

## Information guidelines

All information provided in this document is subject to change without prior notice. Please ensure that you have received the latest version of this dossier as we are continually striving to improve the standards and quality of our tours and itineraries are subject to change. Travel times and campsites can change depending on road or weather conditions, or any unforeseen circumstances. These are used as a guideline only. On our longer tours it is possible that your crew, truck and fellow travellers will change due to our unique tour linking system. There are a maximum of 20 participants travelling on this tour.

Partaking in an adventure tour in Africa involves covering hundreds if not thousands of kilometers in a truck, and our tours are as much about this journey as they are about the destinations we visit. Use your time in the truck to talk to your fellow travellers, play card games, have a drink, walk around, take note of the world passing by your window and make the most of this unique opportunity to step out of your comfort zone.

Some roads you travel on will be smooth and easy while others could take up to an hour to cover one kilometer. 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 in the truck, it all depends on the day... and that's only an "average".

### **Did you receive your Pre Departure Information Booklet?**

If not, please contact us and we will e-mail it to you - alternatively you can also download the document from our website at [www.CheapAfricaTours.com](http://www.CheapAfricaTours.com) or [www.GoedkopeAfrikaReizen.nl](http://www.GoedkopeAfrikaReizen.nl)

## About this tour

### **Departure Point**

This tour departs at **07:00 am** from the Belvedere Estate, corner of George and Belvedere road, Glen Austin, Midrand, Tel: 083 741 5240  
[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.

### **End Point**

Kings Beach Hotel, La Roche Drive, Humewood, 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)

## **Countries Visited**

South Africa, Eswatini (Swaziland), Lesotho

## **What's included**

All meals which are prepared and served at the overland truck / accommodation / qualified crew / filtered water / transport in the overland truck / included highlights as per the itinerary / entrance fees to National Parks.

## **What's excluded**

All items of a personal nature, alcohol, soft drinks, snacks, souvenirs, tips, entrance fees associated with optional activities and optional activities (see list for an indication of prices).

## **Vehicle**

Overland Truck

## **Climate**

The African sun is very strong. Please use a factor 30 sunscreen and wear a hat. You should drink at least 3 litres of water per day to avoid dehydration. It can also get very cold during winter months on this route. Please see Pre Departure Booklet for detailed information.

## **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. For more information, have a look on our website under "Hotels and Transfers"

## **Arrival/ Departure**

Please be sure to arrive at least 1 day before your tour is due to depart. This will help avoid any unforeseen problems. We also highly recommend that you book your flights to depart at least one day after the tour officially ends.

## **I Want More**

This tour will give you a good taste of what Southern Africa has in store for you. However, you can extend your adventure by adding more tour options... you could continue onward to Cape Town (6 more days) and from there you can join the 20 day Cape Town to Vic Falls tour (or shorter sections thereof).

## **Insurance (Compulsory)**

All clients require adequate Medical Insurance. Activity providers can refuse participation of activities, if the correct valid Medical Insurance is not provided.

## **Currency and Banking**

As your tour may pass through multiple countries, we have prepared information on the use of local and foreign currencies, ATMs and Credit Cards for each country. This information is available on our website under FAQ (frequently asked questions).

## **Health**

Please inform us of any pre-existing conditions such as diabetes or asthma and any prescription medicine you may be taking. We also need to know about any food allergies or physical disabilities that you may have.

## **Vaccinations**

A Yellow Fever Certificate might be required for this tour depending on your nationality. Please see the Pre-Departure Information booklet for detailed information on vaccinations in Africa.

## **Visas**

As visa requirements vary considerably from country to country and nationality to nationality, please contact the various embassies or a visa service agent in your home country to re-check your visa requirements at least 4 weeks prior to travelling. Please note that visas are the responsibility of the traveller and that ShapShap Travel and its partners will not be held responsible for guests being denied entry should they not be in the possession of the relevant visas.

All travellers must be in possession of a valid onward/return air ticket or proof of other means of transport enabling the traveller to leave the country in which your adventure tour passes or terminates. You should also have proof of sufficient funds (e.g. credit card) to see you through your time in the country. Should the adventure tour you are joining be re-entering a country, be sure to have a multiple entry visa that enables you to re-enter the country.

In some cases visas are available on entry into a country and may be cheaper to do so, however for peace of mind and to speed up the border crossing process, ShapShap Travel will always advise you to get your visas prior to your trip if possible.

## **Accommodation providers**

Accommodation providers are subject to change without notice, the accommodation listed in this dossier is our preferred supplier, but sometimes due to availability, we are unable to make use of the property listed in this dossier. If we cannot use the accommodation provider as listed we will substitute another property of similar standards, however, en-suite facilities are not always guaranteed.

## **Detailed 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.

**Accommodation** Nkambeni Reserve: <http://www.nkambeni.com>  
**Facilities** Accommodated: Two per Permanent Tent with En-suite Bathroom  
Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions  
**Route** Johannesburg to Nkambeni Reserve  
**Meals** Lunch, Dinner  
**Optional Activity** 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 (wildlife 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 (safari) through the park is in an open-sided 4x4 vehicle.

