

## **Kruger2Canyon Challenge 2018 Entries are open.**

Having nurtured this race from its infancy when the historical trails were reputed by locals as having been long reclaimed by the forests, to seeing it move into its 4<sup>th</sup> year and spoken of with excitement in the trail community, everything about this race speaks to me on a personal level. The diversity of the forests, Canyon and mountains to the hot, dry Lowveld where you are side-by-side with free-roaming wildlife, the quiet and the space. This place tempts me to move north...

The Kruger2Canyon Challenge has quickly earned itself a reputation as one of South Africa's top stage races offering two vastly different days of running in breathtaking places. Stage one ventures into the mountains around Mariepskop, the most northern part of the Drakensberg Mountain Range. The 42km course, part of the Ultra Challenge, has a well-earned reputation of being tough as it descends down into the Blyde River Canyon before climbing back over the escarpment. The shorter 26km stage 1 course still has its challenges, but routes through the lush indigenous forests atop the escarpment and skirts the edge of the Canyon.

The second stage is relatively easy when compared to the first stage, but offers the very special experience of running within the bounds of The Blue Canyon Conservancy, a big 4 game reserve (there are no buffalo). The course incorporates the koppies, mopanies and riverbeds synonymous with the Lowveld bush as runners wind their way along jeep tracks before finishing with 2km of single track along game paths.

This is a destination race and the venue is very well positioned with a number of interesting places to visit in close proximity including the Kruger National Park and the Blyde River Canyon. It has become common to catch up with runners in the Satara rest-camp of KNP after the race, as participants and organisers make the most of the easy access to SA's biggest jewel!

A variety of packages are on offer, but we encourage participants to fully immerse yourselves in the relaxed vibe at the race village with the tented / dorm accommodation.

Entries are limited to 300 participants.

**Packages available:**

Full Packages include tent/dorm accommodation and all meals from Friday Dinner to Sunday Brunch.

Runner Packages do not include accommodation or food.

Single Day entries do not include a Race Pack or Finisher Medal