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Guaranteed departures

Small group safari maximum:

Travel through:

Safari length:

SA18

12 travellers

South Africa, Swaziland & Lesotho

18 days



2019

SOUTH AFRICA "SCENIC ROUTE"



DEPARTS:

JOHANNESBURG on Saturday at 06:30am

ENDS:

CAPE TOWN on Tuesday at 18:00pm

Highlights

- * Mpumalanga Panorama Route – sight seeing
- * Kruger National Park – game drives
- * Swaziland – mountain walks
- * Zululand – game drives
- * Drakensberg Mountains – mountain walks
- * Lesotho – trekking with local guide and his pony
- * Karoo – visit a quaint Karoo town
- * Addo Game Reserve – game drives
- * Tsitsikamma – forest and coastal walks
- * Cape Town – Cape Point & Table Mountain



SAFARI GRADE: CAMPING

The Sunway Scenic Route is an overview

tour of South Africa, including the well known highlights and focuses on the national parks. This tour covers a great distance in this diverse country and involves long days on the road, generally followed by a full day to explore the area. This is an all encompassing tour and a fantastic way to explore South Africa.

Overnight 11 nights on safari we stay at designated campsites in national parks and villages. South African campsite facilities are generally very good. There are hot and cold showers, laundry facilities & shops. Sunway supplies all the camping equipment with the exception of your sleeping bag and pillow. 3 nights in intimate guest houses where each twin room has en suite facilities. 3 nights in simple twin rooms with shared ablutions. Means you don't camp in the cold mountains.

Meals 17 breakfasts, 15 lunches and 14 dinners will be provided by the Sunway crew, prepared at the truck with assistance from the group. 3 breakfasts provided by the lodge.

Transport we use custom-built Sunway Safari trucks with 12 forward facing seats, comfortable for cruising and excellent for game viewing. Large sliding windows and front hatches give everyone a good view; or (on 5% of tours) Mercedes Sprinter minibuses with 12 forward facing seats and air conditioning (and trailer for equipment and baggage). There are several long days of travelling but the vehicles have a comfortable cruising speed – it's all about the journey and not just the destination! The emphasis of the trip is "getting out and doing things".

Limited participation An essential part of your Sunway Safari is participation – from putting up your tent to packing the truck in the morning – it's all part of your adventure and when everyone puts in a little effort the trip will run smoothly. Your tour leaders will do all the meal preparation but we do ask the clients to help (on rotation) with the washing up. Team spirit is part of the fun!

CAMPING ITINERARY

Day 1 JOHANNESBURG to MPUMALANGA [camping -LD] (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)

Departing from Johannesburg at 06:30am we head east towards Mpumalanga. A landscape characterised by mountains, panoramic passes, valleys, rivers, waterfalls and forests. We will visit the old gold rush town of Pilgrims Rest, a living museum dating back to 1873. We explore the quaint town, visit Bourkes Luck Potholes and the viewpoint at God's Window.

Day 1: N/A

Day 1: Lunch provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 1: Dinner provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Includes: Entrance to God's Window & Bourkes Luck Potholes
Overnight: Campsite – good ablution facilities & hot showers
Distance/time: 350kms, ± 5 hours, excluding stops for sightseeing & lunch



Day 2 - 3 KRUGER NATIONAL PARK [camping BLD]

Big game country - exciting game drives provide us with excellent game viewing. Spot lion, elephant, rhino and other animals in one of the last African wildernesses. Early morning & afternoon game drives get us close to the wildlife.

Day 2, 3: Breakfast provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 2, 3: Lunch provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 2, 3: Dinner provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Includes: Entrance to Kruger National Park, morning & afternoon game drives
Overnight: [Campsite](#) – good ablution facilities, hot showers, swimming pool, restaurant & shop
Distance/time: 150kms, ± 2 hours + 3x 3 hour game drives
Optional Activities: Night game drives in National Park open game viewing vehicles



Day 4 KINGDOM OF SWAZILAND [cabins BLD]

The mountainous Kingdom of Swaziland, led by King Mswati III, is one of only 3 monarchies in Africa. Swazis are proud of their traditional lifestyle & cultures. We explore the Malolotja reserve on foot to enjoy the mountain scenery, rare birdlife, and the 95m high Malolotja waterfall. Overnight in log cabins with fantastic panoramic views.

