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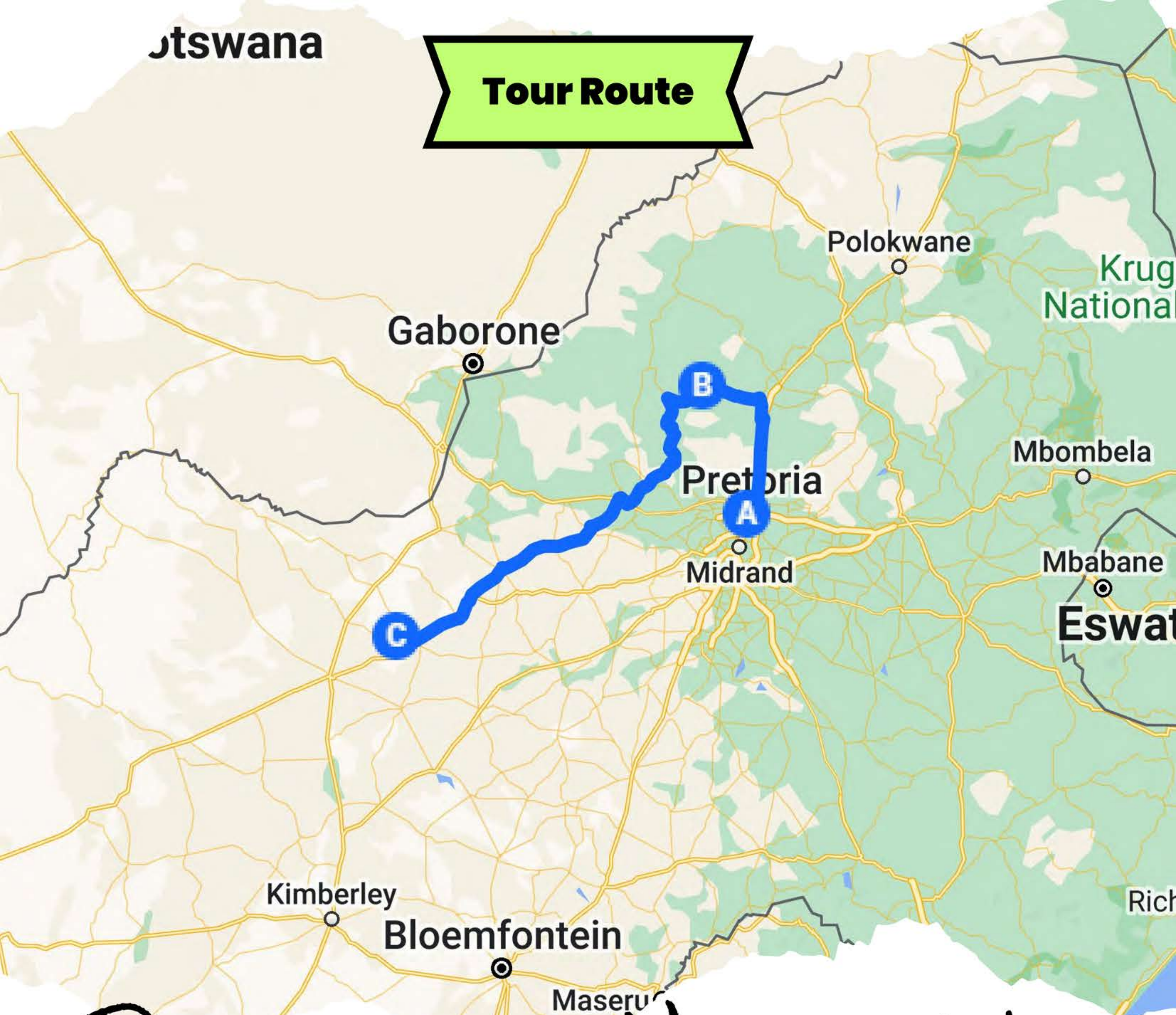
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Tswana

Tour Route



DINOKENG

The Dinokeng Game Reserve covers an area of approximately 18,500 hectares, making it one of the largest urban game reserves in the world. It is home to a variety of wildlife, including the "Big Five," which consists of elephants, lions, leopards, buffalos, and rhinoceroses. These iconic African species can be seen during safaris within the reserve. The reserve works to protect its diverse range of wildlife and ecosystems while providing visitors with a unique and educational experience.



