



RARE MAMMALS OF SOUTH AFRICA 15-DAY TOUR

**Durban – Zululand – Vryheid – Maloti Mountains – Kimberley – Hanover –
Beaufort West – Swellendam – Cape Town**

BIRDING AND WILDLIFE SAFARI

**15 April – 15 October annually
15 Days, 14 Nights**

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This guided rare mammal safari tour package with Sustain Safaris will lead you to some extraordinary destinations within South Africa, including 8 unique reserves renowned for amazing rare, cryptic, enigmatic and shy mammal sightings. The tour will focus on optimizing your chances of encounters with these highly sought-after animals, as well as many other species of game, rare and endemic birds and all other manner of biodiversity. In total we can expect to encounter in excess of **60 mammal species**, and over **320 bird species**.

Destinations and Target Mammal Species

- **Manyoni Private Game Reserve** – Temminck's Ground Pangolin, Serval, Brown Hyena, Black Rhino, White Rhino, Honey Badger, Suni, Four-toed Elephant Shrew (Sengi), Side-striped Jackal, Cheetah, Leopard, White-tailed Mongoose, Thick-tailed Bushbaby, Red Duiker, Water Mongoose.
- **Vryheid** – Black-footed Cat, Serval, Brown Hyena, Aardvark, Oribi, Cape Clawless Otter, Natal Red Rock Rabbit, Aardvark, Mountain Reedbuck.
- **Golden Gate Highlands National Park** – Oribi, Cape Clawless Otter, Serval, Suricate, Black Wildebeest, Mountain Reedbuck, Grey Rhebok, Angoni Vlei Rat.
- **Marrick Safari** – Black-footed Cat, Aardvark, Aardwolf, Cape Fox, Caracal, Bat-eared Fox, Brown Hyena, Karoo Rock Elephant Shrew (Sengi), Suricate (Meerkat), African Wild Cat, Bontebok, Roan, Sable.
- **Mokala National Park** – Black-footed Cat, Aardvark, Aardwolf, Brown Hyena, Cape Fox, Caracal, Bat-eared Fox, African Wild Cat, Suricate (Meerkat), South African Hedgehog, Bontebok, White Rhino, Black Rhino, Roan, Sable, Black Wildebeest.
- **Khoisan Karoo Conservancy** – Aardvark, Aardwolf, Black-footed Cat, African Wild Cat, Suricate (Meerkat), Bat-eared Fox, Cape Fox, Caracal, Striped Polecat, South African Hedgehog, Water Mongoose, Angoni Vlei Rat.
- **Karoo National Park** – Black Rhino, Cape Mountain Zebra, Brown Hyena, Smith's Red Rock Rabbit, Mountain Reedbuck, Grey Rhebok, Striped Polecat, Suricate, Bat-eared Fox, Cape Fox, Cape Grey Mongoose.
- **Bontebok National Park** – Bontebok, Cape Mountain Zebra, Cape Grysbok, Leopard (Cape subspecies), Cape Grey Mongoose, African Striped Weasel, Striped Polecat, Honey Badger, Caracal, Smith's Red Rock Rabbit, Brown Hyena, Cape Fox, Bat-eared Fox, Grant's Rock Mouse, Cape Molerat, Cape Dune Mole, Water Mongoose, Large Grey Mongoose.

Many other more common mammals are also very possible along the journey, including:

Lion, African Elephant, Cape Buffalo, South African Giraffe, Spotted Hyena, Black-backed Jackal, Common Eland, Gemsbok (Southern African Oryx), Burchell's (Plains) Zebra, Red Hartebeest, Blesbok, Greater Kudu, Nyala, Blue Wildebeest, Tsessebe, Common (Southern) Reedbuck, Springbok, Waterbuck, Klipspringer, Bushbuck, Steenbok, Common Duiker, Impala, Chacma Baboon, Common Warthog, Bushpig, Cape Porcupine, Springhare, Cape Genet, Rusty-spotted Genet, Banded Mongoose, Yellow Mongoose, Slender Mongoose, Dwarf Mongoose, Vervet Monkey, South African Ground Squirrel, Smith's Bush Squirrel, Rock Hyrax, Cape Hare, Savannah Hare, Scrub Hare, and various bat, mice, gerbil and rat species.

Furthermore, a bird list exceeding **550 species** (including many raptors, owls and endemics) can be expected for the trip, as well as many tremendous butterfly, reptile, and amphibian and insect species. Our tour will showcase the very best mammals, a diverse array of bird species and other biodiversity, and will also provide great photographic opportunities.

Additional Tour Information

Start and end destinations: This safari commences at King Shaka International Airport in Durban, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa, and ends at Cape Town International Airport in Cape Town, Western Cape, South Africa.

