

Durban Tours

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1 - 3 Day 'Big 5' Game Drive : Hluhluwe/Umfolozi/St.Lucia Safari

(nb. Tours customised for "1" tp "5" days if required)

Cost R 2,700 per person (and is subject to Price Escalation)

Day 1

- Depart around 06:30am if pick up point is from Durban and surrounding areas
- A pit stop about an hour later at a Refreshment Centre to grab a cup of coffee ...
- An early Lunch
- Start a Half Day Game Drive in the Hluhluwe/Imfolozi Game Park around 12:00 to view as many animals as possible
- eturn to St. Lucia, Check In and freshen up.
- Enjoy dinner on the banks of St. Lucia Estuary and if you fortunate enough you should see some Hippos and Crocodiles frolicking and lazing around

Day 2

- Breakfast around 8am
- Around 10am do a Boat Cruise at St. Lucia Estuary to view the Crocodiles, Hippos and Giant Fish Eagles in their natural habitat.
- Enjoy Lunch
- A relaxing walk through the Wetlands natural vegetation
- An early afternoon visit to the Zulu Village Craft Market
- A late afternoon tour of the Cheetah/Rare Cats viewing/feeding program
- Again, enjoy dinner on the banks of St. Lucia Estuary and if you fortunate enough you should see some Hippos and Crocodiles frolicking and lazing around

Day 3

- A very EARLY start, grab a cup of coffee/cereal and be in readiness to start
- A Full Day Game Drive starting around 4:30am (in Summer) to track the 'Big 5' and whatever animals you did not manage to see the first day
- Breakfast and Lunch at some scenic spot within the Game Park
- In the late afternoon we will head back to Durban arriving around 19:00

Nb. The order of the tour may change if there are logistical constraints

Accommodation is for 'Dorm' type and if you require an upgrade to a Single/Double Room then there is an additional cost of R200 per night

NB. Day 3 Accommodation and Dinner is not included and is for your own account

2 - 3 Day Drakensberg Safari (World Heritage Site)

(nb. Tours customised for "1" tp "5" days if required)

Cost R 2,700 per person (and is subject to Price Escalation)

Day 1

- Depart Durban at 08:00am and arrive around 10am to view Howick Falls and an opportunity to take some good photographs and spend a few minutes at the Craft Market
- Lunch at Howick falls else travel to Underberg and enjoy Lunch at the Lemon Tree or Duck and Dolittle Restaurant
- Check in at our accommodation and freshen up
- An early afternoon Horse Ride for approximately 3 hours to enjoy and appreciate the tranquillity of the Drakensberg Mountain Range on Horseback.(remember to use jeans)

- Dinner, a few beers and a good nights sleep

Day 2

- An early start with Breakfast around 07:00am
- A morning drive back to Underberg
- Around 09:00am, Hop onto a 4x4 to start the Sani Pass/Lesotho tour, an opportunity to interact with the local Basotho community and have an appreciation of their basic traditional lifestyle, lunch at Sani Chalet (the highest pub in Africa) and then in the late afternoon meander down the mountain pass
- Around 16:00pm head back to our accommodation for Dinner and a bit of socializing

Day 3

- Another early start with Breakfast around 07:00am
- Pack all luggage in vehicle to streamline departure later on
- Around 08:00am a drive to the Hiking venue start point
- A Full Day Hike with a local community guide to view the ancient Bushman 'Rock' Paintings, Waterfalls, Pristine Streams and just suck in the sheer beauty and tranquillity of the Drakensberg Mountain Range and an opportunity to get back into touch with yourself.
- A 'Packed Lunch' will be arranged for you to enjoy at some scenic spot
- The hike should be completed around 15:00
- Depart for Durban in the late afternoon arriving around 18:30pm

Nb.

- The order of the tour may change if there are logistical constraints
- Accommodation is for 'Dorm' type and if you require an upgrade to a Single/Double then there is an additional cost of R200
- Day 3 Accommodation and Dinner is not included and is for your own account

Alternative Options:

You could do a Tree Top Forest Canopy Tour at Howick, which is quite an exhilarating experience, where you are harnessed to steel cables, elevated to the forest canopy to enjoy a kilometre of unique aerial view of the natural forest and its associated wildlife. (Excellent feedback from 'all' the tourists who did this tour Additional cost of R550 per person

3 - Durban City Explorer Tour

Tour Cost is R380 per person (and is subject to Price Escalation)

Basically the tour covers the main highlights and hotspots of Durban and immediate surrounding areas and lasts approximately 5 to 6 hours.

The tour starts around 9:00am and the following sites will be visited:

- The Kwa Muhle Museum or Apartheid Museum, an absolute must if you interested in South Africa's unique and unjust apartheid past and the new order transformation
- The Killie Campbell Museum, a must for anyone who wants to acquire more knowledge of the Zulu culture, quite an amazing research library for students, booking essential and not available on Saturdays
- Warwick Street Junction, where over 300,000 African commuter come in daily by bus, taxi and foot to get to their places of employment, else seeking any form of casual employment or just to buy food in the central city where prices are more competitive.
- Victoria Street Market, an opportunity to visit the various stalls offering an array of Eastern products
- A visit to the Muti Market/Traditional Healers Market

- A glimpse of how the informal sidewalk traders and shopkeepers trade in harmony
- The Marine Parade 'Golden Mile', a drive along of approximately 6km to get an appreciation of Durban's main beachfront and the history behind it
- Various other little places of interest, Ushaka Marine World, Bat Centre, Wilson's Wharf, Dick King Statue, City Hall
- A visit to The Hare Krishna 'Temple Of Understanding'
- A visit Merebank View Point and get to understand why it's the 5th most polluted place in the world.
- A drive though a local township called Cato Manor, literally situated about 5km west of Durban to get a glimpse of the slum type settlement and how the informal actually live. against the recent low cost housing project by South Africa and the European Union, explain the availability of facilities, low cost housing projects, taverns, Zulu meal and a drink, ...
- The tour should finish around 18:00pm

Nb. This tour can be tailored to cater for your specific requirements if there is an emphasis to particular areas of interest and subject to an early notification.

