



## **LIMPOPO FAMILY TOUR**

*A lot of game lodges don't take children, so we designed this itinerary for those families who would otherwise not be able to enjoy a safari experience. It also includes some exciting day tour options to keep the children occupied and can be extended for extra days if required. We stay in our own 4-bedroomed house in the Hoedspruit Wildlife Estate where plains game and other animals roam free*

**DAY 1:** Arrive at Hoedspruit Airport where you will be met by your guide and transferred to 444 on Taaibos, situated on the Hoedspruit Wildlife Estate, which is home to zebra, giraffe, wildebeest, impala, waterbuck, kudu, bushbuck, nyala, warthog, porcupine, bushbabies, mongoose and around 200 species of birds. It offers an exclusive and private setting to explore the scenic wonders of the Lowveld. The house has 4 en-suite bedrooms, lounge, dining area & kitchen as well as a lovely pool deck with covered areas to relax under when not on tour. From here your guide will also braai (BBQ) for you while you sit around the fire under the stars. This afternoon we enjoy a cruise on the Blyde Dam, the largest "green canyon" in the World due to its' lush, subtropical vegetation. This interpretive tour takes you to the rare living Kadishi Tufa waterfall, the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest tufa waterfall on earth at 200m (around 660 feet) high. From the dam, you see a different aspect of the canyon normally seen by tourists on the Panorama Route.

**DAY 2:** Breakfast prepared by your guide before we depart for a 2hr tour at the Hoedspruit Endangered Species Centre. After lunch at The Deli (own account) we travel to the Moholoholo Animal Rehabilitation Centre for their 2hr tour at 15h00. Return to the house for a little rest before dinner, prepared by your guide

**DAY 3:** Depart at around 05h00 for an exciting full day open vehicle safari in the Kruger National Park (breakfast picnics will be supplied). The Kruger is home to the Big Five – lion, elephant, rhino, buffalo and leopard – and a huge variety of birds, reptiles and other mammals. Stop for lunch (own account) at around 12h30 at one of the Parks' rest camps followed by an afternoon of game-viewing. Arrive back at the lodge at around 16h00. Dinner prepared by your guide

**DAY 4:** Breakfast prepared by your guide before we depart for a visit to Jessica the Hippo who was separated from her mother during the devastating floods of 2000. She was found on the banks of the river by Tonie & Shirley Joubert, terribly weak and traumatised. She was only a few hours old. Tonie & Shirley adopted her and brought her back to health. She's now nearly 20yrs old and has become an international celebrity! Stop for lunch (own account) before visiting the Kinyonga Reptile Centre for a standard, self-guided tour around the park. Arrive back at the house at around 15h30 and relax until dinner. Tonight, dinner will be at the Thirsty Giraffe where you will hopefully be visited by one of their resident donkeys!

**DAY 5:** Breakfast prepared by your guide before we depart for the short journey back to Hoedspruit Airport for your onward flight

*The tour can be extended if you would like to include a full day Panorama Tour or you could even add on a 2 or 3-night safari in the Kruger.*

*If the flights are too expensive there is the option of a private road transfer from Johannesburg or there is a daily shuttle that departs from OR Tambo at around 06h00 and arrives at around 12h30/13h00.*