Safari Highlights include:

- The probability of seeing over 60 of the country's mammal species, and over 320 bird species, including many endemic and red-listed species.
- Experience pangolin monitoring and open vehicle Big 5 night and day game drives in the abundant and exclusive Manyoni Private Game Reserve, KwaZulu-Natal – 2 nights.
- Visit the verdant rolling hills in the foothills of the northern altitudinal grasslands and wetlands of the Vryheid region – 2 nights.
- Journey through the breath-taking, dramatic and golden Maloti Mountain highlands – 1 night.
- Discover rare nocturnal predators on the productive night drives and sengi tours at Marrick Safari, as well as a day drive in Mokala National Park, Northern Cape – 3 nights.
- Search for the Shy 5 mammals and other delights on open vehicle drives at the charming Khoisan Karoo Conservancy, Northern Cape – 3 nights.
- Explore a Big 5 national park of a different and more mountainous kind in the fascinating Karoo National Park, Western Cape – 2 nights.
- Search the highly biodiverse Bontebok National Park for our remaining target species in the lovely Western Cape – 1 night.

Habitats: Each destination we visit en-route offers unique habitats, extraordinary scenery, and breath-taking beauty, providing you with fantastic photographic opportunities. Habitats we explore include woodland, savanna, grasslands, fynbos, karoo, thicket, rocky mountains, Afrotropical forest, gardens, wetlands and riverine areas. These host numerous regional endemics, threatened and endangered bird and mammal species, as well as great floral diversity that include a variety of orchids and proteas.

Accommodation: We typically use very comfortable, semi-luxury, private lodges and country cottages, but should you prefer, luxury lodging options can also be arranged at an added cost.

Tour tempo: The tempo of our Birding and Wildlife Tours are typically medium-fast paced, with occasional mid-day breaks (advisable on hot days). If you are a keen photographer, well so are we, and we can offer many opportunities to capture the moments that will make you the envy of your birding photography friends.

Expected weather conditions: The eastern sector of the country is subtropical and mostly hot during the day in the summer, and cooler in the evenings, with a chance of mist. Rain is possible, usually in the form of summer convection thunderstorms, and cool wet weather is possible in the event of a cold front moving up from the south. On a climate level, the region falls in the summer rainfall region, with an average rainfall of between 500mm and 1,100mm per year. Temperatures range from -8°C in winter, to an average maximum of 18°C and an average minimum of 10°C. The driest month is July, the most rainfall falls in January, and the warmest is in February.

The southern and western region of the country presents a Mediterranean climate, which is warm and temperate, with more rainfall received in the winter than in the summer. The temperature here averages 16.5°C, while rainfall averages around 610 mm per year. The summers are warm, dry, and mostly clear; the winters are cool and partly cloudy; and it is windy most of the year. Over the course of the year, the average temperature typically varies from 8°C in July to 25°C in January, and is rarely below 4°C or above 29°C. Based on the tourism score, the best time of year to visit this region for warm-weather activities is from late November to late March. The driest month is January, with the most precipitation falling in July. The month with the highest

relative humidity is August (78%), and the lowest relative humidity is December (68%).

1. TOUR SUMMARY

Date:	Between 15 April and 15 October annually.
Duration:	15 days, 14 nights.
No. of Pax:	Maximum 7 guests per vehicle and per guide.
Total Start:	Tour starts at King Shaka International Airport in Durban, KwaZulu-Natal.
Total Ends:	Tour ends at Cape Town International Airport in Cape Town, Western Cape.
Distance:	Total driving distance (including around sites) = ~3,400km.
Price:	

No. of Pax	2026 Price	2027 Price
	Per Person Sharing	Per Person Sharing
	ZAR	ZAR
1	R 245 970	R 264 540
2	R 145 150	R 156 060
3	R 123 030	R 132 270
4	R 95 130	R 102 290
5	R 85 510	R 92 500
6	R 78 500	R 83 410
7	R 74 010	R 79 580

Price may be subject to change based on factors beyond our control. Should the group size change, the per person cost will change and a single supplement may apply.

Includes:

- Private wildlife and birding guide.
- Accommodation in semi-luxury lodges and guesthouses (may change subject to availability, in which case similar will be found).
- All ground transport – Maximum 7 participants and 1 guide per Mercedes Benz Vito luxury touring vehicle.
- Activities:
 - 5 x Guided open safari vehicle morning and sunset drives – 4 x Manyoni, 1 x Khoisan Karoo.
 - 10 x Guided open safari vehicle night drives – 2 x Vryheid, 3 x Marrick, 3 x Khoisan Karoo, 1 x Karoo NP.
 - 1 x Pangolin monitoring night tour – 1 x Manyoni.
 - 2 x Karoo Rock Elephant Shrew (Sengi) and Suricate (Meerkat) morning tour – 1 x Marrick, 1 x Khoisan Karoo.
- All road tolls and parking fees.
- Meals – Breakfast, lunch and dinner each day.
- Bottled water in vehicles whilst travelling – 2 per person per day.
- All entrance fees.
- Conservation levies.
- Community levies.
- Trip guide.
- Personalized species checklists.

Excludes:

- All airfares, airport departure taxes or visa fees.
- Travel and medical insurance (incl. personal equipment and repatriation).
- All snacks and drinks (except bottled waters).
- Additional excursions/activities/extensions/purchases.
- Specialist guide fees and activities not specified.

- Gratuities for guides and local restaurants.
- Items of a personal nature.
- Laundry and telephone charges.
- Tips and gratuities.
- Anything not listed under “Included”.

