

NDJ – 7 DAY SWAZILAND & KRUGER - North

Activity Package

This is an optional payment that covers what we consider to be 'essential activities' on our tours. Ideally we would include all of these, but not everyone can afford this. This payment is 100% transparent and is listed below. The Activity Package can be pre-purchased prior to your arrival or through your guide on day 1 of your tour. **This dossier has been written with the inclusion of the Activity Package items.**

Activity	Price
St Lucia boat cruise	R200
Hluhluwe game drive	R700
Moholoholo rehabilitation centre	R120
	R1020

Countries Visited

Swaziland and South Africa

Vehicle

Adventure Truck

Malaria

Prophylactics are required for the last leg of the tour.

Departure Point

8.00 am Garden Court South Beach, 73 OR Tambo Parade, South Beach, Durban, Tel: + 27 (03)1 337 2231

<http://www.southern.sun.com/garden-court/south-beach/pages/rooms.aspx>

End Point

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

Tel: +27 11 392 1062 www.southern.sun.com/garden-court/or-tambo-international-airport/pages/overview.aspx

What's included

Meals as indicated on the itinerary (unless otherwise specified, all meals are prepared and served at the Nomad truck), accommodation, registered guides and transport. We also include some of the highlights. These highlights are listed below in the day-by-day descriptions as "included highlights".

What's excluded

All items of a personal nature, alcohol, snacks, souvenirs, tips and optional activities (see list for an indication of prices).

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 disability that you may have.

Visas

Please note that these are your responsibility. Some nationalities require visas for Swaziland.

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See Pre Departure Booklet for more information.

Insurance

All clients require adequate Travel Insurance. Medical Insurance is not sufficient. Activity providers can refuse participation of activities, if the correct valid Travel insurance is not provided. Travel insurance can be purchased via the Nomad website

http://www.nomadtours.co.za/travel_insurance.html (Nomad World travel insurance is in no way affiliated with Nomad Tours)

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.

Currency and Banking

South African Rand is the best currency to use on this route. Please see Pre Departure Booklet for detailed information on each country. Travellers Cheques can take a long time to change into cash and often incur unreasonable charges. Credit Cards cannot always be processed – especially in remote areas.

Vaccinations

No vaccinations are prescribed by law for the countries being visited on this tour. Please see the Pre Departure Information booklet for detailed information on vaccinations in Africa.

Onward Travel

This tour can be linked to the Okavango & Chobe Trail North tour, or the Discover Mozambique tour.

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

Please be sure to arrive 1 day before your tour is due to depart. This will avoid any problems such as lost luggage, misplaced bags or any unpredictable problems such as airline strikes or delayed flight arrival.

Departure

Please book your flight to depart the day after the tour officially ends. This is to account for any delays that we may experience due to unpredictable road conditions.

Note: All information is subject to change without prior notice. Travel times and campsites can change depending on road or weather conditions, etc. 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. On this tour, camping and accommodated clients will be travelling together with a maximum number of participants of 18.

Did you receive your Pre Departure Information Booklet?

If not please contact us at nomad@nomadtours.co.za and we will e-mail you the document; alternatively visit us at our office (1st Floor, Leadership House, 40 Shortmarket St, Greenmarket Square, Cape Town) to collect one. You can also download from our website at www.nomadtours.co.za. **After hours contact number: +27 (0) 82 578 2199.**

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Country	Area	Activity	Price Range		
South Africa	iSimangaliso	Traditional Zulu Village Visit	R250	to	R280
Swaziland	Mlilwane NP	Mountain Biking (per hour)	R110	to	R150
Swaziland	Mlilwane NP	Guided Birding Walk	R150	to	R200
Swaziland	Mlilwane NP	Horse Riding – per hour (1-3 hrs)	R120	to	R150
Swaziland	Mlilwane NP	Sunset Drive (2.5 hours) Min 2 x clients	R220	to	R250
South Africa	Kruger National Park	Full day 4x4 game drive	R450	to	R650
South Africa	Kruger National Park	Dawn Game Walk 2 to 3 Hours	R340	to	R400
South Africa	Kruger National Park	Night Game Drive with SANP	R180	to	R210
South Africa	Johannesburg	Dinner at local restaurant	R150	to	R300

Note

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.

Please note that due to the seasonal fluctuations of the Kruger National Park we cannot guarantee that we will stay at the places indicated in this itinerary – we will follow the game in order to give you the best viewing experience.

