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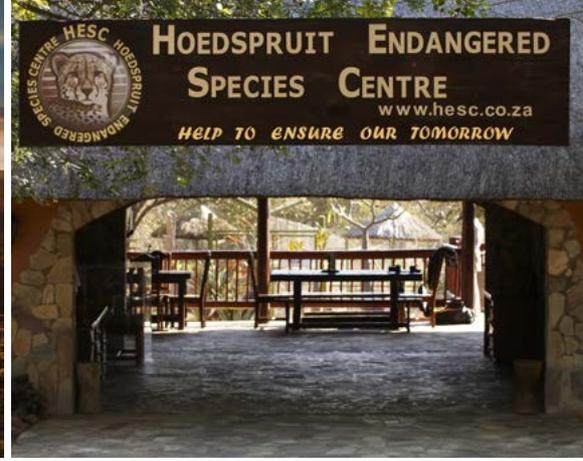


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**FOUNDATION**  
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## BIG CAT ROUTE | THE CANYON

9 DAYS | JOHANNESBURG, DULLSTROOM  
BLYDE RIVER CANYON, HOEDSPRUIT, SABI SANDS, KRUGER



## WHAT IS IT?

How can you learn about big cats, whilst giving back to genuine conservation projects and having an amazing time in Africa? Welcome to our BIG CAT ROUTE

Captured In Africa's Big Cat Route is unique to us, designed by us and incorporates some very special relationships we have been lucky enough to build within both the tourism & conservation industries.

In offering our Big Cat Route, we hope travellers can experience Africa and understand the conservation issues currently affecting big cats. Your eyes will be opened to both captive and wild big cat situations, you will understand and discover the threats & issues affecting these endangered lions, leopards & cheetahs, what we need to do to help them and who the people are on the ground protecting them.

Captured In Africa's Big Cat Route is our opportunity to educate, encourage & [#savebigcats](#)

## QUICK ITINERARY

### DAY 1

Arrive in Johannesburg, meet our guide and transferred to your overnight hotel in beautiful Dullstroom. Walkersons Hotel & Spa for 1 night.

### DAY 2

Set off with your guide for your adventure, visiting Dullstroom Bird of Prey Rehabilitation Centre along the way. Khaya Ndlovu for 3 nights.

### DAY 3

Day tour of South Africa magnificent Blyde River Canyon, Bourkes' Luck Potholes, Lisbon waterfall and surrounding area.

### DAY 4

Early start for a hot air balloon flight and further touring, before a game drive on Blue Canyon Conservancy.

### DAY 5

Morning educational tour of Hoedspruit Endangered Species Centre. Afterwards, we take you to Sabi Sand Game Reserve. Chitwa Chitwa for 3 nights.

### DAY 6 – 7

Twice daily game drives in the Sabi Sands and other optional activities.

### DAY 8

An incredible experience behind you, we game-drive through Kruger National Park to complete your tour with a final wildlife & nature experience. Country Boutique Hotel for 1 night.

### DAY 9

Depart back to OR Tambo airport for your return flight home or onward arrangements.



## FULL ITINERARY

### DAY 1

Arrive into South Africa and Johannesburg's OR Tambo International Airport, where you will be met on arrival by our guide and transferred to your hotel.

### WALKERSONS HOTEL & SPA | DULLSTROOM

1 NIGHT

The Lakeside Suites at Walkersons Hotel & Spa are traditional in nature – boasting a thatched roof, and inviting open fireplace.

The suites are also en-suite, and feature queen-sized beds, comfortable loungers and a small kitchenette. As the name suggests, the Lakeside Suites also offer spectacular views of the vast Lake on the property.

Activities: Ranging from long walks along contoured stream-side pathways, to saddling-up to explore the countryside, and spending a day honing your skills in the fine art of fly fishing, Dullstroom offers much in the way of things to do.

### DAY 2

Following a comfortable nights rest and mornings breakfast, today you can choose one of the activities at Walkersons Hotel & Spa. You then depart and visit the nearby Dullstroom Bird of Prey Rehabilitation Centre for a flight display @ 1030am.

