



## **Jonathan and Sarah Boulton guided Flyfishing and Game Viewing Safari Dullstroom, Mpumalanga, South Africa.**



Jonathan and Sarah Boulton live in Dullstroom, the beautiful flyfishing village in Mpumalanga, South Africa. They have the largest flyfishing outfitters in the country ( Mavungana Flyfishing - [www.flyfishing.co.za](http://www.flyfishing.co.za) ) for nearly ten years now and have a team of very professional staff. They have guided and managed flyfishing operations in various international destinations, and have come to realise that although there are some very exciting 'extreme' flyfishing to be had they have a product that is very popular with the discerning travelling flyfisher they have come to know over the years working in Russia and the Seychelles. A trip that is uncomplicated, while exclusive. Offering excellent fishing, scenery, game viewing and wining and dining in a destination that many people have heard about but not many have visited. It is well suited for the elderly as it is not physically demanding. As well as couples travelling with non fishing partners as there is a huge amount to do and take in even for those not wishing to throw a line.

### **The Trip:**

Trout (Mcloud rainbows and Loch Leven browns) were introduced to the cooler more mountainous areas of South Africa over 150 years ago, and today are some of the most genetically pure in the world, as there have been no endemic trout for them to reproduce with. They thrive in high altitude lakes and rivers, wild fish attain weights up to three pounds, with some specimens of 5 pounds and every so often double figure fish especially in the lakes.

Some of the country's most exclusive fishing waters and country lodges are located around the picturesque village of Dullstroom, 2 hours drive, East of Johannesburg. From here, it is just another 2 hour panoramic drive to the world famous Sabi Sand, a collection of world renowned private reserves, part of the famous Kruger National Park which offer the best Big 5 Game viewing on the planet.

### **Itinerary:**

(Based on the arrival of European flights that arrive in the mornings, easily adjustable for flights arriving from the States)

#### **Day 1:**

- You will be met at Johannesburg International, (now called Oliver Tambo International Airport) arrivals by a driver. You will take a two and a half hour drive in a spacious air-conditioned people carrier to Dullstroom. Refreshments will be available.
- You will check into a luxurious country hotel ( Walkersons or similar depending upon availability ). Jonathan and Sarah will join you for lunch and talk you through your trip. That afternoon you have the choice of relaxing, sitting by the pool, walking or an afternoon of guided fishing.

#### **Day 2:**

- Breakfast 7:30am

- After which you will be collected by a guide and or Jonathan in a luxury four wheel drive and head out for a days fishing on either a lake or river or both depending upon local conditions. Picnic lunch including a bottle of wine and mineral waters. Return to the hotel in the evening.
- Dinner - a smart affair with four courses and an excellent selection of award winning South African wines.

### Day 3:

- Breakfast at leisure
- collection by Jonathan and Sarah, picturesque one hour drive to more remote fishing.
- Picnic lunch. Fish well into the evening.
- Overnight in smaller mountainous lodge.
- Dinner.

### Day 4:

- Rise early, coffee and pastries, and fish from the lodge
- Return for hearty breakfast
- Mid morning leave for Djuma Private Game Reserve. This is a two hour panoramic drive; stops will be made for photographs and to purchase exquisite roadside African curios.
- Arrive for light lunch at around 2:30pm
- Relax, swim
- 4:30pm Tea on deck overlooking water hole. Afternoon Game drive leaves.
- Game viewing from open vehicles with ranger. Sun downer drinks at 6:00pm and return with spot lights looking for nocturnal animals.
- Magnificent outdoor dinner and wines under the stars.

### Day 5:

- 5:00am coffee/tea and pastries leave for early morning game drive.
- Return around 9:30 am, large breakfast.
- Relax, swim, and or game walk with armed ranger and or cultural tour to local tribal village
- 1:00pm lunch
- Relax, swim
- 4:30pm Tea on deck overlooking water hole. Afternoon Game drive leaves.
- Game viewing from open vehicles with ranger. Sun downer drinks at 6:00pm and return with spot lights looking for nocturnal animals.
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### Day 6:

- 5:00am coffee/tea and pastries leave for early morning game drive.
- Return around 9:30 am, large breakfast.
- Relax, swim, settle extras bill and gratuities for the week
- 11:00 am Leave for Johannesburg Airport ( 5 hour leisurely drive )



### What to expect.

The fishing:

Jonathan and Sarah's company, Mavungana has access to some of the best private trout waters in the Dullstroom area and hence South Africa. Guests are based at a luxurious country lodge and met each day by their guide who will take them out to the waters in a luxury air conditioned 4 wheel drive vehicle, with excellent packed lunches and refreshments, including a fine of South African wines.

