



South Africa is home to one of the continent's best safari destinations: Kruger National Park. Kruger is *The Lion King* come to life, home to the "Big Five" game animals of Africa: lion, leopard, rhinoceros, elephant, and Cape buffalo. You will also have the chance to spot 140+ other mammals (including giraffe, hippo, and zebra) and over 500 varieties of birds. And you'll do it all with expert guides and a high level of service and comfort.

Bordering expansive Kruger National Park are several private reserves where animals travel freely between the reserves and the park. The reserves have the advantage of offering a more remote experience where the number of vehicles and people are limited. To enjoy uncrowded animal encounters, we will be based at Thornybush Nature Reserve at the Thornybush Game Lodge.



THORNYBUSH GAME LODGE *in Thornybush Nature Reserve*

Thornybush Game Lodge has been in operation since 1961 and has classic safari charm. The Lodge has sixteen luxurious suites that fan out from the main area with riverbed views. The rooms have decks, indoor and outdoor showers, air conditioning, and elegant finishes. The lodge also has beautiful common areas for our group to mingle, a spa, and a swimming pool, also overlooking the watering hole.

We've planned a three-night journey to give two full days of safaris. A typical day includes an early morning game drive, a lovely brunch at the lodge, followed by relaxation... then an afternoon game drive during which you'll enjoy a sundowner (a picturesque happy hour in the bush during sunset) and then explore the world of nocturnal wildlife... maybe hear a hyena cackle in the distance. Return to the lodge for dinner, a culinary experience.

Thornybush's guide-and-tracker teams have expert bush knowledge to facilitate incredible sightings. Game drives are done in open air jeeps. Thornybush Lodge also offers the option to enjoy a guided walking safari to really immerse yourself in nature at ground level. The guides have been specifically trained for walking safaris so you'll learn about tracking, and discover birdlife, insects, trees and plants and gain an understanding of the powerful eco-system in the Greater Kruger Park.

This safari experience is an absolute bucket list adventure... Especially when shared with IFTA colleagues and friends. We have the entire Thornybush Lodge reserved but space is limited as the lodge has just 16 suites.



Kruger Area Safari EXTENSION DETAILS:

PRE-TOUR KRUGER SAFARI (2 nights in Cape Town & 3 nights at Thornybush Lodge) November 27—December 2, 2024

Total package cost is \$2,950 per person based on double occupancy.

Total package cost is \$4,350 per person based on single occupancy.

Package includes all airport transfers, 2 nights lodging at Southern Sun Cape Hotel, American Thanksgiving dinner celebration at Southern Sun Cape Hotel, and 3 night luxury safari experience at Thornybush Game Lodge (incl. all meals; snacks; house wine, beer, and spirits; morning and afternoon game drives and walks; and wifi).

Please note your domestic roundtrip flight from Cape Town to Hoedspruit Airport is not included. Airfare at time of publication is \$400-500 per person including luggage.

This package includes an American Thanksgiving celebration and two nights in Cape Town upon arrival in South Africa. Flights from North America arrive late afternoon. Spending two nights in Cape Town will help ensure that neither flight delays nor jetlag interfere with your Kruger safari experience.

Depart North America on Tuesday November 26 to arrive in Cape Town on Wednesday November 27. After a respite in Cape Town, including an American Thanksgiving celebration, fly to Hoedspruit Airport in the morning on Friday November 29 (with domestic airlines Airlink www.flyairlink.com or CemAir www.flycemair.co.za) and return in the afternoon on Monday December 2.

If you want to fly directly into Hoedspruit Airport for only the 3-night Safari experience, please see the post tour package for pricing and get in touch with Onward Travel with this request. There is also the option to depart North America on Wednesday November 27 and arrive in Cape Town on Thursday November 28, and only spend one night in Cape Town before the safari. Please inquire if interested.

POST-TOUR KRUGER SAFARI (3 nights at Thornybush Lodge) December 11—14, 2024

Total package cost is \$2,700 per person based on double occupancy.

Total package cost is \$3,975 per person based on single occupancy.

Package includes all airport transfers and 3 night luxury safari experience at Thornybush Game Lodge (incl. all meals; snacks; house wine, beer, and spirits; morning and afternoon game drives and walks; and wifi).

Please note your domestic flights are not included. The group will fly to Hoedspruit Airport in the morning on Wednesday December 11 (with domestic airlines Airlink www.flyairlink.com or CemAir www.flycemair.co.za) and return in the afternoon on Saturday December 14. Flights to North America leave late in the evening, so you can book a same day flight to North America or spend the night in Cape Town and leave the next day. To alleviate any risk of booking two separate airline tickets, consider booking a multi-city ticket that departs Hoedspruit Airport (connecting in Cape Town or Johannesburg) and concludes at your destination airport in North America.