



IRISH RUGBY SUMMER TOUR 2024
SOUTH AFRICA - GIRAFFE TOUR
03 July - 14 July 2024

WELCOME TO SOUTH AFRICA

Ireland will tour South Africa in July of 2024 to face the reigning World Champions, South Africa, in a two-test match tour. Join the Rugby Travel Ireland Ambassadors Donal Lenihan and Alan Quinlan on our amazing two-test tour.

The Giraffe Tour starts in the 5* Sheraton, Pretoria and will include a 2-night safari in the stunning Pilanesberg National Park plus you'll get a 2-night stay in the world-famous Sun City Resort before finishing off the tour in the 4* Marriott Fire & Ice, Durban. Along with your official match tickets, we have also included a large number of social events, activities, excursions, meals and drinks, thus leaving you to relax and enjoy this amazing country! If that isn't enough you can extend your trip with our Bolt On tours, choose from our exciting Bolt Ons to destinations such as Port Zimbali, Johannesburg, Victoria Falls and Mauritius.



COST	€3,795 PER PERSON
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SINGLE SUPPLEMENT	€795
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TOUR EXCLUSIONS	Admission fees into sights of interest not included in the tour cost / itinerary. Personal expenses such as tips, telephone calls, beverages, all meals not mentioned under the inclusions and anything else of a personal nature.
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GIRAFFE TOUR - ITINERARY

DAYS/NIGHTS	11 Days / 10 Nights in South Africa
INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS	Return International Flights with Emirates (or similar) Dublin - Johannesburg - Durban - Dublin
LOCAL FLIGHTS & TRANSFERS	1 Domestic Flight (Johannesburg - Durban) Plus Executive Coach Transfers throughout
HOTELS	5* Sheraton, Pretoria 5* Ivory Tree Game Lodge, Pilanesberg 5* Cascades, Sun City 4* Marriott Fire & Ice, Durban
MEALS & DRINKS	Breakfast each day + 7 Meals Included between Lunches & Dinners
MATCH TICKETS	Category 1 Official Match Tickets to both Test Matches
ALSO INCLUDED	Express Passport Lane on Arrival, Lesedi Cultural Tour, 2 Morning & Evening Game Drives, RTI Merchandise (Baseball Cap, Rucksack & Gilet or Similar), Visit to our Charity Partners. Optional activities and bolt on tours also available.



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Wednesday 3rd July | Dublin

Depart from Dublin airport with Emirates (or similar) to O.R. Tambo International Airport (Johannesburg).

Thursday 4th July | Pretoria

Land in O.R. Tambo International Airport (Johannesburg). Executive coach transfer to the [5* Sheraton Pretoria](#). We have arranged a complimentary drinks reception this evening, hosted by Donal Lenihan and Alan Quinlan. The ideal time to mingle and meet other members of the touring party.

Friday 5th July | Pretoria

We've arranged a wonderful lunch & tour to Lesedi Cultural Village. Immerse in the cultural tradition tour de force that connects the past with the present and shines a light on collective humanity. Situated within the Cradle of Humankind, the World Heritage Site home to the earliest traces of humanity, Lesedi is the living custodian of Africa's history and its rich culture.

Saturday 6th July | Pretoria

Match Day! South Africa v Ireland in Loftus Versfeld Stadium in Pretoria Kick-off (TBC). Executive transfer to your private function at the superb Harlequin Rugby Club, Pretoria for a Pre-match Braai and drinks. Private Coach Transfer to the stadium approximately 5-10mins away. Post-match return to the Harlequin Rugby Club Pretoria and later you will be transferred back to the hotel.

Sunday 7th July | Pilanesberg

Check out of your hotel this morning and transfer (2h 5m) to the [5* Ivory Tree Game Lodge](#) where you will enjoy a 2 nights stay in the stunning Pilanesberg National Park, home to South Africa's "Big 5". Later today enjoy an evening Safari Drive along with an evening meal afterwards, where you will experience all that South Africa cuisine has to offer.



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Monday 8th July | Pilanesberg

Day 2 in the spectacular Pilanesberg Game Reserve. We've got an early morning safari drive to see the spectacular South African Sunrise amongst the Pilanesberg wildlife along with breakfast to keep you fuelled for the day. If there's some wildlife we've missed out on don't worry as we've got an afternoon safari drive lined up for you along with an evening meal.

