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SMALL GROUP JOURNEY

The Red Sands & Malaria-Free Giants

“Black-maned Kalahari lions, habituated meerkats, sleeping under the Milky Way, and elephant super-herds at Madikwe”

10

DAYS

9

NIGHTS

Private

CHARTER / TRANSFER

FROM

\$13,100

PER PERSON

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Overview

Designed for sophisticated safari connoisseurs seeking rare wildlife species, absolute privacy, and stunningly unique landscapes. This circuit contrasts the vast terracotta sand dunes of the southern Kalahari Desert with the rugged volcanic ridges of Madikwe — South Africa's largest private reserves, where crowds simply do not exist. Travelling via private aviation, you track highly elusive creatures including the desert black-maned lion, pangolins, aardvarks, and African wild dogs. Signature touches include sleeping under the Milky Way on an open-air luxury star-bed and floating over the desert dunes at dawn. This package is perfect for seasoned travellers who have already experienced the classic safari and now seek something truly unique and exclusive — and being entirely malaria-free at Madikwe, it is also ideal for families.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Tswalu Kalahari: South Africa's largest private reserve, tracking black-maned lions, pangolins, and aardvarks
- Whisky and gin sundowner atop a brilliant red Kalahari dune as the sun dips below the desert horizon
- Sitting quietly beside a habituated meerkat colony as they forage and play around your feet at dawn
- Sleeping on Tswalu's luxury Malori star-bed deck under an unpolluted Milky Way
- Sunrise hot-air balloon over the sprawling ancient red dunes of the southern Kalahari
- Madikwe Game Reserve: malaria-free, with famous wild dog packs and large rhino populations
- Tracking elephant super-herds of over a hundred individuals converging at Madikwe's dams
- Exclusive Batswana cultural heritage tour with traditional folklore storytelling and dance

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The Itinerary

01

JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA

Day 1 | Arrival in Johannesburg & Diamond Era Luxury

VIP tarmac handling expedites you through customs at OR Tambo. private guide transfer to a high-end boutique estate. Early arrivals enjoy a private tour of the city's high-end art galleries or a diamond-tasting experience. An intimate fine-dining welcome dinner, where you meet your private pilot for a briefing on the journey ahead.

- Saxon Hotel, Villas & Spa , Johannesburg
- Dinner

02

TSWALU KALAHARI RESERVE

Day 2 | Flight to the Green Kalahari

Private charter west to Tswalu Kalahari Reserve — South Africa's largest private reserve. Flying over changing landscapes from urban Johannesburg to the expansive desert-adapted paradise of the southern Kalahari. Check-in at Tswalu Motse, designed to blend seamlessly with the desert. Late afternoon private game drive on the reserve's vast red sand dunes. Premium South African single-malt whiskies and locally infused gins served atop a brilliant red dune as the Kalahari sun dips below the horizon.

- Tswalu Motse , Tswalu Kalahari Reserve
- Breakfast, Dinner

03

TSWALU KALAHARI RESERVE

Day 3 | Tracking the Elusive Desert Species

A full day with your private tracker team exploring the vast expanse of Tswalu — tracking some of Africa's most elusive and rare species: black-maned Kalahari lions, cheetahs, aardvarks, pangolins, and endangered African wild dogs. Unmatched opportunities to see these creatures far from any other vehicles. Your safari vehicle is stocked with an espresso machine, crystal glassware, and an artisanal picnic lunch.

- Tswalu Motse , Tswalu Kalahari Reserve
- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

04

TSWALU KALAHARI RESERVE

Day 4 | Meerkats & Star-Deck Sleepout

Rising before dawn to sit quietly beside a habituated meerkat colony, watching them emerge from burrows to forage and play around your feet — a completely undisturbed natural encounter. A luxury continental breakfast basket served directly on the Kalahari sand dunes. Afternoon at leisure. Tonight: Tswalu's luxury Malori star-bed deck, sleeping safely under the unpolluted night sky with the Milky Way stretching endlessly above.

- Tswalu Motse, Tswalu Kalahari Reserve
- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

05

MADIKWE GAME RESERVE — MOLORI SAFARI LODGE

Day 5 | Flight Above the Kalahari & Transition to Madikwe

Rising before dawn for a hot-air balloon flight over the sprawling ancient red dunes of the southern Kalahari, watching geometric desert vegetation patterns unfold beneath you in golden light. After landing: a champagne toast and gourmet bush brunch. Afternoon: private charter northeast to Madikwe Game Reserve, malaria-free and set against the rugged Dwarsberg mountains. Check-in at Molori Safari Lodge.

