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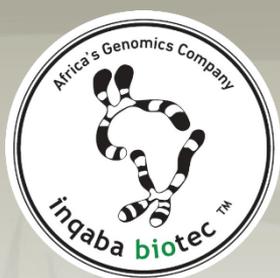
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DELEGATE INFORMATION

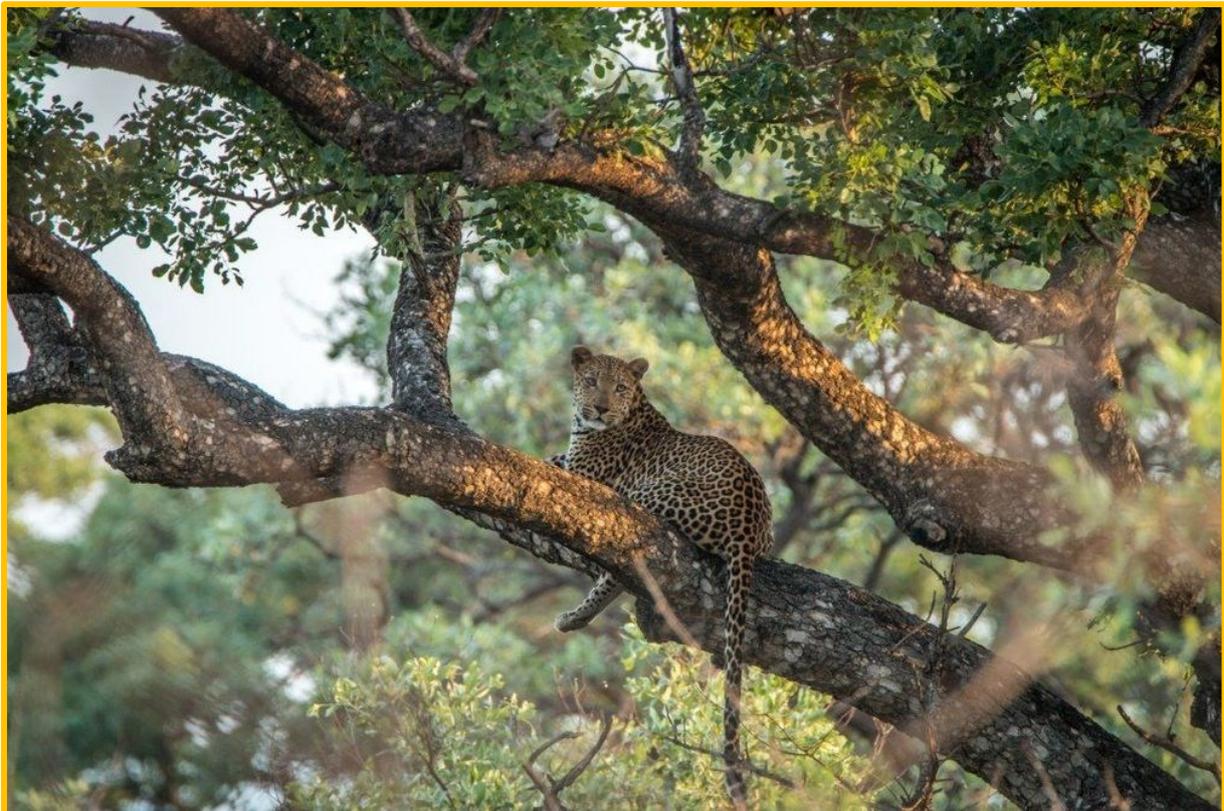


Welcome to South Africa

Despite horror stories of sky-high crime rates, most people visit South Africa without incident; be careful, but don't be paranoid. This is not to underestimate the issue – crime is probably the most serious problem facing the country. However, once you realize that crime is disproportionately concentrated in the poor African and coloured townships, the scale becomes less terrifying. Violent crime is a particular problem not just in the townships but also in Johannesburg, where the dangers are the worst in the country.