NORTH WEST

The province has a diverse economy with contributions from mining, agriculture, manufacturing, and tourism. Mining is a significant industry in the North West Province, with the region known for its production of platinum, gold, and other minerals. The province boasts beautiful landscapes, including the Magaliesberg Mountains and various wildlife reserves. The North West Province is home to various ethnic groups, including the Tswana people, which is the predominant group.



Day to Day

Day 1

Upon your arrival at Johannesburg's OR Tambo International Airport, your driver will be ready to greet. They will assist you to your transfer vehicle, and from there, you will embark on a journey northward from Johannesburg to the captivating Dinokeng Game Reserve. After a day of travel, you will arrive at Hayward's Safari Sanctuary, where a delightful boma dinner eagerly awaits you. As you savor your meal, you will be enchanted by the vibrant performances of local singers, drummers, and traditional dancers. To complete your evening, you can bask in the warmth of a campfire beneath the vast African sky, making it a truly memorable experience.



Day 2

In the early hours, convene for coffee before embarking on your first game drive. Following your exhilarating wildlife encounters, regroup for breakfast. At noon, come together for a concise yet engaging overview of the reserve's history and ongoing conservation initiatives. Enjoy a light lunch, served at 14h00. The evening game drive begins between 15h00 and 16h00, continuing into the night and including a pause for sundowners at a picturesque location. Return to camp around 19h30/20h00 for a comforting home-style dinner, and the remainder of the evening typically involves relaxed discussions about the day's memorable experiences.



Day 3

After a night's rest and breakfast, you will visit two local kindergarten schools in Dinokeng's rural community, guided by the Kwalata Community Development Initiative. You will meet your guides at 9:00 AM at the Dinokenzi Art & Craft Center, then proceed to a daycare center in Kekana Gardens. There, you will form teams for tasks like painting, construction, brickmaking, and preparing a community lunch. Around 1:00 PM, you will have lunch at a local restaurant with traditional Tswana dancers. This community service project aims to provide a comprehensive experience, fostering leadership, critical thinking, cultural competence, effective communication, community engagement, and a passion for service. Reflect on this fulfilling day during dinner by a campfire.



Day 4

You will wake up early and gather in the common area for a continental breakfast while taking in the sunrise. After breakfast, an exhilarating half-day Soweto tour awaits, including stops at notable sites like Mandela House, the FNB Stadium, Regina Mundi Church, and more. After the half-day tour exploring Soweto, you will be transferred back to Hayward's Safari Sanctuary to embark on an evening game drive, immersing yourselves in the natural beauty of the reserve. Upon your return to camp, a comforting home-style dinner will be served, typically around 19h30 to 20h00. The evening will be spent at leisure, providing the perfect opportunity for group members to reflect on and discuss the new experiences and insights gained throughout the day.



Day to Day

Day 5

Begin your day with an early morning wake-up call, followed by a shared coffee and tea session in the common area, setting the stage for a brief but exhilarating morning game drive. After the adventure, return to camp for a cooked breakfast, then pack up and gather at 09:00 for check-out. Your one-hour road transfer takes you to De Wildt Cheetah Sanctuary, where a visual presentation and engaging activities await in the Environmental Centre. A captivating walking tour offers insights into the sanctuary's animals, culminating in an exciting cheetah appearance and a simple lunch of hotdogs and juice. Upon your return to camp, be welcomed by the flickering warmth of a bonfire, the rhythmic beats of traditional dancers, and the enticing aroma of a barbecue, creating a perfect ending to your day of exploration and discovery.



Day 7

Following breakfast and check-out, you will embark on a visit to Adventures with Elephants. Adventures with Elephants offers a remarkable opportunity for close and personal encounters with these magnificent creatures while maintaining utmost respect for both the elephants and their guests. During your visit, you will gain profound insights into the world of these gentle giants, including their intelligence, anatomy, and behavior. This experience promises to leave you humbled and deeply touched, transforming you into a lifelong advocate for holistic wildlife conservation. After your enriching time with the elephants, a picnic lunch awaits, followed by a transfer to Ukuthula Lion Park and Lodge. The afternoon allows for relaxation and settling in. As the day winds down, dinner will be served in the boma area, providing a perfect conclusion to your adventurous day.



