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Journeys of a Lifetime



Mafuri Package - Mashatu Tented

Game Viewing Safari to Botswana and South Africa

8 nights/9 days

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Days 1, 2 and 3: Mashatu Tented Camp

Depart on scheduled flight from OR Tambo International Airport (Johannesburg) to Polokwane where you will be transferred by road to Mashatu Tented Camp.

Spend 3 nights at **Mashatu Tented Camp** with all meals and daily game activities.



Mashatu Tented Camp is nestled in the remote northern area of the Mashatu Game Reserve in the Tuli Game Reserve of Botswana. The camp sleeps a maximum of 14 guests in eight twin tents. Although rustic in character every facility is provided. The tents are insect-proofed, have comfortable beds and each has an en-suite shower and W.C. facility. There is an open sided thatch deck where meals are served and a traditional boma for intimate campfire dinners. This camp also contains a plunge pool.

Activities are centered around game drives in open 4-wheel drive safari vehicles in the 75,000 acre Mashatu Game Reserve. Besides elephant, lion, cheetah, leopard and hyena, general game like giraffe, zebra, wildebeest, eland and a variety of antelope, the nocturnal species like spring hares, bat eared fox, civet cat, genet cat, honey badger and mongoose etc. occur throughout the reserve. The bird life is prolific with Mashatu Game Reserve recording over 350 different species. For an additional cost, a limited number of mountain bicycles are available for participation in cycling safaris. Horseback riding and archaeological walks are also available as optional extras.

Days 4, 5 and 6 : Pafuri Camp

You will be transferred by road from **Mashatu Main Camp** to **Pafuri Camp**, where you will spend 3 nights with all meals and twice daily game activities included.

Situated between the Limpopo and the Luvuvhu Rivers in the northern sector of Kruger National Park is an area of 24,000 hectares called the Pafuri or the Makuleke. In May 2007 the biological significance of the area was recognized in its declaration as a Ramsar site - a wetland of international importance. This area is the ancestral home of the Makuleke people and is the most diverse and scenically attractive area in all of Kruger National Park. This area is certainly the wildest and most remote part of the Park and offers wonderful and varied vegetation, great wildlife viewing, the best birding in all of the Kruger Park and the romance and folklore of early explorers and ancient civilizations. Just about every stage of humankind from 1.5 million years ago till today can be seen on the ground making this one of the longest inhabited places on earth. The area is covered in stone-age tools, rock engravings and rock paintings. There are even unexcavated dinosaur fossils.

Pafuri Camp is situated on the northern bank of the Luvuvhu River within lush riverine forest. The camp consists of twenty luxurious thatched tents that are raised off the ground on



wooden walkways. The camp has two pools, a main dining room, bar and lounge as well as a smaller thatched boma dining area. There are six family tents, which are able to sleep families of up to four under one roof. The interiors are stylish, with a Makuleke influence. Each tented room has wonderful views onto the Luvuvhu River. The rooms are comfortably furnished and have 220v lighting and an en-suite bathroom with hot and cold running water and an additional "outside" shower for those who want to enjoy being closer

to nature.

The area is home to all the Kruger animal species, including lion, elephant, rhino, buffalo and leopard – although the Pafuri is most famous for its big herds of elephants and for special, rare birds like the Pel's fishing owl. Animals such as nyala, eland and Sharpe's grysbok are not commonly seen in the Kruger further south from Pafuri. On our morning and afternoon activities, guests may choose from a range of options, including game and nature drives in open 4x4 vehicles; night drives throughout the concession (north of the Luvuvhu), birding walks and foot safaris all accompanied by an armed guide. Alternatively some guests will enjoy just sitting on one's verandah watching the wildlife and birdlife wandering through the camp.

The Makuleke people who live on Kruger's western boundary are the landlords for this camp and for the area. They earn direct financial benefits from every guests stay at Pafuri. A percentage of 8% of the gross turnover (or over 40% of net profits when running at good occupancies) accrues directly to the community.

Access is by vehicle or by air. There is a 1000m airfield close to the camp for easy air access.

Days 7 and 8: MalaMala Main Camp

Today you will be transferred by light aircraft from **Pafuri Camp** to **MalaMala Main Camp** where you will spend 2 nights with all meals and daily game activities included.

MalaMala Game Reserve, the first private photographic safari destination in South Africa, is situated on the largest tract of land within the Sabi Sand Reserve and shares a common boundary with the world famous Kruger National Park. **MalaMala Main Camp**, overlooking the Sand River, offers accommodation in 18 luxury rooms, including a disabled unit and family rooms. Each individually decorated room, under traditional thatching, is furnished with every amenity, including "his" and "hers" bathrooms, 24 hour temperature control, direct dial telephones, mini bar, room safe and a private deck with views of the surrounding bush.



Guests can relax in the Buffalo lounge which leads onto a large wooden deck that provides elevated views of animals watering in the Sand River. Dinner is served under the stars in a reed enclosed boma. There is a swimming pool, room service, a complimentary laundry

service, wine cellar, bush gym, bar, library and safari boutique. Photographic safaris are conducted in open 4 wheel drive vehicles in the morning and afternoon and spotlight safaris in the evening. Walking safaris with an armed ranger can be arranged on request.

Day 9: Depart Mala Mala Main Camp

Light aircraft transfer from Mala Mala Main Camp to OR Tambo Airport (Johannesburg) to continue your onward journey home.

2012 Costs

Land Cost

February 1 – November

From **US\$5,549.00** per person sharing
From **US\$1,457.00** single supplement

Note: Safari cost may change due to increase in rates for flight from OR Tambo International Airport to Polokwane.

SAFARI INCLUDES:

- All accommodation as specified
- All meals as specified
- Some hotels/lodges include house wine, beer and local spirits
- Some hotels/lodges include laundry service
- Daily game activities at game lodges
- All excursions/tours and transfers by vehicle as shown
- Services of the lodge guides and staff
- Park fees (not including Mala Mala)

SAFARI EXCLUDES:

- All items of a personal nature
- Cancellation, baggage, emergency evacuation or medical insurance
- Gratuities to staff
- Any meals, drinks activities, excursions, entrance fees, portorage, tours & transfers which are not specified
- Park fees at Mala Mala
- Visa fees
- Airport departure taxes
- Any new Government taxes
- International flights