

GROUP ADVENTURES

Kruger, Swaziland & Lesotho Safari 14D/13N

Safari

14 Days / 3 Countries

South Africa, Lesotho & Eswatini
(Swaziland)

Departure city: Johannesburg, South Africa

End city: Port Elizabeth, South Africa

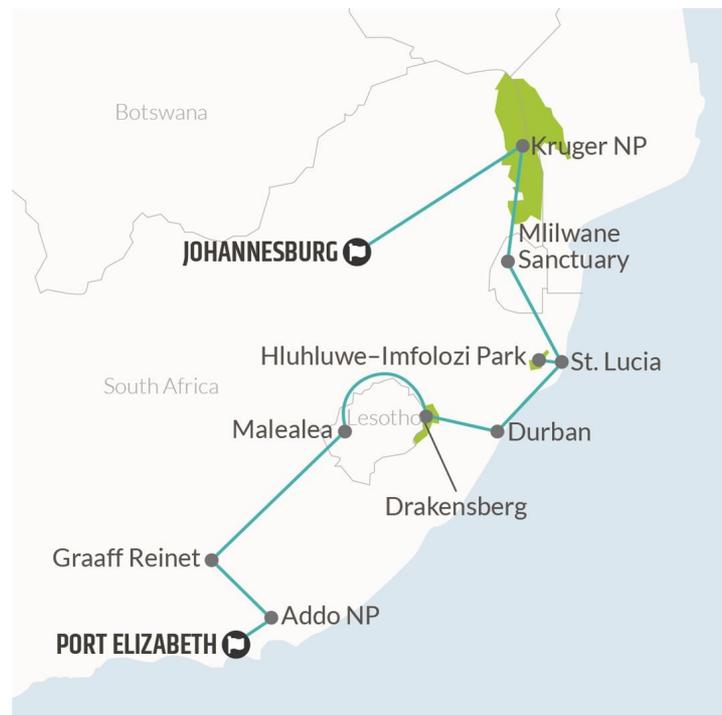


HIGHLIGHTS

- Go on wildlife drives at Kruger National Park and the Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Game Reserve
- Hike through the Drakensberg Mountains
- Swim and sunbathe on Durban's Golden Mile coastline

Immerse yourself in the natural wonders of southern Africa on this 14-day safari. View captivating sights of landscapes and wildlife on game drives and hikes.

MAP



What is included

Group Adventures

Group Adventures are designed to forget about all the travel logistics and let our guides take you to the best places with a group of like minded travelers

Accommodation: 13

- 13 Nights accommodation in tent camping or lodges, depending on package

Transport: 1

- Truck Truck transport between each location

Meals: 34

- 13 Breakfast(s), 9 Lunch(es), 12 Dinner(s),

Guides:

- Guides during all activities
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What is not included

- *Airport pick-up/drop-off
- *Other meals/drinks
- *Optional activities (and entrance/other fees associated with them)
- *Personal expenses
- *Tips
- *Visa fees
- *Travel insurance (MANDATORY)

*Prices for optional activities are subject to change at any time without prior notice. Please confirm these prices before departing on your trip.

Additional information

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- Please be sure to arrive 1 day before your tour is due to depart, and plan to travel to your next location 1 day after the tour ends.
- You must check and comply with visa requirements for your nationality and for the countries you are visiting.
- If you choose the camping option for this trip, you are required to bring your own sleeping bag, pillow, and towel. You will be provided with a sleeping mattress.
- Do not bring a suitcase. Instead bring a soft pack duffel bag and a small backpack that will fit inside your locker.
- We recommend that you have the following vaccinations for Africa: Hepatitis A (Havrax), Cholera, Yellow Fever, Tetanus Booster Shot, Rabies.
- Malaria prophylactics and bug spray are recommended for this route.
- Since the African sun is very strong, please use factor 30 sunscreen, wear a hat throughout the trip, and drink at least 2 litres of water per day to avoid dehydration. Temperatures on this route also can drop significantly during winter months.
- Please confirm with us in writing before your tour begins if you are a vegetarian or if you suffer from any allergies (i.e nuts, milk, fish). Where possible our guides try to accommodate clients with intolerances (i.e. gluten, lactose), however we cannot guarantee the availability of speciality foods en-route. You are recommended to bring these items with you or purchase them prior to departing on your tour. We unfortunately cannot cater for requests at the start of the tour.
- Prepare yourself for long hours in the truck, travelling between destinations. Bring board games, cards, or books to entertain yourself.

- Please ask your tour provider if your child is eligible to travel on this trip before booking.

Itinerary

Day 1: Johannesburg-Kruger National Park, South Africa

Johannesburg - Kruger National Park (D)

Day 1 begins with you, your fellow travellers, and the tour operator meeting at a guest lodge in Johannesburg. Once the adventure truck is packed up, you and your group will begin your journey along old trade routes to Kruger National Park, one of Africa's biggest game reserves. Overnight in Kruger National Park.

*Note: This afternoon you will have the option (subject to availability) to go on a drive to see the sunset, at your own expense. You must book this drive with your tour guide beforehand.

Day 2: Kruger National Park, South Africa

Kruger National Park Game Drive (B/D)

On Day 2, you will embark on an exciting, all-day drive to try and spot some of the abundant wildlife to which Kruger is home, including each of Africa's big five game animals: the lion, leopard, elephant, rhino, and cape buffalo. You might also choose to traverse through the park on 4x4 vehicles, which could give you a much more up close and personal experience with the area and its inhabitants. Overnight in Kruger National Park.

*Note: This afternoon you will have the option (subject to availability) to go on a drive to see the sunset, at your own expense. You must book this drive with your tour guide beforehand.

