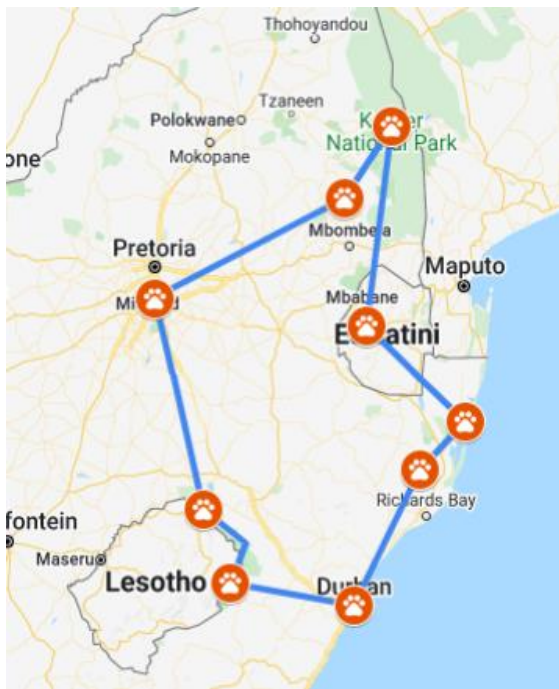




10 Day Kruger, Eswatini (Swaziland) and Drakensberg Tour



INTRODUCTION

Join us on a remarkable 10-day adventure through Kruger Park, Eswatini, and the Drakensberg. Starting and ending in the Johannesburg/Pretoria area, our flexible small-group tour offers an unforgettable taste of Africa's stunning landscapes, rich cultures, diverse wildlife, and fascinating history. Explore the breath-taking Panorama Route and iconic Blyde River Canyon. Experience thrilling safaris in Kruger National Park and discover the treasures of the Kingdom of Eswatini. We visit UNESCO World Heritage sites, including St Lucia Wetland Park and the majestic Drakensberg Mountains.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Panoramic Route
- Kruger National Park
- Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary
- Swaziland Local Glass & Candle Factory
- Cultural Village Visit
- St. Lucia / Isimangaliso Wetlands
- St. Lucia Boat Ride
- Sani Pass (optional)
- Southern & Northern Drakensberg



TOUR ITINERARY

10 Days | South Africa, Eswatini (Swaziland), Lesotho (optional day excursion)

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: SOUTH AFRICA – 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 travelling towards the Panorama route.

The highlight of this afternoon is the spectacular views from God's Window and Bourke's Luck 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.

Accommodation	Comfort: Blyde River Forever Resort or Similar Budget: Blyde River Forever Resort or Similar
Facilities	Comfort: Room with en-suite bathroom Budget: Room with shared bathroom
Route	Johannesburg to Blyde River Canyon Area
Meals	Dinner
Included Highlights	Blyde River Canyon, 3 Rondavels, Bourke's Luck Potholes, God's Window.

DAY 2: BLYDE RIVER CANYON – HAZYVIEW

Witness the breathtaking sunrise over the canyon as you start your day, setting the tone for an unforgettable experience. Explore the diverse range of hiking trails available, tailored to cater to different fitness levels and time constraints. You can opt for a relaxed stroll down the canyon to see the Tufa waterfall in just 30 minutes or embark on a more challenging hike that lasts anywhere between 2 to 5 hours. For an added optional adventure, venture to the Graskop gorge lift Company, where a thrilling viewing lift awaits. Descend 51 meters down the gorge's face, immersing yourself in the enchanting indigenous forest below. Traverse along wooden walkways and suspension bridges, following a 600-meter trail that reveals the captivating wonders of the natural world.

After an exhilarating morning, we enter the captivating Lowveld region, home to the world-renowned Kruger National Park. Arrive in the charming town of Hazyview, your base for the next two nights.

This afternoon you have an option to embark on an optional 3-hour afternoon/sunset safari in the Kruger Park. Boarding an open safari vehicle. ***Booking is essential and your guide can assist.**

Accommodation	Comfort: Numbi Hotel / Hippo Hollow Country Lodge or Similar Budget: Aan de Vliet / Kruger Adventure Lodge or Similar
Facilities	Comfort: Room with en-suite bathroom Budget: Room with shared bathroom
Route	Graskop to Hazyview
Meals	Breakfast
Optional Activities	Morning Activities at Graskop Gorge Lift, Sunset Game Drive with Kruger Park Ranger

DAY 3: KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

Rising early this morning, we enter Kruger National Park by gate opening times. A breakfast pack will be provided to take with. Don't forget to pack your sun screen and safari essentials (camera, binoculars etc).

