

NEWSLETTER: SKYAFRICA

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Howzit from Africa!

We trust you are all well and flying safely! If however you feel that there is always still room for improvement and you wish to hone your flying skills, learn the art form that is bush flying and also have one hell of a good time, then we suggest you take part in our next scheduled

Bushpilots Course, which starts on the **12. August 2006**.

For more information on the course, click on our link

<http://skyafrica.com/bushpilots.html> or contact us directly!



STARLIGHT AFRICA SAFARI

We are now also accepting bookings for our **Starlight Africa Safari**, which is a fun filled, affordable safari for the whole family that will take place in October. During this safari you will explore the north eastern frontier of our glorious country: your safari will take you into the heart of the Waterberg mountains, to historical towns savouring South African history. You will fly along the Limpopo River, see the sights of the Blyde River Canyon, venture out into the wilderness of the Kruger National Park, feel the warmth of the Indian Ocean at your feet, learn about the various cultures of the tribes living in South Africa and much much more.

To give you a bit more insight into the beauty of the Limpopo region, we have included an informative piece on the Limpopo Province to entice the senses. Thereafter you will find the **Starlight Africa Safari Itinerary** and price list which will give you a detailed description of what you can expect during your amazing trip through magical Africa.



SKYAFRICA DESTINATIONS

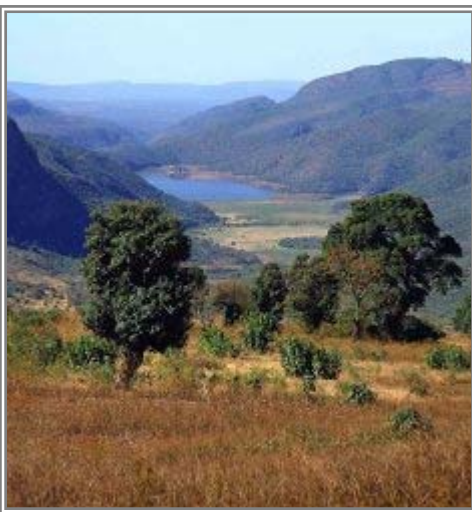
THE WATERBERG AND THE LIMPOPO

The Limpopo Province is situated in the north of South Africa and is a gorgeous destination where mountain ranges rise suddenly and dramatically out of bushveld plains. On the slopes of these mountains you will find indigenous forests, docile streams and striking waterfalls. Much of the land, particularly in the Kruger National Park and other game and nature reserves, is unspoilt providing sanctuary to large numbers of game. The Limpopo is divided into four regions: *Capricorn*, *Bushveld*, *Soutpansberg* and the *Valley of the Olifants*.



Bushveld

The greatest draw-card of the Bushveld region in Limpopo are the extraordinary natural attractions that are part of the Bushveld: One of our first stops during the Sternflug Afrika Safari is in the **Waterberg**, which forms the larger portion of the Bushveld and consists out of little rolling hills and huge cliffs of stark red rock. The area is made even more beautiful by the streams running through its scenic valleys.



Elephant, rhino and buffalo has been reintroduced to the area. The San Bushmen's art can be found in many caves and rocky overhangs in these hills. The Nylsvlei Wetland, with its 300 species of birds, is another main attraction and is considered South Africa's most significant wetland site. The town of Modimolle, whose original name was Nylstroom, arose after a group of Voortrekkers mistakenly believed the north-flowing nearby river to be the Nile. It is safe to say that they were a little bit off course.

The town of Bela-Bela (Warmbaths), meaning “the water that boils” owes its origin to hot mineral springs that bubble out of the earth at about 22 000 litres per hour at a temperature of around 53°C. Nature's own Jacuzzi just waiting for us to arrive and enjoy its warmth!

Capricorn

Polokwane, formerly known as Pietersburg, is the vibrant capital of Limpopo and one of the fastest growing cities in the country. It was founded in the gold rush days of the 1880s. Around Polokwane there are many attractions, such as San rock art, prehistoric ruins and dinosaur footprints. It lies within the heart of the province and is crossed by the Tropic of Capricorn. The Pietersburg Game Reserve offers visitors the opportunity to walk or drive to see the 21 species on offer. The majestic White Rhinos are regularly encountered!



The Valley of the Olifants

The Valley of the Olifants is the name given to the eastern lowveld and escarpment region of the Limpopo which forms a natural gateway to the Kruger National Park. The region is made special by craggy mountains, huge manmade and indigenous forests, trout streams and cascading waterfalls. On the escarpment looking over the Lowveld to the border of Mozambique is a unique cycad forest, guarded by the legendary Rain Queen.



Near Tzaneen, beautiful rivers flow through fantastic forests, whilst a diverse range of delicious tropical fruits grow in the valleys and the 19000 ha Wolkberg Wilderness area south of Tzaneen is open to the public, providing for on foot nature exploring

In the lowveld area the visitor experiences the real Africa. This part of Africa is still unhurried and unspoilt and the full splendour of nature and wildlife can be experienced.

