



East Coast Discovery - Camping (EDC7) – Tour Dossier

Introduction

This exciting holiday offers you a comprehensive insight into some of South Africa's best adventure attractions available. Our unique itinerary has been carefully designed maximizing your experience within the short time you spend visiting us. Following your arrival in the renowned city of gold, (Johannesburg), your epic journey includes breathtakingly tranquil views and a variety of territories where the mighty Lion remains the king of the wilds and humans dare to roam freely. Crossing many majestic mountainous regions, vast veld plains and taking in the warm aroma from wild Indian ocean beaches, you will encounter and experience African traditions oozing with marvelous cultures of ancient mankind, satisfying your inner curiosity. This Adventure tour allows you to touch and embrace magical Africa leaving you with an everlasting desire to discover more of this dynamic and diverse country.

Highlights

Blyde River Canyon

Three Rondavels

Gods Window

Kruger open vehicle game drive

Kingdom of Swaziland

Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary

Ngwenya Glass factory

Swazi Candles

Zulu Village walk

Hluhluwe Game Reserve

Durban Golden Mile

Intended Itinerary

Day 1:

Johannesburg – Greater Kruger Park, South Africa

Distance travelled: +/-500km

Approx driving time: Full day

Departing from South Africa's largest city, Johannesburg, we drive across the scenic Mpumalanga province and enjoy the spectacular mountain scenery of the Panoramic route. We stop at the gigantic Three Rondavels rock formations and enjoy the crisp air and fantastic surroundings, looking down onto Blyde River Canyon and further afield to the lowveld and Greater Kruger. After visiting Gods window we stop for lunch in Graskop. This afternoon we make our way to our isolated bush camp within the greater Kruger Park. We spend the night at a tranquil rest camp sharing stories and experiences with one another around the amber light of a campfire.

Wow Factors: *Blyde River Canyon, Three Rondavels, Gods Window*

Accommodation: *Nsele bush lodge or similar*

Meals included: *South African Dinner*

Day 2:

Moholoholo – Kruger National Park

Distance travelled: +/-120km

After breakfast we visit Moholoholo Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre, experiencing firsthand the remarkable work done by committed volunteers, who rehabilitate displaced, traumatized predators and endangered mammals from the surrounding

areas. All animals are then prepared to be released back into the wilds of Africa. From here we enter Kruger National Park. Kruger is home to over 505 species of birds, 148 species of mammals and many reptiles which we enthusiastically search for during the afternoon. The impressive atmosphere of the park enables you to understand why it is held in such high esteem amongst explorers from all over the world who visit this park. We avoid the hot midday sun and enjoy the peacefulness the rest camp has to offer. There are many facilities available for game viewers such as; restaurants, souvenir stores and swimming pools. We return to our camp in the late afternoon, happily exhausted and highly satisfied with the day's events. For those wanting more game driving there is the option of heading out on a night safari. Early evening we all enjoy a lovely dinner gathered around the warm fire crackling in the stillness of night.

Wow Factors: *Afternoon game drive in Kruger National Park, Moholoholo Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre.*

Accommodation: *Nsele bush lodge or similar*

Meals included: *Breakfast, Dinner*

Day 3:

Kruger National Park

Distance travelled: +/-120km

Waking at sunrise, with cameras and binoculars at the ready, we head out early on a game drive, the best time to view animals, especially predators. The big cats like to hunt at night and if we are lucky we may come across one of their hunts or kills. Hopefully we will see some of the Big 5 – Elephant, Rhino,

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Leopard, Lion and Buffalo. This is an old colonial term used by hunters tracking their most dangerous foe. After resting for lunch at one of the parks rest camps, we spend the rest of the day exploring the narrow roads through the wilds of the Kruger Park. At sunset we return to our camp for the night.

