

LHS TULI TRAIL RIDE



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Limpopo Horses Safaris is located in the eastern tip of Botswana, in the northern Tuli Game Reserve. This huge and pristine tract of land is full of wildlife and guests have the chance to canter with zebra, wildebeest and giraffe in the open plains, to see huge numbers of elephant, and probably the elusive leopard, as well as lion within their natural habitat. Much of the riding takes place on the banks of the famous Limpopo River.

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- Riding through the acacia veld and dry rivers of the Mashatu Reserve
- Experience the excitement of game viewing from horseback
- Game Drives with Mashatu rangers
- First and last night at the comfortable Two Mashatus camp
- Two nights at the Kgotla camp “sleeping under the stars”
- Two nights in contrasting wilderness camps
- Elephant, lion, leopard and cheetah country
- Luxury mobile tented accommodation, camping under shady mashatu trees
- Private guide
- Eight days with a maximum group size of eight guests on set departure trips to ensure a highly personal experience.



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On arrival into Johannesburg today you make your way through immigration, collect your bags and then proceed to the arrivals hall. Here you will be met by a representative from Angel Gabriel and driven approximately 45 minutes to Lanseria airport. Your representative will then assist you with check in of your flight to Limpopo.

Upon arrival into Limpopo you will be met by your guide and transferred to Two Mashatus Camp. After a light lunch it's time to head off to the stables to meet your horse for the week.

You will embark on a short introductory ride to make sure that you and your horse are well suited. Supper and sundowners are enjoyed at the Llala Palm dining room before returning to camp.

Day 2

The day begins at sunrise with tea/coffee brought to your tent, followed by a light breakfast. You will mount up and head off from the dense woodland along the Limpopo River towards the shallow rocky hills that mark the edges of the great river valley.

Your destination for night two is Majele River camp, a rustic series of cabins atop the steep and shady banks of the Majele River. Here in the heart of the Mashatu area the game is plentiful. The Tuli area is home to one of the largest herds of free roaming Elephant south of the Zambezi and you are almost assured of great viewing of these incredible creatures.

After lunch and a siesta you will take a gentle guided walk to a nearby lookout spot known as "Majele Koppie". Dinner is enjoyed in the thatched lapa overlooking the river.

Days 3 and 4

An early wakeup call heralds a new day and tea/coffee and a delicious light breakfast is served around the log fire. Today you will be able to test the amazingly sure-footed Boerperd horses as you cross over basalt ridges following age-old elephant trails and enjoy long canters to make up for the lost time traversing the ridges. This ride will be about six to seven hours, arriving at Kgotla Camp for a late lunch.



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In the afternoon you have the option of visiting the local village to buy hand-crafted Ilala palm curios, viewing Bushmen paintings and then enjoying a sundowner looking out over the Motloutse River. Back at the Kgotla, dinner is enjoyed around a large log fire after which the night is spent sleeping under the stars while listening in on the cacophony of sounds generated by the African bush orchestra.

You spend another night at Kgotla Camp, enjoying a full day exploring the sandstone formations including the famed Solomon's Wall. Ancient civilizations harboured their wealth among these hills where two mighty rivers, the Limpopo and the Motloutse, meet. These days riding will be about four to five hours, leaving time in the afternoon to head to the archaeologically rich Mmamagwa hills where a 360 degree view of the reserve can be enjoyed as well as another beautiful African sunset.

Day 5

An early rise and hearty breakfast is a good start for what is probably your longest day on horseback today. Winding your way through the Mopane bush, with the chance of sighting elephant, you will make your way to the rich plains area close to the Limpopo River.

Liana Camp is snugly nestled amongst giant Mashatu trees that line the Liana lagoon, a tributary to the Limpopo River. To ease your aches you will have the opportunity for an afternoon game drive that will take you deep into the reserve in search of the big cats. The area is renowned for including leopard, cheetah and lion.

