



Hoedspruit & Drakensberg Escarpment

2 Nights, 3 day photo safari



The Hoedspruit and Lowveld Escarpment tour is a 3-day sightseeing tour that traverses through the magnificent panorama route and the wildlife-rich Lowveld area. Both Hoedspruit and the Lowveld escarpment area are close to Kruger National park, and this safari can be done on its own or combined with a Kruger National Park Photo Safari.

Home to some of South Africa's most striking landscapes, the Drakensberg Escarpment was, until a couple of centuries ago, untamed rainforest roamed by elephants, buffaloes, and even lions. Today, it is holidaying South Africans and, increasingly, international visitors who wander the highlands and enjoy the beautiful landscape. The escarpment marks the point where the highveld plateau plunges over 3000 feet to the Lowveld, forming a dramatic knot of soaring cliffs, canyons, sweeping hillsides, and cool valleys thick with pine trees and waterfalls.

Duration: 3 days, 2 nights

Destinations:

- Hoedspruit, Limpopo Province
- Graskop, Mpumalanga Province

Trip Highlights:

- Moholoholo Rehabilitation Centre
- Hoedspruit Endangered Species Centre
- Jessica Hippo
- The Three Rondavels
- Bourke's Luck Potholes
- Berlin Falls
- Lisbon Falls
- God's Window
- The Pinnacle
- Graskop



Jessica Hippo

Meet Jessica, the friendly and loving hippo, where you can interact and feed this hippo. Jessica is an orphan hippo found during the floods of 2000 by Tony and Sherley Joubert, who then raised her. Jessica enjoys a life of freedom with wild hippos, but she returns to the homestead every day to greet her people and drink two bottles of iced tea.



Hoedspruit Endangered Species Center

Visit Hoedspruit Endangered Species Center (HESC). Following an introductory presentation, you will embark on an in-depth tour of the center on an open safari vehicle with an experienced guide. HESC houses several animal species, including cheetah, African wild dog, lion, African wild cat, Ground hornbill, Sable antelope, to name just a few. Visitors can view the resident animals in close proximity, in a habitat simulating what they would experience in the wild. Guests also have the opportunity of watching rare African vultures feeding at the Vulture Restaurant.



Moholoholo Rehabilitation Centre

Moholoholo Rehabilitation Centre is home to the famous Stoffel, the honey badger. Situated in the shadow of the majestic "Mariepskop," which forms part of the mighty Drakensberg mountains, the unique Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre is home to many of South Africa's abandoned, injured, and poisoned wildlife. Often Moholoholo is faced with the difficult decision of what to do with an injured or poisoned animal, which can't be released back into the wild. As a result, several "permanent residents" are used as "ambassadors" for their respective species. Therefore, you will be able to get an up-close and personal experience of these incredible creatures. With Moholoholo's hands-on approach, they can demonstrate the threats and problems our wildlife faces today. A visit to the Centre is "an experience of a lifetime" and will leave you with lasting memories.



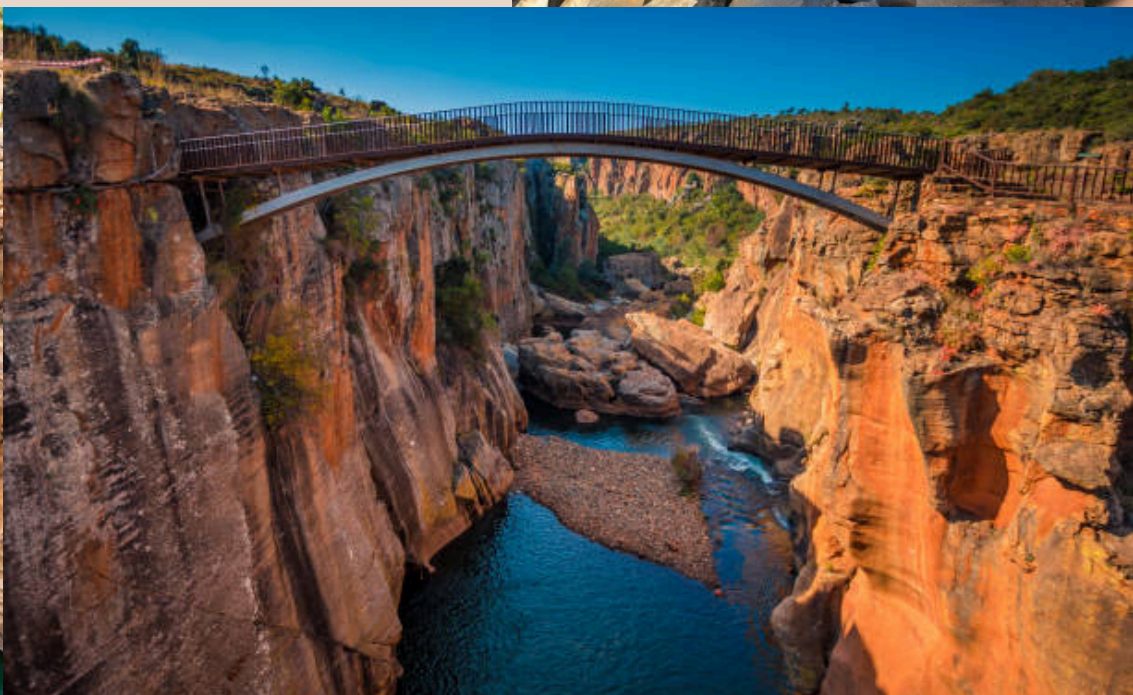
The Three Rondavels

The word "rondavel" is a South African word that refers to a round hut-like dwelling (usually with a thatched roof). The three well-known gigantic peaks of quartzite and shale, with their sheer rock walls tower more than 2300 feet above the surrounding landscape. Viewpoints offer stunning views of the Three Rondavels and Blyde River Canyon, the third-largest canyon in the world.