Day 6

Yet another day filled with exciting wildlife encounters awaits you following a satisfying breakfast. You will have a lunch break, and dinner will be served in the boma area later in the evening.



Day 8 & 9

After a satisfying breakfast, relish a full day at Ukutula Lion Park and Lodge. This sanctuary, known as the "place of quiet," is nestled in lush bushveld where the resonant roars of lions echo for miles around. The reserve spans 260 hectares of pristine bushveld, teeming with diverse wildlife, including predators, antelopes, giraffes, zebras, and more. Ukutula also boasts a thriving avian population, with over 130 different bird species calling it home. You will have the opportunity to further engage with wildlife during your visit, creating lasting memories. Lunch will be thoughtfully provided by the lodge, allowing you to recharge for more adventures. As evening descends, dinner will be savored around a campfire, adding a touch of magic to the day. The following day, after check-out, you will be transferred to the Cradle of Humankind, where you can choose between two exciting activities: a tour of the Sterkfontein Caves or a visit to the Maropeng Visitor Centre. The Maropeng Visitors Centre, nestled in the Cradle of Humankind, is a captivating tourist destination featuring world-class interactive exhibits that unveil the secrets of our past. Lunch will be enjoyed at the Cradle of Humankind. Your road transfer back to OR Tambo International Airport is approximately one hour. There, you will check in for your flight, concluding your enriching journey.



FACTS ON SOME OF THE ANIMALS YOU MAY SEE :



Lion :

Lions are territorial animals and mark their territories with scent markings and vocalizations. These territories can range from a few square miles to several dozen square miles, depending on prey availability.

Cheetah :

Unlike some other big cats, cheetahs are typically solitary hunters, with males often being more social than females. They hunt during the day, primarily focusing on small to medium-sized ungulates like gazelles and impalas.



Hyena :

Hyenas are highly social animals and live in groups known as clans. Within a clan, there is a complex social hierarchy with a dominant female known as the matriarch.

Fish Eagle :

African Fish Eagles are seen near freshwater habitats and are characterized by their brown body and a dark patch around their eyes. They primarily feed on fish.



Zebra :

Zebras are social animals and typically live in family groups known as "harems." These harems consist of a dominant male (stallion), several females, and their young offspring.

Elephant :

An elephant's trunk is a unique and versatile appendage that serves various functions, such as eating, drinking, communication, defense, and more.



African Spoonbill :

