



ITINERARY FOR BATTLEFIELDS, BUSH & BEACH - PHINDA FOREST
2022
South Africa



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Journey overview

Travel to Africa and experience a magnificent tour filled with spectacular scenery, fascinating history, thrilling Big Five safaris and the ultimate beach vacation. Delve deep into the heart of KwaZulu-Natal's picturesque Battlefields, with their poignant reminders of the dramatic conflicts of the war between the local Zulu tribe and British colonial forces. After your step back in time, experience a true African safari at diverse &Beyond Phinda Private Game Reserve, renowned for its excellent Big Five sightings, as well as close encounters with the elegant cheetah. After your thrilling wildlife adventure, relax on the untouched beaches of the subtropical coastline, enjoying snorkeling and kayaking, as well as guided walks through the magnificent environment and fascinating visits to the local community.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ITINERARY

- Historic KwaZulu-Natal battlefields
- Off the beaten track
- Underwater paradise
- Miles of pristine white sand

MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR ADVENTURE

- Slowdown the view is great!
- Enjoy a splash in the Indian Ocean
- Listen to the call of the wild
- Reawaken your soul

SPECIALY CREATED FOR

- History enthusiasts
- Beach lovers
- Repeat traveller



At a glance



7 nights / 8 Days

2 Guests

DAY	PROGRAMME
Day 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet and Greet at King Shaka International Airport • Car Rental Collection: Toyota Starlet or similar - Manual at King Shaka International Airport • Overnight: Fugitives' Drift Lodge
Day 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Included activities: Battlefield Tour (Isandlwana morning tour and Rorkes Drift afternoon tour) • Overnight: Fugitives' Drift Lodge
Day 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Included activities: Game Drives • Overnight: andBeyond Phinda Forest Lodge
Day 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Included activities: Nature walks • Overnight: andBeyond Phinda Forest Lodge
Day 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transfer from Sondwana Bay Point to Thonga Beach Lodge • Overnight: Thonga Beach Lodge
Day 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Included activities: Guided walks, Cultural Tours to the Mabibi community, Sundowner at Lake Sibaya • Overnight: Thonga Beach Lodge
Day 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Included activities: Snorkelling, Kayaking • Overnight: Thonga Beach Lodge
Day 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transfer from Thonga Beach Lodge to Sondwana Bay Point • Car Rental Drop off at King Shaka International Airport • Departure

Expect the extraordinary

Fugitives' Drift Lodge

Rorkes Drift, South Africa

Day 1 - 2

Upon arrival at King Shaka International Airport, make your way to the arrivals hall where you will be welcomed by an andBeyond representative.

Collect your rental vehicle from King Shaka International Airport and with the directions provided make your way to Fugitives' Drift Lodge.

Enjoy your 2 night stay at Fugitives' Drift Lodge in a Luxury Room with ensuite bathroom. Your stay includes all meals.

Fugitives Drift is renowned for delivering awe-inspiring battlefield tours that bring the battles of Rorkes Drift and Isandlwana to life. This experience gives a deep and tangible insight into some of the most moving of South Africa's battlefields.

Included activities:

- Isandlwana
- Rorkes Drift



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Fugitives' Drift Lodge

Rorkes Drift, South Africa

Set on hillside above the Buffalo River Gorge, is the beautiful Fugitive's Drift Lodge. Steeped in history, this celebrated lodge is situated on the site of the original Rattray homestead – home of the renowned Battlefields storyteller David Rattray. Spacious suites include comfortable rooms, ensuite bathrooms and private verandas boasting spectacular views of the wide plains flanking the cavernous gorge. A delicious fusion of local and contemporary flavours, the superb meals are served in the elegant dining room, adorned with Zulu War memorabilia. Guests can sink into the cool depths of the sparkling swimming pool, positioned on the lip of the Buffalo River Gorge, or take a leisurely walk around the beautifully-manicured gardens. The lodge's renowned historical tours to *Isandlwana* and *Rorke's Drift* will have guests spellbound by the wonderful stories told by the knowledgeable guides. Adventures include guided walks, fly-fishing and visits to the *Rorke's Drift Arts and Crafts Centre* and *Talana Museum*.

WHAT WE LOVE ABOUT FUGITIVES DRIFT LODGE

- Immerse yourself in the history of the area by joining one of the Battlefield tours, which are presented with heartfelt passion by the knowledgeable history guides.
- If you're intrigued by the history of the homestead, ask one of the guides and you'll be entertained with yet another fascinating story about David Rattray's love affair with this piece of land and its people.
- Savour the mouth-watering meals served in the war memorabilia-filled dining room



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andBeyond Phinda Forest Lodge

andBeyond Phinda Private Game Reserve, South Africa

Day 3 - 4

After a mouth-watering breakfast, self-drive from Fugitives' Drift Lodge to andBeyond Phinda Forest Lodge.

Reawaken your soul during your 2 night stay at andBeyond Phinda Forest Lodge in a suite with ensuite bathroom.

Your stay includes three meals daily, soft drinks, house wines, local brand spirits and beers, teas and coffees, scheduled safari activities, refreshments on game drives, a 1 hour nature walk, emergency medical evacuation insurance and laundry.

Conservation fees apply to all ages

Included activities:

- Game Drive
- Nature Walk



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andBeyond Phinda Forest Lodge

andBeyond Phinda Private Game Reserve, South Africa

Set deep in the heart of a rare and beautiful dry sand forest, the spectacular Forest Lodge at andBeyond Phinda Private Game Reserve fuses architectural design and conservation. The creation of this award-winning safari lodge was an exemplary exercise in building eco-sensitive structures with a light footprint (not one tree was felled during construction). Inventively designed in Zulu Zen style, each handcrafted, glass-encased suite is a combination of glass, wood and minimalist design incorporating high-gloss wooden floors, richly tactile fabrics and crimson Zulu artefacts. These 16 private stilted suites each feature luxurious ensuite bathrooms and private viewing decks. Unwind in the lodge's sparkling rim-flow swimming pool, or relax in the guest sitting areas with expansive viewing decks affording panoramic views of the game-filled plains. Visit the Safari Shop with its unique and colourful local Zulu artefacts. Dine in the traditional African boma, under a romantic canvas of stars, candles and lanterns.

