



DETOUR AFRICA

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## 8 Day Durban to Johannesburg Camping or Accommodated Tour



### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Durban  
Kwa Zulu Natal Coast  
Eswatini (Swaziland)  
St. Lucia  
Hluhluwe Umfolozi Game Reserve  
iSimangaliso Wetland Park  
Kruger National Park  
Panorama Route & Blyde River canyon  
Johannesburg



# TOUR ITINERARY

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## 8 Days | South Africa, Eswatini (formerly Swaziland)

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: KWA ZULU NATAL COAST – ST LUCIA**

Today you will meet your crew in the bustling city of Durban, South Africa's largest port before heading for our destination, St Lucia

<b>Accommodation</b>	Shonalanga – <a href="http://www.shonalanga.net">www.shonalanga.net</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per room with en-suite bathroom <b>Camping:</b> Two per room with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Route</b>	Durban to St Lucia
<b>Meals</b>	Dinner

#### ***Greater St Lucia Wetland Park***

*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 have resulted in exceptional biodiversity including some 521 bird species. This is a UNESCO World Heritage site.*

### **DAY 2: HLUHLUWE UMFOLOZI GAME RESERVE / ISIMANGALISO WETLAND PARK**

We set out early this morning for a game drive in the nearby Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Game Reserve, one of the last strongholds of the endangered rhinoceros. While rhinoceros are the most famous of the parks inhabitants, the park also provides a home to many other species, including the Big-5 that we all hope to see. Returning to our lodging for a siesta, we freshen up for an afternoon boat cruise on St Lucia estuary.

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<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Game Drive in Hluhluwe/Umfoloji National Park, St. Lucia Boat Cruise

#### ***Hluhluwe – Imfolozi Game Reserve***

*Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Game Reserve was established in 1895, the oldest game park in Africa. The Park covers about 96 000 hectares and contains a vast diversity of wildlife and vegetation. It is particularly famous for its conservation of black and white rhino – there are hundreds of endangered black rhinos and the largest population of white rhino in the world. The rest of the Big Five can also be seen here; buffalo, elephant, lion and leopard, as well as many other species including blue wildebeest, zebra, giraffe waterbuck, nyala, kudu, bushbuck, warthog, cheetah, hyena and jackal and thousands of impalas. More than 300 species of birds have been recorded in the area, making it one of the prime birding destinations in South Africa.*

### **DAY 3: ESWATINI – MLILWANE WILDLIFE SANCTUARY**

An early start and we are off to Eswatini (formerly known as the Kingdom of Swaziland), this afternoon we have the opportunity to join many of the optional activities that are offered here. Take your choice from game drives,



mountain biking or a visit to the Chief's village.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary <a href="http://www.biggameparks.org/mlilwane/">http://www.biggameparks.org/mlilwane/</a> OR Sondzela Backpackers <a href="https://biggameparks.org/properties/sondzela-backpackers-5">https://biggameparks.org/properties/sondzela-backpackers-5</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom <b>Camping:</b> Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered</i>
<b>Route</b>	St. Lucia to Eswatini
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Border Post</b>	South Africa: Golela Border Post, Tel: +27(0)34 435 1070 Open: 07h00-22h00 Eswatini: Lavumisa Town Board, Tel: +268 20 790 93, Open: 07h00-22h00
<b>Optional Activity</b>	Game Drives, Swazi Cultural Experience, Mountain Biking and Hiking

#### **DAY 4: MLILWANE WILDLIFE SANCTUARY**

Endless hours of self-guided exploration within the small 4560ha Mlilwane sanctuary are possible due to the relative absence of dangerous game. This morning our guide will lead us out on a nature walk to explore the "Nature Trail", which provides interpretation of historical and environmental information of the area.