If you fall victim to a mugging, you should take very seriously the usual advice not to resist and do as you're told. The chances of this happening can be greatly minimized by using common sense and following a few simple rules:

- At night, stay away from dark, isolated areas. It is always better to explore in groups and to stick to well-lit, busy streets.
- Avoid mass public transport systems in cities.
- Politely refuse anything you're offered by a 'friendly' stranger.
- Try not to look like a tourist — keep things like cameras and maps tucked away.
- Don't wear expensive items or flash around money and electronics.
- Distribute valuables across different pockets and consider having a decoy wallet with a few Rand in it to fool muggers.
- When driving, keep the doors locked and windows up. Don't pick up hitchhikers or stop for motorists who appear to be broken down — these are ploys commonly used by robbers and carjackers.



A leopard rests in a tree © Simon Eeman / Shutterstock

Entry Details

Important Information

- The booking reservation code is **R9398481** and must be presented to security personnel at the entrance gate.
- Proof of identity, identity document, passport or alternative valid identification e.g. driver's license card is required for scanning upon entering/exiting the Park.
- On entrance to the Kruger National Park, you will receive an "Entry permit".
- On arrival at Skukuza camp, please proceed to the Congress Venue Reception to collect your registration package and room key if you are booked into the Camp. If you are booked into the Skukuza Safari Lodge, you can collect your room key from the Lodge Reception.
- Before finally exiting the Park, you need to get an "Exit permit" from the Camp Reception office. It is advisable that you obtain the "Exit permit" the afternoon before departure. Please be aware of the relevant office hours of the Camp Reception. **Please note you will not be allowed to exit the Park gates if you are not in possession of an "Exit permit".**

Camp Gate Times

- Park Entrance Gates Open @ 06h00
- Camp Gates Open @ 06h00
- All Gates Close @ 18h00
- *Late arrivals are allowed for emergencies only and are subject to the following conditions:*
 - *An additional cost per vehicle will be charged*
 - *Late arrival must be arranged in advance with the gate*
 - *Evidence for late arrival must be provided*
 - *Guests must have pre-booked accommodation at camps that are within 10km distance from relevant gate*
 - *Arrangements for late arrival after 21:00 will not be permitted*
 - *Under no circumstances are late arrivals allowed at the following gates: Pafuri, Phalaborwa, Giriyondo & Phabeni.*

Getting There by Road

By Road – Paul Kruger Gate (from OR Tambo airport)

- Take Jones Rd and get on the R21 in Jet Park, Boksburg
- Follow N12 and N4 (the N4 heads towards Mbombela (also known as Nelspruit)) to R36 in Mpumalanga Province. Exit from N4/R36
- Take the R539 to the N4.
- Follow the N4. Exit from N4
- Then take the R40 to Hazyview via White River.
- From Hazyview, take the R536 to the Kruger gate.
- Allow between 5 to 6 hours for the total trip (OR Tambo airport to Kruger gate).
- Skukuza Camp is 12 km away from the Kruger Gate. Allow about 30 minutes for the drive to the camp.

Conservation Fees

- All visitors to the Park pay a Daily Conservation Fee when visiting the Parks.
- You can pay the compulsory daily Conservation Fees on arrival.
- The **Total Conservation Fee Charge** and the impact it has on your **Total Balance Outstanding** payable can only be calculated and confirmed upon arrival at the park when the details of all guests in your party (numbers, nationality and *Wild Card* membership) are captured within our system.
- Members with valid *Wild Cards* are exempted from daily Conservation Fees.
- NOTE: Membership is based on a Cluster and Category. The Cluster defines the Park and the Category defines the person(s) linked to membership.
- Conservation Fees are made up as follows:

SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL PARKS CONSERVATION FEES FROM 01 NOV 2024 TO 31 OCT 2025

| PARK | S.A. Citizens & Residents with ID (Children up to 11 years) Per Day | SADC Nationals with Passport (Children up to 11 years) Per Day | International Guests (Children up to 11 years) Per Day |
|----------------------|---|--|--|
| Kruger National Park | Adult: R128.00 Child: R 64.00 | Adult: R257.00 Child: R128.00 | Adult: R535.00 Child: R267.00 |



Welcome to The Kruger National Park

The Kruger National Park is one of South Africa's icons and perhaps its greatest tourist attraction. The Park lies in the north-eastern corner of the country, at the foot of a great escarpment, in an area known as the Lowveld. It borders Mozambique in the east and Zimbabwe in the north and is home to a huge diversity of plant, bird and animal life – said to be more diverse than in any other conservation area in Africa.