Today we will enjoy a full day of game viewing. We make use of a 9-seater open vehicle which is perfectly designed to give you a real bird's eye view of the wildlife you will encounter on your safari. Stopping throughout the day at various waterholes, viewpoints and a stop at one of the rest camps for lunch.



Kruger Park is South Africa's largest game reserve and is truly the flagship of the South African National Parks, Kruger is home to an impressive number of species.

We return late in the afternoon to your lodge where you can enjoy leisure time before dinner.

Accommodation	Comfort: Numbi Hotel / Hippo Hollow Country Lodge or Similar Budget: Aan de Vliet / Kruger Adventure Lodge or Similar
Facilities	Comfort: Room with en-suite bathroom Budget: Room with shared bathroom
Meals	Packed Breakfast
Included Highlight	Full day game drive in 4x4 open vehicles.

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: HAZYVIEW TO KINGDOM OF ESWATINI (SWAZILAND)

For those seeking an extra game viewing experience, there is an optional early morning safari available (Summer 04:30/Winter 05:00). This allows you to witness the incredible wildlife one last time before we make our way to the border of Eswatini. Those who opt for this safari will have an early rise, returning to the lodge in time for breakfast. Meanwhile, for those who prefer a more leisurely morning, you can enjoy a well-deserved lie-in.

Our destination for today is the Ezulwini Valley just south of the capital Mbabane. The route this morning winds through mountains and forests before arriving at Eswatini border. You can visit the Ngwenya Glass Factory Shop before heading to a Swazi Cultural Village for an insight into the Swazi Culture and Traditions. Arriving at the lodge in the late afternoon.

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	Comfort: Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary / Mantenga or Similar Budget: Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary or Similar
Facilities	Comfort: Room with en-suite bathroom Budget: Room with shared bathroom
Route	Kruger Park Area to Eswatini
Meals	Breakfast
Included Highlight	Swazi Cultural Village Experience
Optional Activities	Morning Kruger Open Vehicle Park Safari, Ngwenya Glass Factory and Shop

Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary

Set in what is arguably Swaziland's most spectacularly beautiful region – the aptly named 'Valley of Heaven' – Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary is a natural wonderland of grassy plains, granitic mountains, cascading waterfalls and abundant wildlife. The southern section can be explored on foot, mountain bike, horseback or in vehicles, while access to the more remote northern half is restricted to guided hiking groups. Located relatively close to the reserve are the towns of Malkerns and Ezulwini, famous for their many craft shops and other attractions. Visitors can also look forward to staying in traditional beehive-shaped huts and enjoying a breakfast overlooking hippo and crocodiles wading in the water and resting on the banks.

DAY 5: MLILWANE TO HLANE ROYAL NATIONAL PARK

This morning you have some time to explore the Mlilwane wildlife sanctuary on your own. Filled with free roaming animals and offers the opportunity to do some walking, mountain biking or horseback safaris.



Endless hours of guided or self-guided exploration within the small 4560 Hectare sanctuary are possible due to the relative absence of dangerous game.

Departing Mlilwane after the morning's optional activities, we head to Swazi Candles Centre and Craft Market. You will be surrounded by talented crafters, artists and artisans as well as a bustling markets and souvenir shops. Perfect opportunity to find a gift.

Tonight, we stay at Hlane Royal National Park, with an exciting species lists including impressive ancient hardwood habitats, big game and rich birdlife. This 22,000-ha park, still boasts the largest herds of game in the Kingdom with speciality species being lion, rhino, elephants, vultures and marabou stork.

Guided game drives and bush walks can be arranged or you can simply relax at camp overlooking the waterhole with resident hippos and frequently visited by Rhinos and other game. ***Booking is essential, and your guide can assist.**

Accommodation	Comfort: Ndlovu Camp – Wisteria Village or Similar Budget: Ndlovu Camp – Wisteria Village or Similar
Facilities	Comfort: Room with en-suite bathroom Budget: Room with shared bathroom
Route	Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary to Hlane Royal NP
Meals	Breakfast
Included Highlights	Swazi Candle Factory and Craft Market
Optional Activities	Mountain Bike Trails, Horse Back trails, Village Walk, Nature Walk, Guided Birding Walk, White Water Rafting, Sunrise Safari

DAY 6: HLANE – ST. LUCIA

This morning you can join a truly unique experience - the ever-popular Rhino drive (optional activity), which is a 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 13 years.

