

5 NIGHTS – KRUGER NATIONAL PARK WALKING SAFARI

3 nights Plains Camp

2 nights Rhino Post Safari Lodge

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1: Plains Camp

All guests coming to Rhino Walking Safaris are to meet at Rhino Post Safari Lodge. The lodge will transfer guests through to Plains Camp at 14h00 in an open 4x4 game vehicle. If coming from Johannesburg you should leave Johannesburg by 07h00 at the latest.

Plains Camp is situated on a 12000-hectare private concession in the Kruger National Park. It is approximately 10km northeast of Skukuza Rest Camp. The concession shares a 15km boundary with Mala Mala in the Sabi Sands Game Reserve, with game moving freely between the two reserves and comprises of environmentally sensitive areas previously unexplored, with huge diversity of both fauna and flora.

Plains is a tented camp which is situated in the heart of the wilderness concession overlooking the spectacular Timbitene Plain and waterhole. Built in authentic pioneer tradition, it has the serenity of a 19th century naturalists rest, nestled in an Acacia Knobthorn thicket. Plains Camp has 4 comfortably furnished African explorer style tents, with en suite bathrooms, hot and cold running water and the African Wilderness right on your doorstep. The concession is an ideal setting for wilderness walking safaris in an internationally renowned Big 5 area.

After settling into your tent and exploring the camp, high tea is served followed by a brief on the 'do's and don'ts' of bush walking by your guide. Rhino Walking Safari guides meet the stringent requirements of the South African National Parks and senior guides hold the highest guiding qualification possible in South Africa. After the brief, you will depart with your 2 armed guides for an introductory walk, returning to the vehicle in time for sundowners and enjoying a short night drive before returning to camp.

Day 2: Plains Camp

After an early morning wake-up, fresh coffee, tea and rusks (a South African tradition!), everybody departs with the guides for a safari walk. Nothing is predictable in the bush; therefore each safari offers a potentially new experience. Our guides will share their wealth of bush experience which involves the identification of fauna, flora and birds. The medicinal uses of plants, local folk lore, basic tracking and survival skills are also discussed.

All walking trails are enjoyed in the early morning and late afternoon to avoid the midday heat, with the average duration of the morning walk being between 3 and 4 hours. The Guide will structure the trail taking into account the fitness level of the group and any special requests. After a light snack on the walk, you will be served a well deserved brunch on your return to the camp. Relax during the heat of the day, enjoying our small Africana book collection or the plunge pool overlooking the plain, which is often host to zebra, buffalo, giraffe, elephant, rhino and lion.

The afternoon safari activity is a short drive in the game vehicle to a specific location, after which you will depart on foot again for your trail. Upon returning to the vehicle, you will enjoy sundowners before returning to camp. Back at camp in time for dinner accompanied by the night sounds of the African bush.

3: Sleep Out

The morning activities are the same as the previous day, though exploring a different area.

After high tea guests depart for an unrivalled wilderness experience.

The 3rd night is spent at Sleep Outs which is a giant treehouse with sleeping platforms elevated about 4 metres above the ground, each platform has a tent made of fabric that allows you to gaze at the stars from your sleeping bag waking up to the light of the African dawn. Guests are given a lightweight backpack to carry their clothes for 1 night and then leave for Plains with the guides in the late afternoon for a 1-1.5 hour walk arriving at Sleep Outs in the early evening. Guests enjoy sundowners overlooking the waterhole as the guides start prepares the fire and traditional South African Braai (barbeque). The sounds and senses of the wild at night is an experience unrivalled in the African Bush.

Enjoy the sounds and senses of the wild at night, while being safely guarded by our observant guides. The rumbles of elephant passing by, or the roar of lion at the nearby waterhole, are the only sounds that might disturb guests in this peaceful wilderness. This is the only place in the Kruger National Park offering this unusual accommodation.

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The following morning, after a light snack you will walk back to Plains Camp for a hearty brunch and shower before packing up and being transferred back to the luxurious Rhino Post Safari Lodge.

Rhino Post Safari Lodge is built on the banks of the dry Mutlumuvi river bed using natural materials of stone, wood, thatch and canvas. Stilts raise the 8 spaciouly appointed suites along the riverbank, allowing views of the riverbed from your bedroom, bathroom and private deck. The suites are set out in an open plan style with wooden floors, thatched roofs, canvas walls and glass doors and windows. Each ensuite bathroom includes a deep, freestanding bath, 'his and hers' basins, a separate toilet and an outdoor shower surrounded by wooden poles. The raised walkways linking the spacious rooms to the main area, allows wildlife to walk underneath, undisturbed by mankind.

On arrival at Rhino Post Safari Lodge, after a refreshing drink and a brief introduction to the lodge, you will be shown to your room. After settling into your suite, guests are invited down to the lounge, overlooking the water hole to enjoy a scrumptious high tea before departing for an afternoon / evening game drive.

Game-drive safaris at Rhino Post Safari Lodge are conducted in specially adapted open 4x4 Land Cruisers, with professional guides. In addition to our private wilderness concession, we make use of the Kruger Public Roads and are allowed to utilise certain public roads for night / evening drives well after gate closing times.

At sunset the game drive will stop for sundowners before continuing into the night, spotting nocturnal animals. Returning to the lodge in time to freshen up, enjoy a drink before dinner on the deck as you recount the day's events, all the while accompanied by the night sounds of the bush.

5: Rhino Walking Safaris – Rhino Post Safari Lodge

The next morning you will depart again on another exciting drive into the Kruger; returning for a leisurely brunch before spending the rest of the day relaxing at the lodge.

High tea at Rhino Post is highly recommended and many guests rate it as one of the highlights of their stay. You will savour on delicious snacks whilst overlooking the waterhole, and catch up with fellow safari enthusiasts before venturing onto the game vehicles again.

On the afternoon/evening game drive the guide will stop at one of many picturesque spots for sundowners before continuing the drive looking for the nocturnal animals and birds of the Kruger.

The day ends with a delicious dinner in the dining room and reminiscing with your guides and other guests on all the day's activities. Return to your luxurious suite to relax and fall asleep to the sounds of the night.

6: Rhino Post Safari Lodge

After an early morning wake-up and an invigorating cup of fresh coffee or tea and muffins in the lounge, you will set off for the final early morning game drive. Upon returning to the lodge enjoy a leisurely brunch and shower before packing up and checking out from Rhino Post.

The 5 night walking safari detailed in this itinerary includes 2 nights at Rhino Post Safari Lodge and 3 nights at Plains Camp – 2 nights at Plains Camp plus a Sleep Out. Sleep Outs are weather dependant and the actual date will be finalised on the night of arrival. The order of accommodation may change from that described as it is dependent upon availability and the day of arrival.

Includes:

Plains Camp – 3 nights' accommodation – including sleep out, brunch, high tea and dinner, teas and coffees, morning walks and afternoon game / walk combination, soft drinks, house wine and local beers

Rhino Post – 2 nights' accommodation, brunch, high tea and dinner, teas and coffees, morning and afternoon/night game drives

Excludes:

Park fees, transfers, gratuities, additional alcoholic drinks at Plains Camp and all drinks at Rhino Post.