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THE ELEPHANT SANCTUARY - HARTBEESPOORT DAM

Collection by a Registered Tourist Guide from your Hotel of choice.

The Elephant Sanctuary provides a safe haven for our elephants and offers a unique platform for guest education and interaction.



All our programs are guest and elephant driven, which means the most important part of our operation is to ensure happy elephants and satisfied guests. The close encounter with elephants you experience at The Elephant Sanctuary truly is one of a kind. All our elephants are African Elephants (*Loxodonta Africana*) whose trust we've gained through our unique reward based training. We believe in forming bonds between humans and elephants. To this end, all our elephants are exercised and stimulated daily, which provides a firm foundation for trust.

The Elephant Sanctuary is a family orientated operation catering for both young and old. We focus on education through interaction, so you will not only learn a lot about elephants, but also get to touch, feel, feed, walk trunk-in-hand and even ride these magnificent animals. Elephants are highly intelligent and delightful - when meeting them you will discover that each one has a different character, personality and temperament.

Hartbeespoort Dam - an experience for life! Nestled in the Magaliesberg Mountains, only one hour from Johannesburg and Pretoria, The Elephant Sanctuary at Hartbeespoort Dam lies in a malaria-free area. It is surrounded by natural indigenous bush and is home to impala, klipspringer, baboons, porcupine, caracal, leopard, a host of other small mammals, 350 bird species and, of course, four magnificent African Elephants.

The Elephant Sanctuary group has three operations - Hartbeespoort Dam near Pretoria and just outside Gauteng, Plettenberg Bay in the Garden Route and Hazyview in the Lowveld. The Elephant Sanctuary provides a "halfway house" for young African elephants in need of a temporary home. It is the only operation in South Africa that provides for elephants in this way. It is our vision to release all the elephants into an environment where they can be more independent once they are older.

Includes:

- ✓ Transfers with aircon throughout the tour
- ✓ Entrance fees to the Elephant Sanctuary
- ✓ Services and expertise of a THETA registered tour guide

Days	Daily
Departure	07h30
Duration	5 hours
Meals included	No
Contact us for rates	