

Half Day Elephant Walking Experience

📍 Johannesburg, City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality, Gauteng, 2001, South Africa



Elephant Walking Safari with South Africa Adventures

Experience Overview: South Africa Adventures offers a unique and immersive elephant walking safari that allows you to interact closely with semi-habituated elephants in their natural environment. This experience is a blend of adventure, education, and intimate wildlife observation.

Location: The safari is conveniently located about a 1-hour drive from Johannesburg, making it an accessible day trip for both locals and tourists.

Duration: The safari typically lasts a few hours, providing ample time to engage with the elephants, observe their behavior, and learn about their lives.

Meet the Elephants

Elephants Featured:

- **Three:** A gentle giant with a name derived from the container she was transported in as an orphan. Known for her long, lean legs and striking eyelashes, Three has a soft nature that quickly endears her to visitors.
- **Marty and Hannah:** The other members of the trio who join Three in the safari. Each elephant brings its own unique personality and behaviors to the experience.

Activities:

- **Walking Side by Side:** Experience the thrill of walking alongside these majestic animals through the African bush. This interaction provides a rare perspective on the elephants' world.
- **Observing Daily Behaviors:** Watch as the elephants engage in natural behaviors such as stripping branches, uprooting trees, digging for roots, and using sand and water for cooling off.
- **Educational Insights:** While human guides are present to provide context and ensure safety, the focus is on the elephants. Learn about their behaviors, conservation needs, and the challenges they face in the wild.

Special Moments:

- **Elephant Kiss:** One of the highlights of the safari is the affectionate "elephant kiss," where the elephants give visitors a gentle touch with their trunks, creating a memorable and personal connection.

Booking with South Africa Adventures

Tour Company: South Africa Adventures is the tour operator offering this exclusive elephant walking safari. Known for their exceptional wildlife experiences, they ensure a well-organized and enriching safari.

When to Book: Due to the unique nature of this experience, it is advisable to book your safari well in advance, especially if you plan to visit during peak travel seasons or special holidays. Early booking ensures you secure your spot and can make the necessary arrangements.

How to Book:

- **Contact:** Reach out to South Africa Adventures directly through their website or customer service to check availability and make reservations.
- **Preparation:** Ensure you confirm the date, time, and any specific requirements or recommendations from the tour company. This might include advice on what to bring, such as comfortable clothing, sunscreen, and a camera.

Why Book Now: Given the high demand and limited availability of such unique experiences, booking early guarantees you won't miss out on this extraordinary opportunity to connect with Africa's largest land mammals.

This elephant walking safari with South Africa Adventures promises a once-in-a-lifetime adventure that combines thrilling wildlife interaction with deep educational insights, all within a convenient distance from Johannesburg.

Tour Facts

Language:

English

Duration:

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Tour Type:

continuous

Tour Itinerary

Half Day :

- Our tours begin and end in *Johannesburg* or *Pretoria*.
- Pick up time is 8am from your hotel. You will be met by your guide who will be with you for the duration of your *elephant walking day tour*.
- The drive through to the park takes about 1.5 hours and sees us heading towards the North Western province towards a private concession where the *elephants* reside.
- Once we get there, we will have a cup of coffee and muffins before we pile you into one of the landrovers. The *elephants* could be roaming anywhere, so we need to find out from the rangers where they are and drive to them. *Elephants* weigh 6 tons. We are not going to argue with them about coming to us. We shall swallow our pride and drive to them.
- Once we find them, we will spend about an hour *walking*, observing and interacting with them.
- The *walk* is limited to 1 hour and is only done once a day. Limited to 8 people. We do not want to stress the *elephants* out with too much human interaction.
- We finish the tour with an optional lunch at the reserve at your own expense before heading back to the hotel. Back by 12H30, unless you decide to combine our lion walking experience onto the tour.