



## LIMPOPO NURTURE & NATURE

*Hoedspruit is a small town in Limpopo, on the border of the Kruger National Park. It has developed a lot over the last few years and now has several wildlife estates, where the game roams freely. Our house is situated in the Hoedspruit Wildlife Estate, which is home to zebra, giraffe, wildebeest, impala, waterbuck, kudu, bushbuck, nyala, warthog, porcupine, bushbabies, mongoose, genet, civet, African Wild Cat, and around 200 species of birds. It offers an exclusive and private setting to explore the scenic wonders of the Lowveld. We have put together several tours that can be tailor-made to suit clients' needs and interests*

**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. 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. Afternoon visit to the Hoedspruit Endangered Species Centre. On arrival, we stop for lunch (own account) before the educational tour of the breeding and research station during which you can view, from close up, rare, endangered species such as the African Wild Dog and Cheetahs. Return to the house at around 16:00hrs. Dinner prepared by your guide

**DAY 2:** 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 3:** Depart after breakfast and travel to the Blyde River Canyon for an alternative look at the Dam. We board the boat at 09h00 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> largest in the World and is the largest "green canyon" due to the subtropical foliage. At around 10h30 we climb back in the vehicle for the journey along the Panorama Route via the Abel Erasmus Pass enjoying the amazing vistas over the northern Drakensberg Escarpment before we drop down into the Olifants River Valley. We stop at Three Rondavels to look at one of South Africa's most famous views, then the picturesque Lisbon Falls and Gods' Window with its' magnificent views over the Lowveld. Stop for lunch at one of the restaurants en route (own account). Dinner at a local restaurant.

**DAY 4:** Breakfast prepared by your guide before we depart for a visit to the Hlokomela Project. Established in 2005, the project co-ordinates various health and educational development initiatives for 69 local agricultural businesses associated with the Hoedspruit Training Trust which is a not-for-profit organisation. We visit the Hlokomela Main Clinic and the Women's Clinic, the Richmond Creche, the Herb Garden, where we'll enjoy a refreshing herbal drink and we can explore the worlds' largest spekboom maze. The last stop is the Hlokomela Market with its' sewing project and the charity shop. If you have any clothes you would like to donate to the shop they will be very warmly received. After the tour, we transfer to Nyani Cultural Village for their Limpopo Pathways Tribal Show, a tour of the Cultural Village and a traditional African lunch. Remainder of the afternoon at leisure. Dinner prepared by your guide

**DAY 5:** Breakfast prepared by your guide before we depart for a visit to the Moholoholo Animal Rehabilitation Centre. 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. From here we transfer you to Hoedspruit airport for your onward flight