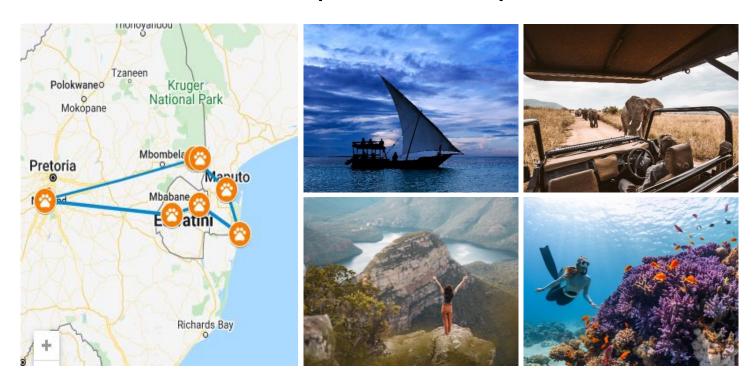


# 10 Day Kruger, Mozambique and Eswatini (Swaziland) Tour



# INTRODUCTION

Begin your 10-day small group adventure at the majestic Blyde River Canyon, where you'll explore the wonders of the third-largest canyon in the world. Next, venture into the Kruger Park for thrilling safaris amidst its abundant wildlife. From there, journey to Mozambique's Southern gem, Ponta do Ouro, to relax on pristine white sand beaches, explore lush dune forests, and take part in the many ocean activities. To wrap up your adventure, we conclude our journey in Eswatini, where you'll have the opportunity to witness remarkable wildlife and immerse yourself in the local culture.

# **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

Panorama Route – Blyde River Canyon
Kruger National Park
Ponta do Ouro Beaches and Markets
Hlane National Park – Rhino Game Drive/ Bush Walk
Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary
Swazi Cultural Village, Candle and Craft Market
Ngwenya Glass Factory





# **TOUR ITINERARY**

# 10 Days | South Africa, Mozambique, Eswatini (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: JOHANNESBURG – BLYDE RIVER CANYON**

After being collected around 07:00 am from your hotel / Johannesburg Airport, we bid farewell to the bustling city and head towards the Blyde River Canyon up the Drakensberg escarpment of South Africa.

Today you have the option of visiting the <u>Graskop Gorge Lift and Adventure Centre</u> where you can take part in the many activities on offer. The most popular activity is the Gorge Lift which descends 51m into the pristine indigenous forest where you can go on a 600m journey along wooden walkways and suspension bridges. (entrance, activities, and lunch at your own expense).

Next we head off to the breath-taking vistas at the 3rd largest Canyon in the world - The Blyde River Canyon. Here we view the Three Rondavels and Bourke's Luck Potholes (a natural geological formation).

In the late afternoon we check in to our accommodation and settle in for the night.

Accommodation Forever Resorts – Blyde River or similar Facilities Comfort: Room with en-suite bathroom

Budget: Room/Safari Tent with shared bathroom

Meals None

Included Highlights Blyde River Canyon, Three Rondavels, Bourke's Luck Potholes & Gods Window

Optional Activities Graskop Gorge Lift

### DAY 2: BLYDE RIVER CANYON - KOMATIPOORT, KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

We start the day by witnessing an incredible sunrise over the Blyde River Canyon. This morning you can choose from a range of hiking trails tailored to different levels of intensity and duration. Take a leisurely stroll down the canyon to view the Tufa waterfall in 45 minutes, or embark on a more challenging 2 – 4 hour hike.

After an active morning, we begin our journey towards the town of Komatipoort, located just 15 minutes from Kruger Park where we will stay for the next 2 evenings.

This afternoon you have the option to do a Sunset Safari which usually takes place between 16:30-19:30 pm. This is a great way to spot nocturnal animals while enjoying the African sunset over the Kruger National Park.

**Accommodation** Comfort Option - Komati River Chalets / Budget Option - Sundown Lodge (or Similar)

Facilities Comfort: Room with en-suite bathroom

Budget: Room with shared bathroom

MealsBreakfastOptional ActivitiesSunset Safari

### **DAY 3: KRUGER NATIONAL PARK**

Rising early this morning we enter Kruger National Park at the Crocodile Bridge gate at opening times. Today you will venture out on a full day of game viewing with a Kruger Park specialist guide on an open safari vehicle. A breakfast pack will be provided to take with. Don't forget to pack your sun screen and safari essentials (camera, binoculars etc).

The 9-seater open safari vehicles are perfectly designed to give you a bird's eye view of the wildlife.

