

## Wildlife and Warriors

This seven night small group tour departs weekly on Mondays from Johannesburg or Durban. This is a fantastic introduction to some of the most interesting areas of South Africa. Highlights include the Panorama Route, safari in Kruger National Park and Hluhluwe-Umfolozi Game Reserve, travel in Swaziland and Zululand, and visit UNESCO's World Heritage Site – iSimangaliso Wetland Park. Conclude your trip at Durban's beaches and fascinating Indian market.

### Itinerary

#### Day 1 - Monday

Depart Johannesburg and travel to the 'Land of the Rising Sun – Mpumalanga – via the magnificent Panorama Route. The most spectacular stretch of the Panorama Route is the Blyde River Canyon. From many well-positioned vantage points one has a view of the 33km long gorge, which starts at "Bourke's Luck Potholes" and ends at the "Three Rondavels". Time and weather permitting, stop at God's Window and the Mac Mac Falls. Late afternoon arrival at your hotel, check in and freshen up before dinner. Overnight Perry's Bridge Hollow (std room) or similar (D).



#### Day 2 – Tuesday



Early this morning you will depart on an open vehicle safari through the Kruger National Park. The world-renowned Kruger National Park offers a wildlife experience that ranks with the best in Africa. At nearly 2 million hectares, the reserve is the flagship of South African National Parks and is home to an impressive number of flora and fauna. Return to your hotel in the afternoon and spend the remainder of the day at leisure. You will have the option to return to the Kruger National Park to absorb the tranquil beauty of an evening safari (additional charge).

Dinner/overnight Perry's Bridge Hollow (standard room) or similar (BD).

#### Day 3 – Wednesday

After breakfast, travel to the Royal Kingdom of Swaziland. This tiny mountainous kingdom is filled with bygone African traditions and culture and offers beautiful scenery and attractions such as game reserves and art & craft outlets to name a few. Enjoy a showcase of the traditional Swazi culture followed by lunch at the Matsamo Cultural Village. Continue to the Ngwenya Glass Works to see master craftsmen create beautiful sculptures and artwork from molten glass. After spending some time at the Mbabane craft markets, arrive at your hotel located in the beautiful Ezulwini Valley.

Overnight Royal Swazi Sun (standard room) or similar (BL).



#### Day 4 – Thursday

Enjoy a morning visit to the Swazi Candle Factory where each candle is made and finished by hand using the age-old technique “millefiore”. No two are the same and the range boasts an astonishing array of patterns, shapes and designs. Continue via Big Bend into KwaZulu-Natal. Arrive at your hotel in the afternoon, in time to embark on an afternoon scenic drive up the Ubombo Mountains, offering views over Lake Jozini. At the summit and as the setting sun transforms the sky into a tapestry of colours, stop for sundowners. The drive will be combined with a visit to a local and authentic Zulu homestead for a glimpse into Zulu life in today’s world. Return to the hotel for dinner on the terrace (weather permitting) or in the classically styled restaurant. Overnight Ghost Mountain Inn (standard room) or similar (BD).



#### Day 5 – Friday



Your morning is at leisure today and you have the option of doing a morning safari if you wish (for your own account). This afternoon you will transfer to the Hluhluwe-Umfolozi Game Reserve for an afternoon of game viewing. The Hluhluwe-Umfolozi Game Reserve covers a combined area of 90,000ha and it was here that the white rhino was saved from extinction. Return to the hotel in the late afternoon. End the day with dinner at the hotel.

Overnight Ghost Mountain Inn (standard room) or similar (BD).

#### Day 6 – Saturday

Continue the journey along the Elephant Coast of KwaZulu-Natal to St Lucia, located at the southern extremity of the iSimangaliso Wetland Park – a World Heritage Site. Here you embark on an estuarine boat trip which provides an opportunity to view crocodiles, hippo and numerous bird species, including the elusive African Kingfisher Eagle, in their natural habitat. Continue to Durban, where east meets west; a city beneath which beats the pulse of Africa. Arrive during the afternoon at your hotel which is located on the Gold Mile – Durban’s distinctive beach front.

Overnight Southern Sun Elangeni (standard room) or similar (B).

#### Day 7 – Sunday

This morning you will embark on a brief Durban City Tour where you will discover the cultural and historical contrasts of the city. The tour ends with being dropped off at Durban International Airport or your hotel (B).



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The cost of this itinerary is from £1445 per person, based on twin share and is subject to availability at the time of booking.

**Includes:**

Accommodation and meals as per itinerary  
Activities as described  
National Park fees  
This tour departs with min 2, max 12 guests

**Excludes:**

International flights  
Pre and post tour accommodation  
Visas  
Travel Insurance  
Items of a personal nature



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