

South Africa #2



February 25–March 7, 2025

Experience the trip of a lifetime in this incredible journey to SOUTH AFRICA!!

DAY 1: (Tuesday) Feb 25 - ONWARD FLIGHT

We will meet two hours prior to departure at the Mpls/St. Paul Airport to begin our adventure.

DAY 2: (Wednesday) Feb 26 - ARRIVE IN JOHANNESBURG - TRANSFER TO ROYAL MORUBISI - (Dinner)

Upon arrival at OR Tambo International Airport we will be met by our personal driver who will take us to the beautiful Royal Morubisi Lodge. We will have a relaxing evening to adjust from the long flight and enjoy a late dinner.

Hotel: Royal Morubisi Lodge (Luxury)

DAY 3: (Thursday) Feb 27 - ROYAL MORUBISI - KAINGO GAME DRIVE - (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)



Reminiscent of a traditional African safari camp, Royal Morubisi Founders Lodge offers the luxurious safari accommodation experience. Built from natural stone with thatch roofs, the luxury game lodge has an olde world-Africa atmosphere while being completely contemporary. Each en-suite room has an African wildlife theme and has everything and more than you'd expect in a luxury safari lodge.

Today after breakfast, you will get a chance to relax in the many lounge areas, take a dip in the pool, have a drink with a friend, take a stroll through the botanical garden and more before our lunch and the anticipation of our first

sunset safari. This wilderness of outstanding scenic beauty has over 41,000 acre of bushveld savannah, river, valley, and magic mountain landscapes in the Waterberg District, of the Limpopo Province of South Africa. It is a declared protected area with Critical Biodiversity 1 classification and a core area of the Waterberg Biosphere Reserve, which was officially declared by UNESCO in 2001. Kaingo offers incredible ecological biodiversity for a unique African wildlife and nature experience in a 'Conservation First' reserve, where all tourism income goes towards positive conservation efforts.



Get ready... as we hop in our jeeps for our sunset game drive in search of the "Big 5". After our game drive, we arrive back to our lodge and dinner will be waiting!

Hotel: Royal Morubisi Lodge (Luxury)

DAY 4: (Friday) Feb 28 - KAINGO GAME DRIVES - (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)



Rising before dawn is a necessity if you want to see wildlife as they are most active in the cool early mornings or late afternoons. The iconic and most dangerous wild animals of Africa – lion, elephant, buffalo, leopard – are at home in malaria-free Kaingo Game Reserve, but so too are over 50 other mammal species and over 350 different types of birds. Strong coffee and one of South Africa's iconic snacks, homemade rusks, will be served before we head out on our sunrise game drive. After our game drive, breakfast will be waiting when we return to the lodge. Later, we will take a drive out to the River Lodge and enjoy a unique lunch overlooking the river. Our sunset safari awaits this evening, and we enjoy the beautiful scenery while searching for the "Big 5". Each game drive is unique and unpredictable so we're always ready for another adventure. As always, dinner will be waiting when we return to the lodge.

Hotel: Royal Morubisi Lodge (Luxury)

DAY 5: (Saturday) Mar 1 - TRANSFER TO TSHUKUDU | GAME DRIVE - (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Enjoy breakfast before heading to the Tshukudu Game Lodge, which will be our home for the next three days. Tshukudu Game Lodge is the place to be if you want to get away from it all with its elegantly furnished en-suites, set in undisturbed bushveld, surrounded by free-roaming wild animals. Our sunset game drive will offer beautiful wildlife encounters, with their experienced field guides who love to share their knowledge. Tshukudu, meaning "rhino" in Sotho, and is home to some of the most endangered wildlife in Africa - lion, elephant, buffalo, rhino and leopard. Other, but equally fascinating wildlife, such as the shy, spiral-horned nyala, and the not-so-shy vervet monkeys are only two of the myriads of species that live in the Tshukudu Private 10,000-acre Game Reserve. To complete our evening, we will enjoy dinner served by their master chef.

Hotel: Tshukudu Game Lodge (Luxury)



DAY 6: (Sunday) Mar 2 – BLYDE RIVER BOAT CRUISE | HOEDSPRUIT REPTILE CENTER | GAME DRIVE - (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)



Today, we head out early for our sunrise safari but not before enjoying a cup of strong coffee and one of South Africa's iconic snacks, homemade rusks. After our game drive, breakfast will be waiting before we enjoy the splendor of the third largest Canyon in the world by boat! Unquestionably being the largest 'green canyon' due to its lush subtropical foliage. An interpretation tour by a guide will take you to the rare Kadishi Tufa waterfall and the Three Rondawels. An abundance of wildlife will keep you distracted while learning more about all of this natural history. The Blyde River Canyon supports large diversity of life, including numerous fish and antelope species as well as hippos and crocodiles, primate species and a diversity of birdlife such as the African Fish Eagle, African Finfoot and much more. Possibly the best view to experience the "Three Rondavels", huge round rocks thought to be reminiscent of the houses or huts of the indigenous people, known as rondavels. The Canyon is famous for the Kadishi Tufa waterfall. Around 660 feet in height is the second tallest Tufa waterfall on earth and resembles a face which is crying profusely and is thus sometimes known as the weeping face of nature.

