

MPUMALANGA AND LIMPOPO TOUR

Mpumalanga and Limpopo Provinces. This is Big Game Country, the setting for dozens of sanctuaries teeming with wildlife and birds. Apart from the irresistible magnet of this wildlife mecca, some spectacular scenery can be viewed in the mountainous area known as the Panorama Route, en route to the Kruger Park.

MPUMALANGA

Mpumalanga, 'the land where the sun rises', is in the east of South Africa, north of KwaZulu-Natal, and borders Swaziland and Mozambique. This scenically beautiful province, 'the land of the rising sun' in the local siSwati and Zulu languages, is probably best known as the home (along with part of Limpopo province) of the Kruger National Park. It is a place of game, adventure and rich history. The Panorama Route is home to some of the most breathtaking scenery in the country, with famous landmarks such as the Blyde River Canyon, Bourke's Luck Potholes and the Three Rondavels.

LIMPOPO

Named after the mighty Limpopo River, and bordering Mozambique, Botswana and Zimbabwe, Limpopo is South Africa's northern most province and one of its wildest (wildest in terms of immense untamed landscapes). It's more off the regular tourist beat than its better-known neighbour, Mpumalanga, but because of its malaria-free game parks, the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Africa's first-ever kingdom), its cultural heritage steeped in myth and legend, and its fascinating Mapungubwe (possibly Southern mountain ranges, it is now a draw card for travellers who are seeking roads less travelled.

TOP ATTRACTIONS



The Kruger National Park stretches across Limpopo and Mpumalanga. It's home to the Big Five (elephant, Cape buffalo, leopard, lion, rhino), and over 140 animal and 150 bird species. Expect good roads and excellent choice of accommodation to suit all pockets. Winter months (May to September) are best for game viewing as the vegetation is sparse and game easier to spot. Summer months (October to April) bring bird migrants back from their wintering north, and there are lots of baby animals.



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Pilgrim's Rest is a historic village that remains much as it was in the turbulent gold-rush days of the 1870s. This village was once the centre of the 1870s gold rush. You'll see many of the original buildings, like the Royal Hotel, the general store and the newspaper office (where the Irish editor kept a pair of loaded pistols on his desk), as you walk up the steep hill to the village.



The Sudwala Caves

Thirty-five kilometres before Mbombela (formerly Nelspruit) and en route to the Kruger National Park from Johannesburg, are the oldest known caves in the world, formed about 240-million years ago. The Sudwala Caves are great for a short visit (tours leave on the hour), with spectacular rock formations older than Africa itself.



The 'Genesis of Life'

The 3.5-billion-year-old rocks of the Makhonjwa Mountains outside Barberton are among the most ancient in the world and contain some of the first evidence of microfossil life on Earth.



Colourful cultures

Shangana Cultural Village outside Hazyview gives an exciting first-hand experience of local life, culture and food. In Mpumalanga's Cultural Heartland, at Botshabelo Historical Village near Middelburg, explore the culture of the Ndebele people and shop for eye-catching traditional arts and crafts.

Mpumalanga is home to the Kruger National Park, one of the oldest, largest and most famous game reserves in the world. It is also home to the Sabi Sand Reserve, South Africa's most prestigious private game reserve.

But it is also where you'll find some of South Africa's most dramatic scenery; more waterfalls than anywhere else in the country; mountains that cocoon Earth's oldest life forms; the oldest dolomite caves in the world; colourful cultures; an exciting gold-rush past; friendly little towns; and adventure activities for the most adrenalin-hooked action junkie.

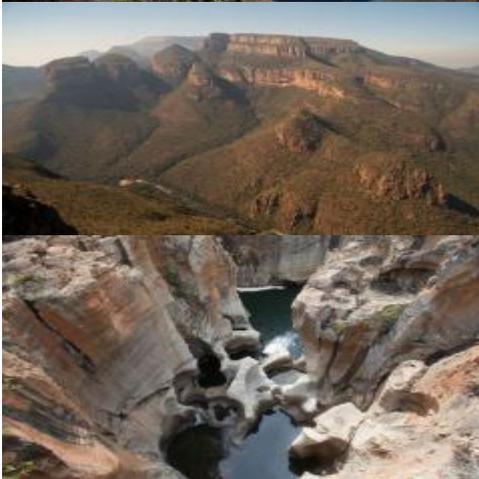
Mpumalanga has an excellent infrastructure, with good roads that make self-driving easy, and lots of attractive small towns with restaurants and curio shops. It's also South Africa's top adventure centre, where you can go river rafting, abseiling, climbing, quad biking, horse riding and mountain biking. It's no wonder, then, that Mpumalanga is one of South Africa's top tourist destinations.