Note:

- Minimum of 3 participants per vehicle required to undertake the trip. If fewer, price will be slightly more.
- Tour starts at King Shaka International Airport in Durban, KwaZulu-Natal, and ends at Cape Town International Airport in Cape Town, Western Cape.
- This itinerary is subject to change due to weather conditions at the time and other factors beyond our control.
- The species mentioned in the itinerary represent only some of those we may possibly view on the tour, however, none of these can be guaranteed even though every effort will be made where possible to locate them. A full list of possible species appears on your checklist, although vagrants and rarities may also surprise us.

2. 15-DAY TOUR ROUTE & ITINERARY

Tour Route Map



Tour Itinerary

Day	Date	Nearest Town	Accommodation	Reserve, Park or Town	Day Plan	Distance (kms)
1	TBA	Mkuze	Sensiri Plains Safari Lodge	Manyoni Private Game Reserve	King Shaka International Airport to Manyoni	285
2	TBA	Mkuze	Sensiri Plains Safari Lodge	Manyoni Private Game Reserve	Around Manyoni	50
3	TBA	Vryheid	Ruigterfontein Farm	Ruigterfontein Farm	Manyoni to Vryheid	190
4	TBA	Vryheid	Ruigterfontein Farm	Ruigterfontein Farm	Around Vryheid	40
5	TBA	Clarens	Golden Gate Hotel & Chalets	Golden Gate Highlands National Park	Vryheid to Golden Gate Highlands NP	280
6	TBA	Kimberley	Marrick Safari Chalet	Marrick Safari	Golden Gate Highlands NP to Marrick	470
7	TBA	Kimberley	Marrick Safari Chalet	Marrick Safari	Marrick to Mokala return	200
8	TBA	Kimberley	Marrick Safari Chalet	Marrick Safari	Around Marrick	50
9	TBA	Hanover	New Holme Nature Lodge	Khoisan Karoo Conservancy	Marrick to Khoisan Karoo	315
10	TBA	Hanover	New Holme Nature Lodge	Khoisan Karoo Conservancy	Around Khoisan Karoo	50
11	TBA	Hanover	New Holme Nature Lodge	Khoisan Karoo Conservancy	Around Khoisan Karoo	50
12	TBA	Beaufort West	Karoo National Park Main Camp	Karoo National Park	Khoisan Karoo to Karoo NP	280
13	TBA	Beaufort West	Karoo National Park Main Camp	Karoo National Park	Around Karoo NP	75
14	TBA	Swellendam	Arumvale Country House	Bontebok National Park	Around Swellendam and Bontebok National Park	400
15	TBA	Cape Town	None	None	Swellendam to Cape Town Airport	220
TOTAL KILOMETRES						2,955

* Accommodation may change subject to availability, in which case similar accommodation will be found.

** Total driving distance (including around sites) = ~3,400 km.

3. TRAVEL REGIONS AND TARGET SPECIES

All ground transport travel by the group will be in a Mercedes Benz Vito vehicle, and open safari viewers will be used in select game viewing destinations.



General tour travel vehicle



Open safari vehicle for certain game drives

Days 1 and 2: Manyoni Private Game Reserve – 2 nights

Zululand, KwaZulu-Natal Province, South Africa

Route:

Drive from King Shaka International Airport or Umhlanga Rock in Durban along the N3 to Mkuze, and turn west into the renowned Manyoni Private Game Reserve – Travel distance = 285km. Travel time = 3hr15min.

Accommodation: [Sensiri Plains Safari Lodge](#) (or similar) – 2 nights



Habitat types: Sand forest, riverine forest, woodland, savanna, wetlands and swamps.

Planned activities:

- 1 x Temminck's Ground Pangolin monitoring with the African Pangolin Working Group.
- 1 x Night game drives in open safari vehicle.
- 1 x Sunset game drive in open safari vehicle.
- 2 x Morning game drive in open safari vehicle.

About:

Manyoni Private Game Reserve is a large 23,000-hectare privately-owned reserves in KwaZulu-Natal. It lies in the heart of Zululand, an area that is world renowned for its spectacular game viewing, rich cultural traditions, and conservation history. Initially formed as part of the WWF black rhino range expansion project, Manyoni has become one of the premier big five safari destinations in KwaZulu-Natal with a strong focus on endangered species conservation, including the reintroduction of cheetah and wild dogs, as well as conserving overall biodiversity.



Temminck's Ground Pangolin



Honey Badger



Leopard



Black Rhino

Target mammals:

Temminck's Ground Pangolin, Serval, Cheetah, Honey Badger, Serval, African Wild Dog, Spotted Hyena, Brown Hyena, Black Rhino, White Rhino, Suni, Leopard, Lion, African Elephant, Cape Buffalo, Cape Porcupine, Four-toed Elephant Shrew (Sengi), Side-striped Jackal, Cheetah, Leopard, White-tailed Mongoose, Rusty-spotted Genet, Thick-tailed Bushbaby, Red Duiker.



