

Protea Safari Tours



Safari tours for 2018 and 2019

If you're daunted by having to many things to do or have only limited time – like only one lifetime – this must see - must do safari tours 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 Safari Tours 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 areas.

We offer a variety of leisurely self-driving safaris: from self-catering, self-camping tours to fully catered trips. Our tour fees include all your camping, accommodation and park fees, as well as listed activities.

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 guide has 22 years' experience in 4x4 training and the 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!!

The Majestic Botswana Safari, Moremi/Makgadikgadi Pans, Botswana.

(28 July to 11 August 2018)

- 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 and the Makgadikgadi Pans.
- Visit the Moremi Game Reserve and the Makgadikgadi Pans National Park in Botswana.
- The vast Makgadikgadi salt pans form the backdrop of the second largest migration of zebra in Africa.
- Unfathomably immense, untouched and timeless, the Delta and the Pans 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 on the Delta from Mboma, an area known for its abundance of birdlife.
- A 15-day, self-drive, self-catering, camping safari, including 2 night's fully catered lodge accommodation (dinner, bed and breakfast).
- USD2 460 per person sharing, plus USD40 medical air rescue if you want it.
- This tour can accommodate 8 people.

Namaqualand Flower Safari, Northern Cape

(1-8 September 2018)

- Experience one of the world's most colourful botanical wonders as vast tapestries of brightly coloured flowers emerge all over Namaqualand.
- An 8-day, 8-night fully catered self-drive tour with lodge and Guest Farm accommodation (dinner, bed and breakfast are included).
- A highlight of the tour is an overnight stay on what is said to be the southern hemisphere's largest date farm. Not to mention all the back roads we will be using.
- USD2 100 per person sharing.
- This tour can only accommodate 14 people.

Reflections of Nature, Chobe & Makgadikgadi Pans, Botswana

(29 September to 13 October 2018)

- 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 Chobe National Park and the Makgadikgadi Pan National Park.
- Visit Elephant Sands, Chobe Game Reserve, Victoria Waterfalls, Baines Baobabs, Planet Baobab and the Makgadikgadi Pans National Park in Botswana.
- The vast Makgadikgadi salt pans form the backdrop of the second largest migration of zebra in Africa.
- Unfathomably immense, untouched and timeless, the Delta and the Pans is a land of wild and raw beauty, of unforgiving terrain of extremes and superlatives, in every respect!
- Tour offers two boat cruises on the Chobe River that's known for its abundance of wildlife.
- A 15-day, 14-nights self-drive, self-catering, camping safari with all park fees and campsite fees included.
- USD1 700 per person sharing, plus USD40 medical air rescue if you want it.
- This tour can accommodate 16 people.

Leatherback Turtle (egg-laying) Safari, Northern KZN

(7 – 11 December 2018)

- 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
- USD860 per person sharing.
- This tour can accommodate 16 people

Leatherback Turtle (hatching) Safari, Northern KZN

(16 – 20 February 2019)

- 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, 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).
- USD860 per person sharing.
- This tour can accommodate 16 people.

Route Sani Pass (Lesotho) long weekend

(22 – 25 March 2019)

- Spend the long weekend at the four-star 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.
- A 4-day, 3-night 4 star fully catered weekend tour (dinner, bed and breakfast).
- USD840 per person sharing.
- This tour can accommodate 18 people.

Namibian Desert Safari, Southern Namibia

(18 April to the 3rd May 2019)

- 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.
- 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.
- USD1 740 per person sharing.
- This tour can accommodate 14 people.

Route Sani Pass (Lesotho) long weekend

(14 – 17 June 2019)

- Spend this self-made long weekend at the four-star 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.
- Explore the beauty of the midlands with visits to local attractions in the area of Underberg/Himeville.
- A 4-day, 3-night 4 star fully catered weekend tour (dinner, bed and breakfast).
- USD850 per person sharing.
- This tour can accommodate 18 people.

Chobe to Baines Safari, Botswana

(15 – 24 August 2019)

- Regarded as the driest period in the Kalahari Desert, but also the best time to view wildlife.
- Starting off at the dry elephant heaven of the Kalahari
- Up to the mighty Chobe river with an abundance of wildlife, buffalo herds in their hundreds.
- Visit one of the 7 wonders of the world – the Victoria Waterfalls.
- Private boat cruises on the Chobe River.
- Experience the same baobab trees that Thomas Baines painted a 170 years ago.
- A 10 day/9 nights camping safari of note.
- USD1 295 per person sharing.
- This tour can only accommodate 14 people.

Namaqualand Flower Safari, Northern Cape

(2 - 9 September 2019)

- Experience one of the world's most colourful botanical wonders as vast tapestries of brightly coloured flowers emerge all over Namaqualand.
- An 8-day, 7-night fully catered self-drive tour with 4-star lodge and Guest Farm accommodation that includes dinner, bed and breakfast.

- A highlight of the tour is an overnight stay on what is said to be the southern hemisphere's largest date farm. Not to mention all the back roads we will be using.
- USD2 200 per person sharing.
- This tour can only accommodate 14 people.

Conqueror-Elephant Safari, Botswana (special event)

(20 - 30 September 2019)

- 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.
- This an exclusive camping safari for Conqueror Off-Road Campers.
- Visit the Elephant Heaven of Botswana.
- Experience the vastness of the Makgadikgadi Pans with the second largest migration of land animals in Africa.
- Cross a river with a ferry to one of the gems of Botswana.
- It's a 12 day/11 nights life changing towing safari.
- Botswana days don't come much better than this.
- Catch it while you still can. Children are welcome
- USD1 235 per person, children under 12 years will be 50% cheaper.
- This tour can only accommodate 20 people.

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

Contact Jannie Rykaart (4x4 Trails and Overland Guide GP 5097) on +27 (0)83 268 0566 or at info@protea4x4.co.za for more information. You can also visit our website at www.protea4x4.co.za or follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/protea4x4).

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. 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

Our partners



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