

# Protea Safari Tours



## Safari tours for 2018 & 2019

Southern Africa is home to some of the last true wilderness areas on the planet. This part of the continent offers some of the most spectacular destinations for our clients. Sundowners and safaris go hand-in-hand, and we at Protea Safari Tours provide the perfect locations in Southern Africa for you to toast these sunsets.

Protea's secret season; our safari connoisseurs can enjoy our safaris once the busy season is over, for the peace and tranquillity that we all crave. That's why we keep our groups small and personalized with 14-16 guests per tour.

The landscapes and wildlife alone are enough to turn you starry-eyed. It's hard to beat the romance of Africa's Wildlife in these pristine areas.

We offer a variety of leisurely self-driving safaris: from self-catering, self-camping tours to fully catered trips. Our tour fees include all your camping, accommodation and park fees, as well as listed activities.

Our safari experiences are ideal for nature lovers, photographers or those who simply enjoy spending time in the unspoilt African wilderness. Rest assured that our 4x4 tours are not obstacle courses or endurance tests – we use responsible driving techniques, minimising our impact on the environment. We only make use of well-established campsites that offers clean, well-maintained ablutions and campsites.

Our tour guide has 22 years' experience in 4x4 training and the African Outdoors, ensuring that even novice Off-Road drivers and their vehicles are in safe capable hands. Our husband & wife team of Jannie and Ansu Rykaart will be your hosts on all of the below outings.

**Make sure to drop these safari tours in your bucket list;**

### **The Chobe Safari, Botswana.**

(26 May to 6 June 2018)

- Plying the waterways and jungle paths of this breath-taking wetland wonderland brings an intimacy with birds and animals unparalleled in the natural world.
- It's a wildly romantic and intimate affair that awaits you.
- Explore the Chobe National Park and the Victoria Falls on full day excursion. Go on a 5 hour early-morning private boat cruise, a 3 hour Sundowner cruise and a moonlight dinner cruise on the Chobe River.
- This also the time of the year that the "Smoke that Thunders" is at its most spectacular.
- An astounding array of dryland and wetland birds – awash with brilliance and colour – unfolds in all its glory on a Chobe River boat cruises.
- Northern Botswana's abundance of wildlife makes this the ideal safari for photographers.
- A 12-day, 11-night self-drive, self-catering, camping safari, including 2 catered dinners and 2 catered breakfasts at a lodge.
- Photographers...don't miss this one!
- R16 200 per person sharing, plus R315 medical air rescue if you want it.
- This tour can accommodate 14 people.

## **Sani Pass (Lesotho) long weekend**

(15 – 19 June 2018)

- Spend this self-made long weekend at the four stars Sani Pass Hotel in the Drakensberg Mountains and drive up the world renowned Sani Pass, which lies in no man's land between South Africa and Lesotho.
- Enjoy a light meal at the highest pub in Africa overlooking the world below.
- Enjoy a picnic on-top of the world at Black Mountain Pass at 3 264m above sea level, and visit a traditional Basotho village.
- Explore the beauty of the midlands with visits to local attractions in the area of Underberg/Himeville.
- A 5-day, 4-night long fully catered weekend tour (dinner, bed and breakfast).
- R7 550 per person sharing.
- This tour can accommodate 18 people.

## **The Majestic Botswana Safari, Moremi/Makgadikgadi Pans, Botswana.**

(28 July to 11 August 2018)

- Due to the low population density of this area, there is very little light pollution and the skies here are the cleanest in Africa.
- Sleeping under the skies is an unparalleled way to experience the beauty of the Okavango Delta and the Makgadikgadi Pans.
- Visit the Moremi Game Reserve and the Makgadikgadi Pans National Park in Botswana.
- The vast Makgadikgadi salt pans form the backdrop of the second largest migration of zebra in Africa.
- Unfathomably immense, untouched and timeless, the Delta and the Pans is a land of wild and raw beauty, of unforgiving terrain of extremes and superlatives, in every respect!
- Tour includes two boat cruises on the Okavango Delta, a Sundowner cruise and a half-day cruise on the Delta from Mboma, an area known for its abundance of birdlife.
- A 15-day, self-drive, self-catering, camping safari, including 2 night's fully catered lodge accommodation (dinner, bed and breakfast).
- R19 500 per person sharing, plus R315 medical air rescue if you want it.
- This tour can accommodate 16 people.

## **Namaqualand Flower Safari, Northern Cape**

(1-8 September 2018)

- Experience one of the world's most colourful botanical wonders as vast tapestries of brightly coloured flowers emerge all over Namaqualand.
- An 8-day, 8-night fully catered self-drive tour with lodge and Guest Farm accommodation (dinner, bed and breakfast is included).
- A highlight of the tour is an overnight stay on what is said to be the southern hemisphere's largest date farm. Not to mention all the back roads we will be using.
- R16 700 per person sharing.
- This tour can only accommodate 14 people.

