

14-Day Mozambique and Kruger - Beach and Bush.

Overview Day by Day Rates Inclusions

This is an easy paced, relaxing safari for those looking for a unique tour in Southern Africa. You'll experience the culture of the Zulu nation, the Portuguese and Arab influences on the food and architecture of Mozambique, beaches, excellent diving, game viewing, and bush walks. The accommodations in Mozambique are simple and the roads can be slow.

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Arrival (See Getting There for more details)

A transfer from the airport can be arranged for an extra cost.
Accommodation before the tour starts can be arranged for an extra cost.

Day 1-3

Johannesburg - Zululand

Zululand (home of the nation forged by King Shaka Zulu) stretches from the warm Indian Ocean across the rolling green hills to the Drakensberg Mountains. We'll depart Johannesburg at 6:30am, traveling across the Highveld before descending into the heart of KwaZulu-Natal, which is known for its rich culture and spectacular wildlife. Our lodge for the next three nights is situated on a private nature reserve.

We'll explore the natural serenity of the bush on a morning walk followed by an exciting afternoon game drive in Mkuzi Game Reserve. Mkuzi plays a key role in the preservation of the endangered black and white rhino. We'll spend some time overlooking a waterhole as the animals quench their thirst.

On the third day we'll explore Hluhluwe Game Reserve and in the afternoon get to know the people of the area when we visit the local Zulu community. Our guides will interpret the history, culture, and traditions of the modern Zulu people.

Note: breakfast is not included on day one.

Main Destination: Zululand (KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa)
Accommodation: Zululand Lodge

Mid-range tented camp located outside Hluhluwe-iMfolozi GR

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Meals & Drinks:

All meals included
Drinks not included

Day 4

Kosi Bay

Kosi Bay Nature Reserve covers a region of fertile estuaries, mangroves, dune forest, and tidal lakes. In the afternoon we'll walk down to the lake to explore this amazing eco-system by boat. The following morning we'll transfer in a 4WD vehicle to the Kosi estuary mouth. A special feature of the Kosi Bay estuary is the traditional practice of subsistence tidal trap fishing. We have time to swim, walk on the beach, or snorkel in the shallow reefs here.

Main Destination:Kosi Bay (iSimangaliso WP, South Africa)
Accommodation:Kosi Bay Lodge

Mid-range lodge bordering iSimangaliso WP without fences

Meals & Drinks:

Breakfast & lunch (Dinner not included)
Drinks not included

Day 5-6

Ponta do Ouro

Ponta do Ouro is the ocean lover's mecca of Southern Mozambique. A highlight of this tour is the opportunity to join a local dolphin research team on an ocean safari. Research since the early 1990s indicates that there are approximately 400 individual dolphins moving through the Ponta do Ouro area, of which about 150 are residents. We have three boat launches planned, which gives us a chance to snorkel on the shallow reefs, view dolphins and whales from the boat, and hopefully swim with dolphins (if their activity at the time permits us to enter the water). A wild dolphin encounter is an extraordinary wildlife experience.

Should weather prevent a boat launch then a portion of your local payment will be refunded to you pro rata.

Main Destination:Ponta Do Ouro (Beach, Mozambique)
Accommodation:Planet Scuba Guest House

Mid-range guest house located in or near Ponta do Ouro

Meals & Drinks:

Breakfast & lunch (Dinner not included)
Drinks not included

Day 7

Maputo

Maputo, formerly known as Lourenço Marques, is situated on a natural harbor and is the economic hub of Mozambique. Once referred to as the “African Riviera,” Portuguese and African cultures meet here in an exquisite blend of seafood and vibrant life. You can sample the excellent seafood in a local restaurant (cost not included).

Main Destination:Maputo (City, Mozambique)Accommodation:City Lodge Hotel
Maputo

Mid-range hotel located in or near Maputo

Meals & Drinks:

Breakfast & lunch (Dinner not included)
Drinks not included

Day 8-9

Inhambane

Travelling north along the Indian Ocean coastline, we'll drive through mango and cashew nut plantations en-route to the town of Inhambane. Arab influences are strong in Inhambane and date back to when slaves, ivory, gold, and spices were traded here. We'll explore Inhambane—including its 200-year-old cathedral and enchanting fresh produce markets—before moving on to Praia de Barra.

Sit back, relax, and enjoy the warm sea and expansive white beaches. For the more energetic, there are optional activities such as dhow rides, scuba diving, fishing, and surfing (cost not included).

Dinner on day nine is not included.

Main Destination:Inhambane (City, Mozambique)Accommodation:Bay View Lodge

Mid-range self catering accommodation located in or near Barra Beach

Meals & Drinks:

All meals included
Drinks not included

Day 10

Chizavane

Today we turn south along the coast to a secluded fishing lodge on the beach north of Xai-Xai. The lodge is perched on the coastal dunes with a magnificent view of the surrounding natural bush and expansive beach. Low tide exposes a long rocky reef parallel to the beach, which creates a shallow, calm pool ideal for snorkeling and swimming. For our last night on the beach, we'll enjoy a fish braai (barbeque) dinner at the lodge's restaurant overlooking the warm Indian Ocean.

Main Destination:Xai-Xai (Town & Beach, Mozambique)Accommodation:East Africa Safari Chalets

Mid-range chalet located in or near Xai-Xai

Meals & Drinks:

All meals included
Drinks not included

Day 11-12

Kruger National Park

Leaving the Indian Ocean coast, we'll travel through Limpopo Transfrontier Park and enter Kruger National Park in South Africa. An icon of nature conservation, Kruger is big game country! As we make our way to our camp, we'll enjoy an exciting game drive and hope to spot lions, giraffe, and elephant (among others).

On day twelve you can opt to go on a night game drive in the national park (cost not included).

Dinner on day eleven is not included.

Main Destination:Kruger National Park
Best Time To VisitMay to September (Dry season)
High SeasonDecember to January and July to August
Best WeatherApr-May and Sept-Oct (Mild and little rain)

Wildlife in Kruger NP

Accommodation:Letaba Rest Camp

Mid-range cottage located inside Central Kruger

Meals & Drinks:

All meals included
Drinks not included

Day 13

Greater Kruger

Today we will get up early and spend the day exploring the national park before transferring to our private game lodge. Relax around the pool or the campfire on our final evening in the tranquil African wilderness. You'll experience an abundance of birdlife and animals here, including buffalo, nyala, kudu, warthog, zebra, and other plains game.

Main Destination: Greater Kruger (South Africa) Accommodation: Makuwa Safari Lodge

Mid-range lodge located just outside the park

Meals & Drinks:

All meals included
Drinks not included

Day 14

Johannesburg

Our final day on tour starts with an exciting game walk. We'll explore the private game reserve on foot with our rangers. Our guides will also take the time to interpret the tracks and other signs of the animals. We'll head back to the lodge for brunch before we return to Johannesburg in the evening (approximately 6:00pm). You'll be sun-tanned, laid-back, and ready to re-join life.

Main Destination: Johannesburg (City, South Africa) Accommodation: No accommodation (End of tour) Meals & Drinks:

Breakfast (Lunch & dinner not included)
Drinks not included

End of tour (See Getting There for more details)

Additional accommodation can be arranged for an extra cost.
A transfer back to the airport can be arranged for an extra cost.