



KRUGER PANORAMA TOUR

SAFARI GUIDE



SleepOver Phabeni Gate

SleepOver Orpen Gate

Embark on a scenic and wildlife-rich guided self-drive journey through the central region of the Kruger National Park.

This guide outlines a suggested self-drive itinerary, including distances, drive times, routes, rest stops, and key wildlife hotspots along the way. If you're looking for more of a laid-back experience, we offer guided drives through our SleepOver Safaris.

SUGGESTED DAY STRUCTURE

DAY 1

Check in at SleepOver Phabeni Gate

DAY 2

The Kruger Park Drive Route from SleepOver Phabeni Gate to SleepOver Orpen Gate

DAY 3

The Panorama Route from SleepOver Orpen Gate to SleepOver Phabeni Gate

DAY 4

Check out from SleepOver Phabeni Gate



SUGGESTED DRIVING PLAN

KRUGER PARK DRIVE

Route Overview

Entry Gate: Phabeni Gate (Near Hazyview)

Exit Gate: Orpen Gate (Via Satara)

Total Estimated Distance: ± 294.5 km

Estimated Total Drive Time: ± 3½ - 5 Hours
Excluding Wildlife Sightings & Rest Stops

Gate Opening Times: 05:30 - 06:00 (Season Dependent)

Gate Closing Times: 17:30 - 18:30 (Season Dependent)

Conservation Fees:	Nationality	Nov 2025 - Oct 2026	Nov 2026 Onward
	SA Citizens & Residents	R134 for Adults (12+)	R140 for Adults
		R67 for Childen(2–11)	R70 for Children
	SADC Nationals	R275 for Adults	R296 for Adults
		R137 for Children	R147 for Children
	International	R602 for Adults	R692 for Adults
		R300 for Children	R345 for Children

Speed Limits: 50 km/h Tar Roads
40 km/h Gravel Roads

SECTION 1:**Phabeni Gate > Skukuza**

Distance: ± 39 km

Drive Time: ± 1 Hour

Route: H11 (Main Road) or S1 / S65 for More Wildlife & River Crossings

Rest Stop: Skukuza Rest Camp (Café, Shop, Restrooms & Fuel)

Highlights: - Possible Sightings of Elephants, Giraffes & Hippos

SECTION 2:**Skukuza > Satara Rest Camp**

Distance: ± 93 km

Drive Time: ± 2 – 2½ Hours

Route: H1-2 to Tshokwane, then H1-3 to Satara

Rest Stop: Satara Rest Camp (Restaurant, Shop, Restrooms & Fuel)

Highlights: - Tshokwane Picnic Spot (Great for Brunch, Ablution & Kiosk)
- Excellent Chance of Spotting Lions, Buffalo & Large Herds of Game

SECTION 3:**Satara > Orpen Gate**

Distance: ± 48 km

Drive Time: ± 1 Hour

Route: H7 West to Orpen Gate

Rest Stop: Orpen Camp (Basic Rest Area)

Highlights: - Big Cat Sightings
- Open Plains Game

WILDLIFE HOTSPOTS ALONG ROUTE:

H11:	Phabeni Gate > Skukuza Leopard & Kudu
H1-2 / H1-3	Skukuza > Satara High Predator Activity, Especially Lions
H7	Satara > Orpen Gate Cheetahs, Elephants, Herds of Zebra & Wildebeest

SUGGESTED TIMING & TIPS:

- Start Early (05:30 – 07:00) for Best Wildlife Activity
- Allow Extra Time for Sightings & Photography
- Fuel Available at Satara & Skukuza
- Cell Signal Limited inside Park (Download Offline Maps)
- Carry Water, Snacks, Sunscreen & Binoculars

PANORAMA ROUTE SCENIC DRIVE

Discover the breathtaking Panorama Route, a loop of spectacular viewpoints, geological wonders, and charming towns – on a self-drive or guided safari tour, starting at SleepOver Kruger Park: Orpen Gate and ending at SleepOver Kruger Park: Phabeni Gate.

