



The Big Five Marathon is an exclusive event that combines a challenging marathon experience with a classic African safari vacation. Situated in the Limpopo province, the Entabeni Private Game Reserve provides the perfect setting for the event. Within this 22,000 ha private game reserve, several accommodation facilities are provided, varying from tented camps to luxurious lodges. For this event we have the pleasure in offering 4 accommodation packages as described further below. We offer 4 and 7 nights packages for the event.

The programme described below is for all participants regardless of the chosen accommodation.

7 nights package

19th of June 2012: Arrival at Entabeni

All participants are transferred to the Entabeni Private Game Reserve from Johannesburg International Airport where all tours start and end. Transfers will depart from the Airport time 10:00, 12:00, 14:00 and 16:00. If the transfers doesn't fit in your travel plans it is possible to pay an extra surcharge for an individual transfer to Entabeni.

After arriving and checking into the respective lodges the participants can enjoy some sand-wiches and snacks. For participants arriving on the first two transfers (departure from Johannes-burg International Airport at 10:00 & 12:00) today is the time for the first of several exciting game drives. These drives will provide the opportunity to experience an authentic African safari in serene surroundings. The Entabeni Private Game Reserve offers diverse wildlife, open safari vehicles and relatively few tourists, creating an ideal wilderness atmosphere.

20th & 21st of June 2012: Entabeni Game Drives

Days two and three of the programme are dedicated to exploring the game reserve through a daily game drive and a bush walk. During these days you will get accustomed to the park's geography, and climate, and you will slowly begin to look forward to the big event: The Big Five Marathon®. During these two days there is one daily game drive included in the programme, which will take place either in the early morning or in the late afternoon. Also a bush walk is included on day 3.

The early morning game drive typically takes place between 0600hrs and 0930hrs. During these early hours you will enjoy the cool African morning, spot spectacular wildlife, and most probably work up an appetite. Upon your return from morning safari you will be richly satisfied by the overwhelming breakfast buffet that awaits you at the lodges!

The afternoon game drive begins around 1600hrs, arriving back at the lodge in time for dinner around 1930hrs. Similar to the morning game drive, the afternoon drive provides great wildlife experiences. Moreover the afternoon drive offers you the opportunity to experience a genuine African sunset in ideal settings: enjoying a cold drink on the savannah, while admiring the changing colours of the darkening evening sky. The afternoon drive then turns into a night safari, where you will get the chance to spot the fascinating nocturnal wildlife with a spot light.

Over the last few years the reserve's wildlife has become increasingly accustomed to the visiting tourists. It is therefore not uncommon to see elephants, giraffes and different species of antelopes grazing in close proximity to the safari vehicles. A pride of lions even occasionally holds up







traffic, lying lazily across the track. We use open 4x4 safari vehicles, which provide us with an excellent opportunity for viewing the wildlife in safety.

As an alternative to the game drives, the lodge offers "Bush Walks" that allows you to examine the surroundings on foot in the company of an armed ranger with extensive tracking experience.

During the stay, the participants will have a number of park rangers allocated: one for approximately every ten participants. The rangers ensure your safety, drive the safari vehicles, provide competent guiding, coordinate the events with the race management, and are at your disposal around the clock. Furthermore a Tour Leader will be with the group from beginning to end assisting in every need of the participants. Everything is done for you to have an unforgettable experience.

22nd of June 2012: Route Inspection

After breakfast all the participants are transported from their respective lodges to the starting point of the marathon. It is now time for the route inspection: all safari vehicles follow the route in a convoy, allowing the participants to examine the different running surfaces, note the locations of water posts, and assess the overall difficulty of the route.

After the route inspection a large buffet lunch will be served for all the participants. This is the time where everyone is gathered – the participants, technical staff, medical staff and race coordinators - for a formal introduction to the event, and a presentation of the practical issues surrounding the marathon. There are no scheduled game drives this day.

23rd of June 2012: The Big Five Marathon ®

The big day has come. Today you will be met by a challenge that will be worth remembering: The Big Five Marathon®. In the morning all the participants will be transported from the various lodges and camps to the starting line in time for final preparations. The marathon is planned to start at 0800hrs, however the exact time will be dependent on the location of the big five game – if too close to where the route is going, the start will be postponed. There are no scheduled game drives this day.

24th of June 2012: After Marathon party

Today you will experience yet another fantastic game drive followed by our After Marathon Party. There will be great food, live entertainment, prize ceremonies, and partying under the African skies.

