

DISCOVERING DINOKENG AND PONGOLA

**SOUTHERN SKY
ADVENTURES**

IN YOUR WILDEST DREAMS



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9 Days / 8 Nights



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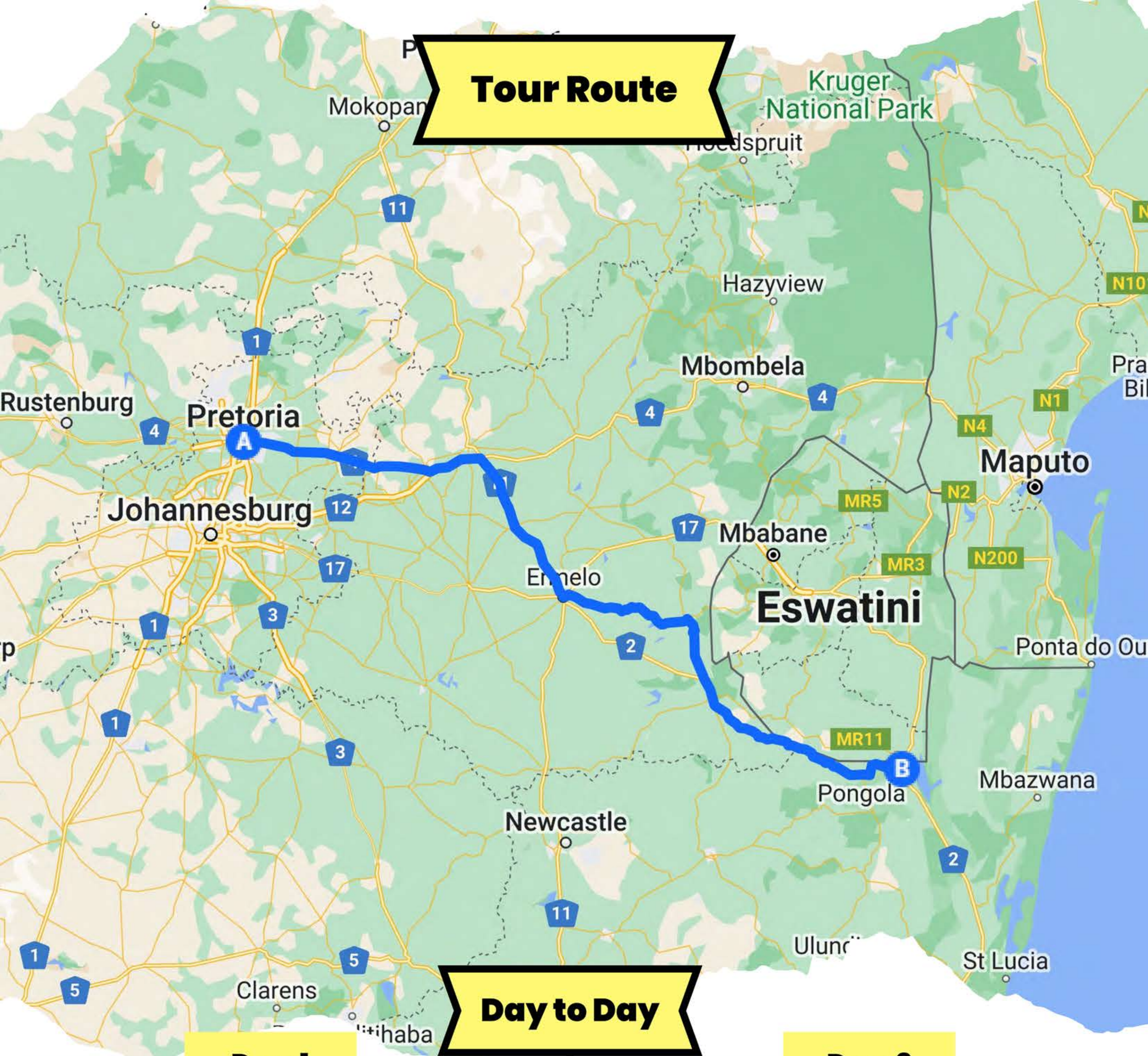
WHITE ELEPHANT RESEARCH CAMP

- Pongola Game Reserve is renowned for its breathtaking landscapes and diverse leisure activities. Nestled within the reserve, the White Elephant Research Camp welcomes small groups, including backpackers, volunteers, researchers, and students. The camp offers accommodation for up to 12 guests in cozy twin rooms and 38 guests in 19 twin tents, all equipped with shared ablution facilities, bedding, and towels. Enjoy a fully equipped communal kitchen and outdoor dining area amidst nature, immersing yourself in the Reserve's beauty during your stay.