Day 3: Kruger National Park, South Africa

Kruger National Park - Panorama Route (B/L/D)

On Day 3, you will drive through the picturesque Panorama Route, a stretch of land that features stunning views of three natural wonders: God's Window, Bourke's Luck Potholes, and the Three Rondavels. Overnight in Kruger National Park.

Note: This morning, before heading to the Panorama Route, you will have the option (subject to availability) to go on a bush walk, at your own expense.

Day 4: Kruger National Park-Mililwane, South Africa

Kruger National Park - Mililwane Wildlife Sanctuary (B/L/D)

On Day 4, you will make the journey to Swaziland, specifically to Mililwane Wildlife Sanctuary. The drive through Kruger brings the exciting possibility of viewing more wildlife as you make your way south to Swaziland. Once you cross the border, your journey will be one amid mountains and forests. Overnight in Mililwane.

Day 5: Mililwane-St. Lucia, South Africa

Mililwane-St. Lucia (B/L/D)

Day 5 will begin with a morning hike through Mililwane Wildlife Sanctuary, which is Swaziland's oldest reserve. The rest of the afternoon will be open for you to enjoy as you please – you might choose to relax at the reserve or participate in optional activities such as going on a game drive, mountain biking, or perhaps visiting a traditional village. Later in the

afternoon, the journey will continue south into what was once known as Zululand, the area once ruled by King Shaka Zulu who united the Zulu clans. Later in the evening, after you've arrived at your accommodation, you will have the chance to learn more about Zulu culture, traditions, and history. Overnight in St. Lucia.

Note: All optional activities today in Mlilwane are at your own expense.

Day 6: St. Lucia, South Africa

Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Game Reserve (B/D)

On Day 6, you will start the day with a game drive throughout the Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Game Reserve, a park keen on conservation efforts and home to a rich stock of wildlife including Africa's Big 5 game animals. In particular, the reserve has helped with efforts to preserve the endangered rhinoceros. Thus, the white and black animals are frequently seen. After your game drive, you'll head back to your accommodation to rest before taking a leisurely boat cruise on St. Lucia estuary. Overnight in St Lucia.

Day 7: St. Lucia-Durban, South Africa

St. Lucia - Durban (B)

You will leave St. Lucia on Day 7 and drive to Durban, the busiest port in South Africa and home to the popular Golden Mile beachfront. Once you arrive at your accommodation, you'll have the rest of the afternoon to enjoy the warm waters and golden sand beaches along the Golden Mile, where surfers and sunbathers abound. Overnight in Durban.

Day 8: Durban-Drakensberg Mountains, South Africa

Durban - uKhahlamba-Drakensberg Park (B/L/D)

On Day 8, you will have the morning free to soak up your last bit of sun and sand before you and your group make your way to the Drakensberg Mountains. Your destination: uKhahlamba-Drakensberg Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site that extends across the length of the Kwazulu-Natal province. On the way to the park, you will make a stop at the scenic and beautiful Howick Falls – a 95-meter high waterfall – and also at the site where Nelson Mandela was captured by police in 1962. Overnight in Drakensberg Mountains.

Day 9: Drakensberg Mountains, South Africa

Drakensberg Mountains Hike (B/L/D)

Today is all about exploring the Drakensberg Mountains through hiking. Your local guide will choose a trail and pace that suits everyone in the group, and you will have the chance to see local art by San people throughout the hike. Separate hiking options may be offered depending on each person's abilities. Overnight in Drakensberg Mountains.

Day 10: Drakensberg Mountains-Malealea, South Africa

Drakensberg Mountains - Malealea (B/L/D)

Day 10 begins with a drive through the mountains to Malealea. On the way, you will have an opportunity to visit a restaurant that sometimes offers views of wild vultures. After eating, you will continue on the winding road through the cliffs at Golden Gate National Park, ultimately arriving in Malealea, a mountain village in Lesotho. Overnight in Malealea.

Day 11: Malealea, South Africa

Malealea - Basotho Village Visit (B/L/D)

Today, you will continue to hike through the mountains, this time ending at the mountain village of the Basotho people. The Basotho are known for their ponies that are accustomed to traversing through the mountainous terrain. They also are known for their unique blankets and hats. Overnight in Malealea.

Note: This afternoon you have the option to take a Basotho pony ride, at your own expense.

Day 12: Malealea-Graaff-Reinet, South Africa

Malealea - Graaff-Reinet (B/L/D)

On Day 12, you will descend from the mountains and begin your journey into the Great Karoo, a semi-desert region in rural South Africa. Your trip through the Great Karoo will take you through expansive dry landscapes and eventually over the Orange (Gariep) River, the longest river in South Africa. Finally, you will reach your accommodation in Graaff-Reinet, the country's fourth oldest town. This evening (if you visit during the summer months) you will go on a sunset excursion to the Valley of Desolation, which offers views of the historic Graaff-Reinet and the vast plains below. If you're here during winter months, this trip will instead be a sunrise excursion to the Valley of Desolation. Overnight in Graaff-Reinet.

Note: Today you will have the option to take a tour of Graaff-Reinet (if time permits), at your own expense.

Day 13: Graaff-Reinet-Addo, South Africa

Graaff-Reinet - Addo (B/L/D)

Today, you will travel from Graaff-Reinet to Addo to visit the Greater Addo Elephant National Park. Once you arrive, you'll go for an afternoon game drive in the park. Overnight in Addo.

Day 14: Addo - Port Elizabeth, South Africa

Addo-Port Elizabeth (B)

Your final day will begin with breakfast and a transfer to Port Elizabeth, where your 14-day adventure concludes. We wish you health and happiness on your travels!

