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TRIP DOSSIER: 8-Day Ultimate Safari Adventure Johannesburg to Durban Revised 23 November 2025

Experience the wild heart of South Africa on this 8-day journey of a lifetime! From breathtaking mountain vistas to iconic wildlife encounters, this safari takes you through some of the region's most spectacular destinations.

Begin in Johannesburg and journey to Graskop, the gateway to the stunning Panorama Route. Marvel at the majestic Blyde River Canyon, God's Window, and the Three Rondavels—perfect spots for unforgettable photos.

Next, immerse yourself in the legendary Southern Kruger National Park, where thrilling game drives put you face-to-face with the Big Five and countless other fascinating species in their natural habitat.

Cross into Hlane Royal National Park in Eswatini, a hidden gem teeming with elephants, rhinos, and pristine wilderness.

Discover the magic of this conservation haven on guided safari excursions.

Your adventure continues to the tropical paradise of St Lucia in iSimangaliso Wetland Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Cruise alongside hippos and crocodiles, explore vibrant birdlife, and enjoy the serene beauty of wetlands and coastline.

Conclude your safari in Durban, departing with memories of awe-inspiring landscapes, incredible wildlife, and unforgettable African experiences.

This is more than a safari—it's an adventure that captures the essence of Southern Africa!

NB: While it is our intention to operate the itinerary as printed below, it may be necessary to make changes due to flight schedules, weather conditions, accommodation availability, or other operational factors. Therefore, the order and

location of overnight stops may vary.

Starting Point: OR Tambo International Airport, Johannesburg

End Point: King Shaka International Airport, Durban

Included:

- Transportation
- Accommodation and meals as per itinerary
- Services of English speaking driver/guide
- All the activities specified in the itinerary inclusive of applicable entrance fees

Not included:

- International flights
- Optional activities
- Travel insurance (mandatory)
- Tips and gratuities
- Personal items and beverages not specified
- Visas for countries visited



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Brief Day by Day Description

Day 1: Arrive Johannesburg, travel to Graskop (450km)

Depart Johannesburg in the morning and journey into the heart of Mpumalanga on a spectacular full-day adventure along the Panorama Route. Enroute stop in the little village of Dullstroom, known for its cool misty climate and beautiful mountain scenery. With cozy restaurants and craft shops, it is the perfect place to enjoy an own expense lunch. From lunch make your way to the awe-inspiring Blyde River Canyon, one of the world's largest green canyons, with a cliffs and panoramic views that will take your breath away.

Explore the fascinating Bourke's Luck Potholes, where centuries of water erosion have carved swirling rock formations in a stunning natural display.

Next stop is at God's Window, a famous lookout offering

sweeping vistas over the Lowveld below, perfect for photos and unforgettable memories.

Enjoy the beauty of the spectacular Lisbon Waterfall. At 92m (301ft) it is the highest in the province.

In the late afternoon, check into your accommodation, situated at the edge of the escarpment, in the fringe of the forest, and nurtured by a perennial stream. Enjoy a lovely walk on the property and spot many of the beautiful birds on the property.

Enjoy a welcome and a briefing for tour on what to expect .

Accommodation: Guest farm near Graskop

Meals: Dinner



Blyde River Canyon

Day 2: Southern Kruger National Park (170km)

Depart Graskop, after breakfast and head towards the world-renowned Kruger National Park. Descend down the Drakensberg Mountains, and into the Lowveld. After a stop in Hazyview to stock up on supplies for Kruger, we continue your journey into Southern Kruger, one of Africa's most iconic wildlife destinations. Upon entering the park, embark on an exhilarating safari on your way to camp, known as Berg en Dal. Enjoy the thrill of seeing Africa's legendary wildlife up close while surrounded by the breathtaking landscapes of this premier national park.

Stop at one of the Park's rest camps for a leg stretch and a bite to eat. (Own expense)

In the late afternoon, settle into your chalet/hut, and enjoy a delicious meal prepared by your guide.

