



PRE KRUGER ITINERARY 4 NIGHTS /5 DAYS

“If you want to see the ‘big five’ this is the place to go – safari country at its best. The Kruger National Park is one of the most famous national parks in the world and the oldest one in Africa. It is 350 km long from North to South, at most 60 km wide and covers a surface area of 16 685 square kilometers (almost the size of Wales). At present the park boasts 148 mammal species, 500 bird species, 45 lizard and 34 amphibian species. Approximately 400 types of trees and shrubs have been recorded.

Day 1 – 18h00



Peermont Mondior – Emperors Palace - Johannesburg (D)

Make your own way to the Mondior Hotel at Emperor’s Palace.

There is a complimentary shuttle service which runs from 06h00 to 23h00. It departs every 20 minutes from the airport bus terminal which is next to The Inter-continental hotel.

Check in from 15h00 and at 18h00 meet your guide in the hotel reception for dinner.

You will have the opportunity to chat about the tour, what to expect as well as meet other tour participants.

Accommodation: **Hotel Mondior – Emperor’s Palace**

Day 2



Johannesburg to Hazyview (B,L&D)

After breakfast we depart from the hotel for Mpumalanga. We bypass Middleburg and near Belfast we leave the freeway. We pass through Dullstroom and take a break at the Dullstroom Bird of Prey centre. There are demonstrations by falconers of various raptors. A light lunch will be taken en-route and is included.

We proceed to Lydenberg, which, was established in 1849. The English translation of this name is the ‘Town of Suffering’ and it was named after its founders who had suffered greatly as a result of malaria and floods in the original town of Ohrigstad. From here we take the scenically spectacular Long Tom Pass over the Mpumalanga Drakensberg to Sabie. The pass is 57 km long with a summit of 2149 metres. The origin of the pass goes back to 1871 when a wagon track was built to connect Lydenberg with Lourenco Marques (Maputo).

In September 1900 the British recaptured Lydenberg during the Anglo-Boer war. The Boers used a 15cm cannon to shell the British and the gun was nicknamed ‘Long Tom’ by the British troops – a name which, has survived to this day.

Check in at the Protea Hotel Kruger Gate which is situated 100m outside Kruger National Park on the banks of the Sabi



River. This evening enjoy a pre dinner drinks (own account) on the deck listening to the sounds of the African bush. Dinner is taken at the lodge and is included.

Accommodation: **Protea Hotel Kruger Gate** or similar

Distance

Johannesburg to PH Kruger Gate– 520km

Day 3:



Protea Hotel Kruger Gate (BLD)

We board the open vehicles for a full day game drive in the world famous Kruger National Park. More than 2 million hectares in extent - we have excellent game viewing opportunities with a good chance of encountering the 'big five' as well as a wide variety of mammal, bird and insect species. We enter the park as soon as the park gates open and breakfast is pre packed and eaten 'on the road'. Dress warmly and take hats and sun creams for later on in the morning.

We spend three to three and half-hours game viewing with the chance to see many animal and plant species. Around lunch we stop for a picnic affair at one of the venues where it is safe to leave the vehicles.

In the afternoon we board the vehicles again and spend the rest of the day game viewing and searching for that elusive leopard perhaps! Return to the hotel and freshen up for dinner where you can discuss the sightings of the day.

Dinner is taken in the hotel boma and is included.

Accommodation: **Protea Hotel Kruger Gate** or similar

Distance

Kruger Park – +-100km

<p>Day 4:</p> 	<p>Protea Hotel Kruger Gate (BLD)</p> <p>After an early breakfast we board the vehicle for a half-day trip to view the famous Panorama Route. We travel via Graskop, the centre of a substantial timber industry and travel Northwards along the edge of the escarpment with highlights being the view sites at the Pinnacles, Gods Window and the Bourkes Luck Potholes.</p> <p>We take time to view some of the traditional arts and crafts of the area before taking a light lunch in Graskop on our return journey.</p> <p>This afternoon we board our open vehicles, each with their specialist driver/guide and spend the next few hours taking in the surrounding beauty of the bush and wildlife.</p> <p>Dinner is taken at the lodge and is included.</p> <p>Accommodation: Protea Hotel Kruger Gate or similar</p>
<p>Distance</p>	<p>Sabi – Panorama Route – 100km Sabi Sands Reserve – 50km</p>
<p>Day 5:</p>	<p>Depart for Johannesburg (B&L)</p> <p>A relaxed breakfast and then start our journey back to Johannesburg. Lunch today will be taken en-route. The tour will end at approximately 16h30 when you will be dropped off at O.R. Tambo (Johannesburg) International Airport or your hotel near Johannesburg Airport.</p>
<p>Distance</p>	<p>Kruger to Johannesburg – 500km</p>

Passenger Information

Tour Code	PREKRU
Duration	5 days / 4 nights
Starts	18h00 from the Peermont Mondior Hotel at Emperors Palace
Vehicle	Air-conditioned vehicle to suit group size
Included	Registered Guide, transportation as per itinerary, accommodation, entrance fees, game viewing, conservation levies and information pack.
Excluded	Gratuities, drinks, laundry and items of a personal nature.
Meals	As per itinerary.
Accommodation	Mondior Hotel at Emperors Palace Protea Hotel Kruger Gate or similar
Cost Sharing	R13 750.00
Cost Single	R 15 350.00
Comments	Malaria precautions are recommended – Please consult with your GP.
Activity Level	Moderate

Date Pre Tour	29 July – 02 August 2014
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