

# UIA 2014 PRE & POST ZULULAND TOUR

Depart from Durban to see a spectacular array of wildlife in the game reserves and parks of Zululand – hopefully see the big five and more. This tour explores the best of Zululand including guided bush walks, the Hluhluwe/Umfolozi Park (oldest game reserve in South Africa - famous for the role it played in the conservation of the Rhino), a boat trip on the St. Lucia estuary and a visit to a Zulu cultural village for unique insights into the traditional Zulu lifestyle.

#### Day 1 08h30

# **DURBAN TO ZULULAND (Lunch & Dinner)**

The tour departs from Durban City and beachfront hotels at 08h30.

Head towards Eshowe and into the Umhlatuzi Valley. Visit the great kraal of Senzangakhona as seen in the internationally acclaimed television series "Shaka Zulu". Experience the traditional Zulu life and demonstrations on etiquette, the social system and traditional dancing. Enjoy the Zulu beer and a festive traditional lunch. Depart Shakaland and in the afternoon arrive at 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 before sundowners and dinner are taken at the Out of Africa style restaurant.

Overnight: Bonamanzi Game Lodge or similar

Distance

Durban to Bonamanzi via Shakaland: 340km

# Day 2

## **ZULULAND** (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)



An early breakfast (or packed breakfast) at the lodge, followed by a half day open vehicle game drive into the nearby Hluhluwe Umfolozi Park. This reserve is internationally renowned for the work done to save the White and Black Rhino. It currently boasts the largest rhino population in Africa. The Park has a large variety of game and birdlife coupled to an extremely rich diversity of tree and plant communities.

A picnic lunch is included and taken in the reserve. Afternoon activities include a visit to the Illala Weavers craft shop (which stocks a rich diversity of traditional Zulu beadwork and woven baskets). Another stop would be the unique Sand Forest ecosystem bordering the Western Shores of False Bay where there is a chance to take a guided walk through the forest or alternatively we will do a bush walk at Bonamanzi.

Dinner is taken at the lodge restaurant. Alternatively if the lodge group is large enough a bush braai (barbeque) will be arranged. This will be taken under the stars at the water's edge with the sounds of nocturnal animals all around. (Weather dependent).

Overnight: Bonamanzi Game Park or similar

Distance

±60km

#### Day 3

### **Depart for Durban (Breakfast & Lunch)**



Early morning game drive in Bonamanzi followed by breakfast at the lodge. Check out and travel via Mtubatuba to the town of St Lucia, the gateway to the recently declared St Lucia World Heritage Site - an area of inspiring natural beauty. This 60 km long estuary lies parallel to the sea and is flanked by mangrove swamps, dune forests, woodland and open grasslands. The area is rich with hippos, crocodiles and birdlife. A boat ride up the estuary provides a wonderful window into this complex and fascinating system.

A light lunch will be taken in the town of St Lucia.

Travel back to Durban where the tour ends at +- 16h30.

Distance

Hluhluwe via St Lucia to Durban +- 370km

# Passenger Information

Tour Code	UIA 2014 PREHLU / POSHLU
Duration	3 days / 2 nights
Depart	07h30 from Durban central hotels
Vehicle	Air-conditioned vehicle
Included	Registered Guide, transportation as per itinerary, accommodation, meals, entrance fees and sightseeing as specified.
Excluded	Gratuities, beverages, laundry and items of a personal nature.
Minimum Numbers	5

Price per person sharing	R7 490
Price Single	R8 075
Meals	2 x Breakfast, 3 x Lunch, 2 x Dinner
Accommodation	Bonamanzi Game Lodge or similar
Comments	This tour will cover some of the most beautiful scenery and wildlife in the area north of Durban.
	Low Risk malaria area, precautions are recommended – Please consult with your GP
Activity Level	Moderate.
Date Pre Tour	31 July – 02 August 2014
Date Post Tour	08 – 10 August 2014