



# Big Five Marathon Itinerary

19 June 2021



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DAY 6	TUE 22 JUNE	Depart for Johannesburg

## Day 1 - Thu 17 June: Arrival at Entabeni

The tour starts and ends in Johannesburg International Airport (also known as OR Tambo). On arrival into Johannesburg you will be transferred to the Entabeni Safari Conservancy. Transfers will depart from the Airport at 8:30h, 10:00h, 12:00h, 14:00h and 16:00h. (Note: If your arrival flight does not connect with these transfers you may need to arrive a day earlier and spend a night at an airport hotel in Johannesburg. Alternatively, it is possible to pay a surcharge for a private transfer to Entabeni – contact Travelling Fit for details).

Upon arrival at Entabeni you will meet your tour leader and be checked into your respective accommodation. For those arriving on the first three transfers (8:30h, 10:00h & 12:00h) you will have the possibility to go on the first of a number of exciting game drives. The Entabeni Safari Conservancy offers diverse wildlife, open safari vehicles and relatively few tourists, creating an ideal wilderness atmosphere.

The afternoon game drive begins around 16:00 arriving back at the lodge in time for dinner around 19:30. Similar to a morning game drive, the afternoon drive provides great wildlife experiences. Moreover the afternoon drive offers the opportunity to experience a genuine African sunset in ideal settings: enjoying a cold drink on the savannah, while admiring the changing colours of the darkening evening sky. The afternoon drive then turns into a night safari, where you will get the chance to spot the fascinating nocturnal wildlife with a spot light.

Over the last few years the reserve's wildlife has become increasingly accustomed to the visiting tourists. It is therefore not uncommon to see elephants, giraffes and different species of antelopes grazing in close proximity to the safari vehicles. A pride of lions even occasionally holds up traffic, lying lazily across the track. We use open 4x4 safari vehicles, which provide us with an excellent opportunity for viewing the wildlife in safety.

During your stay, you will have 1 ranger for approximately 10 participants. The rangers ensure your safety, drive the safari vehicles, provide competent guiding, coordinate the events with the race management, and are at your disposal around the clock. Furthermore, a Tour Leader will be with the group from beginning to end assisting in every need of the participants.

**PLEASE NOTE:** June is winter time in South Africa and while the temperature often rises to 20-25 degrees Celsius during the day temperatures around 0 (zero) degrees Celsius at night time is not unusual!

*Especially the large drop from day to night time temperature makes the evenings and mornings feel extremely cold. It is therefore essential to bring a winter jacket, warm hat and gloves when going on game drives!*

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## Day 2 - Fri 18 June: Route Inspection

After breakfast you will be picked up from your lodge/camp and transported to the starting point of the marathon. It is now time for the route inspection. All safari vehicles follow the route in a convoy, allowing all the runners to examine the different running surfaces, note the locations of water posts, and assess the overall difficulty of the route.

After the route inspection a large buffet lunch will be served. This is the time where everyone comes together, from runners to spectators, technical and medical staff to race coordinators, for a formal introduction to the event, and a presentation of the practical issues surrounding the marathon. There are no scheduled game drives this day.

## Day 3 - Sat 19 June: The Big Five Marathon

The big day has arrived. Today you will be met by a challenge that will be worth remembering: The Big Five Marathon. In the morning you will be transferred from your lodge or camp to the starting line in time for final preparations. The marathon is planned to start at 9:00h, however the exact time will be dependent on the location of the big five game. If they are too close to where the route is going, the start will be postponed. There are no scheduled game drives this day.

## Day 4 - Sun 20 June: After Marathon party

Today we have time to relax after running on the African savannah. Additional game drives and excursions can be purchased and in the afternoon we will experience yet another fantastic game drive followed by the After Marathon Party. There will be great food, live entertainment, prize ceremonies, a big bonfire and partying under the African skies.

*Please be aware that the party takes place in a traditional South African Boma with open roof and large open doorways. It is therefore advisable to dress warm! For the same reason there is no dress code and therefore casual clothing is recommended.*

## Day 5 - Mon 21 June: Entabeni Game Drive and Bush Walk

On the final day at the Entabeni Private Game Reserve we have one last game drive in the morning or in the afternoon. A bush walk with an experienced armed ranger is also included today, giving you the chance to get really close to the African nature and wildlife. In the evening farewell dinners will be held at the respective lodges and camps.

## Day 6 - Tue 22 June: Depart for Johannesburg

After checking out today you will be transferred by shuttle service to Johannesburg International Airport. Transfer arrival times at the airport are 8:00h, 10:00h, 12:00h, 14:00h, 16:00h and 18:00h. It is possible, for an extra charge, to book and individual transfer to Johannesburg if the group transfers don't fit your onward journey. Contact Travelling Fit for details.

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