

# Northern South Africa

The Mpumalanga and North Western provinces of South Africa contain South Africa's biggest and most famous game reserves.

Kruger National Park and the private game reserves along its borders form a huge protected area where the big five can be found, along with some of the richest biodiversity in Africa. Kruger is much busier than some of the parks in countries further north which make staying in one of the private reserves such as Sabi Sands, Timbavati or Manyeleti an attractive proposition. These reserves consistently produce great game viewing and visitor numbers are strictly limited

Other reserves worth visiting include Madikwe on the border with Botswana and Welgevonden and other reserves in the Waterberg region which are Malaria free.

South Africa is relatively inexpensive to visit with lodges catering to all budgets; the excellent air network makes a flying safari a good option.

The excellent Northern Game Reserves combine perfectly with a visit to Cape Town and the Garden Route or to the beaches of KwaZulu Natal. As Johannesburg is the regional transport hub, a safari here can also be part of a two centre itinerary with neighbouring countries such as Botswana, Zambia and Mozambique.

## Highlights of Northern South Africa:

- Horse Riding in the Waterberg
- Leopard spotting in Sabi Sands
- Elephant Back Safaris
- Blyde River Canyon and the Panorama Route
- Big Five Game Viewing in Kruger National Park



Timezone:	GMT+2
Language:	English, Afrikaans, local languages
Currency:	South African Rand
Flights:	10 hours from Europe
Visas:	Not needed for many EU Citizens

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
South Africa North	Hot with regular rainfall, the bush is quite thick and grass long. Game viewing is moderate	Hot with regular rainfall, the bush is quite thick and grass long. Game viewing is moderate	Hot with regular rainfall, the bush is quite thick and grass long. Game viewing is moderate	Rains occur only occasionally the weather is now warm and generally sunny. Game viewing is fair	Rains should have finished so clear skies and warm days. Game viewing improves as the bush dies back	Warm sunny days and chilly at night, the bush is dry and the game viewing is excellent	Warm sunny days and chilly at night, the bush is dry and the game viewing is excellent	Warm sunny days and cool nights, the bush is dry and the game viewing is excellent	Hot sunny days and warm nights, the bush is dry and the game viewing is outstanding	Hot sunny days and warm nights the bush is dry and the game viewing is outstanding	Can be very hot by day and night, mostly sunny but rainy season just starting so some rain. Outstanding game viewing	Hot and sunny with some rain. The bush is starting to become green and grass is longer. Good game viewing

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