

DURBAN TO JOHANNESBURG

(DURBAN / HLUHLUWE/SWAZILAND/KRUGER/JOHANNESBURG)
5 nights / 6 days

Tour Itinerary

DAY 1 – DURBAN TO ZULULAND (L&D)

Depart from Durban beachfront and city hotels and travel up the scenic North coast route towards Zululand. Visit Shakaland with visual explanations of the Zulu culture. Feel the pulsating rhythm of mysterious and magical Africa as you re-live the excitement and romance of the days of Shaka, King of the Zulus, in this authentic re-creation of the Great Kraal overlooking the Phobane Lake. Experience the sight of assegai-wielding warriors, share the fascinating secrets of the Sangomas and witness traditional customs such as tribal dancing, spear making and the beer-drinking ceremonies.



After lunch depart Shakaland travel to Bonamanzi Game Park - one of the largest private wildlife and birding parks in Zululand. With over 4000 hectares of pristine bush to explore, each day is different whether you are sighting rare African birds or tracking game. There is time do some bird watching and possibly see crocodile from a wonderfully relaxing viewing lounge built over the dam or for the more active we embark on an 1.5 hour bush walk. Dinner is taken at the Out of Africa style restaurant.

Accommodation	Bonamanzi Game Reserve
Distance	Durban to Bonamanzi via Shakaland: 340km

Day 2: ZULULAND TO SWAZILAND: (BLD)

This morning we have breakfast at the lodge before boarding our 4x4 open vehicles for a morning game drive in Hluhluwe Game Reserve. This reserve is internationally renowned for the work done to save the White and Black Rhino. The Big 5 Game Reserve has a large variety of game and birdlife coupled to an extremely rich diversity of tree and plant communities. A light picnic lunch is taken in the reserve or en-route.



Depart for the Kingdom of Swaziland and check in at The Foresters Arms Hotel. The hotel dates from colonial times and is a place of great character and charm. It is situated on its own estate in the mountains, a short distance from the capital of Mbabane.

Dinner at the lodge and overnight.

Accommodation	Foresters Arms - Swaziland
Distance	Zululand to Swaziland 4hrs / 250km

DAY 3: SWAZILAND TO KRUGER NATIONAL PARK (BLD)

After breakfast we drive through Mbabane, the capital of Swaziland to the Ngwenya glass factory. Take in the magnificent scenery of the Swazi highlands en-route to the border post. We also visit the Swazi Candle factory for a tour around the factory and a demonstration of how to make candles. As an optional extra, guests would be able to make their own candle and costs would vary depending on the size.

We enter the Park at Malelane Gate and there is time to freshen up before dinner which is taken at the camp restaurant.

After dinner board your open vehicles for a night drive in search of nocturnal animals.



Accommodation	Kruger Park Camp Rondavels
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Distance	Swaziland to Kruger Park – 200km
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DAY 4 – KRUGER NATIONAL PARK (BL)

After an early breakfast we board the open vehicles for a full day game drive in the world famous Kruger National Park. More than 2 million hectares in extent - we have excellent game viewing opportunities with a good chance of encountering the 'big five' as well as a wide variety of mammal, bird and insect species. Dress warmly and take hats and sun creams for later on in the morning.

Around lunch we stop for a picnic affair at one of the venues where it is safe to leave the vehicles.

In the afternoon we board the vehicles again and spend the rest of the day game viewing and searching for that elusive leopard perhaps!

Return to your camp and freshen up for dinner where you can discuss the sightings of the day. Dinner is for your own account.



Distance	Kruger Park Camp - Rondavels
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Distance	Kruger National Park – 60km (Distance varies depending on game viewing)
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DAY 5: KRUGER – LOW VELD AND PANORAMA ROUTE (B&D)

Board your open 4x4 vehicles for an early morning game drive before returning to the camp for breakfast. We travel out of the park and along the famous Panorama route, visiting The Pinnacle, God's Window and the Bourke's Luck Potholes, all which offer spectacular views of the escarpment. Lunch is taken in Graskop or surrounding area and is for your own account.

We arrive at our overnight accommodation in the late afternoon. Dinner is included and taken at the lodge.



Accommodation	Misty Mountain Lodge
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Distance	Kruger to Misty Mountain Lodge via panoramic route 200km
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DAY 6: HIGHVELD & PRETORIA TO JOHANNESBURG (B)

After a leisurely breakfast at the lodge travel via the Long Tom Pass which is 57 km long with a summit of 2149 metres. The origin of the pass goes back to 1871 when a wagon track was built to connect Lydenberg with Lourenco Marques (Maputo). In September 1900 the British recaptured Lydenberg during the Anglo-Boer war. The Boers used a 15cm cannon to shell the British and the gun was nicknamed 'Long Tom' by the British troops – a name which, has survived to this day.



We proceed through Dullstroom, Belfast and Witbank to Pretoria where places of interest include the Union Buildings, Church Square and the Voortrekker Monument.

A light lunch is taken en-route and is for your own account.

In the late afternoon you will be dropped off at OR Tambo International Airport or Sandton hotel at +- 17h00.

Distance	Misty Mountain to Johannesburg via Pretoria – 330km
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Passenger Information:

Tour Code	POSDURJNB
Duration	5 nights / 6 days
Depart	Durban beachfront and city hotels at 08h30
Vehicle	Air-conditioned vehicle to suite group size
Minimum	5
Price	R16 195.00
Single	R 17 820.00
Included	Registered Guide, transportation as per itinerary, accommodation and meals as stated in the itinerary, sightseeing as per itinerary and conservation levies
Excluded	Gratuities, all beverages, laundry and items of a personal nature, Meals not included in the itinerary and optional extra activities. Passports are essential to enter Swaziland and some passport holders may require a visa.
Meals	5 x Breakfasts, 4 x Lunches, 4 x Dinners
Accommodation	Bonamanzi, Foresters Arms, Kruger Park Camp & Misty Mountain or similar should the accommodation need to be amended
Comments	Kruger National Park is a malaria area – Please consult with your GP
Activity Level	Medium
Date Post Tour	08 – 13 August 2014