General Malaria Information

Malaria is a word many people associate with game parks in Africa. However, only two of the South African National Parks are in a malaria risk area and they are the Kruger National Park and Mapungubwe National Park, although at both these venues the risk is usually low. Historically there have been incidences of malaria in other parks, but then there are recorded incidences of malaria from urban Europe and other non-risk areas. But to all intents and purposes Kruger is the only malaria risk park in the SANParks'set-up.

Anti-malaria prophylactics are thus recommended by visitors for Kruger. The highest risk period is between December and April (end of the rainy season). A 24-hour malaria hotline is available on +27 (0)82 234 1800 to give detailed explanation on risk and advice on precautionary measures. Visitors wishing to make use of prophylactics should consult a knowledgeable medical practitioner or recognized travel clinic about recommended medication, as certain products cause nausea, hallucinations or other negative side effects with certain people.

Here are 10 interesting facts:

1. It's huge. Sprawled across some 20 000 square kilometres, it is larger than some countries.
2. The Park is 360km long and about 65km at its widest point.
3. It contains about 27 000 buffaloes, 12 000 elephants, 2 000 lions, 10 000 rhino and 2 000 leopards.
4. It has 21 tourist rest camps and 15 private safari lodges.
5. Established on 26 March 1898, the Park was originally called the Sabi Game Reserve. It was expanded over the years, finally achieving national status in 1926 when it was given its present name in honour of President Paul Kruger of the Transvaal Republic.
6. Colonel James Stevenson Hamilton was appointed as first warden of the reserve in 1902. A Scottish cavalry officer who had fought in the Anglo Boer War, his appointment proved to be an inspired choice. Over the next 44 years he toiled tirelessly in steering the Park towards the wildlife sanctuary it is today.
7. Of the 517 species of birds occurring in Kruger, 253 are residents, 117 are non-breeding residents and 147 are nomads.
8. It is home to 114 species of reptiles, including about 3 000 Nile crocodiles and various snakes of which the black mamba and puff adder are the most dangerous.

9. There is evidence of human occupation dating back 1.5 million years. South Africa's original inhabitants, the Bushmen, lived in a number of the caves and rocky shelters found in the area and left behind a legacy of Stone Age tools and artefacts as well as numerous rock paintings.
10. The Thulamela Iron Age Site, near Pafuri in the far north, is a stone walled site built approximately 450 – 500 years ago. Various artefacts unearthed on site, provide proof that the community was part of a dynamic trade network controlled by Arab merchants off the east coast of Africa during this period.

Kruger National Park Camp and Gate Hours

Camp and Gate entrances are closed after dark so please ensure that you have allowed sufficient travelling time to arrive at your rest camp before the stipulated closing time.



| | Camps open | Gates open | Close |
|------|---------------|---------------|-------|
| Jan | 4:30 | 5:30 | 18:30 |
| Feb | 5:30 | 5:30 | 18:30 |
| Mar | 5:30 | 5:30 | 18:00 |
| Apr | 6:00 | 6:00 | 18:00 |
| May | 6:00 | 6:00 | 17:30 |
| Jun | 6:00 | 6:00 | 17:30 |
| July | 6:00 | 6:00 | 17:30 |
| Aug | 6:00 | 6:00 | 18:00 |
| Sep | 6:00 | 6:00 | 18:00 |
| Oct | 5:30 | 5:30 | 18:00 |
| Nov | 4:30 | 5:30 | 18:30 |
| Dec | 4:30 | 5:30 | 18:30 |

Take note

- The speed limit in the park is 50kph on tar and 40kph on gravel.
- Malaria treatment is essential prior to visiting the park.
- Do not litter, it is a hazard to the animals and is an offence.
- There are no television sets in the Park so that visitors can enjoy their surroundings, tourists that bring their own may not disturb other visitors to the park.



Is the Kruger dangerous?

Always remember that you're driving in the presence of wild animals. Stay in your car, keep your windows up unless you're after a furry passenger, and make sure you carefully follow the other park regulations.

