

After our tour of Cape Town, we headed to Kruger National Park for three days. While we were in Kruger we went on multiple game drives, and I took lots of pictures. The diversity of the plant and animal life was amazing, and as an entomologist, I was particularly awed by the insect fauna. Although it was their winter season when we went, there were still quite a few active species of insects in the area, particularly spiders and biting flies. It was like nothing I had expected. This wasn't the Africa I had imagined, and it certainly wasn't your every day trip to the zoo. The days we spent in Kruger National Park were some of the most amazing days of my life.



Sadly we had to leave Kruger for Johannesburg, where we had a show at their city hall. We had the opportunity to sing with a number of other men's choruses in the area, and toward the end of the show, we sang *Nkosi Sikeleli Africa*, South Africa's national anthem. It is unique because it incorporates the 11 national languages of South Africa in one song. When we sang it with the other choruses, it was like nothing I had ever felt before. You could feel the power and the pride in their voices when they sang, and it is something I will carry with me for the rest of my life. We departed Johannesburg after a short tour of the city and left for home after what seemed like years spent in a country where one could find beauty wherever one looked. It was the opportunity of a lifetime, and I've promised myself that I would someday return.