Day 1 Isimangaliso (Greater St Lucia) Wetland Park

After meeting your group we depart to iSimangaliso Wetland Park. Soon after our arrival at iSimangaliso Wetland Park we board a boat for a sunset cruise on the lagoon for some bird and hippo viewing! This UNESCO recognised area is extremely varied and includes: lakes, beaches, coral reefs, wetlands, woodlands, coastal forests and grasslands together supporting an astounding diversity of animal, bird and marine life. *Optional Activities: Traditional Zulu Village visit.*

Meals:	Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation:	Two per room: Shonalanga: www.shonalanga.net
Facilities:	Shared ablutions, hot showers, swimming pool, laundry
Route:	Durban to St. Lucia. ±280 km
Travel time:	±4-5 hrs
Activity Package:	St Lucia sunset boat cruise

Greater St Lucia Wetland Park

Recently renamed the iSimangaliso Wetland Park, this sub-tropical paradise covers about 240,000 hectares and is the largest estuarine system in Africa. The park includes the southernmost extension of coral reefs on the continent, and covers 220km of the East Coast from St Lucia to the Mozambique border.

iSimangaliso encompasses a huge range of natural systems, ranging from dune, swamp and coastal forests to rocky and sandy shores, coral reefs and submarine canyons, and a mosaic of mangroves, savanna grassland, thickets and woodlands. It is the largest protected wetland in southern Africa, with large numbers of nesting turtles on the beaches; as well as the migration of whales, dolphins and whale-sharks off-shore; and huge numbers of waterfowl including large breeding colonies of pelicans, storks, herons and terns. The Park's unique climate and position has resulted in exceptional biodiversity including some 521 bird species. This is a UNESCO World Heritage site and you can learn more at <http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/914>.

Day 2 Hluhluwe - Imfolozi Game Reserve – Swaziland - Mlilwane

This morning we drive to the Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Game Reserve for a game drive in open 4x4 vehicles. The park is the only state-run park in the province of KwaZulu-Natal where all the Big Five occur. Due to conservation efforts, the park now has the largest population of white rhino in the world. In the afternoon we cross the border in to Swaziland. *Optional Activities: Mountain Biking, Hiking, Horse Riding.*

Meals:	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation:	Camp: Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary www.biggameparks.org
Facilities:	Drinkable water, shared ablutions, hot showers.
Route:	St. Lucia to Mlilwane. ±280 km
Travel time:	±5-6 hrs (including a border crossing & game drive)
Activity Package:	3 Hour Morning Game Drive in Hluhluwe/Imfolozi National Park
Border posts:	South Africa: Golela, Tel: +27 34 435 1070, Open: 07h00-20h00 Swaziland, Lavumisa, Tel: +267 304 6001

Hluhluwe - Imfolozi Game Reserve

Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Game Reserve was established in 1895, the oldest game park in Africa. The Park covers about 96 000 hectares and contains a vast diversity of wildlife and vegetation. It is particularly famous for its conservation of black and white rhino – there are hundreds of endangered black rhino and the largest population of white rhino in the world.

The rest of the Big Five can also be seen here; buffalo, elephant, lion and leopard, as well as many other species including blue wildebeest, zebra, giraffe waterbuck, nyala, kudu, bushbuck, warthog, cheetah, hyena and jackal and thousands of impala. More than 300 species of birds have been recorded in the area, making it one of the prime birding destinations in South Africa.

Swaziland

Swaziland is the smallest country in the southern hemisphere, and is one of only three monarchies left in Africa. The kingdom has been independent from the Commonwealth since 1968, ruled by a King who is appointed in accordance with Swazi tradition. If he is absent, or unable to perform his duties for any reason, the Queen Mother acts on his behalf. In the 1980s this tiny country made international headlines when it was ruled by two queens in succession. Following the death of King Sobhuza II, the Queen regent Dzeliwe Shongwe ruled between 1982 and 1983, and months later Ntombi Twala became the country's second female Head of State since independence.

Swaziland is landlocked, bordered on all sides by South Africa except for roughly 100km of border with Mozambique in the east. Its natural resources are extremely well managed, and despite the country's size it lays claim to some of the best game reserves and national parks in southern Africa. Elephants, lions and rhinos have been reintroduced to the area after being they disappeared due to hunting. It is also well-known for its prolific birdlife.

