Kruger National Park

Activities
Introduction / Activities in KNP

Numerous visitors to KNP has called this park the focal point of South African National Parks. Being the biggest national park in South Africa, visitors can expect an abundance of wildlife sightings, various accommodation options (ranging from pristine lodges to “roughing it” in nature camp sites) and a pure African bushveld setting as the backdrop.

Visitors need not to worry about how to fill their free time - KNP offers an exciting assortment of activities, each one bent on bringing the guest closer to nature and making them feel at home.

Options that guests can choose from include:

- eco trails (4x4 trails),
- golf,
- back packing trails (hiking trails),
- day walks
- game drives
- birding,
- bush braais,
- mountain biking, and lots more.

Whether it is eco trails, back packing, day walks ... participants can rest assured that experienced, professional and armed guides will act as trail leaders and interpret the stunning environment at regular intervals. This allows the participants to get close to nature and experience its wonders like never before.

Explore your different options, and experience what Kruger National Park is all about ...
Wilderness Trails

A small percentage of South Africa is classified as real wilderness areas. 49% of Kruger’s 2 million hectares comprises wilderness zones, and it is here where wilderness trails are conducted. The main aim of the wilderness trail is to bring the participant up close with nature and indulge them in a real wilderness experience. Although guaranteed wildlife sightings and 5-star accommodation service can not be promised, bush exclusivity, tranquillity and remoteness are definitely in store.

There is much more to see and special attention is devoted to the smaller aspects of nature that is missed by most people driving around. Being on foot makes one feel part of nature, instead of just being in nature. Driving is a visual experience, but walking is a sensual one, as it tunes one in to all facets of the environment. All senses come alive and bring you in sync with your natural surroundings.

Trail Duration

Wilderness trails start on either a Wednesday afternoon to a Saturday morning, or a Sunday afternoon to a Wednesday morning. Trails last for 3 nights, with 2 days in between spent walking. Trailists arrive and book in at the reception of the rest camp from where the trail departs. The trail ranger meets the group at 15h30 in a designated parking area in the respective rest camp. At this point trailists must be ready and equipped, because they will only return to the rest camp 3 nights later.

What to bring

Clothing must be comfortable and durable. Neutral colours such as khaki are preferable. T-shirts are not recommended as they provide little protection against the sun on the neck. A hat and an all-weather jacket should be taken along. Footwear should be worn in prior to the trail, have thick soles and provide good ankle support. Cameras, binoculars, walking sticks, sunscreen lotion and reference books are optional.

A good quality torch is essential for moving around camp at night. Lighting is provided in the form of kerosene lanterns, as there is no electricity. Malaria prophylactics are essential. Also remember to bring insect repellent.
Catering

The trail provides simple but wholesome meals prepared by a cook. Prior arrangements for trailists with special dietary requirements are essential. Trailists must provide their own drinks. Drinking water is provided as well as coffee and tea with a fruit juice as part of the bush breakfast. There are limited cooling facilities in each camp. Alcohol abuse will not be tolerated.

Important tips

- No cell phones, radios or tape/cd/mp3 players.
- No private vehicles out to trail camps.
- No generators
- A maximum of eight persons between the ages of 12 and 65 years may participate per trail. To derive the optimum benefit and enjoyment from a trail adventure, it is recommended that a group comprises persons of a similar age, with common interests and the same level of fitness.
- A reasonable level of fitness is required as up to 20 km may be walked per day. The distance is covered at a leisurely pace, however, to afford trailists an intimate encounter with the wilderness. Due to the terrain covered and the safety factor, handicapped persons should not participate in these trails.
- All participants have to complete an indemnity form before embarking on a trail. Minors must be in possession of a form signed by a parent or legal guardian. These forms should be handed to the trail ranger before departing on the trail.
- The general rules and regulations of the Kruger National Park also apply to trailists.
- Trailists depend on the trail ranger for their safety and for guidance. The trail ranger should therefore be obeyed at all times. Failure to co-operate in this respect could lead to the immediate cancellation of the trail.
- For safety and ethical reasons liquor may be consumed at the trail camp only. Excessive consumption of liquor is strongly discouraged.
Trailists provide their own liquor and soft drinks.
Limited space is available in a communal refrigerator.
Malaria prophylactics are essential. Please consult your chemist.

