

Safari, Wine & Cape Town – 11 Day



Day 1 – Mpumalanga

Fly from Johannesburg to Kruger Mpumalanga International. ON arrival, pick up your rental car and travel to the quiet town of White River. Situated on the outskirts is Oliver’s Restaurant and lodge. Overnight.

Day 2- Panorama Route

Depart early and travel the Panorama Route; One breathtaking view after another – that's South Africa's famous Panorama Route, is where you'll experience mountains, sky, forests and the truly impressive Blyde River Canyon, one of the world's largest canyons.

Scenic landmarks with evocative names like God's Window, Wonder View, the Pinnacle, Bourke's Luck Potholes and the Three Rondawels beckon. The awe-inspiring Lisbon Falls, Berlin Falls and Mac Mac Falls are also just a short drive away. Adding some historical romance into the mix, half an hour's drive from Graskop, the goldrush town of Pilgrim's Rest gives you the chance to relive the 1873 goldrush in surroundings of unparalleled beauty. You can even try your hand at panning for gold.

Head on to the Blyde River Canyon Reserve. Thread your way along the cliff tops 800m above the Blyde River Canyon, and at God's Window, be sure to walk in the thick, indigenous mist forest that's often among the clouds. The Bourke's Luck Potholes are also well worth a visit. These giant potholes have formed at the confluence of the Blyde and Treur rivers and mark the beginning of the Blyde River Canyon. Overnight near Hoedspruit or Hazyview.

Days 3 to 5 – Safari

You are spoilt for choice. From the famous Sabi Sands and Kruger National Park, you have more than a dozen private reserves on offer, where you can enjoy a quality safari experience. Spend three days experiencing Africa’s wilderness and its animals.

Day 6 – Swaziland

We rise early for a game drive and return for breakfast in the camp. Depart for the mountain Kingdom of Swaziland. Visit the Ngwenya Glass Factory, and travel via Mbabane, the capital city of Swaziland, to Foresters Arms, a hotel in the mountains at Mhlambanyatsi.

Day 7 - Hluhluwe/Imfolozi

Visit the well-known Swazi Candles factory and the big arts and crafts market in the Ezulwini Valley and drive past the National Stadium and the parliament buildings on our way to Manzini, the country's industrial centre. Drive further past Big Bend with the country's largest sugar plantations to the South African border. Continue to Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Park game reserve and arrive late afternoon at our lodge in the National Park. Join a late afternoon/early night game drive on open safari vehicles equipped with high powered spotlights to search for the shy nocturnal animals.

Day 8 - Hluhluwe/Imfolozi

Morning and afternoon game drives. Overnight in the reserve

Day 9 & 10 – Spioenkop

Travel to the Spioenkop area: Against the magnificent backdrop of the Drakensberg Mountains of South Africa, and overlooking the secluded Mfazimnyama Valley of the Spioenkop Game Reserve, lies Three Trees at Spioenkop (also known as Three Tree Hill lodge). This Eco-friendly lodge, places great emphasis on Responsible Tourism and offers spectacular scenery, locally grown farm-style country food with superb hospitality.

This lodge is the perfect location to base yourself for exploring the major Anglo-Boer War Battlefields in KwaZulu Natal (Battles of Spionkop and Colenso), the Northern Drakensberg Mountains (world heritage site), and within easy (2hrs) reach of the Anglo-Zulu War Battlefields (Battles of Isandlwana and Rorke's Drift).

Day 11 – Natal Midlands

Continue toward Durban, stopping in the KwaZulu Natal Midlands for a night. This area is famous for the Midlands Meander, but also boasts some of the country's best Spa's. Guaranteed to take your breath away with its beauty, it's also known as the '**arts and crafts route**' and this piece of the world is nothing short of majestic.

Day 12 & 13 – Umhlanga/Ballito

Travel towards the coast and the beautiful sandy beaches and warm water of Umhlanga & Ballito. Overnight.

Day 14 – tours ends

Travel to the King Shaka International Airport, hand in your rental car and board your flights onward.

SUGGESTED ADD-ONS

- 1 – Victoria Falls
- 2 – Okavango Delta
- 3 – Namibia
- 4 – Zanzibar & Serengeti
- 5 – Kenya (Masai Mara)
- 6 – Cape Town
- 7 – Garden Route
- 8 - Mozambique