Plain-backed Pipit



Dark-chanting Goshawk

Target birds:

Secretarybird, Southern Ground-Hornbill, Common Ostrich, White-backed Vulture, Lappet-faced Vulture, Hooded Vulture, White-headed Vulture, African Crowned Eagle, Martial Eagle, Bateleur, African Hawk Eagle, Long-crested Eagle, Black-breasted Snake Eagle, Lesser Spotted Eagle, African Cuckoo Hawk, African Harrier-Hawk, Lizard Buzzard, Gabar Goshawk, Dark Chanting Goshawk, Little Sparrowhawk, Black Sparrowhawk, Shikra, Eurasian Hobby, Western Osprey, European Honey Buzzard, Southern Banded Snake Eagle, Verreaux's Eagle Owl, African Scops Owl, Marsh Owl, Southern White-faced Owl, African Grass Owl, Pearl-spotted Owlet, African Barred Owlet, Pink-throated Twinspot, Green Twinspot, Neergaard's Sunbird, African Broadbill, Eastern Bearded Scrub-Robin, African Green Pigeon, Red-fronted Tinkerbird, Grey Go-away-bird, Black-bellied Starling, Scaly-throated Honeyguide, Lesser Honeyguide, Narina Trogon, Broad-billed Roller, Woodland Kingfisher, African Pygmy Kingfisher, Grey-headed Kingfisher, Red-faced Cisticola, White-browed Robin-Chat, Grey Sunbird, Purple-banded Sunbird, Dark-backed Weaver, Grey Waxbill, Acacia Pied Barbet, Greater Honeyguide, Brown-backed Honeybird, Striped Kingfisher, Bearded Woodpecker, White-crested Helmetshrike, Grey-headed Bushshrike, Brubru, Black Cuckooshrike, Grey Penduline Tit, Dusky Lark, Icterine Warbler, Stierling's Wren-Warbler, Burnt-necked Eremomela, Groundscraper Thrush, Kurrichane Thrush, Grey Tit Flycatcher, Bushveld Pipit, Bronze-winged Courser, Black-bellied Bustard, Common Buttonquail, Senegal Lapwing, Temminck's Courser, Shelley's Francolin, Black Coucal, Corn Crane, Flappet Lark, Croaking Cisticola, Plain-backed Pipit, Orange-breasted Waxbill, Quailfinch, Hooded Vulture, Dark Chanting Goshawk, Ovambo Sparrowhawk, Bennett's Woodpecker, Monotonous Lark, Dusky Lark, Red-headed Weaver, Eurasian Golden Oriole, Steppe Eagle, Ayres' Hawk Eagle.

Day 3 and 4: Vryheid Private Nature Reserve – 2 nights

Near Vryheid, KwaZulu-Natal Province, South Africa

Route:

Drive from Manyoni Private Game Reserve through the town of Vryheid to a private nature reserve, nestled in rolling altitudinal grasslands of northern KwaZulu-Natal – Travel distance = 190km. Travel time = 2hr30min.

Accommodation: Ruigtefontein Farm (or similar) – 2 nights



Habitat types: Mistbelt grasslands, rivers, wetlands, dam, Afromontane forest.

Planned activities:

- 2 x Night game drive.

Description:

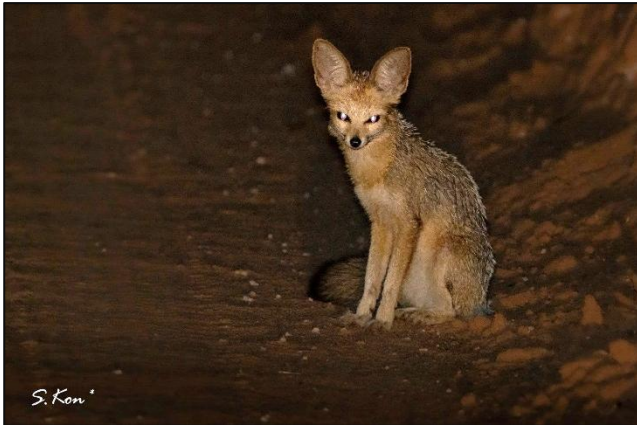
There are a number of habitats which exist within the private nature reserve we explore west of Vryheid. These include grassland, wetland, mixed woodlands, forest and cliffs. Due to the diversity of these regions, a wide variety of special plants, animals and birds can be found there. Over 340 species of birds have been recorded in the greater Vryheid area.



Black-footed Cat © Rick Nuttall



Serval © Morten Ross



Cape Fox



African Wild Cat

Target mammals:

Black-footed Cat, Serval, Striped Polecat, African Striped Weasel, Caracal, Aardvark, Cape Fox, African Wild Cat, Black Wildebeest, Cape Clawless Otter, White-tailed Mongoose, Yellow Mongoose, Geoffroy’s Horseshoe Bat, Oriibi, Waterbuck, Common Eland, Mountain Reedbuck, Southern Reedbuck, Greater Kudu, Blesbok, Springbok, Cape Genet.



