



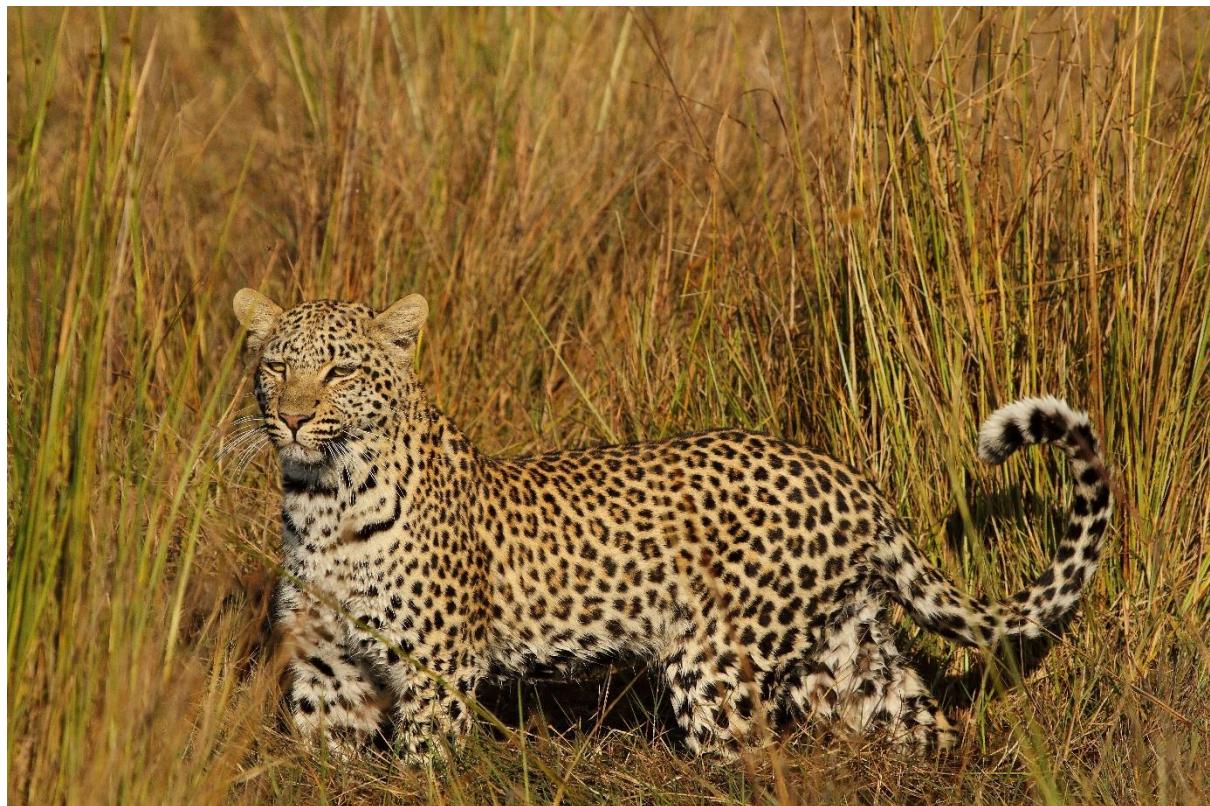
Nature Guide Training

JWU Alumni Program

South Africa 2020

A safari, wildlife and nature experience

February 23 - March 2, 2020

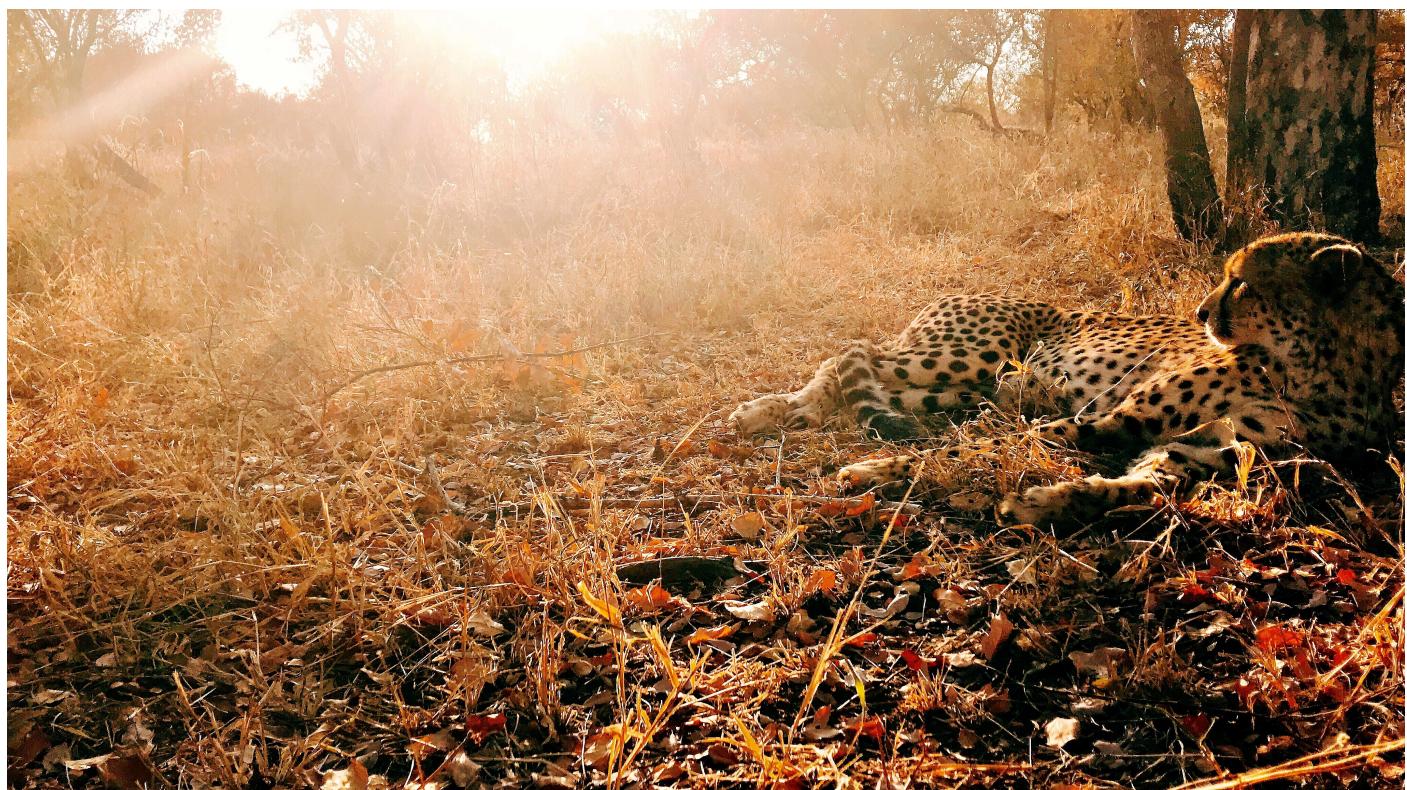


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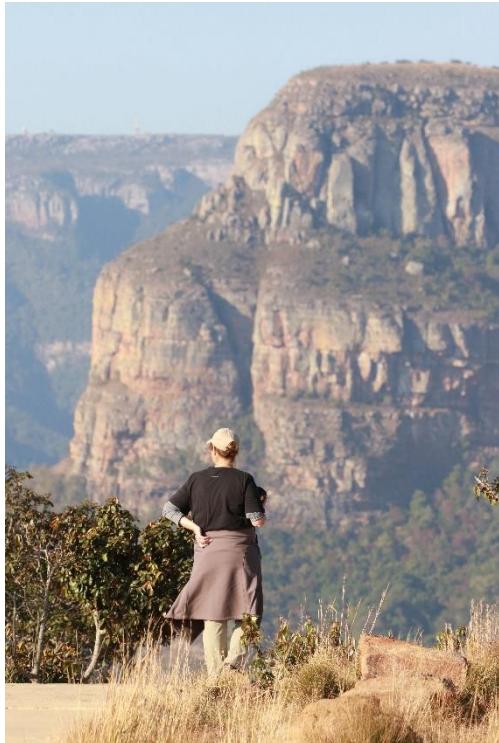
- All transfers from arrival at Eastgate to departure from Eastgate
- Meals as outlined in the itinerary
- Professional guiding service
- Access fees and accommodation as outlined
- Safari experiences both on foot and by vehicle – we also operate in one of the few areas where you will have the opportunity to be on foot extensively in a big game rich environment in Africa, not on an enclosed reserve.
- Professional tracking instruction