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<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom <b>Camping:</b> Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered</i>
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Nature Walk with your tour guide
<b>Optional Activity</b>	Game Drives, Mountain Biking and Hiking

#### **Eswatini (Formerly Swaziland)**

*Eswatini is the smallest country in the southern hemisphere and is one of only three monarchies left in Africa. The kingdom has been independent from the Commonwealth since 1968, ruled by a King who is appointed in accordance with Eswatini tradition. If he is absent, or unable to perform his duties for any reason, the Queen Mother acts on his behalf. In the 1980s this tiny country made international headlines when it was ruled by two queens in succession.*

*Following the death of King Sobhuza II, the Queen regent Dzeliwe Shongwe ruled between 1982 and 1983, and months later Ntombi Twala became the country's second female Head of State since independence. Eswatini is landlocked, bordered on all sides by South Africa except for roughly 100km of border with Mozambique in the east. Its natural resources are extremely well managed, and despite the country's size it lays claim to some of the best game reserves and national parks in southern Africa. Elephants, lions and rhinos have been reintroduced to the area after they disappeared due to hunting. It is also well-known for its prolific birdlife. Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary. Mlilwane was the first wildlife sanctuary in Eswatini, started in the 1950's by a local farmer, Ted Reilly, who has subsequently been instrumental in the conservation of Eswatini's natural heritage for many years. It is a beautiful, secluded sanctuary situated in Eswatini's "Valley of Heaven", the Ezulwini Valley, in between Mbabane and Manzini. The Sanctuary covers 4 560 hectares and comprises of a southern and northern section. The southern section is predominately open grassland plains with middleveld vegetation, stretching up onto the striking Nyonyane Mountain with its exposed granite peak known as the "Rock of Execution". Nyonyane is of great historical significance - it is where ancient San communities once lived and the Eswatini Royal family are buried there to this day. Behind these mountains, the spectacular Mantenga waterfall and beautiful Usushwana Valley form the divide, before stretching up to northern section, which includes one of the highest surrounding points at Luphohlo. From the western boundary, the huge Usutu Forest provides a dramatic backdrop stretching into the distant hills. Tourist activities are concentrated in the southern section, with only guided trails entering the pristine mountains of the north. Mlilwane means "Little Fire", derived from the numerous fires started by lightning strikes on the granite of Mlilwane Hill.*

#### **DAY 5: SOUTH AFRICA - KRUGER NATIONAL PARK**

Setting off back to South Africa, we make aim for the Kruger National Park and begin with our first game drive in the Nomad truck as we enter the gates of the park. The Kruger National Park is South Africa's flagship national





park and sightings of the “big five” has become something of a quest for many guests.

The Kruger NP has more than its fair share of animals and with approximately 147 mammal species we will spend our time in search of both big and small.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Nkambeni Reserve <a href="http://www.nkambeni.com">www.nkambeni.com</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per permanent tent with en-suite bathroom <b>Camping:</b> Campsite with shared ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered</i>
<b>Route</b>	Swaziland to Kruger National Park Area
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Game drive in overland tour truck, Kruger National Park
<b>Border Post</b>	Swaziland: Jeppes Reef Border, Tel: +27(0)13 781 0382, Open: 07h00 – 20h00 South Africa: Mananga, Tel: +27 (0) 13 793 7075, Open: 07h00-18h00

## **DAY 6: KRUGER NATIONAL PARK – PANORAMA ROUTE**

We set out a little later today and travel the short distance to the Panorama Route. Strung along the escarpment that divides the central plateau and low-lying bushveld of the Kruger, the sights of the Panorama route offer us a day of scenic delights. We will visit the highlights of Bourke’s Luck Potholes, the Three Rondavels and God’s Window before returning to camp in the late afternoon.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Nkambeni Reserve <a href="http://www.nkambeni.com">www.nkambeni.com</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per permanent tent with en-suite bathroom <b>Camping:</b> Campsite with shared ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered</i>
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Panorama Route - Bourke’s Luck Potholes, Blyde River Canyon, God’s Window

*The Panorama Route in Mpumalanga follows the edge of Blyde River Canyon, and includes some breathtaking views of the Three Rondavels, Bourke’s Luck Potholes and the Pinnacle. Blyde River Canyon is the third largest canyon in the world and got its name in 1840 (‘blyde’ meaning ‘joyful’) from the Voortrekkers who passed through on their way to Lorenzo Marques (now Mozambique). It is one of the most spectacular canyons in Africa and its cliffs rise between 600m-800m from the riverbed. Possibly the best view in the whole of the Blyde River Canyon is of the “Three Rondavels - three huge rock spirals rising out of the far wall of the canyon. Their tops appear to have a hut-like rounded roof. They are named after the Swazi Chief Maripi’s wives - from the lowest to the highest, they are Magabolle, Mogoladikwe and Maserote. Where the Blyde River and the Treur River meet, water erosion has formed one of the most remarkable geological phenomena in the country, known as ‘Bourke’s Luck Potholes’.*