Accommodation: Berg En Dal Rest Camp



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Meals: Breakfast, Dinner



Leopard

Day 3: Full Day Kruger

Wake up to the sounds of the African bush with a steaming morning coffee, ready to embark on an unforgettable day of wildlife adventure. Set out on a morning safari through the iconic Southern Kruger, where you may spot elephants, lions, rhinos, and countless other fascinating creatures in their natural habitat.

Return to camp for a hearty brunch before a relaxing siesta, then prepare for an afternoon safari with your Barefoot Guide.

There is also an option to choose from the thrill of an optional night safari, with one of the park's rangers. This is for your own account.

You can also choose a guided bushwalk in the morning. Experience the bush on foot

with a guided walk, discovering hidden gems and learning the secrets of the wild. (Your Barefoot Guide can assist with this.)

Enjoy an afternoon safari with your Barefoot Guide, and learn more about the birds and animals in the area. Return to camp as the sun sets, and indulge in a sumptuous dinner at the camp's restaurant, savoring local flavors while sharing stories of your incredible encounters. (Dinner is own expense)

Meals: Brunch

Accommodation: Berg en Dal Rest Camp

Day 4: Hlane Royal National Park in Eswatini (140km)

Begin your day with a short morning safari after breakfast, taking in the early light as wildlife stirs in the Southern Kruger. Then, leave the park behind and journey towards Hlane Royal National Park in Eswatini, a pristine wilderness home to

elephants, rhinos, and a variety of other big game.

Arrive at Ndlovu Camp, named after the elephant, where rustic charm and true bush living await. The camp has no electricity, offering an authentic African wilderness experience, and overlooks a waterhole frequented by wildlife—perfect for viewing elephants, antelope, and other big game right from camp.

In the afternoon, enjoy a guided safari through Hlane Royal National Park, exploring the park's diverse landscapes and spotting some of Africa's most iconic animals in their natural habitat.

End the day with a dinner at your own expense at the camp, enjoying the sounds of the bush under the stars and the peaceful ambiance of this remote and captivating wilderness.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Ndlovu Camp, Hlane Royal National Park



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African Lion

Day 5: Hlane Royal National Park

Start your day with an early morning bushwalk accompanied by a knowledgeable local ranger, immersing yourself in the sights, sounds, and secrets of the African wilderness.

Return to camp for a hearty brunch.

After brunch, enjoy a relaxing afternoon siesta.

During this downtime, your guide can help you spot birds, insects, and other fascinating creatures around the camp, offering a deeper appreciation of the bush ecosystem.

Or if you prefer there is a choice of optional activities: visit a nearby local village for a cultural experience and insight into everyday

life in Eswatini, or embark on another thrilling jeep safari, tracking wildlife through the park and enjoying the magic of the African wilderness from a different perspective. (Please note these activities are for your own account)

This day blends adventure, relaxation, and cultural discovery, offering a truly immersive experience in Hlane Royal National Park.

Accommodation: Ndlovu Camp, Hlane Royal National Park

Meals: Brunch



African Buffalo

Day 6: St Lucia

(Isimangaliso Wetlands Park)(400km)

After a delicious breakfast, set off from Hlane Royal

National Park and cross back into South Africa for an unforgettable wildlife experience. After an own expense lunch, embark on an exhilarating safari with your Barefoot Guide, through Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Game Reserve. This reserve is South Africa's oldest game reserve and home to the legendary Operation Rhino, where conservation heroes protect endangered rhinos. Keep your eyes peeled for elephants, lions, giraffes, and other iconic African wildlife roaming freely across this stunning landscape. The reserve is also home to many interesting and beautiful bird species.

In the late afternoon, continue to the enchanting town of St Lucia, perfectly nestled between the winding river estuaries and the sparkling Indian Ocean. Surrounded by the breathtaking iSimangaliso Wetland Park, this tropical paradise offers endless opportunities to experience Africa's extraordinary wildlife, pristine beaches, and vibrant ecosystems—a



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perfect blend of adventure and relaxation. Check into your lodge for the next 2 nights.

