

# TRACKS SAFARIS

## WE GET YOU CLOSER



### 6 NIGHT FAMILY SAFARI

### MALARIA FREE SOUTH AFRICA – WATERBERG



#### **31<sup>ST</sup> JULY**

Depart UK on direct flight to OR Tambo International Airport where you will arrive early the next morning.

#### **1<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST**

On arrival into OR Tambo International Airport you are met and transferred on a private basis to Safari Plains, Mabula in the Waterberg area for 3 nights on an all-inclusive basis. The journey is approximately 2.5 hours' drive.

The varied habitats on the Greater Mabula Game Reserve provide ideal conditions for an astounding selection of large mammals including the Big Five. Other wildlife includes the nocturnal brown hyena, jackal, cheetah and a variety of smaller, less often seen predators. Our savannah plains further sustain iconic species such as zebra, wildebeest, impala, red hartebeest, eland, gemsbok, warthog and giraffe. With the Big Five – lion, leopard, elephant, buffalo and whiny – more than 300 species of birds, 60 species of mammals, countless species of insects, reptiles and plants.





Safari Plains is a great option for families with family friendly accommodation and dedicated family activities. On arrival every child will receive an activity book and children under 12 can look forward to Kiddies Bush Bumbles after breakfast – parents are welcome to join too!





Other activities include safari quizzes, marshmallows on the stick around the fire, movie nights, mid-morning treats and high tea and children's meals. Babysitting is available and needs to be arranged at least 12 hours in advance. A camp cot and high chair is available on request.

For older children and adults Safari Plains combines the elements of a great safari with beautifully appointed tented suites scattered along winding, sandy pathways offering privacy and natural elegance within the natural indigenous bushveld. The safari-style tents have private timber wrap-around decks and offer extraordinary comfort and stylish decor. All tented suites are well-appointed with sunken baths, separate showers and toilets. The hospitality armoire offers a fully stocked mini-bar fridge and tea and coffee making facilities. Air-conditioning ensures that guests are comfortable in temperature-controlled tented accommodation year-round, regardless of seasonal temperatures. Proudly family-friendly, both the family-style safari and luxury tents consist of a second bedroom with twin beds.

Also available are a wide range of exciting activities, such as hot air ballooning, horseback trails quad bike adventures and guided bush walks.

#### **4<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

This morning you will be met at Safari Plains Camp and transferred on a private basis to Ants Nest or Ants Hill for 3 nights on an all-inclusive basis.

Situated on its own private game reserve, The Ant Collection comprises 12,500 acres of pristine Waterberg bushveld and is the perfect place to see wildlife on foot, in a game vehicle or on horseback. The reserve is made up of 12 different ecological zones from open grassy plains to thick savannah bushveld and given the location along an intercontinental divergence zone there is a wider variety of flora and fauna than elsewhere in Africa.



The diverse topography of the reserve enables it to naturally sustain over 40 species of game including giraffe, white rhino, sable antelope, roan antelope, buffalo, nyala, gemsbok (oryx), kudu, Livingstone eland, blue wildebeest (gnu), red hartebeest, zebra, impala, bushbuck, duiker, steenbuck, mountain reedbuck, waterbuck, warthog, blesbuck, baboons, bushpig, klipspringer, leopard, jackal, brown hyena, caracal, civet and genet.

Get close to the wildlife on horseback, in a game vehicle or on foot. For those who are passionate about birds, there are well over 300 species of resident and migrant birds. Sable and roan antelope are two of the most conservation dependent species in South Africa and are scarcely seen in any National Park. You will have the opportunity of spotting both these rare antelope at The Ant Collection.

Guests are always welcome to join in on any management activities which are taking place on the reserve, such as game capture, the relocation and treating of injured animals, all of which can be done on horseback. An annual game census takes place in June, much of which is carried out on horseback, offering an adrenaline-inducing week of fast riding and a unique opportunity to work closely with wild animals.



The classic and spacious safari lodges of Ant's Nest and Ant's Hill in South Africa are owner designed and built. Using local stone and thatch, they blend into the surroundings beautifully, setting the scene to give you the most memorable bushveld views. The reserve is set in the wild and unspoiled Waterberg region in the Limpopo province of South Africa, a mere 3 hours north of Johannesburg.



Ant's Nest and Ant's Hill allows children of all ages to join their parents on all game viewing activities - so you can enjoy their first encounters with wildlife. Ants has a selection of wonderful ponies catering to both the novice and experienced child rider. Beginners will be led by a competent guide and riding lessons are also available. Under 4-year-old children will be led on a pony in and around the lodge area as they are still too young to be taken out on long outrides.

Both lodges have various facilities ideal for kids such as the heated swimming pool, a trampoline, sand pits, a badminton and volley ball net with a selection of toys and books. Children can also join in specialised kids 'bug and spoor' walks and open 4X4 game drives. Children are welcome to join their parents for dinner. Alternatively, special suppers or meal times can be arranged.



## 7<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

This morning you will transfer back to OR Tambo International Airport in time for your international flight home.

**Why not linger a few days in family friendly accommodation in Cape Town. The wonderful beaches, Table Mountain, the Waterfront, aquarium and Robben Island in and around Cape Town all await your exploration!**

