

2-DAY WILDLIFE SAFARI

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OVERVIEW

Go wild in the Western Cape on an overnight trip from Cape Town! Travel off the beaten track to immerse yourself in the African bush. The Western Cape offers the perfect backdrop for a wildlife encounter, and the views along the way en route to the Garden Route aren't too shabby either. This tour offers guided safaris in two prestigious private game reserves, a guided bush walk as well as a chance to observe orphaned elephants in nature. You'll also visit the ostrich capital of the world and get a chance to try their local delicacies, giving you a taste of authentic local culture.

You will travel to Botlierskop Private Game Reserve for a guided 4x4 bush drive safari and a short bushwalk experience with an expert game-ranger at your side. Learn more about the diversity of the African bush and her wildlife as your knowledgeable ranger shares nature's secrets and teaches you about the region's fauna and flora.

Your next wildlife encounter takes you to Buffelsdrift Game Lodge for a bush drive. Set out on an open-topped 4x4 vehicle to search for buffalo, rhino, kudu, zebra, wildebeest and giraffe as you get closer to nature in this tranquil reserve. Then, you can choose an optional Elephant Observation in nature as you learn more about three charismatic orphaned elephants. End off your experience with a drive through the rugged Klein Karoo plains of South Africa's famed Route 62.

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ITINERARY GUIDELINE

This itinerary guideline may need to run in reverse or a different order based on the season or availability of accommodation or activities.

DAY 1

Garden Route Region > Oudtshoorn - ±450km

Start with a morning pick-up from your accommodation in Cape Town (usually between +/- 6 and 8am, subject to the pickup route, traffic and your pickup address).

Your journey today will begin as you leave the silhouette of Table Mountain behind and trade it for the scenery of the Garden Route. You'll soon understand why it is one of the most loved areas in the country, by locals and visitors alike. The private game reserve is approximately 450 km (5 to 6-hour journey) from Cape Town and will include extra rest stops. On arrival, spot some of Africa's wild animals from the back of an open 4x4 vehicle in a malaria-free private game reserve. Among the dense coastal renosterveldt landscape and Cape fynbos, search for giraffe, white rhino, kudu, lion, elephant, zebra and wildebeest, to name a few. The game drive is led by an experienced game ranger sharing his knowledge of the local wildlife; including antelope species, birdlife and insects.

For an immersive bush experience, you may have time to hop off the safari vehicle (if weather allows and it is safe to do so) for an even closer encounter with nature on a quick and tranquil guided (±5min) bushwalk focusing on smaller wildlife, birds or insects, while the game ranger shares knowledge about the endemic plants of the area.

End off your day with a journey through the landscape of rugged plains and towering cliffs to reach Oudtshoorn, the ostrich capital of the world, situated in the semi-desert Klein Karoo. You'll spend the evening here at your leisure.

Either head to town to enjoy a restaurant meal or taste local delights, such as ostrich "sosaties" (kebabs) and "pot brood" (bread cooked on open flames) at an optional 'braai' (bbq) experience and spend the evening around a crackling fire under the vast twinkling, starry country sky.

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DAY 2

Karoo Region - ±450km

A morning bush drive in an open-aired 4x4 at Buffelsdrift, a private game reserve on the outskirts of Oudtshoorn, starts your day off with some fauna and flora. With the wind in your hair and a private ranger at the wheel, you'll learn about the arid landscape and the wildlife that call it home. You could spot buffalo, giraffe, rhino, kudu, porcupine, caracals, meerkats, aardvark and the experience feels even more intimate in the open-air jeep. Rangers use their local knowledge to ensure you get the best out of the bush; so don't be surprised if they jump out of the jeep and point out a tortoise or a lizard for the ultimate show and tell.

Those seeking a close encounter with Mother Nature can join qualified elephant guides on an Elephant Observation optional activity in a natural setting. See three rescued elephants, Jabari, Malaika and Bulelo, as they roam freely in their natural habitat next to a nearby waterhole. These gentle giants were orphaned when their parents were poached in the north of South Africa. In efforts to keep the family together, they were transferred to Buffelsdrift, bringing their boisterous personalities with them. You are free to take pictures and ask the guide as many questions as you like about elephant conservation or other interesting ellie facts.

End off the day with a drive along Route 62, the longest wine route in the world! Along this famous country road, you'll capture the beauty of high mountains, twisting passes, rugged Karoo plains, vineyards and orchards. The approximate 450 km (4 to 6-hour) journey is broken up with additional lunch and rest stops. You'll also stop at one of the many farm stalls along the way before arriving in Cape Town by late evening.



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INCLUDED

- Shared Small Group or Private Closed Group
 - Usually about 9 to 13 guests maximum allowed per vehicle or tour guide.
- Local Guide
 - Led by a local English-speaking professional tour guide.
- Transport
 - Transfers to included tour highlights.
- Pickup + Drop-off
 - A transfer service will collect you from your Cape Town accommodation.
- Accommodation
 - 1 night accommodation according to your stay package selected
- Breakfast
 - 1 x Breakfast is included
- 2Cchange donation
 - A part of your trip fees will help fund the 2Cchange projects we support.
Read more about these projects online at <https://hotspots2c.co.za/change>
- Included Activities & Entry fees
 - Buffelsdrift 4x4 Bush Drive
 - Route 62 Road trip
 - Botlierskop 4x4 Safari

EXCLUDED

- **Optionals**

Optional activities are not included and are not compulsory. It can be booked with the tour guide and paid directly to the activity provider on tour.

 - Elephant Observation in Nature ± R600

± Rates for optional activities are only an indication and subject to change by season or third party suppliers.
- **Drinks and some meals**

Refer to the included section above to see the meals listed as included for this tour. Time is allocated daily to buy and enjoy additional excluded meals + drinks on route. Read more about your tour's meal options at: <https://hotspots2c.co.za/agent#meals>
- **Travel Insurance**

You are responsible for your own personal travel insurance.

This tour is scheduled to depart on most weekends of year, excluding the period between Christmas and New Year, and if minimum numbers required for the trip are not reached. Refer to the tour's booking terms should the tour need to be cancelled for any reason.



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