A ROYAL DAY

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A safari is planned carefully to coincide with when you are most likely to see wildlife. To maximise your time in the wilderness, we recommend that early, late afternoon or even night game drives are essential for better chances of seeing animals at their most active. Here's how a typical day may unfold:

Early Morning

An early start means an equally early wake-up call. We serve a continental breakfast from about 6 am and at sunrise, you head off on your selected early morning activity. These early starts are generally the best times to spot the wildlife as the temperature is fresh and the animals are still very active, especially the big cats who will be returning from their night's hunting.

Late Morning

Around late morning, you will return to the lodge maybe for brunch or relax before lunch. If you stay out all day, we will furnish you with a bush lunch to make the most of your time outdoors.

Lunch & Afternoon

Particularly in the warmer months, temperatures are higher towards the middle of the day, so guests opt to have lunch at the lodge and then either relax in their suites, have a dip in the pool or have a treatment in the bush spa. Tea and cake are available from 3.30 pm before you head out for an afternoon activity.

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Evening

As with early morning, the evening game drive is often the best time to see the wildlife. The predatory animals begin to stir from their heat-of-the-day slumber, and similarly, their prey becomes ever more active and alert as darkness falls. Vehicles and boats usually return just before dark, giving time for a shower, pre-dinner drinks, and dinner. The evenings are often rounded off with drinks around the bar or campfire, swapping safari stories.

Night

At times, you will have the opportunity of going on a night game drive. Vehicles are equipped with spotlights, and our expert trackers will generally spot any wildlife well before anybody else. For example, the night is often the best time to spot the elusive leopard, which, more often than not, will be high up in a tree. A game drive at night gives you a completely different perspective of the bush and is an unforgettable experience.

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