- Accommodation costs and activity fees on game reserves
- Ground transportation to and on game reserves
- Gate fees
- Community levies
- Wholesome meals for breakfast, lunch and dinner as per program
- Basic beverages in Ngala Tented Training Camp (water and flavored drink mix, coffee, tea, and hot chocolate)
- Use of equipment as needed and pre-arranged per program
- Lessons and lectures on natural history, animal behavior, astronomy, ecology, etc.
- Guest speakers as prearranged for your program (itinerary dependent)

Not Included:

- Flights
- Any visas
- Gratuities



Suggested and preferred locations are included in the itinerary, which may be changed due to availability, in which case we will replace it with equal or better accommodation and experiences.



Day 1

Land in Hoedspruit

Transfer to Sleepers Restaurant for an amazingly delicious Lunch - (drinks for own account) - an established landmark of the town. Here your hosts will get a chance to introduce themselves and you will learn a little about where you are, about the little restaurant and maybe even the story of the misplaced railway station and the Blue Train Stowaway...

Transfer to a small local guest lodge (preferably African Rock Lodge - availability dependent) where we will overnight.

Meet the family which own this small guest house. Enjoy the creature comforts and the facilities, including the large pool.

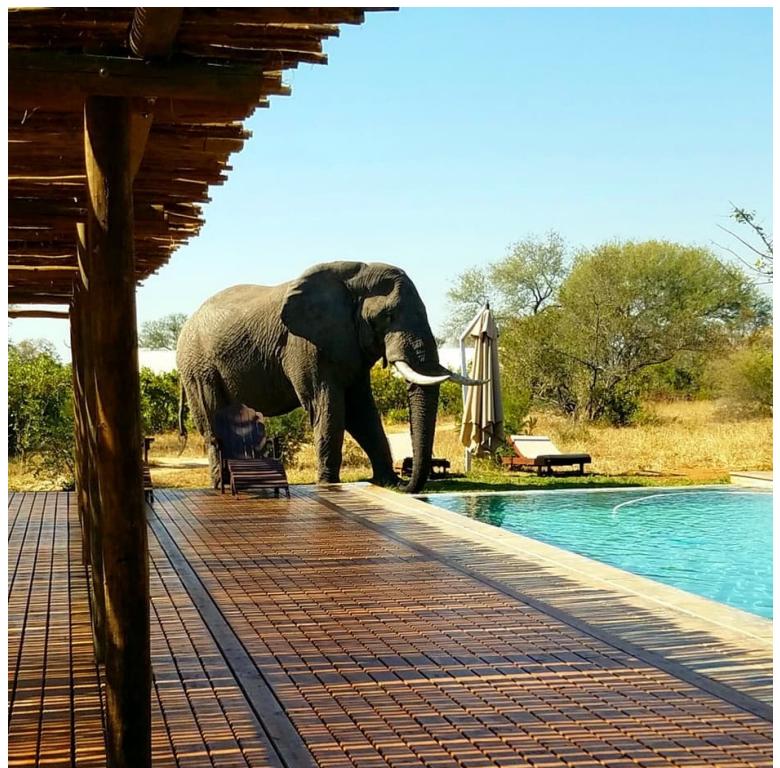
Dinner will be a sumptuous braai, a South African tradition!

