

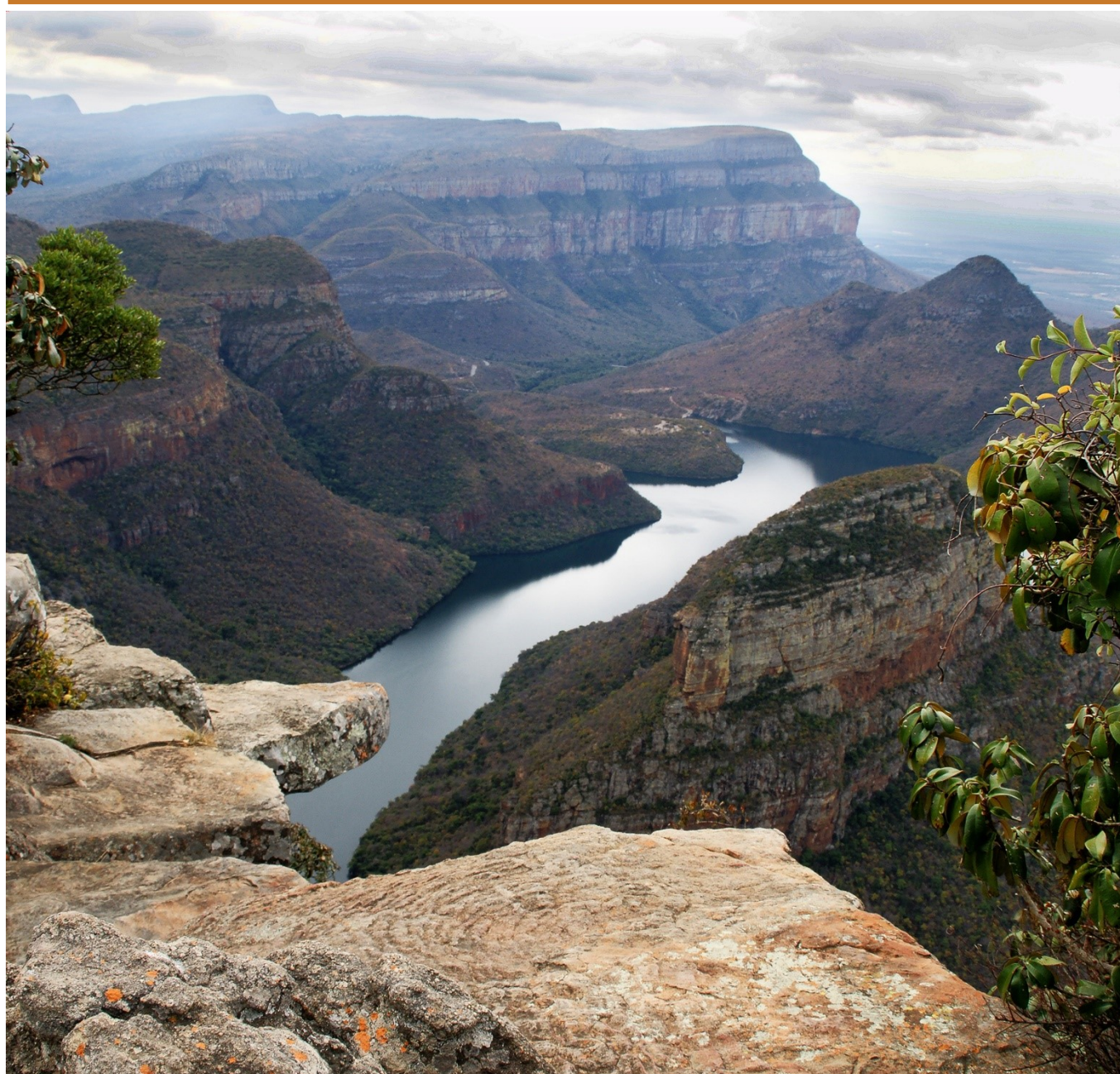
KRUGER & eSWATINI

South Africa & eSwatini

8 day group tour
(overland camping)



This overland camping tour explores the highlights of northern South Africa and the fascinating kingdom of eSwatini. Enjoy game drives in the Kruger and Hluhluwe-Imfolozi National Park, a drive along the Panorama Route, a nature walk in Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary and a boat cruise on the St Lucia wetlands. Accommodation is mainly in self-erected domed tents at campsites with shared ablutions.



