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## **From bush to beach**

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15 Tage Südafrika & Mosambik

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## Südafrika & Mosambik

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Psst. Nicht so laut. Sonst sind die Löwen ziemlich schnell angefressen, wenn beim afrikanischen Braai ein Kudusteam auf dem Grill liegt. Ansonsten kannst du in den atemberaubenden Nationalparks des südlichen Afrikas aber auf den König der Löwen zählen. Und auf die anderen der Big 5 natürlich auch.



## Included services:

- Abenteuerreise mit maximal 12 Teilnehmern
- Jede Reise findet statt (Ausnahmen markiert)
- Englisch sprechender, einheimischer Guide in internationaler Reisegruppe (einige Termine auch mit deutschsprachigem Guide der übersetzt)
- Unterkunft: 3 x Zeltlodge, 7 x Chalet, 1 x Casita, 1 x Lodge, 2 x Hotel
- Transport: Safari-Truck
- Mahlzeiten: 13 x Frühstück, 13 x Picknick, 7 x Abendessen
- Aktivitäten laut Tagesprogramm
- Nationalparkgebühren & Eintrittsgelder
- 100 m² Regenwald 4 you (Jedem Gast schenken wir im Regenwald von Ecuador ein Grundstück, das Jahr für Jahr den CO<sub>2</sub>-Ausstoß seiner Reise kompensiert. Eingetragen auf seinen Namen und auf ewig seins.)
- Highlights: Natur pur in Zululand. Afrikanische Lebensfreude und Portugiesische Köstlichkeiten in Maputo. Delphine in Ponto do Ouro. Türkises Meer und weißer Sand in Inhambane. Schnorcheln in Kosi Bay. Die Big Five im Krüger-Nationalpark.
- Rail&Fly inkludiert bei allen Buchungen mit Flug

## Day-to-day-Itinerary:

### Day 1

#### Arrival in Johannesburg

Sawubona! Welcome to South Africa. After your arrival, you will be transferred to your hotel in Johannesburg. Spend the day exploring the city before we head to Zululand tomorrow. Don't stay up all night as you will meet your group at 06:30 am tomorrow morning.

#### Included activities

- Airport transfer to the hotel in Johannesburg

**Travel time:** approx. 30 km / approx. ½ hr

**Accommodation:** Road Lodge Rivonia / Cnr Rivonia Rd & 10th Ave Rivonia, Sandton, Johannesburg / <https://clhg.com/hotels/366/Road-Lodge-Rivonia>

#### Ideas for your stay in Johannesburg:

- **Visit the Apartheid-Museum:** This museum gives an insight into the moving history of South Africa. Costs approx. 95 ZAR per person. [www.apartheidmuseum.org](http://www.apartheidmuseum.org)
- **Bike tour of Soweto:** A tour will take you into the heart of the township, where you will experience the warm hospitality of the locals. There are different tours to choose from. Costs approx. 660 ZAR per person for a 4 hour tour. [www.sowetobackpackers.com/activities/bicycle-tours](http://www.sowetobackpackers.com/activities/bicycle-tours)



## Day 2

### From Johannesburg to KwaZulu Natal

We meet at 6:30am at the hotel reception this morning. After a short briefing we head East, towards Zululand. The Kingdom is home to the Zulu people and reaches from the crystal clear waters of the Indian Ocean to the lush green hills of the Drakensberg Mountains. In fact, this is one of the only places, where you can go on safari in the morning and put on your snorkelling gear in the afternoon. Don't worry, we won't do this all at once. We are on holidays after all. We travel deep into the heart of KwaZulu Natal, a region with abundant wildlife and a rich culture. Our base for the next three days lies within a private reserve, so we are within easy reach of the Big 5. You can spend the rest of the day chilling out in the comfy lounge area of our lodge.

**Included meals:** Lunch, dinner

**Travel time:** 550km / approx. 7½ hrs

### Meeting Point: Road Lodge Rivonia at 6:30hrs

At the time of departure there will be a short meeting to discuss final tour arrangements and inform you about the day's activities. Please bring your tour vouchers and insurance policy. You will also be asked to fill out an indemnity form, which must be handed to your tour guide. This is also an ideal time to bring up anything that you are not sure of or that your guide should be aware of i.e. allergies, medical conditions etc.

**Accommodation:** Tent lodge. We stay in a permanent tent tonight. These tents are fitted with real beds and private bathrooms and really look more like small rooms. There is a cosy common area offering fantastic views of the uKuwela wildlife conservancy, a library and a restaurant.

