



Safari tours for 2019

If you're daunted by having too many things to do or have only limited time – like only one lifetime – this must see - must do safari tour is just the place to start.

Southern Africa is home to some of the last true wilderness areas on the planet. This part of the continent offers some of the most spectacular destinations for our clients. Sundowners and safaris go hand-in-hand, and we at Protea 4x4 provide the perfect locations in Southern Africa for you to toast these sunsets.

Protea's secret season; our safari connoisseurs can enjoy our safaris once the busy season is over, for the peace and tranquillity that we all crave for. That's why we keep our groups small and personalized with 14-16 guests per tour.

The landscapes and wildlife alone are enough to turn you starry-eyed. It's hard to beat the romance of Africa's Wildlife in these pristine wilderness areas. We offer a variety of leisurely self-driving safaris: from self-catering, self-camping towing tours to fully catered Hotel, Lodge and Guesthouse trips.

Our safari experiences are ideal for nature lovers, photographers or those who simply enjoy spending time in the unspoilt African wilderness. Rest assured that our 4x4 tours are not obstacle courses or endurance tests – we use responsible driving techniques, minimising our impact on the environment. We only make use of well-established campsites that offers clean, well-maintained ablutions and campsites. Our tour fees include all your camping fees, accommodation and park fees, as well as the listed activities.

Our tour guide (Jannie) has 22 years' experience in 4x4 training and in the Great African Outdoors, ensuring that even novice Off-Road drivers and their vehicles are in safe capable hands. Our husband & wife team of Jannie and Ansu Rykaart will be your hosts on all the below tours.

Live your life, before life becomes Lifeless!!

Leatherback Turtle (hatching) Safari, Northern KZN

(16 – 20 February 2019, **catered tour**)

- Part two of one of the greatest SECRET ESCAPES that awaits you in South Africa.
- If you're looking to truly indulge in the beauty of South Africa, it's worth exploring the unique activities that we offer on this safari tour, pack your bags and load your 4x4 for a drive of a lifetime.
- Snorkel at Kosi Bay Mouth, visit 700-year-old Tshonga fish kraals, enjoy a boat cruise and witness how loggerhead and leatherback sea turtle's eggs hatch, with hundreds of hatchlings dashing off to the ocean.
- Boat cruise on the 3 Lakes Eco-system, Fish Kraal visit and plenty snorkelling - no experience needed.
- Get the opportunity to spear your own fish in a fish kraal with a traditional spear.
- A 5-day, 4-night fully catered tour (dinner, bed and breakfast).
- R7 950 per person sharing.
- This tour can accommodate 16 people

Route Sani Pass (summer trip), Lesotho.

(22 – 25 March 2019, **catered tour**)

- Spend the long weekend at the four-star Premier Sani Pass Hotel in the Drakensberg Mountains and drive up the challenging Sani Pass (gradient of 1:2.5), which lies in no man's land between South Africa and Lesotho, to the highest pub in Africa.
- Enjoy a picnic on-top of the world at Black Mountain Pass at 3 264m above sea level and visit a traditional Basotho village. Wild flowers, waterfalls and rolling green mountains awaits you.
- Regarded as one of the must drive mountain passes in the world for 4x4-owners.
- A 4-day, 3-night 4 star fully catered weekend tour (dinner, bed and breakfast).
- R6 850 per person sharing.
- This tour can accommodate 18 people.

Namibian Desert Safari, Southern Namibia

(18 April to the 3rd May 2019, **towing, camping tour**)

- Take me to Namibia, my soul needs to breathe!
- Spending nights in Namibia under the stars is sure to provide an unforgettable experience!
- Visit the oldest desert in the world, the ghost town of Kolmanskop, the Fish River Canyon, Duwisib Castle, Sossusvlei and the beautiful coastal town of Swakopmund to name just a few!
- Rugged valleys, towering sandstone mountains, waterless rivers and vast open plains. A remarkable diverse and compelling geography completely unique to Namibia defines this land of stark contrasts!
- A land of contrasts with much of it wedged between two enormous deserts, the Kalahari in the east and the Namib in the west.
- Join us in exploration the most spectacular parts of Southern Namibia from the mighty Orange River to the holiday mecca of Namibia – Swakopmund and the adventures that await you along these breath-taking gravel roads!
- A 16-day, 15 night self-drive, self-catering, camping safari to Southern Namibia, including a one-night Explorers delight tented unit in Windhoek.
- R15 200 per person sharing.
- This tour can accommodate 14 people.

Route Sani Pass (winter trip), Lesotho.

(14 – 17 June 2019, **catered tour**)

- Spend this self-made long weekend at the four-star Premier Sani Pass Hotel in the Drakensberg Mountains and drive up the world-renowned Sani Pass, which lies in no man's land between South Africa and Lesotho.
- Enjoy a light meal at the highest pub in Africa overlooking the world below.
- Enjoy a picnic on-top of the world at Black Mountain Pass at 3 264m above sea level and visit a traditional Basotho village. It's that time of the year that its always possible for some SNOW!
- Regarded as one of the must drive mountain passes in the world for 4x4-owners.
- Explore the beauty of the midlands with visits to local attractions in the area of Underberg and Himeville.
- A 4-day, 3-night 4 star fully catered weekend tour (dinner, bed and breakfast).
- R6 950 per person sharing.
- This tour can accommodate 18 people.