### River fishing.

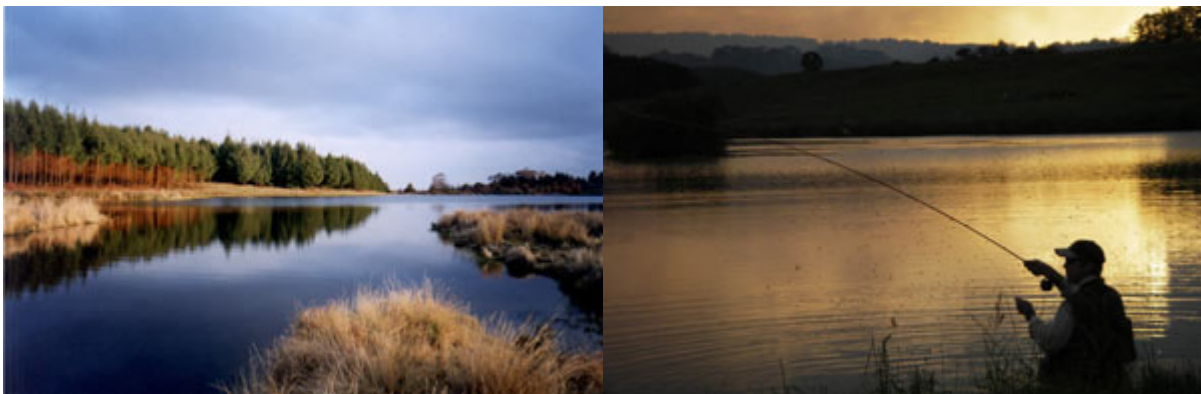


South Africa's high altitude trout rivers would be termed free stone streams any where else in the world. They are sometimes almost narrow enough to jump over and wading is not usually necessarily. A one and a half pound wild rainbow would be considered a good fish, three pounders are quite common and anything over 4 pounds consider a trophy. Most fishing is upstream dry fly or nymph sight fishing, in the most breath taking scenery.

All equipment is available, however we realise many people like to use their own equipment. Here is a recommended list.

- a 0-4 weight with a double taper floating line, for thin water and then a 9ft 5 wt and floating forward taper for nymphing deeper water
- Leaders of between 7 and 9 foot tapering down to around 4lbs depending upon the size of fish and the obstructions in the pool.
- Our fly patterns are very similar to those used in New Zealand. We do not have distinctive hatches and therefore attractor dries such as the Royal Wulff, Kauffmann's Stimulator and Humpy (red and Chartreuse). A highly productive method is to suspend a weighted nymph below the dry so that the dry doubles up as a strike indicator. Patterns such as the Pheasant Tail Nymph and the Gold Ribbed Hares Ear Nymph especially in bead head are deadly.

### Stillwater Fishing:



Our still waters produce some sizeable fish around 6lbs and occasionally into double figures.

- Here a 4-6wt is ideal.
- A choice of floating and intermediate/sink tip line.
- Our successful still water patterns include Red Eyed Damselfly and Black and Olive Woolly Buggers.

### Clothing:

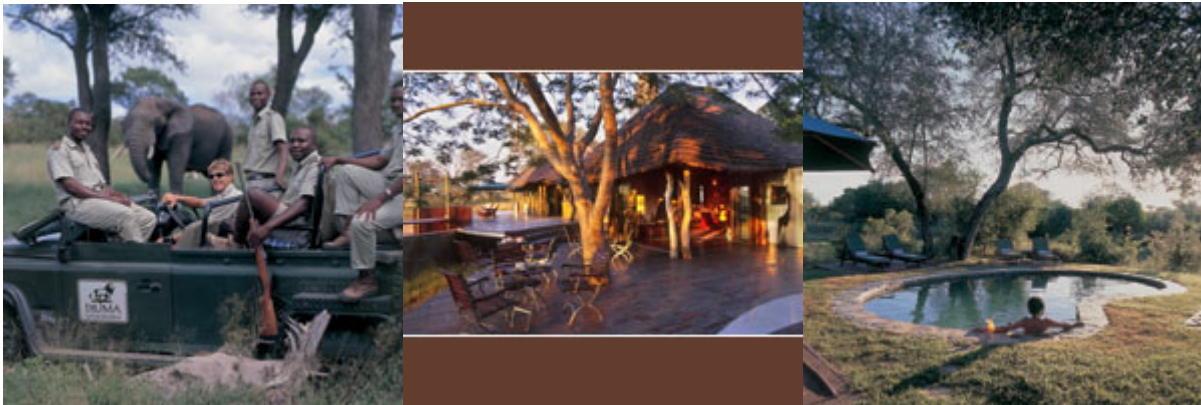
At an altitude sometimes up to 2000m. Weather can be unpredictable - clear skies and hot and then within an afternoon cold, misty and very wet.