Cape Vulture



Sentinel Rock Thrush

Target birds:

White-backed Night Heron, African Grass Owl, Rudd’s Lark, Yellow-breasted Pipit, Black Stork, Lesser Flamingo, Secretarybird, Bearded Vulture, Cape Vulture, Lappet-faced Vulture, Martial Eagle, Crowned Eagle, African Marsh Harrier, Black Harrier, Peregrine Falcon, Lanner Falcon, Lesser Kestrel, Blue Crane, Grey Crowned Crane, Striped Flufftail, Denham’s Bustard, White-bellied Korhaan, Blue Korhaan, Black-bellied Korhaan, Black-winged Lapwing, Caspian Tern, Southern Ground Hornbill, Broad-tailed Warbler, Short-tailed Pipit, Jackal Buzzard, Melodious Lark, Eastern Long-billed Lark, Cape Rock Thrush, Sentinel Rock Thrush, Buff-streaked chat, Cape Grassbird, Drakensberg Prinia, Fiscal Flycatcher, Pied Starling, Southern Double-collared sunbird, Greater Double-collared Sunbird, Cape White-eye, Cape Weaver, Sweet Waxbill.

Day 5: Golden Gate Highlands National Park – 1 night

Maloti Mountains, Free State Province, South Africa

Route:

Drive from Manyoni Private Game Reserve through the towns of Vryheid and Ladysmith, then up the Drakensberg escarpment to Harrismith and enter the majestic Golden Gate Highlands – Travel distance = 280km. Travel time = 4hr.

Accommodation: [Golden Gate Hotel & Chalets](#) – 1 night



Habitat types: Mistbelt grasslands, rivers, wetlands, cliffs, dams.

Planned activities:

- 1 x Morning drive and visit to the Vulture Hide.

Description:

Golden Gate Highlands National Park, lies nestled in the rolling foothills of the Maluti Mountains of the north-eastern Free State province. This is true highlands habitat, with the park deriving its name from the brilliant shades of gold cast by the sun on the park's sandstone cliffs, especially the imposing Brandwag rock. Clarens is the quaint and very interesting town nearby the park.

Target mammals:

Black Wildebeest, Striped Polecat, Oribi, Common Eland, Grey Rhebok, Mountain Reedbuck, Cape Porcupine, Serval, Black-backed Jackal, Chacma Baboon, Rock Hyrax, Blesbok, Springbok, Aardvark, Burchell's Zebra, Red Hartebeest, Cape Clawless Otter, Suricate (Meerkat), Cape Genet, Cape Grey Mongoose, Yellow Mongoose, Angoni Vlei Rat.



Striped Polecat



Black Wildebeest



Cape Porcupine



Angoni Vlei Rat

Target birds:

Bearded Vulture, Grey-winged Francolin, Cape Vulture, Cape Eagle Owl, Blue Korhaan, Southern Bald Ibis, Verreaux's Eagle, Rufous-chested Sparrowhawk, Alpine Swift, Ground Woodpecker, Blue Crane, Rock Kestrel, Lesser Kestrel, Black Harrier, Pallid Harrier, Cape Grassbird, Rudd's Lark, Botha's Lark, Bokmakierie, Cape Longclaw, Yellow-breasted Pipit, African Rock Pipit, Nicholson's Pipit, Olive Woodpecker, Cape Rock-Thrush, Sentinel Rock Thrush, Mountain Wheatear, Bush Blackcap, Barratt's Warbler, Wattled Starling, Gurney's Sugarbird, Malachite Sunbird, Cape Weaver, Southern Pochard, Wailing Cisticola, Red-collared Widowbird, Amur Falcon, Eastern Clapper Lark, Spike-heeled Lark, Eastern Long-billed Lark, Black-chested Prinia, Greater Double-collared Sunbird, Cape Bunting.



Ground Woodpecker



Mountain Wheatear

Viewing hides:

Vulture Hide.

Day 6 to 8: Marrick Safari and Mokala National Park – 3 nights

Kimberley, Northern Cape Province, South Africa

Route:

Drive from Golden Gate through the quaint town of Clarens and on to the diamond mining city of Kimberley –
– Travel distance = 470km. Travel time = 5hr.

The next morning drive to Mokala National Park for the day, and return to Marrick before night fall.

Accommodation: [Marrick Safari Chalet](#) (or similar) – 3 nights



Habitat types: Nama karoo dwarf shrublands, Karoo grassy dwarf shrublands, open woodland, open grassland, rocky outcrops, wetlands, dams.

Planned activities:

- 3 x Night game drives in open safari vehicles.
- 1 x Day visit to Mokala National Park.
- 1 x Morning Eastern Rock Elephant Shrew (Sengi) and Suricate (Meerkat) outing.

About:

Marrick Safari is located in the Northern Cape Province of South Africa, approximately 12km out of the famous diamond mining town of Kimberley. Nestled in 3000 hectares of unspoilt savannah thorn veld, this family-run business offers a vast expanse of space and silence providing endless opportunities to enjoy nature. The property sustains a range of ecosystems, from African savannah to rocky hillsides to thicker thorny bushveld and an ephemeral wetland.

Mokala National Park is a new 26,485 hectare reserve situated approximately 80 km south-southwest of Kimberley. Nestled in the hills, Mokala's landscape boasts a variety of koppieveld (hills) and large open plains. The isolated dolerite hills give the place a calming feeling of seclusion. A big surprise awaits when you pass through the hills and are confronted by the large open sandy plains towards the north and west of the Park. Drainage lines from the hills form little tributaries that run into the plains and drain into the Riet River.



