

Protea Eco Adventures



Conservation Through Utilization

Protea Safari Tours for 2010/2011

It's hard to slow down and break away - be captivated by the majestic and contrasting beauty of the great African outdoors to which we will introduce you! Become an everyday explorer with our safari tours (expeditions), we will take you to places where time stands still and your spirit is inspired to soar to greater heights.

At Protea Safari Tours we believe that in the world's wilderness areas lie the preservation of humankind. We want to make a difference in the lives of our guests, by enabling them to find new paths, and leaving a legacy of conservation for our children. Our passion and drive for the great African outdoors is to share Africa's wildlife reserves in a manner that leaves little imprint on the environment whilst delivering a unique experience for you to enjoy.

Our guided safari fees are per person sharing, all our safari tours are self-drive, self-catering but it includes all your camping/chalets costs. We guarantee confirmed reservation at all the reserves and camp/chalets sites. These safari tours are aimed at true nature lovers and those that enjoy the unspoilt wilderness. These tours are not designed as an obstacle course or an endurance test for man and machine. All our safari tours are family-orientated and the aim is to enjoy the wonders of these pristine wilderness areas and to experience the original safari atmosphere of an unhurried life-changing journey.

Trans-Kalahari Safari (South Africa - Namibia - Botswana)

21 April - 7 May 2011 @ R12 500 per person

Namibia is a land with extremes, an extraordinary country with wide horizons, contrasting landscapes, an abundance of wildlife and a population that is among the lowest in the world. It's a country that has so much to offer explorers, and its home to some of the best gravel roads in Africa. That's why we will be travelling mostly on gravel roads for this safari to discover some of the most amazing wildlife scenes that the oldest desert has to offer.

The circular route will take us to the magnificent Augrabies Falls for a two night stay. Once you've set up camp, sitting back and enjoying a sundowner is an absolute must. Crossing over into Namibia via Aramsvlei we head to Noordoewer for an unbelievable wine farm experience on the banks of the mighty Orange River. The chalets at Norotshama overlook the river. The picturesque German town of Luderitz will be our base for two nights. But on route we will be going thru the Ai-Ais-Richtersveld Transfrontier Park, you will feel as if no one else has ever been here. The gravel road winds along the edge of the river, where masses of water are framed by towering black mountains and a heaven for 4x4 enthusiasts. From Luderitz we will visit the ghost town of Kolmanskop and seek the Wild Horses of Namibia. The coastline around Luderitz has a strangely post-apocalyptic appeal to it.

Our next night will be spent at a guest farm on route to Sesriem campsite, but not before visiting the Duwisib Castle and then we head to the renowned Sossusvlei for a two night camping experience. This area boasts some of the world's highest sand dunes and is a photographer's delight. These dunes tower to almost unimaginable heights, and no matter how hard the wind blows, the angle of the sand will never be more than 32 degrees. You can sit for hours on these dunes and take in the infinite beauty and isolation of the desert or charge down a dune for a pulse-racing experience.

En route to Swakopmund we will visit the best Apple pie bakery in the Namib-desert. We will stay at the Solitaire lodge before spending four nights in the adventure capitol of Namibia. Prepare yourself for the most amazing landscapes, Vogelfederberg, Kuiseb River, Kuiseb pass and the Kuiseb canyon before we get to Swakopmund. From here we can explore the Spitzkoppe with its dramatic bushman drawings, Brandberg with the White Lady, Henties Bay, Cape Cross, Dune 7, the Welwitschia's plants and some adventure quad biking in the desert.

During our stay in Swakopmund we will be doing a sea adventure at Walvis Bay. Experience dolphins leaping out of the water; touch a seal on the boat, sea birds soaring above while you enjoy fresh Namibian oysters with cold sparkling wine. If Namibia doesn't get your heart pumping nothing will. Come with us and experience what others talk about.

En route to Gauteng we will spend a night at Windhoek to enjoy its night life at Joe's beer garden before heading into Botswana on the Trans-Kalahari highway for our last night at Kang. We will enter South Africa at Zeerust. Space is limited for this three-country safari.



Zebra Migration Safari, Makgadikgadi Pans, Botswana

16 – 24 August 2011 @ R6 500 per person

These pans used to be the greatest inland lake in the world – the size of Portugal with a depth of 200 meters. Today the pans fill up to just a few centimetres but dries up totally in autumn, offering us some of the most dramatic wildlife experiences that Africa has to offer. During the dry winter months the pan fills up with thousands of Zebras, followed by Wildebeest, Gazelle and various predators. During the winter of 2009 close to 20 000 Zebra moved into this area.

These animals form part of the second largest migration of Zebra in Africa. It's during the dry season that the Zebra's must come down to drink at the waterholes and are followed by predators which predate upon them. If you are ready for an adventure of a lifetime, pack your 4x4 and let's head north/west into Botswana.

Our first camping night will be at the popular Khama Rhino Sanctuary with a large population of white & black rhino. From Khama we head into the Makgadikgadi pans to the mysterious Kubu Island with its thousand year old Baobab trees; our campsite is under one of these ancient giants. Watching the sunset and sunrise over the pans is just one of those things you cannot explain to somebody, you need to experience it to understand it. This must be one of the best places in Southern Africa to view the stars.

The next five camping nights will be on the banks of the Boteti River that started flowing after 26 years. Using this as our base camp we will be visiting the world famous Baines Baobab's and the Nxai National Park whilst following the migrating herds of Zebra, Blue Wildebeest and predators in the area. Each day will be offering a new discovery.

Our last day will take us thru the Martin's Drift border post to Lephalale for an evening in the Machauka lodge. After breakfast we head back to the reality of Gauteng.

