



# 10 Day Kruger, Swaziland, Zululand & Drakensberg Johannesburg to Johannesburg

This adventure starts in Johannesburg and takes you through the beauty of the Northern Drakensberg via Blyderiver Canyon and the world-famous Gods Window. From there we do a big 5 Safari in the Kruger National Park. We explore the the best of Swaziland and visit the World heritage Site of St Lucia - We then venture to the foot of the Southern Drakensberg and the Mountain kingdom of Lesotho with the option to explore the Sani Pass. Finish off with Bushman cave paintings on the way back to Johannesburg



## HIGHLIGHTS

Blyde River Canyon  
 Bourke's Luck potholes  
 Three Rondavels  
 Gods Window  
 Kruger National Park  
 Kingdom of Swaziland  
 Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary  
 Swaziland Local Glass and Candle Factory

Matenga Cultural Village  
 St Lucia / Isimangaliso Wetlands  
 Hluhluwe Umfolozi Game Reserve  
 Shakaland  
 Durban Golden Mile  
 Sani Pass  
 Southern Drakensberg  
 Clarens National Park

## ITINERARY

10 Days  
 South Africa, Swaziland/Eswatini



Information is subject to change. Travel times and accommodation can change depending on road or weather conditions, etc. These are used as a guideline only.

## DAY 1 JOHANNESBURG – BLYDE RIVER CANYON

We depart Johannesburg/ Pretoria Early, pick up is available from any guesthouse of Hotel in the Johannesburg/ Pretoria area. We take the scenic route towards South Africa's North-Eastern Lowveld. Along the way we stop in the historic Gold-digging village of Pilgrims Rest, followed by lunch in the little Village of Graskop (own cost). The highlight of this afternoon is the spectacular views from Gods window and Bourke's Lucks Potholes, these breathtaking views form part of the Blyde River Canyon, arguably the most amazing views and landscape in South Africa and perfect way to start our adventure.

Tonight, we will overnight in the Blyde River Canyon area.

**Highlights Included:** Blyde River Canyon, Three Rondavels, Bourke's Luck Potholes, Gods Window  
**Accommodation:** Accommodated : Forever Resort Blyde River Canyon Chalet – twin rooms  
*If you are booked on the Camping version – you will camp this night*  
**Meals included:** Dinner

## DAY 2 BLYDE RIVER CANYON – GREATER KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

Our days starts early morning with coffee and rusks as we watch the sunrise over the canyon - followed by a leisure hike down the Blyde River Canyon to the waterfall, a great way to start the day while the air is still crisp and the sunrise provides us with wonderful pictures .

We return to camp/ lodge for a well-deserved hearty breakfast.

After breakfast we leave the canyon area and drive to the Village of Hazyview, we will overnight in one of the Kruger National Park Rest camps or if these are unavailable then in one of the many lodges in the Hazyview area. We arrive at our accommodation in time for our first sunset safari experience on an open safari jeep searching for the animals in Kruger National Park.

**Highlights Included:** Hike in Blyde River Canyon, Afternoon open vehicle sunset game drive  
**Accommodation:** Kruger Park SANPARKS RESTCAMPS or Lodge in Hazeyview (Twin Rooms)  
*If you are booked on the Camping version – you will camp this night*  
**Meals included:** Breakfast,

## DAY 3 KRUGER NATIONAL PARK DAY TOUR

We wake once again for early morning Tea/ Coffee and Rusks. We enter Kruger National Park to enjoy a full day of game viewing. The abundance of wildlife presents us with opportunities for excellent sightings and the Kruger is also home to the famed members of Africa's Big-5. Truly the flagship of the South African national parks. Kruger is home to an impressive number of species: 336 trees, 49 fish, 34 amphibians, 114 reptiles, 507 birds and 147 mammals.

**Highlights Included:** Full day Game Drive in Kruger National Park in open 4 x 4 Safari Vehicle  
**Accommodation:** SANPARKS RESTCAMPS or Hazeyview Lodge (Twin Rooms)  
*If you are booked on the Camping version – you will camp this night*  
**Meals included:** Packed Breakfast, Dinner  
**Optional Activities:** Sunset drive with Park Ranger



**DAY 4 & 5**  
**KINGDOM OF SWAZILAND**

An early morning coffee sees us set out on our final road trip through the Kruger to the gate where we exit en-route for the Kingdom of Swaziland. We have to go through border control. After which our first stop in Swaziland is a glass and candle factory and outdoor craft market where lunch is also enjoyed (own cost). This afternoon we will have our first cultural experience with a visit to the Matenga cultural village. This will give us valuable insight into the Swazi beliefs and customs. It finishes off with some traditional dancing and time to wander around the markets.

