

Full Day Magaliesberg Nature Hike and Elephant Interaction

📍 Magaliesberg Protected Natural Environment, Madibeng Ward 29, Madibeng Local Municipality, Bojanala Platinum District Municipality, North West, South Africa



The **Magaliesberg** Mountains are famous for their nature, wildlife and rich cultural history. Get taken on a memorable hike through the impeccable Plumari Private Game Reserve to the summit ridge of these majestic mountains followed by a scrumptious lunch on the summit. The **Full Day Magaliesberg Nature Hike and Elephant Interaction tour** is concluded with a 1 hour **elephant** walk and interaction with 2 of the semi-habituated male **elephants** called Damara and Nzebe. Learn more about the **Magaliesberg** indigenous plants and wildlife from the explanations of our passionate and knowledgeable nature guide.

The **tour** starts with a 10km hike through the unique African landscape of the Plumari Reserve to the secluded summit plateau of the **Magaliesberg** mountain Range. Discover various types of wild plants and bushes as well as an abundance of animals from Giraffe, zebra, wildebeest and impala as you walk along the **hiking trail**. The views from the top of are stunning.

After a 2 hour hike it's time for lunch-African Style!! Enjoy a scrumptious picnic in a secluded and magical spot with a breathtaking view of the panoramic mountain range as it fades away into the distant horizon. There is also a magnificent view of valley below from where we hiked up. The food served is a traditional dish of the area. After lunch we take the 2 hour **hike** back down the mountain to the starting point of the **hike**.

After the **hike**, its refreshment time before we introduce you to your guides for the next part of your **day tour**-Damara and Nzebe, the 2 bull elephants of Plumari. Enjoy a unique and up close and personal interaction with these gentle giants of Africa. Although we happily hand over the tour leadership to the **elephants**, our knowledgeable rangers will also accompany you on this wonderful journey into the world and mind of **elephants** where you will learn about their habits, behaviors and challenges.

All in all a must do active tour which incorporates everything from exercise, fresh air, nature, wildlife, wholesome food and of course... **Elephants**.

Why Choose South Africa Adventures for your day hike experience?

- Caring for the elephants and the wildlife environment is our top priority
- Rangers and staff who have an absolute passion for wildlife conservation
- Smaller group sizes. We take a maximum of 8 people per trip to ensure you have a more unique and interactive experience

Responsible Tourism

Our main priority given the sensitive nature surrounding **elephant interaction in South Africa** is to undertake continual improvements toward ecological sustainability through the adoption of 'best practice' techniques. We rely primarily on traveler feedback and general staff observations and incorporate these into our policies and procedures. We operate under the Wildlife Code of Ethics as set out by South African law.

Tour Facts

Language:

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Duration:

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Tour Type:

continuous

Tour Itinerary

Day 1 :

Enjoy a complimentary pick up from centrally located hotels within the Johannesburg or Pretoria area. Pick up time is from 07:30am

We then take the 1.5 hour drive through the majestic **Magaliesberg** Mountains to the Plumari Private game reserve.

At 09:00 am we will enjoy light refreshments, meet the **hiking** team and have a quick safety briefing

At 09:30 am we start first part of the hike which finds us heading in a North Westerly direction through the reserve towards the summit ridge. The **hiking** distance on this part of the hike covers about 5km with an altitude gain of 250m.

The first 3km is pretty flat and take hikers through the savannah area of the reserve that is abundant with wildlife such as wildebeest, zebra, impala and blesbok. The last part of the hike covers a distance of 2km and includes a gentle incline until we reach the summit ridge

We should reach the ridge by 11:30am where we will enjoy lunch and chill out for an hour

At 12:30am we start the second part of the hike which takes us back down the way we came to the start of the **hike**. Distance covered is 5km

We should be down by 2:00pm.

At 2:30pm, after some well-deserved refreshments it's time to meet the elephants. We spend an hour interacting and observing the elephants in the natural environment.

At 3:30pm we conclude the day with a glass of wine or beer around the watering hole

At 4:15 pm we drive back to Johannesburg to be back at your hotel by 5:30pm