Enjoy dinner at any of the restaurants in town. (own expense) Beware at night for the local hippo population that roam streets.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Forest Lodge or similar

Day 7: St Lucia

Begin your day with a hearty breakfast before venturing into the breath-taking iSimangaliso Wetland Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site teeming with wildlife and stunning landscapes. Journey to Cape Vidal for a relaxing beach picnic lunch, where golden sands meet the sparkling Indian Ocean—a perfect spot to unwind and soak up the natural beauty.

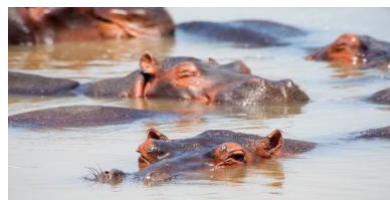
In the afternoon, set out on a safari boat cruise through the St Lucia estuary, getting up close to hippos,

crocodiles, and vibrant birdlife in their pristine natural habitat. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience Africa's iconic wildlife from the water, surrounded by the park's extraordinary scenery.

Cap off your adventure with a farewell dinner in town (own expense), savouring local flavours while reflecting on an unforgettable journey through South Africa's diverse landscapes, wildlife, and culture. This is the perfect end to a truly magical safari experience.

Meals: Breakfast and Lunch

Accommodation: Forest Lodge or similar



Hippo

Day 8: Departure (220km)

After a leisurely breakfast in the tropical paradise of St Lucia, bid farewell to the breath-taking wetlands, pristine beaches, and vibrant wildlife that have made your journey unforgettable. Depart for King Shaka International Airport in Durban, carrying memories of spectacular landscapes, incredible wildlife encounters, and the unique cultures of South Africa and Eswatini.

This marks the conclusion of an extraordinary adventure—an African safari experience you'll treasure for a lifetime.

Meals: Breakfast

END OF SERVICE*



African Fish Eagle



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Terms and Conditions

Price Includes:

- Shared accommodation
- Entrance Fees and park fees
- Transfers and activities, as listed
- Professional Guide
- All meals

Price Excludes:

- International Flights
- All Beverages
- Optional Activities & Entrance Fees
- Visas, travel insurance, tips and personal expenses

NB: Any price increases occurring after the acceptance of a Barefoot Safaris quote, shall be for the account of the client

Practical Info

**** Excursions:** A qualified Barefoot Safaris guide will accompany clients on all excursions except where it is necessary to employ a guide from local parks.

- Please feel free to add on to this tour with any of the other possible tours we offer in the area.
- The accommodation specified in the itinerary is a guide only and subject to availability. Alternatives

will be of a similar standard if required.

- *The Dollar rate is just an indication of the price at the current exchange rate, it cannot be guaranteed until a confirmed booking is made*

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Climate:

Southern Kruger National Park
Southern Kruger experiences a subtropical climate with distinct wet and dry seasons.

Summer (October–March): Hot and humid, with daytime temperatures ranging from 28–35°C (82–95°F). Afternoon thunderstorms are common, nourishing the lush bushveld and attracting abundant wildlife.

Winter (May–September): Mild and dry, with daytime temperatures around 20–25°C (68–77°F) and cooler mornings and evenings. The dry season is ideal for wildlife viewing, as animals congregate around water sources and vegetation is less dense.

Eswatini (Hlane Royal National Park)
Hlane Royal National Park enjoys a subtropical climate, similar to Southern Kruger but

with slightly higher rainfall in summer.

Summer: Warm to hot temperatures (28–34°C / 82–93°F), with frequent afternoon showers. Vegetation is lush, and wildlife is abundant.

Winter: Cooler (18–24°C / 64–75°F) and dry, with crisp mornings and clear skies. This is the best time for safari and bushwalks, as animals are easier to spot.

St Lucia & iSimangaliso Wetland Park

St Lucia has a subtropical coastal climate, influenced by the Indian Ocean, with warm, humid conditions most of the year.

Summer (October–March): Hot, humid, and rainy, with temperatures from 25–32°C (77–90°F).

Afternoon thunderstorms are frequent, and wildlife is active in the wetlands.

Winter (May–September): Mild and drier, with daytime temperatures around 22–26°C (72–79°F) and cooler evenings. This season offers comfortable weather for boat safaris, beach activities, and wildlife viewing.

