

SOUTH AFRICA

Megafauna & Birding Safari

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SMALL GROUP EXPERIENCE!
Only 9 participants



Main Tour: Oct 9 - 21, 2027

Extension: Oct 21 - 24, 2027



Wild **LATITUDES**
WORLDWIDE NATURE TOURS

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Greetings, fellow explorer!

Africa... the word alone conjures up images of vast, ancient landscapes teeming with herds of **Antelope**, **Zebra**, **Giraffe** and more. Join Wild Latitudes on a journey into the heart of South Africa and witness for yourself some of the most amazing wildlife on Earth.

We'll fly first to Johannesburg, then travel on to the small town of Hoedspruit in the north. From there we will travel into the **Klaserie Private Nature Reserve**, famous for the rich diversity of species within its borders. **Elephant**, **Cape Buffalo**, **Lion**, and **Black Rhino** are all active here. Klaserie is also home to hundreds of bird species, and we're likely to encounter the **Southern Carmine Bee-eater**, the **African Fish Eagle**, the **Red-billed** and **Yellow-billed Hornbills**, and the unique **Hamerkop**, just to name a few.

The best way to experience the African bush is on foot, and we'll have the rare opportunity to do just that when we go on walking safari with one of the most knowledgeable and experienced naturalists in all of South Africa. For five nights and days we'll be based at a secluded tent-camp on the banks of the Klaserie River. There will be no fence to between you and the wild animals that have roamed this land for millennium.

The next segment of the trip will take us into **Kruger National Park**. Staying in comfortable cottages in several different bush camps located within the park, we'll explore Kruger in search of **Lion**, **Leopard** and any and all species of birds. This tour is designed to give everyone an intimate experience of the land, wildlife, and birds of Sub-Saharan Africa.

● EXTENSION TRIP: Cape Town

We'll spend 3 days in **Cape Town**, considered by many the most beautiful city in sub-Saharan Africa. We'll spend the first morning birding the **National Botanical Gardens**. Then in the afternoon, we'll take the cable car to the top of majestic **Table Mountain** that overlooks this grand city. Next we visit the local craft market, then dine at one of the wonderful restaurants in Cape Town. The next day we'll head for the **Cape of Good Hope**, visiting West Coast National Park and a colony of rare **African Penguins**. While here, we'll get a close look at the unique flora of the Cape region, location of one of the oldest ecosystems in the world.

TRIP DETAILS

Start Date of Main Tour: Oct 9, 2027

Duration of Main Tour: 14 days

Duration of Extension: 4 days

Number of participants: Max of 9

Fee for Main Tour: \$7,195 per person

Fee for Extension: \$1,895 per person

Deposit: \$3,550 (+\$500 for Extension)

Single Supplement: \$2,495 (+\$495 for Extension)

Trip Leaders: Steve Robertson

Included:

- Double-occupancy lodging
- Ground transportation
- Breakfasts and lunches
- Excursions and park fees
- Guiding services

Not Included:

- Flights
- Dinners
- Alcoholic beverages
- Personal items
- Optional gratuities for guides



Steve Robertson and Ivan Phillipsen
Co-owners and Lead Guides at Wild Latitudes
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ITINERARY *Tentative and subject to change depending on weather, road, or other conditions.*

Day 1 - Oct 9 - Arrive in Johannesburg, Overnight at Nearby Hotel

Group arrives in Johannesburg and catches the shuttle to the Sunrock Guest House, located 5 minutes from the airport. The Sunrock is a small, family owned and operated hotel with a restaurant, bar, swimming pool and bird feeders! The goal is to give everyone a good night's sleep before our African adventure.

Lodging: [Sunrock Guesthouse](#)

Day 2 - Oct 10 - Travel to the Klaserie Reserve

After breakfast, the group departs for Hoedspruit, where they are met by Trip Leader **Steve Robertson**. We then transfer to our bush camp located in the Klaserie Reserve, after an orientation, we head out for our first game drive of the tour, returning to camp in time for dinner. In Klaserie, all the of the iconic African megafauna that one envisions can be found... Including **Giraffe, Cape Buffalo, Zebra, Lion**, and massive herds of **Elephants** are all here roaming free.

