



Mokala National Park – Itinerary

Karoo National Park

Day 1: Karoo National Park

Today, we will have a very early start, collecting you all at your accommodations or homes. Its approximately a 5hr drive to our first destination (Beaufort West). We will then settle in at our accommodation and head to the Karoo National Park. The park is home to over 200 bird species and over 60 mammal species. The park spans approximately 890 square kilometers. Vegetation in the park includes various types of Karoo vegetation, including dwarf shrublands, grasslands, and succulent karoo.

Overnight: Wagon Wheel Country Lodge [self-catering]

Day 2 & 3: Khoisan Karoo Conservancy

This morning, we will leave early as we are heading to our next destination, the Khoisan Karoo Conservancy. Its approximately a 3hr drive. We will explore the 1000's of hectare Khoisan Karoo Conservancy for 2 full days. This includes a morning birding drive and a night drive to search for the "Shy 5" mammals [Aardvark, Aardwolf, Bat-eared Fox, Porcupine and African Wildcat].

Overnight: New Holme Lodge [breakfast and dinners included]

Day 4 & 5: Mokala National Park

Today we will leave Khoisan Karoo Conservancy behind and head to Mokala National Park, approximately a 4hr drive. For the **next 2 days**, we will be exploring this beautiful 500 square kilometer park with its characteristic lush forests, rolling hills and rugged terrain, breathtaking Mokala Mountain range, renowned for its stunning landscapes and diverse ecosystems.

We will visit Mokala falls, one of the park's most iconic features and some of the rivers that crisscross this spectacular park and provides vital water sources for the park's flora and fauna. Throughout the park, we can explore numerous caves, some of which feature ancient rock art and provide shelter for wildlife. All said above with one thing in mind, Birding! But, not only birding. Mokala has a huge number of wildlife as well, animals to expect around here are: Elephants, Lions (though sightings are less common due to their elusive nature), Giraffes towering above treetops, Antelopes like: Kudu, Impala and Eland are abundant

within the park. Mokala boasts a rich avian diversity, with species such as Eagles, Vultures and hornbills soaring overhead. [Check attached bird species list for Mokala]

Overnight: Mokala National Park [self-catering]

Day 6 – Karoo National Park

Today, we will leave before sunrise and head back to the Karoo National Park for some afternoon birding (doing a different route as day 1).

Overnight: Wagon Wheel Country Lodge [Self-catering]

Day 7 - Heading back to Cape Town

Today, we will leave very early, approximately a 5 hr drive back to Cape Town. Roadside birding and History of some of the small towns are on the menu.

For the complete bird species list: I will forward the list to you.

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