Mlilwane National Park



Cost includes:

- transport in an custom-built over-land truck with a maximum of 20 passengers
- services of a registered English-speaking driver and guide
- 7 nights accommodation (5 nights in self-erected domed tents, 2 nights in a room with en-suite)
- 7 x breakfasts, 7 x lunches, 7 x dinners
- entrance fees to national parks
- 4WD and tour vehicle game drives in Kruger National Park, Panorama Route tour, nature walk eSwatini Mlilwane National Park, 4WD game drive Hluhluwe-Imfolozi National Park, boat cruise St Lucia wetlands
- still mineral water on board vehicle

Cost excludes:

- visas and international flights
- international airport taxes if applicable
- meals and drinks not listed
- dining rooms tips
- personal travel, baggage and medical insurance
- telephone bill, laundry and any items of a personal nature
- optional activities and excursions

B - breakfast

L - lunch

D - dinner

Johannesburg to Durban

Accommodation: self-erected dome tents with shared ablutions

Departs: Wednesdays

Group size: maximum of 20

Product code: NJD

Itinerary overview:

Day 1: South Africa, Greater Kruger Park - Nkambeni Reserve or similar
Day 2: South Africa, Greater Kruger Park - Nkambeni Reserve or similar
Day 3: South Africa, Greater Kruger Park - Nkambeni Reserve or similar
Day 4: eSwatini, Mlilwane N'Park - Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary or similar
Day 5: eSwatini, Mlilwane N'Park - Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary or similar
Day 6: South Africa, St Lucia - Shonalanga or similar
Day 7: South Africa, St Lucia - Shonalanga or similar
Day 8: South Africa, Durban - ends

Pre-tour accommodation in Johannesburg and post-tour accommodation in Durban can be arranged prior to departure on request.

Kruger and eSwatini - camping

Day 1: Greater Kruger National Park

Leaving the city of Johannesburg behind us we make our way north east towards Mpumalanga. Our journey today follows in the footsteps of the old trade-routes to the lowveld and the Kruger National Park. This afternoon there will be an opportunity to join a sundowner drive within the park (optional own expense). **Nkambeni Reserve – twin dome tent with shared ablutions (LD).**

Day 2: Kruger National Park

Rising early this morning we enter the Kruger National Park to enjoy a full day of game viewing. The abundance of wildlife presents us with opportunities for excellent sightings and the Kruger is also home to the famed members of Africa's Big Five. The flagship of the South African national parks, Kruger is home to an impressive number of species: 336 trees, 49 fish, 34 amphibians, 114 reptiles, 507 birds and 147 mammals. Our game drive through the park is in an open-sided 4WD vehicle affording us close encounters with its wild inhabitants. **Nkambeni Reserve – twin dome tent with shared ablutions (BLD).**

Day 3: Kruger National Park

Today we board our touring vehicle and drive one of the Kruger's 'must see' attractions - the panorama route. Best known for its cultural heritage and its dramatic landscapes, our day includes stops at several lookout points, the town of Graskop for some craft-based retail therapy and Blyde River Canyon. One of the major highlights of the region, Blyde River Canyon is the third largest canyon of its kind in the world. Its reserve is home to spectacular birdlife and some of the best views in South Africa. During your drive you will also stop at 'God's Window' for a truly breathtaking view of canyons and rock formations and the unique riverine rock formation of Bourke's Luck Potholes, a series of deep cylindrical depressions created entirely by water erosion, amongst others. **Nkambeni Reserve – twin dome tent with shared ablutions (BLD).**

