

Wait A Little Big Five Safari, South Africa

Itinerary

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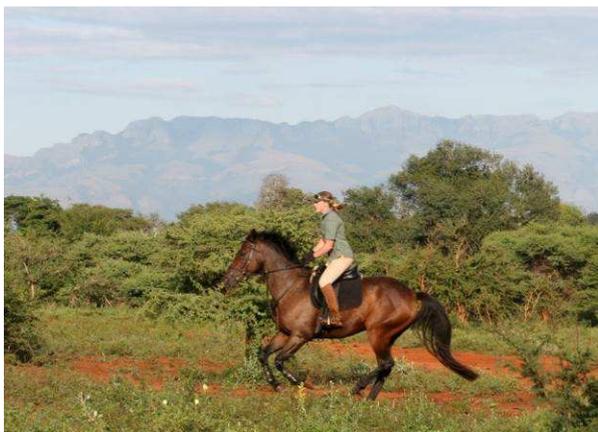
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Day One

Arrive at Wait A Little camp. If your room isn't quite ready after departing guests there are plenty of lovely places in camp to sit and relax. Over a light lunch or perhaps afternoon tea and coffee, have a ride briefing during which the schedule, the rules and safety measures of the safari will be discussed. Your hosts would like you to mention anything that could influence your riding at this point, for example that you are feeling nervous, or if you have any specific horse preferences.

After you have been matched to your horse, there is a short orientation ride to give you time and confidence with your horse and the riding style. You may even see the first giraffe or zebra.

Return to camp for a three course dinner, accompanied by South African wines. This is taken in the dining area, which is furnished with African art.



Overnight at Wait a Little base camp. The first night, with all its fantastic sounds and noises, is probably the

most exciting one. Accommodation for the first three nights is at Wait A Little.

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Day Two

Wake up to tea or coffee. After a light early breakfast set off for a trail ride through the Reserve. Now the search for wild game can really begin. Your guide will show you the tracks made by the game and take you to good viewing areas in the reserve.



The weather will determine the day's ride, but usually you ride for 3-4 hours in the morning and 2-3 hours in the afternoon.

After returning from the morning ride, a big lunch awaits with homemade quiches, pizzas or pancakes, freshly baked bread and lots of green salads, meats and cheeses.

After lunch there is the chance to relax with a siesta. Spend your well-deserved rest in your room or at the swimming pool or maybe you would like to improve your knowledge about Africa by reading one of the books provided in the camp library.

Afternoon tea and coffee strengthen for your next adventure. The afternoon ride ends at a beautiful

sundowner spot where drink in hand, you can enjoy an often colourful sunset!

Day Three

Another exciting day awaits. The morning is similar to the one on day two, but today you go on a game drive in the afternoon.



This afternoon unwind at camp. Have a siesta by the pool or enjoy a massage to ease away any aches or strains. There is a well-prepared massage sala where everything is there for your comfort. Today there is also usually the chance to acquire some of Wait A Little's merchandise material. From fleeces, fleecy jackets and sweatshirts to shirts, T-shirts, golf tops, hats, beanies to beads there is a beautiful and fashionable selection of safari outfits available.

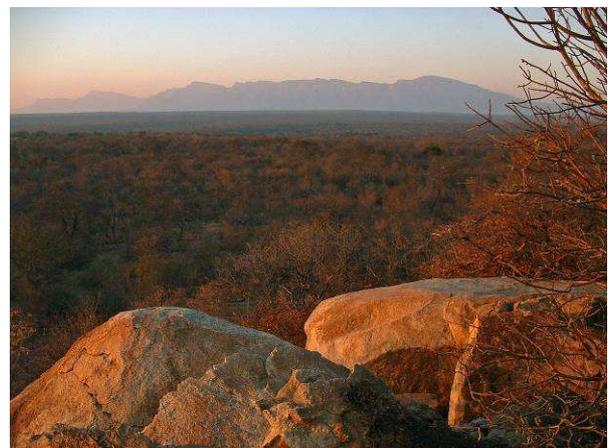
Day Four

Whatever tracks the guide finds he will try to follow. On your morning ride, perhaps an elephant track might lead towards the Kufunyame River, where huge palm trees and tall river reeds provide a good meal for an elephant.



In the afternoon pack your bags and leave for another camp. The luggage will be brought by vehicle, whilst you set off on horseback. Ride south, passing with baited breath between the twin rock formations of Lion and Leopard Hill. The gently undulating roads in this area lend themselves to long easy canters. Giraffe, zebra or wildebeest may pick up the pace and run by your side, elegantly manoeuvring through the veldt.

Beacon Rock, your fly camp for the night, is situated at a giant rock formation from where you can overlook the whole Lowveld escarpment. A quick scramble up to the top rewards you with a spectacular panoramic view over the whole reserve and the perfect vantage point to witness a stunning red sunset fall over the high Drakensberg Escarpment.



Spend the night under the stars, around a campfire with your horses. Steaks or chops, cooked over the open fire, with baked potatoes and salads are the perfect food to help you into a deep sleep tonight. Listen to the call of the hyena or jackal which might visit the camp in the night.

Day Five

Awake to the rich colours of sunrise and revive the fire for coffee and breakfast before embarking on a long ride (approx five hours). Enter the Makalali Game Reserve, which is dominated by huge open plains where you might find yourself cantering next to giraffes, zebras or wildebeest. Arrive at the luxury XiDulu camp, your base for the next two nights. Accommodation is in private chalets, each equipped with en-suite bathrooms, outdoor showers and private veranda.



The horses take a break in the afternoon while you join a game drive in the search of game that you cannot approach on horseback. Lion and leopard can sometimes be found, hopefully even on a kill. Return to camp for dinner, which is served in the dining area or outside around the fireplace under the stars.

Day Six

Today go exploring, cutting through the veldt at a canter, twisting and turning around the trees ("bushwhacking") with your surefooted horse carrying you nimbly through the undergrowth, having just as much fun as you. Here and there a tree, felled by an elephant, provides an irresistible jump. Or perhaps the eland, or kudu, seeing you pass, fall in to run in front of you showing the best path to follow. At the top of the hill you pause for thought, as mile after mile of unspoiled Africa stretches away before you.

Have lunch at XiDulu, enjoying fresh salads, meats and cheeses served on banana leaves, while watching nyala, waterbuck, kudu or other little animals roaming the dam.



During your siesta watch the hippo in the dam. Let them entertain you, playing in the water, rolling and laughing. With luck, a crocodile will be relaxing on a sandbank, enjoying the warm sunshine.

Later enjoy another ride out exploring the area and wildlife or join an irresistible game drive.

Day Seven

A nice ride home lies ahead of you today, leaving the Makalali camp XiDulu behind and riding back to Wait A Little. What will be seen on the way? This is always open to the wildlife, tracks of elephant, lion, rhino, and giraffe determine the guide's path. Home at Wait A Little the team eagerly awaits your exciting tales whilst you enjoy another fantastic lunch.

The last sundowner on Wait A Little's open plain will be a sad, but beautiful ride and an impressive unique experience. The African fever might have caught you and the good bye can be hard. For your farewell dinner there is something special - perhaps game fillets like kudu or eland served on pasta with sherry sauce.

Day Eight

An early wake up for a short and sporty ride, before finishing your packing and checking out. You will then be transferred back to the airport.