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# Adventure Preparation Pack

**For the Artists for Conservation  
South Africa Grand Tour & Wildlife Safari  
17-30 August, 2025**

**All the essential information you need to know for your adventure!**  
Created for our guests to ensure you have a safe and enjoyable journey!

For updates, tour information and supporting documents, visit the AFC South Africa Grand Tour & Wildlife Safari information page at:  
**[www.ArtistsForConservation.org/SouthAfrica2025](http://www.ArtistsForConservation.org/SouthAfrica2025)**

**Detailed Itinerary (Main 14-Day Trip):**

<https://itineraries.safariportal.app/Grand-Tour/914508818136696624>

**4-Day Extension Itinerary (Pafuri Tented Camp (Northern Kruger):**

<https://itineraries.safariportal.app/Post-Tour-Extension/928942625279444949>



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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

1. Your non-refundable deposit payment is DUE in our accounts LATEST by 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2024. You will be invoiced by email mid-June 2024. You have 2 options for payment; by wire transfer, or mailing a **guaranteed funds** bank draft cheque. (No hand written cheques).
2. Final payment is DUE in our accounts LATEST by June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025. You will be invoiced in mid-May, 2025.
3. Official registration for this safari will be on-line. You will receive an email with a link, when you click on this link, it will take you to a page, where you will fill in all your personal details, such as your full passport name, any notes on your health and diet, your preferred sleeping arrangements, etc.

Next, you will read the 'Terms & Conditions' of your safari booking and sign the contract. All this is done online. **NOTE:** Everyone is required to fill in their own registration and sign the terms & conditions of booking. **Jackson's African Safaris will require the personal email address of each participant, to send the registration link to.** **\*Note: South Africa Law requires those 20 years or younger, must have their parents sign their registration.**

4. Arrival Day in Cape Town on 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2025. We will collect all your arrival and departure details, and you will be given a place to meet on arrival, with a host, as we wait for the shuttle to take you to the hotel. If you book an extra night or two and arrive on the 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup>, you will be paying for a PRIVATE transfer, and someone will be waiting for you on arrival with your names on a board.
5. On arrival at the hotel in Cape Town all participants will be given a **SAFARI BRIEF**, that reviews the exact meeting times and schedule for the entire adventure. This is designed to be an **EASY 'LOOK & KNOW'** document to help you navigate your whole journey with ease. **At this time, we will also be collecting your travel medical insurance provider details; the company name, your policy number, & the contact phone information. Please have this available for sharing on arrival at the hotel.**
6. The cost for an extra night Bed and Breakfast should you arrive on the 16<sup>th</sup> OR before is: **US\$150.00 pp (sharing) | US\$275.00 (single)**  
**\*Note if you arrive on the 16<sup>th</sup> or before, a private meet & greet with transfer will need to be arranged based on group size, we will advise cost accordingly.**
7. **International Airfare.** Jackson's African Safaris does NOT book international airfare. We do however give suggestions and provide information about international air based on our guests and our own air travel experiences. We will require all participants to email us a copy of your arrival and departure details, and please note **we require a copy the official e-tickets you were provided upon booking.**
8. Updates will be posted online on the AFC South Africa Grand Tour & Wildlife Safari information page. Please check this page periodically for any updates, particularly as of May, 2025, as we get close to final payments.  
<https://www.ArtistsForConservation.org/SouthAfrica2025>

**We've compiled some important information for your careful consideration while completing your planning and registration for your adventure with us.**



## **SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL**



### **5 - 10% For Conservation & Education**

By travelling we have an impact on the environment. Our goal is to leave Africa in better shape than we found it after every trip!

Jackson's African Safaris says our goal is 5-10% of what you pay goes directly back into Conservation & Education. Our wish is to ensure the choices we make for your safari are educated ones.

Your dream adventure in benefit to AFC gives a full 5% of your trip cost to be donated back into conservation and education programs with the Artists for Conservation Foundation.

Our goal is creating trips where it leaves a positive legacy where everybody wins, leaving Africa in better shape than we found it, after every trip.

We are happy to discuss this further with anyone should you have questions. We believe it is our moral obligation and important we do our part.

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## **CARBON OFFSETS**

Approximately 2 tons of carbon are emitted from a long haul return flight from Europe to Nairobi, 4 tons from the USA/Canada. In the tropics, 1 tree will sequester approximately 200kg of carbon over 10 years.

