



8 - 14 February 2026

# Tsitsikamma: Elephants and Oxwagons Safari 2026

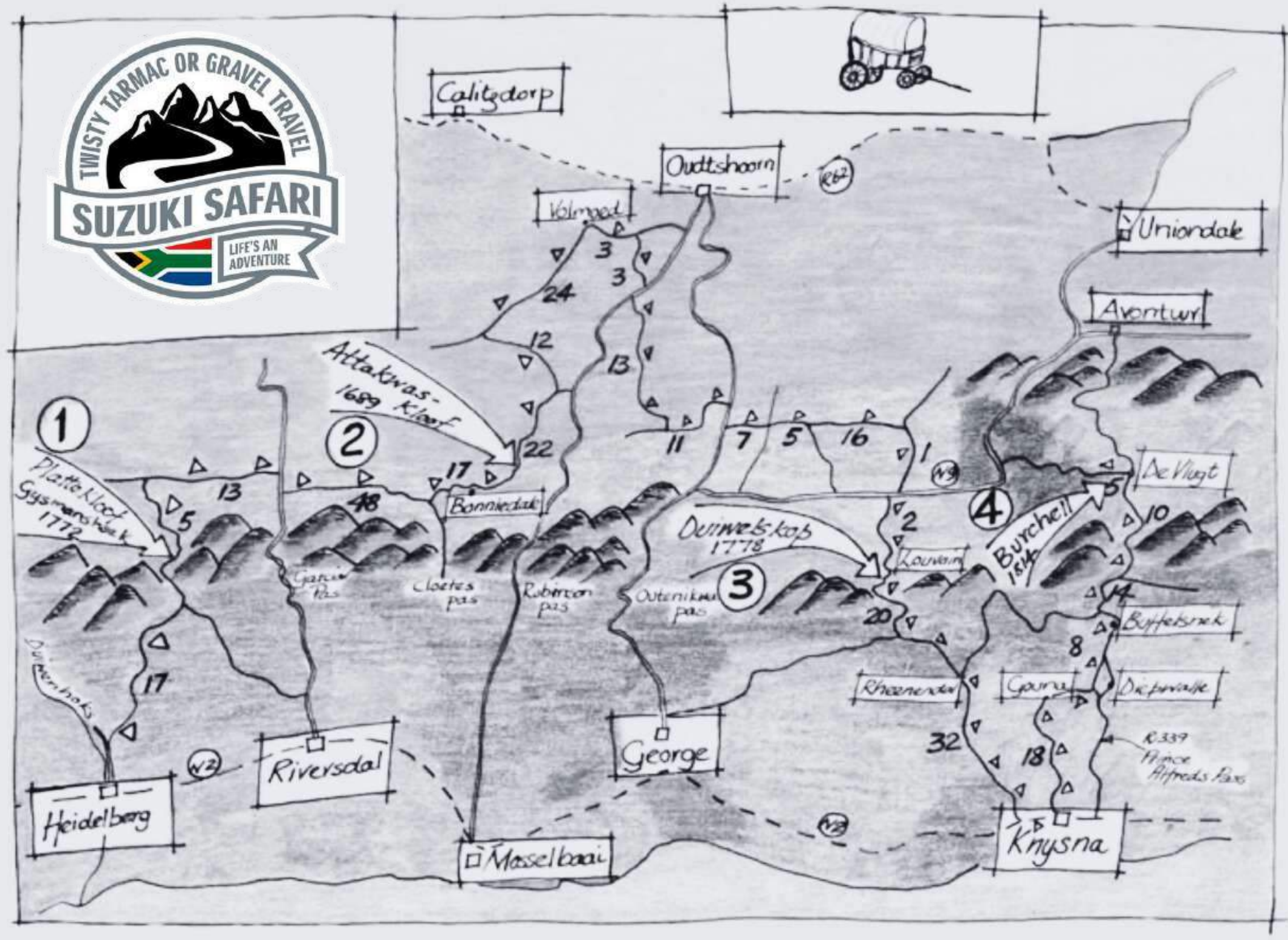


“Nowhere else in Southern Africa is there such a concentration of mountain passes and a wealth of history and a variety of fauna and flora as can be found in the Southern Cape”

Personally guided by African Expedition Specialist JJ du Toit.