After breakfast we leave this amazing country behind us and 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.*

Accommodation	Comfort: Lidiko Lodge / Forest Lodge & Villas or Similar Budget: The Estuary Guest chalets / Shonalanga Lodge or Similar
Facilities	Comfort: Room with en-suite bathroom Budget: Room with shared bathroom
Route	Hlane to St. Lucia
Meals	Breakfast
Included Highlight	Rhino Game Drive, St. Lucia. Isimangaliso Wetland Park Croc & Hippo Boat Cruise

DAY 7: ST. LUCIA – SOUTHERN DRakensBERG

Morning optional activities will determine our departure time. Today involves a driving day to the UNESCO world heritage site of the majestic uKhahlamba Drakensberg Mountains. Whether you go by the Zulu name uKhahlamba,



meaning 'barrier of spears', or the Afrikaans name Drakensberg, meaning 'dragon mountains', these towering mountains will be our backdrop for the next two nights.

For those on the 7 Day we depart ways at King Shaka International Airport or in Durban area.

The area is renowned for its spectacular natural landscape, importance for many threatened and endemic species, and for its wealth of rock paintings made by the San people over a period of 4,000 years.

Arriving in the town of Underberg in the late afternoon. The world-renowned Southern Drakensberg is home of the Sani Pass, we will overnight at the foot of the Southern Drakensberg. ***Booking is essential and your guide can assist.**

Accommodation	Comfort: Underberg Area Budget: Underberg Area
Facilities	Comfort: Room with en-suite bathroom Budget: Room with shared bathroom
Route	St. Lucia to Underberg
Meals	Breakfast
Optional Activities	Morning / Half Day Hluhluwe Umfolozi or Isimangaliso Game Drive, Whale Watching (seasonal)

DAY 8: SOUTHERN DRAKENSBERG

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

- **Sani Pass 4 x 4 excursion**, up the Sani Mountain Pass into the Kingdom of Lesotho (**Border Crossing**)
The Sani Pass tour snakes up the mountain pass and gives you the opportunity to experience an adventure of a life time. The tour starts in the small town of Underberg (09:00) in South Africa and crosses into the mountain Kingdom of Lesotho, visiting a functional Basotho village to learn more about these humble people. Lunch is enjoyed at Africa's highest pub before making your way back down the Sani Pass arriving back in Underberg. (16:00). The Sani Pass Tour includes a border crossing, passport and covid vaccination certificate is required. Takes approx. 2.5 hours to reach the summit, stopping for breath taking views along the Sani Mountain Pass.
- **Hiking** opportunities in the Southern Drakensberg (Rock art hikes available)
- **Birding Tours**
- **Horse Riding**
- **The Himeville Fort and Museum** one of the best rural museums in the country. Offers wide range of exhibitions and artifacts. From fossils and stone age implements to comprehensive displays on Rock Art of the Bushmen and also the early white settlers, the museum has permanent exhibitions featuring traditional African beadwork and other artifacts.

***Booking is essential and your guide can assist.**

Accommodation	Comfort: Underberg Area Budget: Underberg Area
Facilities	Comfort: Room with en-suite bathroom Budget: Room with shared bathroom
Meals	Breakfast
Optional Activities	Sani Pass Excursion, Horse Riding, Birding, Hiking

DAY 9: SOUTHERN DRAKENSBERG – NORTHERN DRAKENSBERG

After breakfast and optional morning activities we depart for the Bergville area in the Northern Drakensberg. The most famous feature of the Northern Drakensberg is the Amphitheatre.

Where the Drakensberg Mountains rise vertically for nearly 1000m (3280 feet) with a width of 5km (3.1 miles). Found within the Royal Natal National Park which has many self- guided hiking trails and is home to one of the world's tallest waterfalls.



Accommodation	Comfort: Northern Drakensberg Area Budget: Northern Drakensberg Area
Facilities	Comfort: Room with en-suite bathroom Budget: Room with shared bathroom
Route	Underberg to Northern Drakensberg
Meals	Breakfast

DAY 10: DRAKENSBERG - JOHANNESBURG

This morning after breakfast you can partake in optional activities before heading back to Johannesburg. Various self-guided hikes are offered in the Royal Natal National Park.

While we encourage everyone to make the most of the morning in the mountains, we may offer separate options depending on the activity level of the group. With a number of trails available we can ensure that we cater to every need, the most important aim is to ensure everyone enjoys this mountain paradise at their own pace. Arriving back in Johannesburg in the afternoon.

Meals	Breakfast
Route	Drakensberg to Johannesburg
Optional Activities	Self-Guided Hiking Trails

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 point

Pick-up is at your chosen accommodation within Johannesburg

Tour ending point

Drop off is at your chosen accommodation within 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.