*During our tour we will talk about our trip, it's impact, and what we have done to consider our carbon footprint & climate change.*

Thanks for supporting us in taking action in finding a way towards a sustainable future!

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## **INSURANCE**

**There are two types of insurance you will need to purchase.**

- 1. Cancellation Insurance** to protect your deposit, final payment and international airfare against losses incurred due to unforeseen cancellation or curtailment of your trip. **This is your responsibility.**
- 2. Travel Medical Insurance** is essential for all travel to cover your emergency medical and related expenses for claims paid in foreign currencies during your travel period, or should you need to be flown home or to another destination to receive essential care.

**Contact your personal insurance broker for advisement.** It is your responsibility to choose a company you're comfortable with, in your home country. We can't help you choose. Examples of companies offering insurance:

- Manulife CoverMe ([www.manulife.ca](http://www.manulife.ca)) Canada
- Blue Cross ([www.bluecross.ca](http://www.bluecross.ca)) Canada
- TIC - Travel Insurance Consultants ([www.tic.co.za](http://www.tic.co.za)) South Africa
- AAA - American Automobile Association ([www.aaa.com](http://www.aaa.com)) United States

**PLEASE be sure to have EASY access to this following information at all times while you travel;** the insurance company name, policy number and contact phone number, we will collect this information at the start of the tour.

**This is 100% your responsibility, to purchase the correct CANCELLATION INSURANCE, and TRAVEL MEDICAL INSURANCE.**

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## MEDICAL

Upon reading this, please make sure you make a plan now to contact and visit your local travel clinic or family doctor well in advance before travelling. Travelers should be up to date with routine vaccinations and boosters, for example, do you require a Yellow Fever vaccination or need to take precautions against contracting Malaria?

## YELLOW FEVER

If you plan to visit any of these countries listed on this below link, before your trip to South Africa, a travel doctor will let you know whether you need the Yellow Fever vaccination or not, here is the list and information link;

<https://www.southafrica.net/gl/en/travel/article/yellow-fever-entry-requirements>

**The CDC and WHO organizations below, list what is required and recommended for travel. You will find this information helpful when talking with your doctor:**

**CDC** Centres for Disease Control and Prevention - South Africa

([https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/south-africa?s\\_cid=ncezid-dgmg-travel-single-001](https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/south-africa?s_cid=ncezid-dgmg-travel-single-001))

**WHO** (World Health Organisation) - South Africa ([www.afro.who.int](http://www.afro.who.int))

**Examples of Travel Clinics, it is your responsibility to find one that you are comfortable with, in your home country:**

Passport Health (USA, Canada, Mexico) ([www.passporthealthusa.com](http://www.passporthealthusa.com))

Canadian Travel Clinics ([www.canadiantravelclinics.ca](http://www.canadiantravelclinics.ca))

Global Health Travel Clinic UK ([www.globalhealthtravelclinic.co.uk](http://www.globalhealthtravelclinic.co.uk))

Travel Doctor SA ([www.traveldoctor.co.za](http://www.traveldoctor.co.za))



## PASSPORTS & VISAS

Visas are 'generally' not required if travelling with Canadian, American, British, EU, Australian & similar passports, for up to 90 days. **This can change, so it is important you stay current and confirm with Department of Home Affairs for the Republic of South Africa for more information.** ([www.dha.gov.za](http://www.dha.gov.za))

Your passport must be valid for at least 6 months from your **arrival date**. **If you do require a visa, and based on where else you are traveling to, visas often require a full blank page, so consider carefully how many countries you're visiting and the number of blank pages you require, this is your responsibility.**

Visas are not issued at South African ports so you will need to check with your nearest South African mission or consulate ([www.embassy-worldwide.com](http://www.embassy-worldwide.com)) to see whether or not you are required to apply for a visa as some countries are exempt from acquiring a visa. Visit the Department of Home Affairs for the Republic of South Africa for more information. ([www.dha.gov.za](http://www.dha.gov.za)).

**Please note:** Jackson's African Safaris cannot assist with passport or visa applications however there may be service providers in your country that can help with acquiring these documents for a fee.