Total Estimated Distance: ± 259 km

Estimated Total Drive Time: ± 4 Hours

Excluding Stops

SleepOver Orpen Gate > Three Rondavels

Distance: ± 138 km

Drive Time: ± 2 Hour

Opening Hours: 07:00 – 17:00 Daily

Route:

- Head West on the R527 towards Kampersrus
- Proceed to R36 via Abel Erasmus Pass
- Join Road R532 to the Three Rondavels

Fees:

- South Africans: R45 for Adults (12+ Years) & R30 for Children (2 - 11 Years)
- International Visitors: R90 for Adults & R60 for Children
- SADC Nationals: R50 for Adults & R35 for Children

Highlights: JG Strydom tunnel situated along the R36 and part of the Drakensberg, a popular stop for tourists, with curio shops and vendors along the road

Three Rondavels > Bourke's Luck Potholes

Distance:	± 17 km
Drive Time:	± 19 Minutes
Opening Hours:	07:00 – 17:00 Daily
Route:	On R532
Fees:	- South Africans: R75 - International Visitors: R150
Highlights:	Towering, three-peaked rock formations, named for royal huts, overlooking one of the world's largest green canyons and the Blyde dam

Bourke's Luck Potholes > Berlin Falls

Distance:	± 28,5 km
Drive Time:	± 22 Minutes
Opening Hours:	07:00 – 17:00 Daily
Fees:	Berlin Falls Entrance Fee R20 per Person
Highlights:	- Panoramic Canyon Views - Forested Landscapes - Hidden Streams - Vervet Monkeys - Dramatic Cliffside Lookouts

Berlin Falls > Lisbon Falls

Distance:	± 6 km
Drive Time:	± 7 Minutes
Opening Hours:	07:00 – 17:00 Daily
Fees:	Lisbon Falls Entrance Fee R20 per Person
Highlights:	- Lush Pine Plantations - Cascading River Streams - Scenic Viewpoints Along Sabie River

Lisbon Falls > God's Window

Distance: ± 11 km

Drive Time: ± 11 Minutes

Fees: God's Window Entrance Fee
R17 per Person

Highlights: A scenic loop, offering early escarpment views over the Lowveld plains and misty cliffs, as you drive through pine plantations, indigenous forests, and past eucalyptus trees along a winding mountain road

God's Window > Graskop

Distance: ± 11 km via R534

Drive Time: ± 13 Minutes

Fees: Graskop Entrance Fee per Day (Separate from the Viewing Lift)

- Adults & Pensioners: R65
- Children (4 – 16 Years): R35
- Children Under 4: Free

Highlights: This route includes panoramic viewpoints, dense misty forests, and local craft stalls along the forest-lined descent into the charming town.

Optional Extras:

- Glass Elevator & Zipline (Panoramic Views from Escarpment)
- Big Swing (Adrenaline Swing over Valley)
- Local Pancake Houses: Famous for Oven-Made Pancakes & Treats
- Sabie River Tubing & Abseiling (Fun Whitewater Tubing & Rock Abseiling)
- Hot Air Ballooning (Sunrise Flights Over Lowveld in Hazyview)

Graskop > SleepOver Kruger Park: Phabeni Gate

Distance: ± 47 km

Drive Time: ± 43 Minutes

Highlights:

- Scenic Kowyn's Pass
- Sweeping Mountain Views
- Traditional Villages
- Tradition from Highland Forests to Bushveld Landscapes



SUGGESTED TIMING & TIPS:

• **Start Early** 07:00 – 08:00 for Cool Morning Air & Softer Light for Ideal Photos

• **Extra Time:** Allow for Breaks, Lunches & Photography (± 3 Hours)

• **Safety:** Drive Cautiously, Especially After Rain (Winding Roads)

• **Activity Fees:** Cash / Card for Entrances

• **Essentials:** Carry Water, Snacks, Sunscreen, Hat, Camera & Binoculars

Packages do not include conservation and entrance fees or costs of activities.
We strongly suggest booking activities and paying fees directly in advance to avoid disappointment.