

The Full Meal Deal Trip May 17-31, 2021



**HIKING,
SAFARI,
SERVICE with CHILDREN
+ MUSIC FESTIVAL**
(Optional overnight horseback trip)



I invite you to join me on a fantastically different trip.

The high points are:

- 3 days and 2 nights overnight, slack-packing hiking in the Drakensburg Mountains, South Africa
- 3 days of safari in Kruger National Park, viewing the Big Five
- 3-4 days of service working with children in Swaziland/eSwatini
- 2+ day African Bush Fire Music Festival
- optional: 1 day of Bush Fire Festival can be substituted with horseback riding

The trip will be a total of **15 days** on the ground.

There are 10 spots available for: adult couples, singles, women, parent with adult-children. Due to the Bush Fire Festival and safari dates, these dates are firm

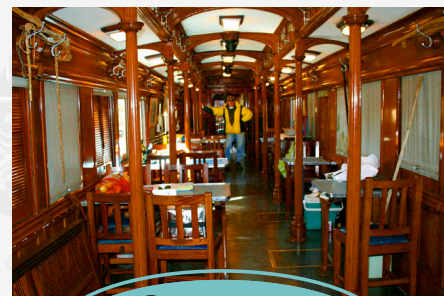
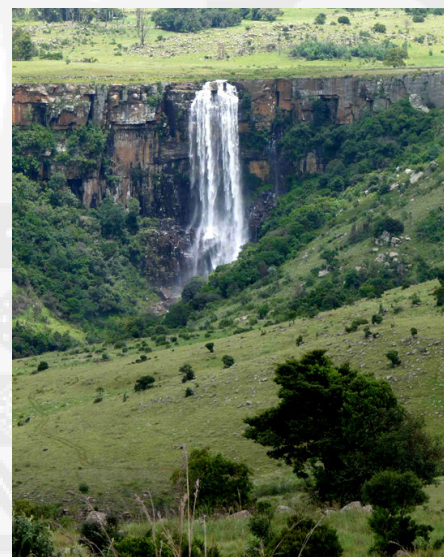


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There will be three days of overnight hiking: the Num-Num Trail.

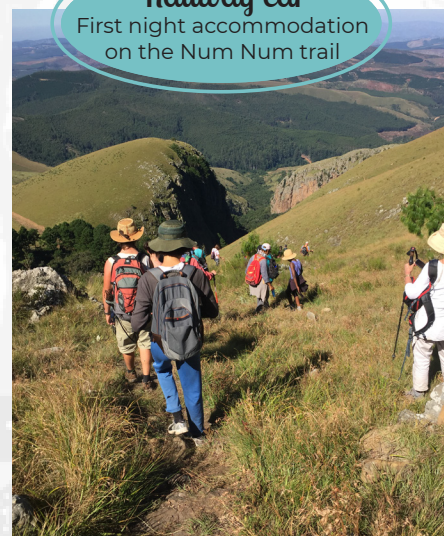
For the first time, I am offering a 3 day-overnight hiking experience in South Africa. The Num-Num Trail boasts spectacular hiking requiring a decent degree of fitness. It offers stunning views over and hiking through the Komati River with vistas all the way back into Swaziland. The hikes require at least moderate fitness level, daily you will hike 6-13k km per day. The overnights are in funky, basic, shared accommodations. The first night is spent in an old railway car! The second night boasts “a loo with a view.” There are cold beers or drinks waiting for you at each accommodation along the way. You will be “slack packing” which means you carry only your own day pack and the rest of the gear is moved from chalet to chalet.



Railway car
First night accommodation
on the Num Num trail



Second night
accommodation on the
Num Num trail





Hyena



White Rhino



Giraffe

3-Day Safari included



3-days safari in Kruger National Park, South Africa. World re-known safari location, with a private open viewing vehicle and ranger, comfortable and funky lodgings, catered meals and animal viewing that you have only dreamed of. Come and see: lions, rhinos, elephants, giraffe, hippos, cape buffalo, impala, hyenas, and many other species large and small. If we are really lucky, maybe a leopard.