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## PACKING

Where possible luggage should be kept to a minimum - **the baggage & weight allowance for the Artists for Conservation Grand Tour & Wildlife Safari is:**

**ONE checked bag of 20 kg/44lbs which is correct for all 3 domestic flights included in your program.**

### Hand Luggage Allowance

Flight Cape Town – Durban ONE WAY with Safair:

<https://www.flysafair.co.za/travel-tools/extras/luggage-policy>

**NOTE: Main carry-on 7kg, and secondary item permitted, please see details in link for dimensions and specifics.**

Return Flight Johannesburg – Kruger with South Africa AirLINK:

<https://www.flyairlink.com/en/za/baggage/hand-and-cabin-baggage>

**NOTE: Main carry-on 8kg, and secondary item permitted, please see details in link for dimensions and specifics.**

## Extra Luggage Storage

As our safari starts and ends in a different location leaving 'extra luggage' somewhere is challenging. For your information Johannesburg International Airport does have a storage facility, for a fee, and some private businesses in the city do as well. For anyone returning to Cape Town at the end of the trip, we can certainly assist in keeping any extra luggage there till your return. **(Left luggage is to be organized and planned yourselves, unless we can assist when your tour starts and ends in the same place – please do ask!)**

**Laundry facilities** are available at most establishments for a fee. On safari, where clothing is sometimes washed by hand, sometimes it doesn't include personal items such as underwear, so detergent is provided for guests in these cases. During our tour, Laundry is ONLY INCLUDED at Kapama Game Reserve, and the extension to Pafuri Tented Camp. All other hotels you will have a laundry list and you will pay upon check out for items washed.

## A SIMPLE SUGGESTED LIST OF ITEMS TO HELP YOU PACK

This is a safari essentials list, however your itinerary and baggage allowance will determine what you pack, based on personal choices.

- Lightweight, quick-dry, neutral coloured clothing that can be layered
- Shirts, some with sleeves to protect you from the sun and insects
- Shorts/skirt & consider zip-off trousers/pants, perhaps one nicer evening outfit
- A warm fleece jacket and windbreaker (waterproof) for the early morning and evenings outdoors – in open game drive vehicles, wind chill is a factor
- Comfortable walking/running shoes and a pair of sandals with solid toe to provide protection from thorns while walking around camp
- Swimwear
- Hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, insect repellent, moisturizer and lip balm
- A warm hat and gloves may be useful too based on your travel plan

**PLEASE NOTE:** Cape Town can receive four seasons in one day ALL YEAR ROUND, so go prepared, and the Drakensburg could have frosty mornings, though in August it is less likely, this will be your coldest destinations for this trip, but ultimately you will experience some lovely weather throughout your tour:

**(Cathedral Peak Hotel Weather, check it out this August and September 2024):**

<https://www.cathedralpeak.co.za/our-hotel/#weather>

<https://www.accuweather.com/en/za/cathedral-peak/298974/daily-weather-forecast/298974>

(Cape Town Weather): <https://www.accuweather.com/en/za/cape-town/306633/weather-forecast/306633?city=cape%20town>

- Personal toiletries and medications - camps, lodges and hotels provide towels, soap, shampoo/conditioner and lotion
- Personal First Aid Kit; Consider Re-hydration salts, Diarrhoea tablets, Painkillers, Anti-malaria pills, Antihistamine cream, Antiseptic Plasters, Antibiotic ointment, & Sliver tweezers
- Binoculars (A MUST) and camera equipment if you enjoy photography



### LUGGAGE TAGS

**VERY IMPORTANT:** Choose a luggage tag and bag that stands out to you!

If your bag is sitting amongst 50 other bags, what will make it stand out from all the others? Use a bag and name tag that will allow you to quickly identify it! You should **label your bags clearly, PLEASE include your NAME & home address and MOST IMPORTANTLY your LOCAL contact in South Africa;**  
**South Africa Contact: Craig Drysdale +27 (0)66 424 3565 – THANKYOU!**



### PLUG ADAPTERS



#### Type M plug

Electric plug M 220/230V 50Hz.

\* Type M is NOT the British 3 prong plug, the prongs in South Africa are round and overall larger and bigger than the British Plug, the British plug prongs are rectangular.



#### Type C plug

Is commonly known as the Europlug (2.5 A/250 V unearthed).



## KEY CONTACTS DURING THE TOUR

**Timothy Jackson** – Tour Liaison

Canada/USA +1 (250) 509 – 1039 (This number will also work in South Africa BUT only through whatsapp).

**Craig Drysdale** – South Africa Logistics Manager, Key Holder & **EMERGENCY CONTACT: +27 (0)66 424 3565** \*Craig will be ensuring everything is ready at all hotels and venues ahead of us, during the tour, and present during all main events.

(BOTH Timothy & Craig's above numbers are used in Whatsapp and we strongly suggest adding BOTH their contacts before you depart your home country).

