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# BIG CAT ROUTE | THE WATERBERG

8 DAYS | CRADLE OF HUMANKIND

KEVIN RICHARDSON WILDLIFE SANCTUARY & MARAKELE NATIONAL PARK



## PRICE FROM:

- **US \$3, 895 | R52, 180** per person sharing
- **US \$5, 395 | R72, 320** per person single

SADC resident price also available upon enquiry

## INTRODUCTION

How can you learn about big cats, whilst benefitting genuine conservation projects and having an amazing time in Africa?

## WELCOME TO OUR BIG CAT ROUTE

In offering this Big Cat Route, we hope travellers of all ages, can experience Africa and understand the conservation issues currently affecting big cats. Your eyes will be opened to both captive and wild big cats, where you will understand and discover what threats affect these amazing species, what we need to do to help them and who the people are on the ground protecting them.

You will absorb some of the most enchanting beauty Africa has to offer, from wildlife, to majestic sun-kissed mountains and even a little African drumming!!

Take a little piece of Africa away with you and head home with a new found knowledge, because we want YOU to be conservationists for big cats.

## ITINERARY & PACKAGE DETAILS

### DAY 1

Arrive into Johannesburg, South Africa for the beginning of your incredible Big Cat Route – a journey of nature and big cat conservation.

You're collected at the airport by your private tour guide and transferred to your overnight accommodation.

## KLOOFZICHT LODGE & SPA | ZWARTKOPS MOUNTAINS

1 NIGHT

Nestled at the foothills of the Zwartkops Mountains in the Cradle of Humankind, Kloofzicht Lodge & Spa is a comfortable forty minute drive from both Sandton and Pretoria.

The stillness of Kloofzicht Lodge is embodied by water as the lodge, comprising sixty suites, overlooks six exquisite fly fishing dams and the lower reaches of the Blaauwbank Spruit, which meanders through the unspoilt Zwartkops gorge. Five star hospitality and service is the trademark of Kloofzicht Lodge & Spa.

The small but magnificent nature reserve upon which Kloofzicht is built, is home to kudu, impala, blue wildebeest, eland, red hartebeest, springbuck, gemsbok, zebra as well as a fascinating array of bird life.

With sweeping views over the Zwartkops mountain range and fly fishing dams, Kloofzicht Lodge epitomizes five star luxury in a relaxed country environment. A combination of textured interiors, sandstone tiles, majestic mahogany and bold warm fabric colours are carried throughout the interior of the lodge. All suites have en-suite bathrooms and the Family Suites have underfloor heating and heated towel rails.

Kloofzicht Spa offers a variety of Spa treatments, massages, facials, manicures, pedicures and tailor-made spa packages all combined with five star facilities and service.



## DAY 2 - 4

Departing Kloofzicht your journey truly begins, with a historical and ancestral learning experience at the World Heritage Site of Maropeng.

### STERKFORTEIN CAVES

An hour's drive from Johannesburg and Pretoria, the Sterkfontein Caves are world famous for their fossil finds and a well-known visitor destination. After an extensive face-lift in 2005, the Sterkfontein Caves site is home to a top restaurant, conferencing facilities, easy access to the caves themselves, modern walkways and a boardwalk past the excavation site where world-acclaimed fossils have been discovered.

The Sterkfontein Caves are owned by the University of the Witwatersrand, whose scientists have been responsible for the main excavations of the World Heritage Site. They are credited with many of the famous discoveries including the world famous "Mrs Ples" and "Little Foot", an almost complete Australopithecus skeleton dating back more than 3-million years.

The tours at the Sterkfontein Caves, which start above ground and then take visitors deep into the caves.

*and/or, depending upon time available*

### MAROPENG

The Maropeng Visitor Centre is an exciting, world-class exhibition, focusing on the development of humans and our ancestors over the past few million years. The Cradle of Humankind is one of eight World Heritage Sites in South Africa, and the only one in Gauteng. It is widely recognised as the place from which all of humankind originated.

On arrival, you will see a massive burial mound called the Tumulus, which is your entrance to learning the secrets of our ancestry. See fossils, learn about how humankind was born, view stone tools up to 1-million years old, and much more. Ideal for children, the Maropeng Visitor Centre is self-guided and highly interactive.

We complete day 2, by travelling to your next destination of Welgedacht, home of the world renowned Kevin Richardson Wildlife Sanctuary. Welgedacht is situated in the greater Dinokeng Private Game Reserve outside Pretoria.