Tour Style

Small Group (2 – 10 passengers)

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



What's not included

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

Countries Visited

South Africa, Eswatini (Swaziland), Lesotho (optional day excursion)

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.

Insurance

It is highly advisable 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

Dinners (except day 1) and all Lunches are for your own account.

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.

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.

Please note:

- Optional activities are operated by lodges and/or trusted 3rd party operators
- Prices subject to 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)
South Africa	Panorama Route	Na	Lift and Forest Experience	Day 2: Morning	ZAR 225
South Africa	Panorama Route	Na	Zipline (120m long across gorge)	Day 2: Morning	ZAR 250
South Africa	Panorama Route	Na	Big Swing (70m free fall)	Day 2: Morning	ZAR 550
South Africa	Panorama Route	Na	Combo Big Swing & Zipline	Day 2: Morning	ZAR 650
South Africa	Southern Kruger Park	Min 4	Kruger Safari, Afternoon/Sunset (±3 hours)	Day 2 or 3: Afternoon 16:30 – 19:30pm	*From ZAR 500 – 2 000
South Africa	Southern Kruger Park	Min 4	Kruger Safari, Sunrise/Morning (±3 hours)	Day 4: Early Morning Summer 04:00am Winter 05:00am	*From ZAR 500 – 2 000
South Africa	Southern Kruger Park	Min 4	Kruger Safari, Night Drive (±2 hours)	Day 2 or 3: Late Night 20:00 - 22:00pm	*From ZAR 500 – 2 000
Eswatini	Mlilwane	Na	Horse Riding per hour	Day 5: Morning	ZAR 390
Eswatini	Mlilwane	Na	Mountain Biking per hour Guided	Day 5: Morning	ZAR 215
Eswatini	Mlilwane	Na	Mountain Biking per hour Self-Guided	Day 5: Morning	ZAR 155
Eswatini	Mlilwane	Min 2	Guided Game or Bird Walks (±2½ hours)	Day 5: Morning	*From ZAR 270
Eswatini	Hlane	Min 2	Guided Game or Bird Walks (±2 hours)	Day 5: Afternoon 15:00-17:00am	*From ZAR 270 – 540
Eswatini	Hlane	Min 2	Sunset game drive (±2½ hours)	Day 5: Afternoon 16:00-18:30pm	*From ZAR 455 - 910
Eswatini	Hlane	Min 2	Sunrise game drive (±2½ hours)	Day 6: Early Morning 05:00/06:00am	*From ZAR 455 – 910
Eswatini	Hlane	Min 2	Rhino drive (±1½ hours)	Day 6: Morning 06:00/06:30am	*From ZAR 435 - 870
South Africa	St Lucia - Eastern Shores Isimangaliso wetland park	Min 2	Night Drive Eastern Shores (±3 hours)	Day 6: Late Night 19:00 or 20:00	*From ZAR 600
South Africa	St. Lucia - Hluhluwe Umfolozi Park	Min 2	Half-day Game Drive in Hluhluwe (±6 hours)	Day 7: Early Morning 05:00 – 12:00pm	*From ZAR 1250
South Africa	St Lucia - Eastern Shores Isimangaliso wetland park	Min 2	Sunrise/Sunset Eastern Shores (±3 hours)	Day 7: Morning 05:00am	*From ZAR 600
South Africa	St Lucia	Min 2	Whale and Dolphin Watching (Seasonal June-November, weather dependent)	Day 7: Morning	on request only
South Africa	Southern Drakensberg	Min 2	Sani Pass 4x4 Excursion ±7 hours, Border Crossing	Day 8: Full day	*From ZAR 925
South Africa	Southern Drakensberg	Min 2	Hiking to San Rock Art with Guide (6-8 hours)	Day 8: Full day	*From ZAR 950
South Africa	Southern Drakensberg	Min 2	Drakensberg Horse Rides 1, 2 and 3 hours Full Day and Sunset Rides	Day 8: Varying	*From ZAR 290
South Africa	Southern Drakensberg	Min 2	Extended Sani Pass and Lesotho Tour ±10 hours	Day 8: Full day	*From ZAR 1 500
South Africa	Southern Drakensberg	Min 2	Sani Pass Birding Tour ±11 hours	Day 8: Full day	*From ZAR 1 150
South Africa	Southern Drakensberg	Na	Himeville Fort and Museum self-guided	Day 8: Open 09:00-15:00	(Donations accepted)
South Africa	Royal Natal National Park	Na	Various self-guided hikes	Day 10 Morning	Entry Fee ZAR 70
South Africa	Royal Natal National Park	Na	Hike to San Rock Art Site ±1 hours	Day 10 Morning	ZAR 50



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