Day 4: Breakfast provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 4: Lunch provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 4: Dinner provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Includes: Entrance to Malalotja Game Reserve
Overnight: Malalotja Nature Reserve - 1 night, mountain cabins, 2 twin bedrooms per cabin which share a bathroom and a washroom.
 WiFi not available

Distance/time: 200kms, ± 4 hours, excluding 2-3 hour morning drive out of Kruger, shopping stop in Malelane, Jeppes Reef border formalities & stops for sightseeing etc



Day 5 - 6 ZULULAND [camping BLD]

After visiting the craft markets near Mbabane, we re-enter South Africa. KwaZulu Natal is one of the last refuges for the threatened rhino populations. We have a game drive in search of these ancient creatures and stop waterholes to watch game come down to drink.

Day 5, 6: Breakfast provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 5, 6: Lunch provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 5, 6: Dinner provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Includes: Entrance fees, game drive
Overnight: Campsite – good ablution facilities, hot showers
Distance/time: 300kms, ± 4 hours, excluding border formalities + game drives



Day 7 - 8 DRAKENSBERG MOUNTAINS [camping BLD]

Moving further south to the base of the Drakensberg (Dragon Mountains). We have two nights at the foot of the mountains allowing time for walking along beautiful mountain stream paths, or just enjoying spectacular views.

Day 7, 8: Breakfast provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 7, 8: Lunch provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 7, 8: Dinner provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Includes: Morning and afternoon hikes in the Drakensberg Mountains
Overnight: Campsite – good ablution facilities, hot showers
Distance/time: 400kms, ± 6 hours, excluding stops for sightseeing & lunch.



Day 9 - 10 LESOTHO [chalets BLD]

We travel through the towering red sandstone cliffs of Golden Gate en route to Lesotho. Quaint villages and towns offer interesting stops along the way. We cross the border and head to southern Lesotho to our overnight chalets at Malealea. This lodge nestled in the mountains forms our base for two nights. The next morning we are up early and spend the day trekking with a local guide and his pony through the rugged mountains.

Day 9, 10: Breakfast provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group
Day 9, 10: Lunch provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group
Day 9, 10: Dinner provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Includes: Trekking with local guide and his pony
Overnight: [Malealea Lodge](#), Basotho Huts – 2 nights, bedrooms are twin sharing with shared ablutions.
WiFi not available



Distance/time: 370kms, ± 8 hours, excluding stops for border formalities sightseeing & lunch.



Day 11 **KAROO** [guest house BL-]

Descending from the Lesotho highlands we make our way into the great Karoo. It covers most of central South Africa and is a vast semi desert. It has become famous for its sheep and ostrich farming industries, and roadside stalls selling handmade windmills.

Day 11: Breakfast provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group
Day 11: Lunch provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group
Day 11: Dinner will be an own expense meal

Includes: N/A
Overnight: [Cradock Tujs Huis Guest House](#) – 1 night we stay in an historic guest house. Twin rooms en suite. Restaurant.
WiFi available



Distance/time: 370kms, ± 8 hours – a long day! excluding stops for border formalities sightseeing & lunch.



Day 12 **ADDO ELEPHANT NATIONAL PARK** [camping BLD]

A conservation success, Addo Elephant N.P. offers a unique wildlife area, famous for the Addo elephants. We head out on game drives in search of elephant, black rhino, lion, buffalo and leopard. Evening viewing at the floodlit waterhole allows us to watch the nocturnal animals.

Day 12: Breakfast provided by the guest house
Day 12: Lunch provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group
Day 12: Dinner provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Includes: Entrance fees to Addo Elephant National Park, afternoon & morning game drives
Overnight: Campsite – good ablution facilities, hot showers, restaurant, bar, shop & floodlit waterhole
Distance/time: 276kms, ± 3½ hours excluding stops for sightseeing & lunch + game drives
Optional Activities: Night game drives in National Park open game viewing vehicles



Day 13 - 14 **TSITSIKAMMA NATIONAL PARK** [camping BLD]

Indigenous Tsitsikamma forests surround the campsite at Storms River mouth, and there are walks up the Storms River Gorge and along the rocky coastline. There is an option of the world’s highest bungi jump (own expense). Whales may be seen in season (July to November).