Day 3 Swaziland – Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary

Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary is Swaziland's oldest and covers 4,560 hectares. As there are no large predators in this area and there are a number of self-guided hikes available. Hiking is an excellent way of interacting with the flora and fauna and comes highly recommended. In addition to the beautiful scenery we also have traditional Swazi dancing to look forward to after dinner. *Optional Activities: Mountain Biking, Hiking, Guided Birding walks, Horse Riding and Sunset Game Drive.*

Meals:	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation:	Camp: Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary www.biggameparks.org
Facilities:	Drinkable water, shared ablutions, hot showers.
Included highlights:	Traditional Swazi dancing after dinner

Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary

Mlilwane was the first wildlife sanctuary in Swaziland, started in the 1950's by a local farmer, Ted Reilly, who has subsequently been instrumental in the conservation of Swaziland's natural heritage for many years. It is a beautiful, secluded sanctuary situated in Swaziland's "Valley of Heaven", the Ezulwini Valley, in between Mbabane and Manzini. The Sanctuary covers 4 560 hectares and comprises of a southern and northern section. The southern section is predominately open grassland plains with middleveld vegetation, stretching up onto the striking Nyonyane Mountain with its exposed granite peak known as the "Rock of Execution". Nyonyane is of great historical significance - it is where ancient San communities once lived and the Swazi Royal family are buried there to this day. Behind these mountains, the spectacular Mantenga waterfall and beautiful Usushwana Valley form the divide, before stretching up to northern section, which includes one of the highest surrounding points at Luphohlo. From the western boundary, the huge Usutu Forest provides a dramatic backdrop stretching into the distant hills.

Tourist activities are concentrated in the southern section, with only guided trails entering the pristine mountains of the north. Mlilwane means “Little Fire”, derived from the numerous fires started by lightning strikes on the granite of Mlilwane Hill.

Day 4/5 South Africa - Kruger National Park

We return to South Africa and drive to the Kruger NP for two unforgettable days of game viewing. Kruger National Park is home to Africa’s Big 5 as well as a multitude of other beautiful African animals, both small and large. Our truck gives us a height advantage over other vehicles, which means better photo opportunities. There will be a number of game drives to give us the best opportunity to see all the animals. *Optional Activities (subject to availability): Night Drive and Dawn Game Walk through SANP, Full day 4x4 game drive.*

Day 4

Meals:	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation:	Camp: SANP camp www.sanparks.org/parks/kruger
Facilities:	Drinkable water, shared ablutions, shop, mail box, restaurant.
Route:	Mlilwane to Kruger. ±230 km
Travel time:	±5-6 hrs plus a border crossing
Included Highlights:	Afternoon Game Drive in Nomad Truck
Border posts:	Swaziland: Matsoma, Tel: +268 67 8145, Open: 07h00-20h00 South Africa: Jeppes Reef, Tel: +27 13 781 0382, Open: 07h00-20h00

Day 5

Meals:	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation:	Camp: SANP camp www.sanparks.org/parks/kruger
Facilities:	Drinkable water, shared ablutions, shop, restaurant.
Route:	Game driving through the park for the day. ±100km
Included Highlights:	Full day Game Drive in Nomad Truck

Kruger National Park

Established in 1898 to protect the wildlife of the South African Lowveld, this national park of nearly 2 million hectares is unrivalled in the diversity of its wildlife and a world leader in advanced environmental management techniques and policies. Approximately 145 mammal species, a list of over 500 bird species, some of which are not to be found elsewhere in South Africa, and 336 tree species occur in the park.

When the first tourist cars visited the park in 1927, they made their own camps in thorn-bush enclosures and had to carry weapons to protect themselves from predators. During the Second World War the park was closed to the public, and reopened in 1946 under new management. Today it is one of the most famous safari destinations in the world with all the facilities that one would expect from a world class holiday destination, but it has retained the untamed, unspoilt environment where you can experience Africa just as you imagined it.

Day 6 Moholoholo Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre

Leaving the World’s most famous nature conservation area behind, we travel to Moholoholo Wildlife Rehabilitation centre to meet some of the rescued animals before they are released back in to the wild. At our camp this evening we will be experiencing some typical South African cuisine while enjoying a traditional Song and Dance evening.

Meals:	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation:	Camp: Timbavati Safari Lodge www.timbavatisafarilodge.com
Facilities:	Shared ablutions, bar, swimming pool
Route:	Kruger NP to Timbavati Area ±150km
Travel time:	± 2-3 hours
Activity Package:	Visit to Moholoholo Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre
Included Highlights:	Traditional South African meal, song and dance

Moholoholo Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre

Moholoholo is nestled in a picturesque setting at the base of the Drakensberg escarpment in the Limpopo Province Lowveld of South Africa. Moholoholo has become a haven for the rehabilitation and care of abandoned, injured and poisoned wildlife. Wildlife is brought to the centre from all corners of South Africa, and once healthy enough are re-introduced into their natural environments. Those creatures who cannot be returned to the wild due to the nature and extent of their injuries, are cared for at the centre and are used to educate the many people who visit each year, both from across South Africa and abroad.