For trail tariffs, please consult Central Reservations on (012) 428 9111 or the SANParks website: www.sanparks.org

Participants can choose from no less than seven wilderness trail and two back-packing trails.

**Bushmans**

The south western area of Kruger National Park encompasses this wilderness area, which is characterized by deep, quiet valleys and high rocky outcrops with breathtaking views.

To get the best of each morning break, these high lying outcrops are explored early in the day to experience the landscape’s vastness. The search for game turns up good results, and the broken terrain is perfect for safe close encounters with wildlife.

Trailists can experience numerous elephants and rhino sightings, as well as encounters with kudu, klipspringer and mountain reedbuck.

A diverse plant life occurs, especially in the higher lying areas, and unique trees only to this area can be seen. Thanks to the high altitude of the area, unusual bird sightings can be enjoyed, including Red throated Wryneck and Jackal Buzzard.

A variety of cultural and historical sites can be found, not the least of which are the various Bushman paintings. The camp is uniquely hidden between a series of massive granite koppies, allowing the guest a hidden getaway and a pleasant atmosphere in the middle of nature.

**Metsi-Metsi**

Along the Nwaswitsontso River near the Tshokwane picnic site in Kruger National Park’s eastern side, the Metsi-Metsi Trail lies in
wait. Hikers can walk the vast plains and catch a glimpse of black rhino (well represented in this area), white rhino, cheetah and lion.

Spectacular scenery comes in the form of the Nwaswitsontsa River, which is very important in dry times and attracts game and birds in large quantities. Bird species such as Ostrich, Kori Bustard, Lappet Faced vultures, Secretary Birds and Black Coucal are unique to these plains. Vegetation is homogenous and knobthorn and marula trees dominate. The large open camp is situated on a tributary of the Metsi-Metsi River at the foothill of the imposing Nwamuriwa Mountain.

**Napi**

This wilderness area is situated on the rolling granite landscape between Pretoriuskop and Skukuza restcamps. The Mbyamithi and Napi rivers flowing through the area offers a breathtaking landscape that is complemented by walks along the riverbank through stunning sky-high trees.

Broad-leave Woodland and Tamboti Thickets mainly make up the vegetation. Seasonal pans in these areas
allow for big game sightings such as white and black rhino. Guests can revel in the camp’s night sounds, listening out for giant eagle and barred owl.

The Mbyamithi River is the best habitat to catch a glimpse of Thick-billed Cuckoo because of the occurrence of its parasitic host - the Retz’s Helmet-shrike. The camp has four safari tents with on-suite ablutions and a large veranda from which to view the surrounding bush and the Mbyamithi River below the tents.

Nyalaland

The most remote and out of the way Wilderness Trail’s Camp is situated between Punda Maria camp and Pafuri with the spectacular Lanner and Levhuvhu gorges along the Levhuvhu River is a big attraction. The camp is hidden in a secluded spot on the Madzaringwe River with towering cliffs of the Soutpansberg Mountains in the background. Punda Maria rest camp is the departure point for this trail and is only 540 km or a 5 hour drive from Johannesburg.

The area is one of the best in the country for bird watching and various localized species such as Verreauxs’ eagle, Pel’s fishing owl, Grey-headed parrot, Mottled spinetail and a lot more can be seen. The spine tails roost inside a giant baobab tree in the trails camp and can be watched at leisure. If you are trying to add new birds to your bird list, Nyalaland is a good place to be.

