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Partaking in an adventure tour in Africa involves covering hundreds if not thousands of kilometres and our tours are as much about this journey as they are about the destinations we visit. Use your time during these drives to talk to your fellow travellers, have a drink and take note of the world passing by your window. Some roads you travel on will be smooth and easy while others could take up to an hour to cover 1 kilometre. There is just no telling what could happen with road, weather, traffic and other conditions that may exist that will either increase or decrease the amount of time you spend on the road so take your watch off, put your iPad away, turn off your phone and just relax. An average day could take anything from 5 to 14 hours, it all depends on the day... and that's only an "average"!

**Please ensure that you have downloaded and read a copy of the PRE DEPARTURE INFORMATION booklet as this document contains important information (e.g travel insurance, visas, your money, health etc) you need to know before you depart on tour.**

<http://nomadtours.co.za/media/Pre-Departure-Information.pdf>

### Activity Package

This is an optional payment that covers what we consider to be 'essential activities' on our tours. This payment is 100% transparent and is listed below. The Activity Package must be pre-booked along with your tour booking. We cannot always guarantee availability of the activities if you only book on the morning of your tour departure.

Activity	Price
4x4 Game drive in Kruger National Park	R 950
Esijeni Cultural Tour	R 200
St Lucia boat cruise	R 450
Hluhluwe game drive	R 770
Valley of Desolation	R 380
	<b>R 2 750</b>

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### Maximum Number of Passengers

12

### After hours emergency contact

Our reservations staff are available to receive emergency calls. We would like to request that you respect this emergency number and use it only in the event of emergencies. Please only contact this number if, for example, you have missed your incoming flight, you cannot find your airport transfer or you are running late for your tour departure.

*If calling from outside South Africa: 0027 82 578 2199*

*If calling within South Africa: 082 578 2199*

### Pre and Post Tour Accommodation

If you require accommodation before or after your tour we can arrange this for you. We can also arrange airport transfers – contact your travel agent or Nomad to make these bookings.

### Arrival / Departure

Please be sure to arrive 1 day before your tour is due to depart. This will avoid any unforeseen problems.

As the activities on your tour can be moved to any day during your tour, we also highly recommend that you book your flights to depart the day after the tour officially ends.

### Your tour starts

**7.00am** Belvedere Estate corner George and Belvedere road, Glen Austin Midrand, Tel: 079 510 6705 – [www.belvedereestate.co.za](http://www.belvedereestate.co.za)

Please ensure you arrive at the departure point at least 30 minutes before the scheduled departure time.

### Your tour ends

Kings Beach Hotel, La Roche Drive, Humewood, Port Elizabeth. Tel: +27 41 582 3720 [www.tsogosunhotels.com/garden-court/kings-each/pages/overview.aspx](http://www.tsogosunhotels.com/garden-court/kings-each/pages/overview.aspx)

### What's included

Breakfast and dinner as listed in the below itinerary / accommodation in twin-share en-suite rooms or permanent tents / qualified crew / transport in a 12-seater 4x4 air-conditioned vehicle (on board toilet) / included highlights as per the itinerary / entrance fees to National Parks.

### What's excluded

Items of a personal nature (snacks, alcohol, bottled water, soft drinks) / entrance fees (associated with optional activities / souvenirs / activity packages and optional activities

### Countries Visited

South Africa, Swaziland, Lesotho

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Breakfast	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	13
Lunch	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Dinner	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	13

## TOUR ITINERARY

### Day 1 – Greater Kruger National Park

Leaving the city of Johannesburg behind us we make our way east through the coalfields of 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 an optional sundowner drive, booking is essential and your guide can assist on departure this morning.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Nkambeni Reserve <a href="http://www.nkambeni.com">http://www.nkambeni.com</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	Two per permanent tent with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Route</b>	Johannesburg to Nkambeni Reserve
<b>Optional Activity</b>	Sundowner drive (Subject to availability)

### Day 2 - Kruger National Park

Rising early this morning we enter the Kruger National Park to enjoy a full-day of game viewing in open 4x4 vehicles. 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-5. Truly the flagship of the South African national parks, Kruger is home to an impressive number of species including 336 trees, 49 fish, 114 reptiles and 147 mammals. Our activity package offers the added excitement of experiencing the park from an open-sided 4x4 vehicle. This evening there is a second opportunity for the optional Sundowner drive.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Nkambeni Reserve <a href="http://www.nkambeni.com">http://www.nkambeni.com</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	Two per permanent tent with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Route</b>	Kruger National Park
<b>Activity Package</b>	Kruger National Park 4x4 game drive
<b>Included Activity</b>	Game drive in Nomad vehicle for those not participating in the 4x4 activity package item
<b>Optional Activity</b>	Sundowner drive (subject to availability)

