DAY TOURS IN & AROUND HOEDSPRUIT

"We live in a wonderful world that is full of beauty, charm and adventure. There is no end to the adventures we can have if only we seek them with our eyes open" – Jawaharial Nehru

FULL DAY PANORAMA TOUR

The mountainous escarpment of Mpumalanga provides us with stunning views of the Lowveld. This wonderful full day tour includes sights such as God's Window, with its spectacular views across the Lowveld, Bourke's Luck Potholes, with its extraordinary rock formations, the Blyde River Canyon, one of the deepest canyons in the World, the famous Three Rondavels and quaint little town of Graskop. In the afternoon we visit one of the picturesque waterfalls outside Sabie. An excellent opportunity to see some of Mpumalanga's most spectacular scenery. Lunch at renowned Harrie's Pancakes in Graskop (own account).

Approx. 7 - 8hrs 08:00 – 17h00

BLYDE DAM CRUISE & MOHOLOHOLO

Departing from Hoedspruit at around 10h30 we travel towards to the Blyde River Canyon for an alternative look at the Dam. We board the boat at 11h00 for an interpretive tour with a qualified site guide who will show you the rare, living Kadishi Tufa waterfall, which at 200m (660 feet) is the 2nd tallest Tufa waterfall on earth. An abundance of wildlife, including hippos, crocodiles, primates and a diversity of birdlife, will keep you enthralled while learning more about the natural history of the Blyde Canyon. The Dam is the 3rd largest in the World and is the largest "green canyon" due to the subtropical foliage. The cruise takes about 1.5hrs and is followed by lunch (own account) before we head to Moholoholo Rehabilitation Centre for their tour at 15h00. Their experts will take you around the centre where some of the animals and birds might be handled depending on their condition. Learn about the rehabilitation techniques and treatment of injured, poisoned and abandoned animals & birds of prey.

Approx. 7hrs 10h30 – 17h30 (Mon-Sat)

BLYDE DAM CRUISE & PANORAMA HIGHLIGHTS TOUR

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Approx. 8hrs 10:00 – 18:00

THE HOEDSPRUIT FOODIE TOUR

Meet professional chef, Simon de Kock, at 09h00 for coffee & chocolate pairing at the local coffee purveyors in town. From here we move across to one of the many excellent restaurants in Hoedspruit for a 3 to 5 course African/South African fusion lunch with local gin & beer tasting. Lunch lasts for about 2hrs and Simon will present each dish to explain the flavours and methods etc. After lunch we move across to the local specialist wine merchants for the wine tasting. Here cheese, preserves, cold meats etc will be served with 6 paired wines. A wine connoisseur will chat to the group about each bottle of wine, how it is made, what type of grapes, the region it comes from and how to pair it. Following the tasting, guests will have the option to purchase wines before returning to the house at around 14h00/14h30

Approx. 5hrs 09h00 – 14h00 (Mon-Fri)

HLOKOMELA COMMUNITY TOUR & NYANI CULTURAL VILLAGE

Meet Hlokomela guide, Fia, at the Kamegelo Tourist Centre at around 08h00 and travel to the Hlokomela Women's Wellness Clinic where you will meet the dedicated staff who care for many local women, many farmworkers and single mothers. From here we travel to the Richmond Creche, set up on one of the largest farms in the area by Hlokomela, caring for around 30 children, ranging in ages from babies to around 8yrs old. Spend some time with the children colouring in, making paper hats, showing them where you come from on the big map and having your photo taken with them. We then move to the Hlokomela Herb Garden where staff will explain to you, and show you, all the amazing things they are growing there. See the biggest Spekboom maze in the World and enjoy a homemade drink in the garden. The last leg of the tour is the sewing project and the Spaza shop where they sell all their products to raise money for all the projects they sponsor. Arrive back at Kamegelo at around 12h00 and transfer to Nyani Cultural Village to see the Roots of Rhythm African show with dancing, singing & story telling. A traditional lunch will be served. Arrive back at the house at around 15h00

Approx. 8hrs 08:00 – 15:00