



CRADLE BOUTIQUE HOTEL
& Nature Reserve

ACTIVITIES AT THE CRADLE BOUTIQUE HOTEL

Cradle Human Origins Tour

Death Traps and Bone Collectors and streams that disappear into vast underground lakes Plus, rock eating termites with magnesium mandibles! All this and more on a Malapa Tour.

The Human Origins Tour is an exclusive private guided tour in an open game drive vehicle that affords guests the unique opportunity of experiencing first hand two famous fossil dig sites in the heart of the Cradle of Humankind.

Two world famous fossil sites - Gladysvale and Malapa - are the key attractions visited on this tour. They are situated within the Nash Nature Reserves which comprise the core of the Cradle of Humankind World Heritage Site. The Cradle Human Origins Tour is the only private guided tour designated to conduct fossil tours to these two fossil sites.

Together the reserves are almost 9000 hectares in extent and they protect some of the largest and most pristine areas of the remaining high altitude dolomitic grasslands which are second only to the Cape Floral Kingdom (Fynbos) in terms of floral diversity. The reserve is home to leopard and brown hyena and antelope such as the magnificent eland, blesbok, kudu, blue wildebeest and red hartebeest amongst other species. Amazingly, all this within sight of the second largest urban area on the African continent.

The area is an ancient landscape – truly ancient geology protecting and slowly revealing the ancient origins of the human race.

Cradle Human Origins Tour:

Tours will be offered from Monday to Sunday. Morning and afternoon tours are scheduled to last four hours, including the introduction at the Cradle Boutique Hotel Restaurant. Each open game drive vehicle can seat six guests. (Up to eight guests can be accommodated per vehicle for a block booking). This private, guided tour is a unique “bucket list” experience to active fossil digs.

Morning tours commence at the Cradle Boutique Hotel Restaurant with coffee and an introduction at 08h45. Departure is scheduled at 09h30. Guests return to the restaurant at 12h45. A pre-tour a-la-carte breakfast and/or a post tour a-la-carte lunch can be booked through the Cradle Restaurant

Afternoon tours commence at the Cradle Boutique Hotel Restaurant with an introduction at 12h45. Departure is scheduled for 13h30. Guests return to the restaurant at 16h45. A pre-tour a-la-carte lunch and/or a post tour a-la-carte dinner can be booked through the Hotel.

TOUR PRICING:

R1,985 per person for minimum 2 people and children are at R750 (VAT inclusive), up to a maximum of 8 guests per vehicle.

R1,500 per person for 3 people or over and children are at R750 (VAT inclusive), up to a maximum of 8 guests per vehicle.

Private vehicle: R8,000

GAME DRIVES AND NATURE WALKS

The Cradle Nature Reserve is a 1680ha protected area within which the Cradle Boutique Hotel and the Cradle Restaurant are situated. This protected area is home to leopard, brown hyena and antelope like the magnificent eland, blesbok, blue wildebeest, kudu, giraffe and waterbuck.

GAME DRIVES

Morning and afternoon game drives are offered upon reservation. The game drives last approximately two hours and include the wooded valleys and the diverse high altitude dolomitic grasslands of the reserve.

GAME DRIVE STRUCTURE:

Tours will be offered Monday to Sunday and depart from the Cradle Boutique Hotel Restaurant. Each open game drive vehicle can seat nine guests. Morning and afternoon tours are scheduled to last approximately two hours upon reservation only. Including an introduction at the Cradle Boutique Hotel Restaurant.

GAME DRIVE PRICING:

Minimum 2 guests: R350pp for 2 – 4 guests, R325pp for 5 – 10 guests

Private vehicle: R2000

GUIDED WALKS

Guests can also explore the magnificent landscape on foot. Morning and afternoon guided walks are offered.

GUIDED WALK STRUCTURE:

Walks will be offered by prior arrangement from Monday to Sunday and depart from the Cradle Boutique Hotel Restaurant. The walks will start from the Cradle Restaurant and will proceed through beautiful wooded valleys and open grasslands. Morning and afternoon walks are scheduled to last approximately 2 hours, including the introduction at the Cradle Boutique Hotel and Restaurant.

GUIDED WALK PRICING:

Minimum 2 guests, R350pp for 2 – 4 guests, R300pp for 5 – 8 guests

Note: Bookings by prior arrangement only for all tours.

Activities can be booked directly by:

- Calling 087 353 9599
- Via the website: www.cradlehotel.co.za
- Email: reservations@thecradle.co.za