

South Africa Kruger Wildlife

WILDLIFE SCIENCE, SAFARI &
STUDENT LEADERSHIP



BOLDER 

Adventure

HIGHLIGHTS



A LIVING CLASSROOM INSIDE KRUGER

Stay on the fenced SSLI campus in Skukuza and learn in the same landscape that students explore on game drives and guided field activities.



WILDLIFE SCIENCE IN ACTION

Set and retrieve camera traps, observe species and habitats, work with field data and discover how evidence informs practical conservation.



WILDERNESS CHALLENGE

Step beyond the normal safari through guided bush skills, a supervised sleep-out, shared camp routines and a traditional bush braai, subject to local conditions.



LEADERSHIP WITH REAL PURPOSE

Use wayfinding, rotating responsibilities, group decisions and structured reflection to build confidence, communication and an explorer mindset.



Destination

SNAPSHOT



LANDSCAPE

Open savannah, riverine woodland, bushveld, granite outcrops and the wildlife-rich Lowveld around Skukuza.



WILDLIFE

Kruger supports exceptional biodiversity, rich birdlife and complex predator-prey relationships. Sightings are always wild and never guaranteed.



CHALLENGE LEVEL

Active and immersive. Early starts, warm days, field sessions and a managed wilderness night reward adaptability and teamwork.



ACCOMMODATION

Dormitory-style accommodation on the fenced SSLI campus. The wilderness sleep-out is a supervised programme element, not a standard accommodation night.



CLIMATE

Conditions vary by season. Early game drives can feel cool, while daytime heat, rain and strong sun all require sensible pacing, hydration and adaptable plans.



TRAVEL

International flights to Johannesburg followed by a substantial private road transfer to Skukuza. Exact flight and transfer timings are set for each group.



ATMOSPHERE

Immersive, curious and purposeful: campfire evenings, dawn game drives, real field questions and the sounds of the bush after dark.



BEST FOR

Schools seeking a focused African adventure with strong Biology, Geography, sustainability and leadership links, without the complexity of a long multi-region itinerary.



KRUGER NP
SOUTH AFRICA



KRUGER WILDLIFE & SSLI EXPLORER PROGRAMME

10 DAYS

ONE POSSIBLE JOURNEY This sample itinerary shows how we believe you can get the most from your time and create a well-balanced adventure. The exact running order and individual elements may vary according to availability, local conditions and the needs of the group. Most aspects can also be tailored to suit your school's aims, preferred duration and priorities, so please get in touch and we can shape the right programme with you.

Day 1

Depart the UK

The journey begins with an overnight flight from the UK to Johannesburg. Before departure, students have already started learning about responsible wildlife tourism, group roles and the explorer mindset. The flight marks a clear transition from classroom ideas to a landscape where those ideas will be tested through observation, teamwork and experience.

Day 2

Arrive in Johannesburg

Meet the South African team and transfer to a nearby hotel or guesthouse. The pace is deliberately gentle after the flight: time to eat, rest, organise kit and complete the first in-country safety briefing. A short orientation introduces the route ahead and asks students to consider the different stories carried by Johannesburg, the Lowveld and Kruger before the group moves into the bush.

Day 3

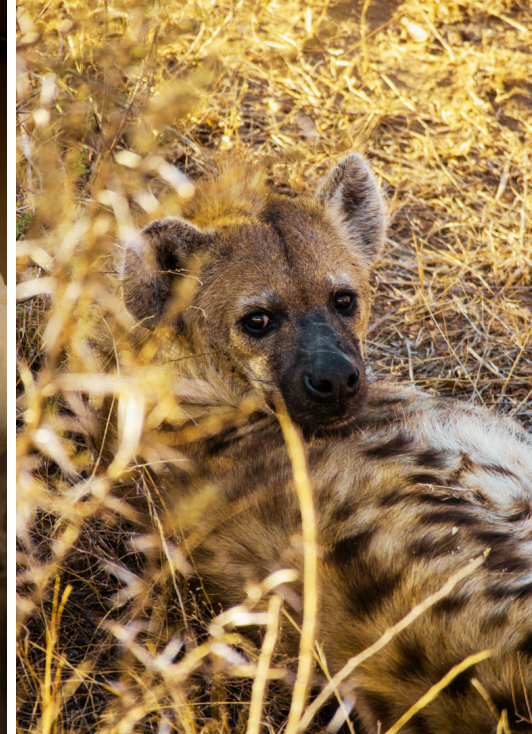
Johannesburg: History, Change & Perspective

Explore Johannesburg with an experienced local guide. The final programme may include Soweto, Constitution Hill or the Apartheid Museum, selected to help students understand the country's history, diversity and continuing journey through change. Rather than treating the city as a stopover, the day gives important social context for the expedition and creates a stronger foundation for later conversations about conservation, inequality, community and responsibility.