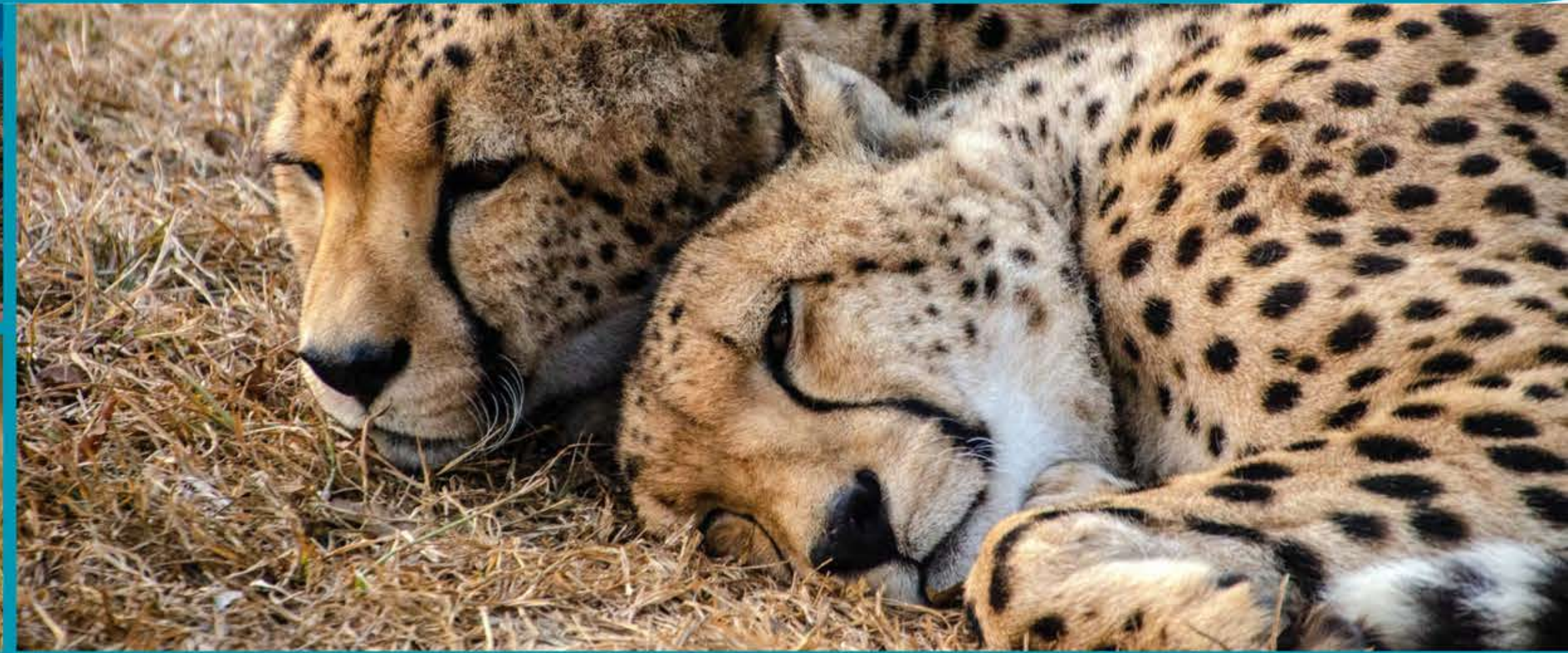
These birds are filter feeders. They use their unique spoon-shaped bills to sweep through the water, mud, or vegetation, filtering out small aquatic invertebrates, fish, and other small prey.

Antelope :

Antelopes can be found in a range of ecosystems, including grasslands, savannas, forests, and deserts. Antelopes are herbivores, primarily feeding on grasses, leaves, and sometimes fruits.

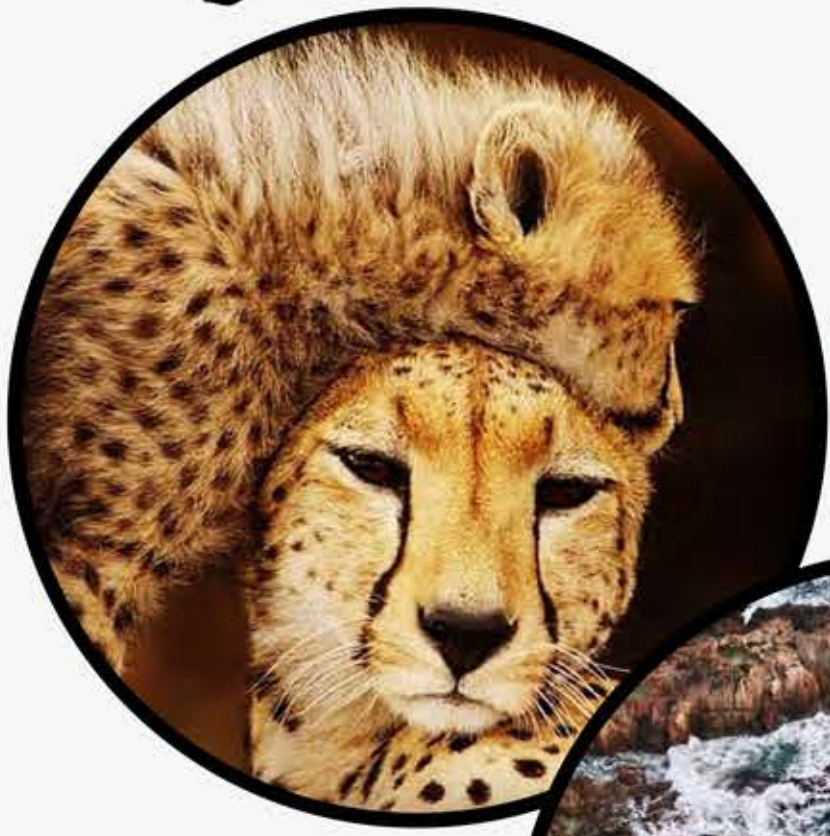


WHY VISIT DINOKENG AND NORTH WEST?



