**Plan for Sodwana Trip 24-30 October 2015**

**Detailed Iternary**

**Day 1 – Saturday, 24 October 2015**

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| **Time** | **Activity 1** | **Participants** |
| 10h30 | Leave home drive 620km, take two breaks – One in Ermelo and another in Pongola reserve. | JK & Co. |
| 20h00 | Arrive Coral Divers, checkin, unpack including packing of fridge. | JK & Co. |
| 21h00 | Dinner | JK & Co. |
| 23:00 | Retire to bed - last night of long sleep. | JK & Co. |

**NAZ NOTE 1:**

* **My arrival time would be Sunday, driving from Durban will not take me long, also it will cut down the days to stay at the resort. –** noted and factored into table
* **Please query with instructor if we may start on late Saturday / Sunday? Arrange accordingly. In this regard, see below question answered by Coral Divers. If we start on Sunday, the course should finish on Thursday, we can leave on Friday. (i.e. 5 nights booked at the resort) –** We can actually do the theory part of the course on Sunday – it’s mainly reading. Note the course I am booking is the three day course one and not the five day. The five day course is for diving up to 18m and the 3 day one is up to 12m. I am not interested in going too deep. I want to see marine life in the sunlight and not with torches etc**.**

7) Are there any courses that can start on the Sunday, such as the **PADI SCUBA DIVER course?**

We can book a PADI Scuba Diver to start on the Sunday. I will ask about this, but I rather be in sync with other people attending the course than to be on our own vibe. Also you will be arriving Sunday and acclimatising yourself with the place. Do you really want to bog straight down into theory of diving or enjoy the place a bit???

**Day 2 – Sunday, 25 October 2015**

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| **Time** | **Activity 1** | **Participants** | **Activity 2** | **Participants** | **Bookings to be made** |
| 7h30 | Sleeping | JK and Co | Leave Durban and drive 362 km to Coral Divers – | Naz and Co |  |
| 9h00-9h30 | Breakfast | JK and Co | driving take one break at Richards Bay | Naz and Co |  |
| 9h30-12h00 | Tour the area and become familiar with surroundings | JK and Co | Driving continued to final destination. Arrive at 11:30 and unpack. | Naz and Co | Some other activities to book:   * Horseriding on the beach ? * Quad biking trails or hiking trails? * Surfing lessons? |
| 12h00 | lunch | JK and Co | Join for Lunch | Naz and Co |  |
| 13h30 | Drive to Kosi Bay (60km North)???  **Or we could do** **Horseriding on the beach?** | JK and Co | Drive to Kosi Bay (60km North)???  **Or we could do** **Horseriding on the beach?** | Naz and Co | Cost of complete course about R1840 per person including tented accommodation for 3 nights – we will upgrade this to cabin accommodation at a cost of an additional R400 per person per night. |
| 14h30 | Arrive at Kosi Bay to see Fish traps, turtles, ocean life plus taking of photos and exploration. | JK and Co | Arrive at Kosi Bay to see Fish traps, turtles, ocean life plus taking of photos. | Naz and Co | Accommodation will be in a private cabin @R280pppn for three nights, and then R425 per person per night for the remaining three nights. Accommodation cost = R2115 per person. Total for trip including course = R3955. We may also want to do another two Guided dives at R400 per person per dive. |
| 17h30 | Leave Kosi Bay | JK and Co | Leave Kosi Bay | Naz and Co | Naz and Co will stay for five nights – so cost per member will be R3530 |
| 18:45 | Arrive at Sodwana and Braai time.   * Play board game – 30 seconds * Explore beach. * Plan for next day, revise course theory. | JK and Co | Arrive at Sodwana and Braai time   * Play board game – 30 seconds * Explore beach. * Plan for next day, revise course theory. | Naz and Co |  |
| 22h30 | Bedtime | JK and Co | Bedtime | Naz and Co |  |

**Day 3 – Monday, 26 October 2015**

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| **Time** | **Activity** | **Participants** |
| 8h00 | Have breakfast | All |
| 9h00 | PADI SCUBA DIVER Theory Course – DAY 1 | All |
| 17h00 | Finish course and prepare for dinner | All |
| 18h30 | Dinner | All |
| 20h00 | Explore resort/ Board Games/Study Theory/Cards (Poker)/Beach games/30 seconds | All |
| 23h00 | Retire to bed |  |

**Day 4 – Tuesday, 27 October 2015**

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| **Time** | **Activity** | **Participants** |
| 8h00 | Have breakfast | All |
| 9h00 | PADI SCUBA DIVER Theory Course – DAY 2 | All |
| 12h00 | Light Snack/lunch | All |
| 13h00 | PADI SCUBA DIVER Pool Dive Training – including 200m swim | All |
| 17h30 | Braai and Relax | All |
| 19h00 | Planning for dive on next day with Coral divers team | All |
| 20h00 | Visit local pubs / evening entertainment |  |
| 23h00 | Retire to bed |  |