Learn how to act around big game, particularly elephants: give them plenty of room, switch off your engine, stay quiet and never get between an elephant mother and her calf. If you spot any signs of aggression, such as an elephant kicking up dust, flapping its ears and trumpeting, back away slowly, as they can flip cars. If you follow these rules, you'll rarely get into trouble.

What shouldn't you miss?

A bush walk. This is one of the only opportunities you'll get to head off into the long grass on foot – accompanied by a professional guide, of course. You'll gain a deeper understanding of the park's flora and fauna, and there's always the possibility of bumping into big game.

If that sounds too adventurous, then opt instead for an organised game drive either early in the morning or late at night. You'll have the chance to spot nocturnal animals, including genets, civets and owls,

which you wouldn't otherwise see (as self-driving is only permitted in daylight hours). To book, enquire at any of the main camps.

The south of the park is best for first-time visitors as it has the densest population of big game, and there are some drives here you definitely shouldn't miss. First, there's the route from Skukuza camp to Satara: watch the sunrise from the bird hide at Lake Panic, then head north via the southernmost baobab tree. Just before you hit Satara, turn onto the S100 – the park's legendary white lion is most often spotted here.

Eating Out

There are a couple of restaurants and cafes to eat at, including the Selati Station Grillhouse, which is well-worth having a look at.

The Grillhouse is set around the original Selati Express train which brought the first tourists to Kruger National Park way back in the 1920s. Enjoy an evening there soaking up some Kruger Park history!

Activities

- Game Drives (Night and Morning)
- Bush Breakfast and Braai (Barbeque)
- Golf
- Guided Bush Walks
- Stevenson Hamilton Memorial Library
- Wilderness Trail (Metsi Metsi)

If you want to go on a **safari tour** from the rest camp, you can book:

- Morning and afternoon [game walks](#)
- Sunrise and sunset [game drives](#)
- Bush breakfasts and [bush braais \(BBQs\)](#)

Kids Educational Programme

3 Swimming pools, two of these are in camp and for overnight residents only. The third is in a separate new day visitor's area, located downstream from the main camp.

These activities will ensure an exciting bush experience. All bookings as well as further details of these activities are available from the Skukuza reception.

Facilities

- Information at Reception 08h00 – 18h00
- Public telephone – All hours
- Post Office – 09h00 – 15h00
- Bank – 09h00-15h00
- Basic First Aid
- Restaurant - 07h00-09h00 breakfast, 12h00-14h00 lunch, 18h00-21h00 dinner
- Cafeteria
- Shop
- Emergency Road Services
- Garage with Workshop
- Petrol Station
- Laundromat 9 Hole Golf Course - 013 735 5543
- Auditorium and Conference Facilities

- Car Wash
- Limited DSTV Available in Luxury Units
- Avis Car rental – 013 735 5651

Other Facilities

- The Parks Shops
- Skukuza has a relatively large shop where a variety of items can be purchased including:
 - Curios
 - Safari and Ethnic clothing
 - Binoculars, books, camera films and Videos on wildlife
 - Magazines
 - Meat, groceries, fresh milk, vegetables, and bread daily.
 - Beverages: Spirits, Beer, Wine Cold Drinks, Fruit Juices and Mineral water
 - Hardware (limited stock)
 - Sweets and snacks
 - Medicines (non-prescription)
 - Stationery and stamps
 - Braai wood and other accessories

Areas of special interest

In Skukuza camp

- Stevenson Hamilton Memorial Library
- Dog Graveyard
- Selati Restaurant – the old railway carriage has been converted into a restaurant and sports bar

Out of camp

- Kruger Tablets
- Lake Panic Bird Hide
- Nursery
- Stevenson Hamilton Memorial
- Granokop

Five Things to seek

- Fruit Bat
- Thick-tailed Bush Baby
- Warthog
- Spotted Hyena
- Purple-crested Lourie

Warnings

Please ensure that your stay is happy and safe by taking note of a few simple warnings. You will be sharing your stay with many exciting and unusual creatures but without knowledge some of them could be dangerous!

Bats, Spiders, Snakes, Scorpions, Malaria Zone

If you must walk around at night, please do not do so without a torch.