Day 13, 14: Breakfast provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 13, 14: Lunch provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 13, 14: Dinner provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

- Includes:** Entrance fees to Tsitsikamma National Park
- Overnight:** Campsite – good ablution facilities, hot showers, restaurant, bar & shop
- Distance/time:** 220kms, ± 3 hours excluding stops for sightseeing
- Optional Activities:** Bungi jumping, whale watching & treetop canopy tour



Day 15 **OVERBERG** [camping BLD]

After visiting the famous “Knysna Heads”, which overlook the sea’s entrance to the tranquil Knysna lagoon, we travel south along the Garden Route. We drive along the coast before turning inland through the beautiful scenery of the Overberg region and overnight on the doorstep of the Cape winelands.

Day 15: Breakfast provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 15: Lunch provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 15: Dinner provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

- Includes:** N/A
- Overnight:** Campsite – good ablution facilities, hot showers.
- Distance/time:** 510kms, ± 7 hours excluding stops for sightseeing & lunch



Day 16 – 17 **CAPE TOWN** [guest house B - -]

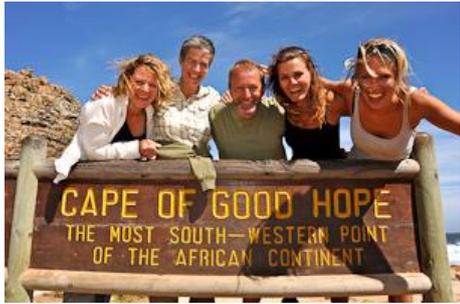
We visit Stellenbosch, for wine tasting and a cellar tour. Explore Cape Town and the “mother city’s” many attractions; visit the harbour at Hout Bay, Chapman’s Peak drive, Cape Point, the Cape of Good Hope, enjoy the famous beaches and the V&A Waterfront. Optional visit to Robben Island (own expense). Meals at a variety of local restaurants (own expense).

Day 16: Breakfast provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 16: Lunch will be an own expense meal
Day 16: Dinner will be an own expense meal at local restaurant

Day 17: Breakfast provided by the guest house
Day 17: Lunch will be an own expense meal
Day 17: Dinner will be an own expense meal at local restaurant

Includes: Cellar Tour, entrance fees to Penguin colony & Cape Point National Park
Overnight:  [Sweetest Guesthouses](#) – is a collection of individually decorated houses in a metropolitan area of Cape Town near the V&A Waterfront. The Sunway group may be spread amongst any of the houses, within walking distance of each other, and the group breakfasts will be taken in the same house. Rooms are twin with en-suite facilities (or similar guest house). WiFi available
Distance/time: 160kms, ± 2 hours + winelands tour & full day Cape Peninsular tour on day 17
Optional Activities: Robben Island cruise, Shark Cage diving, Seal Colony visit



Day 18 **CAPE TOWN - TOUR ENDS** [- B - -]

We climb Table Mountain in the morning admiring the views over Table Bay and Cape Town. Spend the afternoon catching up on last minute curio shopping or just lazing on the beach absorbing the Cape's sunshine. Tour ends at +/-18:00.

Day 18: Breakfast provided by the guest house
Day 18: Lunch will be an own expense meal
Day 18: N/A

Includes: Guided walk up Table Mountain
Overnight: N/A
Distance/time: N/A

Please note: This tour covers a great distance. You'll see all the highlights of this diverse country but this means we have to spend several days travelling. This involves long days on the road, generally followed by a full day to explore the area. This is an all encompassing tour and a fantastic way to explore South Africa. The distances and times are an estimate only, and subject to local road conditions.



Special Interest: Lesotho Pony Trek: We trek for a day through the mountainous regions of Lesotho. Ponies have been used for hundreds of years by the Basotho as transport through the Drakensberg.

Sustainable Tourism: Our stay in Lesotho supports the Malealea community. Local guides, village accommodation and some of the fresh produce used in the lodge are sourced from the local villages in a responsible and sustainable method, thus providing income, and better living standards for the Malealea villages and the local community.

