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### Ethical Kruger Park Safari – South Africa

#### OVERVIEW

Welcome to the Ethical Kruger Park Safari! Your safari starts by being transferred from your Cape Town accommodation to Cape Town International. You'll pick up a flight at 9 a.m. from Cape Town to Johannesburg. On arrival, you'll be transferred to Rosebank, a vibey district in the north of the city and to your lodging, The Peech boutique hotel. That afternoon, you'll take a tour with Coffeebeans Routes through the city, either their Public Art tour or Soweto Futures, ending with a dinner at Marble Restaurant and a night at The Peech.

The following morning, Day 2, you'll be transferred from The Peech to O R Tambo for a flight to Hoedspruit Airport, the closest Kruger airport to Timbavati Private Game Reserve. After a short flight of an hour you'll land and be transferred to Umlani Game Reserve just in time for your first game drive. After dinner at Umlani, you'll spend your first night here.

On Day 3, you'll start the day early with a bush drive around dawn, coming back for your breakfast around 10 a.m. The middle of the day is time to relax and soak up the sounds of the bush, whilst also doing some game viewing of your own at Umlani's watering hole and bush hides. After lunch, you'll then head out on a bush walk with a ranger, coming back in time for an early dinner at around 6 p.m.

On Day 4, you'll go on another early morning game drive with the Umlani team and have breakfast there too. Then after some time to freshen up, you'll be collected from Umlani for a short drive to Tanda Tula (less than 10km), arriving just in time for lunch and your afternoon game drive there. You'll enjoy Tanda Tula's excellent cuisine for dinner and spend the night here.

Day 5 and Day 6 will be spent at Tanda Tula in much the same way as at Umlani: in keeping with when the wildlife is most active, you'll start your days early before breakfast and come back to rest when the animals do in the middle of the day. By early evening you'll set out again and come back to camp for sundowners and an early dinner.

On our last day, Day 7, you'll be transferred back to Hoedspruit Airport and the after a flight of one hour will land in Johannesburg. From here, your flight to Cape Town leaves after an hour and you'll arrive back in the Mother City at 6 p.m. We'll then transfer you back to your Cape Town accommodation.

Suitable extensions include Blyde River Canyon (2 days), Mpumalanga's Panorama Route (2 days), Limpopo Province and Great Zimbabwe (five days), Victoria Falls (3 days).

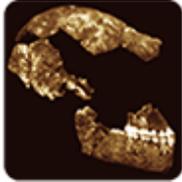
We wish you a most enjoyable trip!

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DAY 1 - CAPE TOWN to JOHANNESBURG

THE PEECH: (1 night)

JOHANNESBURG



*One of the eclectic bedrooms at The Peech*

You'll be collected from your lodging by Chris Hannival of Hannival's Tours at 07h30 and transferred to Cape Town International. You'll meet a flight to O R Tambo, Johannesburg, which gets in at just after 11 a.m. From there, you'll be transferred by Ndila Tours to The Peech.

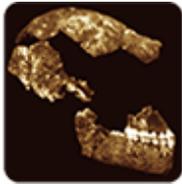
The Peech is located in a 1950's, Art Deco-style building, built by the same family that still owns it now. James Peech is still involved in daily operations. It's since extended into a sixteen-room hotel, but still retains a lot of the character of a large family home. It's in the Melrose North, one of the upmarket areas of Joburg's northern suburbs and a very pleasant part of town to relax in. It also happens to be opposite one of Joburg's most pleasant parks, the James and Ethel Grey Park, which has its own bird sanctuary. The Peech offers a bistro, a large outdoor pool, one acre of lush gardens, a library and nearby gym access.

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*The pool and garden at The Peech.*

After many years of informally flying the flag of responsible business practice, both from a social and an environmental standpoint, The Peech was finally awarded the coveted Fair Trade in Tourism accreditation in 2010, making it one of the first hotels of its size in the country to get the award. This award acknowledges the efforts The Peech has made to make its operation sustainable both in terms of waste and water management, procurement and particularly in the way staff are paid and supported in their work.



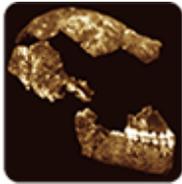
*On tour with Coffeebeans Routes in central Johannesburg*

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After some time to settle in to your room, recover from your early start and get into the day, you'll be met by Michael Letlala from Coffeebeans Routes and taken on a Public Art Safari through Joburg's urban jungle. Coffeebeans Routes was started in 2005 by Iain Harris as a way to get locals and visitors to connect more with the different stories of their cities: too often, we live in our own ghettos, never venturing out of our comfort zones to hear music we don't know, talk to people we don't normally meet, see art and performances that we're not familiar with. CBR's tours are designed to get people talking, learning and sharing around easily accessible themes like food, music, art and sustainability. The experiences are never voyeuristic but engaging and inspiring. CBR's tours now happen in Joburg, Cape Town and Nairobi and have received multiple awards for their innovation and authenticity.