Lodging: [Gary Freeman's Bush Camp in the Klaserie Reserve](#)

To register for this tour, email or call: steve@wildlatitudes.com, 503-349-7225

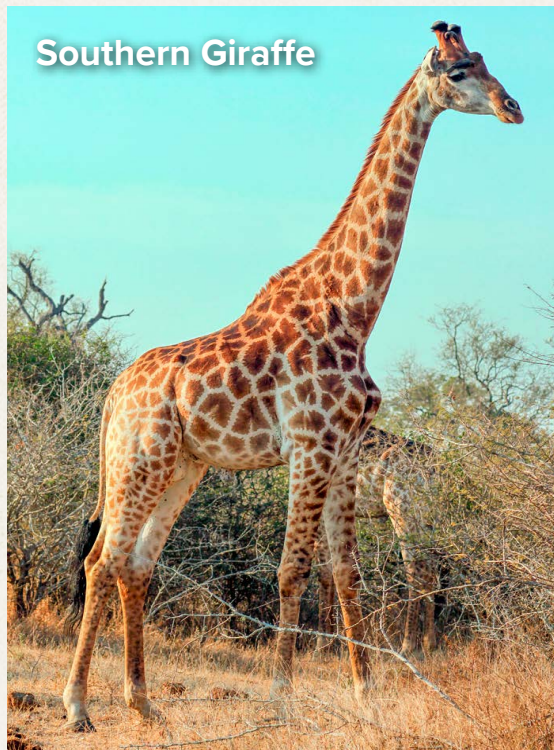
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Day 3-7 - Oct 10-14 - Explore/Bird & Game Drive in the Klaserie Reserve

Our schedule while at camp will follow the natural, daily activity patterns of the African bush, and here, one needs to be an active participant and a keen observer to get the most out of the experience. What makes this experience so special, is that our camp is one of the few places from which one is able to go on safari on foot... and walking is by far the best way to experience the African bush... On foot, one feels like you're more in tune with the bush, and it heightens one's awareness, making the experience all the more profound. Each evening, we'll celebrate the day's sightings with a "Sundowner," a cool beverage enjoyed in the bush under the setting sun.

Lodging: [Gary Freeman's Bush Camp in the Klaserie Reserve](#)



Southern Giraffe

Day 8 - Oct 15 - Depart Klaserie, Head into Kruger National Park

Today we will break camp and head into **Kruger National Park**, one of the largest, most famous parks in the world, and the oldest in South Africa. We will spend the better part of 6 days in Kruger Park, exploring the central and southern regions. We will be staying in comfortable furnished cottages and bungalows in three different camps. While in Kruger NP, folks can opt to sign up for a night-drive typically offered at each camp. Night drives are a special experience, as they often yield sightings of many nocturnal species like **Hyena**, **Leopard**, **Rhinoceros**, **African Porcupine**, **Hunting Dogs**, and the odd but endearing **Bushbaby**.

Lodging: [Letaba Camp](#)

Day 9 - Oct 16 - Bird & Game Drive in Kruger NP

We'll head out early today, as morning is the best time to see wildlife, especially the prime predators like **Lion**, **Leopard**, **Cheetah**, **Hyena** and others. This means each day we will leave camp around 6:30am or so after a light breakfast. We will also bring snacks for the road and have lunch either at a picnic spot or at a nearby rest camp, depending where our day's adventure takes us.

Lodging: [Letaba Camp](#)

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Leopard



Common Ostrich



White Rhino



White-backed Vulture



Lilac-breasted Roller



Greater Kudu

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Day 10 - Oct 17 - Bird & Game Drive in Kruger NP

Out early again to maximize our game viewing and birding in this particularly game-rich area.

Lodging: [Satara Camp](#)

Day 11 - Oct 18 - Bird & Game Drive in Kruger NP

Today will be another day of game driving, with special emphasis put on species we have yet to see, especially birds. This could include search for the iconic **Secretary Bird**. This is a monotypic species, being the only member of the avian family Sagittariidae. It's hunting technique is unique too, being the only bird known to stomp its prey into submission, which includes lizards and even venomous snakes.