Leopard



Zebras



Vuyatela
Exclusive African Luxury



Wild Dogs



Open Game Vehicles



Elephants



Wild Dogs



There will be days of work: Care Point Centre in Manzini.

The work will be of a nature that any able bodied adult can participate. There will be four days of service. The project will be working with children in an urban setting who come from extreme poverty. We will be doing a small renovation on a preschool/day care center. You will be asked to paint, install, cook, feed and play with the children. We will be installing a playground structure and creating a functional kitchen. The work can be adjusted to individual talents, interests and abilities. If you can not work at all, we will have you play with the children. A quiet day back at the B&B is also an option.

There will be days of viewing.

You can't come to Swaziland without seeing it. There will be at least one day where we tour the rural areas, view other projects with women and enjoy Swazi's mountainous beauty.



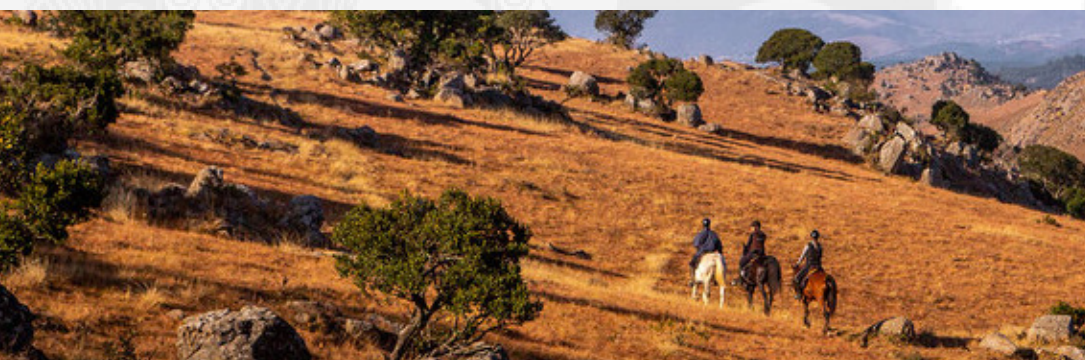


Bush Fire Music Festival, May 28-30

This festival is simply not to be missed. It is visually stunning, culturally enriching and all with amazing musical talent. There are four stages going at all times, most acts are from Africa, but there are always surprises from Europe and even North America. It is touted as the best music festival south of the equator. Up to 30,000 people pass the gates in the 5 day event. It is the biggest event in eSwatini all year, every year!

There is music of course, but there is so much more: visual arts, children's competitions, dancing, acrobats, a huge trade fair, designer liquors, great food vendors and even a few quiet spaces.

You will be treated to a Golden Lounge Pass which allows you access to a more exclusive corner of the festival with different dining experiences, seating and shorter line-ups to the toilets. If two days of festival is not your bag, there are options for less-festival-substitutions that we can discuss.





FAQs

HOW MUCH DOES THIS TRIP COST? 2021 pricing is \$xxxx CAD per person. NOTE: GST and PST do NOT apply to these trips. This does not include airfare.

ACCEPTED FORMS OF PAYMENT

- e-transfers, to jacarandajourneys@gmail.com, make the password: safari
- cheque via the post, make cheques payable to Jacaranda Journeys, post to 4415 Swaisland Rd, Kelowna, BC V1W2X2, Canada
- PayPal using credit or debit card.

SINGLE OR DOUBLE OCCUPANCY? All pricing above is based on double occupancy. Single supplement while in Swaziland, add \$xxx CAD to this price (available on first come first served basis, limited availability.) For single supplement on safari, add \$xxxxCAD (availability limited.)

