

SOUTH AFRICA 21 DECEMBER 2000 – 1 JANUARY 2001.

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ITINERARY

- 21st
- After being delayed in Paris for 24 hours arrived in Johannesburg midday.
 - Long drive to Manyeleti arriving Pungwe Camp, c1630. Uneventful night drive.
- 22nd
- Early morning game drive, left Pungwe mid morning entering Kruger via Orpen gate and travelling directly to Satara arriving midday.
 - Afternoon drive from Satara to Ngotso waterhole and back.
- 23rd
- Early morning drive Satara > S89 and back to Satara via Bangu and Gudzani.
 - Late morning 0930-1215 Satara > Skukuza.
 - pm. Skukuza > Renosterkoppies > N'watimhiri Road as far as km 16 and back to Skukuza
- 24th
- am. Skukuza > Maroela Loop > Jones se dam > Skukuza (Leopard on road on route) > Renosterkoppies > Mpondo > Burne Road > Biyamiti Loop > Kwaggaspan > Skukuza.
 - pm. Skukuza > Renosterkoppies > Kwaggaspan > N'waswitshaka > Skukuza
- 25th
- am. Skukuza > Napi Road > N,waswitshaka > Doispans Road > Albasini Road > Pretoriuskop > Fayi Loop > Voortrekker Road > Afsaal > Napi Road > Pretoriuskop.
 - pm. Pretoriuskop > Albasini Road > Mestel > Fayi Loop > Pretoriuskop.
- 26th
- Pretoriuskop > Mestel > Albasini Road > Doispans Road > N'waswitshaka > Skukuza > Maroela Loop > N'watindlopfu > Saliitje Road > Mlondozi dam > Lower Sabie.
 - pm (Night drive) Lower Sabie > Crocodile Bridge > Nhlowa Road > Duke > Lower Sabie.
- 27th
- am. Lower Sabie > S82 > Gomondwane > Crocodile Bridge Road > Mpambana Loop > Biyamiti Loop > Burne Road > Crocodile Bridge > Burne Road junction > Gomondwane > S82 > Lower Sabie.
 - pm. Lower Sabie > S82 > Gomondwane > Burne Road junction > Crocodile Bridge > Gomondwane > S82 > Lower Sabie.
- 28th
- am. Lower Sabie > N'watimhiri Road > Renosterkoppies > Skukuza > Maroela Loop > Jones se Dam > Nhlangueni > Muzandzeni > Satara > Ngotso > Balule Bridge > diversion due to washed out bridge to Olifants.
 - pm. Olifants > Shamiriri Loop > S89 and back to Olifants.
- 29th
- am. Olifants > Ntomeni > Timbavati > Roodeval > S89 > Bangu > Gudzani > N'wanetsi > Sweni > Satara.
 - pm. Satara – Orpen Road (km 20) and back
 - Early night drive to Sweni and back to Satara.
- 30th
- am. Satara (Wild Dogs on road on route) > Rabelais > Orpen > Satara > N'wanetsi > Gudzani > Satara
 - pm. Satara > Nsemani Dam > Timbavati > Timbavati River route > Satara
 - Late night drive Satara > Bangu junction > N'wanetsi junction > Nsemani Dam > Girivani > Satara.
- 31st
- am. Satara > N'wanetsi > Satara . Timbavati > Roodeval > Letaba > Phalaborwa Gate > Croc Ranch
 - pm. Game drive Croc Ranch
- 1st
- Early morning game drive Croc Ranch, followed by long drive back to Johannesburg via Lydenburg and Dullstroom.