Gemsbok (South African Oryx)



White Rhinoceros

Target mammals:

Aardvark, Black-footed Cat, Aardwolf, Meerkat (Suricate), South African Hedgehog, Cape Fox, Bat-eared Fox, Cape Porcupine, African Wild Cat, Striped Polecat, White Rhino, Black Rhino, Gemsbok (South African Oryx), Roan, Sable, Eland, Tsessebe, Black Wildebeest, Smith's Red Rock Hare, Cape Hare, Eastern Rock Elephant Shrew (Sengi), Springhare, Large-eared Mouse, South African Ground Squirrel, Yellow Mongoose, Blesbok,

Red Hartebeest, Mountain Reedbuck, Springbok, Cape Buffalo.



South African Ground Squirrel



Common Eland



Suricate (Meerkat)



Sable

Target birds:

Blue Crane, Pygmy Falcon, Kori Bustard, Ludwig's Bustard, Northern Black Korhaan, Blue Korhaan, Karoo Korhaan, Namaqua Sandgrouse, Burchell's Sandgrouse, Double-banded Courser, Black Harrier, Western Barn Owl, Spotted Eagle Owl, Orange River Francolin, Crimson-breasted Shrike, Bradfield's Swift, Alpine Swift, Pirit Batis, Fairy Flycatcher, Greater Kestrel, Lesser Kestrel, Eastern Clapper Lark, Black-eared Sparrow-Lark, Grey-backed Sparrowlark, Chat Flycatcher, Sociable Weaver, Black-faced Waxbill, Violet-eared Waxbill, Greater Flamingo, Lesser Flamingo, South African Shelduck, Fulvous Whistling Duck, Rufous-eared Warbler, Namaqua Warbler, Buffy Pipit, Layard's Warbler, Spike-heeled Lark, Large-billed Lark, Spotted Thickknee, Karoo Scrub Robin, White-throated Canary, Lark-like Bunting, Karoo Prinia.



Burchell's Sandgrouse



Double-banded Courser

Viewing hides:

Stofdam Bird Hide in Mokala National Park.

Day 9 to 11: Khoisan Karoo Conservancy – 3 nights

Hanover, Northern Cape Province, South Africa

Route:

Drive from Marrick to Kamfers Dam to view the flamingos. Then proceed south to Khoisan Karoo Conservancy – Travel distance = 315km. Travel time = 3hr45min.

Accommodation: [New Holme Nature Lodge](#) – 3 nights



Planned activities:

- 3 x Night game drives in open safari vehicles.
- 1 x Meerkat, Eastern Rock Sengi and rock etching open safari vehicle day drive.
- 2 x Morning game drives.

About:

KhoiSan Karoo Conservancy includes the Karoo Gariep Nature Reserve and the Hanover Aardvark Nature Reserve, spanning over 8,000 hectares of the Nama Karoo biome. The conservancy was founded in 2005 by P.C. Ferreira. It is home to the only hippos in the Karoo, where they have been reintroduced, as well as white rhinoceros. Stargazing is a part of life out here, as the skies are very clear and starry bright.



Southern Aardwolf



Aardvark



Eastern Rock Sengi (Elephant Shrew)



Roan



Cape Hare



South African Hedgehog

Target mammals:

Aardvark, Aardwolf, Black-footed Cat, Cape Fox, Bat-eared Fox, South African Hedgehog, African Wild Cat, Striped Polecat, African Striped Weasel, Cape Porcupine, Hippopotamus, Meerkat (Suricate), Eastern Rock Sengi (Elephant Shrew), Roan, Sable, Red Hartebeest, Blesbok, Springbok, Yellow Mongoose, South African Ground Squirrel, Cape Genet, Cape Hare, Springhare.



Blue Korhaan (SA endemic)



African Snipe

Target birds:

Verreaux's Eagle, Blue Crane, Ludwig's Bustard, Blue Korhaan, Karoo Korhaan, Northern Black Korhaan, Greater Flamingo, Secretarybird, African Rock Pipit, Rufous-eared Warbler, Namaqua Warbler, Grey-winged Francolin, African Rock Pipit, Burchell's Courser, Sickle-winged Chat, Large-billed Lark, Spike-heeled Lark, Eastern Clapper Lark, Black-headed Canary, White-throated Canary, Karoo Eremomela, Lark-like Bunting,

Pale Chanting Goshawk, Pririt Batis, Fairy Flycatcher, Cape Penduline-Tit, Grey-backed Sparrow-lark, Lesser Kestrel, Greater Kestrel, African Snipe, Greater Kestrel, Black Harrier, Fulvous Whistling Duck, Large-billed Lark, Buffy Pipit, Kori Bustard, Layard's Warbler, Black-eared Sparrow-Lark, Spotted Thickknee, Karoo Scrub-Robin, White-throated Canary, Black-throated Canary.

