South Africa - Wait A Little - Wait A Little Camp Safari

ITINERARY

Day 1

You should fly to Johannesburg and then on to Hoedspruit. We can arrange transfers from Hoedspruit.

When looking at flights into Hoedspruit, we recommend the flight arriving c.13.00 to allow more time for your connection in Johannesburg. On departure, please choose the later flight leaving at c. 14:00 which gives time for your last morning ride.

You can also transfer to Wait A Little by road from Johannesburg OR Tambo International Airport (a journey of c. 5 hours). For this road transfer your flight should arrive into Johannesburg by 08:00. The shared transfer departs from Johannesburg between 09:00 and 10:00 and so there may be a short wait for other guests arriving at similar time.

Return flights from Johannesburg should depart after 19:00 to allow time for either a road transfer or internal flight back to Johannesburg OR Tambo International Airport.

Please note that although every effort will be made to follow the itinerary as outlined, local conditions may necessitate changes to the order of the itinerary.

The following is an example of what you might do on safari, but game viewings can never be guaranteed.

Upon arrival at Wait A Little, after being shown to your room you will have a light lunch and a safety briefing about riding in areas of big game. If your room isn't quite ready after departing guests there are plenty of lovely places in camp to sit and relax.

You will then have the opportunity to be matched to a horse and have a short afternoon ride, enjoying an African sunset on your way home. This orientation ride takes you through the area surrounding the camp as you unwind from your journey and forget yourself in the peace of the African bush. This is your chance

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to become accustomed to our horses and riding style. We might even see the first giraffe or zebra.

Sundowners, looking out towards the Drakensberg Mountains, are a perfect prelude to the generous 3 course dinner, accompanied by hand-picked South African wines, which awaits you in our dining area, furnished with antique African art.

Overnight Wait A Little. Wait A Little has four spacious tents on platforms overlooking the Makuthswe River.

Tents 1, 2 and 4 are double rooms that can be converted into twins. Tent 3 is larger with two double beds, but there is space to add a single bed too (making it ideal as a triple for friends to share), it also has two toilets (one inside, one outside).

There is also a bar and a swimming pool and the main area is equipped with a library with books on the local wildlife.

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Day 2

Wake up to tea or coffee. After a light, continental breakfast, mount up and go out on safari. The plan for the day will depend on the weather, 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 the hardest time of the day has arrived, siesta. You can spend your well-deserved rest in your room or at the swimming pool or may be you would like to improve your knowledge about Africa by reading one of the books provided in the library.

Afternoon tea and coffee strengthen you for the next adventure. The afternoon ride ends at a beautiful sundowner spot where drink in hand, enjoy an often colourful sunset!

Overnight Wait A Little.

Day 3

Another exciting day awaits. The morning is similar to the one on day 2, but today you go on an exciting drive to the buffalo project in the afternoon. Your guide will take you to the furthest northern corner of the reserve, all along the Makuthswe River to hopefully find the beautiful beast. Here you will enjoy sundowner followed by a night drive back to Wait A Little.

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Over lunchtime you are welcome to have a relaxing massage by our therapist. There is a well-prepared massage sala where everything is there for your comfort. Today 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.

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Day 4

Another morning ride followed by Ana's famous brunch.

In the afternoon, pack a small bag as you will stay out for the night. Your luggage will be brought by vehicle, whilst you set off on horseback. Riding 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, Zebras or wildebeest may pick up the pace and run by your side, elegantly manoeuvring through the veldt.

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Beacon Rock, the fly camp, is situated at a giant rock formation. A quick scramble up to the top rewards you with a spectacular panorama over the whole reserve and the perfect vantage point to witness a blood red sun fall behind the looming Drakensberg Escarpment. Steaks or chops, cooked over the open fire, with snakebites, baked potatoes and salads are the perfect fayre to help you into a deep sleep tonight.

Overnight Beacon Rock. Beacon Rock is a sleep out camp, situated on a rock formation, the highest point in the area, with a magnificent view over the Lowveld Escarpment. Sleep on mattresses under the stars or under a shelter, having a huge camp fire going, and enjoying the sounds of the night.

Day 5

Waking to the rich colours of the sunrise, the fire will be revived for coffee and breakfast before leaving Beacon Rock. Today you head South to the Karongwe river where the hyenas often have their den. It'll be a long ride back to Wait A Little, where another one of Anna's wonderful lunches awaits.

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The last sundowner on Wait A Little's open plain will be sad, but beautiful, impressive and absolutely unique. The African fever might have caught you as well and the good bye can be hard.

Overnight Wait A Little.

Day 6

An early wake up will get us on the horses quickly, so we can enjoy a short, sporty ride before you leave.

You will be transferred to Hoedspruit airport.

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