

JWP EARTH 2024

Dates: 4th May -17th May 2023

14 days/13 nights

Countries: South Africa

Arrival Flights: International into OT Airport

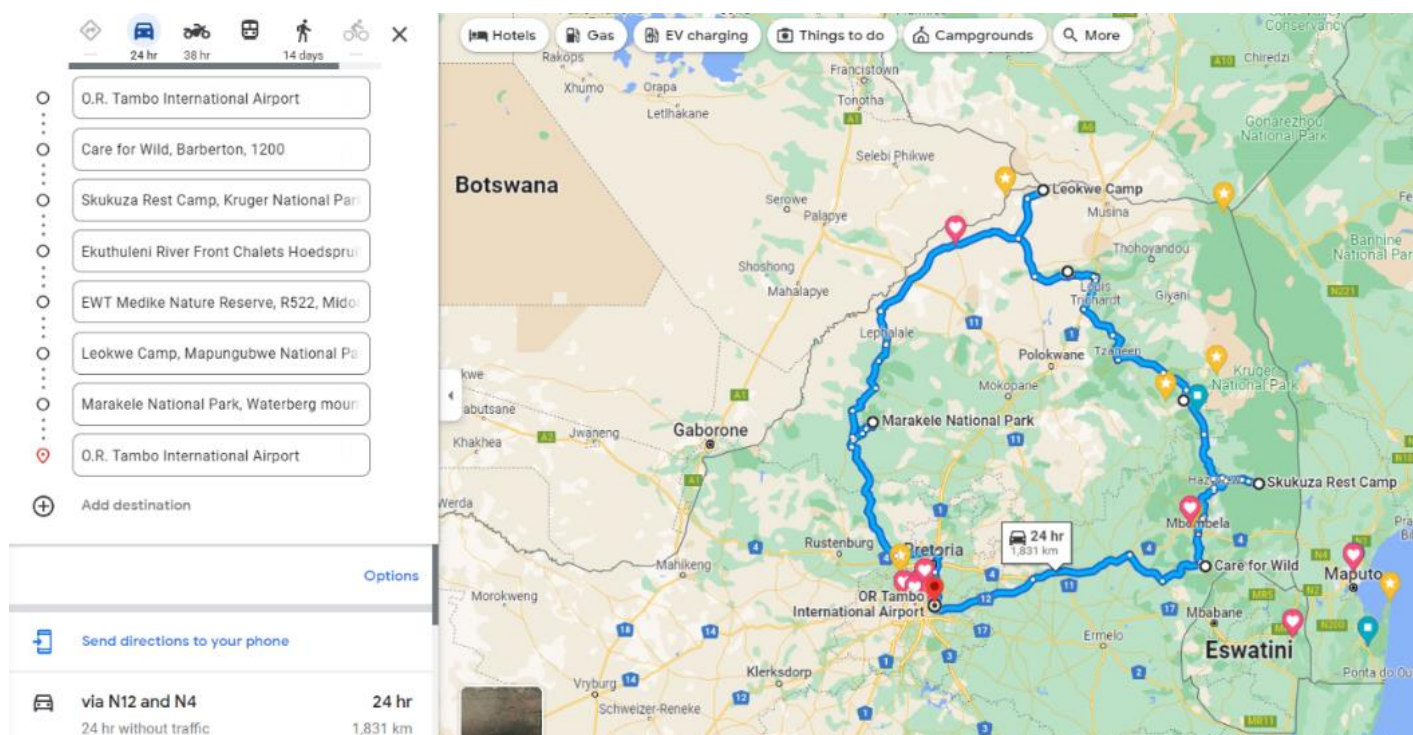
Departure Flight: OT International Airport

Rate: **R75 000pp** sharing (**NB: If Staying for both trips can add R1000 on for accommodation for JHB ie. R76 000pp)

ROUTE(ISH)

1. JHB to White River x 1 nights. Activities: TBC
2. Kruger National Park x 3 nights. Activities: Bush Walks, Tracking, Tree Identification & Drives (Vanessa Strydom)
3. Hoedspruit x 3 nights. Activities: EWT & Elephants Alive + Down 2 the Wire
4. Medike Game Reserve x 2 nights. Activities: Walk, Talks/Presentation - EWT
5. Mapungubwe Game Reserve x 2 nights. Activities: Vanessa Strydom.
6. Marakele National Park x 2 nights. Activities: Bush Walks/Game Drives.
7. JHB – if people are staying on then we will stay in a place in JHB.