# THE AREA:



# Quick Overview:



Our group will be small and very intimate.

Boutique accommodation and gourmet food.

There is a place on our doorstep that has been closed to all forms of traffic for almost a hundred years and we have the opportunity to explore it's wonder.

Exploring of the deep Knysna forest (600 square kilometers) to unlock some of the forests secrets, also the area where the Forest Elephants still roam.

The Ox Wagon Routes following the ancient Elephant migration tracks.

During 1841 more than 4280 Ox Wagons passed at the toll-house on the way to the coast crossing the Outeniqua Mountains.  
(356 per month and 12 oxwagons per day!).



# Short Itinerary:



## Day one:

Meet and greet in the Town on Heidelberg (Cape!) at 10h00, where the Ox wagon routes starts over the Langeberg Mountains.

## Day two:

Old Oxwagon Town of Woeska, Attekwaskloof in the Outeniqua Mountains. Tonight's accommodation - A stunning game lodge nestled in the Rooiberg Mountains.

## Day four:

Duiwelskloof Ox Wagon Pass and its fascinating history, one of the best vistas on top of the Outeniqua Mountains.

## Day five:

Glamping on the Bidow River (Tsitsikamma) after a day in the mysterious, magical Knysna Forest, the custom-guided only eco route.

## Day six:

Elephant Flats – A drive through history exploring some of the most stunning old elephant migration trails that has been turned into mountain passes built by the master pass-builder, Thomas Bain.

## Day seven:

After a hearty campfire breakfast we say our goodbyes.

# Safari Highlights:

Very rich history of the Ox Wagon Passes, and meeting up with some of the local legends on the route.

The best 18 Passes the Southern Cape has on offer.

Mysterious, magical Natural Knysna Forest

Guided only Eco route into the Heart of the Natural Forest.

Boutique accommodation (Ensuite) and gourmet food

Stunning Eco-friendly Glamping.

This is not a 4x4 Challenge and all the routes will be suitable for a standard 4x4 with Low range.

