

South Africa: Cape Town & the Garden Route

Pre-Tour-Extension - Greater Kruger Private Game Reserve

- 1 night in Johannesburg at the City Lodge Hotel OR Tambo International Airport
- 2 nights on a Private Game Reserve outside of Kruger National Park at the Kapama River Lodge (Kapama Buffalo Camp for the October 2 departure)
- Flights between Johannesburg and Hoedspruit and between Hoedspruit and Cape Town
- 4 game drives, including park entrance fees at the Private Game Reserve
- Arrival airport transportation at the Private Game Reserve
- Daily breakfast, 3 lunches, and 2 dinners
- Beverages including all soft drinks, juice and select beer, wine and spirits at the Private Game Reserve

Only available with the Air Inclusive Package.

FLIGHT DAY: Depart for Your Vacation

Your vacation is about to begin! Spend your first night aloft and arrive ready for an unforgettable trip.

ARRIVAL DAY: Arrive in Johannesburg / Begin Your Pre-Tour Extension: Greater Kruger Private Game Reserve

Start your first day in South Africa with a warm welcome: a representative holding a VBT sign will meet you at Johannesburg O.R. Tambo International Airport and escort you on a short walk to your hotel for the night, conveniently located within the airport complex. This comfortable and modern hotel is ideal for your overnight stay before tomorrow's domestic flight to Hoedspruit. Amenities include a swimming pool, fitness center, and on-site restaurant and café—perfect for relaxing after a day of travel.

The rest of the day is yours to enjoy at your leisure. Unwind with the hotel's amenities, or set out to explore the city. VBT provides city information with recommendations for dining, shopping, and cultural sites in Johannesburg.

DAY 1: Continue Your Pre-Tour Extension: Fly to Hoedspruit

After breakfast, make your way on your own to the domestic terminal at Johannesburg O.R. Tambo International Airport for your one-hour flight to Hoedspruit Airport (HDS). Upon arrival, your safari adventure begins with a scenic jeep transfer to Kapama River Lodge, a luxurious retreat set within the

renowned Kapama Private Game Reserve.

Nestled in the heart of the Greater Kruger National Park region, Kapama River Lodge offers an exceptional safari experience within a Big Five reserve. This expansive and elegant lodge features spacious suites with private balconies overlooking the bushveld—perfect for spotting wildlife or simply soaking in the beauty of the African landscape.

Upon arrival, enjoy lunch, check in, and take time to relax in your well-appointed suite. In the late afternoon, savor high tea before setting off on your first game drive, led by a professional ranger and tracker team. As the sun sets over the savanna, keep watch for lions, elephants, rhinos, and more before returning to the lodge to freshen up and enjoy a dinner featuring regional South African cuisine.

DAY 2: Continue Your Pre-Tour Extension

Enjoy a full day on the grounds of the game reserve, where unforgettable wildlife experiences await. The lodge offers both an early-morning and a late-afternoon game drive—the latter extending into an evening drive with a stop for sundowners, allowing you to watch the sun set over the African horizon. Game drives are timed to coincide with the most active hours for wildlife viewing and often include a mid-drive refreshment break at a scenic spot in the reserve.

The Kapama Reserve is home to a rich diversity of animal species, and the drives provide an immersive safari experience that brings you tantalizingly close to Africa's iconic wildlife. Between drives, enjoy leisure time to relax—perhaps with a dip in the pool, quiet moments on your private terrace, or a visit to the lodge's award-winning Spa & Wellness Centre. Considered one of the finest safari spas in Africa, the spa offers a tranquil escape amid the bush, where the sounds of the river and rustling leaves enhance your experience. Whether you opt for a therapeutic massage after your morning adventure or simply unwind in the serene setting, the spa is a highlight not to be missed. Please note: Spa services are available at an additional cost.

All meals are served at the lodge today.

DAY 3: Pre-Tour Hotel Night: Cape Town

This morning, enjoy one last game drive followed by breakfast at the lodge before transferring to the airport. Lunch is included on your flight to Cape Town (approximately 2 hours and 45 minutes), though you may choose to purchase a meal at Hoedspruit Airport prior to boarding.

Upon arrival in Cape Town in the late afternoon, a VBT representative will meet you and assist with your transfer to your hotel (approximately 30 minutes). You'll be staying here for the next three nights in a stylish boutique hotel located in one of Cape Town's most vibrant and walkable neighborhoods, known for its mix of local cafés, restaurants, and small shops.

After check-in, the rest of the day is yours to enjoy at your leisure—whether you prefer to relax at the hotel, explore the surrounding area, or choose a local spot for dinner. VBT provides detailed city information to help you make the most of your time.