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EXPERTS IN SENIOR TRAVEL

5 PARKS

Highlights: Mountain Zebra NP,
Addo Elephant NP

WILDLIFE TOUR

Duration

9 Days

Cost

R39 500pp sharing • R42 400 pp single

Starts/Ends in

Cape Town

Accommodation

National Park Chalets

Vehicle

Mini Bus

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Join us on a safari to no less than five of South Africa's exciting national parks. We spend time in each one exploring its diversity of wildlife and plants. Endless Karoo vistas, herds of grassland game, the southernmost breeding herds of African elephants, and the rugged southern Cape coastline are all part of this exciting safari.

DAY 1 - THE GREAT KAROO

We leave the mayhem of suburbia far behind us as we head northward into the limitless expanses of the Great Karoo. This is a harsh land, arid, wind-swept and largely devoid of human settlement. Here, plants and animals have developed specialised adaptations to survive searing summer temperatures and sub-zero winters, and the many windmills that dot the landscape are mute testimony to man's endless quest for water.

Soon the white turrets of Matjiesfontein's Lord Milner Hotel come into view, and we stop here for lunch before continuing our journey to Karoo National Park. We settle in to our comfortable chalets, and relax for a while before sampling Karoo cuisine at dinner in the cosy and congenial restaurant.

Karoo National Park is situated on the edge of the Cape Escarpment, and its mountains and plains provide ideal habitats for a wide diversity of endemic wildlife, ranging from re-introduced lion and black rhino to the rare riverine rabbit. Springbok, red hartebeest, Cape mountain zebra and many more species are encountered on game drives, and the Fossil Trail provides a window into the prehistory of the region.

Stay at Karoo National Park (1 night)

DAYS 2 & 3 - MOUNTAIN ZEBRA NATIONAL PARK

We head for the plains of the Camdeboo, and historic Graaff-Reinet, the 4th oldest town in South Africa. After a light lunch, we travel eastward toward the higher-lying grassland of the Eastern Cape Midlands. In the late afternoon we reach Mountain Zebra National Park near Cradock, and check in at this relatively remote and less visited wildlife sanctuary. There will be time to enjoy the tranquil setting of the rest camp, with its comfortable chalets and interesting bird life.

Our two night stay gives us the opportunity to spend a full day exploring the varied scenery of the park, stopping frequently to observe and enjoy sightings of local wildlife. Many endemic species find refuge here, including cheetah, buffalo and black rhino, a number of antelope and bird species, and, of course, the rare Cape mountain zebra. A breeding nucleus of lion was released into the park during 2013.

Stay at Mountain Zebra National Park (2 nights).

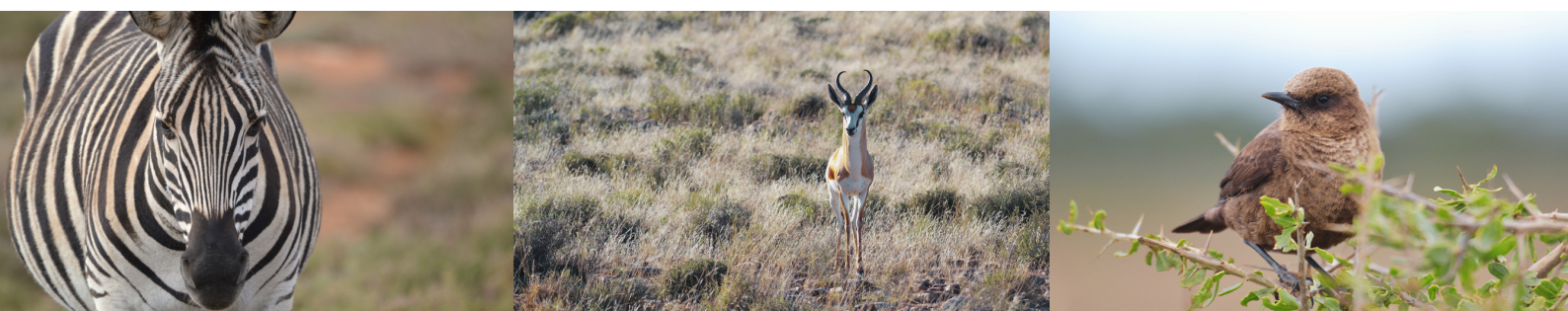
DAYS 4, 5 & 6 - ADDO ELEPHANT NATIONAL PARK

We drive to Cradock for a light lunch at the venerable Victoria Manor complex, before turning south for Addo Elephant National Park. The landscape changes dramatically as we negotiate Olifantskop Pass, and enter the succulent Eastern Cape Valley Bushveld, so characteristic of the Addo area. We arrive at Addo in time to settle into our chalets, and then to explore the camp, browse through the curio shop or spend time at the waterhole.

We spend the next two days in the park, slowly driving through the variety of landscapes that has shaped Addo. Addo is, of course, famous for its elephants, now well over 500 in number, and we have excellent chances of encountering one of the herds. A wide diversity of other wildlife such as lion, buffalo, spotted hyena, black rhino red hartebeest, kudu and many others also find sanctuary here.

We take our time, observing animal behaviour, and it is often the smaller creatures that impress one with their antics. Bird life is prolific, and many species can be viewed from close up.

Stay at Addo Elephant National Park (3 nights)





DAY 7 - GARDEN ROUTE NATIONAL PARK & STORMS RIVER MOUTH

Leaving Addo, we head for the Tsitsikamma Section of the Garden Route National Park. En-route there is an opportunity for a walk through the indigenous forest along the eco-friendly boardwalk. There are also excellent opportunities for bird watching and identifying some of the secretive forest species, such as the brilliantly coloured Knysna Turaco (Loerie). After lunch we visit the Storms River Mouth section of the Garden Route National Park. The coastal scenery is superb, and there is opportunity to walk along the boardwalk along the river. Tonight we stay in nearby Stormsriver Village in a comfortable hotel.

Stay at Storms River Village (1 night)

DAY 8 - OVERBERG & BONTEBOK NATIONAL PARK

Today we continue our tour through the Garden Route, and check into our guesthouse in Swellendam. From here we visit the Bontebok National Park which was established in 1931 to ensure the preservation of the highly endangered Bontebok. It is the smallest of South Africa's 18 National Parks, but has a great diversity of smaller animals, birds and plant life.

Stay in Swellendam (1 night)

DAY 9 - HOMEWARD THROUGH THE GARDEN ROUTE AND OVERBERG

We set off westward through interesting scenery, and enjoy a convivial last lunch together before heading for home through the rolling hills of the Overberg. In the late afternoon we reach our rendezvous point, where, as always, a company representative will be on hand to see you safely home.

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