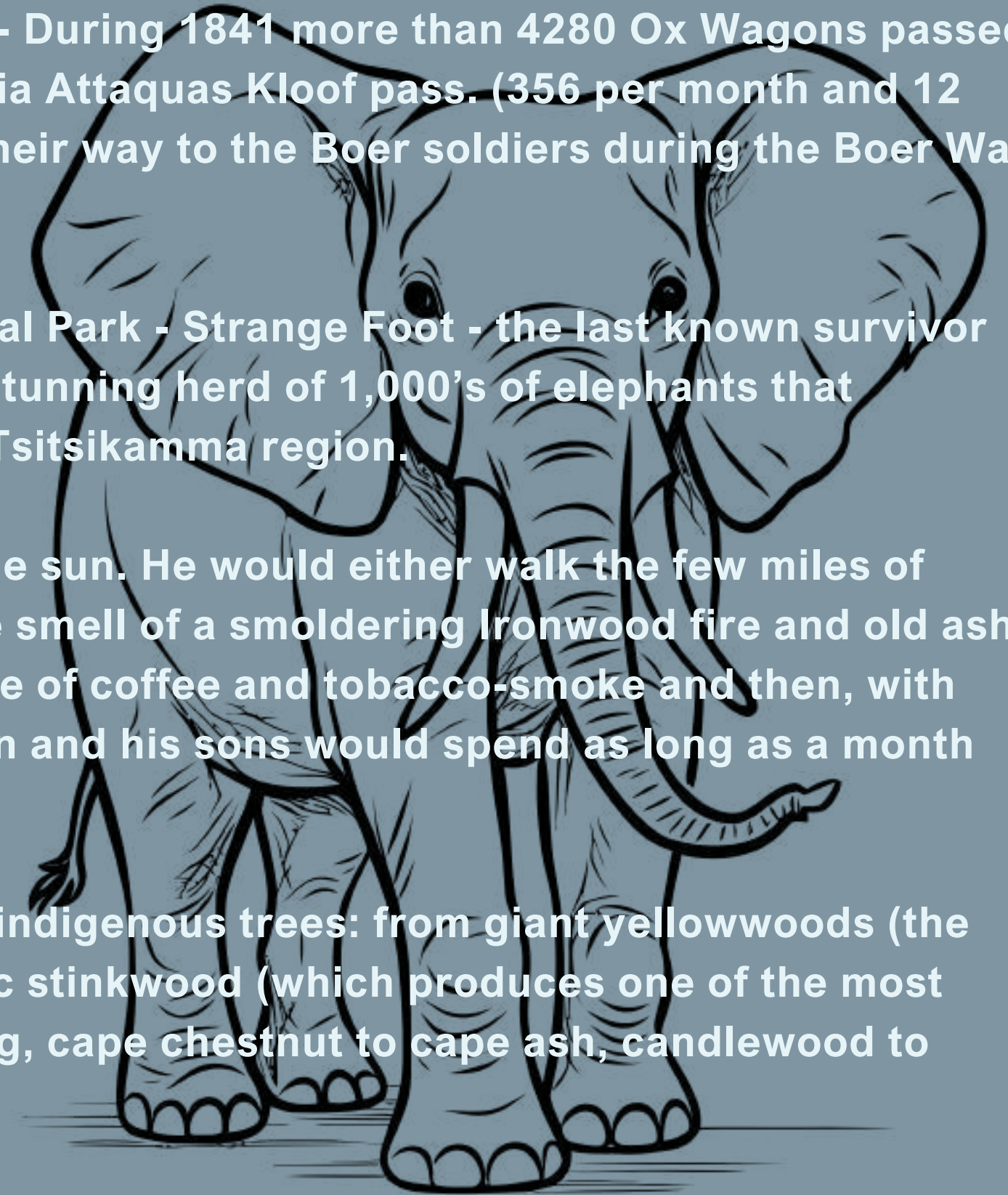
Relaxed itinerary



# SOME OF THE FASCINATING HISTORY WE'LL BE GOING OVER:



- **The Ox Wagon Routes that followed the ancient Elephant migration tracks** - During 1841 more than 4280 Ox Wagons passed at the Old Toll on the way to the coast crossing the Outeniqua mountains via Attaquas Kloof pass. (356 per month and 12 per day). If it wasn't for the Ox Wagon trail, supplies wouldn't have made their way to the Boer soldiers during the Boer War and Witblitz would not have been smuggled as effectively as it was!
- **Secret Elephants of Knysna Forrest** - In the depths of Garden Route National Park - **Strange Foot** - the last known survivor of the iconic Knysna forest elephant herd, once a thriving sanctuary for a stunning herd of 1,000's of elephants that gracefully traversed the Afromontane forest and fynbos of the Outeniqua-Tsitsikamma region.
- **The Life of the Forest Woodcutters** - "The Woodcutter's day started with the sun. He would either walk the few miles of forest trail to the tree which he was working on, or wake up beside it to the smell of a smoldering Ironwood fire and old ash and the clean scent of fresh wood-chips. Soon there would be the fragrance of coffee and tobacco-smoke and then, with the first rays of sunlight, the ringing of axes would begin once again. A man and his sons would spend as long as a month working on a giant yellowwood or stinkwood tree."
- **50 Shades of Green** - This shade comes from about 50 different species of indigenous trees: from giant yellowwoods (the largest and oldest of which grow tall above the forest canopy), to the iconic stinkwood (which produces one of the most sought-after timber from the Southern Cape), and from hard pear to wild fig, cape chestnut to cape ash, candlewood to white milkwood.