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## DOCUMENT & CARD COPIES

Before you leave home, please place your passport and your ID/driver's license and credit cards and anything else of importance, such as your travel medical insurance details, and place all these at the same time on a photocopier and make 3 copies OR take a photo of them all.

Share a copy with a friend or relation, and then a copy with a travel companion, and most importantly email yourself a copy. **Thankyou! You will be glad you did if you lose anything!**

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## 3<sup>rd</sup> WORLD MEMO

Africa is a massive continent in the painful process of opening up to western ways. We from the West in our comfortable cars, houses, technologies and bank accounts are sometimes totally unaware of the daily struggle for the basic existence of many in the developing nations of Africa. Many people in Africa live on \$1.00 per day!

We would like to remind you that the kaleidoscopically fascinating continent you are about to visit will be very different from what you find in the United States, Canada or Western Europe and elsewhere in the modern world.

Africans are generous and warm-hearted, often to a degree sadly unknown to us. Our hosts want us to have a wonderful time, and they will do their best to make us comfortable and happy. In turn, we ask you to be understanding and compassionate in the possible event of unforeseen inconveniences. Third world countries are, we repeat, very different from home. The acceptance of these differences and of the astonishing joys that come with them will make your African safari an experience worth far more than the money you pay for it.



People who have travelled in Africa agree that any inconveniences or unexpected surprises are insignificant compared to the overall magnificence of being on safari.  
Credit: David Anderson

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## TIPPING GUIDELINES

Tips are included in your tour price for the main South Africa Grand Tour & Wildlife Safari. Tips are excluded for your meal on your own after the day visit to De Hoop Nature Reserve, also the optional guided walks and excursions during our stay at Cathedral Peak Hotel, & lastly for those taking the extension to Pafuri Tented Camp. **We will provide in the UPDATES a final suggested tipping list for these places in May 2025, with any additional notes at that time.**

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## SUGGESTED CODE OF ETHICS

*Excerpts from the Ecumenical Coalition on Third World Tourism.*

Travel in a spirit of humility and with a genuine desire to learn more about the people of your host country. Be sensitively aware of the feelings of other people, thus preventing what might be offensive behaviour on your part. This applies very much to photography. **ASK FIRST BEFORE TAKING SOMEONE'S PICTURE!**

Cultivate the habit of listening and observing, rather than merely hearing and seeing.

Realize that often the people in the country you visit have time concepts and thought patterns different from your own. This does not make them inferior, only different.

Instead of comparing everything to your way of life, discover the enrichment of seeing a different way of life, through others eyes. Acquaint yourself with local customs. What is courteous in one country may be quite the reverse in another -- people will be happy to help you.

Instead of the Western practice of "knowing all the answers", cultivate the habit of asking questions. Remember that you are only one of the thousands of tourists visiting this country and do not expect special privileges. If you really want your experience to be a "home away from home", it is foolish to waste money on travelling.

When you are shopping, remember that the "bargain" you obtained was possible only because of the low wages paid to the maker.

Do not make promises to people in your host country unless you can follow through.

Spend time reflecting on your daily experiences in an attempt to deepen your understanding. It has been said, "What enriches you may rob and violate others".



## PRE-DEPARTURE CHECKLIST

# Did I remember to:

- Check the UPDATES list online?
- Do I have the contact information numbers for Timothy and Craig in my phone?
- Are my luggage tags labelled correctly and does my suitcase stand out from others for me to identify it easily?
- Have I taken a photo or photocopied all my important ID and documents and emailed and shared a copy with others, including emailing a copy to myself?
- I know tips are included during the Grand Tour & Wildlife Safari, except for some small options noted, I will check the **updates** in May 2025 to see the suggested tipping recommendations
- I have read the 3rd world memo and appreciate the sentiments it suggests and will remember this as I travel
- I have read the Code of Ethics and understand I am about to travel to a developing country that is very different than my home country, and will keep an open mind as I travel and observe new ways of thinking and being
- I know I will be given a copy of the safari overview brief on day one arrival day and am not required to print a copy of the itinerary if I don't wish. Having a copy of the itinerary on my phone or computer if I am bringing it may be useful but not necessary
- Please refer to the UPDATES page for any last-minute notes and details the week before departure.

It is in much trust & thanks, we wish you the most memorable of adventures, while leaving Africa in better shape than you found it!

**The Jackson's African Safaris Team**