Our Accommodation for the next 2 nights is in Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary. For our time here we recommend you participate in some of the many activities offered in the sanctuary such as; horseback trails, mountain bike riding, village walk, bush guided walks or just enjoy some rejuvenating time-out sun tanning around the cool swimming pool with a good book.... or simply enjoy a few good hikes. There are over forty species of animals found here including the exotic species such as Honey Badger, Dwarf Mongoose, Aardwolf, Striped Polecat and the more common including Hippo, Ostrich, Kudu, Zebra and Baboon. We stay at Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary for 2 nights. 1 night's dinner will be prepared by your guide and the other will be at Mlilwane's Restaurant (Own cost)

<b>Highlights included:</b>	<b>Swazi candle factory, craft markets, Mlilwane game reserve</b>
<b>Accommodation:</b>	<b>Mlilwane (Beehive huts) or Similar depending on availability</b> <i>If you are booked on the Camping version –you will stay in a Hostel tonight</i>
<b>Meals included:</b>	<b>2 x Breakfasts, 1 x Dinner</b>
<b>Optional Activities:</b>	<b>Mountain bike trail, horse trail, village walk, nature walk, guided birding walk, white water rafting</b>

**DAY 6**  
**SWAZILAND – ST LUCIA, SOUTH AFRICA**

Leaving this amazing sanctuary and country behind us we cross the border re-entering South Africa into KwaZulu-Natal province. Arriving in the small coastal town of St Lucia. This afternoon we board a small boat in the Isimangaliso Wetland park to view the many animals in this world heritage site such as crocodiles, hippos and plenty of birdlife that inhabit the estuary. Tonight, you have a free night to explore the village by foot and choose from a range of local restaurants.

Recently renamed the iSimangaliso Wetland Park, this sub-tropical paradise covers about 240,000 hectares and is the largest estuarine system in Africa. The park includes the southernmost extension of coral reefs on the continent and covers 220km of the East Coast from St Lucia to the Mozambique border. iSimangaliso encompasses a huge range of natural systems, ranging from dune, swamp and coastal forests to rocky and sandy shores, coral reefs and submarine canyons, and a mosaic of mangroves, savanna grassland, thickets and woodlands. It is the largest protected wetland in southern Africa, with large numbers of nesting turtles on the beaches; as well as the migration of whales, dolphins and whale-sharks off-shore; and huge numbers of waterfowl including large breeding colonies of pelicans, storks, herons and terns. The Park's unique climate and position has resulted in exceptional biodiversity including some 521 bird species.

<b>Highlights Included:</b>	<b>St Lucia. Isimangaliso wetland park</b>
<b>Accommodation:</b>	<b>Twin bedded chalets with en-suite bathrooms</b> <i>If you are booked on the Camping version –you will stay in a Hostel tonight</i>
<b>Meals included:</b>	<b>Breakfast</b>
<b>Optional Activities:</b>	<b>Whale watching, deep sea fishing, game drives in Hluhluwe</b>

**DAY 7**  
**ST LUCIA – DURBAN – SOUTHERN DRAKENSBERG**

This morning we enjoy a late breakfast before starting our coastal drive to Durban. This morning you have the option of either doing another safari in the Hluhluwe Umfolozi Game reserve or a visit to Shakaland to learn about the great Zulu king and the Zulu people. We then drive past the many sugar cane fields on route to South



Africa's biggest shipping port blessed with a golden mile of beautiful beaches. After a quick drive through Durban beachfront we enjoy a lunch on the Durban Harbour.

We then leave Durban for the town of Underberg to the world-renowned Sani Pass where we will overnight at the foot of the Drakensberg Mountains.

<b>Highlights Included:</b>	<b>Durban Golden Mile, Southern Drakensberg</b>
<b>Accommodation:</b>	<b>Twin bedded chalets with en-suite bathrooms</b> <i>If you are booked on the camping version – you will stay in a hostel tonight.</i>
<b>Meals included:</b>	<b>Breakfast</b>
<b>Optional Activities:</b>	<b>Hluhluwe Umfolozi Game reserve, Shakaland , Moses Mabida Stadium</b>

## DAY 8 SOUTHERN DRAKENSBERG

This morning after breakfast you will have the opportunity to do some of the many Optional Activities the Southern Drakensberg has to offer.

We advise clients to consider doing the 4 x 4 Excursion up Sani Pass as described below. Your guide will help you book this. On the below optional activity you will be entering the Mountain Kingdom of Lesotho.