Day 6

This morning will begin a little slower as today is spent exploring the banks of the Mojale and Matabole Rivers, following their courses north towards the Zeederberg site. The day will offer riding up and down river banks, through riverine forest, game sightings and more fabulous photo opportunities. Today's riding will be about five to six hours. Lunch is under the bows of an old mashatu tree, where a century ago the Zeederberg transport riders had their midday break before finally reaching Fort Tuli. Spend the afternoon at leisure before you embark on a guided bush walk. The evening is enjoyed with sundowners around a log fire and a delicious meal to end another exhilarating and rewarding day.



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Today's ride is rich in history and offers a variety of interesting tales of the past. The open Pitsani Plains, so characteristic of this area, are perfect for a really good gallop, hopefully with zebra or wildebeest! You head in the direction of the Majale and Limpopo confluence where lunch awaits you upon return to the Two Mashatus camp. This ride is about five to six hours. Dinner is in the llala palm rondavel. A dreamless sleep no doubt awaits you as the final day draws to a close.

Day 8

Today is your last day in the bush and begins with your final early morning tea/coffee and breakfast snack over the open fire. The morning is spent riding along the Limpopo River. You head back to the stables where fond farewells are made to your steed. This is a shorter ride of about two hours, allowing you to get back to Two Mashatus with enough time to enjoy a hearty brunch and to get ready for your departure back to the airstrip.

From here you will take a flight back to Johannesburg, or continue with another African adventure.

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**TWO MASHATUS CAMP**

Nestled in the shade of a centurion mashatu tree, two traditionally built lala palm rondavels serve as dining area and lounge. Accommodation is in big A frame walk-in tents pitched on teak platforms, with en-suite enviro loo and running hot water shower and hand basin. Each tent is private and positioned in the shade of a tree with a small deck area on which to relax during the afternoons.

MAJELE RIVER CAMP

Rustic cabins set atop the Majele River, a beautiful thatched lapa dining and rest area set in the shade of a thicket old mashatu trees. Accommodation is made up of twin room units with each unit sharing a bathroom, separate flushing toilet and secluded outdoor showers.

THE KGOTLA

The Kgotla is used on the Tuli trail and is an old tribal court from a nearby community that was relocated to the banks of the Motloutse River on the western periphery of Mashatu. The boma is an open-air traditional African enclosure made up of leadwood logs. Guests sleep on beds around a large log fire which blazes at the centre, toilets and showers have hot running water.

LIANA FLY CAMP

The 'fly camp' accommodation is in traditional safari A-frame tents with comfortable full size beds, cotton sheets and duvets. Facilities include hot bucket showers and a 'bush-WC'. Meals are cooked over a camp fire.

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January 21, 28

February 04, 18, 25

March 04, 11, 18, 25

April 01, 08, 15, 22, 29

May 06, 13, 20, 27

June 03, 10, 17, 24

July 01, 08, 15, 22, 29

August 05, 12, 19, 26

September 02, 09, 16, 23, 30

October 07, 14, 21, 28

November 04

December 16, 23

2018 Scheduled Departure Costs (GBP £)

Per person sharing a tent (travel January to 28 April) is £2,499

Per person sharing a tent (travel 29 April to December inclusive) is £2,947

Single room supplement is £1,050 per person

**Please note these prices were correct at the time of posting based on the exchange rate. For an accurate quote, please contact us.*

THE ITINERARY INCLUDES

Accommodation and all meals as stated

Drinks as stated

Laundry as stated

Activities as stated

National Park and concession fees

THE ITINERARY EXCLUDES

International and regional flights

Passenger and airport taxes

Airport transfers

Other transfers

Visas

Travel insurance

Tips and gratuities

Other personal spending

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Boerperds, shire cross, thoroughbreds, South African warmblood and appaloosa

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Saddles used

Mainly English, a few Australian stock

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Maximum number

8 riders

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Hours in the saddle per day

Between 4 and 7

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Standard of riding required

Experienced riders, no beginners

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Children accepted

Minimum age 12 years

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When to go

All year except January and February

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Non-riders welcome

Yes

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Activities other than riding

Walking, cycling or game drives (at an extra charge)

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