

THULAMELA AND THE FAR NORTH OF KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

SCHEDULE

Day 1: Departure

Departure venue: University of Mpumalanga
Time: 06:00
Trip: 293km (estimated time: 4.5hrs)
First stop: Masorini Ruins
Meeting at: 13:00
Recommended departure time: latest 15:00
Accommodation: Mopani Camp
Trip: 73km (estimated time: 2hrs)

Day 2: Mopani Camp to Pafuri River Camp

Departure: Mopani Camp
Time: 07:00
Trip: 47km (estimated time: 1.5hrs)
First stop: Red Rocks
Meeting at: 09:00
Latest departure from stop: 09:30
Trip: 86km (estimated time: 3hrs)
Second stop: Matjigwili
Meeting at: 13:00
Latest departure from stop: latest 14:30
Trip: 22km (estimated time: 45mins)
Third stop: Luvuvhu River bridge
Arrive: 15:15
You are permitted to alight from your vehicle on the bridge
Stopping is up to you as we will meet again in camp
Trip: 25km (estimated time: 1hr)
Accommodation: Pafuri River Camp
Estimated arrival: After 16:30
Gather from 18:00 for drinks, followed by dinner

Day 3: Pafuri Section

Departure: Pafuri Rivercamp
Time: 07:00
Trip: 32km (estimated time: 1.5hrs)
First stop: Thulamela Archaeological Site
Meeting at: 08:30
Estimated departure from stop: 11:00
Trip: 20km (estimated time: 1hr)
Second stop: Gwalala Hill
It is crucial that we drive in convoy
Estimated departure from stop: latest 13:00
Trip: 4km (estimated time: 20mins)
Third stop: Rheeboek Vlei
Picnic stop (lunch): ± 1 hr
Estimated departure from stop: latest 14:30
Trip: 23km (estimated time: 1hr)
Fourth stop: Crooks Corner
Depart on your own time
Trip to camp: 40km (estimated time: 1.5hrs)
Accommodation: Pafuri River Camp
Gather from 18:00 for drinks, followed by dinner

Day 4: Pafuri Section

Departure: Pafuri Rivercamp
Time: 07:00
Trip: 24km (estimated time: 1hr)
First stop: Deku
Meeting at: 08:00

Estimated departure from stop: 12:00
Trip: 20km (estimated time: 1hr)
Second stop: Pafuri Picnic Site
Meeting at: 13:00
Picnic stop (lunch): ±1hr
Trip to camp: 39km (estimated time: 1.5hrs)
The remainder of the afternoon is for game drives
Accommodation: Pafuri River Camp
Gather from 18:00 for drinks, followed by dinner

Day 5: Departure

Trip from Pafuri River Camp to (shortest route on Google Maps):

Pretoria	564km (6hr 42min)
Johannesburg	618km (7hr 12min)
Pietermaritzburg	1,095km (12hr 1min)
Mbombela	516km (7hr 22min)
Bloemfontein	1,108km (12hr 40min)
Hoedspruit (airport)	369km (5hr 11min)
Polokwane (airport)	293km (3hr 50min)

*Please double check distances if you plan to drive to a city and fly out on the same day and check the route as some roads are slow.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

- Estimated travel times have been slightly extended to allow for occasional wildlife sightings. However, they do not accommodate prolonged or frequent stops. Participants are therefore advised to manage their travel time carefully to ensure timely arrival at each stop, as late arrival may result in missing the guided component of a visit.
- Should you miss a guided activity, please make arrangements to rejoin the group at the next scheduled stop.
- Participants who wish to spend additional time game driving are encouraged to depart earlier in the morning and to make use of the free time allocated after scheduled activities.
- On Days 3 and 4, while travelling within the Pafuri Section, all participants are required to drive in convoy. Please coordinate with other members of the tour to arrange carpool, as this will help reduce the number of vehicles in the convoy.
- Please note the limited availability of supplies and fuel in the northern part of the park. Once the group has arrived at Pafuri River camp, there will be limited access to shops or fuel stations until departure. Participants should therefore ensure that all necessary supplies are purchased in advance and that vehicles are refuelled at Shingwedzi, which lies *en route*. Pafuri Rivercamp has a bar, and the nearby village includes a spaza shop and a shebeen. The nearest fuel station to here is about 100km away.
- Please note that breakfast and lunch are not included in the tour cost. Beer and wine or other alcoholic drinks for participants' own account.
- Participants will receive full instructions as to what to bring with them on the trip.