Baggage:

- 1 soft bag (20kg)
- 1 daypack



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Clothing and Footwear:

- **Lightweight cotton, long sleeves for sun protection**
- **Warm layers for cold nights**
- **Waterproof jacket and raincoat**
- **Hiking boots**
- **Shoes for comfortable wear**
- **Swimwear, sunhat, insect repellent**

Equipment:

- **Hat for the sun**
- **Sunglasses, sunscreen**
- **Binoculars**
- **Camera and cover for dust**
- **Basic first aid, and personal medication**
- **Malaria Prophylaxis is recommended**
- **Mosquito net**
- **Insect Repellent**

Visas and Permits:

Many European citizens (including those holding ordinary EU passports) do not need a visa to enter South Africa for short tourist or business stays—typically up to 90 days.

If a visa is required (or if you plan to stay longer), you must apply for a Visitor's Visa (Section 11) through a South African embassy or consulate before travelling.

Key requirements usually include:

A valid passport (with at least 30 days' validity beyond your planned stay)

Evidence of onward travel (return or onward ticket)

Proof of sufficient funds for your stay

Yellow fever vaccination certificate, if coming from or transiting through a high-risk country

Rules change from time to time, so it's always a good idea to check the latest entry requirements via the South African Department of Home Affairs or your local South African embassy before booking.

Please access <https://www.gov.za/services/temporary-residence/visa> for more info

Vaccinations & Health Advice:
1. Yellow Fever for both South Africa and Eswatini

Required if you are arriving from, or transiting for more than 12 hours through, a country with yellow fever risk.

You need a valid International Certificate of Vaccination (ICVP "Yellow Card") — vaccination should have been

done at least 10 days before arrival.

If you don't have the certificate and are from a risk country, you may be refused entry or quarantined.

Local costs: 5 Breakfasts, 2 brunches, 1 lunch and 2 dinners are included.

Approximate costs are for guidance only and may vary widely according to location and type of establishment.

Soft drink

USD\$1.20

Medium beer

USD\$1.50

***Reasonable Mid-range tourist class restaurant**

Tipping and Gratuities :

For better or worse, tipping is an accepted part of everyday life, and - although it is always at your discretion - you will be expected to tip to reward service. Your tour guide will give you an indication of when and how much is appropriate. This can vary widely, but please allow USD 100per person for this tour.

Suggested

Hotel Staff :USD2.00per person per day

Waiters: 10% of bill or equivalent

Safari Guide: \$15.00per person per day



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Seasonal changes: Although all rooms/chalets in malaria areas that we use are protected with mosquito netting; there will be insects and mosquitoes about. The camps, lodges and resorts are essentially "al fresco" so you should be prepared with insect repellent and appropriate long sleeved/legged clothing.

Insects are attracted to light at night and are especially prevalent during the rainy season. Switching the lights off and placing a hurricane lamp a distance from you will remove the problem.

The evenings and mornings will be chilly from about June to

August: so, it is advisable to take a light sweater or fleece

Currency: Official currency South Africa Rand are accepted in South Africa and Eswatini

Credit Card payments are widely accepted

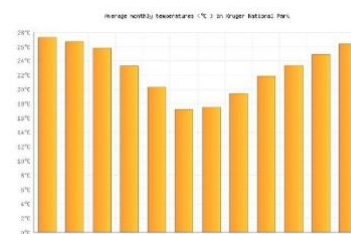
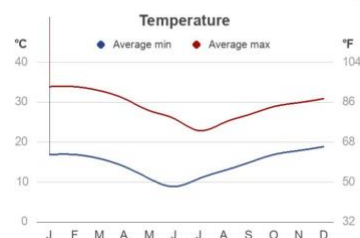
However, smaller local shops, markets, and taxis usually prefer cash (rands)

Euros, USD and GBP can be exchanged in Cape Town, but are not commonly used directly for payment.

ATMs are available

Airport Tax: This should be included in your air ticket. Please confirm with your air carrier

Climate Chart Hlane Royal National Park





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