Day 2

Today we will awake for a beautiful breakfast, before departure on a full day excursion to the Drakensberg Mountains.

This is one of our most scenic regions, with wonderful sights, viewpoints, wildlife and rain forests.

We will eat lunch at Harrie's Pancakes, an icon of the route, with a wonderful selection of savoury and sweet crepe meals. Mineral water will be provided. Then we will drive down the mountain passes towards the gates of the Kruger National Park, where we will overnight near the entrance. Dinner will be for your own account.

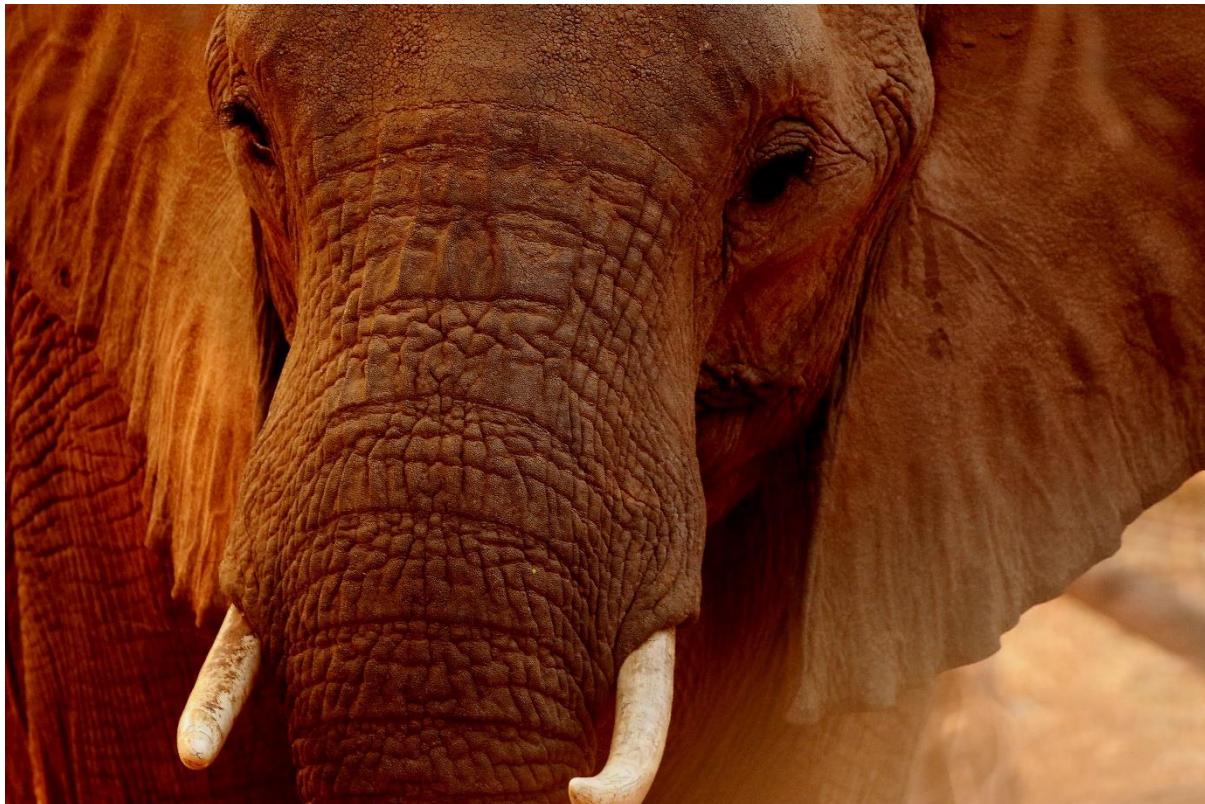


Day 3

At sunrise we will enter the National Park.

Breakfast will be packed and provided for you to eat as we travel.

