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## Wildlife and Warriors

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**LOWVELD**



**KRUGER NATIONAL PARK**



**SWAZILAND**



**KWAZULU NATAL GAME RESERVES**



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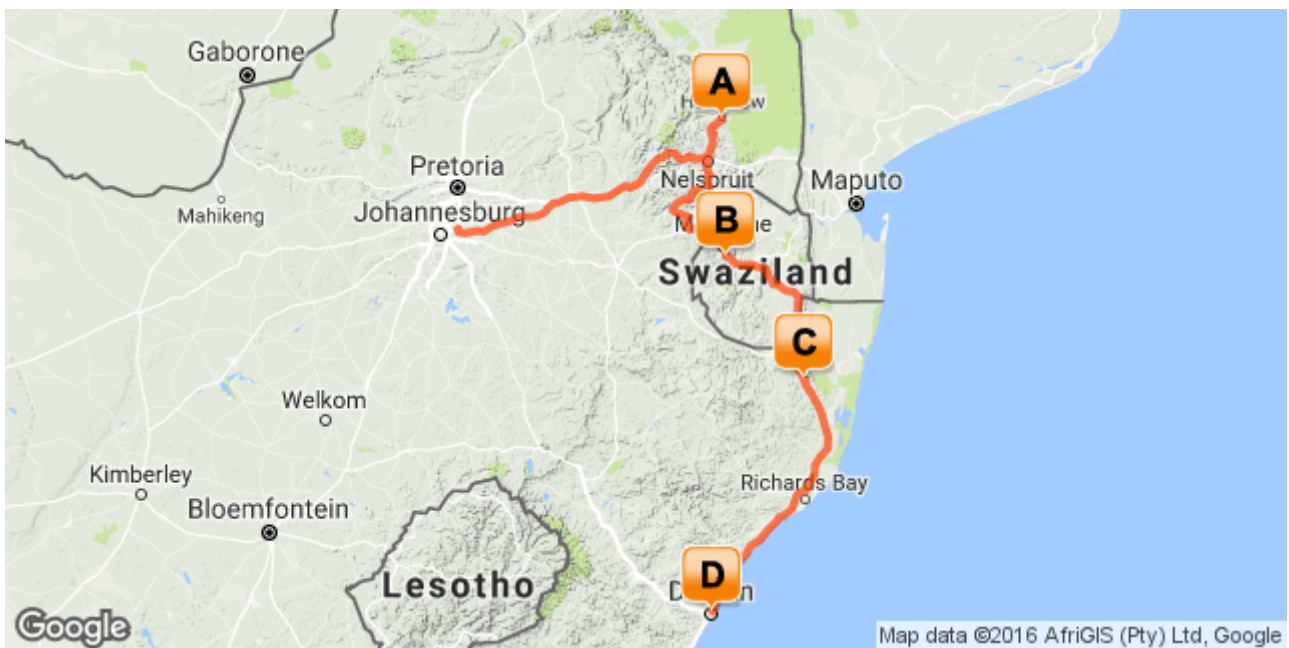
*Lowveld - Swaziland - KwaZulu Natal Game Reserves - Durban*

*6 Days / 5 Nights*

*0 Persons*

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## Overview

A 7 day escorted tour encompassing the best that South Africa has to offer in the way of scenery, wildlife and culture between Johannesburg and Durban. Enjoy all of this and superb cuisine, luxurious accommodation and true South African hospitality.

On your journey, we will have the opportunity to travel along the awe-inspiring Panorama Route and the 'Land of the Rising Sun', search for the Big Five in the world renowned Kruger National Park and Hluhluwe Reserves and see magnificent game. Driving along the Swazi Mountain range, you will be able to experience Swazi and authentic Zulu culture and even enjoy a scenic trip up the Lebombo Mountains for sundowners!.