Arrive in camp in time for an afternoon game drive and 'sundowners'...

### BUSH CAMP | WELGEDACHT PRIVATE GAME RESERVE

3 NIGHTS

Just an hour north east of Johannesburg and half an hour from Pretoria lies Welgedacht Private Game Reserve. Nestled between the Bobbejaansberge and straddling the Boekenhoutspruit, the reserve forms part of the Dinokeng Game Reserve, and is the home of the 'Kevin Richardson Wildlife Sanctuary'... guests are treated to a special visit at this world-renowned sanctuary.

The bush camp has a huge thatched lounge/ visitor's social area, private kitchen, game ranger's courters, a private pool, an open air braai boma and a conversation pit! This camp is 400m away from our lion enclosures and you will hear their majestic roaring at night!!! Visitors to our bush camp might just see rhino, "wild lion" and elephant roaming past.

Guests will always be accompanied by experienced game rangers.



#### ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- Exciting Game drives: Early morning/sunset drives with highly qualified and experienced game rangers.
- A visit to the Kevin Richardson Wildlife Sanctuary: Get a chance to see the beautiful white lions and black leopards (just to mention a few).
- Catering: Visitors will be treated with fine South African cuisine – all meals, snacks and non-alcoholic beverages included. Menus reflect typical wholesome and healthy bush food and most meals are uniquely prepared on an open-fire in conversation with guests. Meals are served in the Bush Camp Lounge, Lapa, under big shady trees.
- Excellent Bird watching: Bird watching in and around enclosed camps with rangers who will help you to identify and add some of the 125 species identified here, on your check list.
- Excellent Photography opportunities: Apart from all beautiful games and birds, come and experience panoramic views, unforgettable sun sets and stunning star gazing at night!!

#### KEVIN RICHARDSON'S WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

This sanctuary is the realisation of a life-long dream of wildlife behaviourist and conservationist, Kevin Richardson. Kevin is best known for his unequalled ability to intimately interact with such magnificent and dangerous predators as lions and hyenas, and for his incredible accomplishments, he has been featured on Sky News, CNN, ABC News and CBS's "60 Minutes" program.

Kevin recently relocated here to secure the lives of his beloved animals and open doors for new opportunities to continue his conservation efforts through his wildlife filmmaking and his volunteer program.

The sanctuary is made up of 13 predator enclosures and a large central enrichment area to which the predators are rotated through every couple of weeks. This is to change their environments regularly, which in turn stimulates their senses, as they smell the scents of the previous group of animals that were housed there. Boredom is thus prevented and the animals all get turns to roam the bigger area.

The facility predominantly houses adult predators, with no breeding of lions at the sanctuary. Kevin is actively campaigning against the mass breeding of cubs for petting for the commercial tourism and volunteering industry that all too often end up being hunted in the morally repugnant practice of 'canned' lion hunting.

(Please note that Kevin Richardson is not included as part of this itinerary, so the opportunity to meet Kevin in person is not to be expected due to Kevin's filming and animal care responsibilities)

\*Your trip includes a US \$100 donation to the Kevin Richardson Wildlife Sanctuary, thank you!

#### DAY 5 – 7

Following an incredible learning experience at the Kevin Richardson Wildlife Sanctuary and game drives in Welgedacht Game Reserve, we now make the transfer to your next safari & conservation adventure in Marakele National Park.



## MARATABA SAFARI LODGE | MARATABA

3 NIGHTS

Marataba is a malaria-free 23000 hectare private concession within the Big5 Marakele National Park (Limpopo, South Africa). Just four hours from Johannesburg, this is a sanctuary where busy people can find themselves again by connecting with nature. We were rendered breathless by the dramatic Waterberg mountains, vast plains, rich animal diversity and winding rivers cutting through the landscape of the Marakele National Park.

Rich red mountain rock meets lush green plains (where you will find yellowwood and cedar trees, 5m high cycads and tree ferns). All of the large game species from elephant and rhino to the big cats, as well as an amazing variety of birds (including the largest colony of endangered Cape vultures in the world, with more than 800 breeding pairs) have settled here.

Marataba Safari Lodge is a simple extension of the natural environment beyond its walls – rich, bold, organic and patently magnificent. Whether you prefer your own company or that of new-found friends, there are a number of spots from which to soak up the view – hammock, pool lounge or grassy patch.

