



Big Five Marathon Itinerary

16 - 22 June 2027



ITINERARY		7 DAY / 6 NIGHT PACKAGE
DAY 1	WED 16 JUNE	Arrival at Entabeni (game drives available if arriving early)
DAY 2	THU 17 JUNE	Entabeni Game Drives, Bush Walk, and Warm Up Run
DAY 3	FRI 18 JUNE	Route Inspection
DAY 4	SAT 19 JUNE	The Big Five Marathon or Half Marathon
DAY 5	SUN 20 JUNE	Optional Entabeni Game Drive. Celebration Dinner
DAY 6	MON 21 JUNE	Entabeni Game Drive and Farewell Dinner
DAY 7	TUE 22 JUNE	Transfer to Johannesburg International Airport

Day 1 - Wed 16 June: Welcome to Entabeni

Let the adventure begin! After arriving in Johannesburg, South Africa, the race officials will greet you with big smiles at the airport and take you to your chosen lodge or camp at Entabeni Game Reserve. The set transfer departure times from the airport are: 8.30am, 10.00am, 12.00pm, 2.00pm and 4.00pm. If none of these transfers fit with your arrival, it is strongly recommended that you overnight at Johannesburg airport the night prior.

Upon arrival to Entabeni, you will meet your tour leader and be checked in at your respective lodge/camp. Participants arriving on the earlier transfers will have the possibility to go on the first of several exciting game drives. The game drives will provide the opportunity to experience an authentic African safari in serene surroundings. The Entabeni Game Reserve offers diverse wildlife, open safari vehicles and relatively few tourists, creating an ideal wilderness atmosphere.

Meals: Dinner.

Day 2 - Thu 17 June: Explore Entabeni: Game Drives, Bush Walk, and Warm Up Run

Day two kicks off the thrill with a deep dive into the wild! Today you will explore the magic of the Entabeni Game Reserve, with a sunrise or sunset game drive and an up-close bush walk with an experienced ranger. You will get accustomed to the park's geography, and climate, and you can slowly start preparing yourself for Saturday's exciting event: The Big Five Marathon.

The game drive is included in the itinerary and will take place either in the early morning or in the late afternoon. A bush walk with an experienced armed ranger is also included during your stay, giving you a chance to get really close to the nature and wildlife. During the game drive you get the chance to spot South Africa's most iconic animals, such as elephants, giraffes, antelopes, and even a pride of lions blocking our path. 4x4 safari vehicles are used, which provide an excellent opportunity for viewing the wildlife in safety. Don't worry, you'll be in good hands with the experienced park rangers.

Want to stretch out those legs? The tour guide can help you arrange a light warm up run around the area.

PLEASE NOTE: June is winter in South Africa and while the temperature often rises to 20-25 degrees Celsius during the day, temperatures around 0 degrees Celsius at nighttime is not unusual!

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

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Day 3 - Fri 18 June: Route Inspection

After an early breakfast, all participants will be transported from their respective lodges/camp to the starting point of the marathon. Before you set off for the start line, there will be a short briefing about the route inspection. All safari vehicles follow the route in a convoy, allowing the participants to examine the different running surfaces, note the locations of water stations and assess the terrain and the overall difficulty of the route.

After the route inspection, everyone will gather for a buffet lunch where you will meet the organisers, the medical team and the rangers. They will give a formal introduction of the event and answer any questions you may have.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

Day 4 - Sat 19 June: Race Day! Big Five Marathon & Half Marathon

The day you have been waiting for has arrived! Today, you will take part in an unforgettable challenge: The Big Five Marathon.

In the morning, all participants will be transported from the different lodges/camps to the starting line. The marathon is scheduled to start at 9.00am, but delays are to be expected to make sure the route is completely safe. If the Big Five are too close to the race route, the start will be postponed.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

Day 5 - Sun 20 June: Celebration Dinner

Congratulations on your great achievement!

Today you will have some time to relax at your camp or join one of the optional excursions. The afternoon is reserved for a fantastic game drive, followed by an epic celebration dinner in your honour. There will be mouth-watering food, live entertainment, a prize ceremony, a big bonfire and a vibrant dancefloor!

Important: The party takes place in a traditional South African boma under the naked sky - it is therefore advisable to dress warm.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

Day 6 - Mon 21 June: Entabeni Game Drive & Farewell Dinner

On the final day at the Entabeni Safari Conservancy, you will have one last game drive in the morning.

After yet another thrilling day, a farewell dinner will be held at the lodge or camp you are staying at.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

Day 7 - Tue 22 June: Goodbye South Africa or Hello Extension!

Your time at the Entabeni Game Reserve has unfortunately come to an end and it's time to head back to Johannesburg. All participants will be transferred from Entabeni to Johannesburg International Airport.

Transfer arrival times at the airport are: 8.00am, 10.00am, 12.00pm, 2.00pm, 4.00pm and 6.00pm. Once again, it is possible, at an additional cost, to book an individual transfer to Johannesburg, if the group transfers don't coincide with your onward journey.

Are you up for more thrill? Whether you're up for a stunning nature of Victoria Falls or want to dive deeper into the safari experience, we have the perfect extension for you! Refer to the separate extension tour leaflet or contact Travelling Fit for details.

Meals: Breakfast.

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