Wow Factors: Full day game drive in Kruger National Park

Accommodation: Nsele bush lodge or similar

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 4:

Kruger National Park – Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary, Swaziland

Distance travelled: +/- 450km

Leaving our private reserve, we travel south along the edge of the Kruger National Park, passing many farming towns and Shangaan settlements. After a short stop in Nelspruit, the road takes us through lush citrus farms, before crossing the Crocodile River and into the Kingdom of Swaziland. The windy road carries us over lush, green mountain passes through this landlocked kingdom, snuggled between Mozambique and South Africa. Passing many craft markets, we make an educational visit to the famous Ngwenya glass factory, skirt past the capital Mbabane, before arriving at Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary, our base for the next two nights. Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary is Swaziland's oldest protected area located in the stunning Ezulwini Valley, 'Valley of Heavens'.

Wow Factors: Ngwenya glass factory, Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary

Accommodation: Mlilwane Camp or similar

Meals included: Breakfast & Dinner

Day 5:

The Kingdom of Swaziland

Distance travelled: +/- 100km

Waking to the sounds of grunting antelope and wild exotic birds, we enjoy breakfast, soaking up the natural beauty of our surroundings. This morning we enjoy a short drive through the sanctuary before visiting the Swazi Candle Factory and local outdoor craft market. For the rest of the day we recommend you participate in some of the many activities offered in the sanctuary such as; horseback trails, mountain bike riding, village walk, bush guided walks or just enjoy some rejuvenating time-out, sun tanning around the cool swimming pool with a good book. There are over forty species of animals found here including the exotic species such as Honey Badger, Dwarf Mongoose, Aardwolf, Striped Polecat and the more common

including Hippo, Ostrich, Kudu, Zebra and Baboon. The mystical night starts by enjoying cool sun downers and admiring the view overlooking the hippo pool, while our crew prepares a delicious dinner.

Wow Factors: Swazi candle factory, craft markets, Mlilwane game reserve

Accommodation: Mlilwane camp

Meals included: Breakfast & Dinner

Day 6:

Swaziland – St Lucia, South Africa

Distance travelled: +/- 410km

Leaving this amazing sanctuary behind us we cross the border re-entering South Africa into KwaZulu-Natal province. We arrive in the small coastal town of St Lucia for lunch and settle into our camp before enjoying a comprehensive tour of a Zulu village, giving us an insight into Zulu warrior traditions, which are very similar when compared to the peaceful Swazi tribes. Soon after we join a boat for a sunset cruise on the estuary, for Hippo and bird viewing. Returning to our camp early evening for dinner, we explore our natural surroundings, spotting nocturnal bush babies playing in the lush green trees and many other things that go 'bump' in the night!

Wow Factors: Zulu cultural village tour, Estuary sunset boat cruise

Accommodation: St Lucia campsite or similar

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 7:

St Lucia – Durban

Distance travelled: +/- 320km

Rising early, we enjoy a light breakfast before driving the short distance to Hluhluwe Game Reserve, KwaZulu-Natal's premier game reserve, hosting the famous "Big Five" and many other wild life species. We enjoy a morning safari game drive through one of South Africa's oldest and well run reserves, before returning to St Lucia. Departing after lunch we drive through pine forests and sugar cane fields, before arriving in one of Africa's largest commercial ports, Durban. uShaka Marine World is our first stop where we have the option to see some fascinating salt water aquariums, with indoor/outdoor displays and interesting exhibits, including a dolphin, seal and penguin rookery built within the wreck of a re-created cargo ship from the 1940's, or



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take a leisurely walk on Durban famous Golden mile beach. The tour ends in Durban where you have the opportunity to enjoy the night at a beach front lodge and venture out for a walk along the beach or explore the night life using taxis for transport.

Wow Factors: Hluhluwe Game Reserve, Durban Golden Mile, Game Open vehicle drive in Hluhluwe / Imfolozi National Park

Accommodation: N/A

Meals included: Breakfast

Tour Information

TOUR STYLE: Small Group – *Sharing- 2 Man dome tents with shared facilities.*

WHAT'S INCLUDED: Tour highlights, transport, accommodation, meals as indicated, services of an English speaking driver tour leader, sleeping bag for Okavango Delta.

