up paddle) on the Lagoon
- Whale Watching boat excursion
- Sunset Cruise or Sunset Sail
- Champagne & Oysters Cruise
- Lagoon Cruise
- Hiking Trails
- Paragliding in nearby Sedgefield

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 7: Kapama River Lodge, Kapama Private Game Reserve**Day Itinerary**

Transfer to George Airport for your flight to Hoedpsruit via Johannesburg.

On arrival you will be met and transferred to your lodge in the Kapama Private Game Reserve, where you will spend the next 2 days on safari.

Enjoy your first afternoon game drive, enjoy a sundowner while the sun sets over the magnificent Drakensberg Mountains. The game drive will be followed by dinner at the lodge.

Kapama Private Game Reserve

Stretching across 13 000 hectares, towards the Kruger area in South Africa, Kapama Private Game Reserve provides an authentic African safari experience. The reserve offers a range of stylish accommodation options across four refined lodges and bush camps from a traditional African safari camp to top-notch luxury suites. Kapama is home to the Big Five and is known for its diverse wildlife experiences which can be enjoyed on one of many game drives offering fascinating encounters with plentiful wildlife. Visitors can look forward to a variety of wonderful activities including: excellent game viewing, enjoying a relaxing spa experience and stargazing after a lamp-lit dinner under the African night sky.

Activities

Game Drive

Game Drive

Across all of Kapama's lodges, two daily game drives are offered and are included in the tariff. Accompanied by a skilled ranger and tracker, guests can expect to encounter a diverse range of animal and bird species on game drives. Since this is a Big Five reserve, seeing lion, leopard, elephant, rhino and buffalo is possible over a two-day safari in Kapama Private Game Reserve.

The day starts with an early wake-up call between 5am and 5:30am. Tea, coffee and rusks are enjoyed together before heading out at first light. While seeing big game is always exhilarating, there are many other smaller species that are also captivating, and birding enthusiasts will be delighted at the approximately 350 species of birds recorded on the reserve. Halfway through the game drive, there's a stop for hot drinks and snacks, before returning to the lodge at around 9am for a full breakfast. Throughout the day, it's likely you will see wildlife around the lodge - nyala antelope and vervet monkeys are frequent visitors, though seeing some of the Big Five is also not uncommon.

At around 3:30pm, everyone gathers for a decadent high tea, before heading out with your ranger and tracker for the afternoon game drive through the reserve. En route, you'll stop for a sundowner drink and will have a chance to stretch your legs as you watch the sun set over the distant peaks of the Drakensberg mountains.

As darkness falls, the nocturnal animals of the bush come out. The skilled tracker will scan the landscape using a spotlight, which illuminates animals' eyes. A variety of completely different species can be seen on the night drive back to the lodge. Arrival at the lodge is usually around 7pm, allowing time to freshen up before enjoying a sumptuous dinner.



Overnight: Kapama River Lodge

Kapama Game Reserve is located in close proximity to Eastgate Airport with the lodge providing open vehicle transfers. Kapama's location in the central Lowveld region creates the perfect base from which to explore the numerous nearby attractions.

The northern Drakensberg mountain range provides a majestic backdrop to this contemporary private game lodge in the Greater Kruger National Park region. River lodge is situated within Kapama Game Reserve, and presents the perfect blend between luxurious accommodation and with 64 bedrooms, generous bed capacity.

Each of the spacious rooms features a full en-suite bathroom and enjoy uninterrupted views of this game rich, big 5, reserve. The central guest entertainment areas include a swimming pool, lounge, bar, library, curio shop, multifunctional function venue and boma. Meals are of a buffet style and offer a variety of freshly prepared pan-African dishes.

Considered one of the finest safari spas in Africa, the Spa situated at River Lodge has six sumptuous treatment rooms in a setting surrounded by stillness and sweeping bushveld. Arranged around a generous central lap pool the spa evokes a sense of calm.



Basis

Full Board Plus - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Activities

All Local Brands (Spirits, Wine and Beers) Included

Day 8: Kapama River Lodge, Kapama Private Game Reserve

Day Itinerary

Early morning and early evening are the best time of day for game viewing. Spotting an elusive bat-eared fox retiring for the day, a dazzle of zebras starting their day or hearing the call of guineafowl as the day comes to an end means two game drives are never the same and offer different experiences at different times. What you see in the morning, afternoon or evening will be different from season to season and day to day.

During the summer months (from March to October) and the winter months from (April to August), game drives follow this timetable.

MORNING SAFARI

- 05:00 wake-up call
- 05:30 meet for tea, coffee, homemade pastries and fresh fruit
- 6:00 depart from the main entrance of the lodge where guides will escort guests to their game vehicle

- Mid-drive stop for hot drinks, homemade rusks and biscuits at a lookout point, watering hole or designated area in the reserve. Your guide and assistant guide always know the best place to stop
- 09:00 return to the lodge after an approximate 3-hour drive for a full breakfast

SUMMER AFTERNOON SAFARI

- 16:00 gather for refreshments and light snacks
- 16:30 depart from the main entrance of the lodge
- Mid-drive stop for drinks and snacks
- 19:30 arrive back at the lodge with time to freshen up before dinner
- 20:00 dinner is served

In Winter the morning safari starts half an hour later and the afternoon safari half an hour earlier.

