

## 3 DAY TANKWA KAROO TOUR – ITINERARY

### Day 1 – Tankwa Karoo

Today, I will pick you up at your accommodation or home at 4 am. Our route, approximately a 6-hour drive, is designed to explore some of the unique features of the Karoo region. Our first stop will be at Meitjiesfontein, where we'll enjoy breakfast. Meitjiesfontein is a historic village known for its rich history and ghostly stories, marking the beginning of our birding adventure. We'll then head north towards Sutherland, making several birding stops along the way towards Middelpoort, South Africa's smallest village established in 1860. Afterward, we'll continue our journey to Gannaga Lodge, our base for the next two days. Upon arrival, we'll settle in, possibly do some birding on the premises, and have dinner around 7 pm. Gannaga Lodge offers amenities such as WIFI, a lounge with a TV and library, and a bar for relaxation.

**Overnight:** *Gannaga Lodge [breakfast & dinner included]*

### Day 2 – Tankwa Karoo National Park

Today, at sunrise, we'll explore the pristine succulent Karoo biome, designated as a biodiversity hotspot. We'll descend down the one-way Gannaga Pass, known for its scenic views and challenging bends. After birding and enjoying the scenery, we'll return to the lodge for breakfast. We'll then explore the park until midday, aiming to spot 80% of our target species. Back at the lodge, we'll have lunch and enjoy amenities like the splash pool (seasonal) before an afternoon birding drive outside the park.

**Overnight:** *Gannaga Lodge [breakfast & dinner included]*

### Day 3 – Heading back to Cape Town

We'll start the day with breakfast before our leisurely drive back to Cape Town. Along the way, we'll make stops to spot any species we might have missed, including Lark species, Karoo Korhaan, and Eremomella's. We'll also make additional stops for those who want another chance to capture better shots of certain species.

### Our Target Species: [Just to mention a few]

*Rufous eared Warbler*  
*Cinnamon breasted Warbler*  
*Namaqua Warbler*  
*Fairy Flycatcher*  
*Karoo Chat*  
*Dusky Sunbird*  
*Mountain Wheatear*  
*Pale winged Starling*  
*Yellow bellied Eremomelo*  
*Black headed Canary*  
*Pirit Batis*  
*Grey winged Francolin*

*Karoo Eremamelo*

*Karoo Korhaan*

*Spike heeled Lark*

*Lark-like Bunting*

*Karoo long billed Lark*

*Black-eared Sparrow Lark*