## Day 3

### Mkuzi Game Reserve

We rise with the wildlife this morning. After breakfast it's time for some game viewing action. First up is a walking safari. Keep close to your guide and most importantly keep quiet! The area is known for different species of rhinos and if we are lucky, we may spot a few of them. Our guide knows the perfect spot from where we can observe a well-frequented waterhole. In the afternoon we continue our safari on wheels. We head into the Mkuzi wildlife reserve and, if we didn't see a rhino this morning, we might get lucky here.

### Included activities

- Entrance to Mkuzi Game Reserve
- Walking safari & game drive in Mkuzi Game Reserve

**Included meals:** Breakfast, lunch, dinner

**Travel time:** Depending on game viewing

**Accommodation:** Tent lodge.



#### Day 4

##### Hluhluwe Game Reserve

Today we head to Hluhluwe Game Reserve. The park is one of the oldest wildlife conservation parks in Africa and trust us, you'll feel it. The Big 5 roam freely and chances are high that we get close to them during our game drive. Expect nothing and you will be rewarded. Later on we explore a local Zulu village and delve deeper into the history, culture and modern day life of the Zulu nation.

##### Included activities

- Entrance to Hluhluwe Game Reserve
- Game drives in Hluhluwe Game Reserve
- Visit of a local Zulu village

**Included meals:** Breakfast, lunch, dinner

**Travel time:** Depending on game viewing

**Accommodation:** Tent lodge.

#### Day 5

##### From bush to beach

After breakfast we leave the bush behind and drive to the coast. The scenery changes from bush to mangrove-lined estuaries and you'll feel like to you're in another country. Which you are. Almost. Mozambique is just around the corner. But we'll leave it there for one night and concentrate on the lush landscape on our doorstep. Kosi Bay Nature Reserve boasts plenty of fish that are caught by the locals in the traditional way. If you feel like you've seen the water glistening in the sun from the distance for too long, don your snorkelling gear and get ready for abundant marine life. You can stay in the water as long as you like and the warm waters of the Indian Ocean ensure you won't get cold.

##### Included activities

- Drive to Kosi Bay River incl. sightseeing stops enroute
- Boat excursion on the lake system

**Included meals:** Breakfast, lunch

**Travel time:** 180km / approx. 2½ hrs

**Accommodation:** Chalet. We stay in a chalet tonight. These are small houses that are fitted with private bathrooms.

##### Optional activities

- **Snorkelling:** You can hire a mask and a snorkel at the lodge and explore the underwater world off the coast. Costs approx. 10 US-\$ per person.



## Day 6

### Snorkelling in Ponta do Ouro

Today we cross the border to Mozambique and head to Ponta do Ouro, that claims to be country's Mecca for ocean lovers. So, if you didn't feel like snorkelling yesterday, today is your chance to dive into the blue waters. As this place is so magical, we make sure to stay for two nights.

**Included meals:** Breakfast, lunch

**Travel time:** approx. 35km / approx. 2 hrs

**Accommodation:** Chalet.

**Important note:** We are crossing the border into Mozambique today, so have your passports ready.

## Day 7

### Dolphin encounters in Ponta do Ouro

Bom dia! How was your first night in Mozambique? Ponta do Ouro is famous for the dolphin research teams, whose research shows that there are about 400 individual dolphins cruising about the area. Today we will join the researches on an ocean safari and have the unique opportunity to view dolphins and whales from the boat and, if we are lucky, we can even swim with them.

#### Included activities

- Dolphin encounter
- Snorkelling

**Included meals:** Breakfast, lunch

**Accommodation:** Chalet.



## Day 8

### City life in Maputo

Today we leave the coastal bliss behind and drive straight to Mozambique's capital Maputo. The city has been referred to as »African Riviera« in the past and when you get to know it, you slowly realise why. African and Portuguese culture have blended together in an irresistible mix of vibrant life and delicious seafood. Wander the streets and try some exquisite fish in one of the many small restaurants.

**Included meals:** Breakfast, lunch

**Travel time:** 120km / approx. 1½ hrs

**Accommodation:** Hotel.

**Important:** Please note that the border formalities sometimes can take quite long. Take a book to be prepared.

## Day 9

### From city to sandy beaches in Inhambane

We leave Maputo and travel North along the Indian Ocean to Inhambane. The town was under Arabic rule until the Portuguese claimed it theirs in the 15th century. It was one of the main hubs for trades with ivory, spices, gold and slaves. As we explore the streets, the local market and the 200-year-old cathedral, you feel the Arabic influence still lingers in the air. After a nice round of sightseeing, we leave the town for the golden sand beaches of Praia de Barra. Once we get there, pick your favourite spot on the beach, grab a drink and enjoy! Life doesn't get much better than this.