Nyalaland trail is set in an area which is botanically very rich with scarce sandveld and dry land vegetation communities. The real draw card to this spectacular wilderness area is the large concentration of giant baobabs. This is one of the most spectacular trails within the Kruger National Park. There is a large concentration of big animals such as elephant, buffalo, lion, leopard and rhino which can be seen mostly in wet seasons. As well as these large animals, you may also come across unique species such as nyala, Sharps grysbok, eland, roan antelope, yellow spotted rock hyrax, elephant shrews and red rock rabbits. The name Nyalaland was given to the trail and camp as there are many nyala antelope and nyala trees in the area.

Important cultural sites in the Kruger National Park occur only on the Nyalaland trail, representing Zimbabwe stone culture and San rock art. One of these sites is situated on a hill, high above the
Lehvuvhu River, seven kilometres from the camp. This is easily accessible and worth the walk to see the spectacular view of the Levhuvhu gorge. Fossilized remains of two types of dinosaur can be seen, making this area unique. Only guests who visit the Nyalaland trail will have the privilege of seeing these fossils.

The Levhuvhu River, one of the big rivers in the Kruger National Park, is used to cool our guests down when it is hot. There is a beautiful walk to the baobab forests, hyena caves where you eat your breakfast on top of the rocks, surrounded by the baobabs and overlooking Lanner gorge. A walk to Lanner and Levhuvhu gorges can also be part of the itinerary, which is a place that looks like God had enough time to make it. We have a magic wheelbarrow which has served guests their food for a long time.

If any of the above appeals to you, then book a place on the next Nyalaland Trail.

**Olivants**

This wilderness area is situated on the banks of the Olifants River, offering remote valleys and gorges where the river flows through the Lebombo Mountains. The area’s flat open plains make for good game viewing potential. A big attraction of the area is the river, especially as both the Olifants and Letaba rivers join before flowing into Mozambique.

Large numbers of hippo and crocodiles can be spotted, and the call of the ever present fish eagles is a regular sound heard on the rivers. Birding and a diverse plantlife is a big plus for this popular wilderness trail.

**Sweni**

The Sweni River is this trail’s biggest attraction, surrounded by open flat thorn tree savannah where large numbers of game converge at certain times of the year. In turn, this results in the attraction of predators, and the biggest draw
card of this trail experience is to be part of this predator/prey relationship. The sound of roaring lions at night is a common occurrence in these parts. Frequent sightings of the shy, nocturnal, White-backed Night Heron, Mozambique Nightjar and Scope Owls occur - all birds typical of plain landscapes. The camp is situated in the Sweni River and is surrounded by open plains.

A covered lapa allows for a breathtaking view of the surrounding plains and wandering game throughout the day. The area’s flatness and remoteness contributes to the excellent star gazing opportunities.

**Wolhuter**

Located between Berg-en-dal, Ship mountain and Afsaal picnic site, Wolhuter trail was named after one of the first rangers that was appointed in the newly established Sabie Game Reserve in 1902, Harry Wolhuter. Wolhuter later in his career killed a lion single-handedly with his hunting knife while out on patrol on horseback.

This stunning scenic wilderness area is characterized by high granite outcrops with deep valleys and an undulated landscape. Long ago the Wolhuter trail area was a very active cultural site, and evidence of Bushmen, stone and iron age people can be seen on the higher lying areas.

This landscape was also explored by the famous Jock of the Bushveld and his master, Sir Percy Fitzpatrick, on their adventurous hunting trips.

A diverse plant life is offered, especially in the higher lying areas, and this environment is also classified as a botanical reserve within Kruger. Birding is good all year round but especially with a whole host of migrants arriving in summer.

The biggest attraction of this amazing area, however, is sitting on a granite outcrop and staring into the distance and experiencing a wild feeling in a wild land amongst wild creatures.
Backpacking Trails

Olifants River

Commencing from Olifants Camp, this trail stretches over four days and three nights, covering about 42 km. The trail does not include any overnight huts, therefore hikers must bring their own tents to sleep in. The trail leader will choose a suitable camp site each night, and participants will be responsible for setting up their own tents and carrying / cooking their own food.