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THIS PACKAGE? All ground transfers to/from Johannesburg international airport to Swaziland and return, 3 day all-inclusive safari at Inyati Game Lodge in a private game reserve, Sabi Sands (Kruger National Park) all accommodations, all breakfasts, most lunches, all ground transportation while in Swaziland, 3 days hiking the Num Num trail all inclusive, drinks while on safari, bottled water while in SZ, all needed material onsite for the service project, a full time guide.

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED IN THIS PACKAGE? Airfare to and from Johannesburg, 9 dinners (budget xx/dinner) 4 lunches, tips for housekeeping in Swaziland and for your ranger, tracker and staff on safari, travel insurance, trip cancellation insurance.

I WANT TO GO, HOW TO I RESERVE MY SPOT ON THIS TRIP? Send us \$xxxx CAD to hold your spot, this is a refundable deposit up to May 15, 2020, for any reason. After that date, your deposit is non-refundable unless you can find another person to fill your spot on the trip. See methods of payment above. A receipt will be sent to you.

BALANCE IS DUE: 30 days before departure.



WILL I BE SAFE? Although one can never offer guarantees on such a trip, we can reassure you that we have been there 30 times without incident. Basic safety rules apply, we on the roads during the day, we stay only in best quality accommodations, eat at reputable restaurants, we use only the best quality and maintained vehicles and drivers for ground transportation, we have night watchmen at our accommodations, we lock up our belongings. This small country is not at war and there have been no acts of terror ever reported. We guide families with children there, with equal safety and results.

HOW ABOUT HEALTH, WILL I GET SICK? Again, no guarantees, but we recently guided 29 people there with only two sore throats. We've taken approximately 100 people over the past years and 3 times we have had stomach flu or belly issue.

WHAT SAFETY MEASURES MUST I TAKE FOR HEALTH? No vaccines are required, however make your own decisions in this regard. Jacaranda's main health precaution is drinking only bottled water or bottled drinks. While on safari, you are in the low-veld, which has the potential for malaria. Make your own health decisions in this regard also.

WHO IS THIS TRIP MEANT FOR? People love travel, want to learn about Africa, who wish to give back, be active and experience a once in a lifetime safari!

WHAT ABOUT THE FOOD? ALLERGIES? All meals will be good, wholesome and with well sourced ingredients. We can accommodate all eating types, aversions and allergies such as: vegan, vegetarian, gluten free, Celiac, nut and seafood allergies safely with healthy and delicious options.

WILL I BE COMFORTABLE AT NIGHT? These accommodations we have stayed in and taken groups to many times. They are very lovely, private, quiet, with great beds, en-suite bathrooms with hot/cold showers except where noted on the Num-Num trail, where accommodations are shared.



CAN I DRINK THE WATER? You probably could, however we recommend drinking only bottled water, which is included in the cost and will be provided throughout the trip. You can bath/shower and brush your teeth in the tap water. All bottled or canned drinks are also safe, but juice that comes in a glass may not be (ask your server.)

ARE THERE ANY MORE COMFORT PIECES TO THIS TRIP NOT YET REVEALED?

Malandela's has a lovely cool and clean swimming pool. We can visit the mineral hot springs in the area for a refreshing and cultural experience. It can be arranged to have a massage therapist come to our B&B and work on us, for a fee, after work.



IF I WANT TO GO SOMEWHERE BEFORE OR AFTER THIS TRIP, CAN I DO THAT?

Sure, you can arrive at Johannesburg anyway or any time you like. You can fly on points, you can leave ahead of the others and spend a few days in Europe. We only ask that you make travel plans to be IN Johannesburg either the evening of Saturday November 7th or that you arrive at OR Tambo Airport on one of the early morning flight-arrivals Sunday November 8th. For those of you who choose to arrive Sat November 7th, we can make a booking for you at a guesthouse, that we use frequently, near OR Tambo airport, at an additional cost of \$xxx CAD. The guesthouse will shuttle you at no cost from OR Tambo. Dinner can be provided at the guesthouse for an additional cost of about \$xx. Our All Out transportation will meet the Sunday morning arrivals, will collect those at the guesthouse and will deliver all of you to your Malandela's guesthouse in Swaziland/Eswatini by about 3 pm on Sunday November 8th.