2019 PRICES AND DEPARTURE DATES:

RACK Price: (valid Jan 2019 – Dec 2019)

€ 1 890 pps

Single supplement: € 235 pp (If you are travelling on your own, Sunway will "room" you with another same gender client. You do not pay extra when booking as a single person. If however you request a single, then you'll pay the single supplement and have a single tent and, on accommodated nights, a single room.)

2019 DEPARTURE DATES

Departs	Ends	
JOHANNESBURG	CAPE TOWN	
Saturday at	Tuesday at	
06:30 am	18:00 pm	
22-Dec-18	08-Jan-19	CV
12-Jan-19	29-Jan-19	CV
09-Feb-19	26-Feb-19	German / CVg
23-Mar-19	09-Apr-19	German / CVg
30-Mar-19	16-Apr-19	CV
13-Apr-19	30-Apr-19	CV
11-May-19	28-May-19	German / CVg
18-May-19	04-Jun-19	CV
25-May-19	11-Jun-19	CV
29-Jun-19	16-Jul-19	CV
06-Jul-19	23-Jul-19	CV
17-Aug-19	03-Sep-19	German / CVg
24-Aug-19	10-Sep-19	CV
05-Oct-19	22-Oct-19	German / CVg
12-Oct-19	29-Oct-19	CV
23-Nov-19	10-Dec-19	CV
30-Nov-19	17-Dec-19	CV
21-Dec-19	07-Jan-20	CV



* **Bold dates** are guaranteed departures, all other dates guaranteed from 4 clients.

* **German:** These tours have a German speaking translator/tour leader

* **CV / CVg:** All "South Africa Scenic Route" departures can be combined before the "Cape Town to Victoria Falls Explorer" to create a complete circular safari in Southern Africa.

DETAILED TOUR INFO

In a nutshell

- A comprehensive introduction to the Rainbow Nation - a world in one country!
- Exciting trip with culture, wildlife, adventure, walking, mountains and beaches.
- Kruger NP, Swaziland, Zululand, Drakensburg, Lesotho, Karoo, Garden Route and Cape Town.

Why travel with Sunway Safaris

We understand that there are several options available to you when choosing your African safari. We also know that you want to make the most informed decision about your safari, what you get, what's included and what you see and experience. So these are just a few of the Sunway qualities and facts:

- **Small groups** – by travelling with a maximum of 12 people, you are able to witness Africa and have first-hand contact with this amazing continent and its people without being a negative influence. This has been a key factor in our continued success. Our trips appeal to a wide demographic of traveller. Our clients range in age from 25 to 65+ with the average being 45. The range of travellers gives a variety of perspectives which adds to the experience of each safari.
- **2 Sunway tour guides** – group leaders are the key to any safari. On a Sunway safari you will travel with 2 qualified and registered field guides (Field Guides Association of SA). Two guides as crew, not a guide and a driver, means interesting trips with maximum knowledge and information. Our guides have a passion for Africa, her people and her wildlife, and they love nothing more than sharing their knowledge with you.
- **Guaranteed departures** – departure dates on each itinerary shown as bold are guaranteed departure dates. All other departures operate with a minimum of 4 clients.

- **All inclusive price** – when we travel ourselves, we always feel that if we're in a country we should find and see the best it has to offer. So when planning the Sunway routes we ensure that each trip provides the best inclusions and experiences. For example, if you go to Botswana – you have to visit the national parks in an open 4WD – it is the essence of the Botswana wilderness. If you tour Zambia, then you must visit South Luangwa NP and do a game walk with a local scout. When booking on a Sunway Safari there are no hidden costs. All of the entrance fees are included, and a wide range of activities, and most meals. We have included many highlights in our tours, so that you will see and experience the highlights without having to pay extra when you get there. So when you decide on which safari company to book with, look carefully at what you're actually getting. You may only visit a place once, make sure you get the most out of it.
- **Safety** – our fleet of vehicles are custom built to ensure comfortable and safe touring. Each is constructed, by an authorised passenger vehicle builder, to the latest safety requirements, with a safety shell, and every seat has a lap belt. This gives you peace of mind when travelling with Sunway Safaris on the often demanding African roads.
- **Responsible travel** - Our commitment to sustainable & responsible tourism is reflected in our low impact travel style where all we take is photographs and all we leave is our footprints. Being an African company we have the grassroots contacts to make a real difference in the lives of the people whose lands we visit. 