We will travel in the southern region, searching for wildlife as we go. Many large species such as the African elephant, white rhinoceros, lion and giraffe occur here, and our journey will give you and insight into the history and management of one of Africa's greatest wildlife reserves.



Very few experiences can match a visit to the Kruger National Park.

Lunch is for your own account at one of a selection of restaurants, which meet most budgets, in the rest camp where we will break for lunch.

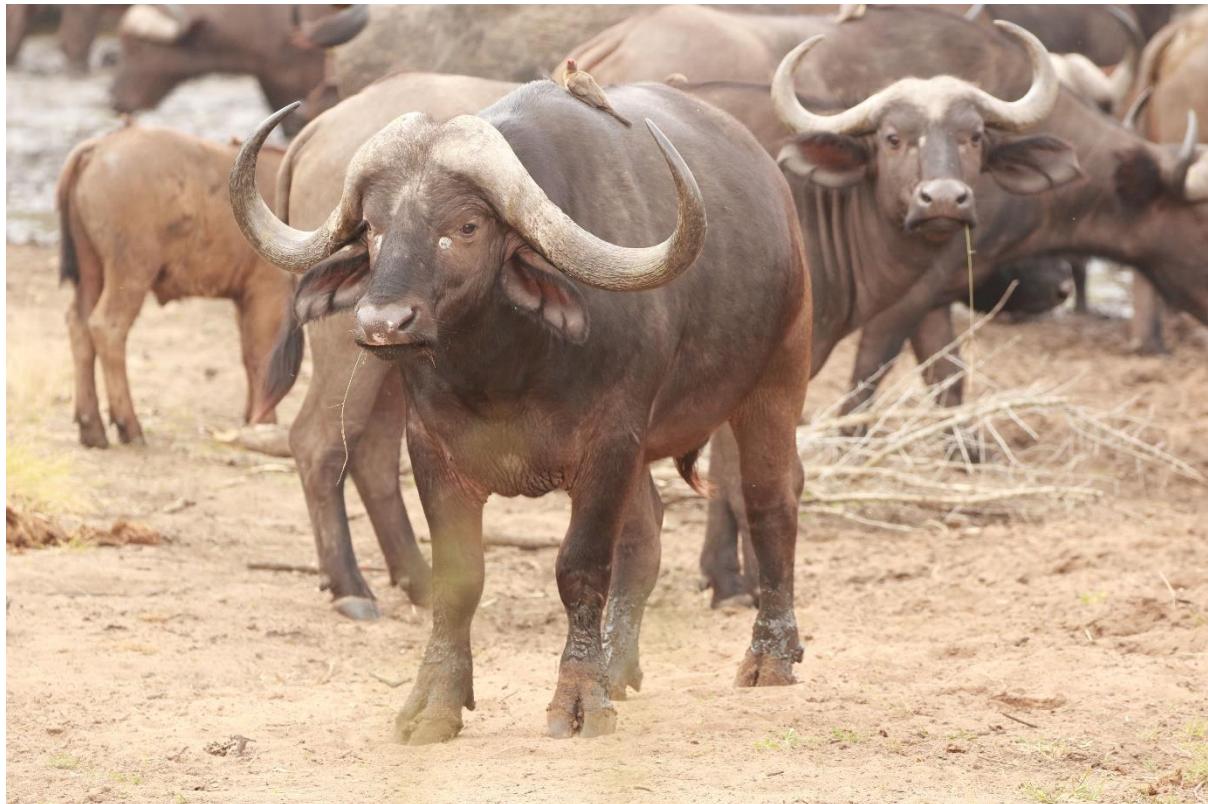
Our afternoon will be a continuation of the perpetual game of hide and seek between man and beast, as we look amongst the trees, rocks, bushes and grasses to find the animals we want to see.

In the evening we will have a communal dinner, served and prepared by your Nature Guide Training hosts.

Day 4

This morning we will drive out at sunrise, heading north towards Satara, and the drier northern reaches of the Kruger. Breakfast will be packed and provided along the route.