Lodging: [Satara Camp](#)

Day 12 - Oct 19 - Bird & Game Drive in Kruger NP

We leave early today for what will be our longest travel day in the park as we trek south all the way to Lower Sabie Camp. The southern reaches of Kruger are often provide the best opportunities to see some of Africa's major predators including **Lions**, **Hunting Dogs** and even **Leopard**.

Lodging: [Lower Sabie Camp](#)

Day 13 - Oct 20 - Bird & Game Drive in Kruger NP

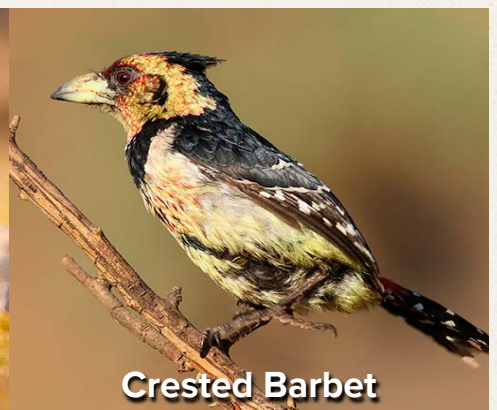
We awake early as usual, and after a quick breakfast head out and into some of the most prime African Bush we've traversed. We'll visit as many micro-habitats as possible



African Elephant



Secretarybird



Crested Barbet

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(rivers, waterholes, etc.) to maximize our chances of encountering the birds and wildlife of the region. As always, we will look for sign like circling/roosted **vultures**, and even fresh kills as we go as these often indicate the presence of game and birdlife alike. This region is known for **Hippo, cheetah, Hyena** as well as the **Elephant**, the **White Rhino**, the **Cape Buffalo**, the **Leopard** and **African Lion**, all of which are a possibility here. We will like have lunch in the field, and head back to camp in the early afternoon, with possibly another outing before dusk.

Lodging: [Lower Sabie Camp](#)

Day 14 - Oct 21 - Depart Kruger

We'll have breakfast at the hotel, then Today, we all pack up and have one last game drive en route to the Nelspruit Airport. The folks heading home catch a flight back to Johannesburg and to link up with their flights home later in the evening, while those participating in the extension to Cape Town catch a flight to that destination.

See next page for the **Cape Town Extension!**

Our Commitment to Conservation

On every Wild Latitudes tour, we aim to make a positive conservation impact wherever we travel. We utilize the services of local guides and stay in environmentally-sensitive, locally-owned lodges. On every trip, we make a significant contribution to a local conservation effort that works to protect a native species or ecosystem. When you travel with Wild Latitudes, you are helping to protect the wild regions we visit and the amazing species that call them home.





Table Mountain

Day 1 - Oct 21 - Travel to Cape Town

We catch a flight directly from Nelspruit to Cape Town, load up in our van and travel to the Chapman's Hotel, located in the charming suburb of Hout Bay, ~30 min. drive from the airport. We will check in and then go out to a wonderful restaurant for dinner that specializes in fresh seafood.

Lodging: [Chapman's Peak Hotel](#)

Day 2 - Oct 22 - Visit the Botanical Gardens, Table Mountain & Craft Markets

Breakfast at the hotel's restaurant, then it's off to bird Cape Town's famous **Botanical Gardens** for the morning. Lunch at the Gardens. In the afternoon, we'll head to **Table Mountain** and, weather permitting, ride the cable cars to the top for incredible views of the city. Once off the mountain, we'll head into the city for a little FREE TIME in the local **craft markets**. We'll enjoy an early dinner at a nearby restaurant.

Lodging: [Chapman's Peak Hotel](#)

Day 3 - Oct 23 - Visit the Cape of Good Hope & Penguin Colony

Breakfast, then we're off to the **Cape of Good Hope**. After a nice visit to the Cape, we will stop for lunch en route to visit a nearby colony of **South African Penguins**. After a day full of stunning scenery, we head back to our hotel, then go out to a local restaurant for dinner.