WHAT WE LOVE ABOUT ANDBEYOND PHINDA FOREST LODGE

- Head chef, Sam Mnguni, has worked at Phinda for years and has a wealth of Phinda knowledge. Ask him to tell you some of the fascinating stories of Phinda's early days.
- If you are travelling between November and February, then be sure to venture out to Sodwana Bay one evening to witness loggerhead and leatherback turtles laying their eggs on the beach.
- Enjoy a specialist walking safari with an expert ranger who will guide you through Phinda's seven unique habitats.



Expect the extraordinary

Thonga Beach Lodge

Maputaland Marine Protected Area, South Africa

Day 5 - 7

After a yummy breakfast you will depart from andBeyond Phinda Forest Lodge and self-drive to your next point where an andBeyond representative will collect you at Librodi Lodge (Sondwana Bay Point) and drive you, and fellow guests, to Thonga Beach Lodge.

Look forward to relax on the untouched beaches of the subtropical coastline, enjoying snorkelling, kayaking and other adventures.

Spend your 3 night stay at Thonga Beach Lodge in a Forest Room with ensuite bathroom.

Your stay includes all meals, tea and coffee, use of snorkelling equipment.

Included activities:

- Guided walks
- Cultural Tours to the Mabibi community
- Sundowner at Lake Sibaya
- Snorkelling
- Kayaking



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Thonga Beach Lodge

Maputaland Marine Protected Area, South Africa

Thonga Beach Lodge is set amongst the foliage of a lush coastal forest above a secluded bay, just metres from the beach. Spacious suites are hidden in the dune forest and raised on wooden stilts. All have private balconies and ensuite bathrooms.

Guests can swim, soak up the views from the sitting room or sip on cocktails at the “ocean” bar. A dining area, which opens onto a veranda, serves sumptuous meals. As a special treat, guests can opt to dine by candlelight on the beach. Thonga Beach Lodge offers snorkelling, scuba diving, forest walks, turtle tours, fishing and birdwatching. Open-ocean adventures include swimming with dolphins, and snorkelling with manta rays and giant turtles. Lake Sibaya, Southern Africa’s largest freshwater lake, is located nearby. Sip sundowners on its shores or explore by guided kayak, with the great possibility of spotting hippo and crocodiles en route.

WHAT WE LOVE ABOUT THONGA BEACH LODGE

- Wake up in the morning and bound into the ocean to explore some of the exquisite dive sites near the lodge
- Indulge in the seafood braai and buffet – prawns, crayfish, whole fish... you name it! Be sure to try the divine Amarula tiramisu for dessert
- Room 12 has a secret butterfly garden that’s begging to be explored!



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Departure

Maputaland Marine Protected Area, South Africa

Day 8

After a scrumptious breakfast an andBeyond representative will collect you at Thonga Beach Lodge and drive you, and fellow guests, to Librodi Lodge (Sondwana Bay Point) for your onward arrangements.



Journey overview

RATES	
VALIDITY	Per person sharing
Low Season (01 May - 30 Jun 22)	ZAR 52 234
Mid-Season (01 Jul - 31 Jul 22)	ZAR 56 972
High Season (11 Jan - 30 Apr and 01 Aug - 31 Oct 22)	ZAR 61 538

Accommodation

DESTINATION	ACCOMMODATION	DETAILS
Rorkes Drift	Fugitives' Drift Lodge	1x Luxury Suite FB (Double) Full Board; Tea and Coffee Only
andBeyond Phinda Private Game Reserve	andBeyond Phinda Forest Lodge	1x Suite FI (Double) Fully inclusive; All Local Brands (excl. Spirits)
Maputaland Marine Protected Area	Thonga Beach Lodge	1x Forest Room FB & Activities (Double) Full Board and activities; Tea and Coffee Only

Car Rentals

DETAILS
BLUU Car Rental South Africa Collection: King Shaka International Airport Drop off: King Shaka International Airport

Journey overview

What's included:

- Meet and Greet at King Shaka International Airport
- Accommodation and all inclusions as per the itinerary
- Car Rental for 8 days, vehicle on super cover including contract fee
- Super cover inclusions and exclusions apply for the car rental
- Scheduled road transfers between Sondwana Bay point (Librodi Lodge) /Thonga Beach Lodge/ Sondwana Bay point (Librodi Lodge)
- Including the following battlefield tours (Isandlwana morning tour and Rorkes Drift afternoon tour)
- Personal Travel Journal
- Munyawana Conservancy Fee
- Bed Levy
- Park Fee
- Community Levy
- Emergency Medical Evacuation Insurance
- Administration Fee

Notes:

- Rates subject to a minimum of 2 guests travelling
- The operator may reroute the itinerary or accommodate in similar lodges in case of non-availability
- Single traveller supplement will be quoted on request
- Child rates will be quoted on request
- Kindly note that this itinerary is valid until 31st October 2022 due to the BLUU Car rental contract being valid until this period
- Validity periods are as specified above - should a booking fall over two rate periods the rate will change and we reserve the right to re-quote
- The rates quoted are subject to change without prior warning if there are any increases in bed levies, park fees, fuel, ROE, sales tax or VAT, third-party services or any other circumstances beyond our control in the countries featured in this quote
- andBeyond Trading Terms apply

The details are in the fine print