Best Value Ever 9 Day Safari – South Africa

Sunset / Night Wildlife Drive.
Sunrise Drive.
4 Hour Bush Walking Trail.
4 Hour Open Landcruiser Drive.
2 Full Days Kruger National Park Vehicle Safari.
Moholoholo Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre.
Scenic Highlights of Blyde Canyon
Motlala Game Reserve.
Johannesburg Cultural Tours.

DAY ONE: Arrive Johannesburg International and transfer to Guest House/Hotel.

DAY TWO: Tour Soweto, Johannesburg - City of Gold, & Apartheid Museum.

DAY THREE: After breakfast, enjoy our wonderful Lesedi Cultural Village Tour & Shopping, after which you will be back in time for dinner.

DAY FOUR: Pick up from your hotel in Gauteng or Johannesburg International Airport and travel via the highveld grasslands to the subtropical Lowveld. At Tremisana Game Lodge, in the Balule section of the Kruger National Park, unwind at the bar, enjoy a refreshing dip in our pool and relax in the beautiful tropical gardens. We board an open Landcruiser for a Sunset Drive, your first opportunity to experience the varied fauna and flora of Africa. Watch the magnificent African sunset and, after dark, use spotlights to locate nocturnal animals. Dinner in the boma will be a traditional South African meal.

DAY FIVE: Awaken at Sunrise for an exhilarating day of unforgettable bush experience. We drive to a remote part of Balule Plains where you enjoy a 4 hour “walk in the wild”. Your experienced guide will lead you through the bush at a pace you can handle in search of the Big Five. The thrill of following big animals in a quest to get close enough to take a good photo will remain with you forever. Adrenalin surges will be acute, notwithstanding that your ranger is adequately armed. We return to Tremisana for brunch at 11h30. Thereafter you may sleep in your airconditioned chalet, swim, read wildlife magazines in our new Lapa lounge or take a nap on a hammock. Perhaps spend time at our Hide overlooking Tremisana Dam. After high tea at 15h30, enjoy an afternoon game drive. We will be in constant contact with the Warden who will keep us informed of the movements of the animals. Unlike Kruger, limited off-road driving is permitted to get better views of the animals. Return to Tremisana for dinner at 20h00.

DAY SIX: Drive to the Orpen Gate of Kruger where we transfer to a custom-built open-sided Gameviewer. You will not only have an opportunity to view game without intervening glass windows, but will also listen to and smell the denizens of the bush. We will have regular stops at
picnic spots, restcamps and places of interest. The Orpen-Satara-Nwanedzi region has open plains that attract large herds of zebra, giraffe and antelope, that, in turn, attract many predators. In fact, this zone has the highest concentration of lions in Africa.

**DAY SEVEN**: After breakfast, we travel to the Moholoholo Rehabilitation Centre for injured and orphaned animals and birds. You will have an opportunity to get close and personal to some of the residents, including lions and leopards. Your appreciation of conservation will be greatly improved. After lunch at the Cheetah Inn, there is time to relax around the pool. You will be transferred to Marc’s Treehouse Lodge. At around 15h30, we enjoy an open vehicle game drive in the Motlala Game Reserve, home to numerous animals including the elusive Black Rhino.

**DAY EIGHT**: Similar experience as day 3, with another full Day in Kruger in Open Game Viewer vehicle.

**DAY NINE**: Enjoy a Sunrise Drive / early morning bushwalk at Tremisana conducted by your armed ranger, who will interpret the signs and spoor of the animals. After breakfast, drive via the Panorama Route to see the scenic splendours including the Three Rondawels and the Blyde River Canyon. We return to Gauteng in the late afternoon with your drop off at the airport for your flight home.

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**Price per person sharing. See Price List.**

Minimum 4 persons per group.

(\(N.B\). If Your Flight Departs South Africa Earlier You Will Have To Overnight In Johannesburg At An Additional Cost Not Included In This Safari Price)

**Price includes** all transfers, entries, game drives/walks, breakfasts and dinners, and **excludes** international airfares or airfares to Johannesburg, lunches, drinks, items of a personal nature, laundry and tips.

Africa Karibu’s usual terms & conditions apply.

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**Contact us** for prices for this safari, escorted/hosted from the USA.
Three day Cape-Town add-ons by request and subject to availability. **Contact us** for prices for this and other add-ons to South Africa and Botswana.

