



ACTIVITIES

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE AREA, PEOPLE AND ACTIVITIES WE OFFER...

Africa Maximum Safaris is a family-run business that caters for the sport hunter visiting Africa and their families as we put a lot of emphasis on family values. For the non-hunting companions, whether family or friends, we offer a host of activities which enable them to do quite a bit other than hunting and experience so much of our beautiful country.



Map of South Africa, highlighted in red is the North West Province

Africa Maximum Safaris is located in the North West Province of South Africa.

Our camp is situated on the Magaliesberg Mountain range. Much of the province consists of flat areas, scattered trees and grassland. The Magaliesberg mountain range in the northeast extends about 130 km (about 80 miles) from Pretoria to Rustenburg. The camp is only a 2 and a half hour drive from the OR Tambo International Airport in Johannesburg.

Within the Northwest Province with its very diverse topography and habitat, we are able to hunt most of the plains game species available in South Africa. This makes the area very sought-after for game ranching and sport hunters.



Weather:

The summer months (August to March) bring brief, refreshing afternoon thunderstorms. The sky is often a **mardi gras** of electrical energy, a bruised sky opened up by flashes of brilliance. Summer temperatures range between 22°C & 34°C (71.6°F & 93.2°F). Winter brings with it dry, sunny days and chilly nights. The average winter (May to July) temperature is 15.5°C (60°F) but can range from an average of 2°C (35.6°F) to 20°C (68°F) in a single day.

Effectively forming the southern part of the Kalahari Desert, the North West Province offers almost all year-round sunshine. Do not forget your sun-block and sun hat. Few days will be spent indoors staring at bleak weather! The North West is all about the authentic African bush experience and it is the hot, dry African climate which is truly unique.

The North West Province is a must see destination - one that is diverse and exciting. We offer some of the finest game reserves, cultural sights, archaeological treasures as well as entertainment resorts. The agricultural and mining production in the North West plays a vital role in boosting the South African economy. The principal products are namely gold, platinum, diamonds, maize, beef, game and sunflower seeds. Along with this natural resource of plentiful game species, the Province is very rich in minerals: largest Platinum Mines in the world (producing 92% of the world platinum) and Diamonds are found in the area, it's the largest cattle ranching province in the country and 2nd largest corn and sunflower producing province in South Africa.

The North West Province is very rich in history from the Anglo Boer War and there are many famous battle sites in the area.

The North West Province of South Africa is bounded on the north by Botswana, on the south by the provinces of Free State and the Northern Cape, and on the northeast and east by the Limpopo Province and Gauteng.

The province has several National Parks. The largest, Pilanesberg Game Reserve, is located in the crater of an extinct volcano.



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1. **Motseng Cultural Village:** Within Motseng the different cultures share their history, beliefs and customs with guests by means of song, praise singers, poets, narrators and dancers.



The Motseng Cultural Village is intended to showcase and pay tribute to the lifestyles of eight of South Africa's indigenous ethnic groups. This village therefore affords local and international tourists a unique opportunity to experience, enjoy and appreciate some of our country's rich and diverse cultures. It gives them an authentic taste of the African tradition. Motseng contributes towards preserving that which makes us African and proud, and it gives the African people an opportunity to demonstrate to the world, the pride and passion they have for their culture. It gives them an opportunity to honor their legends through song and dance, to display their unique artistic skills through arts and craft and to demonstrate their hospitality by treating visitors to a true African meal.

AVAILABLE SERVICES, ACTIVITIES AND AMENITIES:

- Cultural performances including tribal dancing
- Sangoma
- Curio Shop selling a variety of local African crafts and art
- Village Boma for cultural theme evenings (conference and incentive groups)
- Shebeen 'pub' offers authentic South African cuisine, a trendy pub and vibrant music in a relaxed atmosphere.
- Guided Village Tours



2. Pilanesberg Hot Air Balloon Safari's - Enjoy a wrap-around panorama and the magic of lazily drifting with the wind. Relish fascinating and magnificent sights over the beautiful Magaliesberg Mountain Range and Pilanesberg National Park. Ours is a land with sensational sunrises and sunsets, and unforgiving terrain. Kilometres of panoramic vistas and breathtaking nature can pass under you while suspended in an open basket. Experience beauty and tranquility not known to many.

