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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**

#### **Tour departure point**

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

**07:00 am** Garden Court O.R. Tambo International Airport, 2 Hulley Road Isando Ext. 3, Kempton Park, Gauteng, South Africa

Tel: [+27 \(0\)11 392 1062](tel:+270113921062) <https://www.southernsun.com/garden-court-or-tambo-international-airport>

#### **Tour ending point**

Kings Beach Hotel, La Roche Drive, Humewood, Gqeberha (previously called Port Elizabeth), South Africa

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)

#### **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*

#### **Arrival / Departure**

Please be sure to arrive 1 day before your tour is due to depart. This will avoid any unforeseen problems. We also highly recommend that you book your flights to depart the day after the tour officially ends to allow for delays and changes.

#### **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.

#### **What's included**

Meals as outlined in the tour itinerary / accommodation / qualified crew / filtered water / transport in the Nomad truck / included highlights as per the itinerary / entrance fees to National Parks.

#### **What's excluded**

Items of a personal nature (snacks, alcohol, soft drinks, souvenirs, tips) / entrance fees (associated with optional activities)

#### **Countries Visited**

South Africa, Eswatini, Lesotho

#### **Onward Travel**

If you are interested to enhance your tour further, please [contact us](#) to receive a list of all the available options to suite your time frame and budget.

#### **Green Seats – Travel Responsibly in Africa**

Nomad has a non-profit Trust that looks after the people, animals and places that we visit. We realise that a footprint is left where we travel and for this reason, the Nomad Africa Trust was established. Your donation to the Trust is called a "Green Seat". If you would like to help Nomad making Africa Greener, simply choose the tick box during your booking process (or contact us afterwards to add it) and we will take care of the rest. The Nomad African Trust is responsible for the administration of the funds collected from the sale of the green seats and these funds are distributed to various projects as identified by the Trust.

## 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 enjoy a Sundowner drive through the reserve.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Nkambeni Reserve <a href="http://www.nkambeni.com">http://www.nkambeni.com</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</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>Meals</b>	Dinner
<b>Included Activity</b>	Sundowner Drive

**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-5. Truly 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 4x4 vehicle.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Nkambeni Reserve <a href="http://www.nkambeni.com">http://www.nkambeni.com</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</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>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Dinner
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Kruger National Park 4x4 game drive

**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>	<b>Accommodated:</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, Blyde River Canyon, God's Window
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Dinner

**Day 4 – Kruger to Eswatini**

We start the day early with some 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.

<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>	<b>Accommodated:</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>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Dinner
<b>Included Activity</b>	Game Drive in Kruger National Park (in your Nomad Truck)
<b>Border Post</b>	South Africa: Jeppes Reef, Tel: + 27(0)13 781 0382, Open: 07h00-20h00 Eswatini: Matsamo, Tel: +268 323 2137, Open: 07h00-20h00

**Day 5 – Eswatini – Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary**

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.

<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>	<b>Accommodated:</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>

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**Meals** Breakfast, Dinner  
**Included Activity** Nature Walk with Nomad guide  
**Optional Activity** Game Drives, Mountain Biking and Hiking

### Day 6 – Eswatini - St Lucia

We bid farewell to Eswatini and re-enter South Africa, continuing south into the reaches of Zululand, once the realm of the mighty King Shaka who united the Zulu clans.

**Accommodation** Forest Lodge <https://www.forestkzn.co.za/> OR Shonalanga <http://www.shonalanga.net>  
**Facilities** **Accommodated:** Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom  
*Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.*  
**Route** Mlilwane to St. Lucia  
**Meals** Breakfast, Dinner  
**Border Post** 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 – Umfolozi Game Reserve / iSimangaliso Wetland Park

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. 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 St Lucia estuary.

**Accommodation** Forest Lodge <https://www.forestkzn.co.za/> OR Shonalanga <http://www.shonalanga.net>  
**Facilities** **Accommodated:** Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom  
*Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.*  
**Meals** Breakfast, Dinner  
**Included Highlights** Game Drive in Hluhluwe-Imfolozi National Park, St. Lucia Boat Cruise

### Day 8 - Kwa Zulu Natal Coast – 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 Drakensberge, meaning 'dragon mountains', these towering mountains will be our backdrop for the next two nights. On our way we make a stop 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.

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

### Day 9 - UKhahlamba Drakensberg Park

We set out this morning for a lengthy hike. 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.

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

### Day 10 - Lesotho

Our journey today begins with a mountain pass as 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.

**Accommodation** Malealea Lodge <https://www.malealealodge.com/>  
**Facilities** **Accommodated:** Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom  
*Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.*  
**Route** Drakensberg to Malealea  
**Meals** Breakfast, Dinner  
**Border Post** 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

The clean air of the mountains accompanies us this morning as we explore the surrounding area offers a unique and adventurous landscape to explore on foot and we will set out on the trail which is a couple of hours.

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<b>Accommodation</b>	Malealea Lodge <a href="https://www.malealealodge.com/">https://www.malealealodge.com/</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</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>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Dinner
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Waterfall & Bushman Paintings activity with your Nomad guide

### 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.

<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>	<b>Accommodated:</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>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Dinner
<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 – Gqeberha (Gateway to Addo Elephant National Park)

This morning you will have the opportunity to join a sunrise excursion to the Valley of Desolation. This unique valley offers a panoramic view over the town and the wide open plains stretching out below. Setting course for the coast once again, we pass through the open plains of the Karoo and head to the famous Addo Elephant National Park where we will enjoy a half day game drive in our Nomad truck, in search of the famous elephants that call Addo home. Our overnight accommodation is in the heart of Gqeberha (formerly Port Elizabeth).

<b>Accommodation</b>	Singa Lodge <a href="https://www.singalodge.com/">https://www.singalodge.com/</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</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>	Graaff Reinet to Gqeberha
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Dinner
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Valley of Desolation sunrise tour, Half day game drive in Addo National Park (Nomad truck)

### Day 14 – Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth)

This morning after breakfast, your tour will come to an end in the city of Gqeberha.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Own Arrangements / Post tour accommodation can be booked through Nomad
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast