

## WEST COAST, AUGRABIES AND K GALAGADI TRANSFRONTIER PARK



**PLEASE NOTE – THIS IS A COMBINATION CAMPING AND ACCOMMODATED SAFARI – FOR OUR ACCOMMODATED ONLY VERSION PLEASE SPEAK TO ONE OF OUR CONSULTANTS.**

*The Kgalagadi Transfrontier National Park forms Africa's first Transfrontier National Park comprising the Kalahari Gemsbok National Park in South Africa, which was proclaimed in 1931 mainly to protect the migrating game, especially the gemsbok as well as facilitating the movement of free roaming predators. Together with the adjacent Gemsbok National Park in Botswana, the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park comprises an area of over approximately 2,5 million square kilometres – this makes it a part of the largest continuous area of sand in the world. The new 38000 km<sup>2</sup> park, known as Kgalagadi ('land of thirst'), represents an increasingly rare phenomenon in the world: a vast ecosystem relatively free of human influence. . In recognition of the agreement between Botswana and South Africa no barriers to wildlife movement exist along the international boundary that separates the 9,591 km<sup>2</sup> Kalahari Gemsbok National Park in the Republic of South Africa and the 28,400 km<sup>2</sup> Gemsbok National Park in Botswana.*

*Red sand dunes, sparse vegetation and the dry riverbeds of the Nossob and surrounding central regions show antelope and predator species off in a setting of surreal beauty and provide optimum photographic opportunities. Kgalagadi could be considered a haven for birders especially when interested in birds of prey. Kgalagadi is the first Park to provide accommodation in three wilderness camps that, with no fences, invite the Kalahari and the tranquillity of Africa right into your room. And no, no one has been lost yet!*

**We do advise clients to arrive a day or two earlier to take part in a few day tours to get the most out of the Mother City. Please speak to your consultant about the options available to you.**

### **DAY 1: CAPE TOWN - Lady Hamilton \*\*\* or Similar**

On arrival we will pick you up at the airport and transfer to Lady Hamilton and our accommodation for the night. Today is basically a free day to relax and ensure any last minute shopping that needs to be had after your pre-departure meeting is taken care of.

**Depart: TBC**

**Stops: Cape Town**

**Activities: Transfer to Hotel.**

**Breakfast: All breakfasts for entire tour included.**

**Lunch: N/A**

**Dinner: N/A**

### **DAY 2: WEST COAST NATIONAL PARK / LANGEBAAN - The Farmhouse \*\*\* or Similar**

Leave behind the hustle and bustle of the Mother City and we head North to the tranquillity of the West Coast National Park, we take a scenic drive through the park with resident Flamingos and lunch at the Historical Geelbeck Restaurant and tourist centre. Afterward we head to our rustic accommodation set in the dunes, old converted fishermen's cottages with indoor fireplace and all mod cons – really nice and far removed. ( Depending on availability this may revert to The Farmhouse in Langebaan. )

**Depart: 09:30 – 10:00**

**Stops: Langebaan**

**Activities: West Coast National Park, Tableview, Langebaan Lagoon.**

**Lunch: N/A**

**Dinner: incl**

### **DAY 3: LAMBERTS BAY – Lamberts Bay Hotel \*\*\***

We have a relaxed morning walking through the dunes behind our accommodation or creeping into one of the bird hides on the Lagoon to catch a glimpse of the prolific Wader Birds in this area. Alternatively we may stroll down the lagoon in Langebaan past the yacht Club toward the Slip Way. After packing up we head onward to Lamberts Bay and have a mid afternoon excursion to Bird Island just off the mainland and home to the largest breeding group of Cape ( Blue Eyed ) Ganets. Well that's if the seals haven't scared them all off again.

**Depart: 09:30 – 10:00**  
**Stops: Lamberts Bay**  
**Activities: Bird Island.**  
**Lunch: N/A**  
**Dinner: Incl**

#### **DAY 4 and 5: ORANGE RIVER -**

The mighty Orange River, natural border between South Africa and life blood of many. We stop off here for 2 days to give the opportunity to canoe down the river or simply to unwind on the banks of the Gariep. Also – fantastic stargazing opportunities and endless skies.

**Depart: 09:00**  
**Stops: Springbok, Orange River**  
**Activities: N/A**  
**Lunch: N/A**  
**Dinner: Incl**

#### **DAY 6: AUGRABIES – Chalets in National Park**

The 6<sup>th</sup> largest waterfall in the world is our destination tonight. We drive via Springbok and stock up on some provisions to ensure the nippy night is kept at bay. Augrabies is truly awesome with sheer Granite cliffs and boulders scoured away to expose a dreamy ethereal quality to these falls.

**Depart: 08:30**  
**Stops: Springbok, Augrabies**  
**Activities: N/A**  
**Lunch: N/A**  
**Dinner: N/A**

#### **DAY 7: KGALAGADI NATIONAL PARK – Chalets in Twee Rivieren**

Leaving Augrabies we head East and stop off at Upington to stock up on provisions for the following 5 days. The park, desolate and untouristified I would venture to say will immerse your soul in juvenile wonderment and self validation of existence. Not as populated as other parks it retains a splendour which is unique to itself and a grace which is incomparable to other game experiences.

**Depart: 09:00**  
**Stops: Upington, Kgalagadi.**  
**Activities: N/A**  
**Lunch: N/A**  
**Dinner: Incl**

#### **DAY 8 & 9: KGALAGADI NATIONAL PARK – Chalets in Nossob**

Central to the Park Nossob is our base for two days of Game Driving and possible 4x4 excursions. Just North of the camp lies the most frequented predator corridor of Kwang, Bedinkt and Langklaas. Both Twee Rivieren as well as Nossob also offer Night Drives and early walking safaris with local rangers.

MORNING WALK - 3 Hours (R110 per person) AFTERNOON WALK - 2 Hours (R110 per person)  
SUNSET DRIVE / NIGHT DRIVE in open truck with spotlights - 3 Hours (R110 per person / R50 per child)

**Depart: ( early Morning – Game Drives )**  
**Stops: N/A**  
**Activities: Game Drives**  
**Lunch: N/A**  
**Dinner: Incl**

#### **DAY 10: KGALAGADI NATIONAL PARK – Kalahari Tented Camp**

We spend the day on a lazy game drive first heading South and then up toward the Mata – Mata portion of the park on the Namibian border. Perched on a hillside overlooking a waterhole our night is a comfortable reminder to the Park and all she offers. Keep your eyes open for late night arrivals under African skies.

**Depart: ( Early Morning – Game Drives )**

**Stops: N/A**

**Activities: Game Drives**

**Lunch: N/A**

**Dinner: Incl**

#### **DAY 11: UPINGTON – Private Lodge in Vicinity \*\*\***

Our last day in the park and we head South to our starting point and on to the heart of the Northern Cape. The tour terminates here tomorrow morning after breakfast – but tonight is our last night together to reminisce on the past days together.

**Depart: N/A**

**Stops: Port Elizabeth**

**Activities: N/A**

**Lunch: N/A**

**Dinner: Incl**

#### **DAY 12:**

Your guide will drop you off at the airport for your onward flights to either JHB or Cape Town.

**Depart: N/A**

**Stops: N/A**

**Activities: N/A**

**Lunch: N/A**

**Dinner: N/A**

Alternatively they can make their way down with me to Cape Town arriving late PM.