Please do not book onward travel from OR Tambo Airport in Johannesburg, any earlier than 8 pm on Friday November 20, 2020, in the interests of enjoying your last morning on safari at Inyati, while allowing the needed time to return to JNB airport, which is about 6 hours drive time.

I'd like to know more: links.....



Jacaranda Journeys, is the company that will be guiding you, owner and leader: Pam Carlson.

Visit Jacaranda online: www.jacarandajourneys.ca



Swazi Kids is the name of the non-governmental organization of which Pam Carlson has been founder and president, since the year 2001, when it first began work in Swaziland. Your service project will be under the umbrella of work being done by Swazi Kids.

Visit Swazi Kids online: www.swazikids.org



Willows Lodge is ideal for both tourist and business travelers, Willows Lodge is situated in secure grounds in the heart of the Malkerns Valley surrounded by a natural vale with abundant bird life on one side and the beautiful views of the Mdzimba Mountain range on the other.
www.willowslodgeswaziland.com



Djuma Private Game Reserve – where the big five roam – is situated in the famous Sabi Sand Game Reserve which is part of the greater Kruger National Park.
www.djuma.com



The Num-Num trail is a hiking trail on a 2000 hectare nature conservancy.
www.thenum-numtrail.co.za



HIKING, WALKING AND PARKS:

www.biggameparks.org/mlilwane we will be in Mlilwane Reserve at least once.



GROUND TRANSPORTATION: All Out's van and driver will meet you at Sun Rock Guest House, JNB and transport you into and around eSwatini/Swaziland, onto safari and back to OR Tambo, JNB airport. Their vehicles are 12 seater vans with air-conditioning and held to a first world standard for drivers' abilities and service. www.alloutafrica.com



GONE RURAL WOMEN'S SOCIAL ENTERPRISE:

goneruralswazi.com/bomake We build and create community centres for women working within this social enterprise, on the ground in Swaziland. You will visit some of these centres during your trip and observe the women at work.

RETAIL IDEAS:

some or all of these may be visited during your stay

www.facebook.com/Zoggslt

www.swazicandles.com

www.goneruralswazi.com

www.ngwenyaglass.co.sz



Any more questions, just ask!

jacarandajourneys@gmail.com or
my cell is 250-309-2522 (texting is fine too.)

Pam Carlson

The fine print

Before attending this trip, you will be asked to provide the following:

- 1) Proof of travel health insurance
- 2) Signed release of liability forms provided by Jacaranda Journeys
- 3) Signed and completed health questionnaire
- 4) Copy of your travel arrival and departure details
- 5) Jacaranda Journeys is a travel company, Swazi Kids Society is the Canadian recognized charity for whom Jacaranda does project work, to adequately distinguish between these separate entities, you will be asked to sign a release form for Swazi Kids Society.

More fine print

BE FLEXIBLE: The descriptions and itineraries provided are guidelines of the trip before you. This is a developing country and many aspects of these details are subject to change or possibly be omitted. (Safari would be an exception as it is guaranteed.) We ask that participants remain open to adjustments in schedule, timing, extra-curricular activities, choices of restaurants etc.

SAFETY: it is expected that travelers remain on site at both the work site and the accommodation site. We request that anyone wanting to walk or run or otherwise leave the premises indicate this to your group leader before departing. There are some basic safety measures to be taken and such departures are by day light only.

HIV AND SEXUAL SAFETY: Swaziland has a very high HIV rate, it is expected that NO travelers will be engaging in sexual activity with any Swazi citizens while on our guided trip. Your safety and health cannot be assured if you were to engage in such risky behavior. No one will be permitted to head off with friends that they may have met for any daytime event or an evening out, in a vehicle other than those provided by Jacaranda.



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