



## The Nature Enthusiast

If your passion is the outdoors, if your heart yearns for the gentle touch of the rising sun, your eyes seeking the distant horizons, then this is for you. From waking up to the call of the francolins, to seeking shade in the midday heat, for those who crave that extra knowledge so often hidden within.

We'll spend the entire day out and about, either on an open safari vehicle or on foot, exploring, observing, occasionally participating, yet always learning. The bush itself will be our lecture room. We'll cover the subjects randomly during Bushtime, in what so ever order we stumble upon them.

We'll cover subjects such as mammal-, bird- and tree identification, animal behavior, astronomy as well as track & sign interpretation and worldviews. This product can be tailor-made to group requests.

Ideally for 2 nights over a weekend, but definitely not restricted to weekends. Fully catered, including a bush dinner and stargazing, for **only R1500 per person** over a weekend, minimum 4 people, maximum 15. For more than 2 days: **R750 per person per day**. Bookings essential and subject to availability.



The program will be facilitated by Banie van Tonder, a qualified FGASA Level 3 Trails-guide and level 3 Tracker, with 8 years experience in guiding and more than 10 years in training.

Typical weekend program:

Friday – Arrival – Bushtime introduction – (depending on arrival time)

- Welcome and introduction, safety
- Dinner (African Pot Restaurant)
- Evening campfire – Questions/reflections

Saturday – Wakeup - Seasonal – (30 minutes before sunrise)

- Coffee & rusks & cereal
- Bushtime
- 10:00 – Brunch
- 11:30 – Bushtime
- 14:00 – Rest/snack
- 16:00 – Bushtime
- Bushdinner – stargazing (weather permitting)
- Evening campfire – Questions/reflection

Sunday – Wakeup

- Coffee & rusks & cereal
- Bushtime
- 10:00 – Brunch
- 11:30 – Closing / certificates
- Departure

Please note: Due to the educational nature of this program, the use of alcoholic beverages will only be allowed by evening campfire.



**What to bring:**

Summers are mostly hot and fairly humid with scattered thundershowers a very common sight. Most of the regions rainfall occurs within this season. Temperatures range from 20° up to 35° Celsius (68 - 95° Fahrenheit).

Winter is mostly fair to very cold. The coldest being May, June & July. Temperatures vary mostly from 0° up to 12, maybe 15° C maximum (32° - 60° F). The occasional cold front could have the mercury diving down to -7° C (19° F)

1. Hiking boots & comfortable shoes/slops
2. Hat & sunscreen
3. Backpack/daypack
4. Water bottles
5. Notebook & pen, clipboard optional
6. Binoculars
7. Insect repellent (summer)
8. Personal medication (if on prescription medicines, please make sure you'll have enough for the duration of your stay)
9. Warm jacket (add a jersey for winter + beanie + scarf + gloves)
10. Personal cameras & laptops (at own risk), etc.
11. Swimming clothes (summer)
12. Bush friendly clothes – neutral colours (no bright pinks & yellows, etc - please)
13. Last, but not the least – an unsaturable spirit for the African outdoors.
14. Recommended books:
  - Birds (any one of )
    - Sasol Birds of SA (3<sup>rd</sup> edition) – 1868727211
    - Newmans Birds of SA – 1868727351
    - Roberts Bird Guide – 0620383134
  - Mammals
    - Smithers Field Guide to Mammals of Southern Africa – 1868725502
    - The Mammal Guide of Southern Africa – Burger Cillie - 9781875093458
  - Trees
    - Trees of Southern Africa – B & P van Wyk – 1868259226
  - Any book about tracks and signs – by Louis Liebenberg preferably
  - The South African Bushveld, a field guide from the Waterberg – Lee Gutteridge
  - Any other books on nature that you already have.

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