

PILANESBERG NATIONAL PARK TOURS



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The Pilanesberg National Park, the fourth largest National Park in Southern Africa covers an area of 58 000 hectares and is less than 2 hours' drive from Pretoria / Johannesburg. Encircling this unique area are four rings of hills; a geological fascinating alkaline complex produced by volcanic action some 1,2 billion years ago. The Park boasts healthy populations of lion, leopard, black and white rhino, elephant and buffalo – Africa's Big Five. There is a wide variety of rare and common species. A few of the endemic species that may be seen here are the nocturnal brown hyena, the fleet-footed cheetah, the majestic sable, as well as giraffe, springbok, zebra, hippo and crocodile. Bird watching is excellent with over 360 species recorded.



TSHUKUDU LODGE

An exclusive 5-star game lodge in the heart of the park and overlooking its own waterhole, Tshukudu allows the visitor a special glimpse of Africa: untouched, unspoilt and unforgettable. Nestled against the side of a hill surrounded by the mountains of the Pilanesberg National Park, overlooking a waterhole and savannah plain, lies one of the most well-known Pilanesberg lodges-Tshukudu Bush Lodge.

Tshukudu Bush Lodge is one of Africa's most romantic game lodges, nestled within the remains of an extinct volcano where game traverse the plain below. Big Five sightings are the norm rather than the exception when travelling with the field guides, or on your own. Each custom designed chalet offers a romantic sunken bath, an open plan lounge and bedroom, a fireplace and private balcony. The sunken bath and private balcony of each cottage has its own view of the waterhole. Experienced rangers accompany you on game drives in four-wheel drive vehicles as well as on open game-drive safaris and game walks. Tshukudu is known for its five star service, bushveld experience, the quality of its field guides and uniqueness of its African inspired cuisine. With some of the best luxury accommodation, Tshukudu Bush Lodge is one of the best bush experiences in South Africa.

- Full day tour on first day, departing from Pretoria / Johannesburg from 07:30.
- Drop-off at Bakubung Lodge at 15:00
- Transfers to and from Bakubung Lodge with a high tea on arrival at Tshukudu Lodge
- DBB and 2 game drives (1-night trip) / 4 game drives (2-nights trip)
- Return transport at 16:00 on last day
- Transport departing earlier than 16:00 is available at an extra charge of R300 per vehicle.

Please note that the lodge can only be reached by climbing 132 steps and that no special arrangements are available for the handicapped and infirm.



SHEPHERD'S TREE GAME LODGE

Shepherd's Tree Game Lodge is a lodge concession awarded by the North West Parks and Tourism Board within the existing Pilanesberg Game Reserve. The entire lodge lies in an exclusive use zone in the south western portion of the 57,250ha, "Big 5" and malaria free Reserve. The magnificent main lodge acts as a central gathering point and social environment for all guests as well as the point from which all the activities depart and return.

The lodge offers commanding views of the distant bushveld amphitheatre and is superbly positioned adjacent to the Pilanesberg Game Reserve's Wilderness Area, thus offering the opportunity of walking trails in this untouched environment. Guests can enjoy 2 game drives daily which are conducted in the Pilanesberg during the morning and evening when you are guided by your game ranger in an open 10 seater game viewing vehicle. The game drives will take between three and four hours, with a sundowners stop at sunset and a coffee stop in the morning. The entire lodge consists of a main lodge, 13 family suites of approximately 132 sq. metres each and 4 executive suites of approximately 86 sq. metres each.

- Full day tour on first day, departing from Pretoria / Johannesburg from 07:30; lunch included.
- Drop-off at Shepard's Tree Lodge Game Lodge at 15:00
- DBB and 2 game drives (1-night trip) / 4 game drives (2-nights trip)
- Return transport at 12:00 on last day



IVORY TREE GAME LODGE

The crater of a long extinct volcano is the setting of Ivory Tree Game Lodge in Pilanesberg Game Reserve – a fascinating alkaline complex produced by volcanic eruptions some 1300 million years ago. Pilanesberg Game Reserve is one of the largest volcanic complexes of its kind in the world. Nestled in the basin of an ancient amphitheatre divided by riverine woodlands and elephant trails lies this exclusive private game lodge. Ivory Tree Game Lodge is situated in the north eastern region of the Pilanesberg National Park; the closest point of entry is through Bakgatla Gate. Ivory Tree uses custom-built 10 seater open game viewers, which permit maximum all round visibility. Each group of guests is assigned a personal guide who is tasked with interpreting the sights and sounds of the African bush. Ivory Tree Game Lodge boasts 57 suites, each with air conditioner and cooling, en-suite bathroom and outside shower.

The park exists within the transition zone between the dry Kalahari and wetter Lowveld vegetation, commonly referred to as "Bushveld". Unlike any other large park, unique overlaps of mammals, birds and vegetation occur because of this transition zone. Springbok, brown hyena, the red eyed bulbul, and camel thorn trees usually found in arid areas are found cohabitation with moist-area-limited impala, black eyed bulbul and cape chestnut trees.

Included:

- Full day tour on first day, departing from Pretoria / Johannesburg from 07:30; lunch included. Drop-off at Ivory Tree Game Lodge at 15:00
- DBB and 2 game drives (1-night trip) / 4 game drives (2-nights trip)
- Return transport at 12:00 on last day



BAKUBUNG & KWA MARITANE LODGE

Bakubung Bush Lodge is concealed within the rich expanses of the malaria-free Pilanesberg National Park and offers you everything you need to get in touch with the bush. These Pilanesberg lodges are set in an area where the Big 5 roam, a mere 2 hour drive from the hectic lifestyle of Johannesburg. Bakubung, or “People of the Hippo”, offers you everything you need in regards to comfortable and luxury accommodation. With the bush just outside your window you will be able to relax and take in everything about the bush and the animals living around you.