HAYWARD'S SAFARI SANCTUARY | PRETORIA
- is a luxury mobile camp located in Bobbejaansberg Nature Reserve, Dinokeng. The sanctuary is ideal for taking pictures, hiking, mountain biking, and guided game drives. Accommodation is offered as a 100 tented ensuite bedrooms and can accommodate up to 150 guests. The camp also hosts private parties, weddings, and banquets. Hayward Safari Sanctuary is surrounded by beautiful scenery and wildlife, giving guests a once in a lifetime luxury camping experience.





Tour Route

Day to Day

Day 1

Your journey begins at O.R. Tambo International Airport, where your dedicated driver will be waiting for you just beyond the arrival doors. They will provide a comfortable transfer to Hayward's Safari Sanctuary in Dinokeng Game Reserve. After settling in, you can enjoy an afternoon game drive to kick off your adventure. Enjoy dinner, ensuring you are ready for the experiences that await in this captivating wildlife haven.

Day 2

Your day starts with breakfast, followed by an engaging half-day Soweto tour. You will visit notable places such as Kliptown, Regina Mundi Church, Winnie Mandela's residence, Hector Pieterse Museum & Memorial Sites, and Tutu House. Afterwards you will be transported to the Cradle of Humankind. Here, you can choose between two activities: a tour of the Sterkfontein Caves or a visit to the Maropeng Visitor Centre, both offering fascinating insights into our ancient past.



Day to Day

Day 3

Following breakfast and checkout, you will be transferred to O.R. Tambo International Airport for a domestic flight to King Shaka International Airport. Upon landing, your dedicated driver will take you on a journey to Pongola Game Reserve that lasts just under 4 hours, arriving in the late afternoon. This provides you with an opportunity to unpack and get comfortably settled in your surroundings. The Orientation and Programme Discussion session will ignite excitement and anticipation for the adventures that lie ahead.



Day 5

Start your day with breakfast after which Group A will go on an educational Bush Walk, diving deeper into ecological concepts. Group B will focus on a Game Count, exploring population census methods for wildlife management. After the morning activities, both groups will enjoy a Lake Boat Cruise. This provides an opportunity to observe elephants and learn about their conservation. Lunch will be at the lodge, and in the afternoon, the groups will switch activities.



Day 4

Start your day with a quick breakfast before group activities kick off. Group A will begin with a bush walk, Camera Traps and Leopard Monitoring, while Group B will engage in a Conservation Service Project and Telemetry Monitoring. The bushwalk is an educational experience that helps students understand the ecology of the area, crucial for wildlife and flora management. During the camera trap activity, students will collect data, and later analyze it back at camp. In the telemetry monitoring session, small groups will learn about remote radio monitoring techniques and track a study animal in the reserve, contributing to conservation efforts. In the afternoon, the groups will switch activities. As the day comes to a close, enjoy a night drive, and unwind by the campfire.



Day 6

Today Group A focuses on Wildlife Survival Strategies and Conservation Service Project, where students learn about animal survival tactics and contribute to conservation. Group B engages in Camera Traps & Leopard Monitoring. A Bush Skills Activity covers various skills. After a lunch break, both groups hike to a sleepout site. They set up camp, gather firewood, and maintain a campfire throughout the night. Students take turns on night watch, prepare meals over an open fire, have dinner, and enjoy night activities. This program aims to enhance students' wildlife and conservation knowledge through hands-on experiences.



Day to Day

Day 7

On this day, the groups will start with an early wake-up call to pack up and hike back to base camp, where a warm cooked breakfast awaits. Around midday, the groups will depart for the Village Introduction and Community Service Project. After enjoying a traditional lunch, they will engage in the Community Service Project, which is designed to involve meaningful, sustainable, and mutually beneficial hard work while allowing students to get to know the local community. The objectives of this experience are to foster leadership, critical thinking, cultural competence, effective communication skills, community engagement, and a passion for service among the students. After a full day of community service work, the groups will have the opportunity to reflect on their accomplishments while enjoying a specially prepared traditional dinner.



Day 9

On the final morning of the program, students will have a chance to savor their last moments of sleeping in before enjoying a cooked breakfast. Afterward, it will be time to pack up and depart for the airport. As you leave the African continent, it is our hope that you carry with you a renewed zest for life, a treasure trove of lifelong friendships, and a wealth of unforgettable experiences. May the rhythms of Africa and the stories you have encountered there always hold a special place in your heart, ready to be revisited in your memories and dreams. Safe travels!



Day 8

On this day, you will have the luxury of sleeping in and starting your day with a delightful traditional breakfast. Following breakfast, a traditional lunch will be served, and the Community Service Projects will take place throughout the morning and afternoon. After a full day of dedicated community service work, you and your group will have the chance to reflect on the meaningful work you have accomplished and the relationships you have forged. This reflection time will be complemented by a specially prepared traditional dinner in the evening. This day offers an opportunity for deeper engagement with the local community and a chance to appreciate the value of your contributions to their well-being.



FACTS ON SOME OF THE ANIMALS YOU MAY SEE :



THE LION :

They are the only big cats that live in social groups, known as prides. These prides typically consist of related females and their offspring, along with a few resident males.