The private game reserves offer exciting wildlife with pleasures like open vehicle drives, walks and excellent company.

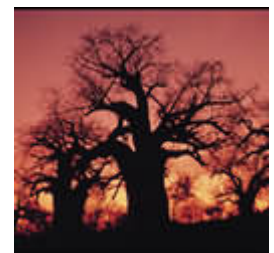
This area is very rich in history: Stone age relics, iron age settlements and the distant past can be observed in the carvings, weavings, paintings and pottery of the Shangaan and Pedi people.

Soutpansberg

The Soutpansberg region is named after the impressive mountain range that stretches for some 130km from west to east. North of the Soutpansberg lies the broad valley of the Limpopo River. This is the home of the mighty baobab trees which rise like totem-headed giants out of the mopane woodland.

The area has a rich diversity of Peoples of whom the VhaVenda, maShangaan, isiSotho and Afrikaner are the main cultural groups. The main centres in the area are Makado (formerly Louis Trichardt), Thohoyandou, Musina and Levubu.

The myths and legends of the people of the North are interwoven into the mist-shrouded peaks and crags of the beautiful Soutpansberg Mountains. The trees, the plants and animals, many endemic to the region - ancient ruins of a people long gone - a legacy of rock engravings to mark the passage of the San hunters and gatherers many centuries before, combine to create fascinating insight into an area and its people.



The four regions of the Limpopo represent a microcosm of varied and interesting cultures, growing industries and an expanding tourism industry. Each region is unique, each worth a visit. The beauty and infinite variety of the province will not only delight all who visit, but will entice visitors back again and again.



STARLIGHT AFRICA SAFARI ITINERARY

D/T	LOCATION	COUNTRY	STARLIGHT AFRICA	GROUND ACTIVITY INCLUDED	OTHER ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE (EXTRA COST)	ACCOM
1	ARR JHB	RSA		Book in, relax, tour briefing		
2	JHB	RSA		Briefing, license validation, familiarization with aircraft and air space, flying sortie		BB
3	JHB	RSA		Briefing, license validation flight	Gold reef city tour for spouses and non flyers	BB
4	WATERBERG	RSA		Flying north over the Transvaal Highveld we leave civilization and the rat race behind to enter the serene African wilderness of the Waterberg biosphere	Game drives through the mountainous bushveld will bring you in touch with Africa's incredible diversity of fauna and flora	BB
5	LIMPOPO	RSA		Eastward low-level over the Waterberg. Fuel stop at Polokwane (Pietersburg) then north across the Soutpansberg to the lowlands along the Limpopo river	Relax in the warm healing springs of Tshipise	DBB
6	KRUGER LOWVELD	RSA		Fly across the Highveld and the Mpumalanga forests to the majestic Blyde River Canyon. Over the Drakensberg escarpment we descend into the Lowveld and big-5 country. Game drives , photographic gems, traditional bushveld cuisine	An evening Game drive in dense lowveld, watch antelope giraffe and African game aplenty	FB
7	KRUGER LOWVELD	RSA		You'll visit the world famous Kruger National Park area: game drives and mega relax time, see Elephant, Rhino, Buffalo, Lion and Leopard in their natural habitat	Game drives into big 5-country the mighty elephant, roaring lions buffalo leopard hippos the rare white and black rhino are seen in their own backyard.	FB
8	INDIAN OCEAN	RSA		Fly along the Drakensberg across Swaziland and the Lebombo Mountains to land in northern Zululand. Here we meet the warm waters of the Indian Ocean and take some time to relax on the beach	We will get to relax on the unspoilt beaches of the Indian ocean, Warm water year round invites swimming, surfing and snorkelling in the colorful coral reefs	FB
9	INDIAN OCEAN	RSA		Visit to Lake Sibaya, which is a beautiful Africa freshwater lake and wetland	A visit to the Tonga tribes people will give us an insight into rural African life and African culture amidst the African lake experience	FB
10	ZULULAND BATTLEFIELDS	RSA		Across Zululand and the natal Middleveld we fly to the picturesque frontier town of Vryheid and onwards to the Zululand Battlefields		FB
11	DRAKENSBERG MALOTI MOUNTAINS	RSA			A guided historical tour of the battlefields of the Anglo-Zulu war and the Boer war	FB
12	DEP JHB	RSA		At sunrise we head westward along the towering Maloti Mountains of Lesotho and through the Golden Gate national park. One last fuel stop and we fly along the picturesque Sandstone castles of the Eastern Freestate and the Transvaal Highveld back to the City of Gold – Jo'burg	Relax drink beer	FLY OUT

PRICES FOR STARLIGHT AFRICA SAFARI

PLEASE NOTE: PRICES ARE IN EUROS AND SUBJECT TO EXCHANGE RATE

Prices in €	PASSENGER	PRO PILOT C182 Pa28 235	PRO PILOT C172
1		5361.-	5112.36
2		3353.-	3228.45
3		2946.-	ONLY CHILD
4		2545.-	ONLY CHILD



Come Fly with us... **SKY AFRICA**