

OPTIONAL POST-PROGRAM SAFARI EXTENSION

4 days | Western Cape Safari Excursion



Extend your stay in South Africa with a visit to a private safari lodge and camp. The Pilanesberg National Park covers some 55,000ha and is the fourth largest in southern Africa. The park is located on the eroded vestiges of a volcanic crater one of only three such craters in the world. It is here on the undulating hills and open savannahs; sightings of the Big Five: lion, elephant, leopard, Cape buffalo, and rhinoceros, an abundance of wildlife and over 360 bird species can be enjoyed. Close-up and personal encounters can be on bush walks and game drives accompanied by skilled field guides. Be sure to take your camera to capture these once in a lifetime memories.

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1: NOVEMBER 17, 2022

Travel to The Pilanesberg National Park

📍 Bakubung Bush Lodge

From Cape Town, fly to Johannesburg and transfer to Pilanesberg for a safari experience in one of the world's preeminent wildlife sanctuaries. Lunch is on our own this afternoon if not provided in flight.



After lunch, check in and begin your adventure on an **afternoon game drive**. Explore the park and perhaps see some of the free-roaming Big 5 Safari Animals (lion, buffalo, elephant, rhino, and leopard). With one of the lodge's experienced rangers in an open safari vehicle you might see elands and zebras. Keep your eyes open for cheetah and hippo, as well as the tall, graceful giraffe.

Dinner will be provided at the Lodge this evening.

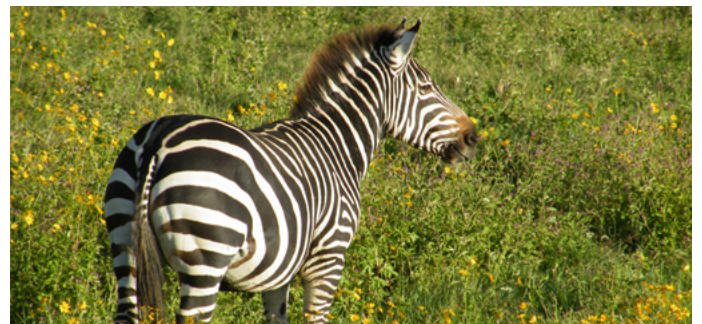
Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 2: NOVEMBER 18, 2022

Explore the Park

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As the animals prefer to feed during the cool temperatures of early morning, you'll venture out early to witness exotic plant and animal life in the gentle light of the dawn. Close examination of the riverbank will likely reveal lazy hippos and steel-jawed crocodiles. Your guide can help you spot some, or all, of the Big Five: lion, Cape buffalo, rhinoceros, leopard, and elephant. Since late 1979, thanks to Operation Genesis - the largest game translocation ever undertaken at the time, tourists have been able to take note of nature's alphabet - from aardvark to zebra.



The park boasts healthy populations of lion, leopard, black and white rhino, elephant and buffalo - **Africa's "Big Five"**. A wide variety of rare and common species exist with endemic species like the nocturnal brown hyaena, the fleet-footed cheetah, the majestic sable, as well as giraffe, zebra, hippo and crocodile, to mention but a few.

After lunch by your own arrangement, continue your game-spotting adventures.

Dinner will be provided at the lodge this evening.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner



DAY 3: NOVEMBER 19, 2022

Another Day of Safaris

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Continue with game drives. The enormity of the park does necessitate significant travel time to explore and observe the most interesting wildlife interactions.

You're sure to notice an abundance of colorful bird life throughout the park. Observe how the animals blend into their surroundings, as your guide helps you encounter rare and extraordinary animals ranging from the powerful and agile cheetah to the great baboon. You may also witness the rugged wildebeest, the cagey hyena, and many types of antelope during your adventure.

Lunch will be on your own this afternoon.

Dinner will be provided back at your hotel this evening.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 4: NOVEMBER 20, 2022

Fly Home

Return to the lodge for breakfast so you have time to pack and check-out for your drive back to Johannesburg. Check in for your international flight home and say farewell to South Africa.

DAY 5: NOVEMBER 21, 2022

Arrive in the U.S.

Connect for your domestic flights home after an early morning arrival back in the U.S. today.

PROGRAM INFO

Date & Length: 4 days November 17–20, 2020 (arrival in U.S. on November 21)

Extension cost: \$1,599 per person | *Single supplement:* \$549

Inclusions: Transfer to and from Lodge and return to Johannesburg international airport with baggage handling. Meals and activities as mentioned, basic tips and accommodations based on double occupancy.

Not Included: Meals other than stated, extra beverages at the restaurants (including all alcoholic drinks), personal expenses and other extras.



HOTEL INFORMATION

Bakubung Bush Lodge

<https://www.legacyhotels.co.za/hotels/bakubung-bush-lodge>

Less than a two-hour drive from Johannesburg and situated right at the entrance to the malaria-free, Big-5 Pilanesberg National Park, lies one of the most unforgettable bush getaways in South Africa. Bakubung Bush Lodge, fondly translated as “Place of the Hippo”, is an ideal destination for both families and small groups alike.

The lodge has all you need for a relaxing and immersive stay. On site facilities include a swimming pool, gym, spa, wi-fi, tennis, wildlife center, Boma (fire-pits, outside dining) and several bars and restaurants.

What people have to say about Bakubung Bush Lodge.

"Thank you the Bakubung Bush lodge for an amazing experience. Legacy hotels you rock!! We loved every bit of our stay. Our game drive guides were the best. Can't wait to come back."

"We had a stunning weekend! The service is top notch with attention to detail taken everywhere!"

"Always amazing when we go to Bakubung Lodge. Friendly staff and INCREDIBLE FOOD!"

"Beautiful and very quiet place. Great service, the food was great. We enjoyed the game drive and saw the big 5 with James our tour guide. We had so much fun at the boma dinner too."