This camping safari is suitable for all 4x4, 4x2 and soft-roader vehicles with off-road trailers and caravans.



Big 5 Safari, Botswana (Okavango Delta, Chobe, Victoria Falls)

18 September - 5 October 2010 FULLY BOOKED
28 September - 13 October 2011 @ R10 600-00 per person

The areas that we will be visiting are undoubtedly some of the most incredible wildlife sanctuaries in the world. The safari includes the Moremi, Savuti, Chobe, Vic Falls as well as the Makgadikgadi Pans (Nata Bird Sanctuary). The Okavango delta offers some of the most amazing wildlife cinerary that Africa has to offer.

Our first camping night will be at the popular Khama Rhino Sanctuary with a large population of white & black rhino. Earlier the next morning we travel to Maun for 2 nights in bedded tents with a breakfast included. From here we will explore the Okavango Delta from the air. After breakfast we head out to the Moremi Game Reserve. We will be staying in the Moremi for six nights. We will be exploring the delta's waterways on a boat for a full day an experience not to be missed.

The heart of the Okavango is the Moremi, where all the major habitats and ecotones of the Okavango are conserved. This is the best time for bird-watching as this is the time when the migrants arrive and the breeding season for water birds starts. This time of the year is particularly rewarding for predators and the concentration of raptors along the Khwai River.

From the Moremi we head north along the Mababe depression where will stay for 2 nights at Savuti Camp. Next we encounter the famous Magwikhwe Sand Ridge through the Chobe Forest reserve for the next 4 nights at Kasane. We will be camping at the Chobe Safari Lodge on the banks of the Chobe River. Included is a buffet dinner at the Lodge. As this will be our base camp for the duration of our stay at Kasane you can explore all the wonders of this pristine holiday destination; enjoy a sunset boat cruise on the Chobe River, restaurants, beauty salons, tiger fishing, Chobe Game Reserve just to mention a few. From here we travel to the Victoria Falls with a bus to visit the magnificent Victoria Water Falls. Round off your experience with a lunch at the 5 star Victoria Hotel and enjoy the forgotten colonial style of this majestic hotel.

On our way back home we will stay for a night at Nata Lodge to explore the Nata Bird Sanctuary in the Makgadikgadi pans with the largest breeding flock of Flamingos in Africa.

All the tracks on this safari require a 4x4 vehicle with low range. You are more than welcome to tow your offroad caravan or trailer along.



Your host for these safaris will be Jannie Rykaart (4WDGA member no: 3020, owner of Protea Eco-Adventures who is dedicated to well planned, authentic safari tours with just a few discerning explorers. Jannie will share his knowledge of the fauna and flora with you and assist where possible to make this an unforgettable safari experience. Our safari tours are kept small and intimate (only 10 vehicles), contributing to an exclusive and warm atmosphere.

Included in our fee are all the safari information (full itinerary of the safari, pack list, safari manners, maps, animal and birding list), Tour guide fees, Recovery and Border assistance, Convoy control, Camping/bedded tents fees and assistance with your preparations for the safari. Costs excluded from our fee are camping equipment, food, beverages, water, fuel, border and road levies, activity costs and all the park fees.

Once we have received your reservation form we will send you our pre-safari information pack containing essential information to ensure a smoother and more enhanced safari experience. To book your safari, send us an e-mail today to reserve your place at info@passport2adventure.co.za, visit our website for a visual experience at www.passport2adventure.co.za or contact Jannie on 083-268-0566.

**You only live once, but if you do it right,
once is enough!** Mae West

We look forward to you joining us on these safaris – One we are certain will change your life, as it has for so many others.

Why use Protea for your next adventure into Africa?

- There are inherent risks and dangers involved when travelling across our borders alone and inexperienced travellers will be met with unpleasant surprises.
- We travel in convoy at all times for safety, as it is easy to get lost or left behind when out on the road less travelled. We keep to convoy protocol.
- The guide will set a safe travelling pace with well-planned stops en route.
- We have visited the various destinations before and we know what to expect.
- All vehicles will be equipped with a long distance two-way radio.
- We know most of the travel conditions to these destinations, where to travel and where not to travel and how long it will take to travel safely between places.
- We take the greatest care in selecting overnight campsites with neat and clean ablutions blocks.
- We do not camp arbitrarily and unauthorized in the veld!
- We do not venture of demarcated roads and tracks - we only travel along regularly used roads and tracks to minimize our impact on the environment.
- Depending on conditions we generally do not break camp before 09h00 and always plan to reach our next destination by 17h00 at the latest.
- We will share whatever knowledge we have on the fauna and flora, the culture of the people and the destination with you. Those of you that can contribute more information feel free to do so!
- Our safari tours are planned months in advance, saving you the time and effort to do it yourself and offering you the peace of mind that everything is in place.
- Our campsites and reservations to the national parks are secured almost a year in advance, confirmed and paid for, thereby eliminating any nasty surprises.
- Our safari tours are economical and well-priced as a self-drive, self-catering adventure into Southern Africa.
- We host environmentally-friendly expeditions.
- Respect for our surroundings is key on all of our safari tours.
- We will supply you with a full itinerary and a pack list for each safari tour.
- We are always available to assist you in the planning of your safari with us.
- We do not contribute to noise pollution – Blaring radios, generators and unruly individuals are not welcome and will not be tolerated!
- We only accommodate 10 vehicles per safari tour with a minimum of 4 vehicles to secure it.
- We will meet 3 weeks prior to the selected safari tour at Outdoor Warehouse in Strubens Valley to discuss the safari, what to do, what to pack and to meet your fellow safari companions.
- All of these safari tours will be led by Jannie Rykaart personally.

12 July 2010