	Date	Day	Country	Itinerary		Type
1	04-May-24	Saturday	South Africa	JHB - Whiteriver		House/Room
2	05-May-24	Sunday	South Africa	Bush River camp	Kruger National Park	Safari Tent
3	06-May-24	Monday	South Africa	Bush River camp	Kruger National Park	Safari Tent
4	07-May-24	Tuesday	South Africa	Bush River camp	Kruger National Park	Safari Tent
5	08-May-24	Wednesday	South Africa	Ndabushi Lodge		Chalet
6	09-May-24	Thursday	South Africa	Ekhuleni River Chalet	EWT	Chalet
7	10-May-24	Friday	South Africa	Ekhuleni River Chalet	Elephants Alive	Chalet
8	11-May-24	Saturday	South Africa	Medike FICA House	Soutpansberg	House
9	12-May-24	Sunday	South Africa	Medike FICA House	Soutpansberg - EWT	House
10	13-May-24	Monday	South Africa	Leokwe Camp	Mapungubwe National Park	Chalet
11	14-May-24	Tuesday	South Africa	Leokwe Camp	Mapungubwe National Park	Chalet
12	15-May-24	Wednesday	South Africa	Tlopi Tented Camp	Marakele National Park	Safari Tent
13	16-May-24	Thursday	South Africa	Tlopi Tented Camp	Marakele National Park	Safari Tent
14	17-May-24	Friday	South Africa	JHB	Lesedi Cultural Village	Rondavel



Some of the extraordinary experiences you can look forward to as part of this group of eco-travellers includes:

- **14 days / 13 nights** in South Africa
- Embark on a Wildlife safari in search of the Big Five in their natural habitat in the world renowned Kruger National Park
- Discover the wonders of Mpumalanga for history, wildlife, and scenic beauty;
- Spend time with top conservationists from Endangered Wildlife Trust (EWT), Elephants Alive and Wildscape veterinary services professional team. It is a once in a lifetime experience to witness this vital conservation work been done first hand.
- Explore the unique landscape and local culture of the Soutpansberg, Limpopo's northernmost mountain range, which is in UNESCO Vhembe Biosphere Reserve
- Look for the largest breeding colony of Cape vultures at Mapungubwe National Park;
- Arrive expectantly, and leave enchanted with the heartbeat of South Africa. It has diverse habitats, rare & endangered species, and is culturally rich, with breathtaking landscapes, wildlife, and iconic landmarks;
- Relax and enjoy this exceptionally organised once-in-a-lifetime African experience where all logistical details are taken care of for you.
- Making lifelong friendships with other travellers from around the world who are just as passionate about making a difference in Africa as you are
- Raising money for conservation projects

Frequency: One Trip per year

Fitness Ratings: Moderate

Tour Features: Wildlife Conservation, English-spoken, Fundraising for Wildlife Conservation Groups, Male/Female

Beneficiary: EWT & Elephants Alive

Accommodation: Tents, Chalets (**Shared accommodation)

Price range: Mid-range

Min: 6 eco-adventurers (*We need a min of 4 people to run this trip + 2 BSE crew).

Max: 8 eco-adventurers

***Please note this Itinerary and Price may change slightly but the expedition leader will keep you posted and updated if anything does happen. Terms and conditions apply due to availability.**

Rate:

R60 000pp + R15 000pp (Fundraising) = **R75 000pp** Sharing

****R5000pp** deposit is required to book a spot on the trip.

25% by 1st September 2023 . The balance is to be paid 90 days (1 February 2024) before the departure date.

Price quoted is SA Rands. T&C Apply

****Blue Sky Society Trust** expeditions are different as one of our main focuses is supporting Conservation organisations. We do this by charging/asking guests to raise funds for a particular conservation organisation.

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WHAT IS INCLUDED:

- Expedition leader Carla Geysler
- Basic accommodation (all sharing)
- All meals & water in the itinerary
- National Park fees & bed levies
- **R15 000pp** fundraising for our chosen beneficiary, Elephants Alive & EWT (NB: This money can either be paid direct or fundraised by the person)
- All activities detailed in the itinerary.
- Transfers to and from airports during the expedition

WHAT IS EXCLUDED:

- Any Flights & any necessary transfers to get to the start/finish of the expedition
- Gratuities (*We recommend US\$ 5 to 10 per guide or activity*)
- Any visas & border costs for South Africa
- Alcoholic drinks & snacks & any extra meals not on the itinerary
- Any personal expenses
- Comprehensive travel insurance (*Compulsory*)
- JHB Extra nights' accommodation (pre/ post-expedition) - Budget on approximately R1000pp
- Any extra activities not mentioned in the itinerary

These self-drive adventures are organised and led by Carla Geyser, the founder of the Blue Sky Society Trust (BSST) and Blue Sky Expeditions who has, to date, led many successful trips into Africa. If you are an enthusiastic adventurer who is passionate about conservation and takes life as it comes, then this is for you! #JWP brings together like-minded people from around the world on trips that focus on visiting and raising funds for wildlife initiatives along the route.