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED: Visas, travel insurance, flights, airport transfers, optional activities, laundry, gratuities, passport & visa fees, items of a personal nature.

LOCAL PAYMENT: The local payment (LP) set out in the brochure is to be paid to the tour guide/driver on day 1 of this tour. This local payment covers running costs on the road – meals indicated, accommodation and tour highlights. Traveller's cheques and credit cards are not accepted. Payments must be made in US Dollars (US Dollars in clean, un-torn **post 2006** edition notes)

ACCOMMODATION: (*Sharing- 2 Man dome tents with shared facilities*) one night at a tented en-suite camp in the Okavango Delta. Many are situated in comfortable and picturesque locations with a pool, restaurant and bar.

TRANSPORT: Minibus. Maximum group size: 12 passengers

BOOKING INFORMATION

When you make a confirmed booking for your tour you will be sent pre-departure information and related documents. Once you have paid in full you will receive a Travel Voucher giving full details of your joining point. Johannesburg is well served by a variety of airlines. Your travel agent can advise on flights to and from the start and finish of your tour.

JOINING INFORMATION

Meeting point in **Johannesburg:** **MoAfrika Lodge**
Address: 120 Sandham Rd,
Norton Home Estate, Benoni
Johannesburg
Contact details: Tel. +27 82 506 9641

E-mail: info@moafrika.com
Tour start time: 05:00 on day 1
Tour end point in **Johannesburg:**
Tour end time: Late afternoon/ early evening on day 14.

PRE TOUR ACCOMMODATION

This tour departs Johannesburg early on Day 1; we strongly recommend therefore that you plan to arrive the day before departure to overcome any jet-lag and acclimatise to Africa. We would be happy to book pre-tour accommodation for you – please call or email us (or speak to your agent) with your arrival details and accommodation requirements.

However please book early to avoid disappointment and the risk of having to find more expensive (or less convenient) lodgings.

If time allows, we also suggest planning a night or two extra (after your tour) to make the most of Johannesburg and the surrounding area.

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See below for a guide to extra accommodation costs. **These prices are a guide line only and are subject to change so please check with Rush Adventures or your agent for current prices.**

Description	Price (US\$)	Description	Price (US\$)
Johannesburg		Johannesburg	
Pre tour accommodation – (Standard Room) twin/double pppn	\$45	Post tour accommodation – (Standard Room) twin/double pppn	\$45
Pre tour accommodation – (standard room) single pppn	\$70	Post tour accommodation – (standard room) single pppn	\$70
Pre tour accommodation – dorm pppn	\$30	Post tour accommodation – dorm pppn	\$30
pppn = per person per night		pppn = per person per night	

WHAT TO BRING

Please try to keep your luggage to a minimum, bearing in mind that most airlines impose a 20kg luggage limit. A large soft holdall or backpack and a smaller day pack is ideal. On this tour you will need a mixture of lightweight cool clothing for the day and warm clothing (i.e fleece, long trousers and hat) for mornings and evenings as it can be cool on game drives. Pack a light rain jacket. It is advisable to bring mosquito spray throughout the year. Bring a towel and a pillow if required. A money belt/pouch that can be worn comfortably beneath your clothing is recommended. Please avoid bringing unnecessary valuables and use the hotel safe to store your cash, passport and air tickets.

VACCINATIONS / HEALTH

The table below indicates the vaccinations suggested for travel on this tour but **should be treated as a guide only**. You should seek professional medical advice from your GP or clinic at least six weeks prior to departure. Please note some areas visited are **malarial**. We recommend you speak to your doctor or travel clinic about appropriate anti-malarial tablets.