The first day’s hike is quite an easy one of only 4-5 km to a camp site. For the remaining days, hikes will rise at the break of dawn to complete the first stretch of that day’s hike. During the maximum heat of day, no walking will take place, and a siesta can be enjoyed.

During siesta time, hikers can revel in the wild environment: trying to spot exciting bird species on the Olifants River’s banks, photographing the picturesque surroundings, soaking up the African sun ... After siesta time, only a short hike will cover the last remaining kilometres to the overnight camp. Whatever option you choose, siesta time is your time to enjoy nature.

Fires are set up each night, but only for social and safety reasons, not cooking. Firewood will be used sparingly, and hikers are advised to bring gas stoves for cooking. As the trail follows the Olifants River, there is adequate water suitable for drinking. However, purification tablets (chlorine) are necessary.
The landscape is characterized by rugged veld and rocky areas. Magnificent species of large trees, such as Apple Leaf and Sycamore Fig, are found in these parts. This backpacking trail requires hikers to cover 10-15 km each day, carrying heavy packs. Therefore, a reasonable amount of fitness is required, and participants must present a medical certificate that proves they are fit and in good health.

The trail leader is a qualified and armed field guide, assisted by a second armed guide, for additional peace of mind. The guides will carry basic first aid kits, but no medicine. It is the responsibility of all hikers to take along their own supplies of general / prescription medicine.

**Mphongolo**

A primitive backpacking trail that stretches over 4 days and 3 nights, with departures every Wednesday and Sunday between 1 Feb and 30 Nov. Starting at Shingwedzi Camp, the trail allows its participants / trail leader to decide when and where to camp and which route to follow. No prescribed route is followed.

Guests must bring their own camping equipment and food for the duration of the trail. No overnight huts are available. Trailists can delight in fires each night, but please note that they are meant simply for social and safety reasons, not for cooking.

A reasonable level of fitness is required from all participants, as 4 consecutive days of walking and carrying heavy packs can really take it out of you. It is worth noting that hikers must sign an indemnity form, and that the trail is undertaken at the hiker’s own risk.
KNP 4x4 Adventure Trails 4x4

4x4 trails allow the visitor to get off the beaten track and explore territories of the park that are rarely seen. The 4x4 vehicles are essential to minimize environmental damage, and they serve as the gateway to a real wilderness experience in the park. Some of the trails have dongas or river beds that would make normal vehicles unfit for these trails, especially during the wet season. Because the adventure trails are not gravelled, they are usually closed after a rainfall in order to dry completely. The trails are self-drive and undertaken at one’s own risk. Participants should note that there are no facilities along the routes. Please take great care at all times, especially when alighting from vehicles, and be aware of potential dangers. Participants are requested to take their GPS along. There are two adventure trails within the KNP, one in the central and the other in the southern region. A maximum of six vehicles are allowed per trail per day:

Madlabantu

Begins on the Pretoriuskop - Fayi Loop and winds southward towards, and then along, the Nsikazi River through Big 5 country. The northern part of the trail leads north from the Napi Road and loops past Mtshawu Dam before turning south to rejoin the Napi Road near Shabeni Koppie. The route is also traversed by a guided hiking trail, so don’t be disturbed should you accidentally meet trailists en route.

Distance: 42 km
No. of vehicles per day: Max 6
Tariff: Enquire at reception
Book from: Pretoriuskop - (013) 735 5128

Mananga

The trail starts 11 km from Satara, travelling a short distance north before turning east into knob thorn / marula savannah. Here you can expect herds of zebra, wildebeest, buffalo, and some predators - including cheetah.