Thereafter, you will enjoy a tour of the Hoedspruit Reptile Centre (HRC), one of the oldest and most well-known reptile centers in Africa, having been in operation since 1984. HRC is an accredited facility that is dedicated to the preservation and conservation of African reptiles and amphibia. After a late lunch we will head back to our lodge for our final sunset safari at our private game reserve.

Hotel: Tshukudu Game Lodge (Luxury)

DAY 7: (Monday) Mar 3 - KRUGER NATIONAL PARK - (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

We will have breakfast today on the go because it has been said that even an hour in paradise is a rewarding experience and this can also be said to be true of Africa's greatest wildlife sanctuary, the Kruger National Park. An hour is rewarding, but a whole day is the ultimate safari experience. Today we will depart for the world-renowned Greater Kruger National Park in South Africa's Central Lowveld where nearly 2 million hectares of unrivaled diversity of life forms fuses with historical and archaeological sites. Upon our return to the lodge, we will enjoy another fabulous dinner together under the African sky.

Hotel: Tshukudu Game Lodge (Luxury)



DAY 8: (Tuesday) Mar 4 – KAMOGELO CENTER | FLIGHT TO JOHANNESBURG - (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Your final morning at Tshukudu Game Lodge provides you an opportunity for one more wild encounter in your last sunrise game drive. Upon our return, we will enjoy breakfast before heading out to the Kamogelo Center for a shopping spree. After our visit, we will head to Hoedspruit Airport and take a short flight back to Johannesburg where our private driver will pick us up and transfer us to Season's Resort. Tonight, we will experience a traditional Boma Braai for dinner.

Hotel: Seasons Sport & Spa (Superior)



DAY 9: (Wednesday) Mar 5 - ELEPHANT SANCTUARY | BUSHBABIES MONKEY SANCTUARY | LESEDI CULTURAL VILLAGE - (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Get ready for a full day of adventure! After breakfast, we will head out for a close-up encounter with Africa's gentle giants at the Elephant Sanctuary Hartbeespoort Dam, situated in indigenous bushveld of the Magaliesberg Mountains where you will get in-depth information and insight into the African elephant. You will be introduced to the elephants in the forest area where you will be able to touch and interact with them. You will also witness the special relationship the elephant handlers share with their elephants and be invited to become a part of their exchanges. You'll walk "trunk-in-hand" with the elephants,

see the night shelters where the elephant sleep, learn about elephant anatomy and you'll even have a chance to feed them.



After our visit, we will enjoy A shopping visit and experience the true colors of Africa and rich cultural heritage in the form of art, curios, music, food, fashion and design at Chameleon Village, the biggest African market to pick up some souvenirs!

Thereafter, we will make a short transfer to the Bushbabies Monkey Sanctuary, one of only eight free-release primate sanctuaries globally. Primates, such as their squirrel, spider and capuchin monkeys, are given a new lease on life at Bushbabies Monkey Sanctuary. Previously raised as household pets, or bred for the pet trade, their monkeys are introduced to a wild world laden with waterfalls, lush vegetation, natural mountain springs and the chance to reside in as natural of environment as possible and give them the opportunity to live as they would in the wild.

Later this evening, we will be taken to the Lesedi Cultural Village, set amidst the rocky hills of the Magaliesberg, for your chance to encounter the people of South Africa – people of Zulu, Xhosa, Pedi, Ndebele and Basotho origin. Members of each tribe will escort you through traditional homesteads and share their particular cultural hallmarks, for example, the architecture, traditional rituals, clothing and stories of daily life. One highlight of your trip will be the impressive display of African dancing in the dance boma – the word boma is used in South Africa to describe an outdoor enclosure, normally around a large fire. Dancing is followed by an eclectic African dinner-feast. You will also have a chance to browse the market for locally handmade arts and crafts representing the different tribes – something to remind you of the warmth of true rural African culture.

Hotel: Seasons Sport & Spa (Superior)



DAY 10: (Thursday) Mar 6 - MASSAGE | MAGALIESBURG CABLE RIDE | ONWARD FLIGHT HOME - (Breakfast, Lunch)



Today we enjoy a luxurious full body 1-hour Swedish massage before checking out of our hotel. Thereafter, we will head to the Hartbeespoort area for an exhilarating cable car ride to the top of the Magaliesburg Mountains, one of the oldest mountain ranges in the world. Enjoy the view during our lunch before our transfer to the OR Tambo International Airport for our onward flight.

Hotel: Seasons Sport & Spa (Superior)

DAY 11: (Friday) Mar 7 - Arrive Home

Your Package Includes:

- Round-trip Airfare from Mpls/St. Paul to/from Johannesburg
- All Accommodations on Tours
- Private Experienced Driver and Ranger Guide 24/7
- One-way Airfare from Hoedspruit to Johannesburg
- All Meals (gratuity included)
- All Daily Excursions and All Ground Transportation

**Price
Per PERSON:**

\$6,399 Double
\$6,899 Single

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All others call for pricing



Personally Hosted
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*Patty Chmielewski
& Michael Bell*

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