CHECKLIST

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| Bat sp | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two separate unidentified species Skukuza, actually in the chalet. |
| Chacma Baboon | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 40 seen daily in Kruger • Four Croc Ranch |
| Vervet Monkey | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two Klasserie to Orpen road • Kruger, seen on three days, max c.20 in Lower Sabie area • Four Croc Ranch |
| Lesser Galago
Pangolin | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heard Lower Sabie and Satara • One seen very well, albeit briefly at three in the afternoon, as it crossed the track at Gomondwane, totally unexpected, videoed. |
| Scrub Hare | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One Manyeleti • Singles seen on night drives S of Lower Sabie and S of Satara, also seen along the Satara-Orpen road. |
| Tree Squirrel | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three Manyeleti • Seen on 7 days in Kruger, maximum count five • One Croc Ranch |
| Black-backed Jackal | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One just N of Satara gate • One 10 km N of Satara • One near Bangu • One N of Crocodile Bridge • Three singles Olifants-Ntomeni • Three near Orpen • One Rabelais road • Two Satara night drive |
| Wild Dog | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seven on the Satara-Orpen road near Nsemani Dam for over an hour early morning, 30/12, fantastic prolonged views. • A small group (number ?), probably the same as the earlier group a km N of Nsemani Dam on the Timbavati road on the Satara late night drive the same day. Seen well in the spotlights. |
| Slender Mongoose
Dwarf Mongoose | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seen on 7 days in Kruger, a total of 9 individuals • 20+ seen, inc several young. Family groups seen S of Renosterkoppies, along the Biyamiti Loop and along Burne Road |
| Large-spotted Genet | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One S of Lower Sabie (night drive) and one just S of Satara Camp entrance (night drive). |
| Small-spotted Genet
Spotted Hyaena | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Singles seen on both Satara night drives • One junction of S89 and H1-4 at last year's den on two dates. • One N'watimhiri Road • One Maroela Loop • One N'watindlopfu • One along H1-2 16 km NW of Skukuza • Two 2 km from Skukuza • Two along Napi Road • Five on Lower Sabie night drive • Two c.15 km S of Lower Sabie • 2+ S of Satara on Satara night drive • Three; a single plus a pair; E of Satara |
| African Wild Cat
Serval | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One Sweni Road, Satara night drive • One seen well mid morning along N'wanetsi Road, an unexpected bonus. |
| Cheetah | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One (and brief views of a probable second) near Crocodile Bridge late morning, seem well at rest, photographed and videoed. |

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| Lion | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four, two lionesses plus two cubs, Napi Road • Three lionesses 13 km S of Lower Sabie • Seven lionesses along S82 2 km from Lower Sabie • Two males 4 km S of Biyamiti Loop, highly territorial, scent marking, roaring etc • One male 8 km NW of Lower Sabie • 2+ 16 km N of Satara • Two near Olifants • A pair at the junction of the H1-3 and H6 S of Satara • Twelve, two males, 8 lionesses and two cubs Sweni Road • Four hunting within 100m of the Satara Camp Gate (night drive) • Seven, two males and 5 lionesses, at junction of H1-3 and H6 S of Satara possibly including the pair from the previous day |
| Leopard | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One seen well but briefly along the Skukuza-Satara road, c.10 km from Skukuza at 0700. • Brief views of one crossing a track c.2 km from the Pretoriuskop entrance gate at 1815 the following day. |
| African Elephant | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One Manyeleti • Kruger, up to 7 bulls seen on all but one day • Kruger, breeding herds including small young seen along N'wastishaka Road (c.10), Gomondwane (15+), along N'watimhiri Road (9+), near Olifants crossing the river below the camp (32), Nsemani Dam (c.20) and N'wanmanzi (c.40). |
| Burchell's Zebra | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small numbers Manyeleti • Seen daily in Kruger, abundant around Satara especially to the south and west |
| White Rhinoceros | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heard Croc Ranch • Three including a calf, Manyeleti • Three Kwaggaspan including excellent views of one drinking • Two Biyamiti Loop |
| Warthog | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • c. 10 Manyeleti • Seen daily in Kruger, max. c.20 inc young • Small numbers Croc Ranch |
| Hippopotamus | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 10 seen in Kruger on all but one day |
| Giraffe | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Five Manyeleti • Up to 20 seen daily in Kruger • Four Croc Ranch |
| Cape Buffalo | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One near Orpen • Two along S28 N of Crocodile Bridge • One 3 km N of Skukuza • One near Phalaborwa Gate |
| Eland | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Five in total, (two + three) Croc Ranch |
| Greater Kudu | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 15 seen in Kruger on 7 dates • Eight Croc Ranch |
| Bushbuck | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One along S25 c.10 km NW of Crocodile Bridge • Singles 2 km and 4 km S of Satara (night drives) |
| Sable | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three males Croc Ranch |
| Waterbuck | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 20 seen daily in Kruger • Five Croc Ranch |
| Blue Wildebeest | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20+ Manyeleti • Common in Kruger especially around Satara • 21 Croc Ranch |
| Tsessebe | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ten in total (six + four) Croc Ranch |
| Impala | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common Manyeleti, daily in Kruger and Croc Ranch |

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| Klipspringer | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Two Napi Road• Two Voortrekker Road• One Biyamiti Loop• One 6 km NW of Lower Sabie |
| Steenbok | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Two Manyeleti• A total of 10 seen on 6 days in Kruger• One Croc Ranch |
| Sharpe's Grysbok | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• One along H1-2 c.4 km E of Skukuza |
| Common Duiker | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Three between Gomondwane and Mpambane Loop• Two N'watimhiri Road• One near Roodeval |