### Included activities

- Sightseeing tour of Inhambane

**Included meals:** Breakfast, lunch, dinner

**Travel time:** 500km / approx. 7 hrs

**Accommodation:** Casita.



### Day 10

#### Sleep, eat, beach, repeat

Today the choice is all yours: spread your towel on the beach, splash around in the deep-blue ocean and relax. Or, if you're looking for action, you can go on a deep sea fishing tour with a local skipper, join a diving tour or snorkel along the colourful reefs. How about joining an ocean safari? There are good chances you'll spot dolphins or whale sharks while you're out on the boat. If you'd rather stay ashore, ask your guide about the hiking trails leading through the maze of mangroves. Whatever you choose, you'll have a fantastic time.

**Included meals:** Breakfast, lunch

**Accommodation:** Casita

#### Optional activities:

- Scuba diving 90 US-\$ per person
- Snorkelling 10 US-\$ per person
- Deep sea fishing tour 5 hours / 150 US-\$ per person
- Many more

### Day 11

#### Chizavane

We hope you had the chance to fully relax the past two days. If not, that's ok. You'll get another chance to chill in the afternoon. After breakfast we drive South to a secluded fishing lodge north of Xai-Xai. The lodge boasts another long white beach that hopped straight out of a glossy travel magazine. Again what you do with the afternoon is up to you: do you fancy a kayak tour? A fishing trip? Or just a nice float in the warm water? On our last night at the coast, we've got a special treat planned: prepare yourself for a finger-licking braai at the lodge as the sun slowly melts into the sea.

**Included meals:** Breakfast, lunch, dinner

**Travel time:** 355km / approx. 5 hours

**Accommodation:** Casita.

#### Optional activities

- Snorkelling 10 US-\$ per person
- Deep sea fishing tour 5 hours / 150 US-\$ per person
- Many more





## Day 12

### Back to the bush - Krüger National Park

Say farewell to the Indian Ocean and hello to South Africa, as we cross the border once more. We end our trip with a major highlight and drive to Krüger National Park. This famous park is blessed with animals galore! So keep your eyes wide open as soon as we enter the park in the afternoon. If you're still missing some of the Big 5, the chances are high that you will find them here.

#### Included activities

- Entrance to Krüger National Park
- Afternoon game drive in Krüger National Park

**Included meals:** Breakfast, lunch

**Travel time:** 355km / approx. 5½ hours

**Accommodation:** Chalet.

#### Optional activities

- Night game drive 25 US-\$ per person

## Day 13

### Krüger National Park

We spend the entire day in Kruger National Park today. So there are endless possibilities of spotting lions, giraffes, elephants and the likes. Tonight we do as the locals do and fire up a braai. These are very popular with South Africans, so grab a beer and join the crowd.

#### Included activities

- Entrance to Krüger National Park
- Morning and afternoon game drives in Kruger National Park

**Included meals:** Breakfast, lunch, dinner

**Travel time:** 350km / approx. 5½ hours

**Accommodation:** Chalet.

#### Optional activities

- Night game drive 25 US-\$ per person



#### Day 14

##### Finale in Kruger National Park

The last day of our African adventure has begun. We spend it in the best possible way: we go for game drives in the morning and afternoon and relax during lunch. The Big 5 are regular sights here, so keep your eyes wide open today. In the evening, chill out with your new friends and enjoy the last night in African wilderness around the campfire.

##### Included activities

- Entrance to Kruger National Park
- Morning and afternoon game drives in Kruger National Park

**Included meals:** Breakfast, lunch, dinner

**Travel time:** 180km / approx. 2½ hours

**Accommodation:** Lodge.

#### Day 15

##### Return to Johannesburg and departure

We start the day with an early morning game walk, before we return to Johannesburg. It is very different to experience the wildlife on foot. Our ranger takes us safely through the reserve and explains the tracks and sights to us. Afterwards, lean back and let the landscape whizz past you, as your adventure comes to an end.

##### Included activities

- Game walk in Kruger National Park
- Transfer to Johannesburg Airport (for flights leaving after 20:00 o'clock)

**Included meals:** Breakfast

**Travel time:** 500km / approx. 6½ hrs

**Please note:** Today we offer a free drop off at Johannesburg airport at +/-17:00pm, so you can book your flight out after 20:00pm.