Day 12 and 13: Karoo National Park – 2 nights

Great Karoo, Western Cape Province, South Africa

Route:

Depart Khoisan Karoo and head south again to Beaufort West, and then into Karoo National Park – Travel distance = 280km. Travel time = 3hr15min.

Accommodation: [Karoo National Park Main Camp](#) – 2 nights



Planned activities:

- 1 x Night game drive in open safari vehicle.
- 2 x Day tour of the reserve.

Habitat types: Montane Karoo grassy shrublands, Karoo grassy dwarf shrublands, Karoo succulent dwarf shrublands, riparian thickets fynbos, cliffs, rocky outcrops.

About:

The Karoo National Park, founded in 1979, is a wildlife reserve in the Great Karoo area of the Western Cape, South Africa near Beaufort West. This semi-desert area covers an area of 75,000 hectares. The Nuweveld portion of the Great Escarpment runs through the Park. The Park therefore straddles part of the Lower Karoo, at about 850m above sea level, and part of the Upper Karoo at over 1,300 m altitude.



Cape Mountain Zebra (SA endemic)



African Lion



Bat-eared Fox



Red Hartebeest

Target mammals:

Black Rhinoceros, African Lion, Brown Hyena, African Leopard, Cape Mountain Zebra, Gemsbok (South African Oryx), Red Hartebeest, Common Eland, Greater Kudu, Riverine Rabbit, Black-footed Cat, Bat-eared Fox, Southern Aardwolf, Aardvark, Klipspringer, Springbok, Smith's Red Rock Rabbit, Grant's Rock Mouse, Sclater's Golden Mole, Melck's Serotine Bat, Lesueur's Hairy Bat, and Spectacled Dormouse.



Karoo Korhaan (SA endemic)



Burchell's Courser

Target birds:

Verreaux's Eagle, Booted Eagle, Blue Crane, Martial Eagle, Black Harrier, Secretarybird, Kori Bustard, Ludwig's Bustard, Lanner Falcon, Greater Flamingo, Lesser Flamingo, Black Stork, Karoo Korhaan, African Rock Pipit, Pale-winged Starling, Ground Woodpecker, Sickle-winged Chat, Karoo Long-billed Lark, Pale Chanting Goshawk, Pirit Batis, Fairy Flycatcher, Cape Penduline-Tit, Dusky Sunbird, Black-headed Canary, White-throated Canary, Grey Tit, Tractrac Chat, Karoo Chat, Karoo Eremomela, Rufous-eared Warbler, Namaqua Warbler, Lark-like Bunting, Sclater's Lark, Black-eared Sparrow-lark, Grey-backed Sparrow-lark, Spike-heeled Lark, Karoo Lark, Karoo Long-billed Lark, Layard's Tit-Babbler, Cinnamon-breasted Warbler, Lesser Kestrel, Greater Kestrel.

Viewing hides:

Camp Hide.

Day 14: To Swellendam and Bontebok National Park – 1 night

Langeberg Mountain foothills, Western Cape Province, South Africa

Route:

On our penultimate tour day, we undertake a morning game drive in the Karoo, and then pack up, eat a scrumptious breakfast, and then drive through the park to the exit. We travel south-west along the N1 highway and then branch off through the exceptional Langeberg Mountains to reach the second oldest town in South Africa, Swellendam. We check into our accommodation and then spend the afternoon exploring the species-specific 2,786 hectare Bontebok National Park – Travel distance = 400km. Travel time = 4hr30min.

Accommodation: [Arumvale Country House](#) – 1 night



Planned activities:

- 1 x Morning game drive of Karoo National Park.

Habitat types: Montane Karoo grassy shrublands, Karoo grassy dwarf shrublands, Karoo succulent dwarf shrublands, riparian thickets fynbos, cliffs, rocky outcrops.

About:

The Bontebok National Park is a species-specific national park in South Africa. It was established in 1931 to ensure the preservation of the Bontebok. It is the smallest of South Africa's 19 National Parks, covering an area of 27.86 km². The park is part of the Cape Floristic Region, which is a World Heritage Site.



Cape Grey Mongoose (SA endemic)



Cape Clawless Otter



Bontebok (SA endemic)



Four-striped Grass Mouse

Target mammals:

Bontebok, Red Hartebeest, Caracal, Cape Grysbok, Cape Grey Mongoose, Black Rhinoceros, Lion, Brown Hyena, Leopard, Cape Mountain Zebra, Gemsbok (South African Oryx), Eland, Greater Kudu, Riverine Rabbit, Black-footed Cat, Bat-eared Fox, Aardwolf, Aardvark, Klipspringer, Grey Rhebok, Cape Clawless Otter, Chacma Baboon, Springbok, Smith's Red Rock Rabbit, Steenbok, Grant's Rock Mouse, Sclater's Golden Mole, Melck's Serotine Bat, Lesueur's Hairy Bat, Karoo Bush Rat, Four-striped Grass Mouse, Rock Hyrax, Spectacled Dormouse.