Large herds of buffalo and zebra can be expected, as well as hyena and other predators. Bird life is prolific, and age-old trees line the rivers as we travel, some species reach ages estimated to be comfortably over two thousand years old!



Lunch will be prepared/provided for you at one of the picnic stops on our route.

By mid-afternoon we will be at our camp for the evening, and have a relaxed afternoon exploring the camp amenities and viewpoints.

Dinner will be at your own cost in one of the camp restaurants.

Day 5

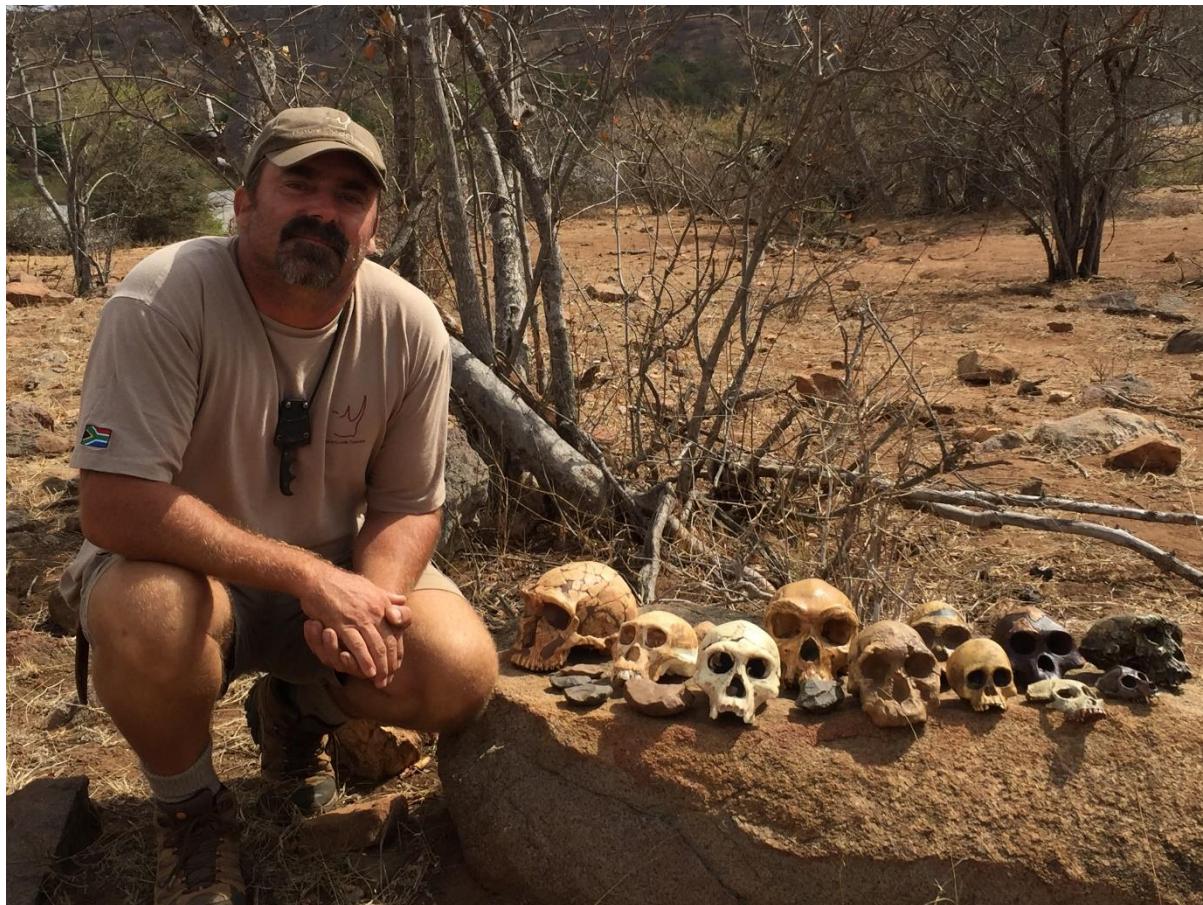
We will slowly begin to meander out of the park this morning, heading north and then west toward the gates of the reserve.

