

meet the northern cape

The Northern Cape is scattered with diverse culture, rich frontier history and activities to suit every adrenaline junkie's taste. From hiking and 4x4 adventures to game spotting in unique parks, travellers of all persuasions will unearth a hidden gem here amongst some of the most unique flora in the world.

The Orange River runs through the Northern Cape, bringing life and painting the arid landscape with rich green belts, creating oases and havens for birdlife and other animals. The Kalahari Desert's shifting red sands that once rippled and moved are now mostly stable and home to hundreds of diverse species of flora and fauna.

The famous Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park extends across much of the Kalahari Desert and is a popular attraction for those looking for an escape into the silence of a wide horizons and open spaces interrupted only by the cry of the African fish eagle or roar of a Kalahari Lion.

Photographers, writers and storytellers have all been inspired by the vast and sweeping beauty of the Northern Cape with its big, blue skies, the cascading Au-grabies Falls, mountainous desert of the Richtersveld and star-scattered skies.



NEARBY ROUTES: Kokerboom Food & Wine Route, Namaqua Coastal Route, Karoo Highlands Route, Richtersveld Route

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THE REASON FOR THE RED: The colour of the dunes in the southern Kalahari can be attributed to the high iron oxide content of the sand, which leaches out, transforming the desert into a wonderful variety of colours.



PRICELESS PEOPLE: Experience the warmth and hospitality of the people of the Kalahari.



places to stay and spaces to play

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Kalahari red dune route

It is said that no two visits to the Kalahari are the same. This ancient and beautiful land is not only amazingly rich in diversity; it also reflects an endless variety of moods, making each new encounter refreshingly different from the previous ones.

The Kalahari Red Dune Route showcases the Kalahari through a wide range of activities including duneboarding, quad biking and 4x4 trailing for the adventurous, and game drives, guided walks, birding expeditions and other eco-inclined activities for nature-lovers. For visitors attuned to culture and history, the Kalahari Red Dune Route offers the opportunity to experience regional customs and folklore, sample traditional cuisine, and meet the warm and welcoming people of the Kalahari. Accommodation options are as diverse as the landscape, and vary from camping to homely bed and breakfasts to luxury lodges. All in all, the Kalahari Red Dune Route offers something for everyone.

The area covered by the route extends north of Upington in the Northern Cape province of South Africa into the toe-shaped protrusion of South Africa to the Namibian border. The route incorporates the first formally declared Transfrontier Conservation Area in Africa, the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park. This park straddles the South Africa- Botswana border and is one of the largest conservation areas in the world.



travel info

CLIMATE AND WEATHER

The Kalahari is a desert. Daytime temperatures can be extremely high and sunblock is essential, especially for those with sensitive skins. In winter, night-time temperatures can drop below 0°C (though the days are usually warm and pleasant). Thunderstorms are common during the rainy season between November and April.

MALARIA

The Kalahari is malaria-free. However, in the event of high seasonal rains it is advisable to take the usual precautions.

DISTANCES AND ROADS

The distances that you will travel in the Kalahari are large. Most vehicles are suitable for travel in the area, provided you stay clear of the dunes. Four-wheel drive vehicles are advisable for game drives, thanks to their higher ground clearance. Remember that speeding on dirt roads is particularly dangerous. It also creates a great deal of dust, which can adversely affect people, plants and animals in the vicinity of roads.

TRANSPORT

The town of Upington has direct daily air links with Johannesburg and Cape Town, as well as coach services connecting all the major centres in South Africa and Namibia. Car hire (including 4x4) is available at the airport.

MONEY

Many shops in the smaller towns along the Kalahari Red Dune Route provide the option to pay via Zipper or cash. Some businesses have card facilities. Furthermore, there are few banks and automated teller machines in the area covered by the route. Thus it is advisable to do all banking in Upington and to draw enough cash to cover the entire journey.