At lunch time your guide will stop at one of the rest camps where you can enjoy a delicious meal and stretch your legs before continuing on your search for animals.

In the late afternoon you will return to the lodge where you can enjoy leisure time before dinner.





Accommodation Comfort Option - Komati River Chalets / Budget Option - Sundown Lodge (or Similar)

**Facilities Comfort:** Room with en-suite bathroom

Budget: Room with shared bathroom

Meals **Breakfast** 

**Included Highlights** Full Day 4x4 Open Game Drive in Kruger National Park

#### Kruger National Park

Stretching over more than two million hectares, the Kruger National Park is one of the world's largest game reserves and a truly remarkable destination. Owing to its exceptional size, visitors are able to experience fantastic diversity - from changing scenery and ecosystems to an impressive array of animals, plant life and birdlife. The park is home to over 130 mammals and over 500 bird species. Visitors can look forward to learning about the area's prehistoric past, enjoying a host of accommodation options, and viewing abundant wildlife including the famed Big Five. The diversity sheer density of wildlife makes Kruger National Park an unforgettable and potentially life-changing experience.

### DAY 4: KRUGER NATIONAL PARK – PONTA DO OURO

After breakfast we leave Kruger behind and enter Mozambique. After completing border formalities, we proceed to the capital city of Maputo for a brief tour of the city. We then head to the coastal village of Ponta Do Ouro - It's time for fun and adventure!

The next few days in Ponta do Ouro are spent relaxing on white sandy beaches and taking part in the many activities on offer. One of the main highlights is scuba diving in clear tropical reefs. Your guide will assist you to make arrangements for scuba, snorkeling, deep sea fishing or swimming with the dolphins.

Tonight, we venture to the local market for a delicious dinner experience at Mamma Alice's. This hidden gem is tucked away behind the Ponta fresh produce market, offering an authentic taste of the local cuisine.

#### Activities for the next day to be booked on arrival.

Accommodation Comfort Option – Kaya Kweru / Budget Option - Paraiso (or Similar)

**Facilities** Comfort: Room with en-suite bathroom Budget: Room with shared bathroom

Meals **Breakfast and Traditional Dinner** 

**Included Highlight** Maputo City Highlights

# Ponta do Ouro

Just north of Mozambique's border with South Africa, the town of Ponta do Ouro, meaning 'Point of Gold', lies on the country's remote south-eastern coast. This holiday destination serves as a stop on many overland itineraries and is host to some of the most beautiful coastline in Africa. The colonial-era town of Ponta do Ouro is a seaside playground for tourists boasting beachfront resorts, seafood restaurants, and offering an array of outdoor adventure activities. The main attraction is undoubtedly the world-class scuba diving and snorkelling. Explore the thriving underwater world teeming with aquatic life, shop at the local craft market or take in the magnificent views from barefoot bars with a cold Mozambican beer in hand. Other popular activities include: deep sea fishing, surfing, quad biking, and jet skiing

#### **DAY 5: PONTO DO OURO**

Another spectacular day in Ponta. Take in the scenery and enjoy the many activities that are available. Your guide will assist you to make arrangements. For the less adventurers there are amazing local markets and kilometres of unspoilt beaches waiting to be explored. You can also hire a quad bike to explore some villages a little further away.

Accommodation Comfort Option - Kaya Kweru / Budget Option - Paraiso (or Similar)

**Facilities** Comfort: Room with en-suite bathroom

Budget: Room with shared bathroom

Meals

**Optional Activities** Ocean safari, Swimming with Dolphins, Scuba Diving, Snorkelling, Deep Sea Fishing, Quad Biking





#### **DAY 6: PONTO DO OURO**

Another beautiful day in paradise. Here is a day to relax, take in the stunning scenery or enjoy scuba, snorkeling, deep sea fishing or swimming with the dolphins or just reading a book on the beach.

Once again, we can marvel in some sundowners on the deck of a local restaurant and delight in the seafood feast.

Accommodation Comfort Option – Kaya Kweru / Budget Option - Paraiso (or Similar)

Facilities Comfort: Room with en-suite bathroom

Budget: Room with shared bathroom

Meals Breakfast

Optional Activities Ocean safari, Swimming with Dolphins, Scuba Diving, Snorkelling, Deep Sea Fishing, Quad Biking

### DAY 7: MOZAMBIQUE - HLANE ROYAL NATIONAL PARK

After enjoying breakfast we say goodbye to the picturesque beaches of Southern Mozambique and make our way to the Kingdom of Eswatini (Swaziland).

Keep your passports handy today for a border control point where a warm smile awaits us.