### Day 3 - Kruger National Park

While those who elect to do the optional morning walk will have an earlier start, we set out a little later today and travel the short distance to the Panorama Route. Strung along the escarpment that divides the central plateau and low-lying bushveld of the Kruger, the sights of the Panorama route offer us a day of scenic delights. We will visit the highlights of Bourke’s Luck Potholes, the Three Rondavels and God’s Window before returning to camp in the late afternoon.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Nkambeni Reserve <a href="http://www.nkambeni.com">http://www.nkambeni.com</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	Two per permanent tent with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Panorama Route - Bourke’s Luck Potholes, Three Rondavels, God’s Window
<b>Optional Activity</b>	Morning bush walk (subject to availability)

### Day 4 - Swaziland

We start the day early with some coffee and traditional rusks before setting off through Kruger on our way to Swaziland. 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 Swaziland 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.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary <a href="http://www.biggameparks.org/mlilwane/">http://www.biggameparks.org/mlilwane/</a> OR Hlane Royal National Park <a href="https://biggameparks.org/properties/hlane-royal-national-park-1">https://biggameparks.org/properties/hlane-royal-national-park-1</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	Two per room with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Route</b>	Kruger to Mlilwane
<b>Included Activity</b>	Game drive as we exit Kruger National Park (in your Nomad vehicle)
<b>Border Post</b>	South Africa: Jeppes Reef, Tel: + 27(0)13 781 0382, Open: 07h00-20h00 Swaziland: Matsamo, Tel: +268 323 2137, Open: 07h00-20h00

### Day 5 - Swaziland

Endless hours of self-guided exploration within the small 4560ha Mlilwane sanctuary are possible due to the relative absence of dangerous game. This morning our guide will lead us out on a nature walk to explore the “ Nature Trail “ which provides interpretation of historical and environmental information of the area. Later this morning, we embark on a 2-hour guided walk through the Esitjeni community, allowing us a glimpse of life on a day-to-day basis. This interactive experience could involve grinding maize, carrying water, building a wall or washing clothes in the steam.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary <a href="http://www.biggameparks.org/mlilwane/">http://www.biggameparks.org/mlilwane/</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	Two per room with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Route</b>	Kruger to Mlilwane
<b>Included Activity</b>	Nature walk Mlilwane with Nomad Guide
<b>Activity Package</b>	Esitjeni Cultural Tour

### Day 6 – Swaziland to St Lucia

Today we exit Swaziland and return to South Africa, making our way to the town of St Lucia and continue south into the reaches of Zululand, once the realm of the mighty King Shaka who united the Zulu clans. This evening we are treated to a cultural experience where we will learn more of the Zulu traditions and language.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Forest Lodge <a href="https://www.forestkzn.co.za/">https://www.forestkzn.co.za/</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	Two per room with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Route</b>	Mlilwane to St. Lucia
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Zulu cultural experience
<b>Border Post</b>	South Africa: Golela Border Post, Tel: +27(0)34 435 1070 Open: 07h00-22h00 Swaziland: Lavumisa Town Board, Tel: +268 20 790 93, Open: 07h00-22h00

### Day 7 - Hluhluwe – Imfolozi Game Reserve

We set out early this morning for a game drive in the nearby Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Game Reserve, one of the last strongholds of the endangered Rhinoceros. The reserve has played a critical role in the preservation of these endangered animals, both Black and White Rhinoceros occur in the park and many populations owe their ongoing existence to animals that have been raised here. While Rhinoceros are the most famous of the parks inhabitants, the park also provides a home to many other species, including the Big-5 that we all hope to see. Returning to our lodging for a siesta, we freshen up for an afternoon boat cruise on the St Lucia estuary.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Forest Lodge <a href="https://www.forestkzn.co.za/">https://www.forestkzn.co.za/</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	Two per room with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Activity Package</b>	Game drive in Hluhluwe-Imfolozi National Park, St. Lucia boat cruise