- 1 KALAHARI GUEST HOUSE, CAMPING & FARM STALL**
S-28.05972 E21.02575
This is the only farm stall on the R360 from Upington towards the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park, where travellers can buy Kalahari lamb, boerewors, biltong and interesting curios. Accommodation is available in the form of a lovely guest house or a bush camp located on the edges of a large dam and a campsite. Tennis, swimming, walking, bird watching, and safaris can be arranged. Riana Loots
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- 2 ROOIPAN GUESTHOUSE & SELF CATERING**
S-27.49489 E20.77742
Rooipan Guest House and Self Catering accommodation is the perfect interlude for overnight accommodation on the R360, halfway between Upington and the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park. An unsurpassed standard of warmth and quality await you. Lizette Knoetze
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- 3 LOCH MAREE GUEST FARM & FIELD CAMP**
S-27.11647 E20.49797
Loch Maree Guest Farm offers accommodation in a fully-equipped field camp, family suite and camping at the bush camp. Lothar Stadler
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- 4 ZOUTPANPUTS GAME FARM**
S-27.053487 E20.498882
At Zoutpanputs Game Lodge accommodated is offered in bungalows built around a stunning old camelthorn tree at the foot of a red Kalahari dunes. Lodging accommodates a maximum of 14 people in three bungalows. A separate entertainment area has a full kitchen, including gas stove, microwave oven and a fridge/freezer for self-catering. Henriette Dejager
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- 5 INKBOSPAN GUEST FARM**
S-26.946833 E20.464700
Enjoy the wide open spaces, big skies and silence at Inkbospan Guest Farm, which is located approximately 78km from the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park. It offers two basic units without electricity. Landa Conradie
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- 6 REA GUESTHOUSE AND BUSH CAMP**
S-26.98631 E20.61669
Lovely accommodation with a lapa on the premises. The dry Kuruman River flows through the farm, lined with old Camelthorn trees. Nicolene Knoetze
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- 7 KLIPKOLK GUESTHOUSE**
S-26.875675 E20.093081
Klipkolk Guesthouse offers accommodation with breakfast, lunch and dinner served on request. Dennis and Gladys Britz
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- 8 KALAHARI INFO AND TENTED CAMP**
S-26.74805 E20.014117
Kalahari Info Centre & Tented Camp offers 20 fully-equipped tents. Conference facilities for 80-100 people as well as catering for large groups is also available. Meals can be arranged, including traditional food. Additional activities include 4x4, nature excursions or sunset dinners on the dunes as well as special events catering on the pan (150 people). Gertruida and Hendrik Bott
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- 9 VISCHGAT GAME LODGE**
S-27.12183 E21.25033
Vischgat Game Farm offers accommodation in family suite chalets. The chalets are fully-equipped for self-catering and offer a private, relaxed atmosphere. Jean Lambrechts
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- 10 LOCH BROOM PARADYS LODGE**
S-27.03542 E21.06964
Loch Broom offers a unique and affordable experience in the Kalahari that is comfortable and luxurious. Maryke Barlow
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- 11 DREGHORN KALAHARI GAME RANCH**
S-26.86677 E20.72333
Dreghorn's location places it within a complete natural setting, surrounded by the red dunes of the Kalahari. Just 15 kilometres from the confluence of the Nossob and Molopo rivers, the lodge is situated on an old farm that is part of a larger ranch, encompassing in excess of 19000 hectares and where farming and game ranching is practiced in close harmony. Jean le Roux
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- 12 KALAHARI SANDS GUESTHOUSE**
S-26.98008 E20.78222
Kalahari Sands Guesthouse offers accommodation in seven self-catering chalets. Hannetjie van der Westhuizen
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- 13 ASKHAM POST OFFICE GUESTHOUSE**
S-26.9813 E20.78049
Accommodation options are three en-suite rooms or a family cottage that sleeps up to six people. Both options have a fully-equipped kitchen, lounge, ceiling fans and private braai (barbecue) facilities. Johanna du Toit
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- 14 BOESMANSRUS GRASS HUTS**
S-26.944123 E20.663261
Boesmansrus Grass Huts is located a few kilometres outside Askham and offers a traditional San homestay experience. Barbara Raats
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- 15 AUNT KOERA SE KOMBUIS**
S-26.944411 E20.663022
Visit Aunt Koera's Farm Kitchen on the R360 between Askham & Andriesvale (near Khomani San's Bush Camp with camping facilities) for fresh 'roosterkoek' and traditional cuisine before visiting the Heritage Museum. Magdalena Steenkamp **T** +27 83 588 8346
- 16 MOLOPO KALAHARI LODGE**
S-26.932314 E20.662300
Molopo Kalahari Lodge offers accommodation in 40 air-conditioned chalets as well as a campsite. Reinhardt Lambrechts
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- 17 KHOMANI SAN INFORMATION OFFICE**
S-26.928698 E20.664295
Khomani San offers guided nature and heritage trails with San guides and trackers. Luce Steenkamp
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- 18 KALAHARI TRAILS MEERKAT SANCTUARY**
S-26.77394 E20.63164
A private nature reserve where guests are welcome to explore on their own or with a guide on walks / game drives. Various accommodation options are available. This is also the official Meerkat Sanctuary for the Northern Cape. A duneside bush camp is also available with four permanent two-bed tents, ablution facilities and kitchen. A sheltered campsite with ablutions block, kitchen, lapa and braai (barbeque) is located close to the guesthouse, which sleeps up to 12 people. Prof. Anne Rasa or Jaco Reichart
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- 19 ROOIDUIN GUEST FARM**
S-26.74328 E20.62686
Rooiduin Guest Farm is situated near Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park. Comfortable accommodation and a large campsite is available. Activities on the farm include hiking, 4x4 dune driving and sand-boarding. Alida Mouton
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- 20 K GALAGADI LODGE**
S-26.52409 E20.60276
Kgalagadi Lodge is situated 5km from the Twee Rivieren Rest Camp at the entrance to the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park and offers accommodation in 30 chalets, most of which are full self-catering units with DSTv (selected channels) and air-conditioning. 19 campsites are available with ablution and braai (barbecue) facilities. A fully catered restaurant and a local shop for supplies (fresh vegetables and bakery) is available. SJ Koortzen
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- 21 K GALAGADI TRANSFRONTIER PARK**
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The Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park is the first official Transfrontier Conservation Area in Africa. It offers various accommodation options including traditional rest camps for visitors. Ben van Eeden
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- 22 !XAUS LODGE**
S-26.15008 E20.25653
!Xaus Lodge offers 4-star fully-inclusive accommodation in 12 luxury chalets located inside the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park. Elmaré Wykerd
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- 23 ASKHAM CHALETS**
S-26.983667 E20.783611
Askham Chalets offer peace, tranquility and a true Kalahari experience in secluded and secure cottages. A fully-equipped kitchen and braai (barbeque) facilities outside on the deck are available. Alternatively meals can be arranged at the Diamond T coffee & gift shop. Askham chalets can sleep up to 14 people. Banna and Aletta
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- 24 ERIN GAME RANCH**
S-26.96478 E20.67042
A beautiful traditional farm, stocked with springbok, gemsbok, red hartebeest, blue wildebeest, giraffe and iconic eland, which is of symbolic value to the San. Guided walking trails with Khomani San and game drives are available. A picturesque tented camp has recently been constructed, offering accommodation for 16 people. Luce Steenkamp
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- 25 KALAHARI CAMELTHORN CARAVAN PARK AND B&B**
S-26.98181 E20.78219
Kalahari Camelthorn Caravan Park and Guesthouse offers guests a true Kalahari experience with a mystery garden and lots of trees. The air-conditioned guesthouse is fully-equipped for self catering and consists of 2 bedrooms with a double and 3/4 bed. One bathroom, mini lounge, outside kitchen with braai facilities. It also features 5 campsites and 1 fully-equipped caravan, each with its own shaded area, powerpoint, water and braai facilities. There are 2 ablution facilities. Rene and Tobie
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- 26 WITDRAAI BUSH CAMP**
S-26.954768 E20.707568
The bush camp is situated on the traditional farm Witdraai and is a rustic facility, designed to give one the feel of living in a Bushman village, with the option to stay in 4 grass huts or to camp. It is serviced by an ablution block with simple showers and toilets. Vinkie
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- 27 DIAMOND T COFFEE SHOP**
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Here travellers can enjoy home-baked goods which are freshly prepared by the owners. Cilla and Johanna du Toit
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THE WILD, WILD LIFE: There are plenty of game viewing opportunities in and around the park.