Remember: By feeding any wildlife, you are signing their death warrant as they become aggressive.

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Registration Information

Each participant at ICPOW 2025 must register in person at the Main Conference Venue Registration Desk to collect their badge before attending any of the sessions or events.

Registration Times

Sunday 14 September: 15h00 – 17h30

Monday 15 September: 07h00 – 08h00

Tuesday 16 September: 07h00 – 08h00

Wednesday 17 September: 07h00 – 08h00

Badges

Identification badges are required for admission to all sessions, official functions, and social events of the congress. Participants who lose their badges must report to the Registration Desk, presenting proof of identity.

Presenters, Chairs & Facilitators

All speakers are required to report to the Registration Area at least 90 minutes before their presentation to ensure that we have uploaded the correct presentation onto the presentation laptop in the auditorium. If you have not yet completed the Speaker Permission Form (to share your presentation), please click [ON THIS LINK](#). We will also have forms available for completion at the venue.

Poster Presentations

Posters will be available for viewing at the back of the plenary venue for the duration of the congress. A dedicated Poster Session will be hosted on **Tuesday 16 September at 14h25** and presenters are requested to present their posters during the dedicated time slot.

Posters may be setup from Sunday 14 September at 15h00 and taken down on Wednesday 17 September from 16h00. All posters must be taken down by 18h00.

RECYCLING

We kindly ask all delegates to return their lanyards and recycle any unwanted conference bags, items, or posters (laminated or not). The lanyards are reused at future events, while promotional items and posters are donated to local schools, where they are recycled or repurposed for classroom projects.

WiFi



LIMITED TO NO INTERNET ACCESS IN THE CONFERENCE VENUE. STRONGER ACCESS AT THE SKUKUZA LODGE RESTAURANT.

Wi-Fi is limited and unreliable in the Kruger National Park, with free service available only at restaurants in Skukuza, Satara, and Pretoriusskop, and often being very slow. For more consistent connectivity, [use a local SIM card](#) from MTN or Vodacom for mobile data, which provides better, though still patchy, coverage in most rest camps, especially in the southern parts of the

park. Staying at a private lodge often provides better Wi-Fi for guests, or using a mobile hotspot with data from a local SIM is a good alternative.

On-site Congress Support

Emergency Medical assistance and Paramedic Services

For assistance with any medical emergencies, please visit the Registration area. Medical procedures and medicine will be for the attendee's own account. For any medical emergencies, please contact +27 (0) 82 925 9241 during congress hours.

Meals and Snacks

Meals and beverages will be provided to attendees as indicated in the programme, during congress times.

Safety and Security

In the interest of personal safety and security, attendees should only display their identity tags in the congress area premises and within the restricted congress areas.

Lost property can be handed in at the Registration Desk. Any losses should be reported to the Congress Secretariat. Although every effort will be made to retrieve lost personal belongings, the responsibility for securing his/her personal belongings remains that of each person attending the congress.

Accommodation and Transport

IMPORTANT: Excluding sponsored participants, all accommodation and transport arrangements will be for your own account. Should you require any assistance, kindly contact Melanie Pretorius at conference@savetcon.co.za.

Dress Code

The suggested dress code for the congress is business casual, but please do bring something warm along as the rooms will be air-conditioned.

Code of Conduct

The Organiser and Host/s of ICPOW 2025 (the "Event") reserve the right to remove from the venue/event at any time any attendee deemed to be causing, or potentially causing, a disturbance or exhibiting disruptive or inappropriate behaviour. Such removal does not constitute a right to refund of any fees paid.

Indemnity

The Participant agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless, the Congress Organisers and/or any of their appointed suppliers to the Congress, its affiliates, officers, employees, and agents from and against any and all claims, liabilities, damages, losses, and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, arising out of or in connection with the Participant's attendance at the congress, including but not limited to any injury to persons or property, or any violation of applicable laws or regulations. This indemnity obligation shall survive the termination of this agreement and the Participant's attendance at the congress.

Foreign Delegate Information

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Climate in the Kruger

The Kruger has two distinct seasons, the dry winter from May to October, and the summer rainy season from November to April. However, every day in the Kruger National Park is a one-of-a-kind safari adventure.