Activities

Game Drive

Optional

Bush Walks

River Lodge Spa & Wellness Centre

Romantic Sleep-out Platform

Kapama photographic workshops

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Bush Walks

Feel Africa underfoot on a guided bush walk with a highly trained game ranger. The experience offers an intimate encounter with nature and wildlife, and medicinal and other plants are identified en route.

Rangers also teach walkers to track wildlife in the traditional way, using animal footprints and scat. Expert trackers are able to tell the gender of many animals just from their footprints. Large and dangerous animals are avoided on walks, but many other species can be viewed from a safe distance at ground level. A bush walk through Kapama Private Game Reserve is a truly memorable and authentic encounter.

River Lodge Spa & Wellness Centre

Surrounded by stillness and sweeping bushveld, the Kapama Wellness Centre takes safari spa treatments to new heights. Considered one of the finest safari spas in Africa, the six sumptuous treatment rooms are arranged around a generous central lap pool that evokes a sense of calm.

While Dermalogica and Matisse products are used in the spa, five uniquely created African-inspired treatments are also on the menu to provide rejuvenation and complete relaxation. Soak up the signature four-hour Marula Miracle Moments - which includes a body wrap, facial, massage and more - or opt for other enticingly named treatments such as the Kapama Pinotage Bliss, which uses vine-infused products, or the Marula Sensual Steam Treatment. Various treatments are also available to couples. The luxury safari spa treatment menu includes a full range of body and beauty treatments.

Highly trained and experienced beauty therapists remain abreast of global treatment trends, while giving them a uniquely African twist for Kapama's Wellness Centre. After your treatment, take a swim in the lap pool or relax under bushveld skies before heading back to your luxury game lodge accommodation.

Alternatively, if you'd like to work up a sweat, the state-of-the-art mini gym is fully equipped. There is both cardio and weight-lifting equipment, depending on if you want to tone or build muscle. What is guaranteed is that a visit to the Wellness Centre will energise and uplift you for the day.

Romantic Sleep-out Platform

The Kapama Romantic Sleep-out offers a million-star overnight experience. Sleeping in the open air on the reserve, elevated high above the ground under the African night sky, is a uniquely romantic experience. A raised platform is evocatively furnished with an oversized bed festooned in white linen and billowing mosquito netting. It's completely safe, while being surrounded by only wilderness and wildlife. The experience is guaranteed to take your breath away.

You'll arrive before sunset to watch the changing colours of evening and sip a sundowner. The African bush fairytale continues with a five-course dinner served to you by a personal chef at an intimate table for two on the platform. Or you can enjoy dinner at the lodge and arrive at your romantic sleep-out venue afterwards. By night, it will be encircled by a ring of golden lantern light.

The platform and luxury bathroom underneath are both animalproof, but both a two-way radio and cellular phone are supplied for additional peace of mind. With a flush toilet, shower and his and hers basins, the bathroom has all comforts catered for.

Your private night in the African bush continues until after dawn, when you will call your ranger by radio to transfer you back to your lodge. An appointed pick-up time may also be arranged in advance.

Kapama photographic workshops

Kapama Private Game Reserve is delighted to host world-class photographic training by a leading South African wildlife photographer - hands-on in the African bush.

Kapama Private Game Reserve is offering this three-night photographic workshop package at its four diverse luxurious safari lodges. Hosted by professional wildlife photographer Albie Venter, the workshop is aimed at beginner and intermediate photographers. It also aims to bring together like-minded people who enjoy both nature and photography. During the workshop, you will learn everything from operating a camera to how to compose and spot evocative photographs. You will also be able to put your newly acquired knowledge into action, and hone your skills during private game drives through the bush.

Whether you have never picked up a camera before or just want to learn to use the one you have better, the emphasis of the weekend is on learning both the technical and artistic sides of photography in a relaxing natural environment. All appropriate genres of photography will be discussed, and the theoretical aspects will be taught during two sessions hosted in the lodge conference room. The six game drives during the weekend are aimed at putting knowledge into practice, with guidance from the professional photographer on your vehicle. Groups are kept small to ensure personal attention. A maximum of six people are accommodated on the game drive vehicle, to ensure all participants have 'window' seats.

This photographic can be customised for any number of days. Kapama is happy to quote on and accommodate specific guest requirements.

Basis

Full Board Plus - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Activities

All Local Brands (Spirits, Wine and Beers) Included

Day 9: End of Itinerary

Day Itinerary

After breakfast and check-out you will be transferred back to Hoedspruit Airport for your departure flight.

Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Tours to **South Africa**

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