

Protea 4x4

Safari tours for 2021

Expect the unexpected as you explore with us an extraordinary journey through Southern Africa's Great Outdoors!

If the landscapes are not enough to turn you starry-eyed, then try to beat the romance of Africa's Wildlife on our tours to the most pristine wilderness areas in Southern Africa. We offer a variety of leisurely self-drive tours: from self-catering, self-camping towing tours to fully catered (dinner/bed/breakfast) Hotel and Lodge tours.

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, to reduce our impact on the environment. Only making use of confirmed well-established campsites that offers clean, well-maintained ablutions and campsites. This part of the continent offers some of the most spectacular destinations, ideally for that perfect safari atmosphere of an unhurried lifestyle.

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 for. Our tours take place during the secret season that we have found over the years, to be the best-times to visit these pristine wilderness areas. In order to offer you that special experience our groups are small and personalized with only 10-14 guests, adults, and children (not vehicles) per tour.

Your tour guide has 23 years' experience, offering Off-Road 4x4 training and Off-Road towing courses. Touring the Great African Outdoors even novice Off-Road drivers and their families are in safe capable hands. Our husband & wife team of Jannie and Ansu Rykaart will be your hosts on all the tours.

Live your life, before life becomes Lifeless!!

Leatherback Sea Turtle (egg-laying/hatching) tour, Northern KZN

(28 Jan to 1st Feb 2021 – 2 spots left) **OR** (3 – 7 Feb 2021) **fully catered Lodge tour.**

- One of the greatest **SECRET ESCAPES** that awaits you in South Africa.
- If you are looking to truly indulge in the beauty of South Africa, it is 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 Thonga fish kraals, enjoy a private boat cruise and witness how loggerhead and leatherback sea turtle lay their eggs, and hundreds of hatchlings dash of too the ocean only to return 17 years later.
- Enjoy a private boat cruise on the rich lake system of the iSimangaliso Wetland Park with its large variety of birdlife, snorkel amongst Mangrove trees in the estuary.
- The Raffia Palm Forest walk, in search of the endangered Palmnut Vulture that nest in this forest.
- A 5-day, 4-night fully catered tour (dinner, bed, and breakfast).
- R8 800 per person sharing.
- This tour can accommodate 10 people.
- Suitable for all 4x4, AWD, and S-AWC vehicles. NO 4x2 vehicles is allowed.

Zebra Migration Safari, Botswana

(11-20 March 2021) **off-road camping tour.**

- The wide skies, the rich and varied fauna & flora – seem blessedly untouched, left to the ebb and flow of nature's seasons around the Makgadikgadi Pans of Botswana.
- Nature plays the leading role on this safari with miles of pristine wilderness areas.
- Our safari starts with a two-night stay at the Rhino Heaven of Botswana, with white & black Rhino's.
- It is the start of the longest and second largest migration of animals in the world – the annual Zebra migration takes place from the north to the Makgadikgadi Pans of Botswana.
- The Zebra migration is a mind-blowing phenomenon to view and too experience from the comfort of your own vehicle on your own time!
- Camping on the banks of the Boteti River from where we will explore the surrounding areas for 7 days.
- Visit the world-renowned Baines Baobabs and Chapman's Baobabs.
- It is a 10 day/9 nights life changing camping safari.
- Botswana days do not come much better than this.
- Catch it while you still can as March is regarded as the best time to experience this migration.
- R13 750 per person
- This tour can only accommodate 10 people.
- Suitable for Off-Road caravans, trailers, and ground tents.
- Only suitable for 4x4 vehicles with a low range.

Namib Desert Safari, Southern Namibia

(11th April to the 3rd May 2021) **off-road camping tour.**

- Need a reason to visit Namibia? We have many reasons right here, just read on from a lost Castle and a Ghost Town right up to the elusive desert Elephants and the White Lady of the Brandberg...
- Namibia is a place to experience, not merely observe. Experience African sunsets and sunrises in one of the most scarcely populated countries on the continent, the sounds of silence touch the stars in the oldest desert of the world.
- Namibia is a land of extremes with wide horizons, contrasting landscapes. It is a country that has so much to offer explorers. Known around the world for its majestic landscapes, amazing crystals and gems are what intrigue most people about this unspoilt desert country.
- Enjoying the beauty of Namibia along its gravel roads as the variation in landscape is quite extraordinary.
- Some of the absolute best attractions in Namibia will be visited, Hobas, Fish River Canyon, Kolmanskop Ghost Town, Duwisib Castle, Sossusvlei, Solitaire, Brandberg White Lady, Spitzkoppe, D707 etc.
- A 23-day off-road camping tour of an unhurried safari lifestyle @ R24 150 per person.
- Suitable for Off-Road caravans, trailers, and ground tents.
- This tour accommodates only 10 people, still space for 2 people.
- All 4x4, 4x2, AWD, and S-AWC vehicles can undertake this tour.

