



# BUSHMANS KLOOF

WILDERNESS RESERVE & WELLNESS RETREAT



## BUSHMAN STORYTELLING EXCURSION

Join our resident archaeologist and curator, Siyakha Mguni for a thrilling 60 minute Bushman storytelling presentation in the reserve. Learn about a typical day in the life of /Xakra, a Krakadouw Bushman, and gain further insight into the prehistoric Khoisan hunting and gathering way of life here in the northern Cederberg. Sundowner drinks and snacks are served before returning to the lodge.

Depart lodge 17:00, and return at approximately 19:30, in time to fresh up for dinner. Dress comfortable, walking shoes and bring a warm jacket.

R250 per person (Pre-bookings essential, subject to availability)

### FINAL RETURN OF /XA'S BUSHMEN: THE UNTOLD STORY

Springtime is the best part of the year in the Agter-Pakhuis. After a three-day journey, /Xakra's group arrived in the area to set up camp in a large shelter along the Boontjies River. They had lived the last nine months on the westerly sand country of the coastal plain, between what are today Lamberts Bay and Elands Bay towns. Life is good there: sea food is the staple, a variety of shells, fish, sea birds and occasionally fatty seals clubbed by young men on the Atlantic shores. But all this is peppered with irregular hunted delights and foraged vegetable foods. /Xakra's band of fifteen had greatly anticipated this seasonal round, provisioned by a range of delectable but rare hunted and gathered foods of the mountains. Groups from different regions are here too, with Karoo grassland San from the east having just crossed the Heuningvlei to set up camps in the Biedouw valley. The locality is bristling with activity; ceremonies, storytelling and painting are the daily theatre. /Xakra is however preoccupied: on their previous round here, tragedy struck his band when they lost one of their best hunters, /Xakra's brother-in-law Umkwe. He fell to his death over a cliff while pursuing a wounded Klipspringer. At daybreak, /Xakra is already on the move, it's going to be a big day with a rite to appease Umkwe and make the valley spiritually friendly again...



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