## Accommodation on your trip:

During the trip you might stay in the following hotels. Please note that, depending on availabilities, these may vary from departure to departure.



- Day 1 Road Lodge Rivonia
- Day 2 Zululand Lodge
- Day 3 Zululand Lodge
- Day 4 Zululand Lodge
- Day 5 Kosi Bay Lodge
- Day 6 Casa Ponta
- Day 7 Casa Ponta
- Day 8 Acacia Inn
- Day 9 Bay View Lodge
- Day 10 Bay View Lodge
- Day 11 East Africa Safaris
- Day 12 Kruger National Park Charlets
- Day 13 Kruger National Park Charlets
- Day 14 Makuwa Safari Lodge

## Important notes

- Please note that while most of the departures are guaranteed, there are certain dates that require a minimum number of participants to run this tour. If the minimum number cannot be reached, it may be necessary to cancel a departure. We will inform you at least 30 days prior to departure to let you know, if the tour goes ahead or not.
- The local payment will be used to pay for the dolphin tour in Ponta do Ouro. There will be three boat launches in total to see the dolphins. If a launch cannot take place due to bad weather, you will be reimbursed with 600 ZAR per launch.
- The included dinners during the tour will be provided by the guides, prepared either at the truck or in the self-catering kitchen. When the accommodation does not feature a restaurant, meals will be eaten either under the trees near your chalet or around the campfire at the truck.
- We use custom-built trucks with 12 forward facing seats; or (on 10% of tours) Mercedes Sprinter minibuses with 12 forward facing seats and air conditioning.
- The distance and travel times quoted above are an estimate only, and subject to local road conditions and animal sightings.
- An essential part of your safari is participation. From carrying your own bag to your room to packing the truck in the morning – it's all part of your adventure. Your tour leaders will do the meal preparation when required but we do ask you to help (on rotation) with the washing up. There are some long travel days which means early morning starts, so we all need to get involved to make the day run efficiently.
- This is a shared tour. That means that tour operators from all over the world book their guests onto this tour. So you will be travelling in an international group.
- Anyone who is generally active and in good health should enjoy this trip. The accommodation used is simple but clean and this trip will appeal to anyone interested in getting an insight into the eastern coastline of Southern Africa. KwaZulu Natal and Mozambique can be hot and humid in the summer rainy months (December - March), so drink lots of water.



- Single supplements are limited to two per trip. Please let us know, if you would like to book a single, so that we can check the availability.
- Visas are the responsibility of the individual traveller. Entry requirements can change at any time, so it's important that you check for the latest information. Please visit the relevant consular website of the country or countries you're visiting for detailed and up-to-date visa information specific to your nationality. Visas can take several weeks to process, so familiarise yourself with any requirements as soon as you have booked your trip to allow for processing time and costs.
- A local payment of 2000 ZAR per person is required on this trip and this will be collected by your tour leader on departure. The local payment forms part of your overall tour cost, and must be taken into consideration when booking your safari. It will be used by your tour leaders to pay for some of the operational costs incurred that can only be paid in cash. The payment is specifically required for the dolphin encounter excursions at Ponta do Ouro. Should this activity not take place, your guide will directly refund you a portion of the local payment in cash on day 8.
- We suggest you to bring between 10€ and 30€ per day of the tour depending on what you want to do in the way of optional activities, curio shopping and tour guide tips.

## Preishinweise:

- Zzgl. Local Payment vor Ort: 2000 ZAR. Dieser Betrag wird allein für die Delfinbeobachtung in Ponta do Ouro genutzt.
- Einzelzimmerzuschlag: 449 € (auf Anfrage)
- Flug Frankfurt – Johannesburg und zurück: ab 799 €
- Rail & Fly innerhalb Deutschlands (2. Klasse): inkludiert bei Flugbuchung über YOLO
- Flughafentransfer Johannesburg - Starthotel inkludiert
- Flughafentransfer zum Flughafen Johannesburg am letzten Tag der Rundreise inkludiert bei Abflügen nach 20 Uhr
- Vor- bzw. Anschlussübernachtung in der Road Lodge Rivonia in Johannesburg exkl. Frühstück: 35 € p.P. im Doppelzimmer, 70 € p.P. im Einzelzimmer
- Bitte beachten: Bei Vor- und Anschlussübernachtung ist ein halbes Doppelzimmer nicht buchbar
- Flughafentransfer in Johannesburg: 35 € pro Person und Strecke (nur notwendig, wenn du später aus Johannesburg zurückfliegst)



# **Wohin geht die Reise? Immer ins Herz.**

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