An extremely good option is to spend a couple of hours in the late afternoon at the Ushaka Marine World, which has a brilliant Aquarium, Seal & Dolphin shows daily and is just a few metres away from a good Beach. Additional cost of R100 per person.

4 - Face to Face - Rural Zulu Village Tour

(A full Day Tour starting around 9am and finishing around 16:00pm)

Tour Cost is R425 per person (and is subject to Price Escalation)

- The 'REAL THING' with this Zulu Village Tour which is situated about 70km West of Durban and there is no 'fronting' and each day is different and unique and involves the active participation of the tourist.
- A Full day tour through the beautiful and breathtaking "Valley Of A Thousand Hills" where the Village is nestled in between the foothills of the Valley and KwaZulu-Natal's largest dam.
- A local community guide will conduct a "Walking Tour" of the village and you will have an opportunity to interact with the 21st century Zulu community.
- The guide will share various traditional information and values as to ' how & why' things are done from a cultural perspective.
- An opportunity to meet the local community Sangoma (traditional healer/witch doctor)
- An early afternoon Zulu Dance by the children of the community
- Lunch is included and will be a traditional meal cooked at the village and shared with you.
- Many opportunities for some stunning photographs.

5 - 7 day Kingdom of the Zulu

Tour Cost is R5500 per person (and is subject to Price Escalation)

'Big 5' Hluhluwe/Umfolozi/St.Lucia Safari

Day 1

- Depart around 07:00am if pick up point is from Durban and surrounding areas
- Arrive at St. Lucia around 10:00am and do a Boat Cruise to view the Crocodiles, Hippos and Giant Fish Eagles in their natural habitat.
- Check in and enjoy Lunch
- A walk through the natural vegetation of St. Lucia Estuary
- An early afternoon visit to the Craft Market
- A visit to the Cheetah / Rare Cats viewing/feeding program
- Approximately a hour's drive back to St. Lucia to have dinner, a bit of socialising, some beers and a good nights rest.

Day 2

- A very early start, grab a cup of coffee/cereal and be in readiness to start
- A Full Day Game Drive starting around 4:30am to track the 'Big 5'
- Breakfast and Lunch at some scenic spot within the game park
- Return to accommodation around 16:00pm
- Freshen up, chill out, some beers, Dinner and a good nights rest

Day 3

- Another 'early' start, grab a cup of coffee/cereal and be in readiness to start
- A Half Day Game Drive starting around 4:30am to track whatever animals that you were not fortunate enough to see during the previous game drive
- Breakfast at some scenic spot within the game park
- Early afternoon lunch
- Depart to Durban in the late afternoon arriving around 17:30pm, subject to driving conditions and traffic

Nb. The order of the tour may change if there are logistical constraints

Drakensberg Safari (World Heritage Site)

Day 4

- Depart Durban around 08:00am and arrive around 10am at Howick Falls and the Craft Market
- Depart around 11:30am to Underberg and arrive around 13:00pm to enjoy Lunch at the Lemon Tree Restaurant .
- Check in at our accommodation and freshen up
- An early afternoon Horse Ride for approximately 3 hours to enjoy the Drakensberg mountain range from Horseback
- Dinner, a bit of socialising, some beers and a good nights rest

Day 5

- An early start with Breakfast around 07:30am
- Around 09:00am, Hop onto a 4x4 to start the Sani Pass/Lesotho tour, an opportunity to interact with the local Basotho community and have an appreciation of their basic traditional lifestyle, lunch at Sani Chalet (the highest pub in Africa) and then in the late afternoon meander down the mountain pass
- Around 16:00pm head back for Dinner and a good nights sleep

Day 6

- Another early start with Breakfast around 07:30am
- Pack all luggage in vehicle to streamline departure later on
- A Full Day Hike with a local community guide to view the ancient Bushman 'Rock'

paintings, waterfalls, pristine streams and just suck in the sheer beauty and tranquillity of the Drakensberg mountain range.

- A 'Packed Lunch' will be arranged for you to enjoy at some pristine scenic spot
- The hike should be completed around 15:00
- Depart for Durban in the late afternoon arriving around 19:00pm

NB. The order of the tour may change if there are logistical constraints

Face to Face "Overnight" - Rural Zulu Village Tour

Day 7

- The 'REAL THING' with this Zulu Village Tour which is situated about 70km West of Durban as there is no 'fronting' and each day is different and unique and involves the active participation of the tourist.
- A Full day tour through the beautiful and breathtaking "Valley Of A Thousand Hills" where the Village is nestled in between the foothills of the Valley and KwaZulu-Natal's largest dam.
- A local community guide will conduct a "Walking Tour" of the village and you will have an opportunity to interact with the 21st century Zulu community.
- The guide will share various traditional information and values as to 'how & why' things are done from a cultural perspective.
- An opportunity to meet the local community Sangoma (traditional healer/witch doctor)
- An early afternoon Zulu Dance by the children of the community
- Lunch is included and will be a traditional meal cooked at the village and shared with you.
- Overnight stay at one of the Village cottages and includes Dinner
- Many opportunities for some stunning photographs.

6 - Transfers

(The most cost effective and cheapest transfers in KwaZulu-Natal)

- Airport Transfers
- Durban City and surrounding areas
- Transfers both Regionally and Nationally at competitive pricing