On each itinerary in the brochure you'll find this symbol which highlights just one of the sustainable travel initiatives that we support
- **Solo Travellers** – going it alone won't make your holiday more expensive; our reservations staff will match you up with another same-gender traveller to keep your holiday affordable. If however you request a single room or tent these are available, with a price supplement
- **Experience** - we have more than 20 years' experience planning tours throughout Southern Africa. As such, our itineraries and routes have been perfected over many years ensuring that your tour will run smoothly. We visit the highlights of Southern Africa, but ensure that you do not follow the well-trodden tourist track. All of us at Sunway Safaris have extensive travel experience in Africa, and throughout the world. Being adventure travellers ourselves, we know how to plan trips that give you a broad experience of the countries that you will visit.
- **Based in Africa** - probably the most important part of a Sunway safari is that we are an African company with offices in South Africa and Botswana. We live in Africa, we travel in Africa and it is our passion for this amazing continent that makes Sunway your best travel option.
- **Age Policy** - On all scheduled tours, we accept children 12-17 with accompanying adult. We have no upper age limit. Clients older than 65 years of age at time of travel require a medical certificate stating client is fit and healthy to join an adventure travel group tour. We have many clients over 65 years of age, who are perfectly capable of enjoying every aspect of a Sunway tour, both accommodated and camping. For more details contact marketing@sunway-safaris.com.

Accommodation

- **Camping** - 11 nights on safari we stay at designated campsites in national parks and towns. South African campsite facilities are generally very good. There are hot and cold showers, restaurants, washing facilities & laundries, post office/telephones, kiosks available at most of the campsites. Sunway supplies all the camping equipment with the exception of your sleeping bag and pillow. The dome tents we use are 2.2 x 2.2 x 1.8 metres and putting them up or down takes only 5 minutes. Tents have built-in insect nets. We supply mattresses, which are about 5 cm thick, warm and comfortable. The camp chairs have a backrest.

Please note:

That the accommodation specified above and in the itinerary, is a guide only and is subject to availability. Alternatives will be of a similar standard, and accommodation changes will be made without notice.

Transport

- **On foot** - easy to moderate walks throughout the tour. Walks are 3 – 4 hours.
- **Vehicle** - for longer distance travel, place to place, we use custom-built Sunway Safari trucks with 12 forward facing seats. Comfortable touring and good for game viewing. Large, sliding windows and viewing hatches give everyone a good view; or Mercedes Sprinter minibuses with 12 forward facing seats (and trailer for equipment and baggage). There are several long days of travelling but the vehicles have a comfortable cruising speed and this tour is all about the journey and not just the destination! The emphasis of the trip is "getting out and doing things".

Local Payment

- There is no local payment required on this safari.

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Recommended reading

Before you travel you might want to read any of the following books. While not specific to the Sunway tour you will join, they do provide some background understanding of the countries you will be visiting.