On the menu for your pleasure is a smorgasbord of activities from which to choose. Whether game drive, walking trail, sunset river excursion on Miss Mara, or a private dinner for two, there is never enough time to exhaust the many ways there are to love this place.

If you are an avid and experienced trails walker, you may wish to consider Marataba Trails Lodge. Tucked into its own private valley in a remote spot on the reserve, a number of different walking trails wind through the wilderness. Never more than 8 people experience this very unique perspective of Africa.

## CONSERVATION EXPERIENCE WITH LEO AFRICA

YOUR opportunity for a unique and privileged insight into an on-the-ground big cat research project.

Captured In Africa are fortunate to be able to partner with LEO and the Marataba Reserve in offering guests this once in a lifetime chance to discover and learn more about what it takes to truly conserve and research big cats, wildlife and eco-systems.

Limpopo Eco Operations (LEO) Africa, is based in Marataba, a private concession in the Marakele National Park in the Limpopo Province of South Africa. The park is the heart of the Waterberg Mountains.

Ecotourism in South Africa is on a steady rise and many landowners are rehabilitating farmland into wildlife and nature reserves. And that's where LEO come in: the LEO Africa project began in 2004 as a management research programme to assist reserve management to re-establish their land as a prime wilderness area.

LEO's experienced reserve managers and conservationists have years of field experience. The work they do links ecology with the practical aspects of running of a nature reserve, providing a rewarding and educational wildlife experience.



## DAY 8

With the beautiful mountain backdrop behind you, we travel back towards Johannesburg. Along the way we visit a very special cultural village in Moruleng.

The Moruleng Cultural Precinct offers visitors many hours of interest and fun. The innovative Mphebotho Museum is the flagship visitor attraction, along with the newly restored Dutch Reformed Mission Church, walk through a magical landscape of ancient settlement patterns, pause at the spectacular open air kgotla, a bell-tower viewing deck, and be sure not to miss the offerings at the craft centre, before resting at the coffee shop.

One of the key intentions of the Moruleng Cultural Precinct is to allow visitors, both local and from afar, to explore the way in which the Bakgatla-ba-Kgafela traditions helped us to see the world before Christianity and capitalism arrived.

Part of your visit here includes a special DJEMBE DRUMMING experience, be sure not to miss it!!

Depart Moruleng and drive back to Kloofzicht Lodge & Spa for an overnight stay to help prepare you for your journey home the following day.

## KLOOFZICHT LODGE & SPA | ZWARTKOPS MOUNTAINS

1 NIGHT

## DAY 9

It's the end of your magical tour, but your memories have only just begun. THANK YOU for joining us on this Big Cat Route and we sincerely hope you have not only experienced Africa, but you have learned and absorbed everything Big Cats, their conservation status, the efforts being taken to protect them and also their true beauty. It's why we must [#savebigcats](#).

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.

Your itinerary begins and ends in Johannesburg.



## INCLUDES:

- at Kloofzicht: Bed & Breakfast
- at Welgedacht: Accommodation, all meals, game drives and Kevin Richardson Wildlife Sanctuary visit
- at Marataba Safari Lodge: All meals; Teas/Coffees; Inclusive drinks (all soft drinks and selection of local beers, spirits & house wines); Two game drives daily with FGASA qualified ranger; Game drive refreshments & snacks; Specified inclusive safari activities; Marataba Reserve conservation fees
- All tour entry fees and additional tours depending upon availability and customer requests
- Private, professional tour guide for the duration of your tour
- Transport for the duration of your tour
- Donation of US\$100 per guest to the Kevin Richardson Wildlife Sanctuary
- Donation of US\$100 per guest to the LEO Africa project
- Donation of \$50 per guest to the Captured In Africa Foundation

## EXCLUDES:

- International flights to/from Johannesburg OR Tambo International Airport
- Comprehensive travel & medical insurance
- Additional accommodation in Johannesburg on arrival and/or on departure
- Meals and activities not specified as included
- Curio purchases and items of a personal nature
- Food and drink purchases during transit
- Laundry and any other item not listed as included

Prices stated in US Dollar, subject to currency exchange rates upon booking and unexpected VAT adjustments. All accommodation subject to availability. Price subject to season and time of travel and is based on 2 people sharing.

General Terms & Conditions apply

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Don't forget, the Captured In Africa team use their personal knowledge, experience 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 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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