The Majestic Moremi Safari, Botswana

(21 May to the 1st June 2021) **off-road camping tour.**

- A 12-day, self-drive, self-catering, camping safari, including one night's lodge accommodation (dinner, bed, and breakfast) after spending 6 nights in the wilderness of the Moremi Game Reserve.
- **Includes:** time for an hour's scenic flight over the Okavango Delta (own account), private sunset cruise with a Lodge patio dinner, ½ day private boat cruise deep into the Okavango Delta, all park fees and accommodation.
- **Visit:** Khama Rhino Sanctuary for two nights, Moremi Game Reserve for a 6-night camping experience, a ½ day private boat cruise deep into the heart of the Okavango Delta for a mind-blowing water experience!
- R21 500 per person sharing.
- This tour can still accommodate 4 people.
- Suitable for Off-Road caravans and trailers, only for 4x4 vehicles with a low range.
- NO ground tents allowed

The Majestic Moremi Safari, Botswana

(19 June to 3 July 2021) **off-road camping tour...FULLY BOOKED (Nov'20)**

- A 15-day, self-drive, self-catering, camping safari, including one night's lodge accommodation (dinner, bed, and breakfast) after spending 6 nights in the wilderness of the Moremi Game Reserve.
- **Includes:** time for an hour's scenic flight over the Okavango Delta (own account), private sunset cruise with a Lodge patio dinner, ½ day private boat cruise deep into the Okavango Delta, also a ½ day Mokorro

experience into the Okavango Delta, all park fees and accommodation, 2 x Lodge dinners and a Lodge breakfast is included.

- **Visit:** Khama Rhino Sanctuary for two nights, Moremi Game Reserve for a 6-night camping experience, a ½ day private boat cruise deep into the heart of the Okavango Delta for a mind-blowing water experience!
- R26 600 per person sharing.
- This tour can still accommodate 4 people.
- Suitable for Off-Road caravans and trailers, only for 4x4 vehicles with a low range.
- NO ground tents allowed

Namaqualand Flower Safari, Northern Cape

(10 to 18 September 2021) **Fully catered Lodge accommodation.**

- Experience one of the world's most colourful botanical wonders as vast tapestries of brightly coloured flowers emerge all over Namaqualand.
- The Flower tour is just one of those must-do-journeys you should undertake in your life!
- The Northern Cape has received some good rains that predicts a fantastic 2021 flower season.
- A 9-day, 8-night fully catered self-drive tour with Lodge and Guest Farm accommodation that includes dinner, bed & breakfast.
- 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.
- R19 550-00 per person sharing, includes accommodations, meals, park fees, and activities.
- This tour can **only** accommodate 10 people, book early to avoid disappointment.
- All 4x4, 4x2, AWD, and S-AWC vehicles can undertake this tour.

Reflections of Nature Safari (Chobe-Vic Falls-Baines Baobabs-etc), Botswana

(1 to 14 October 2021) **off-road camping tour.**

- The driest period in the Kalahari Desert, but also the best time to enjoy bird & animal behaviour
- Regarded as the elephant haven - Elephant Sands in the Kalahari – experience thirsty elephants rushing in for a drink from the comfort of your camping chair, visit the biggest leadwood tree up to the mighty Chobe river with an abundance of bird and animal life, buffalo herds in their hundreds.
- Visit one of the 7 wonders of the world – the Victoria Waterfalls – Victoria Falls Hotel – full day bus tour.
- Experience boat cruises on the Chobe River (private 4-hour morning cruise and a 3-hour sunset cruise) with loads of wildlife that congregates on the Chobe River.
- Discover the same baobab trees that Thomas Baines painted a 170 years ago along single sandy tracks.
- The pictureous Planet Baobab on the edge of the Makgadikgadi Pans has truly little light pollution and the skies here are the cleanest in Africa. A 2 nights camping experience under the open African sky.
- Camp on the bank of the Boteti River with the second largest and the longest migration of land animals in Africa, the Zebra migration is a mind-blowing phenomenon to be viewed for 2 nights.
- A 14 days/13 nights camping safari of note, with one night's fully catered Lodge accommodation.
- R23 700 per person sharing, includes all park fees, accommodation, and listed activities.
- Lodge dinners and breakfasts are available – own account.
- This tour accommodates only 10 people, still space for 4 people.
- Suitable for Off-Road caravans, trailers, and ground tents.
- Suitable for all 4x4, S-AWC, and AWD vehicles. Game viewing vehicles is also available – own account

Please take note that the above rates apply for residents of South Africa only. Non-South African resident rates is available on request. Fees may change due to normal price increases and exchange rate fluctuations OR normal escalations that might accrue. Each tour is subject to a minimum number of 6 bookings (6 people) and your 50% deposit is fully refundable in the unlikely event that a tour is cancelled.

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You only live once, but if you do it right, once will be enough...

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