Take in the views, as your guide drives you to your next accommodation set in the town of Hoedspruit.

### KHAYA NDLOVU | HOEDSPRUIT

3 NIGHTS

Khaya Ndlovu Manor House boasts magnificent colonial style gardens as well as unsurpassed views of the Drakensberg Mountains and surrounding bushveld. Situated in the pristine Blue Canyon Conservancy it is the perfect destination for a relaxing and tranquil holiday, intimate boutique wedding or a honeymoon, with the promise of relaxation in the South African bush. (Garden Suite)

### DAY 3

Enjoy a day tour with our knowledgeable guide to the "other-worldly" Blyde River Canyon, along with magnificent Lisbon waterfall and the other-worldly Bourkes' Luck Potholes – sculpted naturally by water over centuries of years. This is truly South African landscape at its finest. Cameras at the ready!!

End your day at Khaya Ndlovu, a beautiful meal and watch the sun set...

### DAY 4

An early start for what will be an experience of a lifetime – a hot air balloon flight over the Canyon. Followed by a final local tour. Arrive back to Khaya Ndlovu in time for an afternoon game drive and discover nature & wildlife on Blue Canyon Conservancy.



## DAY 5

Following a relaxing morning and breakfast, set off from Khaya Ndlovu with your guide and visit the nearby wildlife centre for some important learning about conservation issues.

### HOEDSPRUIT ENDANGERED SPECIES CENTRE (9AM TOUR)

The Hoedspruit Endangered Species Centre focuses on the conservation of rare, vulnerable or endangered animals. Cheetah conservation is one of their core disciplines. The Centre is actively involved in the breeding of endangered, vulnerable or rare animal species as well as the release and establishment of captive-bred cheetahs to the wild and the treatment and rehabilitation of orphaned or injured animals which are brought to the Centre. HESC offers education to learners, students and the general public in conservation and conservation activities.

Cheetah Run: Join us for the Cheetah Focus tour and we will share our knowledge and experiences with you. Tour includes: Cheetah Run, standard HESC tour, Wild dog feeding, Vulture feeding

\* As part of HESC's policy, there is no direct interaction between man and animal, as their core focus is on giving these animals an environment as close to their natural one as possible.

Your trip includes a donation to Hoedspruit Endangered Species Centre, thank you.

Captured In Africa are pleased to support Hoedspruit Endangered Species Centre and to include them on this tour.

Following a fascinating and thought-provoking morning learning about conservation efforts, we leave Hoedspruit behind and drive to South Africa's famous big 5 territory, the Sabi Sand Game Reserve for an African adventure of WILD proportions...

### CHITWA CHITWA PRIVATE GAME LODGE | SABI SANDS

3 NIGHTS

Chitwa Chitwa is more than just a luxury private game lodge in the bush. It's a holistic and sensorial experience which starts at sunrise and captures the very essence of the magnificent wildlife heritage and natural landscape of Africa before sunset.

Located in the Sabi Sand which is the birthplace of sustainable wildlife tourism in southern Africa, Chitwa Chitwa is highly acclaimed for its excellent game viewing, as all hunting in the area has been abolished for decades. As a result, the animals have grown accustomed to the presence of safari vehicles in their territory and can boast some of the best opportunities to meet Africa's Big Five – being the five most dangerous animals to meet on foot: buffalo, elephant, rhino, leopard and lion. Chitwa's highly qualified guides and Shangaan trackers ensure an unforgettable African safari by enriching the experience with their profound knowledge regarding this animal kingdom and its complex habitat.

Each of the six individually decorated suites open onto a private lake-view deck with its own private plunge pool, framed by a spacious timber deck that overlooks the nearby water – a popular drinking hole for our wealth of wildlife.

Activities: 2 game drives per day, boutique, library, spa, guided village tour at the nearby Dixie Community.