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| Accommodation                                | Destination                 | Nights | Basis | Room Type |
|--|-----------------------------|--------|-------|-----------|
| Perry's Bridge Hollow Boutique Hotel         | Lowveld                     | 2      | HB    |           |
| Royal Swazi Sun Hotel, Casino & Country Club | Swaziland                   | 1      | B&B   |           |
| <a href="#">Ghost Mountain Inn</a>           | KwaZulu Natal Game Reserves | 2      | HB    |           |
| The Benjamin                                 | Durban                      | 1      | B&B   |           |

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### Key

RO: Room only

SC: Self Catering

HB: Half Board

B&B: Bed and breakfast

D, B&B: Dinner, bed and breakfast

FB: Dinner, bed, breakfast and lunch

FB+: Dinner, bed, breakfast, lunch and activities daily

FI: Fully inclusive

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## Included

Transport in an air-conditioned luxury vehicle

4\* Star Graded accommodation

Includes 7 Breakfasts, 4 Dinners and 1 Lunch

English speaking THETA registered tour guide

6 nights accommodation

## Day 1: Perry's Bridge Hollow Boutique Hotel, Lowveld

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### South Africa

This vast country is undoubtedly one of the most culturally and geographically diverse places on earth. Fondly known by locals as the 'Rainbow Nation', South Africa has 11 official languages and its multicultural inhabitants are influenced by a fascinating mix of African, Asian and European cultures. Spend your days: discovering the gourmet restaurants, impressive art and nightlife scenes and fine beaches of Cape Town; enjoying a typical local braai (barbecue) in the Soweto township; browsing the bustling Indian markets in Durban; or sampling some of the world's finest wines at the myriad wine estates dotted around the picturesque Cape Winelands. Due to its rich and turbulent history there are plenty of historical attractions to explore including the Zululand battlefields of KwaZulu-Natal, the Apartheid Museum in Johannesburg and Robben Island, just off the coast of Cape Town. Above all else, South Africa's attraction lies in its remarkably untamed wilderness with its astonishing range of wildlife roaming freely across massive unfenced game reserves such as the world famous Kruger National Park. With all of this variety on offer, it is little wonder that South Africa has fast become Africa's most popular tourist destination.

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### Lowveld

The Mpumalanga Lowveld lies between the northernmost reaches of the Drakensberg Escarpment and the Kruger National Park. It is renowned for its sub-tropical climate, excellent farming areas and great access to the game reserves and attractions of the Panorama Route.

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### Day Itinerary

Depart Johannesburg and travel to the 'Land of the Rising Sun - Mpumalanga - via the magnificent Panorama Route. The most spectacular stretch of the Panorama Route is the Blyde River Canyon. From many well-positioned vantage points one has a view of the 33 km long gorge, which starts at "Bourke's Luck Potholes" and ends at the "Three Rondavels".

Time and weather permitting, stop at God's Window and the Mac Mac Falls. Late afternoon arrival at your hotel. Check in and freshen up before dinner.

### Overnight: Perry's Bridge Hollow Boutique Hotel

Set among Baobab, Fig and Acacia trees in the heart of the Colonial Perry's Bridge Trading Post Centre, Perry's Bridge Hollow is minutes from the Kruger National Park, and a short drive to the Panorama Route. The 31 spacious twin rooms and 3 family suites offer relaxed, yet sophisticated accommodation in beautiful indigenous gardens. The afro-chic Kuka Cafe offers contemporary dining at its best while time spent at the swimming pool in this beautiful garden setting, is bound to leave you feeling refreshed and revived.




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## Activities

Blyde River Canyon  
 Bourke's Luck Potholes  
 Mac Mac Falls  
 God's Window

### *Blyde River Canyon*

The third largest canyon in the world, the Blyde River Canyon is exceptional for being the largest forested canyon in the world. The views from the rim are spectacular, especially the renowned view that includes the Three Rondavels. There are mountain reedbucks on the escarpment, dassies on the canyon walls, hippo and crocodile in the Blyde Dam and a rich selection of birdlife throughout, including a breeding colony of the rare bald ibis.