*(The Tour departs at 09h30 and takes approx. 2.5 hours to reach the summit, stopping at breath taking view sites along the Sani Pass and the two border posts i.e. The South African Border Control and Lesotho Border Control. Once at the Top of the Sani Pass, we visit the highest Pub in Africa - The Sani Mountain Lodge. After lunch the Tour continues into a living Basotho village, where our experienced mountain guide will interest you on Lesotho and its people - the hardy mountainous Basotho folk. Traditional beer and homemade bread offered on request. We wind down the Sani Pass after this cultural experience and arrive back in Underberg between 16h00- 16h30 depending on the wildlife spotted along the way)*

Other Activities exploring the Drakensberg such as Horse-riding walking some of the many Hiking trails in the Southern Drakensberg can be done should you decide not to so the Sani Pass.

<b>Highlights Included:</b>	<b>Southern Drakensberg</b>
<b>Accommodation:</b>	<b>Twin bedded chalets with en-suite bathrooms</b> <i>If you are booked on the camping version – you will stay in a hostel tonight.</i>
<b>Meals included:</b>	<b>Breakfast, Dinner</b>
<b>Optional Activities:</b>	<b>4 x 4 excursion up Sani Pass - Lesotho Daytrip, Horse riding, hiking</b>

## DAY 9 SOUTHERN DRAKENSBERG – NORTHERN DRAKENSBERG

After breakfast we depart for the Northern Berg.

The route rewards us with spectacular scenery as we make our way towards the Golden Gate National Park. We stop en-route to view some rock art and have lunch.

We arrive at Golden gate in time for a spectacular Sun Set over the Sandstone cliffs.

<b>Highlights Included:</b>	<b>Spectacular Mountain Sceneries</b>
<b>Accommodation:</b>	<b>Lodge in Northern Drakensberg area</b>  <b>Camping option, tonight is in shared accommodation</b>  <b>Accommodated option, tonight is in private en-suite lodge</b>
<b>Meals included:</b>	<b>Breakfast, Dinner</b>
<b>Optional Activities:</b>	<b>Horse riding, hiking</b>



**DAY 10**  
**DRAKENSBERG TO JOHANNESBURG**

This morning you will have activity options before heading back to Johannesburg, arriving in the late afternoon.

<b>Meals included:</b>	<b>Breakfast,</b>
<b>Optional Activities:</b>	<b>Self-guided hiking trails</b>
<b>Highlights Included:</b>	<b>Spectacular Mountain Sceneries</b>

## Tour Information

### **TOUR STYLE:**

Small Group

This Tour is available as a fully accommodated tour or a mixture of camping and accommodated.

Fully accommodated clients will be booked into en-suite twin rooms.

Clients who choose a combination of camping and accommodated will do 3 nights camping and 5 nights in hostel style accommodation.

### **WHAT'S INCLUDED**

All ground transportation, services of experienced qualified driver/guide, included highlights, meals as specified on itinerary, entrance fees & accommodation per itinerary

### **WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED**

Travel Insurance, flights, items of a personal nature, drinks & optional activities as indicated

### **ACCOMODATION**

Camping - we provide tents, mattresses and all other camping equipment. You would need to provide your own sleeping bag, or it can be hired.

Accommodated: Twin bedded room with bathroom

### **Countries Visited**

South Africa , Swaziland. ( Lesotho if you decide to do the Sani Pass 4x4 trail )

### **Food & Meals**

As per above Itinerary, Breakfasts are included, some dinners as mentioned and lunches are for own cost .

### **Malaria**

Malaria is Low risk but we do recommend prevention tablets.

### **DEPARTURE POINT :**

Pick up is from any Hotel or Guesthouse in the Johannesburg / Pretoria area,.

### **PICK UP TIME:**

05h00 to 0h700

### **DROP OFF TIME:**

Late Afternoon/ Early evening of final day

### **INSURANCE**

It is a booking condition that you have full travel insurance valid for the duration of your tour to cover you for medical emergencies and repatriation to your home country should the need arise. Your guide can hold a copy of this if you so wish. Please leave a copy of your insurance with your nominated emergency contact. We can provide specialist travel insurance for your tour through our local operator. Please contact us for more information.



## RESPONSIBLE TRAVEL

We believe that you will get the most of your journey by respecting the culture and the locals from the places you visit. Our tours benefit the communities we pass through, minimizing any negative impact on the environment and by getting involved with local charity projects assisting the communities. We ensure the campsites used are left clean as they will be found clean. If we could kindly ask you to take into consideration the traditions and be respectful of others and the communities in which they live, for example dressing respectfully in conservative areas.

**Remember:** Proactive and responsible travel helps develop and more importantly maintain cross-cultural boundaries, understandings and friendships with the locals, and this will add to your experience of Africa, its cultures and your adventure.

**Should you have further questions, please feel free to contact us on the below details.**

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