Another important function of the centre is breeding. Moholoholo have successfully bred and released into the wild the endangered Crowned Eagle, Serval and many others. The centre is a non-profit organization, relying completely on the support of the public.

Day 7 Panorama Route - Johannesburg

Today we travel along the Panorama Route, stopping for breathtaking views at Blyde River Canyon, God's Window and Bourke's Luck Potholes. The tour ends on arrival in Johannesburg, although most will enjoy an optional dinner on our last night together.

Optional Activities: Dinner Out.

Meals:	Breakfast, Lunch
Accommodation:	Own Arrangements / Post tour accommodation can be booked through Nomad.
Route:	Timbavati to Johannesburg. ±600 km
Travel time:	±9-10 hrs (Long Day)
Included Highlights:	Panorama Route, including God's Window, Blyde River Canyon & Bourkes Luck Potholes

Panorama Route

The Panorama route in Mpumalanga follows the edge of Blyde River Canyon, and includes some breathtaking views of the Three Rondavels, Bourke's Luck Potholes and the Pinnacle. Blyde River Canyon is the third largest canyon in the world, and got its name in 1840 ('blyde' meaning 'joyful') from the Voortrekkers who passed through on their way to Lorenzo Marques (now Mozambique). It is one of the most spectacular canyons in Africa and its cliffs rise between 600m-800m from the riverbed. Possibly the best view in the whole of the Blyde River Canyon is of the "Three Rondavels - three huge rock spirals rising out of the far wall of the canyon. Their tops appear to have a hut-like rounded roof. They are named after the Swazi Chief Maripi's wives - from the lowest to the highest, they are Magabolle, Mogoladikwe and Maserote.

Where the Blyde River and the Treur River meet, water erosion has formed one of the most remarkable geological phenomena in the country, known as 'Bourke's Luck Potholes'. Over thousands of years, surreal cylindrical rock sculptures created by whirling water have formed a series of dark pools which contrast artfully with the streaked white and yellow lichen covered rocks. Following the road and the Treur River south, there are further viewpoints; Wonder View, God's Window and the Pinnacle.

Johannesburg

Johannesburg is the largest and most populated city in South Africa, and the second largest city in Africa, after Cairo. Gold was discovered in the mineral-rich Witwatersrand in 1886 by an Australian prospector, George Harrison. This discovery started a major gold rush as fortune hunters came to the area from all over the world. A huge labour force of contract workers sprang up to work in the mines and within three years Johannesburg became the largest settlement in South Africa.

It is now the economic and financial core of the country, and although mining is no longer practiced within the city bounds, the headquarters of most of the mining companies can be found here.

Johannesburg is also known as the world's largest human-made forest, with over 10 million trees planted throughout the city.

Tour Ends

We will drop you off at Garden Court O.R. Tambo International Airport, www.southernsun.com/garden-court/or-tambo-international-airport/pages/overview.aspx. We suggest you book accommodation here for this evening through your travel agent or Nomad reservations. If you choose to stay elsewhere you will need to arrange a transfer. The Hotel is about 10mins drive from O.R. Tambo (Johannesburg) International Airport. If you are flying out the following evening we highly recommend the day tour of Johannesburg city and Soweto as an informative and enjoyable way to spend the day.

TIPPING ON TOUR

Southern Africa: In general tipping in restaurants is generally expected and is around 10% for good service, more if you have received exceptional service, and, feel free not to tip at all if you received poor service. Tipping taxi drivers etc is really at your own discretion and not always expected. If in doubt please ask your guides.

Our guides do work hard, but they are also paid at (and often above) industry levels for this work. Our Crew can be tipped if you feel that they have done a good job and/or gone above and beyond the call of duty.

The best way to arrange tips is to elect one person in the group to collect the money. We recommend USD1 (or about R5) per day per person, per guide as a fair tip. So if you have 3-crew on a tour, we would recommend that 3 envelopes are used and each crew members name written on one. Place what you feel is fair in to each envelope and the elected person can give these to the crew at the end of the tour. If you do not feel that the crew deserve a tip, please, do not tip them. You must remember that tipping is only for exceptional service and is not at all compulsory or expected.

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