
GEEO ITINERARY

Kruger Safari (Group B) 7/26/2026

Day 1: Johannesburg Arrive in Johannesburg at any time. Meet your group for a welcome meeting around 6:00 or 7:00 p.m.

Arrive in Johannesburg at any time. There are no planned activities until the Welcome Meeting in the evening. The airport is **O.R. Tambo International Airport (JNB)**.

Consider arriving 1-2 days early to explore the city, adjust to the time zone, and buffer against flight delays. We can request extra hotel nights for you before the program begins.

Hotel Check-in and Welcome Meeting

Hotel check-in is normally between 2-3 p.m. Check with reception for the exact time and location of the group welcome meeting, typically between 6-7 p.m. Please make every effort to attend this meeting. If you're running late, send a message in the group WhatsApp or call the emergency number on your trip voucher so that your tour leader can let you know where and when to meet the group.

After the meeting, enjoy an included dinner with your traveling companions and your tour leader to further get to know one another.

Joining Instructions

The O.R. Tambo International Airport is about 25-30 km from downtown Johannesburg. If you pay in advance for an arrival transfer, a G Adventures representative will be at the airport to meet you. Otherwise, we recommend two ways to get into the city:

Taxi: Available at designated taxi ranks outside arrivals. Estimated cost: R400-500 (approximately \$22-27 USD). Ensure the meter is running or agree on the fare before departure.

Ride-Share (Uber/Bolt): Estimated cost: R250-350 (approximately \$14-19 USD). Request pickup from the rideshare area at arrivals.

Train: Take the Gautrain from the airport to Sandton Station (right next to the hotel). The ride takes only about 15-20 minutes and costs approximately 200 rand (about \$12-13 USD). They use a tap-and-ride system that accepts contactless credit and debit cards (including Visa, Mastercard, and American Express). This is the fastest and most affordable option, and it is clean, comfortable, and easy to use.

Meals included: Dinner

Day 2: Johannesburg/Greater Kruger Area Drive to the Greater Kruger Area with a stop for lunch along the way.

Depart Johannesburg early to begin the long drive to Kruger. Break up the drive and stretch your legs with a stop for lunch along the way. Arrive at the hotel in the Awelani Conservancy in the late afternoon, just in time to freshen up before dinner with the group.

Meals included: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

Approximate travel time: 7-8.5 hrs by private vehicle

Day 3: Kruger National Park Enjoy a full-day wildlife safari drive in Kruger National Park. Keep an eye out for Africa's famed "big five."

Wake up bright and early for an included bush walk. Follow an expert guide and observe Baobab trees and other plants and bushes endemic to the area.

Enjoy a picnic lunch after the walk and then a few hours of well-earned rest back at the lodge. In the late afternoon, set off on a safari drive in Kruger National Park. Spot elephants, buffalo, antelopes, hyenas, and more. At over 7,500 square miles and home to 147 species, Kruger is one of the largest and most impressive animal reserves in the world and has more species of large mammals than any other park on the continent.

When you return in the evening, enjoy an included Braai dinner with a spread of grilled meats, vegetables, and homemade salads.

Meals included: Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

Day 4: Kruger National Park Enjoy a full-day safari drive through Kruger in search of the Big Five.

Spend the day in Kruger National Park, trying to spot the Big Five—the five most sought-after safari animals: the lion, leopard, elephant, rhino, and cape buffalo. The big Five were originally named by hunters as the most dangerous to hunt on foot but are now the top draw for wildlife viewing and photography. Kruger offers excellent opportunities to spot these animals, especially during the dry season (May-September) in the early mornings and late afternoons when they congregate around water sources

After an exciting day out in the wild, return in the late afternoon and enjoy some local fare for dinner.

Meals included: Breakfast | Dinner

Approximate travel time: 9-10 hrs by safari vehicle

Day 5: Kruger National Park Area Go on another full-day safari in Kruger, and then enjoy dinner and dancing with the local community in the evening.

Enjoy another full day in Kruger on a wildlife safari drive. Be ready to spot elephants, giraffes, hippos, lions, zebras, and many other species in this impressive South African national park.

In the evening, join your group for a delicious local dinner in Hazyview, then watch a traditional dance performance.

Meals included: Breakfast | Dinner

Approximate travel time: 6-7 hrs by safari vehicle

Day 6: Kruger National Park Area Spend a final free day in Kruger.

Kruger National Park has been dubbed the most famous safari destination in the world, and by now, you'll surely understand why. Spend a free day in the area and choose which optional activities are best for you. Possible options include a morning or afternoon safari drive in Kruger National Park, or a full-day tour along the Panorama Route, which offers unbelievable views at every turn and traverses the Great Escarpment via thrilling mountain passes.

Other free time options include a visit to Elephant Whispers, an ethical elephant sanctuary near the lodge, or the Aerial Cable Trail's 2.5-hour canopy zip-line through the Sabie River Valley. For a more relaxed day, Perry's Bridge Trading Post in Hazyview is an easy shuttle ride away, with a microbrewery, boutiques, a reptile park, and lunch spots. Your Tour Leader can help with any of these on-site.

Meals included: Breakfast | Dinner

Day 7: Kruger/Johannesburg Visit the Jane Goodall Institute Chimpanzee Eden (Chimp Eden) before returning to Johannesburg for the night.

After breakfast at the lodge, witness first-hand the large role conservation plays in Kruger and the surrounding areas on an educational visit to the Jane Goodall Institute Chimpanzee Eden, commonly referred to as Chimp Eden. This animal sanctuary for rescued chimpanzees is located in the Umhloti Nature Reserve, and a tour here is the perfect way to celebrate a visit to South Africa.

Arrive back in Johannesburg in the early evening before dinner.

Meals included: Breakfast

Approximate travel time: 4-5.5 hrs by private vehicle

Day 8: Johannesburg Depart Johannesburg at any time.

There are no planned activities today, so you may depart Johannesburg at any time. If you wish to extend your stay in Johannesburg, consider booking post-tour accommodation with us.

Please note that check-out time from the hotel is usually mid-morning, but luggage storage services are available at the reception desk.

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Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodations List

The hotels listed below reflect the properties *expected to be used* for this program. Final accommodations are subject to change based on group size, availability, or seasonality. **The confirmed start and end hotels are listed on your trip voucher:**

Day 1 Johannesburg (Jul 26): Onomo Johannesburg Sandton Hotel

Day 2 Phalaborwa (Jul 27): Bushveld Terrace Hotel on Kruger

Day 3 Hazyview (Jul 28): SleepOver Phabeni Gate

Day 4 Hazyview (Jul 29): Southern Sun Hazyview

Day 5 Hazyview (Jul 30): Southern Sun Hazyview

Day 6 Hazyview (Jul 31): Southern Sun Hazyview

Day 7 Johannesburg (Aug 1): Onomo Johannesburg Sandton Hotel

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is a certain amount of flexibility built into the itinerary and on occasion it may be necessary, or desirable, to make alterations. The itinerary is brief, as we never know exactly where our journey will take us. Due to our style of travel and the regions we visit, travel can be unpredictable. The information on our website is a general guide to the tour and region, and any mention of specific destinations or wildlife is by no means a guarantee that they will be visited or encountered. Additionally, any travel times listed are approximations only and subject to vary due to local circumstances.