Secretarybird



Blue Cranes (SA endemic)

Target birds:

Verreaux's Eagle, Booted Eagle, Blue Crane, Martial Eagle, Black Harrier, Secretarybird, Kori Bustard, Ludwig's Bustard, Lanner Falcon, Greater Flamingo, Lesser Flamingo, Black Stork, Karoo Korhaan, African Rock Pipit, Pale-winged Starling, Ground Woodpecker, Sickle-winged Chat, Karoo Long-billed Lark, Pale Chanting Goshawk, Pririt Batis, Fairy Flycatcher, Cape Penduline-Tit, Dusky Sunbird, Black-headed Canary, White-throated Canary, Grey Tit, Tractrac Chat, Karoo Chat, Karoo Eremomela, Rufous-eared Warbler, Namaqua Warbler, Lark-like Bunting, Sclater's Lark, Black-eared Sparrow-lark, Grey-backed Sparrow-lark, Spike-heeled Lark, Karoo Lark, Karoo Long-billed Lark, Layard's Tit-Babbler, Cinnamon-breasted Warbler, Lesser Kestrel, Greater Kestrel.

Day 15: Swellendam to Cape Town, Western Cape

Agulhas Plains, Western Cape Province, South Africa

Route:

On our last tour day, we visit Marloth Nature Reserve in the hopes of seeing a few new mammals, before returning for brunch. We then pack our luggage one last time and drive through to Cape Town along the N2 highway – Travel distance = 220km. Travel time = 2hr30min.

Habitat types: Lowland afrotemperate forest, seashore, rocky coast, marine, estuary, Agulhas limestone fynbos, wetland, thicket and rocky hillslopes.

Planned activities:

- 1 x Morning game drive of Bontebok National Park.

Description:

The Overberg is a region to the east of Cape Town. The boundaries of the Overberg are the Hottentots-Holland mountains in the West; the Riviersonderend Mountains in the North; the Atlantic and Indian Oceans in the South and the Breede River in the East. Nestled in the Overberg, one can find the Kogelberg Biosphere Reserve (a UNESCO world heritage site) with its pristine fynbos biome that is populated with the largest diversity of flowering plants in the world – more than 1,250 species of plant.



Cape Caracal



Chacma Baboon



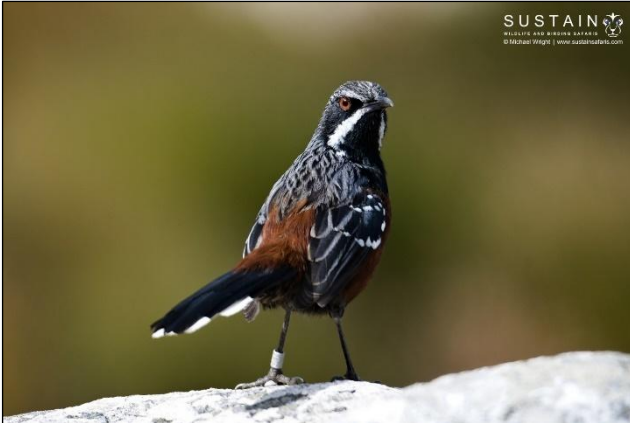
Bushbuck



Cape Genet

Target mammals:

Cape Grysbok, Cape Caracal, Cape Grey Mongoose, African Leopard, Cape Mountain Zebra, Bat-eared Fox, Southern Aardwolf, Klipspringer, Grey Rhebok, Cape Clawless Otter, Chacma Baboon, Steenbok, Grant's Rock Mouse, Rock Hyrax, Cape Genet, Cape Molerat, Cape Dune Mole, Water Mongoose, Large Grey Mongoose.



Cape Rockjumper (SA endemic)



Cape Sugarbird (SA endemic)

Target birds:

Verreaux's Eagle, White-backed Duck, Greater Flamingo, Lesser Flamingo, African Snipe, Pectoral Sandpiper, Black Sparrowhawk, Black-crowned Night-Heron, Pied Avocet, Black Crake, Cape Teal, Cape Shoveler, and endemics such as Jackal Buzzard, Southern Double-collared Sunbird, Karoo Prinia, Cape Spurfowl, Cape Weaver, Cape Bulbul, Cape Grassbird, Fiscal Flycatcher and Grey-backed Cisticola, Cape Rockjumper, Cape Sugarbird, Orange-breasted Sunbird, Ground Woodpecker, Cape Siskin, Malachite Sunbird, Cape Rock Thrush, Grey-backed Cisticola, Verreaux's Eagle, Cape Eagle Owl, Yellow Bishop, Cape Bunting, Victorin's Warbler, African Marsh-Harrier, Western Osprey, Great White Pelican, Cape Longclaw, Caspian Tern, Sandwich Tern, Red Knot, Bar-tailed Godwit, Eurasian Curlew, Greater Sand Plover, Lesser Sand Plover, Marsh Sandpiper, Terek Sandpiper, Curlew Sandpiper, Great Egret, African Spoonbill, African Penguin, Crowned Cormorant, Bank Cormorant, Cape Cormorant, African Oystercatcher, Cape Gannet.

4. CONCLUSION

We hope the above itinerary and quote meets your expectation. Should you wish to amend anything, we will gladly tailor-make it further to your needs. Upon acceptance of the quote we will provide you with a proforma invoice.

Should you have any queries, please contact us and we will assist where possible.

Warm regards,

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