After your tour, you'll be taken back to The Pech: we suggest Marble Restaurant as a great place to eat in the area.



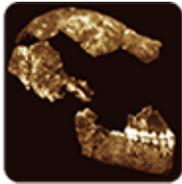
*The bar at Marble Restaurant, Rosebank, Johannesburg*

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### DAY 2 and DAY 3 - JOBURG to KRUGER PARK

UMLANI BUSHCAMP: (2 nights)

TIMBAVATI

Tel nr: +27 (0) 21 657 4500

[www.umlani.com](http://www.umlani.com)



*The watering hole and lookout at Umlani Bush Camp*

On the morning of Day 2, after a sensational breakfast pool-side at The Peech, you'll be collected again by Ndila Transfers at 10h00 and taken to O R Tambo, this time for your short, one-hour flight to Hoedspruit. You'll land in Hoedspruit just after midday, where you'll be met by the Umlani team for a shared shuttle to the bush camp in Timbavati.

Umlani is a family- owned establishment, which Marco and Marie-Louise have built entirely from locally available materials. The focus here is on being at one with the bush and nature, not isolated from it behind electronics and modern conveniences. So whilst each Eco-Hut is large and comfortable with en-suite bathroom and outside shower, there is no wi-fi, air conditioning or television in the whole camp.

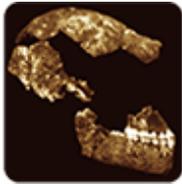
Everything about Umlani is focused on having a minimal environmental impact and many of the staff have been with the camp since it was founded in 1989, so there is a real sense of family here. Whilst at Umlani, your rate includes two game drives a day (evening drive on the arrival day and morning drive on the departure day) and of course, this is a fully catered accommodation option so you don't need to worry about cooking at all!

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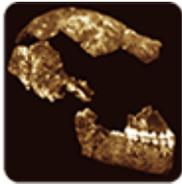
*One of the simple but beautifully appointed Eco-Huts at Umlani Bush Camp*

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DAY 4, DAY 5 & DAY 6 – TIMBAVATI and KRUGER PARK

TANDA TULA: (3 nights)

TIMBAVATI

Tel nr: +27 (0) 15 793 3191

[www.tandatula.com](http://www.tandatula.com)



*Rush hour traffic at Tanda Tula*

You'll go on your last game drive/bush walk with the rangers at Umlani today before being transferred to Tanda Tula (a short drive of 10km).

Tanda Tula is a very impressive place: first established on a shoestring budget in 1976, the Scott family still owns it, and very much 'walks the talk' of what in South Africa is called 'transformation'. This complex word refers to the necessary and long-overdue transition from solely white, male ownership of land, business and resources and the equitable (but still viable) sharing in those resources by the majority of the population. Don Scott, one of the owners at Tanda Tula says: "It is imperative that we all commit to a transformation in our industry. Particularly transformation that focuses on developing the talents of black people, especially young black people. As a company, Tanda Tula truly shares his belief that this is the only way for our businesses to be sustainable. If we are thinking about the 'long game' here, we must be thinking of succession planning, and that succession planning must be inclusive and representative of the country's demographics."

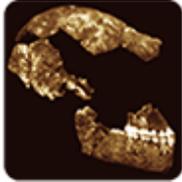
Tanda Tula takes the continuing education of its staff and the school education of the staff's children very seriously. They get a full scholarship to attend Southern Cross School which is

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one of South Africa's leading private schools. They offer world class education to girls and boys from pre-primary through to the 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

Whilst staying at Tanda Tula the trackers and rangers will get you up close to wild dogs, cheetah, leopard, lion, elephant and of course zebra, giraffe, ostrich and wildebeest.

Dining at Tanda Tula is as unique as the location: it's always al fresco and never takes place in the same location twice. You'll be taken to different parts of the reserve for each meal, seated around one long table where guests sit together and are attended to by hosts, staff and rangers.



*Dinner is served at Tanda Tula: tonight in a dry river bed, at African sunset.*

It's an unusual choice for a luxury safari camp to still insist on tented accommodation: often tents are associated with basic services, lack of privacy and discomfort. Far from it at Tanda Tula: these are not merely camping tents or even glamping tents but luxury five star suites whose walls just happen to be made out of canvas. The idea is to keep the feeling of the early days of safari but to add on the modern comforts and conveniences that weren't possible in those days.