25th of June 2012: Entabeni

On the final day at the Entabeni Private Game Reserve you will have one last game drive either in the morning or in the afternoon. Those interested will also get the opportunity to stretch their legs on one final bush walk. In the evening farewell dinners will be held at the respective lodges.

26th of June 2012: Depart for Johannesburg

Transfer to Johannesburg International Airport. Transfers will arrive the airport time 12:00, 14:00, 16:00 and 18:00. As on arrival it is possible, for an extra surcharge, to book an individual transfer to Johannesburg if the group transfers aren't suitable to your onward journey.







4 nights package

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ACCOMMODATION

Wildside Tented Camp

A real African Bush camp. The tents are big and include a bathroom ensuite. The tents are lifted from the ground on a wooden terrace and furnished with double or twin beds, chairs, a closet, and safari chairs on the terrace. There is electricity around the clock. The camp is not fenced and lies at the foot of the mountain range. Staying at the Wildside camp is a real African bush experience: A large pride of lions is often spotted in the surrounding area, and it is not uncommon to find lion tracks outside the tents in the morning.

Ravineside Lodge

Ravineside Lodge is situated on the upper escarpment next to the Entabeni Rock

The lodge comprises tranquil thatched wooden lodges on stilts with bird's eye-views. Each lodge has 3 or 4 luxury en suite bedrooms with an African ethnic theme. A private open-plan lounge and bar area extends to the open sundecks. From here the guests can indulge in bird and game watching and experience the beauty of the ravine with the rippling sound of water far down in the valley.

Lakeside Lodge

Lakeside Lodge is situated on the banks of Entabeni Lake on the upper escarpment. The location is only a few meters away from the start and finish line of the marathon and half marathon.

All rooms are elegantly furnished and are linked with thatched walkways to the Reception, Restaurant, Conference rooms and Boma areas.

Hanglip Mountain Lodge

The lodge is situated on the lower escarpment.

This alluring five-star lodge evokes the romantic Africa of yesteryear. All 10 luxury suites, furnished in African Baroque style, have private sun decks with breathtaking views across the wetlands and vast open plains. Enchanting gardens provide a paradise of foliage and tranquility.

It is refreshingly alluring with its unique blend of utter luxury and true African wilderness, with views stretching beyond the lake to Hanglip Mountain and the rest of its range.

Rates

All rates are inclusive of accommodation, full board (starting with dinner on day 1 and ending with breakfast on the day of departure), group transfers and game drives and activities according to itinerary.

Wildside Tented Camp

7 nights' package

EUR 1,595.- pr. person sharing. Single tent surcharge: EUR 460.-

4 nights' package

EUR 1095.- pr. person sharing. Single tent surcharge: EUR 270,-







Ravineside Lodge 7 nights' package

EUR 1,725.- pr. person sharing Single room surcharge: EUR 520.-

4 nights' package

EUR 1,195.- pr. person sharing Single room surcharge: EUR 300.-

Lakeside Lodge

7 nights' package

EUR 1,790.- pr. person sharing Single room surcharge: EUR 520.-

4 nights' package

EUR 1,225.- pr. person sharing. Single room surcharge: EUR 300.-

Hanglip Mountain Lodge

7 nights' package

EUR 2,385.- pr. person sharing Single room surcharge: EUR 895.-

4 nights' package

EUR 1,520.- pr.person sharing. Single room surcharge: EUR 510.-

Marathon, half marathon and 10 km package: EUR 190,-

Price includes: Entry to the race, T-shirt and medal

Champion Chip: EUR 35.-

The Big Five Marathon is timed by Champion Chip Timing system.

It is mandatory to wear a Champion Chip to start the race. If you don't have a one you must buy it when booking.

Transfers

All itineraries in 2012 will start and end in Johannesburg International Airport. For transfers to Entabeni we have 4 bus departures on the following times: 10.00, 12.00, 14.00 and 16.00

When the tour ends busses will arrive Johannesburg International Airport time 12.00, 14.00, 16.00 and 18.00

It is possible for participants to book an individual transfer if the above bus transfers doesn't match with flight times. A 4 seater one way transfer will cost Euro 300 pr. car.

Age limits

Please note following age limits.

Marathon and half marathon: Minimum 18 years old on race day

10 km: No age limits BUT runners below the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult (min 18 years old) at all times during the race.

