



Guided Walking Safari and Kruger Backpack Trail Experience

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7 Day Walking Safari which includes game drives between destinations and comfort accommodation

6 Night / 7 Day Walking Safari Combination in Greater Kruger National Park



Location:

We have been conducting safaris throughout Southern Africa, by visiting the most unspoilt and beautiful wilderness areas we can find, and Makuya Game Reserve is on top of our list! This secret African paradise is tucked away in a corner between the Mutale and Luvuvhu Rivers adjoining Kruger National Park in the northern Pafuri and Punda Maria area. The

park's boundary stretches more than 60 kilometers along the Luvuvhu River, with Kruger Park on the opposite side, therefore making it part of the Greater Kruger National Park system. Although Makuya is a community reserve supported by SanParks, it gives us access to thousands of square kilometres for exploration where there are no development and only raw nature! This provides the ultimate location for a backpack walking safari in a big 5 wilderness and we have partnered with the community to conduct a 3 to 5-day trail along the Mutale & Luvuvhu Rivers. It is simply impossible to describe the landscape of the area as it is quite different around every corner. It mainly consists of the ever-green forests and riverine bush along the river with mountainous gorges of sandstone and conglomerate. With the diverse landscape comes diverse life and some of the general mammals we often spot here include bushbuck, nyala, duiker, kudu, impala, waterbuck, buffalo, elephant, leopard, rock hyrax, hippo, baboons, zebra and spotted hyena. There is a pride of lions which inhabit the area and often heard roaring, although very seldom seen. The views on top of the rocky gorges gives you the feeling that you are the only person on the continent and the freedom experienced creates the basis for the ultimate adventure backpack trail. The area is decorated with thousands of ancient and unique baobab trees and the dry contrast with the greenery along the river is a site to behold! Crystal clear pools and streams are found in the area and who would not want to swim where hippos and crocodiles have lived for thousands of years! If you enjoy raw nature with spectacular diversity and scenery out in the open, this is definitely for you... Come and join us on a guided backpack trail and feed your soul with adventure, Big 5 sightings on foot and sleep under the stars!

Itinerary: (See Bring Along List PDF as well!)

Day 1: Arrival in Hoedspruit and Transfer / Game Drive to Mopane Rest Camp (KNP)

Enter Kruger National Park at Phalaborwa Gate for an introductory game drive and transfer to the special Mopane Rest Camp.

Day 2: Morning Game Drive from Mopane to Shingwedzi Rest Camp

Meet with Kruger Rangers at I I am to start the Mpongololo backpack trail. Guests overnight in huts on the trail near the Shingwedzi river and return the next day to Shingwedzi Rest Camp.

Day 3: From Shingwedzi there is a game drive to the North of Kruger to exit at Pafuri Gate.

Then we enter Makuya Game Reserve after getting supplies in Masisi.

Settle in on a cliff in Canvas tents overlooking the Mutale River.

Day 4: Backpack Trail Safari starts: Leopard's lair to Luvuvhu gorge 5.5km

At daybreak we will head out and leave the river for a bushwalk into the open high lying Savannas of Makuya for a 5km walk, before we reach mountainous terrain that leads to the majestically steep and deep Luvuvhu Gorge! After a rest break high on the top of the gorge we will join our ranger for a short walk around the top of the gorge and show you interesting wildlife, fossils and ancient geological formations of the area, before heading to our sleep-over point at Luvuvhu gorge to relax and enjoy the scenery as much as possible. This will be accompanied by a few 'true' bush stories from the rangers and off course a deliciously cooked dinner and

refreshments to satisfy all those sun-drenched bodies! By this time you should feel more comfortable out in the open, while we have a lie down on a cliff far away...

Day 5: Luvuvhu Gorge to World's View

On day 4 we will enjoy the most beautiful sunrise on top of the gorge before we walk along and deeper into Luvuvhu Gorge. We will take a break at Hippo pools and spend some time admiring the cliffs and baobabs. From here we continue along the river until the gorge ends and reveals a majestic valley called Elephant's Rest. At the end of the valley is a forest with big shady trees to take cover during the day. Here we will enjoy lunch and have a swim in a sandy and shallow part of the river. There is a bathroom and toilet at this point for those who prefer to freshen up after the last few days in the bush. Late afternoon we continue along the river towards World's View. After reaching the top we will be rewarded by a breath-taking view over Kruger National Park and the Luvuvhu River and enjoy our last night right here under the open skies!

Day 6: Worlds View walk to Singo

On day 5 we do an early morning walk towards Singo Camp in Makuya, here we will Enjoy a bush brunch before returning to Kruger National Park for a game drive to Shingwedzi. Guests will stay over in comfortable bungalows at Shingwedzi for the last nights enjoying stories and memories made on the trail.

Day 7: From Shingwedzi we do a game drive to exit at Phalaborwa Gate for transfer and departure at Hoedspruit.

Things to take note off:

- A medium level of fitness is required to complete the backpack trails in Kruger National Park and at Makuya.
- Age limit is between 16 and 65 Years, people older than 65 need a doctor's letter to prove fitness level for the activities.
- The rangers are highly qualified and experienced and will strive to make the trail as enjoyable and safe as possible, although guests are required to sign an indemnity form prior to starting their trail.
- The trail has two degrees of difficulty: **medium** or **advanced**. The medium difficulty trail can be completed by any person with an average fitness level and this includes the general route as described in the itinerary. The advanced category is for the extreme adventure individuals looking for a greater challenge and this trail includes the general route plus some technical sections where the route is extended. Please contact us beforehand to discuss this.
- Alcohol is restricted to one or two drinks per evening, for safety reasons.
- There will be cold refreshments such as still / sparkling water, soda drinks and fruit juice to choose from. Please consult with your guide if you have any specific requirements.

- This is a backpack safari and we do strive to keep the sleep area as simple and natural as possible.
- Sleeping points are prepared before arrival, you therefore only carry personal belongings and not a mattress / sleeping bag or pillow. See [bring along list](#) for more details.
- There will be a basic private outside shower at each of the sleep points every night.
- A portable toilet (porta potty), toilet paper, water and hand sanitiser will be present at the sleep points. Guests however are encouraged to rather urinate in the bush out of site after rangers made sure the area is safe and secure.
- Levels of noise must be controlled by guides, especially at night for safety reasons as well as to comply with the bush etiquette of the area.
- Littering is considered a similar offense to poaching on the reserve and against our policy. Please take everything you brought into the park back with you.
- Makuya Park lies in a high risk malaria area and a consultation with your doctor is advised prior to the booking. Mosquito and bug spray however will be provided.

Photo Gallery: (Next Pages)





























Figure 1 Crossing the Mutale River Day 2









WORLDS' VIEW ON THE LUVUVHU RIVER