Country	Tetanus	Diphtheria	Polio	Hepatitis A	Hepatitis B	Typhoid	Meningitis	Rabies	Yellow Fever	Malaria
South Africa	R	R	R	R	-	R	-	-	R*	R
Zambia	R	R	R	R	R	R	-	R	R*	R
Botswana	R	R	R	R	-	R	-	R	*	R

C = Compulsory, **R** = Recommended, **R*** = It is an immigration requirement to have a Yellow Fever certificate if travelling to Zambia from South Africa and in reverse. * = If travelling from infected countries a certificate of proof may be required.

NB: To be used as a guide only. Please see your GP or travel clinic for up-to-date medical advice. Alternatively, contact Rush Adventures for any queries or advice regarding vaccination requirements.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

The table below indicates the visas required for travel to the countries on this tour but **should be treated as a guide only**. At least one month prior to travel seek confirmation from embassies or a visa specialist, that these requirements are still current. For UK citizens the Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO) offers free up-to-date travel info: www.fco.gov.uk For other nationalities a number of travel advice websites are listed on the Rush website.

Nationality	UK	AUS	NZ	USA	CAN	BEL	IRE	NED	DEN	ITA	GER	AUT	SWE	FIN	NOR	MEX	KOR
South Africa	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No

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Zambia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes									
Botswana	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes

NB The above is a guide only. Please check all visa requirements at least one month in advance of travel. Most nationalities do not need to obtain any of the above visas in advance. They are available at the border entry points and payable in US\$ cash.

MONEY MATTERS PERSONAL EXPENSES

Naturally you will require extra money for your own personal spending on the tour, for snacks, drinks, souvenirs, tips and items of a personal nature. Everybody has different spending habits but as a guideline we suggest you budget US\$10-15 per day. Most spending will be in South Africa Rand, Botswana Pula and Zambia Kwacha (for incidental expenses along the way, optional activities, most additional accommodation before/after the trip) but it's a good idea to bring along some US\$ cash for any international airport taxes or visas.

-Spending money is best carried as cash in either South Africa Rand cash or US dollars (US Dollars in clean un-torn post 2005 edition notes), Sterling or Euro which can be exchanged into Rand on arrival and as you travel. Your guide will give general guidance about spending during the tour.

-Currencies are as follows: South Africa – Rand, Botswana – Pula; Zambia – Zambian Kwacha.

-ATM machines are found in are found throughout South Africa and Botswana and in Livingstone. Please note they are sometimes Un-reliable and only dispense local currency so therefore cannot be used to draw your Local Payment.

-Credit cards can be used to pay for larger optional activities although there may be a fee for their use.

-Travellers cheques can be difficult to cash but make suitable emergency funds.

TIPPING

As in many areas where tourism is an important contributor to the economy it has become customary to offer a small gratuity to local staff at the end of the tour if service has been of a high standard. Naturally this always remains at your discretion.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

In order to give you maximum flexibility on tour we offer a number of optional activities on the tour. To help budget, approximate prices are listed below (in US\$ unless otherwise stated. All prices subject to change.

Activity	Price (US\$)or (Zar)
South Africa	
Kruger sunset drive	R350
Milwane - Swaziland	
Mountain Bike trails	R135
Horse Riding – per hour	R210
Cultural Experience	R105
Guided Bird watching tour	R190
uShaka Marine World incld. aquarium	R200



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INSURANCE

It is a booking condition of Rush Adventures, that you have full travel insurance valid for the duration of your tour to cover you for medical emergencies and repatriation to your home country. Your guide will ask you for a copy of this when you join the tour. It is also important that you leave a copy of your insurance with the person nominated as your emergency contact. We can help provide specialist travel insurance for this tour through our local operator. Please contact R for more information.

RESPONSIBLE TRAVEL

We strongly believe that you get the most out of a journey by respecting the culture and people of the places you visit. On our tours we try to travel in a way that benefits the communities we pass through and minimizes negative impact on the environment. This can be from ensuring the campsites we use are clean when we leave and dressing respectfully in conservative areas to getting involved with local charity projects. We ask that you are open to this when you travel with us. Being proactive in responsible travel helps develop cross-cultural understanding and friendships with the local people, and will greatly enhance your experience in Africa.