Tuesday 9th July | Sun City

Enjoy an early morning game drive in the Pilanesberg Game Reserve before checking out of your hotel and transferring to Sun City where you will enjoy a 2 night stay in the relaxing [5* Cascades Sun City Resort](#). Named for the waterfalls and calming pools that trickle throughout the property, the 5-star Cascades hotel is an oasis of calm in the midst of the Sun City Resort and in close proximity to all the activities Sun City has to offer.

Wednesday 10th July | Sun City

Day at Leisure. Enjoy all that 5* Cascades Sun City has to offer.

Thursday 11th July | Durban

Check out of your hotel this morning and transfer (2h 5m) to O.R. Tambo International Airport (Johannesburg) for your flight (1hr) to King Shaka International Airport Durban. On arrival transfer (30m) to the [4* Marriott Fire & Ice Durban](#) for three nights.



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Friday 12th July | Durban

Optional visit to LIV Village - Rugby Travel Ireland is a proud donor to charities in South Africa making a difference for children in need. We have organised an inspirational trip LIV Village Durban a charity orphanage that benefits from our chosen charities Sport For Lives & Coolplay. The LIV Village visit will depart at 10:30 am and will arrive back for 1pm. Later this evening enjoy a Rugby Travel Ireland group dinner.

Saturday 13th July | Durban

Match Day! South Africa v Ireland in Hollywoodbets Kings Park in Durban Kick-off (TBC). Executive transfer throughout the day from the hotel, to your private function in the stadium and back. Enjoy our Pre & Post-match events including meal, drinks and analysis from our Rugby Travel Ireland Ambassadors Donal Lenihan & Alan Quinlan.

Sunday 14th July | Durban

You will be glad to know that we have arranged a late check out today! Check out of your hotel this morning and transfer to King Shaka International Airport Durban for your flight back to Dublin Airport.

**Please note a separate schedule will be in place if you have booked a Bolt On tour. Please see your specific Bolt On tour itinerary for details.*

Monday 15th July | Dublin

Land in Dublin. It's been a great tour and we hope to see you on another Rugby Travel Ireland tour soon!



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Additional Information

FINANCIAL PROTECTION - BOOK WITH CONFIDENCE

OTP Travel Services Ltd T/A Rugby Travel Ireland (RTI) is fully bonded assuring you that your monies are secure at all times. Rugby Travel Ireland is bonded and licensed with the Commission for Aviation Regulation, Tour Operators Licence No. T.O.260. Further details are available at www.aviationreg.ie/.

INSURANCE

It is a condition of booking with Rugby Travel Ireland that you and any fellow travellers **MUST** have travel insurance in place. Your travel insurance should cover the cost of cancellation, medical expenses, loss of luggage or money, personal liability claims, participation in activities and costs of assistance (including repatriation) in the event of accident, injury, illness or death. You should check any exclusions and, in particular, that your policy covers you for the activities you want to undertake. We strongly recommend that you are covered from the time of booking as this may assist you in recovering monies paid in the unfortunate event of you having to cancel your trip. We recommend the services of our preferred travel insurance partner, Blue Insurance, and you can get a quotation directly from them as below:

HOTELS

Prices are based on twin/double rooms with two people sharing. Triple/Family rooms can be quoted subject to availability. Single occupancy incurs a single room supplement as outlined in our costs. This is because we are charged on a per room basis, but we cost the package based on two people sharing that cost. Should we change your hotel we will advise you at the earliest opportunity, but we will always endeavour to offer a hotel of the same standard. If this is not possible, an alternative will be provided, and a credit note will be applied. All accommodation is on a bed and breakfast basis.

FLIGHT UPGRADES

Although the comfort and service offered by the airlines we use is excellent, you may wish to upgrade your flight to Business Class (not available for internal flights). You can request a quotation during the booking process.

CHANGES TO YOUR TOUR

RTI reserve the right to change/readjust the tour schedule, transportation, hotel accommodation and services indicated in the package. Promotions may end without notice. All tours are subject to availability.

IF YOU WISH TO CANCEL

Should you wish to cancel your booking, we will require notification in writing. Cancellation charges will be levied in accordance with the scale set out in our full set of Terms and Conditions. A summary of our cancellation provisions are as below: More than 100 days Deposit(s) - Between 99 and 70 days 50% of total booking cost - Between 69 and 56 days 60% of total booking cost - Between 55 and 43 days 70% of total booking cost - Between 42 and 15 days 90% of total booking cost - 14 days or less 100% of total booking cost.

Contact Us

If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to contact one of our staff members at hello@rugbytravelireland.com or by calling us directly on +353 61 624 734 +353 1 556 7776 (Dublin).

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