*Over thousands of years, surreal cylindrical rock sculptures created by whirling water have formed a series of dark pools which contrast artfully with the streaked white and yellow lichen covered rocks.*

*Following the road and the Treur River south, there are further viewpoints; Wonder View, God’s Window and the Pinnacle.*

## **DAY 7: KRUGER NATIONAL PARK**

Rising early this morning we enter the Kruger National Park to enjoy a full-day of game viewing. This full day game drive offers a unique view of the park from an open-sided 4x4 vehicle. This evening there is an opportunity for an optional Sundowner Drive.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Nkambeni Reserve <a href="http://www.nkambeni.com">www.nkambeni.com</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per permanent tent with en-suite bathroom <b>Camping:</b> Campsite with shared ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered</i>
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Kruger National Park 4x4 game drive
<b>Optional Activity</b>	Sunset Drive (there is a concession fee applicable)

### ***Kruger National Park***

*Established in 1898 to protect the wildlife of the South African Lowveld, this national park of nearly 2 million hectares are unrivalled in the diversity of its wildlife and a world leader in advanced environmental management*



techniques and policies. Approximately 145 mammal species, a list of over 500 bird species, some of which are not to be found elsewhere in South Africa, and 336 tree species occur in the park. When the first tourist cars visited the park in 1927, they made their own camps in thorn-bush enclosures and had to carry weapons to protect themselves from predators. During the Second World War the park was closed to the public and reopened in 1946 under new management. Today it is one of the most famous safari destinations in the world with all the facilities that one would expect from a world class holiday destination, but it has retained the untamed, unspoilt environment where you can experience Africa just as you imagined it!

## **DAY 8: KRUGER NATIONAL PARK TO JOHANNESBURG**

While those who elect to do the optional morning walk will have an earlier start, we will pack up and set off for our final destination, Johannesburg. We arrive at Belvedere Estate in the late afternoon and all travellers are invited to join us for a traditional meal tonight. This can be booked with your guide on the day before arrival. Many great tales are shared and tonight is for celebrating the many wonders of African travel.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Own Arrangements / Post tour accommodation can be booked through your agent.
<b>Route</b>	Greater Kruger NP area to Johannesburg
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch
<b>Optional Activity</b>	Morning Bush Walk (Subject to Availability) / Traditional meal at post tour accommodation

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# TOUR INFORMATION

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### **Pre-Departure Information:**

Once booking has been confirmed we will send you a full and detailed pre-departure Booklet to help you prepare. Below is some basic tour information.

### **Tour departure point**

Please ensure you arrive at the departure point at least 30 minutes before the scheduled departure time

**12:00** Garden Court South Beach, 73 OR Tambo Parade, South Beach,  
Durban, South Africa

Tel: + 27 (0)31 337 5511 <https://www.tsogosun.com/garden-court-south-beach>

### **Tour ending point**

Garden Court OR Tambo

2 Hulley Road, Isando

Kempton Park, South Africa

Tel: +27 (0)11 392 1062 <https://www.southernsun.com/garden-court-or-tambo-international-airport>

### **PCR Testing / Requirements**

All guests participating in this tour should adhere to and be familiar with any mandatory covid-19 vaccine requirements or PCR testing requirements of the country/countries being visited. All costs associated with PCR testing will be for the guests' own account.

### **Maximum Number of Passengers**

20 - All protocols and government regulations in terms of carrying capacity will be adhered to at the time of travel)

### **After hours emergency contact**

Our reservations staff are available to receive emergency calls. We would like to request that you respect this emergency number and use it only in the event of emergencies. Please only contact this number if, for example, you have missed your incoming flight, you cannot find your airport transfer, or you are running late for your tour departure.



*If calling from outside South Africa: 0027 82 578 2199*  
*If calling within South Africa: 082 578 2199*

### **Arrival / Departure**

Please be sure to arrive 1 day before your tour is due to depart. This will avoid any unforeseen problems. We also highly recommend that you book your flights to depart the day after the tour officially ends to allow for delays and changes.

### **Pre and Post Tour Accommodation**

If you require accommodation before or after your tour, we can arrange this for you. We can also arrange airport transfers – contact your travel agent to make these bookings.