Distance: 48 km
No. of vehicles per day: Max 6
Tariff: Enquire at reception
Book from: Satara - (013) 735 6306
Eco-Trails

Lebombo

Strictly speaking not a 4x4 challenge, this eco trail’s road has the occasional steep inclines and muddy patches that must only be attempted with a 4x4 and genuine off-road trailers or caravans. The route may be closed completely after heavy rains.

The trail departs from Crocodile Bridge every Sunday and ends at Pafuri on a Thursday during the dry season from the 1st Sunday in April to the last Sunday in October, after which the rainy season normally commences.

Distance: 500 km
No. of vehicles per day: Max 5 (+ guide’s vehicles)
Tariff: Hester van den Berg - (012) 426 5117
Book from: Central Reservations - (012) 428 9111

Malopeni

A guided one night motorised adventure trail which travels along management roads in the area to the north-east of Phalaborwa Gate up to the Letaba River.

This route allows the tourist access to remote areas that are not frequented by many vehicles. The surrounding wilderness, the remoteness and the seclusion of travelling through rarely seen areas are the main thrills of this trail.

Trailists can brace themselves for numerous animal spoor, wildlife, vegetation, exciting birdlife and an abundance of breathtaking scenery.

A maximum of 5 vehicles (4 persons per vehicle) are guided by a SANParks professional guide in an official vehicle. All vehicles must be fully equipped in terms of their own camping equipment.

The landscape is full of geology formations, consisting mainly of granite and gneiss. Soils of the watersheds are generally deep and sandy. Wildlife can be spotted in the forms of elephant, buffalo, hippo, kudu and waterbuck. Nyala are also found, but in low densities.
Additional Trail Information

Guided Walks

Most of Kruger’s camps provide guests with the opportunity to take part in daily early morning and afternoon guided walks. Up to eight guests are taken out of the camp’s boundaries to explore the surrounding wilderness areas adjacent to the camp.

These interesting spots make for exciting time-fillers, as experienced (and armed) guides share their knowledge of the fauna and flora to explain natural wonders. The walks are relaxed and don’t take longer than a few hours, so no over exhaustion will take place.

Two armed field guides accompany you on the walk in order to ensure your safety, they will focus on the things that you will usually not be able to see from a vehicle. By being out on foot you cover an area more intensely and you are able to experience nature using all of your senses. If there is any large game in the area you are more than likely able to encounter them and have an exhilarating experience of approaching them on foot.

Comfortable shoes must be worn, and clothing should be natural colours & applicable to the prevailing weather conditions. Cameras and binoculars can be taken along, as very interesting sights will be discovered and guests can revel in the spotting of fascinating creatures and plant life. No children under 12 are allowed.

The respective camp reception can be contacted for more information.

Game Drives

Kruger’s game drives are for guests who want to get closer to the wildlife side of nature and experience the park’s fauna up close. The following options are available:

Morning Drives

Morning drives leave a half hour before official gate opening times, which vary according to the time of year, which means you
will be the only guests driving around at that time. The drives duration is 3 to 3 1/2 hours and be able to watch the sunrise over unspoilt bush. On your morning drive you will be able to enjoy the tranquility of the Kruger National Park at Sunrise. You will be transported on one of our open vehicles from your camp of residence or entrance gate for an approximately 3hr drive. An experienced guide will interpret the natural bush as well as offer further insight into the ways of the Kruger National Park. For more information, please inquire at the reservations office of the respective camp you are staying in.

Sunset Drives

These drives leave the camp before dusk and return after sunset lasting around 3 hours. Search for grazers in the cool afternoon & predators starting their nightly hunts. Sunset is a time when night animals emerge and a drive during this period is the perfect opportunity to witness the beauty of the bush as it changes from day to night. Learn about fauna and flora from our expert guides and return to camp with a spot-lit nightdrive.

Night Drives

The only way to see animals of the night, night drives depart at either 19h30 or 20h00 depending on the time of year and last for around 2 hours. Experienced guides drive the groups to spy on Kruger’s nocturnal creatures and their secretive activities. For more information, please inquire at the reservations office of the respective camp you are staying in. It is also a wonderful opportunity to view our star filled sky away from city lights.