Day 4

Johannesburg to Kruger & SSLI

Leave the city and travel north-east towards the Lowveld. Urban skylines give way to farmland, escarpment and bushveld, making the scale of the transition visible. On arrival at the Skukuza Science Leadership Initiative campus, the group settles into its dormitory base, completes a park and campus orientation, and heads out for a first sunset game drive if timings allow.





Day 5

Life in the Bush: Wildlife & Ecology

An early game drive introduces the rhythms of Kruger and the discipline of good observation. Guides help students move beyond a species checklist by reading behaviour, habitat, tracks and relationships across the ecosystem. Back at SSLI, ecology and conservation sessions connect what students have seen with bigger questions about biodiversity and park management. A guided bush activity develops awareness of smaller signs that are easy to miss from a vehicle.

Day 6

Conservation in Action

Students step into a field-research role through activities that may include camera-trap deployment, species monitoring, habitat observation or data collection. The emphasis is on asking useful questions, recording evidence accurately and understanding how repeated observations become information that conservation teams can use. Students work in small groups, rotate responsibilities and finish by reflecting on the difference between seeing wildlife and studying a living system.

Day 7

Wayfinding & Student Leadership

Today the group takes more responsibility for how it moves and learns. Using maps, compass skills and guidance from the field team, students practise wayfinding and help interpret the route during a game drive or field exercise. Rotating leaders manage briefings, timing and group decisions while staff maintain the operational safety framework. The experience turns navigation into a wider lesson about awareness, communication and making confident decisions when the answer is not immediately visible.





Day 8

Wilderness Sleep-out & Bush Skills

A guided wilderness phase brings together field awareness, practical camp routines and teamwork. Students prepare equipment, learn how the team manages risk in a wildlife environment and contribute to camp tasks before spending a supervised night in the bush. A traditional braai and the sounds of the African night create one of the journey's most memorable contrasts.

Day 9

Research, Reflection & Return to Johannesburg

After debriefing, the team reviews their field notes, camera-trap material and consider what the evidence reveals about animal movement, habitat and human influence. A final reflection draws together conservation learning and personal growth before the group says goodbye to SSLI and travels back to Johannesburg. The long road journey gives space to rest and recognise how quickly the bush routines have become familiar.

Day 10

Depart Johannesburg

Transfer to the airport for the journey home. Students leave with much more than safari photographs: a clearer understanding of conservation science, a stronger sense of how they contribute within a team, and memories of dawn light, campfire conversations and wildlife encountered on its own terms.



SHAPE YOUR Adventure

8 DAYS

FAST TRACK

Maximum Kruger

Head to Kruger soon after arrival and keep the programme tightly focused on the SSLI experience. A strong option where budget or travel time is limited.



9 DAYS

BALANCED ADVENTURE

City & wilderness

Keep a shorter Johannesburg experience before heading into Kruger, adding cultural context and a stronger city-to-wilderness contrast. While still protecting plenty of time for wildlife, conservation and life in the bush.



CURRICULUM

SHAPE THE LEARNING

Build the experience around your subject

Give greater emphasis to Biology, Geography, sustainability, photography or leadership through the fieldwork, workshops and reflection built into the programme.



+ 2-3 DAYS

ADD BLYDE

Canyon landscapes

Extend the journey into the Blyde River Canyon for guided trekking and exploration. It adds a more physical adventure element and another side of South Africa.



NOT SURE WHICH WORKS BEST?

That's where we come in. We'll help shape the right adventure for your team.



WHAT'S INCLUDED



Free teaching staff places
Bolder Adventure Programme Leader 

International flights



All in-country transport
All accommodation, meals and safe drinking water

All required permits/park fees
Guided activities with expert local partners



Group safety, communication & sleep-out equipment
Travel Pack, inc. hoody or tech tee

Comprehensive travel insurance
Safety management & planning
24/7 support during travel



Highly experienced UK account management
Pre-trip briefings & training (*as applicable*)

PLEASE NOTE: Cancellation insurance, visas, vaccinations, personal expenditure, tips for leaders, guides and drivers - and any other services not listed above are not included.

NEXT STEPS

1

Consider your preferred itinerary or direction



2

Book a 20 minute planning call. We'll confirm your aims, shape the itinerary, and prepare what you need for SLT and promotion

3

Receive your customised pack for confirmation and launch

4

Reserve your dates with a small holding deposit



BOLDER 

**SEE THE WORLD
DIFFERENTLY**



hello@wearebolder.co.uk



+44 (0)1244 794601