THE 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.



THE 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.

THE RHINOCEROS :

These magnificent creatures have been around for about 50 million years. Despite their long evolutionary history, rhinos are currently facing severe extinction threats, primarily due to habitat loss and illegal poaching for their horns.



THE MONITOR LIZARD :

They are excellent swimmers and can stay submerged underwater for a significant amount of time. Some species of monitor lizards have been observed holding their breath for up to 30 minutes while hunting.

THE ELEPHANT :

They have exceptional memory and intelligence. Elephants have one of the largest brains of any land animal, and they are known for their complex social behaviors and problem-solving abilities.



THE CROCODILE :

Crocodiles, ancient creatures with a history spanning over 200 million years, coexisted with dinosaurs during the prehistoric era. Their enduring presence on Earth showcases the remarkable resilience of these reptiles.

THE 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.

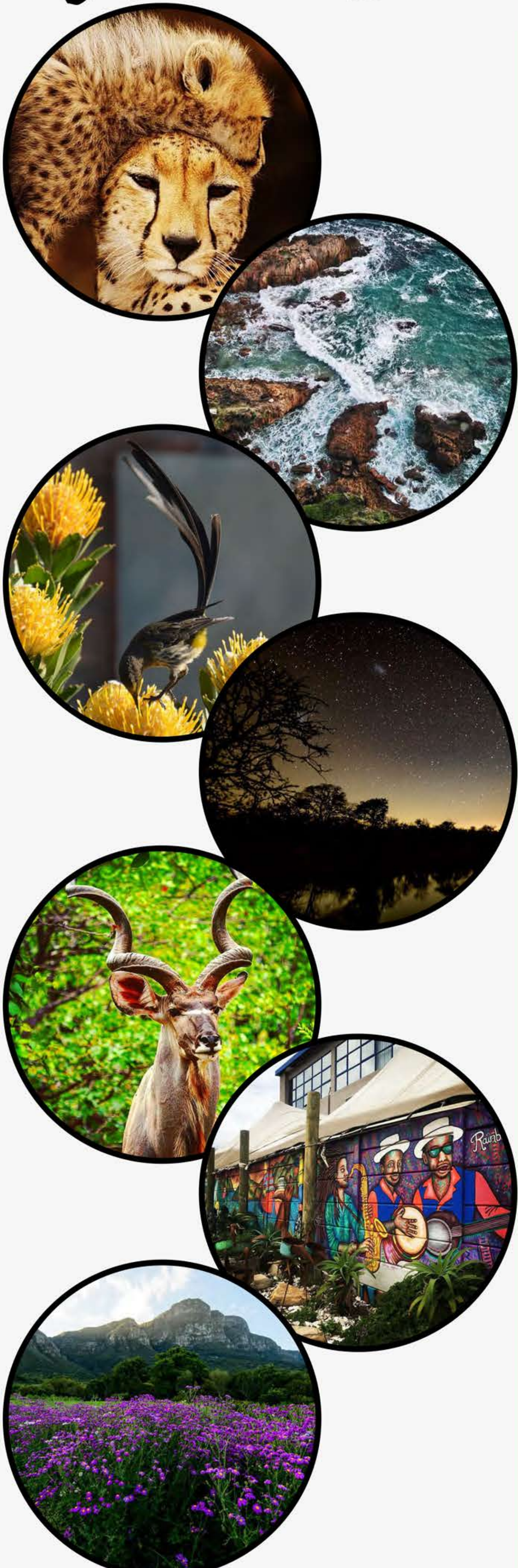


WHY VISIT DINOKENG AND PONGOLA?



Nestled in the heart of KwaZulu-Natal, Pongola is a hidden gem that promises a remarkable adventure for nature lovers and wildlife enthusiasts. The Pongola Game Reserve is a testament to the region's breathtaking biodiversity, with a diverse array of wildlife species, including the Big Five. Visitors can embark on thrilling game drives, bushwalks, and boat safaris, all while being captivated by the stunning landscapes and tranquil Pongolapoort Dam. For those seeking a unique blend of relaxation and adventure, Pongola offers an unforgettable experience that showcases the beauty of the African wilderness. Dinokeng, which means "Place of Rivers," is a haven for travelers seeking an authentic African safari experience within easy reach of South Africa's capital, Pretoria. This extraordinary region is home to the Big Five, offering incredible opportunities for wildlife enthusiasts to witness these majestic creatures in their natural habitat. What makes Dinokeng truly exceptional is its commitment to responsible tourism and conservation. Here, you can enjoy eco-friendly safaris, bird watching, and immersive cultural experiences while contributing to the preservation of this diverse ecosystem. With a wide range of lodges and accommodations, Dinokeng invites you to explore the rich tapestry of African wildlife and culture without venturing too far from the urban hustle and bustle.

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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