New Additional Drive Options

All the above drives for the camps will be available through the SANParks’ central reservation system, as well as drives from the main gates. However an additional offering is an all-day-drive where, on request and availability at camp level, guests may hire the use of a vehicle and driver for the entire day. Trained officials take visitors to sections of the park that are usually inaccessible to tourists. This service can also be arranged from other camps at an additional fee.
Mountain Bike Trails

Olifants

This activity is currently only available from Olifants camp and allows guests to explore Kruger’s environment by means of a mountain bike. Participants are taken to the start of the trail in an open game viewing vehicle, with a bike trailer carrying the bikes behind the vehicle.

Mountain bikes are supplied as well as backpacks, water bottles, bicycle helmets (compulsory), snacks and a juice. There is place for a maximum of 6 participants per trail. Two qualified and armed field guides lead these trails where you can cycle in unspoilt bush.

Departure times for the Mountain Bike Trails must be confirmed with reception as times vary depending on the season. We offer Morning and Afternoon Mountain Bike Trails. These vary from 3 to 4 hours, depending on the route taken.

Full Day Trails are also available (reservations have to be made for all 6 participants for the latter trail). Please note that the full day trails will only be for very fit and experienced cyclists. No persons under the age of 16 years are permitted on these trails.

A certain degree of fitness is necessary; please remember appropriate comfortable bush clothing (neutral colours), insect repellent, binoculars, camera, correct footwear, hat, sun block lotion and personal medication.

The guides carry a first aid kit and a hand held radio for communication with the base camp in cases of emergencies. Should participants want to utilise their own personal Mountain Bikes, they are welcome to do so. The participants must then remember to take their own equipment i.e. puncture repair kits, tools, spares, tubes etc.

Book a spot on the mountain bike trails either through central reservations or Olifants Camp (013) 735 6606/7
Bush Braais and Breakfasts

A unique experience that takes guests on a game drive for about an hour, in an open vehicle with one of our expert guides, to a special site where dinner in the bush has been prepared. Burning lanterns, a fire and a variety of night sounds complete this dining experience in the wilderness. Sample the finest South African bush cuisine which includes a traditional South African braai (barbeque) prepared, along with delicious vegetables and salads. The night is rounded off with dessert and coffee / tea. A cash bar facility is also available.

A night drive on the way home is a perfect end to the evening. Bushbraai’s & Breakfasts for special events or requests can be accommodated by prior arrangement.
Transfrontier Trails do Limpopo

The superbness of Parque Nacional do Limpopo, the Mocambique sector of the Great Limpopo Transfrontier Park, provides the perfect location for boundless adventure. Numerous wilderness experiences can be chosen - whether it's a game walk from Machampane Luxury Tented Camp, a hiking trail, a back-packing and fishing experience, a canoeing or 4x4 trail, Transfrontier Trails do Limpopo can offer you an unforgettable getaway. Together, Parque Nacional do Limpopo, Kruger National Park and Zimbabwe’s Gonarezhou National Park form the Great Limpopo Transfrontier Park, covering a total of 3.7 million hectares - one of the largest wilderness conservation areas in the world. Bordering on Kruger and bounded by both the Limpopo and Olifants Rivers, with the mighty Shingwedzi flowing through it centre, Parque Nacional do Limpopo is populated with a wide range of wildlife and boasts breathtaking scenery.

Have your pick from these six awe-inspiring trails:

**Machampane Luxury Tented Camp**

Guided wilderness walks are a popular choice at the intimate 10 bed en-suite tented camp that overlooks the Machampane River. Nestled in a secluded forest where bird- and wildlife roam free, participants set out on foot on early morning and late afternoon game walks. Embrace the waterholes and sightsee the exquisite flora that only Kruger can conjure up.