- Depending upon whether one is on the upper or lower reaches of the stream wading may or may not be necessary. A pair of light weight waders are useful but we often tend to 'wet wade' with either quick drying shorts or long pants and open sandals or light weight wading boots. So it is not necessary to travel with bulky waders, and any way we do have available.
- A good wide brimmed/peaked hat and sun tan cream
- Polaroid sunglasses.
- Smart casual outfit for dinner at Walkersons Country Manor and the other luxury lodges.

### **Accommodation:**

We base our guests at establishments like Walkersons Country Manor ( [www.walkersons.co.za](http://www.walkersons.co.za) )it is a luxurious country estate with fine cuisine and service to match. There are some small stillwaters to fish on the estate and it is well positioned for your guide to collect you each morning and take you out to our more exclusive waters. Breakfasts are impressive affairs, lunch usually taken as picnic out on the water and dinner 4 course.

### **The Game Viewing:**



The renowned Sabi Sand Private Game reserve, part of the world famous Kruger National Park is only a two hour drive, further east from the fishing in Dullstroom. Here our guests are booked into Djuma Game Lodge ( [www.djuma.com](http://www.djuma.com) ) where we receive preferential bookings, rates and service. Luxurious air-conditioned chalets with bathroom en-suite , with open air bar and swimming pool looking over a dry river bed. There are two game drives daily, from an open vehicle with an experienced armed ranger. Dawn game drives provide magnificent light to take photos of African game waking ( and the nocturnal ones going to sleep ! ) for the day. The evening drive leaves in the cooler part of the afternoon, sun-downer drinks are usually taken at a waterhole and then nocturnal game are tracked with the use of powerful spot lights. For the energetic there is the option for a bush walk, again accompanied by a ranger, each day, to experience the thrill of viewing game on foot and also observing, smaller wonders of nature such as chameleons, insects, and snakes often missed while on a vehicle. Some of the world's finest game viewing is available, and we boast the claim that the "Big Five - Lion, Leopard, Elephant, Buffalo and Rhino" are virtually guaranteed within the 2 day stay.



### **Equipment:**

- binoculars and cameras
- sun tan cream, bug repellent
- light cotton clothing both evening wear and day time
- comfortable outdoor shoes

- swimming costume

### **Cost:**

\$4900 per person, 7 nights/6 days - 3 days fishing and 3 days game viewing on a double occupancy, includes everything except for international flights, drinks and gratuities. Includes:

- collection and drop off from Johannesburg International Airport.
- Transport to all venues in a luxury four wheel drive vehicle.
- All meals and accommodation
- all non consumable equipment ( waders, rods, nets etc - not flies or memorabilia from our Fly shop like hats, shirts etc.)
- all fishing licenses, permits, rod fees and game park fees
- a highly experienced guide
- A photographic record of the trip on CD

### **Other Activities:**



At an optional extra cost

- The renowned fighting yellowfish (a relative of the acclaimed Indian Mahseer, readily taken on fly in our larger warmer rivers.)
- Hunting for limited Plains game ( Blesbok, Springbok, etc )
- Falconing for game birds under trained pointers with a qualified falconer ( excellent walking and a great way to take in the breath taking scenery)
- The famed tigerfish, as well as exceptional saltwater off the Mozambican coast ( note that these entail additional charter flights outside of South Africa, often hot weather and demanding fishing - long casts with big flies and heavy lines from moving boats, fishing and scenery is spectacular but it is a demanding trip for serious anglers)
- Very popular - Flight to Cape Town, staying in luxurious Franschoek house and enjoying the countries finest restaurants and vineyards. Quotes available, we suggest booking the return leg of your flight out of Cape Town airport.

### **What to bring:**

The beauty of this package is that you see a lot of a major portion of South Africa without feeling you are rushing around. Travelling light is the key:

- binoculars and cameras
- quality polaroid sunglasses.
- sun tan cream, bug repellent
- light cotton clothing: short for during the day and longs for the evening
- one smart outfit for cocktails/dinner at
- warm fleece/windstopper type pullover for cooler early morning fishing and evening game drives.
- comfortable outdoor shoes
- comfortable evening wear shoes

- open sandals
- swimming costume
- small swimming towel

Remember all fishing gear, waders, wading boots and rain gear is provided - you do not need to lug it with you. Keep the space for comfortable light travel and taking home duty free wine!