Lodging: [Chapman's Peak Hotel](#)

Day 4 - Oct 24 - Head Home, Overnight or Extend Your Stay

Our last morning of the tour... We'll have breakfast at the hotel, maybe have time for a stop at a nearby craft market before heading to the airport to catch our flights home.*

Please Note: participants can opt to spend the night of the 24th at the **Sunrock Guesthouse if a night & day of rest is desired before the big flight home, or choose to extend their stay in Africa.*

**African Penguins****Cape Sugarbird****Craft Market**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

YOUR GUIDE

Steve Robertson

A true lover of the natural world, Steve Robertson has been a student of nature his entire life. First, as a little boy, who caught every creature he could for the mini zoo he kept in the garage, then later as an adult, leading scientific research expeditions into some of the most remote regions of the world, searching for rare species in such places as Tasmania, Madagascar, and the upper Amazon Basin.

He is the Co-owner of Wild Latitudes. With degrees in Wildlife Biology, advanced biology & education, Steve has worked in the field of Environmental Education for over 30 years. From 1998 to 2017, he served as the Education Director for the Audubon Society of Portland, creating a number of innovative programs including International Ecotours, a program that has won hundreds of accolades from around the country. During his time with Audubon, Steve personally designed and led ecotours to over 20 countries, spanning six continents.



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THE PACE AND STYLE OF OUR TOURS

The primary goal of our trips is to experience and learn about the natural world, especially the region's birds and other wildlife, and of course, to have fun! As birding is often a primary focus of our tours, and birds are active in the morning, we will sometimes have early morning outings before breakfast. That said, our style of birding may not be ideal for hard-core "listers." We prefer to spend time observing the species we encounter, and learn a bit about their natural history, rather than rushing through the field to add the maximum number of species to our bird list. We also make diversions for interesting, non-avian wildlife, plants, geological wonders, and cultural activities. The pace of most of our trips is moderate, and we encourage anyone in good health to attend and enjoy the experience. Please contact us about if you need specific information on the types of physical activities on a tour and their physical requirements.

We strive to immerse participants in the local culture and to that end, wherever possible, we stay in locally owned and operated hotels that are designed and run in an environmentally sustainable way. Though some accommodations may be more basic than others, all are safe, clean and comfortable. We also utilize the services of local guides, visit local markets, and other culturally significant sites.

TOUR DATE AND TRIP LEADER CHANGES

Leaders and schedules are determined up to a year in advance of our tours. In the event that we have a change in a tour's dates or leaders, we reserve the right to do so, and will strive to inform participants as early in the process as possible. Additional leaders may be added to tours according to the group size, and will be specified in the tour itinerary. We also reserve the right to cancel any trip for which there are insufficient reservations.

HOW TO REGISTER FOR THE TOUR

When you're ready to sign up for the tour, please let us know by doing one of the following:

- Send us an email at info@wildlatitudes.com
- Call us at 503-714-3504

Then we'll send you the link to our online registration form. You can choose to pay your deposit by credit card or check. See 'Deposit Policy' below.

DEPOSIT POLICY

A deposit is due at the time of registration. ***A deposit is the only thing that guarantees your place on the trip.*** Registration can be made over the phone with a credit card: 503-714-3504. *Note:* there is an additional 3.0% fee for credit card payments. This is only what we are charged by the credit card company.

Checks are happily accepted and should be made out to *Wild Latitudes LLC*. Include the tour

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name on the memo line of the check and send to:

Wild Latitudes, PO Box 25115, Portland, OR 97298.

PAYMENT POLICY

Full payment is required **90 days** prior to the tour departure date for international tours or any tour involving flights; and **30 days** prior to the tour departure date for local (i.e. in the Portland, Oregon area), van-based tours.

CANCELLATION POLICY

In the event a participant needs to cancel a reservation for any tour, the following policies will apply:

- **90 days** or more prior to tour departure date, the deposit will be refunded, minus an administrative fee of \$100.
- **Less than 90 days** prior to tour departure date, no refunds will be given.

We *strongly* recommend that you purchase trip cancellation insurance to protect yourself from unforeseen circumstances.

If for any reason Wild Latitudes cancels a tour prior to the start of the tour, full refunds—minus the cost of any internal/in-country airline tickets purchased and/or any non-refundable deposits or expenses already made by Wild Latitudes—will be given to all participants. In the event that the tour is canceled while underway due to unforeseeable events such as but not limited to natural disaster, military activities, social uprising, or other extremely dangerous conditions not within the control of Wild Latitudes, no refund will be issued.