Bakubung Bush Lodge has some of the best accommodation in the Pilanesberg and offers an amazing family holiday experience. Bakubung Lodge (People of the Hippo) and **Kwa Maritane Lodge** (Place of the Rock) are two four-star lodges nestled on the slopes of the Park. Each overlooks its own private waterhole. These luxury lodges are surrounded by unspoilt bushveld teeming with game and bird-life. Experienced rangers accompany you on game drives in four-wheel drive vehicles as well as on open game-drive safaris and game walks.

The Junior Rangers Program is available for children aged 6 to 12 years. Under the supervision of trained staff, the parents can be sure that their children will be well looked after while they participate in a host of education activities like game drives, bush walks, birding, picnicking and in-house entertainment.

Included:

- Full day tour on first day, departing from Pretoria / Johannesburg from 07:30; lunch included. Check in at lodge at 15:00.
- Return transport, departing from lodge at 16:00 on last day.
- Transport departing earlier than 16:00 is available at an extra charge of R300 per vehicle.
- One game drive in an open vehicle.
- Breakfast and dinner.

You can spend the afternoon of the last day at South Africa’s Kingdom of Pleasure at a minimal cost. Take the shuttle bus to Sun City (they depart two-hourly from the lodges). We will then transfer you back from Sun City; departure time 16:00



BLACK RHINO GAME LODGE

The hidden treasure that is Black Rhino Game Lodge is one set amongst the trees of an old Tamboti forest at the foot of an ancient volcanic crater that boasts one of South Africa's most exciting Big 5 eco-tourism destinations, the greater Pilanesberg National Park. The 58 000 hectares of wildlife wonderland and the magic of African bush, is the ideal location for a luxurious bushveld breakaway.

Located in the west side of the 'Malaria Free' Pilanesberg National Park, and only 33km from Sun City, The Black Rhino Game Lodge is built between a Tamboti forest, overlooking a busy waterhole, which is a hive of bird and animal activity, and a playground for the elephant. On many occasions, the stillness of the night is broken by the roaring of lions, and the franklins singing the morning wake up call.

Included:

- Full day tour to Pilanesberg Park on first day, departing from Pretoria / Johannesburg from 06:30; lunch included. Check in at Hotel at 16:15.
- Return transport, departing from Hotel at 16:00 on last day.
- Transport departing earlier than 16:00 is available at an extra charge of R300 per vehicle.
- Breakfast and dinner.
- OPTION B: Day 2 is spent with a tour guide in Pilanesberg Park or Sun City; Departure at 16:00.
- OPTION C: Day 3 is spent with a tour guide in Pilanesberg Park or Sun City; Departure at 16:00.

Please note that these lodges and camps reserve the right to require a minimum stay of two nights over weekends.

PILANESBERG NATIONAL PARK	PRICE PP SHARING <small>(Min 2 pax.)</small>	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT	SINGLE PERSON
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TSHUKUDU LODGE

PACKAGE: Full day tour on first day; Return transport to Gauteng Province at 16:00 on last day; DBB, 2 game drives per night.

POTS	SELF DRIVE: PER NIGHT PER ROOM			
POT2	Package: 1 night per room	8950	-	6260
POT3	Package: 2 nights per room	11 450	-	8760
POT4	Package: 3 nights per room	20 400	-	15 020
		29 350	-	21 280

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SHEPHERD'S TREE GAME LODGE

PACKAGE: Full day tour on first day; Return transport to Gauteng Province at 12:00 on last day; DBB, 2 game drives per night.

POIS	SELF DRIVE: PER NIGHT	3675	1840	5515
POI2	Package: 1 night	6175	1840	8015
POI3	Package: 2 nights	9850	3680	13 530
POI4	Package: 3 nights	13 525	5520	19 045

IVORY TREE GAME LODGE

PACKAGE: Full day tour on first day; Return transport to Gauteng Province at 12:00 on last day; DBB, 2 game drives per night.

POIS	SELF DRIVE: PER NIGHT	3400	1700	5100
POI2	Package: 1 night	5900	1700	7600
POI3	Package: 2 nights	9300	3400	12 700
POI4	Package: 3 nights	12 700	5100	17 800

KWA MARITANE / BAKUBUNG LODGE

PACKAGE: Full day tour on first day; Return transport to Gauteng at 16:00 on last day; DBB and one game drive per night in open vehicle;

POBS	SELF DRIVE: PER NIGHT: PER ROOM	4590	1050	3260
POB2	Package: 1 night per room	7090	1050	5760
POB3	Package: 2 nights per room	11 680	2100	9020
POB4	Package: 3 nights	16 270	3150	12 280

BLACK RHINO GAME LODGE

PACKAGE: Full day tour to Pilanesberg Park on first day; Return transport to Gauteng at after breakfast on last day; Accommodation, three meals, two game drives

POBR	Self drive, per night	2855	1425	4280
POBR1	Package: 1 night	5355	1425	6780
POBR2	Package: 2 nights	8210	2850	11 060
POBR3	Package: 3 nights	11 065	4275	15 340

Prices valid until 31/12/2016

TERMS & CONDITIONS APPLY