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A Typical Day at the Thornybush Lodges

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A Typical Day on Safari

☀️ Early morning

First light in the bush.

Coffee, tea and rusks are served in the lodge, overlooking the riverbed.

Morning game drives head out with your Guide and Tracker.

Timing varies with the season, following the best hours for wildlife activity.

- Drives are shaped by what's happening in the bush.
- No fixed route – each outing is different.
- You may step out of the vehicle when your Guide invites you to look closer at tracks, plants or spoor.

A simple start to the day, guided by the bush.



☕ Mid-Morning Stop

After tracking what moved through the bush overnight, you'll pause for a coffee stop out in the wild.

A chance to stretch your legs and take it all in.

- Fresh coffee, tea and snacks served from the vehicle.

- Time to chat through sightings and tracking with your Guide.
- A relaxed break before continuing the drive.

In cooler months, blankets and hot water bottles are provided on the vehicle – and we recommend bringing a warm layer.



Breakfast & Bush Walks

Back at camp, breakfast is served.

Time to slow down, reflect on the morning's sightings, and settle into the day.

- A full breakfast enjoyed back at the lodge.
- Time to relax or reset before the afternoon.
- Optional Bush Walks with one of our Guides.

Bush Walks are tailored to your interests and fitness level, offering a closer look at the smaller details

of the bush, from tracks and plants to the stories behind them.

Led by experienced Guides and Trackers, it's a chance to experience the wilderness on foot, safely and at your own pace.

An expert guided bush walk offers a slower, more immersive way to experience the wild.



Afternoon at Leisure

The rest of the day is yours.

- Lunch is served in camp at around 13:30.
- Time to relax by the pool or enjoy the lodge.
- Visit the Spa or explore our wellness experiences.

From a quiet afternoon by the pool to time spent at the Spa, this is where the pace softens and the focus shifts to you.



Afternoon & Evening Drive

The afternoon begins with high tea before heading out.

- Afternoon game drive with your Guide and Tracker.
- Drives extend into the evening for nocturnal sightings.
- Sundowners and snacks served in the bush.

As the light fades, you'll pause somewhere scenic... a moment to take in the sunset, stretch your legs, and listen as the bush shifts into night.

An afternoon drive is a chance to experience the bush as light fades.



Evening & Dinner

Back at camp, the day draws to a close.

- A three-course dinner served in the boma, lodge, or bush.
- Evenings spent around the fire or in the lounge.
- Time to unwind with a drink under the stars.

From shared stories around the fire to a quiet night cap, it's a relaxed end to a full day in the bush.



Service Times

MEALS

Breakfast or brunch

08h30-09h00 to 10h30

Lunch

13h30

Dinner Winter

19h30-20h00

Dinner Summer

20h00-20h30

ACTIVITIES

Morning times that the game drives depart:

Summer 05h00

Wakeup call/Morning tea 05h30

Depart 05h45

Winter 05H30

Wakeup call/Morning tea 06h00

Depart 06h15

Bush Walks:

Usually depart after breakfast and can be arranged with your Guide.

Afternoon/Evening game drives:

Summer 16h15

Meet for afternoon tea 16h00

Winter 15h45

Meet for afternoon tea 15h30