## DAY 6 - 7

A totally wild experience at the exceptional and world renowned Sabi Sand Game Reserve. Enjoy twice daily game drives, superb breakfasts, lunches and dinners... and of course some pretty tremendous sunrises & sunsets (where you will enjoy traditional sundowners) in one of the very best Leopard territories in Africa.

## DAY 8

Enjoy a final morning game drive with Chitwa Chitwa's expert guides, before departing the lodge. Rather than drive the normal roads to your final overnight, we enter into Kruger National Park for an afternoon game drive through the park, before exiting and heading to your hotel.

## COUNTRY BOUTIQUE HOTEL | WHITERIVER

1 NIGHT

A beautiful intimate little gem perched on the outskirts of the quaint Lowveld hamlet, Whiteriver. Once the original homestead of a local avocado farming family, this charming small hotel has been entirely redesigned to offer luxury travellers an enveloping atmosphere of boutique style and proportions.

## DAY 9

It's home time sadly, as you head for OR Tambo International Airport for your flight home or onward journey. It's been incredible and an experience of a lifetime we're sure you'll remember and love telling your friends & family about.

Captured In Africa hope you have learned more about big cats, not only the threats which face both captive and wild big cats today, but why we must appreciate them tomorrow and forever more. Afterall, what is Africa without big cats?!

Thank you for joining us.

Need an overnight hotel on landing or departure? ...we offer a range of quality accommodation to prepare you for your comfortable beginning or end to your safari with us. An option of extending your trip is also a fantastic addition, including extra nights in Cape Town, more wildlife safari experiences throughout Africa or perhaps a beach in Zanzibar to relax? Speak to our team today.



## PRICE INCLUDES:

- Walkersons Hotel & Spa: 1 night including accommodation, dinner, bed & breakfast
- Khaya Ndlovu Manor House: 3 nights including accommodation, breakfast, light lunch and four course dinner
- Chitwa Chitwa: 3 nights fully inclusive of luxury accommodation, all meals, teas & coffees, bottled water, soft drinks, local beer and spirits, Chitwa House Wine Selection, two open vehicle safaris a day, daily walking safaris, laundry service
- Country Boutique Hotel: 1 night including Bed & Breakfast
- Services of a professional guide and vehicle for the duration of your tour
- Road tolls, fuel
- Entry to Dullstroom Birds of Prey Centre, Blyde River Canyon and other attractions
- Hot air balloon flight per person
- Cheetah run and educational tour of Hoedspruit Endangered Species Centre
- Kruger National Park Conservation (entry) fee per person
- Donation of \$100 per person to Hoedspruit Endangered Species Centre, thank you [www.hesc.co.za](http://www.hesc.co.za)
- Donation of \$25 per person to the Captured In Africa Foundation, thank you [www.capturedinafricafoundation.com](http://www.capturedinafricafoundation.com)

## PRICE EXCLUDES:

- International airfare and travel to/from Johannesburg
- Comprehensive travel insurance
- Visas and any required medical certificates
- Meals and drinks as specified as being not included at Walkersons, Khaya Ndlovu, Chitwa Chitwa and Country Boutique Hotel
- Additional activities not mentioned as included in the itinerary
- Meals and drinks during tours and transit
- Items of a personal nature, telephone calls and gratuities

Your itinerary begins and ends in Johannesburg.

General Terms and Conditions apply.

Prices stated are from and subject to change depending upon season booked and number of guests. Based on per person sharing (2 guests sharing a room). Prices in South Africa Rand & US Dollar and subject to currency exchange rates upon booking. All accommodation and room type subject to availability when booking and may require alternative rooms at alternative pricing.

## #SAVEBIGCATS

Don't forget, the Captured In Africa team use their personal knowledge, experience, direct working relationships and advocacy for big cats, to ensure all the facilities we send our customers are of OUR standards – with us, you will not see or partake in any kind of cub petting, walking with lions/cheetah, elephant rides or any other hands on activity with wild or captive animals. We promote and encourage a hands-off approach to travel and we thank you for participating in responsible travel and conservation.

## 'CONSERVATION AWARENESS THROUGH THE LENS'

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