

Wildlife and Relaxation

This 10 day holiday combines a safari in Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Game Reserve with time on the beach, a perfect wildlife and relaxation combination! Hluhluwe is easily accessible from Durban and is a great reserve for viewing White Rhino as well as many other species. While the beautiful Kwa-Zulu coastline has a pleasant year round climate and it's also one of the best dive areas in South Africa.

Day by Day itinerary

Day one

At Durban airport you will pick up your hire car and drive north to Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Game Reserve where you will check into Hluhluwe River Lodge for four nights (FB).

Hluhluwe River Lodge

This Lodge is situated on the western boundary of the iSimangaliso Wetland Park. The lodge is located on a promontory with sweeping views of False Bay and the Hluhluwe river floodplain. The 12 thatched chalets are spaced around the main lodge in the shade of an indigenous forest where beautiful forest dwelling antelopes such as the shy Red Duiker and Nyala are often seen browsing. The chalets are built on stilts with thatch roofs and wooden decks with comfortable chairs. The glass doors provide views out to the forest. The chalets are fully air-conditioned with queen-sized beds and en suite facilities; there is also a tea/coffee tray. The chalets are located around the forested garden environment and provide a cool and relaxing atmosphere.



Day two - four



The lodge runs scheduled game drives to the Hluhluwe iMfolozi Park every morning and evening and offers a variety of adventure activities including horse trails, mountain bike trails, a riverboat birding tour and self guided walks. The coastal and marine reserves of Sodwana Bay, Cape Vidal and St Lucia are just an hour's drive from the lodge.

Game drives in Hluhluwe iMfolozi Park are accompanied by a qualified guide. Inside the park there is ample opportunity to see a variety of game species in this well populated big 5 game park. The Hluhluwe section is in the region of 40 000 hectares and is home to the highest concentration of Rhino in Africa. Morning drives include a stop for tea/coffee and the evening drives include sundowner drinks.

One game drive per day is included in your stay.

Day five

Depart the lodge for the short drive to the coast and check into Thonga Beach Lodge where you will spend a relaxing four nights (FI).

Thonga Beach Lodge

Thonga Beach Lodge is set on the pristine shores of the Elephant Coast, in Maputuland (KwaZulu-Natal). This 12 luxury room lodge is the ideal place to discover one of the most unspoilt wilderness beaches left on the African continent. Set above a secluded bay, Thonga Beach Lodge is nestled into beautiful coastal dune forest with sweeping views of the stunning beach below. The thatched bush suites provide guest privacy and were carefully constructed to ensure minimal impact on the environment. The lodge offers luxurious accommodation, mouth-watering meals and one of the best dive sites in the South Africa.



Day six - eight



Mabibi is a magical place of coastal forests, grasslands, bush, shimmering lakes and exquisite sandy beaches. Its crystal clear, warm waters offer South Africa's best snorkelling and fantastic off-shore scuba diving. The Lodge is situated only metres from the beach and a 25 minute drive from Lake Sibaya (Southern Africa's largest freshwater lake), which is part of the Isimangaliso Wetland Park, now internationally recognised as a World Heritage Site.

Day nine

Drive back to Durban airport where you drop off your vehicle.

From this point you can choose to return to the UK via the overnight flight from Johannesburg or perhaps spend a couple of days in Cape Town. Ask for suggestions!

The cost of this itinerary is from £1695 per person, based on twin share.

Includes:

VW Polo hire car for 10 days, includes CDW, insurance and unlimited mileage

Accommodation as outlined

Meals as specified

Activities as per itinerary