Once out we will travel past a special landmark in the province, the home of Amarula liquor, in Phalaborwa. This beverage is exported across the world, and is a delicious accompaniment to an African sunset.

From here we will transfer to the next bush camp, in which we will stay for several days.

Here we will begin to learn a little about professional field guiding and animal tracking. We will be based in a rustic camp, tracking on foot, searching for animals, learning about tracks and many other activities which are but a small sample of the FGASA (Field Guides Association of Southern Africa) sixty day guiding program.

This sample will enlighten you in terms of understanding the legalities and academic and practical content of this pivotal career path, within South African tourism.



Dinner and all meals from here on will be simple and wholesome, served in our remote new home!

Meals around the fire, and proximity to nature will be the new order of the day.

Days 6, 7, 8

Exciting activities focused on wildlife tourism, visits to lodges, viewing wildlife, walking the near-unexplored valleys and hills searching on foot for elephants and lions, with all meals and a limited selection of drinks included for this portion of the experience.

Our private camp is fenced, and tented, and deep inside a private region of the Kruger ecosystem. Here we will experience solitude and wildness, far, far away from the mainstream.

This kind of place is rarely found, and even more difficult to access, but on this trip, you will have this unique privilege. At night the lions may roar right outside your tent, as hyenas and leopard add to the cacophony. Elephants snap huge, nearby trees like they are twigs, waking you to the sounds of wildest Africa!



Your tent will have a view of one of the largest rivers in the region!

Hot and cold running showers and proper ablution facilities, and a basic solar powered charging station are truly our only acquiescences to the modern world!

Day 9

Today, after short morning activity and a good breakfast, is our day to say goodbye to the wilderness, as we head back to the safari town of Hoedspruit, and our flights home.

Some of our Specially Selected Venues for this Program Include:

Kruger National Park

KNP is South Africa's first national park, and one of the largest game reserves in Africa. It is part of the Great Limpopo Transfrontier Park, a peace park that links Kruger National Park in South Africa with the Gonarezhou National Park in Zimbabwe, and with the Limpopo National Park in Mozambique, covering an approximate area of 35,000 square kilometres.

This vast landscape includes many habitats and species, including the free-roaming and infamous African "Big Five": lion, leopard, rhinoceros, elephant and Cape buffalo, which almost everyone wants to see. In KNP we will typically be staying in "rondawels" if we overnight, or African round huts, or in cabins inside fenced and managed national park rest-camps, these units all have electricity and running water. We also do day trips into the KNP.

Ngala Tented Training Camp, Balule region

This is in the greater, or Western Kruger National Park eco-system, meaning that it is in a privately-owned area but with no fences between it and the nationally managed KNP. This allows a free flow of wild animals and every day has potential for some new and extraordinary sighting from the small and scaly pangolin to massive herds of migrating African elephants. It is one of the newer regions to be opened to KNP and thus, many of the animals are still truly wild and sometimes skittish. As our base camp, it is here that we can disembark from our vehicles and walk, exploring the land and its denizens in great detail. Ngala Camp is a proper African Bush Camp. It is a tented camp; all tents are large canvas dome tents that you can stand up in and move about. Each tent is furnished with two thick mattresses for sleeping (not camp pads) and a clean sheet, but you will need to bring your own sleeping bag, and a pillow if you desire one. There are flushing toilets available within a very short walk from each tent, and hot eco-showers. There is a solar system in camp as well as a backup generator that we will use for charging camera batteries and such, as needed. On a separate system, a 7-strand solar-powered electrical fence surrounds the camp and enhances your safety, without obstructing your views.

On our website, you can also find information regarding our history, philosophy, venues, and programs: <http://www.natureguidetraining.com>