

Tour itinerary

Tour: Africa's Wildlife & the Zulu Kingdom **No of pax:** Min 6

Dates: 24/07/2008 – 03/08/2008 **Duration:** 10 Nights / 11 Days

Meals: (**B - Breakfast, L - Lunch, D - Dinner**)

* Accommodation is subject to availability, if the under mentioned accommodation is not available we shall endeavor to supply comparable facilities.

Day 1:

Morning arrival in South Africa, your guide will meet you upon arrival in Johannesburg at O R Tambo International Airport. Visit "The Cradle of Humankind - Sterkfontein Caves", a World Heritage Site- for a guided tour through the evolution of man. Time for lunch before continuing on to Muldersdrift, just outside Pretoria. Dinner at the Carnivore restaurant.

Accommodation: Misty Hills Hotel **** (D)

Day 2:

Travel via Middelburg and Lydenburg to the province of Mpumalanga and the "Panorama Route" of the majestic Drakensberg Mountains, admire the natural beauty of the Blyde River Canyon - third deepest canyon in the world, Bourke's Luck Potholes and God's Window. Overnight near Hazyview.

Accommodation: Protea Hotel Hazyview *** (B)

Day 3:

Early morning departure for the world-renowned Kruger National Park (KNP). The KNP is known to be the most diverse park in the world with 140 mammals, 119 reptiles, ± 506 bird, 55 amphibians and ± 1980 plant species. Dinner will be served as a traditional "potjie" cooked by your guide – good luck. Overnight in the park.

Accommodation: Lower Sabie Camp *** (B & D)

Day 4:

Another day to relax in the African bush and to continue with your search of the "Big 5" and a host of other animals. Dinner will be a traditional "braai" - barbeque prepared by your guide. Overnight in the KNP.

Accommodation: Lower Sabie Camp *** (B & D)

Optional activities: Enjoy a sunset or evening game drive in an open vehicle with a park ranger.

Day 5:

Today we travel through the mountain kingdom of Swaziland to Zululand. Overnight on a private game reserve situated near the small town of Hluhluwe. Dinner will be served at the camp's restaurant. Overnight at Bonamanzi.

Accommodation: Bonamanzi Lodge **** (B & D)

Day 6:

This morning you have an included option of joining the ranger on a game walk, the rest of the morning is at leisure. This afternoon we travel to the Hluhluwe / Umfolozi Game Reserve to enjoy an open vehicle safari, in by-gone years this reserve was the hunting grounds of Zulu Kings. Dinner at the camp's restaurant. Overnight on Bonamanzi.

Accommodation: Bonamanzi Lodge **** (B & D)

Day 7:

Take a cruise on the St Lucia estuary, a lake riddled with crocodiles and hippos in the Greater St Lucia Wetlands. Depart after the cruise to the beautiful Nkwalini Valley and Shakaland for lunch, check into hotel. Enjoy Zulu hospitality at its best with a traditional Zulu festival at Shakaland, dinner at the hotel.

Accommodation: Protea Hotel Shakaland **** (B & D)

Day 8:

Travel to Giants Castle in the Natal Drakensberg Mountains, also known as the "barrier of spears" via the historical city of Pietermaritzburg, stop for lunch at Howick waterfall. All meals are served at the lodge's restaurant. Overnight in the Natal Drakensberg Mountains.

Accommodation: Giants Castle Lodge **** (B)

Day 9:

A day at leisure in the beautiful Natal Drakensburg Mountains where Bushmen left their life stories in the form of paintings and drawings on the rocks and in the caves. Visit Giants Castle cave for a guided tour or take a walk along one of the numerous nature trails in this park. Overnight in the Natal Drakensburg Mountains.

Accommodation: Giants Castle Lodge **** (B)

Day 10:

Travel the Oliviershoek Pass to the village of Clarens and the Golden Gate Highlands National Park. Spend the afternoon relaxing at the hotel or take a walk along one of the numerous nature trails in the park.

Accommodation: Brandwag Hotel *** (B & D)

Optional activities: Horse riding or game drives are available.

Day 11:

Drive back to Johannesburg the commercial hub of South Africa. Township tour of Soweto, visit the very moving Hector Pieterse Museum and Nelson Mandela's House - reflect on the "Apartheid" era of South Africa's history. Last minute shopping before your departure.

Accommodation: - (B)

OR

Recommended – Cape Town Add-on Tour:

Travel to Johannesburg, catch your flight to Cape Town. Your guide will meet you on arrival in Cape Town to transfer you to your hotel. Dinner will be served at a restaurant on the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront.

Accommodation: Brenwin Guest House *** or President Hotel **** or Commodore Hotel ***** (D)

Day 12:

Take a scenic drive around the Cape of Good Hope. Visit Hout Bay and the Cape Fur Seal colony on Duiker Island, Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve, Cape Point and the Boulders – Penguins. Have lunch in Simonstown. Optional and weather permitting – we take the cableway up Table Mountain. Evening at leisure. Overnight in Cape Town.

Accommodation: Brenwin Guest House *** or President Hotel **** or Commodore Hotel ***** (B & L)

Day 13:

A day to do what you please – shopping or just relax at the hotel or optional - visit Kirstenbosch National Botanical Gardens or you could visit Robben Island, the place where Mr. Nelson Mandela was imprisoned for 18 years. Overnight in Cape Town.

Accommodation: Brenwin Guest House *** or President Hotel **** or Commodore Hotel ***** (D)

Day 14:

Wine tasting and cellar tour at one of the wine estates along the Cape's world-renowned Stellenbosch Wine Route, also spend some time in the picturesque towns of Stellenbosch and Franschhoek. Enjoy your farewell dinner at Vijff Vlieggen (Five Flies) Restaurant. Overnight in Cape Town.

Accommodation: Brenwin Guest House *** or President Hotel **** or Commodore Hotel ***** (D)

Day 15:

Morning at leisure. There will be time for last minute shopping and lunch at the V & A Waterfront, weather permitting an optional helicopter flip over the Cape Peninsula. Transfer to Cape Town International Airport for your flight home.

Accommodation: - (B)

AND / OR

Recommended – Victoria Falls Add-on Tour:

Day 1, 2 & 3:

Transfer to O R Tambo International Airport for you to catch your 2 hour flight to Livingstone in Zambia. Our agent will be at the airport to meet you and to transfer you to your hotel. Spend the next couple of days exploring and enjoying what this magnificent stretch of Africa has to offer. There are a

host of optional activities available (book at hotels), such as: full & half day cultural tours, tour to Victoria Falls - Zimbabwe, a visit to Livingstone Island, Zambezi River cruises, fishing, golf, horse riding, quad-biking, game safaris to Mosi-o-Tunya Park or Chobe National Park in Botswana, elephant back safaris, helicopter / micro light & Tiger Moth flights over the falls and if you are crazy enough - white water rafting or bungy jumping. Overnight on the bank of the mighty Zambezi River.

Accommodation: The Zambezi Sun **** or The Royal Livingstone ***** (B)

Day 4:

The morning at leisure, before your transfer to Livingstone Airport for your connecting flight back to Johannesburg for your flight home.

Accommodation: - (B)

Included: Accommodation, transport, guide, meals as indicated, conservation fees and all entrance fees as per itinerary.

Excluded: Air tickets, passport and visa fees, airport tax, insurance, phone calls, facsimiles, beverages, gratuities, items of a personal nature and excess baggage.