**Accommodation** Nkambeni Reserve: <http://www.nkambeni.com>  
**Facilities** Accommodated: Two per Permanent tent with En-suite Bathroom  
Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions  
**Route** Kruger National Park  
**Meals** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner  
**Included Highlight** Kruger National Park 4x4 game drive (safari)

### 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.

**Accommodation** Nkambeni Reserve: <http://www.nkambeni.com>  
**Facilities** Accommodated: Two per Permanent tent with En-suite Bathroom  
Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions  
**Included Highlight** Panorama Route - Bourke's Luck Potholes, Blyde River Canyon, God's Window  
**Meals** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### Day 4 – Kruger to Eswatini (Swaziland)

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

**Accommodation** Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary: <http://www.biggameparks.org/mlilwane/>  
OR Hlane Royal National Park:  
<https://biggameparks.org/properties/hlane-royal-national-park-1>  
**Facilities** Accommodated: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom  
Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions  
**Route** Kruger to Mlilwane

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

### Day 5 – Eswatini (Swaziland) – 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 (game = wild animals). 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>	Accommodated: Two per Beehive hut with En-suite Bathroom Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Included Activity</b>	Nature Walk with overland guide
<b>Optional Activity</b>	Game Drives (safari), 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.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Shonalanga: <a href="http://www.shonalanga.net">http://www.shonalanga.net</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	Accommodated: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom Camping: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom
<b>Route</b>	Mlilwane to St. Lucia
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<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 – 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.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Shonalanga: <a href="http://www.shonalanga.net">http://www.shonalanga.net</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	Accommodated: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom Camping: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Included Highlights</b>	Game Drive (safari) 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 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> OR The Nest: <a href="https://www.thenest.co.za/">https://www.thenest.co.za/</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	Accommodated: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
<b>Route</b>	St. Lucia to Drakensberg
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<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 at Battles Cave. 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> OR The Nest: <a href="https://www.thenest.co.za/">https://www.thenest.co.za/</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	Accommodated: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<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>	Accommodated: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
<b>Route</b>	Drakensberg to Malealea Lodge
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Drive through Golden Gate, Visit to Vulture restaurant
<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. This activity is not for the inexperienced or faint-hearted.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Malealea Lodge: <a href="http://www.malealea.com">http://www.malealea.com</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	Accommodated: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<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>	Profcon Resort: <a href="http://www.profconresort.co.za/">http://www.profconresort.co.za/</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	Accommodated: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
<b>Route</b>	Malealea to Graaff Reinet
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Included Highlights</b>	Valley of Desolation sundowner tour
<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 overland truck, in search of the famous elephants that call Addo home.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Kudu Ridge Lodge <a href="http://www.kuduridge.co.za">http://www.kuduridge.co.za</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	Accommodated: Two per permanent tent with En-suite Bathroom Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
<b>Route</b>	Graaff Reinet to Addo
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Afternoon game drive in Addo National Park (overland truck)

### **Day 14 – Port Elizabeth**

This morning your guide will transfer you to Port Elizabeth where your tour will end upon arrival in the city.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Own Arrangements/ Post tour accommodation can be booked through us
<b>Route</b>	Greater Addo Area to Port Elizabeth

## Meals

### Breakfast

There are more optional activities being created every day – we have listed only the most popular. If there is something specific you would like to do then speak to your guide as they will be able to assist you if possible.

## More optional activities which can be booked on this tour

Country	Area	Activity	Rate Guideline
South Africa	Plettenberg Bay	Dolphin boat trip	R570 - R670
South Africa	Plettenberg Bay	Whale watching (seasonal)	R850 - R950
South Africa	Plettenberg Bay	Qolweni township tour or Robberg Walk	R300 - R500
South Africa	Plettenberg Bay	Entrance Fee	R260 - R300
South Africa	Tsitsikamma	Treetop / Canopy Tour / Woodcutters Journey	R660 - R860
South Africa	Tsitsikamma	World Highest Bungee Jump	R1200 - R1300
South Africa	Tsitsikamma	Bridge Walking Tours	R150 - R250
South Africa	Addo National Park Area	Zipline	R320 - R420
South Africa	Addo National Park Area	Sunset or Evening Game Drive excl Conservation fees	R530 - R630
South Africa	Greater Kruger	Morning Bush Walk incl Conservations fees	R1050 - R1150
South Africa	Greater Kruger	Evening Game Drive incl Conservation fees	R980 - R1080
Lesotho	Malealea	Pony Trekking excursion (Waterfall Trek or Bushman Painting (min 2 pax)	R350 - R580

## More about this tour

### MEALS ON TOUR

**Breakfast:** As breakfast is served very early in the morning (if there is driving or activities to be done) it is a simple but filling breakfast: Tea and coffee, breads and spreads, cereals, yoghurts, fruits and on occasion, when there is time for a later breakfast, guides will serve a hot breakfast of scrambled eggs, porridge, bacon or beans.

**Lunch:** Lunch is generally served at a picnic spot next to the road en route to a destination. As the guides only have approximately 45 minutes to get everyone off the truck, prepare lunch and then get everyone back on the truck again, lunches consist of sandwiches and salads (rice salad, pasta salad, tuna salad and green salad) which are quick and easy to prepare but which are quite filling. Guides have meal plans which they should stick to, to ensure that there is variety on a day to day basis.

**Dinner:** This is when the guides get time to prepare a delicious meal and they focus on a substantial protein, vegetable and carbohydrate dinner. We serve traditional cuisine consisting of braais (BBQ), potjie (stew), bobotie (mince), spaghetti and fish and chicken dishes. All meals (on both accommodated and camping tours) that are included as per the dossier are prepared at the full service adventure truck. This is a unique adventure in itself where you get to dine under the stars with your new found friends and experience the real sights and sounds of Africa!