Visiting the North West Province and the Dinokeng Game Reserve promises a truly captivating South African adventure. In this region, the rich tapestry of South Africa's natural and cultural heritage unfolds before your eyes. North West's diverse landscapes, from the rugged Magaliesberg Mountains to the expansive savannahs, offer a haven for wildlife enthusiasts, showcasing the iconic "Big Five" and a multitude of other species. Dinokeng Game Reserve, in particular, stands out as one of the continent's largest urban game reserves, seamlessly blending a safari experience with the convenience of proximity to Johannesburg and Pretoria. Beyond its natural wonders, North West Province offers a cultural tapestry woven with vibrant traditions and history, from visits to local communities to exploring the dynamic city of Mahikeng. Whether you seek wildlife encounters, cultural immersion, or simply a tranquil retreat, North West and Dinokeng beckon with their boundless charm and unforgettable experiences.

WHY SOUTH AFRICA?



South Africa, on the continent's southern tip, is the 25th-largest country in the world – slightly less than twice the size of Texas. It boasts a lengthy coastline, stretching more than 1,500 miles along two oceans, the South Atlantic on the west and the Indian on the south and east. South Africa is neighboured by Namibia in the northwest, Zimbabwe and Botswana in the north, with Mozambique, Swaziland and Lesotho in the northeast.

Its natural beauty and scenic wonders are legendary, from its soaring mountain peaks and passes, dense and ancient forests, to its miles of unspoiled coastline and rolling flower fields and grasslands of every hue. South Africa truly offers something to lift everyone's spirits.

South Africa is known as the adventure capital of the world. Whether it's seeing the big game animals, diving with Great White Sharks, death defying adventure sports or discovering the humanity and generosity of other cultures. Game viewing and safari in South Africa is as up-close and wild as it gets. Almost anywhere you travel in South Africa you will experience an overwhelming abundance of nature, wildlife, culture, adventure, heritage and good vibes.

One of the world's most captivating cities, Cape Town – and the Cape Peninsula up to Cape Point – are famous for its scenic beauty and celebrity beaches, 3,500 foot Table Mountain rising above the city, whale-watching, world-class shopping, nightlife, food & wine, and a laid-back atmosphere. Indeed, with wine regions stretching from the Western to the far Northern Cape and the edge of the Karoo, one can almost taste their way around South Africa.

When it's time to plan the most exotic golf getaway imaginable, think South Africa. The quintet of Sun City, Johannesburg, Cape Town, the Garden Route and Durban will provide the trip of a lifetime and memories for a lifetime too.

TERMS

Included

- Accommodation as per schedule
- Meals as indicated
- Game Park Fees
- Activities as indicated
- Services of guide with vehicle, fuel & taxes

Excluded

- Visas
- Meals not indicated
- Activities not Indicated
- Drinks, Gratuities, Personal Spending
- International flights

Terms & conditions subject to change

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*All itineraries can be adjusted/customized to suit your specific needs

ABOUT Us

Southern Sky Adventures

For almost two decades Southern Sky Adventures has introduced discerning travellers to the sheer magnificence of AFRICA. A land of warm welcomes, breath-taking sunsets, pristine wilderness areas and diversity as colourful as the local artwork.

Our tailormade- and expertly-guided safaris showcase Africa's finest hidden gems, the elusive BIG 5, wild remote locations and a natural space to unplug from the stress of modern-day living. We pride ourselves on the delivery of exceptional, once-in-a-lifetime and truly memorable travel experiences for not only families, honeymooners and friends but also business travellers, school- & university groups and adventure seekers. Although passionate about travel, we care deeply for the preservation of these untouched wild areas, the inhabiting wildlife and the surrounding communities.

Sit back, relax and allow our team of destination specialists to design and deliver your dream vacation!



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