### Day 8 - Kwa Zulu Natal Coast – Drakensberg

Running the length of the Kwazulu-Natal province, the Ukuhlamba 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 Drakensberge, 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.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Monks Cowl <a href="http://www.goodersonleisure.co.za/gooderson-monks-cowl-golf-resort">http://www.goodersonleisure.co.za/gooderson-monks-cowl-golf-resort</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Route</b>	St. Lucia to Drakensberg
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Visit to the Mandela Capture Site, visit Howick Falls

### Day 9 - UKhahlamba Drakensberg Park

We set out this morning for a day of hiking to explore the mountains of the Drakensberg, along our way we will have the opportunity to view examples of San rock art with a local guide. While we encourage everyone to make the most of the day in mountains, we may offer separate options depending on the activity level of the group. With a number of trails available we can ensure that we cater to every need, the most important aim is to ensure everyone enjoys this mountain paradise at their own pace.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Monks Cowl <a href="http://www.goodersonleisure.co.za/gooderson-monks-cowl-golf-resort">http://www.goodersonleisure.co.za/gooderson-monks-cowl-golf-resort</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Hike with your guide in Ukhahlamba-Drakensberg Park

### Day 10 - Lesotho – Malealea

Our journey today begins with a mountain pass and an opportunity to visit a Vulture restaurant where we hope to view these fascinating birds. Our route winds its way through the magnificent cliffs off the Golden Gate National Park before we enter Lesotho in the afternoon, we pass the capital city of Maseru as continue the climb to our base high amongst the mountain peaks.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Malealea Lodge <a href="http://www.malealea.com">http://www.malealea.com</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Route</b>	Drakensberg to Malealea Lodge
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Drive through Golden Gate
<b>Border Post</b>	South Africa: Maseru Bridge, Tel: +27 (0) 51 924 4300, Open: 24hrs Lesotho: Maseru Bridge, Tel: +266 22 313 796, Open: 24hrs

### Day 11 - Lesotho – Malealea

The clean air of the mountains accompanies us this morning as we explore the mountains on foot, our hike concludes with a village visit and the opportunity to gain insight into the community that calls these mountains home. The Basotho are famous for their traditional hats, blankets and their sturdy ponies. Basotho ponies are renowned for their surefootedness in the mountains and you have the opportunity of an optional pony trek this afternoon to experience this first-hand

<b>Accommodation</b>	Malealea Lodge <a href="http://www.malealea.com">http://www.malealea.com</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Morning hike, Lesotho Village Visit
<b>Optional Activity</b>	Pony Trekking, Additional Hiking Options

### Day 12 - South Africa – Graaff Reinet

Returning to South Africa, we descend the mountains and take aim across the Great Karoo. The semi-arid Karoo represents the heartland of rural South Africa and presents a stark contrast to the mountains we leave behind. Our overnight stop is set in the historic town of Graaff-Reinet, the fourth oldest town in the country. We cross the mighty Orange (Gariep) River today as we journey through the vast countryside of the Karoo. This evening you will have the opportunity to join a sundowner excursion to the Valley of Desolation, this unique valley offers a panoramic view over the town and the wide open plains stretching out below.

**Kindly note that during the winter months, this activity will become a Sunrise excursion to the valley of Desolation the following morning.**

<b>Accommodation</b>	Drostdy Hotel <a href="https://Newmarkhotels.com/places/hotels/drostdy-hotel/">https://Newmarkhotels.com/places/hotels/drostdy-hotel/</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Route</b>	Malealea to Graaff Reinet
<b>Activity Package</b>	Valley of Desolation sundowner tour ( <i>Kindly note that during the winter months, this activity will become a Sunrise excursion to the valley of Desolation the following morning.</i> )
<b>Border Post</b>	Lesotho: Vanrooyenshek, Tel: +27 51 583 1525, Open: 06h00-22h00. South Africa: Vanrooyenshek, Tel: +27 51 583 1516, Open: 06h00-22h00

### Day 13 - Greater Addo Elephant National Park area

Setting course for the coast once again, we pass through the open plains of the Karoo and the wildlife charms of the Addo National Park. Upon arrival in the greater Addo region, we set up camp and head to the National Park to enjoy an afternoon game drive in our Nomad truck, in search of the famous elephants that call Addo home.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Zuurberg Mountain Village <a href="https://zuurbergmountainvillage.co.za/">https://zuurbergmountainvillage.co.za/</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Afternoon game drive in Addo National Park (Nomad truck)
<b>Route</b>	Graaff Reinet to Addo

### Day 14 – Port Elizabeth

After breakfast this morning, you will be transferred to Port Elizabeth where your tour will come to an end upon arrival at the Kings Beach Hotel.

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