The schedule:

- Arrive at pick up location Pilanesberg Park at 5:30 am.
- Balloon safari crew will meet clients and transport them to the departure point within the park.
- The Balloon ride is about 1 and a half hour duration.
- After set down, you will enjoy a Champagne breakfast at Bakabung Game Lodge.
- Return to Africa Maximum Safari Camp.
- *Activity depends on weather conditions.





3. Zip Slide - The zip slide is 280 meters high, two kilometers long, reaches a speed of 140 kilometers per hour and guarantees a four minute unadulterated adrenalin rush. The zip slide adheres to all necessary safety standards. Secured in a harness and suspended below a free running trolley that is attached to a steel cable, one experiences the feeling of flying and acceleration as you descend down the wire. At times 100m high and at other times only 4.5m above the ground. The cable runs from the top of the 280m high koppie (hill) and the other is attached to the top of a mast 2km away. Towards the end of the ride, your decent is slowed as you go uphill, then roll back to the lowest point on the wire where you dismount the ride. Solo and tandem slides are available so this ride has an appeal for even the most amateur adventure junkie.



Unlike many other adventure activities, this experience is open to young ones from the age of 12, making it a fun activity for the whole family. The start of the zip slide is on the top of a koppie (hill), 5-minutes from Sun City. Ten riders and six spectators can be accommodated per tour. Bookings are essential

4. Pilanesberg Game Reserve Photographic Safari Tour - Pilanesberg National Park is in the Bojanala Region of the North West Province, adjacent to Sun City. Set in the crater of a long extinct volcano, the Park ranks among the largest of the parks in South Africa (it is in fact the fourth largest park) and covers an area of 55 000 hectare. The malaria-free Pilanesberg National Game Park is home to South Africa's Big 5 – Elephant, Rhino, Lion, Leopard and Buffalo.



The beauty of Pilanesberg is reflected in a large central lake, the Mankwe Dam. Over time, wind and water have carved a spectacular landscape with rocky outcrops, open grasslands, wooded valleys and thickets. Pilanesberg National Park accommodates virtually every mammal of Southern Africa.



It is a fascinating alkaline complex produced by volcanic eruptions some 1300 million years ago. Pilanesberg is one of the largest volcanic complexes of its kind in the world. Its rare rock types and structure make it a unique geological feature. Africa Maximum Safaris offer their clients a full day photographic Safari to this wonderful park.

5. Golfing - Clients can enjoy a round of golf after their hunting safari. The world famous Gary Player golf course at Sun City resort, nestled in between the mountains is the perfect finish to a African Safari.

The club house will rent clubs and they have some of the best caddies to assist you while playing this marvelous course.

*Please contact Africa Maximum Safaris to make arrangements and get prices. Africa Maximum Safaris will make bookings on clients' behalf and transport them to and from Sun City (40 minute drive from camp)

6. Sun City - This resort is world famous and an icon in the North West province. Situated next to Pilanesberg Game Reserve nestled in a volcanic crater. This world-class resort is home to one of the Leading Hotels of the World, The Palace of the Lost City.

The resort offers

- The Gary Player Golf Course
- Crocodile breeding centre
- Valley of the waves
- Casino
- 5 x 5 Star Hotels
- Water Sports centre



The Palace Hotel at Sun City.

We offer clients a full day trip to the resort if they wish to partake in any of the activities offered to day visitors.

Africa Maximum Safaris also do bookings for clients to stay at Sun City Resort after their safari.

Contact us for rates and options to the hotels and activities.

