

Protea 4x4

Weekend tours for 2021

Expect the unexpected as you explore with us an extraordinary journey through South 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 weekend tours to the most pristine wilderness areas in South Africa. We offer a variety of leisurely self-drive tours that is fully catered (dinner/bed/breakfast) in the best available Hotel's and Lodge in the area.

Our weekend tour experiences are ideal for nature lovers, photographers or those who simply enjoy spending time in the unspoilt African wilderness. Rest assured that our 4x4 weekend tours are not obstacle courses or endurance tests – we use responsible driving techniques, to reduce our impact on the environment. This part of the continent offers some of the most spectacular destinations, ideally for that perfect relaxed atmosphere of an unhurried lifestyle that we all strive to enjoy.

Protea's secret season: our weekend tour connoisseurs can enjoy our tours 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, (that is adults, children and not vehicles) per tour.

Covid-19: our groups will be kept small (10-14 guests). The areas we intend to visit does not have big crowds, we will mostly be alone or with big distances between us and other people. We want to point it out that we expect our guests to act according to the normal Covid-19 conduct rules, bring your personal prevention stuff along!

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, the tours will further enhance your off-road driving skills as Jannie will be in contact with you all the time with advice. Our husband & wife team of Jannie and Ansu Rykaart will be your hosts on tour.

*Live your life, before life becomes
Lifeless!!*

Moolmanshoek 4x4 tour, Ficksburg, Eastern Free State.

(26-28 February 2021) **fully catered Farm Lodge tour.**

- This newly found jewel is just a must for those seeking a mountain experience of note.
- Accommodation is provided in luxury sandstone units.
- Breakfast are served on the original farm-stoep overlooking the sandstone mountains.

- The 3 course dinners are prepared by the inhouse chef – Herman.
- The 4x4 trail is a full day outing taking us over 400m higher than the farmstead, our guides will be on horseback.
- Get ready for breath-taking views and off-road driving that will get the adrenalin pumping.
- The mountain flowers, birdlife plus the animal life are of the best.
- Space is limited on this sandstone tour; we can only accommodate 10 people.
- R6 650 per person sharing.

Route Sani Pass, Lesotho

(26 – 29 March 2021) **fully catered long weekend.**

- Spend this self-made long weekend conquering the Drakensberg Mountains in Lesotho, drive up the world-renowned Sani Pass, conquering the most beautiful and breath-taking mountain pass.
- Enjoy a light meal at the claimed highest pub in Africa overlooking the world below.
- The green rolling mountains will take your breath away, not to mention the mountain wildflowers, all the mountain streams and waterfalls that make this such a popular World Heritage site.
- Come and explorer the beauty of the Drakensberg with us during the last month of summer 2021.
- Spend three nights at the Sani Pass Hotel at the foot of the Drakensberg.
- 4 days/3 nights fully catered weekend, dinner, bed, and breakfast.
- R6 390 per person sharing.
- This tour can accommodate 14 people.
- Suitable for all 4x4 and AWD vehicles.

Route Sani Pass, Lesotho

(9 – 12 July 2021) **fully catered long weekend.**

- Spend this self-made long weekend conquering the Drakensberg Mountains in Lesotho, drive up the world-renowned Sani Pass, conquering the most beautiful and breath-taking mountain pass.
- Enjoy a light meal at the claimed highest pub in Africa overlooking the world below.
- Come and explorer the beauty of the Drakensberg with us during this mid-year breakaway weekend.
- Have you ever experienced snow in Southern Africa, if no, then this could be your first time?
- Spend three nights at the Sani Pass Hotel at the foot of the Drakensberg.
- 4 days/3 nights fully catered weekend, dinner, bed, and breakfast.
- R6 650 per person sharing.
- This tour can accommodate 14 people.
- Suitable for all 4x4 and AWD vehicles.

Wakkerstroom Mahem weekend, Mpumalanga

(5-8 November 2021) **fully catered Country Inn Hotel weekend.**

- Known for its spectacular landscapes, birdlife and 13 species that is endemic to this area.
- The largest wetland in South Africa and a top spot for birding fanatics, includes a bird guide for the day.
- Boosting the grassland biome specials, it is a photographer's dream location.
- Stay in the Wakkerstroom Hotel on a dinner/bed & breakfast basis.
- Enjoy a 4x4 trail high-up in the surrounding mountains, a sundowner under the full moon amongst Iron Age ruins overlooking the world!
- 4-days/3 nights weekend at R5 950 per person sharing.
- We can only accommodate 10 people in the Wakkerstroom Country Inn Hotel.
- Suitable for all 4x4 and AWD vehicles.

Kosi Bay Wetlands tour, Northern KZN

(3-6 December 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 these unique activities that we offer on this tour, pack your bags, and load your off-roader for an experience of a lifetime.

- Snorkel at Kosi Bay Mouth estuary, visit 700-year-old Thonga fish kraals, enjoy a private boat cruise in the iSimangaliso Wetland Park, snorkel amongst mangrove trees with schools of fish. No experience needed for this, just a spirit for adventure!
- This just such a unique lake system, nowhere to be found in the world with a variety of birdlife.
- And if that is not enough, we have such a special event planned for Saturday night, that is taking place at Bhanga Neck during this time of the year on our east coast.
- Then the Raffia Palm Forest walk, in search of the endangered Palmnut Vulture on Sunday afternoon.
- A 4-day, 3-night adventure packed with activities.
- Kosi Bay Lodge will be our base, a fully catered tour (dinner, bed, and breakfast).
- R6 980 per person sharing.
- This tour can accommodate 14 people.
- Suitable for all 4x4 and AWD vehicles.
- NO 4x2 vehicles allowed.

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 weekend 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 weekend tour is cancelled.

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