



# Your Private Safari Adventure in South Africa

**Touristlads — Africa's Most Trusted Adventure Specialists**

Welcome to your personal guide for a once-in-a-lifetime private luxury safari. From the Big Five roaming Kruger National Park to the sweeping vistas of the Garden Route, this is your journey — crafted exclusively for you.

PRIVATE & EXCLUSIVE

LUXURY LODGES

EXPERT GUIDES

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# What's Included in Your Safari

Every detail of your private safari has been carefully arranged so you can focus entirely on the experience.

## Included in Your Price

- Luxury en-suite accommodation (twin-share or private room with supplement)
- All meals as per your personalised itinerary (B/L/D)
- Private 4x4 safari vehicle with pop-up roof
- Dedicated expert guide-driver throughout
- All national park entry fees & guided excursions
- Bottled water during safari
- 24/7 team support, price-match guarantee & free cancellation within 48 hrs

## Not Included

- Domestic or international flights
- Entry visas (where applicable)
- Travel and health insurance (mandatory)
- Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages
- Snacks between meals not on itinerary
- Gratuities for guides and lodge staff
- Personal items (laundry, phone calls, etc.)

# Practical Travel Information

Seamless preparation ensures your arrival is smooth and your safari begins the moment you land.



## Visas & Passport

Most nationalities (USA, UK, EU, Canada, Australia) do not require a visa for short visits. Ensure your passport is valid for at least **6 months** beyond your return date. Verify your status at South African Home Affairs.



## Health & Vaccinations

Recommended vaccinations include Hepatitis A & B, Typhoid, and Tetanus. Malaria prophylaxis is advised for northern provinces including Kruger, Limpopo, and Mpumalanga. Always consult your doctor before travel.



## Arrival & Transfers

Private airport transfers are included from OR Tambo (JNB), Cape Town (CPT), or King Shaka (DUR). Your dedicated guide will greet you with a Touristlads sign. Extra luggage can be safely stored at your lodge.



## Luggage Limits

Maximum **20 kg per person** in soft bags for 4×4 safari vehicles. One small daypack and camera gear are permitted additionally. Excess luggage may be stored securely at your lodge.

# Safari Guide & Preparations

## What to Wear

- Lightweight, breathable clothing in **neutral tones** — khaki, beige, olive
- Long-sleeved shirts and trousers for sun & insect protection
- Wide-brimmed hat and polarised sunglasses
- Sturdy closed-toe shoes or lightweight hiking boots
- Warm layers for early mornings and evenings
- Rain jacket recommended November through April

## Game Drive Timings

Game drives begin at first light (~6:00 AM) when wildlife is most active, finishing in the late afternoon. Your same expert guide-driver accompanies you throughout the entire safari.

## Meals & Dietary Needs

- **Breakfast:** Fresh fruit, cereals, toast, tea & coffee
- **Lunch:** Salads, sandwiches, and soups
- **Dinner:** Rotating menu — grilled meats, curries, pasta

Please inform us of any dietary requirements in advance and we will ensure every meal is perfectly tailored.

## Lodge Comforts

All lodges provide electricity (South African 3-pin plugs), en-suite bathrooms, and USB chargers. Language support is available in English, French, German, Spanish, and more on request.

# Packing Essentials

Travel light, travel smart. Here's everything you'll need for the ultimate safari experience.

## Clothing & Footwear

- Neutral-coloured shirts & long trousers
- Hiking boots & comfortable sandals
- Wide-brimmed hat & sunglasses
- Swimwear & warm layer for evenings

## Toiletries & Health

- High-SPF sunscreen
- Insect repellent (DEET-based)
- Personal medication & prescriptions
- Basic first aid essentials

## Electronics

- Camera with spare batteries & memory cards
- Phone, charger & SA plug adapter
- Binoculars (essential for game drives)

## Documents

- Passport (6+ months validity)
- Flight tickets & travel insurance
- Your personalised itinerary
- Emergency contact details

# Responsible Travel & Environmental Impact

At Touristlads, we believe exceptional travel and deep respect for the natural world go hand in hand. Here's how we ask you to tread lightly.

## → **Leave No Trace**

Plastic bags are banned in all national parks — please bring a reusable bag. Minimise single-use plastics and conserve water throughout your stay.

## → **Support Local Communities**

Choose locally made crafts, eat at community-run establishments, and engage meaningfully with local cultures. Your spending directly supports the people and places that make South Africa extraordinary.

## → **Respect Wildlife**

Never feed, approach, or attempt to touch wild animals. Always follow your guide's instructions. Drones are prohibited without a permit, and location data should be disabled when photographing endangered species.

## → **Ethical Souvenir Shopping**

Before purchasing any souvenir, ask: *What is it made of? Is it legal to export? Do I need a permit?* Strictly avoid ivory, animal skins, coral, stuffed animals, and any product derived from protected or endangered species.

# Money, Tipping & Gratuities

## Currency & Payments

South Africa's currency is the **South African Rand (ZAR)**. US Dollars are widely accepted at lodges and tourist areas. Carry some cash for smaller purchases, tips, and more remote lodges — ATMs are available in major towns but not always accessible in the bush.

## Tipping Guidelines

Tipping is a meaningful and expected gesture of gratitude for outstanding service. As a general guide:

- **Groups:** \$35–50 USD per day, shared among guides and lodge staff
- **Solo travellers:** \$10–20 USD per day

Tips may be given directly to your guide-driver or left at the lodge's tip box for distribution among the full team. Your generosity makes a genuine difference.

# \$35–50

**Per Day (Groups)**

Shared among guides & staff

# \$10–20

**Per Day (Solo)**

For your dedicated guide-driver

# 24/7

**Team Support**

Touristlads is always reachable



# What Our Guests Are Saying

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"Touristlads made our South Africa safari truly extraordinary — the private 4×4, the incredible guides, and the most unforgettable scenery we have ever witnessed. Every single detail was perfect."

— Claire & David M., United Kingdom ★★★★★

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## Trusted by Travellers, Recognised by the Industry

### **Travelife Partner**

Committed to sustainable and responsible tourism practices

### **GSTC Member**

Aligned with Global Sustainable Tourism Council standards

### **Safari Deal Trusted Partner**

Verified by one of Africa's leading safari booking platforms

### **Local Conservation Partners**

Working with on-the-ground conservation and quality assurance specialists

# Your Adventure Awaits

From the iconic plains of **Kruger National Park** and the exclusive reserves of **Sabi Sands** and **Madikwe** to the breathtaking **Garden Route** — your private safari with Touristlads is ready to begin.



## Big Five Game Drives

Private 4x4 with expert guide-driver



## Luxury Lodges

En-suite accommodation & gourmet dining



## Stargazing

Beneath South Africa's magnificent open skies



## Cultural Experiences

Meaningful connections with local communities



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