- **Relict Hominoid OTANG** - *Beyond the Secret Elephants* is the continuing story of Gareth Patterson's almost two decades of research into the secretive Knysna elephants. Significantly, however, it also reveals his startling discovery of a much more mysterious being than the elephants - a relict hominoid known only by the indigenous forest people.
- **The Ghosts of Grootkloof** – Labourers on the farm refused to walk or ride through Grootkloof as they were convinced that there were ghosts at a certain place in the canyon.
- **Legend of Bloubaard Swanepoel** – The last person to be publicly hanged in South Africa, he was convicted of more than 40 accounts of brutal murder. His grave is behind a large gum tree on the Attaquas Trail and will be part of our visit.
- **De Quade Martha** – The Cold Night Wind in the “Kloof” is refer to as the “De Quade Marta”. In no way did she stand back from the Legend Bloubaard and many a slave was tortured by her as a result of her bad temper. However, she was never convicted as a slave and was not permitted to testify against her master.
- **Piet Mathyse a man with humor** - Almost a decade after Blou Baard, his killings were brutal and it took a man hunt of almost 15 years to hunt him down which in the end resulted in the death of the late Captain Van Heerden. Mathyse was hanged in 1947.



# The facts:

**7 Days - 6 Nights**

**Start –Heidelberg Cape (8 Feb 2026 – 10h00)**

**End – Plettenberg Bay (14 Feb 2026 Lunch time)**

**Fully Guided**

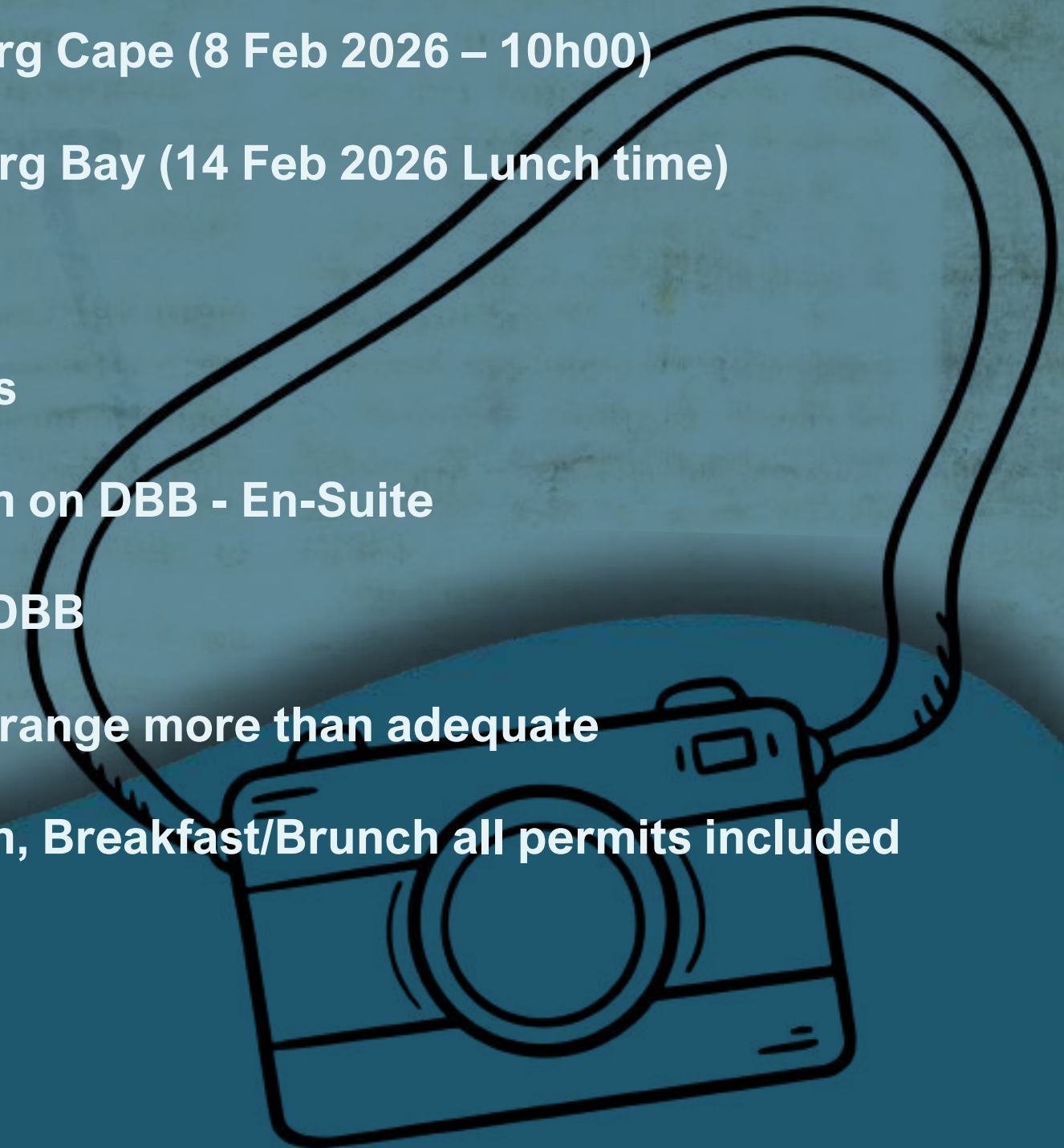
**Two Way Radios**

**Accommodation on DBB - En-Suite**

**Glamping with DBB**

**Jimny STD fuel range more than adequate**

**Accommodation, Breakfast/Brunch all permits included**



# Cost of the Trip:

ZAR 14 500,00 Per Person Sharing

ZAR 7 250,00 With Suzuki SA Subsidy

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# Sign-on Procedure:

Fully completed Reservation Form.

Sign-on Fee of ZAR 2 000,00 Per Person with your Reservation.

Full Final Payment 60 Days prior to Safari.

Once payment is received we will provide a fully detailed packing list.

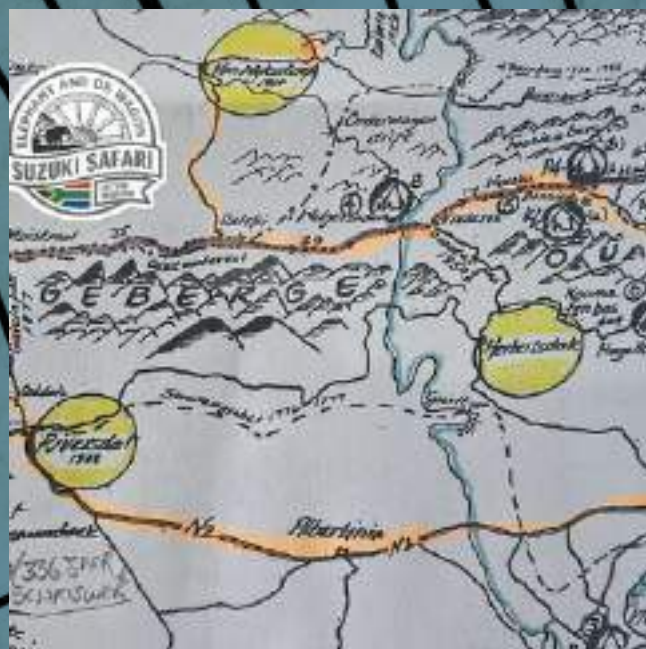
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# Some of what you'll see:





# Thank You

We look forward to welcoming you on this trip of a lifetime!

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions!

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