

## Mini Game ranger course

### Purpose

Students will experience life as a game ranger over an 8-day period. There will be daily walks and drives which will allow the students to relax and observe the wild life of the reserve. Activities may include but are not restricted to the following:

- A cultural tour around the local town with a visit to a Sangoma where you will see how different plants are utilized.
- A chance to sleep rough under the stars and to experience life in the African bush as never before. Take turns to keep watch while your colleagues try and get some sleep. This is often seen as the highlight of the course.
- A morning shooting a heavy calibre firearm. Although this is not done as any form of training course, it will give you a lifetime experience.
- A cruise on a boat on the Olifants river and enjoying the local birdlife as well as taking in the occasional leopard or elephant sighting too (Kambaku Safaris)
- A visit to a nearby private game reserve with the opportunity to walk with either lions or cheetahs
- A half-day trip to the Khamai reptile park.
- An evening learning about the stars and an opportunity to look through a telescope (weather permitting). Take in breath-taking views of the moon and maybe the rings of Saturn.
- A full day safari within the Kruger national park. (Entrance fees are excluded from the costs of the trip. No trip to this part of the country would be complete without a visit to the gem of South Africa's conservation areas.

	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
<u>Early morning</u>		Morning walk Followed by breakfast at Antares	Morning drive followed by breakfast	Morning walk Followed by breakfast	Morning walk and breakfast at Tshukudu Depart at 05h00	Full day trip into Kruger National Park	Early morning drive	Optional walk/drive
<u>Morning</u>		Cultural tour	Some basic mammal and bird lectures	Firearm shooting	Visit to Khamai reptile park- no formal lectures		Visit to vulture restaurant	Depart @09h00
<u>Afternoon</u>	Arrive and check in @13h00 Game drive in afternoon	15h00 Prepare sleep out	Some basic mammal and bird lectures	Boat trip @15h00 with Kambaku safaris and dinner	Afternoon/evening game drive optional		Walk from 16h00	
<u>Evening</u>	Traditional braai	Sleep out under stars	Evening drive		Astronomy (weather permitting)		Evening braai at Antares including a mini quiz and certificate presentation	