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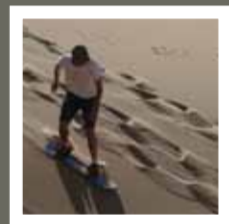
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The Kalahari Red Dune Route showcases the Kalahari through a wide range of activities, including desert walks, dune-boarding, 4x4 trails, camel rides, game drives, birding expeditions or simply floating in salt pools on a salt pan. The route also offers the opportunity to experience regional customs and folklore, sample traditional cuisine, and meet the warm and welcoming people of the Kalahari. Accommodation options are as diverse as the landscape and vary from homestays and camping to homely bed and breakfasts and luxury lodges.



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BACKPACKERS EXPERIENCE (4 days)

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Glamping - camping without the fuss! The Kalahari Red Dune Route offers visitors an opportunity to get close to nature without having to pitch a tent. Activities include a visit to a Living Museum, Dune Boarding and a guided walk on Erin Game Farm.



4X4 ADVENTURE (6 days)

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The Kalahari is known for its red sand dunes and 4x4 adventures. With wide open spaces, a rich variety of wildlife and numerous 4x4 tracks through farms that adjoin the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park, this is a 4x4 enthusiast's dream come true. This experience can be tailored to beginner or experienced drivers who want to push their vehicles to the limit.



CULTURE & CUISINE (5 days)

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This experience allows visitors to enjoy unique local cuisine, experience local culture and experience one of Africa's renowned conservation areas, the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park

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ANNUAL EVENTS

KALAHARI DESERT FESTIVAL

Every year around March the Khomani San and Mier community come together to host the Kalahari Desert Festival. The festival showcases traditional dance and music as well as diversity within the Kalahari.
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WOESTYNTRAP ANNUAL CYCLE RIDE

Every July around 50 cyclists take to the R360 road between Askham and Upington in the Southern Kalahari for the annual Woestyntrap cycle ride. For three days they roam over the dunes and through the 'hardeveld' and for three nights they sleep in tents at various spots along the road: a pan, an 'oasis' and a game farm.

Woestyntrap is one of a kind as it is designed for all people wanting to enjoy nature, good Kalahari food, cultural exchanges and everything else the Kalahari can offer from the seat of a bicycle. It is not for competitive cyclists as all receive a medal upon completing the race.
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