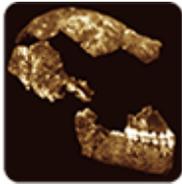
They offer two camps: the Safari Camp and the Tented Camp. Each camp has only twelve tents with a large gap between them for privacy. The tents are over 50square metres in size

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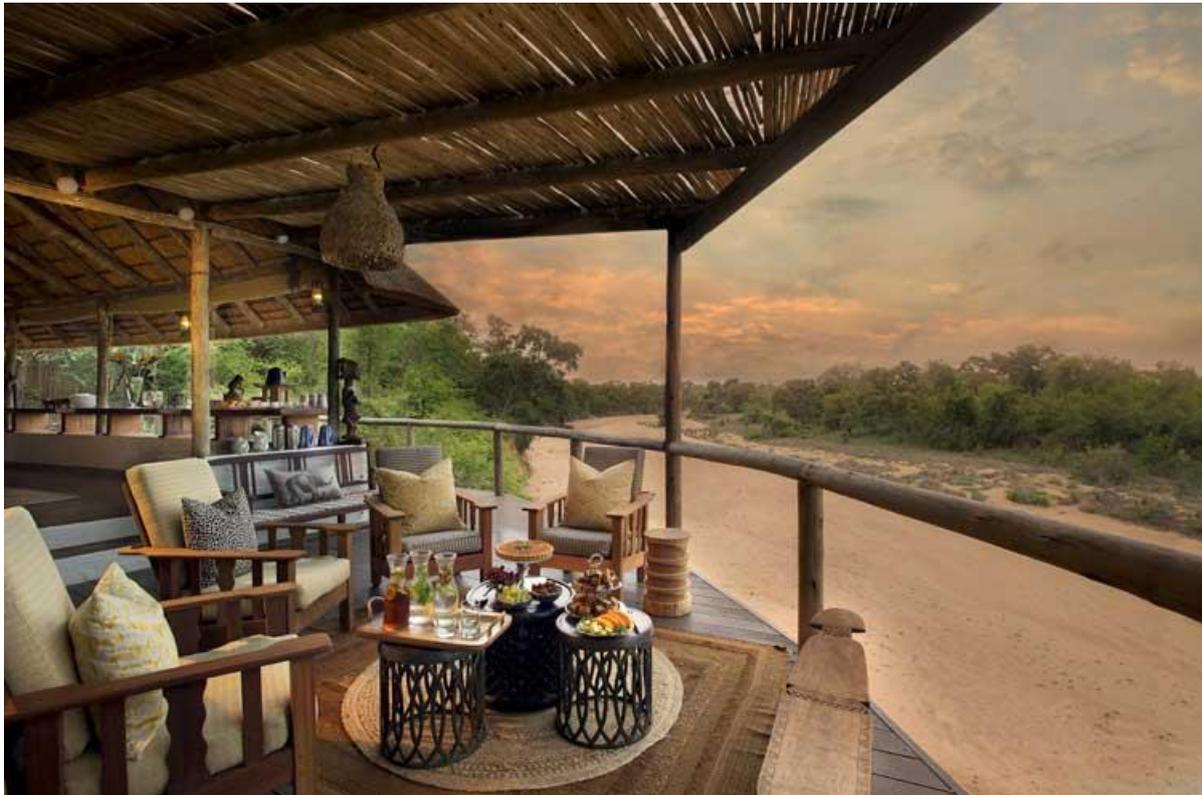
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with large private bathrooms, outdoor showers, a sitting area and a private deck. The lodge buildings themselves offer the catering, which is of course five-star and with an extensive wine list.



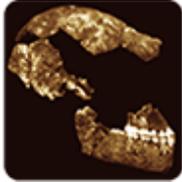
*Sundowners on the banks of the Nhlralumi River at Tanda Tula*

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### DAY 7 - KRUGER to CAPE TOWN



*Chris Hannival of Hannival's Tours, who will meet you at Cape Town International*

On your last morning at Tanda Tula, you'll be taken by the team at Tanda Tula back to Hoedspruit airport. Your flight leaves at midday and arrives just after 1 p.m. You'll have an hour's layover in O R Tambo, Johannesburg, before taking your connecting flight to Cape Town.

Chris Hannival will meet you again when you land and take you to your accommodation in Cape Town.

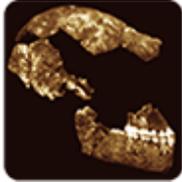
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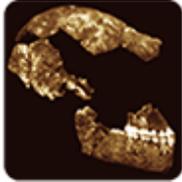
*Elephant traffic in Timbavati*

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