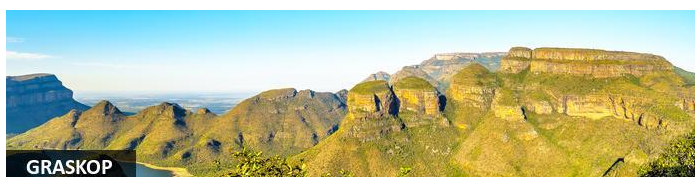




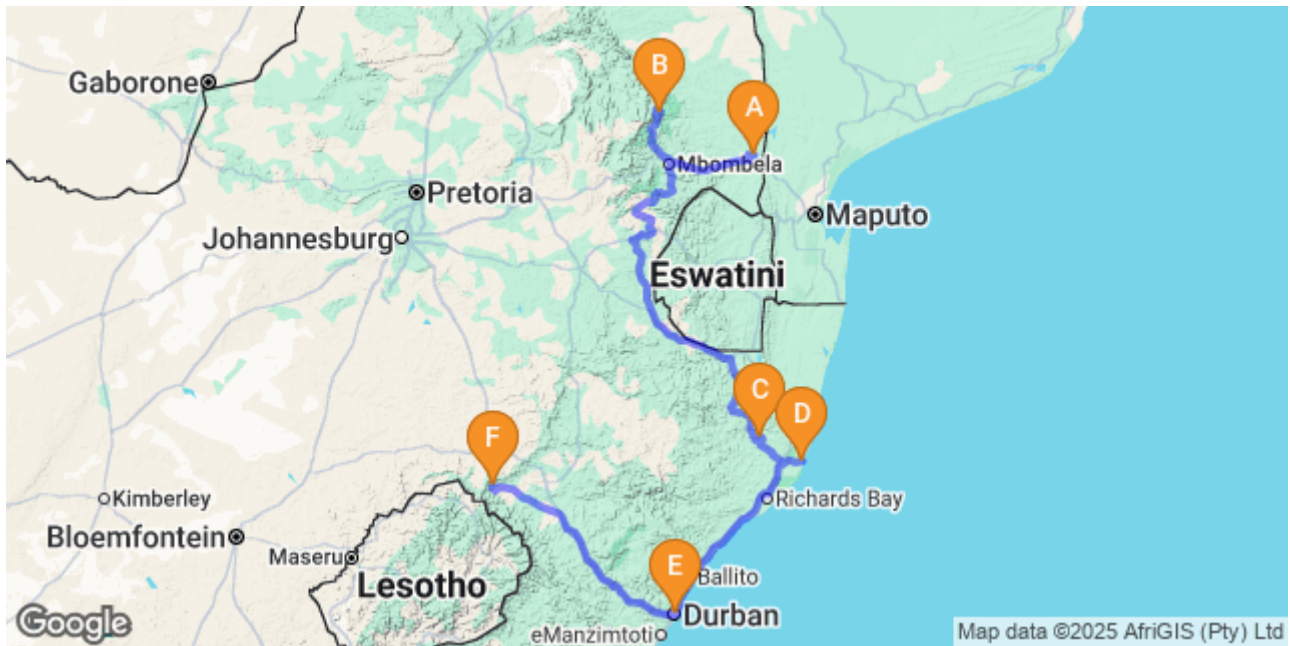
South Africa on the Go 12 Day Self Drive



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Kruger National Park - Panorama Route - Graskop - Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Park - St Lucia - Durban - Northern Drakensberg
12 Days / 11 Nights