The Majestic Botswana Safari (Khama Rhino, Moremi), Botswana.

(13 – 22 July 2019, **towing, camping tour**)

- Due to the low population density of this area, there is very little light pollution and the skies here are the cleanest in Africa.
- Sleeping under the skies is an unparalleled way to experience the beauty of the Okavango Delta
- Visit the Rhino heaven, fly the Okavango Delta and explore the Moremi Game Reserve in Botswana.
- Unfathomably immense, untouched and timeless, the Delta is a land of wild and raw beauty, of unforgiving terrain of extremes and superlatives, in every respect!
- Tour includes two boat cruises on the Okavango Delta, a Sundowner cruise and a half-day cruise deep into the Delta's waterways, an area known for its abundance of birdlife.
- A 10-day, self-drive, self-catering, camping safari, including one night's lodge accommodation (dinner, bed and breakfast) after 5 days in the wilderness.
- R17 850 per person sharing, plus R315 medical air rescue if you want it.
- This tour can accommodate 16 people.

Reflections of Nature Safari (Chobe to Baines), Botswana

(15 – 24 August 2019, **towing, camping tour**)

- The driest period in the Kalahari Desert, but also the best time to enjoy bird & animal behaviour
- Starting off at the elephant heaven of the Kalahari, from the biggest leadwood tree up to the mighty Chobe river with an abundance of bird and animal life, buffalo herds in their hundreds.
- Visit one of the 7 wonders of the world – the Victoria Waterfalls - own account
- Private boat cruises on the Chobe River (4-hour morning cruise and a 2-hour sunset cruise) - own account
- Discover the same baobab trees that Thomas Baines painted a 170 years ago along single sandy tracks.
- A 10 day/9 nights camping safari of note.
- R12 250 per person sharing.
- This tour can only accommodate 14 people.

Namaqualand Flower Safari (Kakamas to Van Rhynsdorp),

Northern Cape. (2 - 9 September 2019, **catered tour**)

- **Offering 4 Star Lodge and Guesthouse accommodation with breakfast and dinner included.**
- Experience one of the world's most colourful botanical wonders as vast tapestries of brightly coloured flowers emerge all over Namaqualand.
- An 9-day, 8-night fully catered self-drive tour with Lodge and Guest Farm accommodation that includes dinner, bed and breakfast.
- A highlight of the tour is an overnight stay at the southern hemisphere's largest date farm. Not to mention all the gravel roads that will introduce you to vastly different landscapes daily.
- R19 550-00 per person sharing.
- This tour can only accommodate 14 people.

Conqueror-Elephant Safari (Leadwood-Baobabs-Boteti-Salt pans-Khama Rhino), Botswana (special Conqueror event)

(20 - 30 September 2019, **towing, camping tour**)

- The wide skies, the rich and varied fauna & flora – seem blessedly untouched, left to the ebb and flow of nature's seasons.
- Nature plays the leading role on this safari with miles of pristine wilderness areas.
- This an exclusive camping safari for Conqueror Off-Road Campers.
- Visit the Elephant Heavens of Botswana.
- Experience the vastness of the Makgadikgadi Pans with the second largest migration of land animals in Africa, the plains Zebra migration is a mind-blowing phenomenon to view.
- Cross a river with a ferry to one of the gems of Botswana.
- It's a 12 day/11 nights life changing towing safari to the gems of Central Botswana.
- Botswana days don't come much better than this.
- Catch it while you still can. Children are welcome
- R10 950 per person, children under 12 years will be 50% cheaper.
- This tour can only accommodate 20 people.

Leatherback Turtle (egg-laying) Safari, Northern KZN

(11 – 15 December 2019, **catered tour**)

- Part one of one of the greatest SECRET ESCAPES that awaits you in South Africa.
- The right overnight accommodation - dinner/bed & breakfast – will ensure you're well-rested and inspired to tackle the on-going adventures on the trip.
- Snorkel at Kosi Bay Mouth, visit 700-year-old Tshonga fish kraals, experience the unique annual event of loggerhead & leatherback sea turtles laying their eggs on this golden beach of Maputaland.
- Get the opportunity to spear your own fish in a fish kraal with a traditional spear.
- A 5-day, 4-nights fully catered tour (dinner, bed and breakfast).
- Boat cruise on the 3 Lakes Eco-system, Fish Kraal visit and plenty snorkelling - no experience needed
- R7 950 per person sharing.
- This tour can accommodate 16 people

These are just a few of the countless options that Protea Safari Tours has on offer in Southern Africa, we also offer customised private safari tours on request!

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Please take note that the above rates apply for residents of SADC member countries only. Non-SADC rates available on request. Fees may change due to normal price increases and exchange rate fluctuations OR normal escalations that might accrue. Each tour is subject to a minimum number of 8 bookings (8 people/4 couples) and your 50% deposit is fully refundable in the unlikely event that a tour is cancelled.

**You only live once, but if you do it right,
once is enough** - Mae West

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