7. Pilanesberg Elephant Back Safaris - These elephants are all orphans as a result of reduction exercises carried out by the Zimbabwe National Parks Department in the 1980's. Most orphans were sold to Zoo's and Circus's around the world, however these were fortunate enough to stay on African soil and passed their early lives on private game farms. They were soon to outgrow this lifestyle and Wild Horizons in an effort to improve and secure the elephants existing lifestyle, created this amazing safari experience. In 2002, Wild Horizons created Pilanesberg Elephant-Back Safaris. Join Chikwenya and her herd for an amazing safari.

Pick up from the Game trackers Outdoor Adventures desk located at the Welcome Centre Sun City Resort. Transfer to "The Elephant Wallow" will be approximately 20 minutes through the Letsatsing Game Reserve giving guests an opportunity to view game along the way. On arrival, welcome drinks are served and guests are given an introductory talk and introduced to the elephants and their handlers. The elephants are then saddled and the safari commences. After approximately an hour on elephant back guests return to "The Elephant Wallow" for light snacks. Guests are returned to the Welcome Centre, Sun City.

Duration: approximately 2-3 hours. Africa Maximum Safaris transfer clients to and from Sun City for the excursion.



Clients Lisa Myers and her mother Dorethy with elephant.

8. Lion Park Visit - Clients have the opportunity to visit the Lion Park. We usually schedule this with a Pilanesberg Park tour. You will have the opportunity to interact with the young lions, 3 months old and see some of the breeding camps.



9. Cradle of Human Kind Tour - If archeology interests you this is a tour worth your while. **Cradle and Sterkfontein Caves. Groundbreaking:** Site of dramatic discoveries that changed the way we view humanity and the history of human development. **World-renowned:** New scientific exhibition showcases the finds of hominid fossils “Mrs Ples” and “Little Foot”

The new scientific exhibition centre showcases a reconstruction of a mined cave – versus a pristine cave – cave formations and geology, early life forms, mammals and hominid fossils, among other topics. It describes in detail important finds such as “Mrs Ples”, the “Taung Child” and “Little Foot”, as well as providing information about fossilization, palaeobotany and landscapes.



Within the caves, scientists have discovered many hominid and other animal fossils, dating back more than 4-million years, to the birth of humanity. The most important and most famous of these fossils are “Mrs Ples”, a 2.1-million-year-old *Australopithecus* skull, and “Little Foot”, an almost complete *Australopithecus* skeleton that is more than 3-million years old. These fossils, both found in the Sterkfontein Caves in the Cradle of Humankind, tell us much about the precursors of modern humans, *Homo sapiens*.

Archaeological finds within the Cradle of Humankind also include 2-million-year-old stone tools. The oldest recorded, at Swartkrans, near the Sterkfontein Caves, is a collection of 270 burnt bones that reveals how our ancestors learned to master fire more than 1-million years ago – a significant development and an early technological innovation. The ability to do this has taken us from the basic skills needed to keep ourselves warm and to cook our food, to being able to control and harness the power of fire to the extent that we can now create and burn rocket fuel to reach space and beyond.

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Photo of the Sterkfontein Cave at the Cradle of Human kind.

10. Maropeng - Welcome to Maropeng and the Cradle of Humankind World Heritage Site. Maropeng means “returning to the place of origin” in Setswana, the main indigenous language in this area of South Africa.



This is a full day tour which includes the following:

- Tour through the Sterkfontein caves 45 minutes.
- Visit to the exhibition at the museum
- Visit to Maropeng exhibition 25 kilometers away from the caves.



11. African Craft Market - The craft market is a very unique and interesting market where you can find any kind of African craft from wood carvings, stone carvings, table cloths, jewelry and many more craft works. We usually do a stop-over on the way to the airport and normally allow 2 hour shopping time.



12. De Wildt Cheetah and Wildlife - Cheetah Run and 3 hour guided tour

- Tuesday and Thursday mornings – starts at 08h00
- Tuesday and Thursday afternoons – starts at 13h30;
- Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday at 08h30 and 13h30;

***Booking is essential.**



**** Prices for all activities are listed on our Africa Maximum Price list 2010.**