2 - 4 Persons



Introduction

Day	Start	End	Activity	Accommodation	Type	B	L	D
1	Johannesburg	Kruger	Pick up in vehicle in Johannesburg; drive to Kruger	Bucklers Africa Lodge	Standard Room FB	x	x	0
2	Kruger	Kruger	2 x game drive activities including refreshments	Bucklers Africa Lodge	Standard Room FB	0	0	0
3	Kruger	Kruger	2 x game drive activities including refreshments	Bucklers Africa Lodge	Standard Room FB	0	0	0
4	Kruger	Graskop	Graskop Lift + forest experience	Hoyohoyo Angels View	One Bedroomed Suite BB	0	x	x
5	Graskop	Hluhluwe	Afternoon game drive in 4x4 safari vehicles	Rhino Ridge Safari Lodge	Safari Room FB	0	0	0
6	Hluhluwe	Hluhluwe	Game drive in 4x4 safari vehicles; Community visit	Rhino Ridge Safari Lodge	Safari Room FB	0	0	0
7	Hluhluwe	St Lucia	Scenic drive to St Lucia; Afternoon estuary cruise	Lidiko Lodge	Standard Room BB	0	x	x
8	St Lucia	St Lucia	Full day 4x4 safari in Wetland Park; optional night safari or turtle tour (weather permitting)	Lidiko Lodge	Standard Room BB	0	x	x
9	St Lucia	Durban	Optional activities in the morning; Afternoon Durban Cultural Tour with Shaka Tours	Southern Sun Elangeni & Maharani	Standard Room BB	0	x	x
10	Durban	Drakensberg	Visit to Mandela Capture Site; Howick Falls; Sunset Scenic 4x4 drive with Montusi Mountain Lodge	Montusi Mountain Lodge	Garden Suites DBB	0	x	0
11	Drakensberg	Drakensberg	Full day Amphitheatre / Top of Tugela Falls Hike	Montusi Mountain Lodge	Garden Suites DBB	0	0	0
12	Drakensberg	Departure	Self-drive to Durban, drop off vehicle at airport	TOUR ENDS	X	0	x	x

Key

O: Meal from accommodation provider

X: Client own expense meal.

Price

PRICE PER PERSON SHARING:

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:

Included	Excluded
Transport in a Toyota Corolla Cross or similar; Meals and Accommodation as indicated 2 x game drives including refreshments for 2 days with Bucklers Africa Lodge Graskop Lift & Forest Experience Afternoon game drive in 4x4 safari vehicles with Rhino Ridge Safari Lodge Game drive in 4x4 safari vehicles; Community visit with Rhino Ridge Safari Lodge Afternoon estuary cruise with Lidiko Lodge Full day 4x4 safari in Wetland Park with Lidiko Lodge Afternoon Durban Cultural Tour with Shaka Tours Mandela Capture Site Howick Falls Sunset scenic 4x4 drive with Montusi Mountain Lodge Full day Amphitheatre + top of Tungela Falls hike	All services except those listed above. Fuel, Tolls Flights, Airport taxes, Visas, Porterage, Tips and gratuities, Anything of personal nature

Day 1: Buckler's Africa Lodge, Kruger National Park

Kruger National Park

Stretching over more than two million hectares, the famous Kruger National Park is one of the world's largest game reserves and a truly remarkable destination. Owing to its exceptional size, visitors are able to experience fantastic diversity – from changing scenery and ecosystems to an impressive array of animals, plant life and birdlife. The park is home to over 130 mammals and over 500 bird species. Visitors can look forward to learning about the area's prehistoric past, enjoying a host of accommodation options, and viewing abundant wildlife including the famed Big Five. The diversity and sheer density of wildlife make Kruger National Park an unforgettable and once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Day Itinerary

Pick up vehicle in Johannesburg, drive to Kruger

Overnight: Buckler's Africa Lodge

Buckler's Africa Lodge is ideally located overlooking the famous Crocodile River, which borders the Kruger National Park and is only six kilometres from the Crocodile Bridge Gate. The guest rooms and suites are light, spacious, elegantly furnished, and equipped with air conditioning, Wi-Fi, TVs, sitting areas, dining spaces, fully fitted kitchens or kitchenettes and private bathrooms with hairdryers. Guests can enjoy dining at the on-site restaurant, serving delicious contemporary South African cuisine. Additional amenities and services include a swimming pool, expansive outdoor sitting areas boasting breathtaking river views, spa treatments, concierge services, parking and a reception. Activities include sunset river cruises, tiger fishing, game drives and quad bike safaris.

Included

Dinner

Day 2 - 3: Buckler's Africa Lodge, Kruger National Park

Day Itinerary

2 x game drive activities including refreshments

Included

Breakfast, Lunch. Dinner

Day 4: Angels View, Panorama Route

Panorama Route

Connecting the Lowveld and the Drakensberg and sandwiched between the Kruger National Park and the Highlands Meander, the historical Panorama Route is a scenic drive in the Mpumalanga Province. The route features sensational views of natural wonders

including fascinating rock formations and impressive waterfalls and boasts numerous scenic hiking trails alongside a myriad of fauna and flora. The quaint little town of Graskop serves as the gateway to this wonderful route. Panorama's undoubted highlight is the Blyde River Canyon, one of the world's largest green canyons, filled with lush subtropical vegetation. Some other popular attractions along the route include the spectacular Lisbon, Berlin, and Mac Mac Falls; Bourke's Luck Potholes; the Three Rondavels; and the astonishing God's Window. Don't miss the world-famous Kruger National Park and the picturesque gold rush town of Pilgrim's Rest, a historic living museum.

