

# ACACIA AFRICA

## KRUGER, SWAZILAND & DURBAN – TOUR DOSSIER

TOUR CODE KSD 7

JOHANNESBURG – DURBAN

7 DAYS

Tour Starts – **Pick up at 05h00 from joining hotel**

### HIGHLIGHTS

Mpumalanga Province  
Blyde River Canyon  
Bourkes Luck Potholes &  
The Three Rondavels  
Kruger National Park – game drives  
Swaziland  
Mlilwane National Park  
Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Game Reserve – game drive  
St Lucia -  
Durban



**An exotic mix of South Africa's best known game reserve, African culture, stunning scenery and Indian Ocean beaches. A seven day tour with variety and adventure travelling both on and off the beaten track.**

### INTENDED ITINERARY

It is our intention to adhere to the route described below but a certain amount of flexibility is built into the tour and on occasion it may be necessary or desirable to make alterations to the published itinerary.

#### DAY 1

**Blyde River Canyon, Bourke's Luck Potholes, Three Rondavels, Private Game Reserve**

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Twin Share Rooms/ Shared Facilities

Leaving Johannesburg we head through the scenic province of Mpumalanga, stopping at spectacular Blyde River Canyon and the Three Rondavels. Blyde River Canyon is the third largest canyon in the world and we descend into the gorge to view the perfectly rounded 'potholes' formed by the Blyde River over thousands of years of erosion. We also stop on the escarpment to view the low veld leading to the Kruger National park area. We descend the escarpment to the lowveld and continue to our bush lodge in a private game reserve just outside Kruger National Park. A recent development in this area is that fences between the national park and neighbouring game concessions have been removed so wildlife is able to migrate freely throughout the area.

#### DAY 2

**Kruger National Park**

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Twin Share Rooms/ Shared Facilities

We rise early to enter into the Kruger National Park, South Africa's flagship wildlife reserve, with over 2 million hectares of unrivalled wildlife diversity, as well as historical and archaeological sites. We explore the wilderness on game drives and hope to glimpse some of Africa's 'Big 5' (elephant, rhino, leopard, lion and buffalo). The Kruger is home to over 500 species of birds, 100 species of mammals and many reptiles. The impressive atmosphere enables you to see why Kruger holds such a unique place amongst the world's game reserves. A typical day would be to leave camp early, game drive until mid morning before stopping for lunch. After resting we go out again late afternoon to game drive in the lead up to dusk. Finally we exit the park and return to camp.

**DAYS 3 – 4**  
**Swaziland**  
Bx2 Dx2  
Twin Share Rooms/ Shared Facilities

We leave South Africa and travel into the Kingdom of Swaziland. Our first stop is Mbabane the capital, en- route visiting a local glass works factory. We continue through this mountainous landlocked kingdom and spend two nights in the 'Big Game' Parks area, visiting Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary, the Royal Enclosure allowing time to browse the local craft markets in this rich and diverse country.

**DAY 5**  
**Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Game Reserve**  
B D  
Twin Share Rooms/ Shared Facilities

After a relaxed morning we cross back into South Africa and make our way to Hluhluwe to visit a local village giving us an insight into the Zulu culture. We spend the night in a nearby lodge.

**DAY 6 - 7**  
**Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Game, St Lucia, Durban**  
Bx2 Dx1  
Twin Share Rooms/ Shared Facilities

After an early game drive in South Africa's oldest game reserve we continue to the remote beaches and natural beauty of St Lucia. There is an option to enjoy a boat cruise checking out the wildlife of this World Heritage site before we drive down the coast to the bright lights and beaches of Durban where our tour ends.

## TOUR INFORMATION

### TOUR STYLE

Acacia Small Group Safari

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

Tour highlights, transport, accommodation, meals as indicated, catering equipment, services of an English speaking driver / tour leader.

### WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

Visas, travel insurance, flights, airport transfers, optional activities, laundry, gratuities, passport & visa fees, items of a personal nature.

### ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation is mainly in twin share chalets/ cabins or rondavels (bungalows) with shared facilities. Some are situated in comfortable and in picturesque locations with pool, restaurant and bar; other accommodations are more simple yet still clean and secure.

### TRANSPORT

Minibus or microbus. Maximum group size: 14 passengers.

## TOUR PREPARATION

### 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 and Durban are 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**:

Backpackers Ritz

1A North Road

Dunkeld West

Johannesburg

Contact details:

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Tour start time: 05:00 on Day 1

Tour end point in **Durban**: On the Beach Hostel  
17 The Promenade, Glen Ashley  
4051 Durban North  
Tel: +27 (0)31 562 1591  
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Tour end time: Late afternoon on Day 7

## 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 Durban and the surrounding area.

See below for a guide to extra accommodation costs. These prices are correct at time of print but are subject to change so please check with Acacia or your agent for current prices.

Description	Price (£)	Description	Price (£)
<b>Johannesburg</b>		<b>Durban</b>	
Pre tour accommodation – twin pppn	£23	Post tour accommodation – twin pppn	£35
Pre tour accommodation – single pppn	£30	Post tour accommodation – single pppn	£46
Pre tour accommodation – dorm pppn	£16	Post tour accommodation – dorm pppn	£18

## 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 should bring a mixture of lightweight, cool clothing for the day and warm clothing (ie. 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 personal toiletries. A money belt/pouch, worn under your clothing is recommended. Please avoid bringing unnecessary valuables and use hotel safes wherever possible, to store your cash, passport and airline 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
S Africa	R	R	R	R	-	R	-	-	R*	R
Swaziland	R	R	R	R	-	R	-	R	*	R

**C** = Compulsory, **R** = Recommended, \* = 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.**

## 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](http://www.fco.gov.uk) For other nationalities a number of travel advice websites are listed on the Acacia website.

Nationality	UK	AUS	NZ	USA	CAN	BEL	IRE	NED	DEN	ITA	GER	AUT	SWE	FIN	NOR	MEX	KOR
South Africa	Yes																
Swaziland	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 (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 or in US dollars, Sterling or Euro which can be exchanged into Rand on arrival. Your guide will give general guidance about spending during the tour.
- **Currencies** are as follows: South Africa Rand.
- **ATM machines** are found throughout South Africa
- **Credit cards** can be used to pay for larger optional activities although fees for use may be higher than you are accustomed to at home.
- **Travellers cheques** can be difficult to cash but make suitable emergency funds.

It is recommended you bring your money in a mixture of ways and your guide can advise what to use where.

### TIPPING

As in many areas where tourism is an important contributor to the economy, it has become customary to give a small gratuity to local staff at the end of a tour for services rendered. This is at your own 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 (subject to change and availability).

#### Optional Activities – approximate prices; subject to change & availability

Activity	Price (US\$)	Activity	Price (US\$)
<b>Kruger National Park</b>		<b>Swaziland</b>	
Kruger Night Game Drive	\$35	Swaziland Dinner and Dance	From US\$35
		Horse riding	\$20
<b>St. Lucia</b>		Mountain biking	\$15
Boat trip on the Estuary	\$30		
Cape Vidal	\$25		

## INSURANCE

It is a booking condition of Acacia that you have full travel insurance valid for the duration of your tour to cover you for medical emergency 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 Acacia 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 minimises 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.

### GET CONNECTED

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