Day 4: Mlilwane National Park, eSwatini

We start the day early with coffee and traditional rusks before setting off through Kruger on our way to eSwatini. Our truck offers an excellent platform for game viewing as we make our way south. We exit the southern end of the park and travel the short distance to eSwatini border. Our route this afternoon winds through the mountains and forests of this landlocked kingdom. Our destination for today is the Ezulwini Valley just south of the capital Mbabane. **Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary or Hlane Royal National Park – twin dome tent with shared ablutions (BLD).**

Day 5: Mlilwane National Park, eSwatini

eSwatini is a kingdom led by King Mswati III. You will explore the traditions and discover the culture of which the local people are so proud. Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary is eSwatini's pioneer conservation area and is situated in the 'Valley of Heaven'. Apart from abundant bird life, there are a number of animal species to be seen, including hippo, giraffe, zebra, and a variety of antelope, which we hope to spot today on a guided walk. **Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary or Hlane Royal National Park – twin dome tent with shared ablutions (BLD).**

Day 6: St Lucia

We bid farewell to eSwatini before heading into Zululand, Kwa-Zulu Natal. Our drive takes us to the South African coastline for a two-night stay at St Lucia. **Shonalanga – room with en-suite (BLD).**





Day 7: Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Park, St Lucia

Today we explore the Hluhluwe-iMfolozi Park on a 4WD game drive within the park. Hluhluwe-iMfolozi is the oldest proclaimed game reserve in Africa and is a haven to both the endangered black and white rhino. In the afternoon we return to St Lucia and the iSimangaliso Wetland Park, which was listed as South Africa's first World Heritage Site. Here we enjoy a boat cruise on the St Lucia estuary, getting up close to the hippo, crocodile, pelican and flamingo that inhabit the lake. **Shonalanga – room with en-suite (BLD).**

Day 8: Durban

Moving further inland, we spend the next two nights trekking the trails and viewing the scenic wonders of the Drakensberg Mountains in the uKhahlamba Drakensberg Park. Running the length of the Kwazulu-Natal province, the uKhahlamba Drakensberg Park is a UNESCO recognised world heritage site. Whether you go by the Zulu name uKhahlamba, meaning 'barrier of spears', or the Afrikaans name Drakensberg, meaning 'dragon mountains', these towering mountains will be our backdrop for the next two nights. On our way we make a short stop in Durban to stretch our legs before continuing to view the scenic Howick Falls and a visit to the nearby site that marked the capture of South Africa's most famous man, Nelson Mandela.

Important information:

- It is the responsibility of the client to be at the tour departure point at the time assigned by the tour operator. On completion of the tour, flights must be booked taking into consideration the time recommended by the tour operator.
- The tour operator may re-route the itinerary or change the campsites and accommodation in rare cases of non-availability, or if local conditions restrict accessibility.
- The tour operator has the right to use an alternative or replacement vehicle if necessary.
- There is no air-conditioning or toilet onboard the overland truck. Convenience stops are made along the way at regular intervals.
- A mattress is provided, however passengers must bring their own sleeping bag and towels.
- Suitcases are unsuitable for overland safaris due to limited space. We recommend luggage packed in inexpensive barrel style bags or soft sided bags not exceeding 15kgs.
- This tour includes some long days of road travel which are necessary in order to visit all the listed regions.
- Prices for flights, airport taxes, park fees and applicable government taxes and levies may be changed without prior notice. Any change is beyond our control and any increase levied will be passed on.
- As prices are calculated in foreign currencies it may become necessary to add a currency surcharge.
- A single supplement is not compulsory if you are happy to share with a fellow passenger, however a single supplement does apply if you want your own tent.
- Meals are prepared by the crew, however some participation is required on tour, eg taking turns to assist with washing-up duties, putting up and taking down your tent and loading your bags into the vehicle.
- Children between 16 – 18 years are accepted on this tour but they must be accompanied by an adult. Children between 8 – 16 years are only able to travel on a request basis. Children under 12 years of age are not permitted on several activities included in the itinerary.
- Passengers over 65 years are required to complete a medical form, which will then be assessed for the tour.