Day Itinerary

Graskop Lift + forest experience

Overnight: Angels View

An elegant designer hotel that straddles the Drakensberg escarpment on the doorstep of the Panorama route near the tourism haven of Graskop, Mpumalanga in South Africa. The one-hundred-hectare estate boasts a blend of natural high-altitude fauna and spectacular landscaped gardens. Capturing the essence of the Khoza family's legacy, this unique destination offers an eclectic combination of accommodation styles and sweeping lounges and terraces gaze across the breath-taking views. Angels View boasts a myriad of facilities that promise to engage our travellers and cater to the most discerning visitors.

Activities

Graskop Gorge Lift Company The Lift

Located in Mpumalanga, South Africa, The Graskop Gorge Lift Company is centrally located on the Panorama Route and is an ideal stopover point, whether it be for the view, the forest, the food or the various adventure activities. The viewing lift takes visitors 51 metres down the face of the gorge into the forest below, where wooden walkways and suspension bridges meander along a 600-metre trail through the indigenous forest with interactive exhibits.

Included

Breakfast

Day 5: Rhino Ridge Safari Lodge, Hluhluwe–Imfolozi Park

Hluhluwe–Imfolozi Park

The Hluhluwe–Imfolozi Park is the jewel in the crown of the KwaZulu Natal game reserves. Proclaimed in 1895, it is also the oldest game reserve in Africa. Initially two separate reserves, they were joined to create a single 94 000-hectare reserve which is home to one-fifth of the world's black and white rhino population. It was here that the internationally acclaimed Operation Rhino started in the 1960s, successfully capturing and relocating white rhino to havens within South Africa and abroad. The Hluhluwe–Imfolozi Park was the first reserve to introduce walking safaris, and its Wilderness Trails are internationally renowned. Visitors can also look forward to visiting a traditional Zulu village, enjoying a horse-riding safari, and spotting the world-renowned Big Five as well as a wide variety of bird species.

Day Itinerary

Afternoon game drive in 4x4 safari vehicles

Overnight: Rhino Ridge Safari Lodge

Established to protect the previously endangered white rhino, Hluhluwe iMfolozi Game Reserve is a triumph of conservation efforts. Celebrate this legacy in exclusive luxury at Rhino Ridge Safari Lodge - the only private lodge in the reserve - offering exceptional safari experiences in the heart of Big 5 territory. 18 well appointed, air-conditioned rooms nestle on a ridge, each with their own private deck giving expansive and uninterrupted views of the reserve. The lodge, built in 2015, is designed in a contemporary style with overtones of organic forms utilising natural finishes and materials.

Safari / Family Rooms

Safari / Family Rooms (2 en-suite rooms with common lobby) twin/dbl. These rooms can double as Family Rooms given that they share a common lobby.

Twin Vanity and luxurious shower. Separate toilet.

Activities

Game Drives

Twice daily game drives are conducted to explore the magnificent hills and valleys of the Hluhluwe iMfolozi Park. Nothing is predictable in the bush; therefore, each safari offers a potentially new and unique experience. Our guides will share their wealth of bush experience which involves the identifications of animals, trees, grasses, insects and birds. The medicinal uses of plants and local folk lore is also discussed as well as looking for the ever fascinating Big 5!

Included

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6: Rhino Ridge Safari Lodge, Hluhluwe–Imfolozi Park

Day Itinerary

Game drive in 4x4 safari vehicles; Community visit

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Community Tour

Visits into the local Mpembeni Community are offered as well as a visit to the Isibindi Foundation community centre.

Included

Breakfast, Lunch , Dinner

Day 7: Lidiko Lodge, St Lucia

St Lucia

Encircled by the iSimangaliso Wetlands Park, St Lucia is South Africa's first UNESCO World Heritage Site. St Lucia lies on the magnificent St Lucia Estuary which is one of the largest in Africa stretching over 85 kilometres. It features abundant wildlife, pristine natural beauty, and offers a wide range of wonderful activities. This haven of tranquillity offers excellent mountain biking, hiking, bird watching and deep-sea fishing. Visitors can also look forward to thrilling night drive safaris, hippo and crocodile cruises, and many comfortable accommodation options.