### **Virtual viewing:**

Our fishing operation - [www.flyfishing.co.za](http://www.flyfishing.co.za)

The type of accommodation - [www.walkersons.co.za](http://www.walkersons.co.za)

The game viewing - [www.djuma.com](http://www.djuma.com)

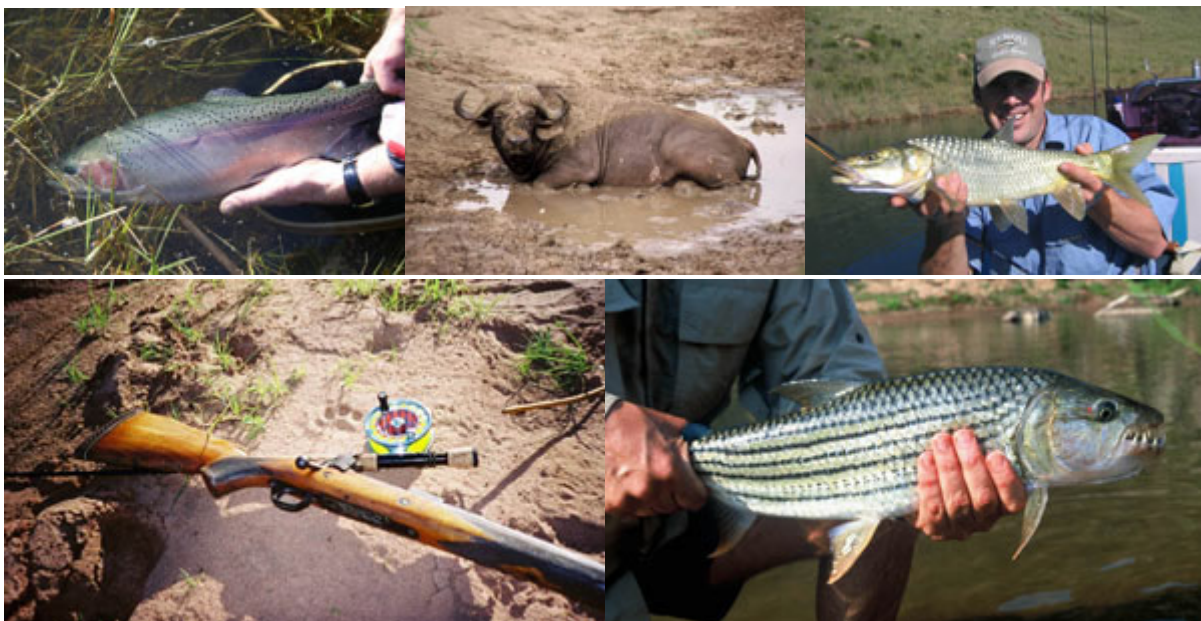
Terms and additional information:

- The trip is personally hosted by Jonathan and Sarah Boulton on request, depending upon their availability. Otherwise it would be a highly experienced and qualified Mavungana guide.
- To maintain exclusivity and quality of experience we take a maximum group of 4 people at any one time.
- We recommend a daily tipping rate of \$ 40 per person per day. This is distributed evenly to all guides, hotel staff and game rangers.
- There is no seasonality for this package, we operate all year round, game viewing is however better in our winter months May - September. Fishing is all year round with Spring (September/October) and Fall ( April/May). December and January is the height of summer and can be very hot and a lot of South Africans are on holiday so roads and airports can be busy.
- South Africa still suffers from isolated bad press. We have travelled extensively throughout the world. and have felt more concerned in 'the wrong part' of New York or London late at night than I have in 35 years in South Africa. In 10 years of business we have not had so much as a clients' sunglasses stolen.

### **Operators Information:**

- We recommend travel Insurance, Malaria prophylaxis for the months of November-April. No other medication necessary.
- The week package can be extended at a daily pro rata rate of \$700 per person
- For those who have visited South Africa before and/or would like the flexibility of self drive (they would have to hire a car for the duration, Mavungana staff would accompany them in an appropriate off road vehicle for the duration of the fishing ) the package would be less \$1050 per person for the week.

For those wishing to go onto the Cape for the winelands etc we recommend flying into Joburg International, then a connecting Johannesburg - Cape Town flight after their weeks package with us. Then they could return home from Cape Town, we can obviously assist with this but your travel agent should have no problem.



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