**Cultural Highlights of your South African Safari Tour.**

**Lesedi Cultural Village**
Lesedi Cultural Village is a multi culture village set amongst the pristine bushveld and rocky hills, less than an hour's drive north of Johannesburg, South Africa.
Browse in a Ndebele village and African craft market where Ndebele murals decorate the walls and courtyard; Attend a multi-visual theatre presentation on the history and origin of our peoples. Guests are divided into smaller groups and taken on a guided tour of four homesteads – Zulu, Xhosa, Basotho and Pedi; After a few drinks in the bar, guests and the families meet back in the Boma for traditional song and dance of all the villages. The dance culminates in communal dancing with the guests around the fire. A Pan African Feast is served in the Nyama Choma restaurant with delicacies from North, East and Southern Africa.

**Soweto/Johannesburg/Apartheid Museum Tours**

**Itinerary 2009**
The Nelson Mandela Bridge
Hector Pieterson Museum
Regina Mundi Church
Freedom Square
Chris Hani Baragwanath Hospital
Apartheid Museum
Local Walk

**The Nelson Mandela Bridge**
The largest cable-stayed bridge in southern Africa, 284 m long crossing over 42 operational railway lines linking Braamfontein and the north of Johannesburg to Newtown in the heart of the city's central business district.

**Hector Pieterson Museum**
Hector Pieterson (1964 - 16 June 1976) became the iconic image of the 1976 Soweto Uprising, where school children protested over the imposition of Afrikaans as a medium of instruction in township schools, when a news photograph by Sam Mzima of the dying Hector being carried by a fellow student, was published around the world. He was killed at the age of 12 when the police opened fire on protesting students. By the end of the fateful day 556 children were dead. For years, 16 June stood as a symbol of resistance to the brutality of the apartheid government. Today, it's known as National Youth Day - a day on which South Africans honour young people and bring attention to their needs.
Freedom Square
The site of the signing of the historic Freedom Charter by anti-apartheid organizations in 1955, is to be the center of a massive upgrade project to revive the Kliptown area. The square will be renamed Walter Sisulu Square in honour of the 90-year-old former ANC leader.

Regina Mundi Church
No trip to Soweto in Johannesburg is complete without a visit to Regina Mundi, the largest Catholic Church in the most populous black urban residential area in the country. Not only has the vast church always been a spiritual haven for thousands of Sowetans, it has also played a pivotal role in the township's history of resistance against apartheid. As such it is a well-circled destination on the tourist map: every day the church opens its doors to streams of visitors keen to witness the scars it still bears from the Soweto uprisings, when police stormed through its doors, firing live ammunition at fleeing students. But both before and after the dramas of the Soweto uprisings, Regina Mundi - whose name in Latin means Queen of the World - has quietly offered its protection to those struggling for liberation. When political meetings were banned, people sought the safety of Regina Mundi - if not Queen of the World, then surely Queen of Soweto - to form their political strategies.

Chris Hani Baragwanath Hospital
The story of Bara starts soon after the discovery of gold on the Witwatersrand. A young Cornish lad, John Albert Baragwanath, arrived on the gold fields to make his fortune. The surname "Baragwanath" was derived from the Welsh word "Bara", which means bread, and "gwanath" meaning wheat. After trying a number of projects, John Albert started a refreshment post. Soon he had a small hostel, "The Wayside Inn". However, to the transport drivers, and stagecoach passengers, it was "Baragwanath's Place" or just Baragwanath. It is the largest hospital in the world, occupying 173 acres, with 3200 beds and 6760 staff members. The hospital is in Soweto, South Africa - just outside Johannesburg. It is one of the 40 Gauteng provincial hospitals, and is financed and run by the Gauteng provincial Health Authorities. Opened in 1941 by Prime Minister Smuts as the Royal Imperial Hospital, Baragwanath, the facility was known as Baragwanath Hospital from 1948. The name Chris Hani was added in 1997 to honour a slain African National Congress and South African Communist Party member. More than two thousand patients check in to the hospital daily and nearly half of them are HIV positive.

Apartheid Museum
The Apartheid Museum, the first of its kind, illustrates the rise and fall of apartheid: The racially prejudiced system that blighted much of its progress and the triumph of reason which crowned half a century of struggle. For anyone wanting to understand and experience what South Africa was really like, a visit to the Apartheid Museum is fundamental. The museum is a beacon of hope showing the world how South Africa is coming to terms with the past and working towards a future that all South African's can call their own.

Soweto Walk
Our Local guide will also take you walking through Soweto where you will meet his family and friends. You will also visit a few local bars and restaurants.

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