Day Itinerary

Scenic drive to St Lucia; Afternoon estuary cruise

Overnight: Lidiko Lodge

Set above the Great St Lucia Lake, Lidiko lodge is a 4-star lodge, centrally situated in the village of St Lucia, surrounded by the Greater St Lucia Wetland Park (iSimangaliso Wetland Park), an UNESCO natural World Heritage Site. Lidiko Lodge offers 18 well-appointed air-conditioned en-suite garden rooms decorated in a contemporary style. All rooms offer a private patio and lead onto the pool area or bird filled gardens. Lidiko is the ideal destination from which to explore the Wetlands with its 5 major eco systems, pristine beaches and Big 5 game parks, whilst enjoying village life. For an unparalleled experience Lidiko Lodge is the ideal venue!

Double/Twin/Single Lodge

En suite garden room with private entrance and patio overlooking pool area. Choose King size or two twin beds. Roll in bed for 1 child under 12 at an extra cost.

Activities

Heritage Tours and Safaris Hippo & Croc Boat Tour

Heritage Tours and Safaris Hippo & Croc Boat Tour is a 2-hour boat safari on the St Lucia Estuary, within Isimangaliso Wetlands Park, a World Heritage Site. This cruise offers scenic views and the opportunity to witness wildlife, namely hippos, crocodiles and birds. In addition, guests can also disembark and go for a guided walk in the bush and spot local wildlife including buffalo, zebra, and antelope.

Included

Breakfast

Day 8: Lidiko Lodge, St Lucia

Day Itinerary

Full day 4x4 safari in Wetland Park; optional night safari or turtle tour (weather permitting)

Activities

Heritage Tours and Safaris Full Day Big 5 Safari

Heritage Tours and Safaris offers a full-day game drive within the Hluhluwe iMfolozi Game Reserve. This 9-hour safari gives travellers a real feel of this magnificent game reserve. With its rolling hills and open Savannah grasslands, it remains an incredibly scenic reserve, and with its incredible history, it's sure to be a fantastic day for a safari. Travellers will be picked up from their hotel in the town of St Lucia at 5:00 and transferred to the game reserve free of charge. Alternatively, travellers can meet up at the Nyalazi Gate at 6:00. The personal

guide for the day will introduce the travellers to the reserve, the animal species found within the reserve, and the intended area that they will be travelling to. At 6:00 am, the travellers will climb aboard the luxurious open game drive vehicle and go in search of the Big 5. By 8:00 am, travellers can enjoy a delicious breakfast and piping hot coffee before continuing to explore the 96000-hectare reserve. At lunchtime, travellers can enjoy a traditional South African barbecue before heading back to the gate by 2:30 pm.

Included
Breakfast

Day 9: Southern Sun Elangeni & Maharani, Durban

Durban

With its beautiful beaches, lively wining and dining scene, and rich cultural heritage, Durban is South Africa's third largest city and KwaZulu Natal's tourist hub. The swimming and surfing are rated the best of any major city across the world and because of the sub-tropical climate the water is warm all year round. Known as the Golden Mile, this stretch of beaches and amusement parks is Durban's major attraction with the recently developed UShaka Marine World at the southern end providing a world-class aquarium and other entertainments. Visitors can look forward to an array of wonderful activities including strolling along the beachfront promenade, visiting the Durban Botanical Gardens and exploring the many Asian and Indian markets.

Day Itinerary

Optional activities in the morning; Afternoon Durban Cultural Tour with Shaka Tours

Overnight: Southern Sun Elangeni & Maharani

An iconic hotel in Durban, the Southern Sun Elangeni & Maharani invites guests to experience a modern full-service stay on Durban's sun-kissed beachfront. Sweeping Indian Ocean views along the 7km promenade have set the scene for memorable holidays and exceptional events for nearly five decades. Southern Sun Elangeni & Maharani promises an unforgettable stay in a contemporary classic. Uniquely able to accommodate and facilitate business and special events in a vibrant North Beach location. Large-scale events, group accommodation, exceptional venues and seamless service. A location metres from Durban's North Beach, inviting and fully equipped accommodation with sea views, a choice of three outdoor pools and a different dining venue for every night of your stay – little wonder why we welcome back guests year after year. Experience personalised service from one of South Africa's largest and most-revered hotels. We have built our reputation by setting the standard for service and personal attention.

