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### **CROSS BORDER TRAIL ITINERARY 23 – 26 Sept 2016**

**DURATION:** The trail is 3 nights/4 days

**LOCATION:** Pafuri, Makuleke Contract Park (within the Kruger National Park) – 26,500 hectares

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

The Makuleke Concession in the north of the Kruger National park is unrivalled walking country. Our trails, open from April to October every year, are renowned for offering true bush lovers an opportunity to experience one of Kruger's remotest corners on foot. Led by experienced field guides, you will explore a place that is as vast as it is varied and wild. The trail offers you a chance to focus on the little things but you will also experience the rush of adrenaline when you happen upon members of the Big Five. Home base is a seasonal bush camp near the banks of the Luvuvhu where we serve hearty food and drink in a setting that allows you a close-up experience of untamed Africa. Exploring this part of the world on foot is the perfect way to escape the stresses of the city. This trail is a distinctive experience that will stay with you long after you've returned home.

You will walk for about 4–5 hours a day (about 10km) with sufficient breaks for refreshments and plenty of time to take in the experience of being so close to nature.

Using one campsite as your base, the day is spent walking through different habitats and along the tracks made by wild animals over the years. Walk the floodplains of the Limpopo and Luvuvhu Rivers, experience wide vistas where acacia woodland and riverine forests provide shade and time to reflect. The exquisite baobab trees (for which this province is so well-known) are a sight to behold, as are the perennial springs and the abundant bird and animal life found in the region.

A trained guide, who has extensive knowledge, will lead the excursion and point out places of interest, explain animal behaviour and tell you about the fascinating history of the area.

#### **Highlights of the Pafuri Walking Trail:**

- You will be traversing one of the most remote regions in South Africa.
- The area boasts incredible biodiversity, with an abundance of wild animals and birdlife.
- The thrill of tracking animals while on foot.
- Access to Lanner Gorge basin and Limpopo fever tree forest.
- Experienced professional guides to lead your journey.
- Traverse beautiful, diverse landscapes.
- Visit Crook's Corner.
- Learn more about the Makuleke history and culture.

#### **ACCOMMODATION:**

This rustic base camp consists of walk-in tents with en-suite eco-toilets and separate bucket showers. At night, light is provided by lanterns and a crackling fire.



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#### MEALS:

All meals are catered for; it is essential that you stipulate any special dietary requirements on your booking form (at least two weeks before your departure). We operate in remote areas, and last minute catering changes cannot be accommodated. Snacks and water are carried in day packs, while all meals are enjoyed back at the camp, including dinner under the stars.

#### DAY ONE:

- Meet your guide at RETURNAfrica's flagship, Pafuri Camp, where you will check-in and park your vehicles. Your guides will then transfer you via a 4x4 open game viewing vehicle to the trails camp.
- Settle in at the camp for a safety briefing with your guide.
- Shorter afternoon walk.
- Return to camp for drinks and/or shower before the evening meal (prepared on an open fire).
- Dinner for all will be served at Pafuri Walking Trails camp.
- Relax after dinner

#### DAY TWO:

- Early wake-up call.
- Light snack (coffee and biscuits).
- Set out for a long day to walk across the Limpopo River and participate in Shangane Festival at village Samu located in Sengwe Communal Area, Zimbabwe
- Lunch at Shangane Festival
- Walk back over Limpopo River to Makuleke Area in late afternoon
- Collected by open game viewing vehicles
- Dinner under the stars at the walking trails camp

#### DAY THREE:

- Early wake-up call
- Light snack (coffee and biscuits)
- Morning walk
- Leisurely brunch
- Rest and relaxation, own time
- Afternoon walk or drive (dependent on local animal activity and weather)
- Return to camp for a hot shower
- Sundowners and/or refreshments
- Dinner for all will be served under the stars at Pafuri Walking Trails camp

#### DAY FOUR:

- Early wake-up call
- Light snack (coffee and biscuits)
- Short morning walk
- Return to trails camp
- Hearty brunch
- Transfer back to vehicles parked at Pafuri Camp
- Check-out and depart



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#### WHAT TO TAKE:

- Good walking shoes and sufficient pairs of socks
- Sunblock
- Hat
- Water bottle – enough to carry about 1.5L
- Small day pack to carry a few items i.e. camera, water bottle, fruit from morning snack
- Camera
- Binoculars
- Neutral coloured clothing
- Insect repellent
- Headlamp / torch

#### COST:

The cost of the 3-night, 4-day Transfrontier Cross Border Trail and Festival is R7,800 per person.

The rate includes all meals, all game activities, the cross border festival and lunch and a contribution towards the communities that benefit from the cultural festival.

The rate excludes travel costs to Pafuri, park entry fees, beverages and gratuities.

The trail is limited to 16 guests

Please note that there is no cell reception in Pafuri

Please note CHECK-IN is at 14H00 AND CHECK-OUT is 11H00.

Enjoy your journey!