### **What's included**

All meals which are prepared and served at the tour truck / accommodation / qualified crew / filtered water / transport in the tour truck / included highlights as per the itinerary / entrance fees to National Parks.

### **What's excluded**

Items of a personal nature (snacks, alcohol, bottled water, soft drinks, tips) / entrance fees (associated with optional activities) / souvenirs / activity packages and optional activities

### **Countries Visited**

South Africa, Eswatini

### **Optional Activities**

We provide you with a great tour however there are additional optional activities that you can do enroute. At the various places you will find a selection of optional activities that can be booked on the tour you have chosen. Your guide will also help you choose what is best for you. If you want to do an extra night drive, go white water rafting or bungee jumping -we will make sure you book this with the safest and most professional operator. Some optional activities operate concurrently so the group may have to decide as a team which optional activities they'd prefer to do.

On the pre-departure information your consultant sends you there will be a lengthy list of what the locals offer in the various places we visit. These are as the name says... totally optional and you do not always have to do an activity to enjoy being in an area, simply walking around the local markets or interacting with the locals is an experience with in itself.

### **General**

All information is subject to change without prior notice, changes would always be in consideration of your safety first and a better-quality experience. This would be where we are able to make improvements, sometimes last-minute decisions due to the nature of the tour/event.

Travel times and campsites can change depending on road or weather conditions, or any unforeseen circumstances. These are used as a guideline only. On our longer tours it is possible that your crew, truck and fellow travellers will change due to our unique tour linking system.

Please ensure that you have received the latest version of this dossier- your consultant will send you a link to do this, we ask clients to download the latest tour dossier 1 week before your tours departure so you are up to date with any changes.

### **Meals**

Breakfast:

As breakfast is served very early in the morning (if there is driving or activities to be done) it is a simple but filling breakfast: Tea and coffee, breads and spreads, cereals, yoghurts, fruits and on occasion, when there is time for a later breakfast, guides will serve a hot breakfast of scrambled eggs, porridge, bacon or beans.

Lunch:

Lunch is generally served at a picnic spot next to the road en route to a destination. As the guides only have approximately 45 minutes to get everyone off the truck, prepare lunch and then get everyone back on the truck



again, lunches consist of sandwiches and salads (rice salad, pasta salad, tuna salad and green salad) which are quick and easy to prepare but which are quite filling. They do have meal plans which they should stick to, to ensure that there is variety on a day to day basis.

#### Dinner:

This is when the guides get time to prepare a delicious meal and they focus on a substantial protein, vegetable and carbohydrate dinner. We serve traditional cuisine consisting of braais (BBQ), potjie (stew), bobotie (mince), spaghetti and fish and chicken dishes.

Most evenings are spent talking about Africa. Your tour dossier will have details of where you will be each night and the prices of meals if we are spending an evening at leisure in a city or town. After or during dinner, guides will do briefings, please use this opportunity to discuss things with them.

#### Special Requirements

Please confirm to us in writing if you are a vegetarian or if you suffer from any allergies (i.e nuts, milk, fish) (i.e. vegetarian), allergies (i.e. nuts, milk, fish). Where possible our guides do try and accommodate clients with intolerances (i.e. gluten, lactose), however we cannot guarantee the availability of speciality foods en-route and we therefore recommend you to bring these items with you or purchase them prior to departing on your tour.

#### Luggage

We advise clients to be as light as possible when travelling through Africa. It is not a destination where you want to lug suitcases and heavy bags around. Lodges rarely have suitcase ramps meaning wheels are sometimes more of a hindrance and also impact on the case fitting in the lockers. On booking the pre-departure info will have a packing guide to help you prepare, however please note hard suitcases are not suitable. Soft bags are needed to fit in the luggage lockers.

Locker sizes are ±35cm sq, 80cm deep. If the frame of your suitcase does not fit these diameters, there is unfortunately nowhere else to safely store your bag.

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

**General Enquiries & Reservations:** [info@detourafrica.co.za/](mailto:info@detourafrica.co.za/)

**Website:** [www.detourafrica.co.za/](http://www.detourafrica.co.za/)

**Phone:** + 27 21 424 1115

**WhatsApp:** + 27 64 722 3617

**Telegram:** @DetourAfrica

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