We arrive at Hlane Royal National Park in time for lunch.

This afternoon you have the option of booking a sunset game drive. This is a 2.5-hour sunset safari, which includes a complimentary drink. Hlane is home to four of the big five animals, with the buffalo being the only exception.

Please take note that Hlane has no electricity. Lighting is provided by paraffin lanterns and candles, and hot water showers are powered by gas.

**Accommodation** Ndlovu camp – Wisteria Village – no website

Facilities Comfort: Chalet (Rondavel Hut) with en-suite bathroom

Budget: Chalet (Rondavel Hut) with en-suite bathroom

Meals Breakfast

Optional Activities 2,5 Hour Sunset Safari Game Drive

# **DAY 8: HLANE - MLILWANE WILDLIFE SANCTUARY**

This morning we will go on a truly unique experience - the very popular rhino drive, which is a short 1,5-hour drive focusing on white rhinoceros. The highlight of this drive is the potential opportunity of alighting the vehicle and quietly approaching them on foot. Not all rhinoceros's are approachable and guides have discretion. Due to the nature of this activity, minimum age is 13 years.

After breakfast we make our way the Swazi Candles Centre and Craft Market where you will be surrounded by talented crafters and artists and you can enjoy the bustling market and souvenir shops. The perfect opportunity to find a gift.

Next we visit the cultural village at Mantenga for an insight into the Swazi culture and traditions. We check into our rooms in the late afternoon.

**Accommodation** Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary or Similar

**Facilities** Comfort: Room/Beehive Huts with en-suite bathroom

**Budget:** Room/Beehive Huts with shared bathroom

Meals Breakfast

Included Highlight Sunrise Rhino Game Drive, Swazi Candles and Craft Market, Matenga Cultural Village

# **DAY 9: MLILWANE WILDLIFE SANCTUARY**

Today we explore the Mlilwane wildlife sanctuary. Filled with free roaming animals offering the opportunity to do walks, mountain biking or horseback safaris. Endless hours of guided or self-guided exploration within the small 4560 Ha sanctuary are possible due to the relative absence of dangerous game.





Mlilwane offers an array of activities and adventures in the picturesque Ezulwini Valley (Valley of Heaven), flanked by the dramatic backdrop of mountains and the huge Usuthu Forest stretching into the distance.

**Accommodation** Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary or Similar

Facilities Comfort: Room/Beehive Huts with en-suite bathroom

**Budget:** Room/Beehive Huts with shared bathroom

Meals Breakfast

Optional Activities Mountain Bike Trails, Horse Back trails, Village Walk, Nature Walk, Guided Bird Walk,

White Water Rafting, Sunrise safari

#### **DAY 10: MLILWANE WILDLIFE SANCTUARY - JOHANNESBURG**

Our morning starts with a visit to the Ngwenya Glass Factory Shop — a popular attraction for visitors. We then journey back to Johannesburg arriving in the late afternoon.

**Accommodation** Own Arrangements

Meals Breakfast

# **TOUR INFORMATION**

#### **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 and end point

**Johannesburg** 

### **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.

## **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.

# **Tour Style**

Small Group 2 - 10 people

#### Accommodation

This tour is available as a Budget or Comfort tour.

- 1) Comfort Option: Room with en-suite bathroom
- 2) Budget Option: Room with shared bathroom

Accommodation may be changed if bookings cannot be obtained at the providers indicated on itinerary. In this instance, accommodation booked will be of comparable quality.

# **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 ground transportation, services of experienced qualified driver/guide, included highlights, meals as specified on itinerary, entrance fees & accommodation per itinerary, activities as listed.





#### What's not included

Travel insurance, flights, items of a personal nature, drinks, snacks & optional activities as indicated, tipping.

# **Optional Activities**

There is a range of activities that you can choose to participate in that are not included as part of your tour or in the activity package. The pricing indicated in the table below can help you budget for your tour. Every traveller has different budgets and interests when travelling, as well as weather conditions that may also impact activities available on tour. For that reason, we have kept our itineraries flexible and let you decide on tour with the local experience and knowledge from your guide as to what extra activities you would like to partake in on tour.