- Molori Safari Lodge, Madikwe
- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

06

MADIKWE GAME RESERVE — MOLORI SAFARI LODGE

Day 6 | The Volcanic Ridges of Madikwe

Morning and evening game drives across the rugged volcanic terrain of Madikwe — tracking famous packs of African wild dogs and large populations of black and white rhinos against the dramatic Dwarsberg backdrop. Exceptional crowd-free game viewing. Late afternoon: a panoramic ridge sundowner with premium cocktails and gourmet canapés as the sun sets over the vast bushveld.

- Molori Safari Lodge, Madikwe
- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

07

MADIKWE GAME RESERVE — MOLORI SAFARI LODGE

Day 7 | Conservation Behind the Scenes

A private behind-the-scenes briefing with the reserve's anti-poaching or ecological monitoring team on rhino conservation. Direct access to experts on the front line of protecting these endangered species. Afternoon at leisure: a luxury spa treatment back at the lodge, followed by a private dinner on your suite's deck overlooking the waterhole.

- Molori Safari Lodge , Madikwe
- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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MADIKWE GAME RESERVE — MOLORI SAFARI LODGE

Day 8 | The Super-Herds of Madikwe

Tracking the elephant super-herds that gather at Madikwe's large dams — sometimes numbering over a hundred individuals converging at the water's edge. The day culminates in a majestic open-air bonfire dinner around a roaring fire pit on a panoramic viewing deck overlooking a high-traffic waterhole, the sounds of the African night surrounding you.

- Molori Safari Lodge , Madikwe
- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

09

MADIKWE GAME RESERVE — MOLORI SAFARI LODGE

Day 9 | Exclusive Batswana Cultural Heritage Tour

A carefully curated cultural experience interacting privately with Batswana community elders and historians — traditional Tswana customs, cattle-centric history, and basket-weaving techniques. The highlight: a private performance of traditional folklore storytelling and dance — vibrant and deeply moving. A dignified, educational encounter ensuring total privacy and mutual respect. Farewell multi-course dinner paired with vintage wines.

- Molori Safari Lodge , Madikwe
- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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RETURN — JOHANNESBURG

Day 10 | Return to Johannesburg & Complementary Spa Day

A final relaxed game drive and luxury breakfast overlooking the African bush. Charter back to Johannesburg. Complementary spa session at your city hotel. International departure the following day.

- The Saxon Hotel , Johannesburg (day use)
- Breakfast

Pricing & Inclusions

PER PERSON SHARING

\$14,900

SINGLE TRAVELLER SUPPLEMENT

On Request

Price is per person based on two guests sharing. All charter flights, accommodation, meals, park fees, hot-air balloon, and activities are included. International flights to Johannesburg are not included.

SEASONAL PRICING

Jan – May	BEST VALUE	\$13,100
Summer rains in the bush, whale season on the coast		
May – Sep	PEAK SEASON	\$17,300
Dry winter — prime Big Five viewing		
Sep – Dec	SHOULDER SEASON	\$15,200
Spring bush walks, mild coastal weather		

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- » VIP meet and greet at OR Tambo / Cape Town International Airport
- » All private charter flights or chauffeur transfers as specified
- » Luxury accommodation at all properties
- » All meals as specified — breakfast, lunch and dinner
- » All private guided game drives, tours, and tastings
- » All activities listed in the itinerary
- » All park, reserve and heritage site fees
- » Complementary spa session on final day
- » Private guide throughout
- » All transfers between airports and properties
- » Tswalu private tracker team for rare species tracking
- » Habituated meerkat colony encounter
- » Star-bed sleepout at Tswalu Motse

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- International flights to and from South Africa
- Travel insurance (strongly recommended)
- Personal shopping and souvenirs
- Premium imported alcohol beyond what is provided
- Optional activities not listed
- Tips and gratuities
- Visa fees where applicable (most nationalities visa-exempt for short stays)

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This itinerary is a starting point, not a fixed departure. The pace, the lodges, the length, the dates and the party travelling can all be reshaped around you.

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