Activities

Shaka Tours and Safaris - Half Day Durban Cultural Tour

Depart from Durban for the Phoenix Settlement, where one of the major leaders of the twentieth century, Mahatma Gandhi, originally worked out his philosophy of passive resistance against injustice. His followers, both in South Africa and later in the Indian struggle for independence, successfully used his strategy to win freedom from oppression. Gandhi's original home was destroyed in an anti-apartheid turbulence of the 1980's but now has been re-built and re-dedicated as a monument to peace and justice. Our next stop is the Ohlange Institute which was the first African-run and African-funded educational institution in Southern Africa. The Institute was founded by the Rev Dr John Langalibalele Dube and first opened its doors in 1901.

Included
Breakfast

Day 10: Montusi Mountain Lodge, Northern Drakensberg

Northern Drakensberg

Situated in northeastern South Africa, the Northern Drakensberg rises up to 3000 metres in height creating spectacularly scenic views from every direction. Featuring cascading waterfalls, sandstone caves and countless San rock art paintings, the Northern Drakensberg is a UNESCO World Heritage Site which also boasts a network of scenic hiking trails. Falling within the Royal Natal National Park, the 'Amphitheatre', comprised of over 5 kilometres of sheer cliff, is regarded as one of the most impressive cliff faces on earth with the Tugela Falls, the world's second tallest falls, plunging almost a kilometre from its clifftops. Nature lovers will delight in this unspoilt landscape and enjoy a wide variety of outdoor adventures.

Day Itinerary

Visit to Mandela Capture Site; Howick Falls; Sunset Scenic 4x4 drive with Montusi Mountain Lodge

Overnight: Montusi Mountain Lodge

Montusi Mountain Lodge is a family owned and run establishment in one of the most beautiful locations in the world. With expansive views of the spectacular Amphitheatre Mountain, the lodge is perfectly situated on the large conservation estate to maximise Space, Comfort and Peace. Guests enjoy the quiet serenity of the mountains while exploring their natural environment on foot, mountain bike or horse. The

hiking and running trails, horse-riding stables and tennis court offer great adventures for the active, while the comfy outdoor couches and indigenous gardens offer more sedentary folk astounding views and excellent birdwatching. The large swimming pool invites hot hikers and dozy sun-bathers for a bracing dip in the sunshine. Each of the individual suites is set apart in the gardens to extend the feeling of privacy. They are equipped with every little detail from delicious Fairtrade, Organic Ethiopian ground coffee with French Press plungers and traditional South African rusks, to fluffy gowns, umbrellas and mosquito-repelling machines. Gas fireplaces and under-carpet and bathroom heaters make the suites a haven on chilly winter nights, while the high thatched roofs and ceiling fans make them cool without artificial air conditioning.

Activities

Nelson Mandela Capture Site

Marking the location of Nelson Mandela's 1962 arrest near Howick, this memorial complex features a striking steel sculpture. Viewed from a specific angle, the 50 metal columns form Mandela's portrait, symbolising his struggle and resilience. A museum details his life, the anti-apartheid movement, and the Rivonia Trial. Visitors walk along a path representing his journey to imprisonment. The surrounding Midlands landscape adds to the contemplative atmosphere of this historic site.

Howick Falls

Howick Falls, an iconic natural attraction in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa, mesmerizes visitors with its impressive cascade. Plunging approximately 95 meters, the falls create a stunning display of water and mist against the backdrop of lush greenery. Located near the town of Howick, this picturesque spot draws nature enthusiasts and photographers alike. Trails and viewpoints provide different perspectives of the falls, making it a popular destination for those seeking both relaxation and adventure in a captivating natural setting.

Included

Breakfast, Dinner

Day 11: Montusi Mountain Lodge, Northern Drakensberg

Day Itinerary

Full day Amphitheatre / Top of Tugela Falls Hike

Activities

Amphitheatre Hike

Hike to the edge of the world!

Tugela Falls

Included

Breakfast, Packed lunch, Dinner

Day 12: End of Itinerary

Day Itinerary

Drop vehicle off at King Shaka International Airport

Included

Breakfast