

14 Day Beach & Bush



Highlights

- * Zululand – game drives and cultural walks
- * Kosi Bay - lake excursion & walks
- * Swaziland - bush walk
- * Maputo – seafood meals
- * Inhambane – beaches, snorkelling, scuba diving
- * Kruger National Park - game drives

Includes

- * 13 nights guest house / casitas / chalet
- * Entrance fees
- * Transport in minibus or safari truck
- * Meals as per itinerary
- * Professional guide
- * Kosi Bay boat excursion

Wildlife and wetlands of Zululand, magnificent beaches, snorkelling, diving, fishing, sun, sea and sand.... a tropical paradise tour that includes a bush walk in Swaziland and game viewing in Kruger National Park!



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Day 1 - 2 **JOHANNESBURG to ZULULAND** [chalet / tented lodge Bx1 Lx2 Dx2]

(B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)

Departing from Johannesburg at 06:30am we travel into the heart of KwaZulu Natal where we will stay in the Mkuzi Game Reserve, a last safe haven for the endangered Black Rhino. We explore the reserve on game drives and visit a hide overlooking one of the waterholes to watch the game come down to drink.

- Includes:** Entrance fees to Mkuzi Game Reserve, morning & afternoon game drives
- Overnight:** Chalets - 2/3/4 twin share bedrooms in each chalet with 1 or 2 bathrooms shared. Swimming pool, restaurant & shop
- Distance/time:** 550kms, ± 7½ hours, excluding stops for sightseeing & breakfast
- Optional Activities** N/A

Day 3, 4, 5 **KOSI BAY** [chalets BLD]

Kosi Bay Nature Reserve covers a region of fertile estuaries, mangroves, dune forest and lakes, which we explore on foot and by kayak. Leatherback turtles lay eggs on the beaches in season (November - January). We'll visit the Kosi Bay river mouth to snorkel and watch the local fisherman in the estuary. A local guide will lead us on a walk in the neighbouring village where we meet local Zulu people and are introduced to their culture and customs.

- Includes:** Kayak excursion, snorkelling at Kosi Bay River Mouth (mask & snorkel can be hired from the lodge at a nominal fee), Zulu village visit
- Overnight:** Chalets – twin chalets with shared ablutions
- Distance/time:** 180kms, ± 2½ hours, excluding stops for sightseeing
- Optional Activities** Leatherback turtle excursion (only available November – January)

Day 6 **SWAZILAND** [chalet BLD]

Our camp in Hlane Game Reserve, Swaziland, is surrounded by beautiful African bushveld. We'll take a game drive (including a short walk) with a local ranger looking for rhino, elephant and fantastic bird life.

- Includes:** Entrance fees to Hlane Game Reserve, rhino encounter with local field ranger
- Overnight:** Chalets – 3 / 4 twin bedrooms, with 2 bathroom shared between rooms
- Distance / time:** 350 kms, ± 6 hours, excluding border formalities, excluding stops for sightseeing
- Optional Activities:** N/A



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Day 7 **MAPUTO** [guest house BL-]

We enter Mozambique at the Namaacha border post and travel to Maputo, formerly known as Lourenço Marques. Portuguese and African cultures meet in an exquisite blend of seafood and vibrant life. Sample the excellent seafood in a local restaurant (own expense).

- Includes:** N/A
- Overnight:** Hotel / guest house – 2 twin bedrooms, with 1 bathroom shared between 2 rooms
- Distance / time:** 120 kms, ± 1½ hours, excluding border formalities, excluding stops for sightseeing
- Optional Activities:** N/A

Day 8, 9, 10 **INHAMBANE** [casitas Bx3 Lx3 Dx2]

Arab influences are strong in Inhambane dating back to when slaves, ivory, gold and spices were traded. Explore Inhambane and its 200 year old cathedral, before moving to Praia de Barra to our casitas under the palms next to the beach. Dhow rides and scuba diving on coral reefs are available (own expense).

- Includes:** N/A
- Overnight:** Casitas – 2 twin bedrooms with 1 bathroom shared between 2 rooms
- Distance/time:** 500kms, ± 7 hours, excluding stops for sightseeing and lunch
- Optional Activities:** Scuba diving, ocean safari & sailing and many more

Day 11 **BILENE** [casitas BL-]

We turn south along the coast to the town of Bilene situated on the shores of the Uembje lagoon. The lagoon is 8km wide and 27km long with clear water and white, sandy beaches. We spend the afternoon exploring the lagoon with options of kayaking and snorkeling (own expense), and swimming in the shallow, calm waters.

- Includes:** N/A
- Overnight:** Casitas – twin rooms with en suit facilities
- Distance/time:** 355 kms, ± 5 hours, excluding stops for sightseeing and lunch
- Optional Activities:** Snorkelling, Sunset Cruise & Fishing (please note that these are subject to time availability)



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Day 12 - 13 **KRUGER NATIONAL PARK** [chalet BLD]

We enter Kruger National Park, South Africa, and visit big game country! Exciting game drives to spot lions, giraffe and the mighty elephant. Relaxing in the tranquil bush we experience a land forgotten by time, a true African wilderness.

- Includes:** Entrance fees to Kruger National Park, morning and afternoon game drives
Overnight: Chalets – twin chalets (or lodge tent) shared facilities, swimming pool, restaurant & bar
Distance/time: 350kms, ± 5½ hours, excluding border formalities & lunch stop (this is a long day!) + 3x 3 hour game drives
Optional Activities: Night game drive in National Parks open game viewing vehicle

Day 14 **JOHANNESBURG** [- B - -]

After an early morning game drive we return to Johannesburg in the evening, sun-tanned, laid-back and ready to rejoin life. Tour ends.

- Includes:** N/A
Overnight: N/A
Distance/time: 450kms, ± 6½ hours, excluding stops for lunch
Optional Activities: N/A

Please Note:

The distance and travel times quoted above are an estimate only, and subject to local road conditions.