- Optional activities are operated by lodges and/or trusted 3rd party operators
- Prices and times may change & subject to availability
- Minimum numbers & weather permitting apply on certain activities
- Optional activities are bookable with your guide on tour

Country	Area	Minimum number	Activity	Day: Time Summer/winter	Rate Guideline (Per Person)
Eswatini	Mlilwane	Na	Horse Riding per hour	Day 2, 3: Morning	ZAR 390
Eswatini	Mlilwane	Na	Mountain Biking per hour Guided	Day 2, 3: Morning	ZAR 215
Eswatini	Mlilwane	Na	Mountain Biking per hour Self-Guided	Day 2, 3: Morning	ZAR 155
Eswatini	Mlilwane	Min 2	Guided Game or Bird Walks (±2½ hours)	Day 2, 3: Morning	*From ZAR 270
Eswatini	Hlane	Min 2	Guided Game or Bird Walks (±2 hours)	Day 2, 3: Afternoon 15:00-17:00am	*From ZAR 270 – 540
Eswatini	Hlane	Min 2	Sunset game drive (±2½ hours)	Day 3: Afternoon 16:00-18:30pm	*From ZAR 455 - 910
Eswatini	Hlane	Min 2	Sunrise game drive (±2½ hours)	Day 4: Early Morning 05:00/06:00am	*From ZAR 455 – 910
Eswatini	Hlane	Min 2	Rhino drive (±1½ hours)	Day 4: Morning 06:00/06:30am	*From ZAR 435 - 870
Mozambique	Ponta do Ouro	na	Quad Bikes	Day 4, 5, 6	From ZAR 250-600
Mozambique	Ponta do Ouro	Min 6	Dolphin Swim x 1 (±2 hours)	Early Morning Day 5 or 6: 05:00am	*From ZAR 600
Mozambique	Ponta do Ouro	Min 6	Dolphin Tour Package 3 x times Dolphin Swim	Early Morning Day 5 or 6: 05:00am	*From ZAR 1500
Mozambique	Ponta do Ouro	Min 6	Snorkelling Trip Malongane Reef (±1.5 hours)	Early Morning Day 5 or 6: 05:00am	*From ZAR 480
Mozambique	Ponta do Ouro	Min 6	Snorkelling Trip Techobanine Reef (±3 hours)	Early Morning Day 5 or 6: 05:00am	*From ZAR 600
Mozambique	Ponta do Ouro	Min 6	Turtle Adventure (±1 hours)	Early Morning Day 5 or 6: 05:00am	*From ZAR 420
Mozambique	Ponta do Ouro	Min 6	Whale Watching: (July - October) ±2 hours	Early Morning Day 5 or 6: 05:00am	*From ZAR 800
Mozambique	Ponta do Ouro	Min 6	Try Dive / Discover Scuba	Early Morning Day 5 or 6: 05:00am	*From ZAR 1 800
Mozambique	Ponta do Ouro	Min 6	Single Dive Incl. Full Gear	Early Morning Day 5 or 6: 05:00am	*From ZAR 750
Mozambique	Ponta do Ouro	Min 6	5 Dives Incl. Full Gear	Early Morning Day 5 or 6: 05:00am	*From ZAR 3 300
Mozambique	Ponta do Ouro	Min 6	Deep Adventure Dive Incl. Full Gear	Early Morning Day 5 or 6: 05:00am	*From ZAR 1 900
Mozambique	Ponta do Ouro	Min 6	Shark Dive Incl. Full Gear	Early Morning Day 5 or 6: 05:00am	*From ZAR 950
South Africa	Southern Kruger Park	Min 4	Kruger Safari, Afternoon/Sunset (±3 hours)	Day 7: Afternoon 16:30 – 19:30pm	*From ZAR 500 – 2 000
South Africa	Southern Kruger Park	Min 4	Kruger Safari, Night Drive (±2 hours)	Day 8: Late Night 20:00 - 22:00pm	*From ZAR 500 – 2 000
South Africa	Southern Kruger Park	Min 4	Kruger Safari, Sunrise/Morning (±3 hours)	Day 9: Early Morning Summer 04:00am Winter 05:00am	*From ZAR 500 – 2 000
South Africa	Panorama Route	Na	Lift and Forest Experience	Day 10: Morning	ZAR 225
South Africa	Panorama Route	Na	Zipline (120m long across gorge)	Day 10: Morning	ZAR 250
South Africa	Panorama Route	Na	Big Swing (70m free fall)	Day10: Morning	ZAR 550
South Africa	Panorama Route	Na	Combo Big Swing & Zipline	Day 10: Morning	ZAR 650



#### **Countries Visited**

South Africa, Eswatini (Swaziland), Mozambique

#### Insurance

It is mandatory 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.

#### Meals

9 Breakfasts are included

1 Dinner is included

Meals not mentioned are for your own account. Your guide will take you to a restaurant or shop where you will be able to purchase something to eat.

#### **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.

#### General

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

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