## **Reflections of Nature, Chobe & Khumaga, Botswana**

(29 September to 13 October 2018)

- Due to the low population density of this area, there is very little light pollution and the skies here are the cleanest in Africa.
- Sleeping under the skies is an unparalleled way to experience the beauty of the Chobe National Park and the Makgadikgadi Pans.
- Visit Elephant Sands, Chobe Game Reserve, Victoria Waterfalls, Baines Baobabs, Planet Baobab and the Makgadikgadi Pans National Park in Botswana.
- The vast Makgadikgadi salt pans form the backdrop of the second largest migration of zebra in Africa.
- Unfathomably immense, untouched and timeless, the Delta and the Pans is a land of wild and raw beauty, of unforgiving terrain of extremes and superlatives, in every respect!
- Tour includes two boat cruises on the Chobe River, a sunset cruise and the other a dinner cruise on the Chobe River, an area known for its abundance of wildlife.
- A 15-day, 15-nights self-drive, self-catering, camping safari with all activities, park fees, accommodation and the bus tour to Vic Falls included.
- R19 500 per person sharing, plus R315 medical air rescue if you want it.
- This tour can accommodate 16 people.

## **Leatherback Turtle (egg-laying) Safari, Northern KZN**

(7 – 11 December 2018)

- Part one of one of the greatest SECRET ESCAPES that awaits you in South Africa.
- The right overnight accommodation - dinner/bed & breakfast – will ensure you're well-rested and inspired to tackle the on-going adventures on the trip.
- Snorkel at Kosi Bay Mouth, visit 700-year-old Tshonga fish kraals, experience the unique annual event of loggerhead & leatherback sea turtles laying their eggs on this golden beach of Maputaland.
- Get the opportunity to spear your own fish in a fish kraal with a traditional spear.
- A 5-day, 4-nights fully catered tour (dinner, bed and breakfast).
- Boat cruise on the 3 Lakes Eco-system, Fish Kraal visit and plenty snorkelling - no experience needed
- R6 800 per person sharing.
- This tour can accommodate 16 people.

## **Leatherback Turtle (hatching) Safari, Northern KZN**

(16 – 20 February 2019)

- Part two of one of the greatest SECRET ESCAPES that awaits you in South Africa.
- If you're looking to truly indulge in the beauty of South Africa, it's worth exploring the unique activities that we offer on this safari tour, pack your bags and load your 4x4 for a drive of a lifetime.
- Snorkel at Kosi Bay Mouth, visit 700-year-old Tshonga fish kraals, enjoy a boat cruise and witness how loggerhead and leatherback sea turtles eggs hatch, hatchlings dashing off to the ocean.
- Boat cruise on the 3 Lakes Eco-system, Fish Kraal visit and plenty snorkelling - no experience needed.
- Get the opportunity to spear your own fish in a fish kraal with a traditional spear.
- A 5-day, 4-night fully catered tour (dinner, bed and breakfast).
- R6 800 per person sharing.
- This tour can accommodate 16 people.

## **Sani Pass (Lesotho) long weekend**

(22 – 26 March 2019)

- Spend the long weekend at the four stars Sani Pass Hotel in the Drakensberg Mountains and drive up the challenging Sani Pass, which lies in no man's land between South Africa and Lesotho, to the highest pub in Africa.
- Enjoy a picnic on-top of the world at Black Mountain Pass at 3 264m above sea level, and visit a traditional Basotho village.
- Explore the beauty of the midlands with visits to local attractions in the area of Underberg/Himeville.
- A 5-day, 4-night long fully catered weekend tour (dinner, bed and breakfast).
- R8 500 per person sharing.
- This tour can accommodate 18 people.

## **Namibian Desert Safari, Southern Namibia**

(18 April to the 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019)

- Take me to Namibia, my soul needs to breathe!
- Spending nights in Namibia under the stars is sure to provide an unforgettable experience!
- Visit the oldest desert in the world, the ghost town of Kolmanskop, the Fish River Canyon, Duwisib Castle, Sossusvlei and the beautiful coastal town of Swakopmund.
- Rugged valleys, towering sandstone mountains, waterless rivers and vast open plains. A remarkable diverse and compelling geography completely unique to Namibia defines this land of stark contrasts!
- A land of contrasts with much of it wedged between two enormous deserts, the Kalahari in the east and the Namib in the west.
- Join us in exploration the most spectacular parts of Southern Namibia from the mighty Orange River to the holiday mecca of Namibia – Swakopmund and the adventures that await you along these breath taking gravel roads!
- A 16-day, 15-night self-drive, self-catering, camping safari to Southern Namibia, including one night tented lodge accommodation plus two lodge catered breakfasts and a dinners.
- R18 800 per person sharing.
- This tour can accommodate 14 people.

## Chief's Island Safari, Okavango Delta, Botswana

(20-28 September 2019)

- The wide skies, the rich and varied fauna & flora – seem blessedly untouched, left to the ebb and flow of nature's seasons.
- Nature plays the leading role on this safari with miles of pristine wilderness.
- The boat cruise to our camp will be around 5 hours along the Delta's waterways.
- Experience the Okavango Delta bird & wildlife along its waterways.
- This also includes some guided walks on the Island.
- It's a 9 day/8 nights fully catered life changing water safari.
- We will be spending three nights on Chief's Island, in typical tented safari style.
- Botswana days don't come much better than this.
- Catch it while you still can. NO children under 16 allowed.
- R29 500 per person sharing.
- This tour can only accommodate 12 people.

These are just a few of the countless options that Protea Safari Tours has on offer in Southern Africa, we also offer customised safari tours on request.

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*Please take note that the above rates apply for residents of SADC member countries only. Non-SADC rates available on request. Fees may change due to exchange rate fluctuations. Each tour is subject to a minimum number of 8 bookings (8 people/4 couples) and your 50% deposit is fully refundable in the unlikely event that a tour is cancelled.*

**You only live once, but if you do it right,  
once is enough** - Mae West

### Our partners:



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