In September, The Kruger experiences the beginning of spring with rising, yet still moderate temperatures, ranging from mild mornings around 17-20°C (62-61°F) to warm afternoons peaking at 33-37°C (91-99°F).

Language

South Africa has eleven official languages: English, Afrikaans and nine ethnic languages, of which Zulu and Xhosa are the most widely spoken. While most South Africans can communicate in more than one language, English is the most commonly spoken and the language of official business and commerce.

Languages Spoken in Kruger National Park: English, Afrikaans, Ndebele, Xhosa, Zulu.

Electrical Supply

Electricity is supplied at 220/240v. Both square (UK) and round (RSA) wall plugs are used.

Gratuity Guide

The amount you tip in South Africa will depend on where you are and what type of services you're buying. As a general rule, expect to tip around 10% of the bill. If you get exceptionally good service, say thank you with a tip closer to 15-20%.

Useful Numbers For Tourist In Kruger National Park

SANParks- +27 (0)12 428 9111

Police- 10111

Fire Brigade- 10177

Ambulance- 10177

24- Hour Emergency Call Centre No: +27 (0)13 735 4325

Currency

South African currency is the South African rand (ZAR).

Card services such as Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Diners Club are also accepted.

Foreign currency exchanges can be made at most banks and Bureaux de Changes.

Taxes and Refunds Within Kruger National Park

All goods and services have a 15% Value added tax (VAT) included. In order to reclaim VAT on purchases the total value of purchases must be over R250,00. Visitors are able to reclaim VAT at their departure, providing they have all their necessary receipts (a tax invoice stating VAT paid, your passport number and your bank account details.)

It is always advisable to keep a copy of the VAT form as a record for any follow-up on the transaction.

VAT claims usually can be made at all major border posts and airports.

Banking Hours in Kruger National Park

Normal banking hours are weekdays between 09:00- 15:30 and Saturdays 09:00- 11:00.

Foreign currency can be exchanged at most banks and Bureaux de Changes.

Credit cards

Major credit cards, such as MasterCard and Visa, are accepted throughout the country, in most hotels, restaurants, retail outlets and safari companies. However, shops in remote areas and service stations may only accept cash.

Drinking Water

Tap water throughout the country is safe to drink. Bottled mineral water is readily available in most shops and supermarkets, and at camps and lodges. Tourists travelling by road are advised to carry sufficient water at all times.

Social Events

ICPOW 2025 Welcome Reception – Included in your registration fee

Sunday 14 September from 18h00-19h30

Skukuza Safari Lodge

Dress code: Casual

Each participant will receive one drink voucher, entitling the holder to either 1 x local beer, 1 x cider, 1 x glass of wine and 2 x soft drinks. Additional drinks will be available for purchase.



ICPOW 2025 Boma-Braai – pre-registration required

Tuesday 16 September from 17h30-19h30

Cattle Baron Boma

Dress code: Casual

Each participant will receive one drink voucher, entitling the holder to either 1 x local beer, 1 x cider, 1 x glass of wine and 2 x soft drinks. Additional drinks will be available for purchase.



If you pre-registered for the Boma-Braai, you will have an **ORANGE DOT** on your name badge. The Boma Braai is fully booked, and no additional tickets will be available.

IMPORTANT:

- Registration for the Boma-Braai is closed.
- This is a ticketed event and pre-registration is required. If you have registered to attend, you will have an **Orange Dot(s)** on your name badge.

ICPOW 2025 Official Gala Dinner – pre-registration required

Wednesday 17 September from 18h00-22h00

Cattle Baron Restaurant

Dress code: Semi-Formal

Each participant will receive one drink voucher, entitling the holder to either 1 x local beer, 1 x cider, 1 x glass of wine and 2 x soft drinks. Additional drinks will be available for purchase.



If you pre-registered for the Gala Dinner, you will have a **GREEN DOT** on your name badge. Tickets to the Gala Dinner can unfortunately not be purchased on site.

IMPORTANT:

- Registration for the Gala Dinner is closed.
- This is a ticketed event and pre-registration is required. If you have registered to attend, you will have a **Green Dot(s)** on your name badge.

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