Burke's Luck Potholes

Time to explore Burke's Luck Potholes. The natural water feature marks the beginning of the Blyde River Canyon. The swirling whirlpools that occur as the Treur River plunge into the Blyde River caused waterborne sand and rock to grind huge cylindrical potholes into the river's bedrock. Bourke's Luck Potholes were named after prospector Tom Bourke who discovered alluvial gold in the late 1880s. A long circular path with several pedestrian bridges over the river directs visitors towards the best vantage points. The interesting and informative visitors centre sheds light on the region's natural history and introduces the area's early inhabitants, the San.



The small town of Graskop

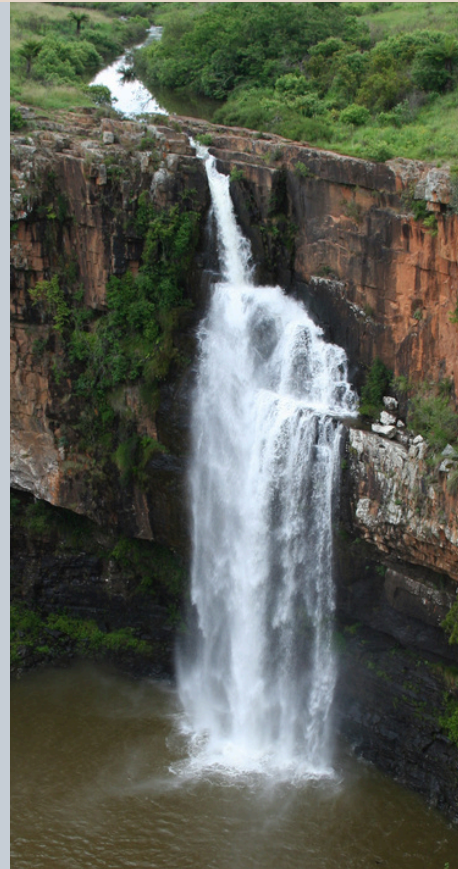
Enjoy lunch at a town named Graskop. Graskop means "grass hill" and is famous for its pancake restaurant. Get the chance to do souvenir shopping at the many art & craft shops where you can find anything from woven carpets, and elephant dung paper to handmade crafts, and local artists' paintings.



Berlin Falls and Lisbon Falls

A short walk to Berlin falls will bring you to a vantage point overlooking the beautiful falls that tumble down in a single drop for about 260 feet before crashing dramatically into a round basin that is an irresistible jade colour. Seeing the green waters set off by the red cliffs around them is unforgettable and best enjoyed from the observation platform above.

At 301 feet, Lisbon Falls is the highest waterfall in the area. European prospectors named both Lisbon and Berlin falls after their hometowns.



Gods Window

Experience the breathtaking scenic splendour of God's Window. God's Window is so-called for the Lowveld's panoramic view more than 900 m down into the lush indigenous forest-clad ravine. The majestic cliffs plunge over 2900 feet to the Lowveld and the private game reserves, which have made the area one of South Africa's main wildlife destinations. God's Window is a small part of a 250km long earthwork of sheer cliffs and extravagant beauty. One can observe the hills and forests as far as the eye can see. It seems as if one can see forever!



ADD ON ACTIVITIES NOT INCLUDED IN THE SAFARI PACKAGE

Big Swing at Craskop - \$30 p/p

Experience the adrenaline rush of the world's highest cable gorge swing with a 223 feet freefall. 0-99 mph in 2.3 seconds! This is not an upside-down bungee jump - you are strapped in an upright position.



Hot Air Balloon Rides- \$350 p/p

WEATHER PERMITTING

Experience the magic of a one-hour lighter-than-air flight near the foot of the Drakensberg Escarpment. Fly over the scenic Lowveld section of the Blyde River. The terrain is a mixture of farmland, private nature reserves and wildlife estates. The mountains to the south and west provide shelter from the prevailing winds, affording good flying weather on most days.



HOEDSPRUIT & LOWVELD ESCARPMENT

	1 person	2-3 people	4+ people
Hoedspruit & Lowveld Escarpment - 3 Days, 2 Nights	\$2150 p/p	\$1350 p/p	\$1050 p/p
EXTRA ACTIVITIES THAT CAN BE ADDED TO THIS SAFARI			
The Big Swing (Graskop)	\$30 p/p	\$30 p/p	\$30 p/p
Hot Air balloon Ride	\$350 p/p	\$350 p/p	\$350 p/p

COMBINATION SAFARIS

Any additional activities, as mentioned in the individual safaris, can be added to the combination Safaris below at the prices stipulated above.

	2-3 people	4+ people
Kruger & Lowveld Escarpment Safari - 7 Days, 6 Nights	\$3450 p/p	\$2650 p/p
Botswana, Victoria Falls, Kruger & Lowveld Escarpment Safari - 13 Days, 12 Nights	\$7790 p/p	\$6250 p/p

Included in price:

- Prices include all accommodation
- All road transportation for the duration of the safari
- Return to Lianga Safaris or O.R. International Airport
- Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
- Soft drinks, beer, wine and bottled water
- All entrance and game reserve fees

Activities and entrance fees included in prices;

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- Hoedspruit Endangered Species Centre
- Jessica Hippo interaction
- The Three Rondavels
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- Berlin Falls
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Best time to visit:

- March - October

Duration:

- 2-night and 3-days

Destinations:

- Graskop
(Mpumalanga province in South Africa)
- Hoedspruit
(Limpopo province in South Africa)

Excluded from prices:

- All airline fares
- Curios and souvenirs
- Gratuities to guides on activities
- The Big Swing at Graskop
- Hot air balloon ride

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