**Day 5– Wednesday, 28 October 2015**

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| **Time** | **Activity** | **Participants** |
| 8h00 | Have breakfast | All |
| 9h00 | PADI SCUBA DIVER Open Water Dive – DAY 3 Under water Training | All |
| 12h00 | Light Snack/lunch | All |
| 13h00 | PADI SCUBA DIVER Open Water Dive – Under water Training | All |
| 17h30 | Braai and Relax | All |
| 19h00 | Dive planning for the next day with Dive Centre | All |
| 20h00 | ???? | All |
| 23h00 | Retire to bed |  |

**Day 6– Thursday, 29 October 2015**

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| **Time** | **Activity** | **Participants** | **Booking** |
| 8h00 | Have breakfast and Pack Light lunch | All |  |
| 9h00 | Guided Dive 1 | All | R400 per person |
| 10h00 | Light Snack/lunch |  |  |
| 12h00 | Guided Dive 2 | All | R400 per person |
| 13h00 | Arrive back at Resort - free time to explore – surfing/horseriding/quad biking/hiking | All |  |
| 18h00 | Dinner | All |  |
| 19:30 | Pack up |  |  |
| 21h00 | Bedtime | All |  |

**Day 7– Friday, 30 October 2015**

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| **Time** | **Activity** | **Participants** |
| 8h00 | Have breakfast and Pack Light lunch | All |
| 9h00 | Check out and depart | All |
| 12h00 |  |  |
| 13h00 | Nazreen and Co arrive Home |  |
| 18h00 | JK and Co arrive home |  |

**NAZ NOTE 3:**

* **I want to leave on this day; I think there is too many days and too much free time. Refer to note 1 aforementioned –** Noted and done.

**Things to do Before Trip**

1. Get Medical Certificate issued by Doctor – before 8 February 2015 to make sure you can participate on the dive and before confirming any bookings.
2. Malaria medication – Get Malarone for 5 day visit - Kosi bay is a malaria area

**Pack Checklist**

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| Number | Item | Check Mark |
| 1 | Torch– for walking at night |  |
| 2 | Spare batteries for torch |  |
| 1 | Set comfortable walking shoes or boots per person |  |
| 1 | Set binoculars– you can pick up a good quality one for under R500, anything more is for professionals. I got a Tasco 10x25 |  |
| 1 | Camera per group – optical image stabiliser would be an advantage when snapping far shots |  |
| 1 | Tripod stand for camera |  |
| 2 | Sets cutlery – forks, knives, plates (although this is supplied, it is better to take your own |  |
| 1 | sun block SP50+ or sunscreen (as the afternoon is still intense) |  |
| 2 | Swimming costumes/outfit per person |  |
| 1 | Towel per person in case you not happy with those supplied |  |
| 1 | Own pillow in case you like your own pillow and want to be assured of a good night’s sleep |  |
| 1 | Bottle Sunlight Dishwashing liquid for all of us |  |
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| 1 | Backpack bags per person – this is what must be ready packed with all the outdoor stuff in (like binoculars, camera, etc) so when we leave the resort for diving we don’t have to look for things. |  |
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**Questions and Answers**

[**www.coraldivers.co.za**](http://www.coraldivers.co.za)

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2) For the scuba dive course - how long are the open water lessons and how much time is left to explore the coral reef after the lesson?

The course is a full packed course taking up most of the day but having a break for lunch. It will depend on the instructor as how long the lesson is in the open water. Should you want to explore more then we suggest staying an extra night and do a single 2 mile reef dive after the course.

3) How much time of the day does each of the open water dive lessons take?

Over the 5 nights the first two days will be 2 theory lessons and 2 pool lessons. Day 3 and 4 you will do 2 dives per day and on the last day there will be the final exam.

4) How long does the theory part of the course take and are we able to do the theory before we arrive there, in order to allow more time to the practical aspects?

The theory will take 2 days including the pool lessons. You can go on the PADI website and do the PADI e-learning. This way you can cut out 1day from the course.

5) Do you have smaller diving 5mm thick wet suits - i am 163cm in height, 47kg in weight, waist size 74cm (29 inches), chest 81cm? This is normally the kids size.

We have all different sizes in the wet suits.

6) Is the attached form the correct one to use for the Doctors medical clearance?

Please see attached the medical form

7) Are there any courses that can start on the Sunday, such as the **PADI SCUBA DIVER course?**

We can book a PADI Scuba Diver to start on the Sunday.

8) Is it possible to explore the coral reef while doing the open water dives as part of the open water lesson?

During the lesson the instructor will allow the students to explore however this will depend on the instructor and be discussed more o thedive planning the night before the dive.

9) I am deciding between doing the three day PADI SCUBA DIVER course and the PADI OPEN WATER DIVER course. Thing is I would always want some kind of supervision when diving, I do not want to dive without supervision. So the OPEN WATER DIVER course is not a must for me. I would rather do the three day course and then spend the next two days diving under supervision without too much lesson time. What is the course schedule for the PADI SCUBA DIVER course? Day1, day 2, day 3?

 The Scuba diver course has 3 theory lessons and 3 pool lessons and 2 open water dives with an instructor. The first two days would be the theory and pool lessons and possible a dive on day 2 but day 3 will defiantly have a open water dive. To dive after the course with a supervisor will cost R400 perdive.