SCENIC ATTRACTIONS



Blyde River Canyon, Bushbuckridge, Mpumalanga

A 26km-long canyon (third-largest in the world) that offers superb views.



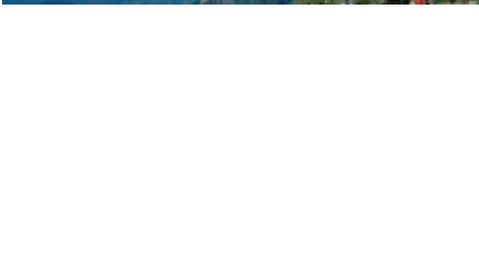
The Three Rondavels, Mpumalanga

Massive beehive-like rock formations that are an iconic feature of Mpumalanga.



Bourke's Luck Potholes

These rock pools, a geological wonder, are named after an early gold prospector.



Motlatse Canyon Provincial Nature Reserve

God's Window

Aptly named vantage point that offers unending views of the surrounding countryside.

Mpumalanga is a top tourist destination because of its spectacular scenery and lots of adventure activities. Enquire about our five day tour package. Brief itinerary below:

BRIEF ITINERARY – 5 DAY TOUR: MPUMALANGA & LIMPOPO PROVINCE

Day 1: Mpumalanga Province - Mount Sheba



Collection from PTA/JHB and depart for Mpumalanga Province. Our first stop, the trout-fishing village of Dullstroom. After lunch, we leave for Mount Sheba.

Day 2: Hippo Hollow Country Estate



We leave after breakfast from Hazyview, the tour begins as it climbs towards the town of Graskop, and the southernmost point of the Blyde River Canyon. The Panorama Tours encompasses some spectacular scenery, with breathtaking views of the Blyde River Canyon, and out over the endless Lowveld beyond. We take guests along the edge of the escarpment, to look out points offering magnificent views, including God's Window, Wonderview and the Three Rondawels. Along the route we visit the famous Bourkes Luck Potholes – deep cylindrical cavities formed by thousands of years of water erosion at the confluence of the Blyde and Treur Rivers.

Day 3: Mafigeni Safari Lodge



Safari experience

Day 4: Magoesbaskloof Hotel



Visit: Haenertsburg
Agatha Crocodile Ranch
Debengeni Waterfall
Wegraakbosch Organic Cheese Dairy

Day 5: Itaga Game Lodge

Spa/game drives & Relaxation day



Day 6:

Depart after breakfast at Itaga Game Lodge for Pretoria/JHB

Inclusions:

- Accommodation at Lodges in the package
- Breakfast & Dinner
- Kruger National Park Day Safari Tour
- Shangaan River Club Dinner & Show
- Guided Tour of Panorama Route
- Entrance fees

Tour cost excludes:

- Transportation (see table below)
- Request a quote.

ACCOMMODATION	PRICE PP SHARING (Min 2 pax.)	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
*Please note: for units prices as indicated is for the unit per night and not per person		

MS	Mount Sheba * (per unit) includes Dinner & Breakfast	2125.00	1215.00
HHCE	Hippo Hollow Country Estate (standard room) includes Dinner & Breakfast	1600.00	1445.00
MSL	Mafigeni Safari Lodge *(2 sleeper chalet unit)	2900.00	0
MSL	Mafigeni Safari Lodge *(4 sleeper Chalet unit)	4250.00	0
MH	Magoesbaskloof Hotel (standard room)	1399.00	1299.00
IGL	Itaga Game Lodge	2195.00	550.00

ROAD TRANSFERS	For 5 pax Per person	For 10 pax Per person	For 15 pax Per person	For 28 - 23 pax Per person	For 44 - 29 pax Per person
Transportation Costs per person					
Panorama Route Tour	3950	2380	On request	On request	On request

All prices remain subject to change based on availability and rate of exchange at time of booking.

TERMS & CONDITIONS APPLY