- Long Walk to Freedom by Nelson Mandela (Autobiography - Nelson Mandela is one of the great moral and political leaders of our time.)
- Cry the Beloved Country by Alan Paton (Is the deeply moving story of the Zulu pastor Stephen Kumalo and his son Absalom. A classic work of love and hope, courage and endurance, born of the dignity of man.)
- The Power of One by Bryce Courtenay (Story of one young man's search for the love that binds friends, the passion that binds lovers, and the realization that it takes only one to change the world.)
- The Covenant by James A. Mitchener (The best and worst of two continents carve an empire out of the vast wilderness that is to become South Africa.)
- My Traitor's Heart by Rian Malan (Malan, former South African crime reporter, searches for the truth behind apartheid.)
- The Story of an African Farm by Olive Schreiner (Children living on a farm in the Karoo in 1880's)
- Fie!a's Child by Dalene Matthee (An orphaned white child becomes adopted by an African family set in Knysna)
- Circles in a Forest by Dalene Matthee (Story of a wood cutter and elephants in the Knysna forests)
- Jock of the Bushveld by J Percy FitzPatrick (Story of a trader and his dog set in 1880 around Pilgrim's Rest and Kruger area)
- A Cask of Jerepigo by Herman Charles Bosman (Bosman's classic sketches and essays)
- When The Lion Feeds by Smith Wilbur (Fictional story set in Natal, South Africa in the 1870's)
- The Steps of the Sun by Joanna Trollope (Love story set during the Boer War)
- Newman's Birds of Southern Africa by Kenneth Newman
- Sasol Birds of Southern Africa by Ian Sinclair, Phil Hockey, and W.R. Tarboton
- The Safari Companion: A Guide to Watching African Mammals Including Hoofed Mammals, Carnivores, and Primates by Richard D. Estes and Daniel Otte
- Field Guide to Trees of Southern Africa (Field Guides) by Braam Van Wyk, Keith Coates Palgrav, and Piet Van Wyk

Shopping

- Craft shopping for carvings, candles, batiks, wirework, paintings and clothing, in Swaziland, Zululand and Knysna, is some of the best in Southern Africa.

Food

- We pride ourselves on giving very good healthy meals to our clients and will provide three meals per day, except where shown in itinerary, when we try out local restaurants.
- The tour leaders do the shopping and meal planning for each group. He/she will always try to obtain fresh produce wherever possible. A rough idea of what these will consist of is: Breakfast - cereals or coffee and toast or the occasional fried breakfast, Lunch - cheese, cold meats, salads on bread or rolls, Dinner - braais (local barbecue), potjies (stews), stir fries etc. We use regular plates, cups and cutlery. All cooking and eating utensils will also be provided.
- We do cater for special dietary requirements (e.g. vegetarian or allergies). Please advise requirements at the time of booking.
- We will supply fruit squash served with breakfast and tea or coffee served with breakfast and dinner. All other beverages will be for your own expense. We will not supply bottled drinking water although it is available at many shops on tour.

Difficulty

- Anyone who is generally active and in good health should enjoy this trip. A combination of camping and basic accommodation makes for a comfortable tour.
- Full itinerary with a couple of long driving days but also plenty of outdoors activity.
- Everyone is asked to help out with the running of camp on tour. In other words if everyone spends a little time setting up camp, preparing meals and cleaning up then the tour will run smoothly and everyone will have a good time. Participation is the name of the game.

Things you should know

- Includes park entrances.
- You will need a valid passport and visas for entry into Swaziland & Lesotho and re-entering South Africa. Consult the tour dossier for a more detailed list of visa requirements and consult with your travel agent or Sunway Safaris.
- Luggage, please pack to a limit of 12kgs in a soft sports tog bag. Bring a daypack for walks. You will need to bring a towel.
- We recommend that you bring South African Rand for personal expenses on this trip. Travellers cheques can be changed in most large towns. Major credit cards can also be used for optional activities and restaurant bills. See the Sunway tour dossier for approximate costs of drinks and meals etc.

Common questions about this trip

1. **Can I buy camera memory cards?** Memory cards and other photographic accessories will be available several times on tour. A camera with a zoom lens from wide angle to telephoto, 35-300mm, is advisable to capture both scenic and wildlife shots. Each vehicle is fitted with a 12/24V cigarette lighter – this should not be relied on for charging camera batteries and we recommend you bring a 2nd battery. Remember you can also charge your camera on those nights we use accommodation (SA 220V)
2. **Is it safe?** South Africa, like many countries, has its problems but your guide knows the country intimately and will endeavour to show you the best parts while looking after you. Be aware, but not paranoid, and you will have a great trip!
3. **Do I need malaria tablets?** Mpumalanga, Swaziland and Zululand (ie: first week of tour) is a limited risk malaria area and prophylactics are recommended.
4. **What do I need to bring?** All details are covered in our general tour briefing (available from www.sunway-safaris.com on home page) but the basics are: - a warm sleeping bag, comfortable clothes for warm days and cool evenings, walking shoes, a raincoat, hat and sunglasses, swimsuit, a small pair of binoculars also comes in very handy and most importantly - a sense of adventure!