After a three course ‘bush cuisine’ dinner with a superb Mozambiquan flavour, the boma and its friendly fire beckons an experience under the night sky, with the night sounds and tranquillity soothing your senses after the exciting day’s walk.

**Rio Elefantes Canoeing Trail**

This three-day, 70 km journey paddling the Rio Elefantes is an adventure playing out in the heart of nature. Camp wild in rustic bush camps on the river’s tree-lined banks, cast for tiger fish and experience the sights of rare birdlife. Trails are catered, and led by an experienced guide. All equipment is provided and about 20 to 25 kms are covered daily.
Elefantes Gorge Backpacking and Fishing Trail

A five-day, four-night camp experience. Navigate the plateau above the Rio Elefantes gorge, then descend to the shores of Massingir Dam to enjoy the cool atmosphere and serenity of the waters.

An experienced guide leads the trails, but trailists must be totally self-sufficient. A reasonable level of fitness is required, as the terrain is quite rugged and 15 to 20 kms of trail is covered each day.

Palarangala Wilderness Trail

Breathe in the wildlife in a remote rustic camp with dome tents and bush ablutions. This four-day, three-night experience consists of daily guided game walks that follow the river or explore the Lebombo plateau close to Kruger’s border. The area has been restocked with game in partnership with Kruger, so an abundance of wildlife is sure to be encountered. All trails are fully catered and led by an experienced guide.

Lebombo Hiking Trail

A unique encounter with nature, as four days and three night are spent hiking through this unspoiled wilderness area. Trails, portered and catered and led by an experienced guide, wander through an environment that is ideal for game and bird viewing.

Trailists carry their own day-packs, hike 12-15 kms daily and overnight in unfenced, rustic bush camps.

The Shingwedzi 4x4 Eco-Trail

The vast uniqueness of the Great Limpopo Transfrontier Park is explored through this five-night, six-day Eco-Trail. It is guided, self-drive and challenging, but offers splendid opportunities to navigate seldom travelled tracks. The wonderful adventure of camping out in this secluded wilderness, listening to the night sounds of Africa’s bush, will instil a sense of spirit of pioneers gone by.
Golf

Skukuza Golf Course

The golf course was built in 1972 as a recreational facility for the Skukuza personnel, and is now available to visitors to the Kruger National Park. The Skukuza Golf Course is situated on the outskirts of Skukuza Rest Camp.

The rich wildlife sanctuary surrounding the golf course is home to the Big Five, a huge variety of birds and countless animals, which all conspire to provide the visitor with a harmonious close-to-nature golfing experience.

Since the course is not fenced-in, uninvited spectators are a common sight, hippo, impala, warthog and baboons to mention but a few. The Skukuza Golf Course has no bunkers, although ‘aerial bunkers’ abound because of the many trees found on the course.

Tee-off times are available for visitors in the mornings between 07:00 and 11:00 from Sunday to Friday. Please book in advance to avoid disappointment.

Saturdays are Club Days for our members or a Sponsor’s Day and it’s a Two Field-Morning and Afternoon. It’s a Shotgun Start and the morning field is 06:30 for 07:00, the afternoon field is 12:00 for 12:30 in summer and half an hour earlier in winter. No late entries are accepted.
An indemnity form must be completed prior to playing. Standard golf dress code applies.

Caddies are normally available on weekends but we do not make bookings for caddies.

Motorised Golf Carts and Pull Carts are available for hire. Light refreshments and full bar facility daily.

The Skukuza Golf Course is designed for all levels of golfers. Please bring along your golf clubs next time you visit the Kruger National Park and enjoy one of the most unique 9-hole golf courses in the world.

For Golf reservations and enquiries please contact the Club at: (013) 735 5543

After saying “I do” to your soul mate and celebrating the start of your new life with your loved ones, you can relax with the natural sounds of unspoiled nature outside your window, soothing your senses ...Contact central reservations for more information.