

Limpopo Horse Safaris - Tuli Trail Ride



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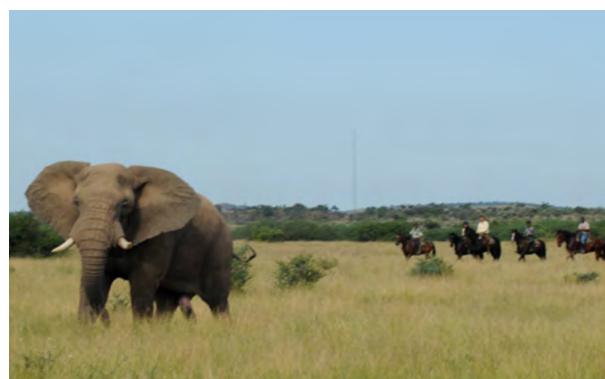
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Limpopo Horses Safaris is located in the eastern tip of Botswana, in the northern Tuli Game Reserve. This huge and pristine tract of land is full of wildlife and guests have the chance to canter with zebra, wildebeest and giraffe in the open plains, 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 wildlife 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"
- One night at Majele River Camp with rustic cabin bedrooms
- One night in wilderness fly camp
- Elephant, lion, leopard and cheetah country
- Luxury mobile tented accommodation, camping under shady mashatu trees
- Private guide
- Eight days/seven nights with a maximum group size of ten guests on set departure trips to ensure a highly personal experience.



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Please note this is a sample itinerary only and locations / camps may change depending on weather and wildlife movements.

Day 1 - Two Mashatus Camp

On arrival into Johannesburg today you make your way through immigration, collect your bags and then proceed to the arrivals hall. Head to the meeting point at counter A54 in the departures terminal (no later than 1045), where you are 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 Valley.

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

You then head out on a short introductory ride to make sure that you and your horse are well suited, arriving at Two Mashatus Camp. Supper and sundowners are served in the Lala Palm dining room before retiring for the night.

Two Mashatus is nestled in the shade of a Mashatu tree with two traditionally built Lala palm rondavel dining and lounge areas. Accommodation is in big A-frame walk-in tents pitched on teak platforms with en-suite bathrooms. Each tent is private and positioned in the shade of a tree with a small deck area in front on which to relax during the afternoons.

Day 2 - Majele River Camp

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 wildlife 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.



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Days 3 and 4 - Kgotla Camp

An early wakeup call heralds a new day and tea/coffee and a delicious light breakfast is served around the log fire. Today your journey takes you through the heart of Mashatu to the ancient rock formations synonymous with the Limpopo valley. Giant Baobabs silently surveying the land as they have for centuries, ancient elephant trails stamped into the soil and wonderfully long canters around the open scrub. The ride brings you to the banks of the Motloutse River and amongst dense old Mashatu trees a leadwood Boma called Kgotla, your home for the next two nights.

The following day you spend time 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. Your ride today 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.

The Kgotla is an old tribal court from a nearby community, which 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 sits on a hearth in the centre of the boma.

Day 5 - Liana Camp

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.



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Days 6 and 7 - Two Mashatus Camp

This morning will begin a little slower, your ride meandering its way through the beautiful plains between Mojali and Majele rivers. Abundant with wildlife and with spectacular views into the Limpopo River valley, you head back to Two Mashatus Camp in time to relax a little before heading out again in the afternoon to enjoy a sundowner drink at one of the nearby koppies.

The following day your riding promises great game viewing from horseback as you explore the Pitsane river valley. The Pitsane has a spring high in the hills which provides regular drinking holes along its course to draw thirsty herds of game. An area where history has it there was a skirmish during the Boer war which destroyed Bryce's store, an old British supply post. There used to be a stagecoach line, called Zeederberg's, that ran from the towns of the Transvaal in South Africa to the newly forged settlements of Southern Rhodesia, now Zimbabwe. Those coaches crossed the broad Limpopo and followed the Pitsane river, crossing into Zimbabwe. You will return to camp in time for lunch and a cooling swim in the pool. In the afternoon, you have the option of a bush walk or ride for your last African sundowner.

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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– TULI TRAIL RIDE**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.

KGOTLA CAMP

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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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2019 TRAVEL DATES

January 06, 13, 20, 27
 February 03, 10, 17, 24
 March 03, 10, 17, 24, 31
 April 07, 14, 21, 28
 May 05, 12, 19, 26
 June 02, 09, 16, 23, 30
 July 07, 14, 21, 28
 August 04, 11, 18, 25
 September 01, 08, 15, 22, 29
 October 06, 13, 20, 27
 November 03, 10, 17, 24
 December 01, 08, 15, 22

2019 SCHEDULED DEPARTURE COSTS (GBP £)

Per person sharing a tent (travel January to 27 April)
 is £2,310

Per person sharing a tent (travel 28 April to 31
 December inclusive) is £3,080

Single room supplement is £750 per person

Excludes flights or road transfers

**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

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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

Saddles used

Mainly English, a few Australian stock

Maximum number

8 riders

Hours in the saddle per day

Between 4 and 7

Standard of riding required

Experienced riders, no beginners

Children accepted

Minimum age 12 years

When to go

All year round

Non-riders welcome

Yes

Activities other than riding

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