#JWP EXPEDITIONS ARE NOT FOR EVERYONE

Carla tries to handpick the expedition members where possible, always looking for well-rounded individuals of various skills and interests. If you are an enthusiastic adventurer who's passionate about conservation and who takes life as it comes, then our next #JWP expedition could be for you!

REMOTE AND MEMORABLE

These expeditions often involve driving long distances over bumpy dusty roads, camping in remote areas, and at times being without cell service for days and of course giving back through hands-on charity work. This is not a tour but rather a team expedition, and every member of the team is expected to pitch in with cooking, cleaning, camp set up where necessary etc. It is the experience of a lifetime, and we would love to have exploratory fun-filled compassionate spirits along for the ride.

ARE YOU UP FOR THE CHALLENGE?

This is a LIMITED entry journey, which means only a few people get to experience this unforgettable never to be repeated experience. Minimum enrollment for this trip is 6 people. If minimum enrollment is not met 90 days prior to departure date then trip may be cancelled in which full payment including deposit will be refunded. (Minus the \$600pp non refundable deposit)

SAFETY: Safety is always a priority, We have a satellite phone, SATIB Insurance 24 hour medivac and assistance on call, Access to doctors 24/7

PAYMENT & BOOKING:

1. DEPOSIT: A R5 000pp non-refundable deposit is required to be paid within 24 hours to reserve/book your spot on the expedition.
2. PAYMENT TWO: To be paid within 30 days of booking confirmation
3. FULL PAYMENT DEADLINE: The remaining balance should be paid 90 days prior to departure. If you are booking within 90 days of departure, then full payment is required at the time of booking. (1st February 2024)
4. OR Full payment upfront (100%)

CANCELLATION & REFUND POLICY:

1. 30 days (one month) or less –Cancellation by you up to 30 days prior to departure results in no refund. (100% Cancellation fee applies ie no refund)
2. 30 – 90 days (one to three months) - 70% Cancellation fee applies. 30% will be refunded.

3. 90 – 150 days (three to five months) – 30% Cancellation fee applies. 70% will be refunded.
4. 150 days or more – Cancellation by you up to 150 days prior to departure to will result in full reimbursement MINUS deposit.
5. Blue Sky Expeditions is not responsible for cancellations due to medical emergencies.
6. A cancellation request must be received in writing by email from participant. Verbal notice will not serve as a valid cancellation.
7. Should you choose to withdraw from the program, unfortunately the DEPOSIT IS NON-REFUNDABLE
8. In the event that a trip is cancelled due to inadequate enrollment, Blue Sky Expeditions is not responsible for reimbursement of non-refundable airline tickets. While we do our absolute best to fill each trip, we highly recommend you buy refundable airline tickets.

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Unless you are purchasing the airline insurance it is a good idea to wait until departure is confirmed to buy plane tickets.

Please ARRIVE at JHB OT International Airport by 4th May 2024 (By 9am)

Please book your DEPARTURE from OT International Airport for the 17th May 2024 (After 2pm)

Traveling before or after the program is totally fine- just let Blue Sky Expeditions know your plans.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

Please note the itinerary may change slightly but we will keep you posted as to any amendments or changes. This is Africa (TIA). We will send you emails with what documentation and correspondence we require from you. An Expedition Agreement contract will be sent and needs to be read, understood, signed and returned to confirm your

MEALS: Most meals will be eaten together at the places we stay. Food restrictions and allergies can be accommodated, just please let us know beforehand.

SLEEPING ARRANGEMENTS: Pricing is based upon a double occupancy sharing. Unless a specific person has been identified you will be assigned a roommate where possible. Every person will have their own bed.

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL INSURANCE:

Here at Blue Sky Expeditions we do our best to ensure that every program is a success. However, in the event of something unexpected we want you to be fully protected. We REQUIRE that you purchase international travel & flight insurance. Make sure you have sufficient supplies of any prescription medicine, it might be wise to bring a small personal first aid kit, including any patent medicines you prefer. You are responsible for taking all necessary health precautions before and during your trip. It is the client's responsibility to ensure they seek professional medical advice before travelling and to take all necessary health precautions and preventative measures.

Vaccinations: Be an informed traveler! Ultimately it is up to you to consult a physician. We are here to help but can not legally provide medical advice.

ENTRY & VISA INFORMATION

Please ensure that your passport is valid for at least six months from the date of entry and that you have at least two blank pages in your passport (the back page does not count).

MONEY & TIPPING:

The colourful currency in South Africa is the Rand. Credit cards are not widely accepted. Reliable ATM's in banks are available in cities. You may also bring cash to exchange at banks and exchange offices.

TIPPING: There will some situations where you may feel the need to tip but as always it is up to your discretion. Typically it is customary to tip our local guides \$5-\$10 per day per guide.