### *Bourke's Luck Potholes*

The Treur River plunging into the Blyde River has caused waterborne sand and rock to create huge potholes, some six metres deep, into the bedrock of the river. This natural water feature is known as Bourke's Luck. There is a well-developed picnic area here and a series of walkways and bridges that enable visitors to get great views of this amazing geological feature. Another attraction at Bourke's Luck is the visitors' centre, which has numerous interesting displays. A newly developed, 180 m circular trail, accessible to the physically disabled, starts at the visitors' centre and has as its main theme the lichens found in the area.

### *Mac Mac Falls*

The Mac Mac Falls – a national monument – belong to a cluster of lovely waterfalls in Mpumalanga's Sabie area, on the stunningly scenic Panorama Route. Its twin falls plunge dramatically 70m into the gorge below as rainbows dance over the white spray.

### *God's Window*

God's Window looks out over the Drakensberg escarpment dropping 1000m below, offering a view of the lowveld stretching out towards the Kruger National Park. Magnificent montane forest, canyons, rock formations and waterfalls can all be seen.

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## Included

Transport in an air-conditioned luxury vehicle  
 English speaking THETA registered tour guide  
 Dinner

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**Excluded**

Items of Person Nature

Gratuities

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**Day 2: Perry's Bridge Hollow Boutique Hotel, Lowveld**

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**Day Itinerary**

Early this morning you will depart on an open vehicle safari through the Kruger National Park. The world-renowned Kruger National Park offers a wildlife experience that ranks with the best in Africa. At nearly 2 million hectares, the reserve is the flagship of South African National Parks and is home to an impressive number of flora and fauna.

Return to your hotel in the afternoon and spend the remainder of the day at leisure. You will have the option to return to the Kruger National Park to absorb the tranquil beauty of an evening safari (additional charge).

**Activities**

Kruger National Park

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***Kruger National Park***

At more than 2 million hectares the Kruger National Park is one of the world's largest game reserves and a truly remarkable destination. Because of its exceptional size you can experience amazing diversity – from the scenery and ecosystems to the correspondingly amazing array of animals, trees and birds. A trip to the Kruger National Park is an unforgettable and potentially life changing experience.

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**Included**

Transport in an air-conditioned luxury vehicle

English speaking THETA registered tour guide

Breakfast

Dinner

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**Excluded**

Items of Person Nature

Gratuities

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## Day 3: Royal Swazi Sun Hotel, Casino & Country Club, Swaziland

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### Swaziland

This tiny, land-locked nation boasts a rich historical and cultural heritage. Swaziland encompasses a diverse array of ecosystems – towering mountains and low-lying savannah, tangled rainforests and lush river valleys. Highlights of this laid-back land include the mesmerizingly beautiful 'Valley of Heaven', the handicraft haven of the Malkerns Valley and the Hlane Royal National Park, famed for its white rhinos, antelopes and lions.

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### Day Itinerary

After breakfast, journey to the Royal Kingdom of Swaziland. This tiny mountainous kingdom is filled with bygone African traditions and culture and offers beautiful scenery and attractions such as game reserves and art and craft outlets to name a few. Enjoy a showcase of the traditional Swazi culture followed by lunch at the Matsamo Cultural Village. Continue to the Ngwenya Glass Works to see master craftsmen create beautiful sculptures and artwork from molten glass.

After spending some time at the Mbabane craft markets, arrive at your hotel located in the beautiful Ezulwini Valley.

### Overnight: Royal Swazi Sun Hotel, Casino & Country Club

The hotel is nestled in the breathtakingly beautiful Ezulwini Valley and boasts a fantastic and challenging 18 hole championship golf course. Relax at our pool deck and take in the magnificent surroundings or take a more active approach - we have 2 bowling greens, 2 squash courts, 4 tennis courts and plenty of hiking trails close by to keep you fit and healthy. Our business centre sports everything you need to stay in touch with the office would you need to, or just to surf the web. We also now boast a Wi-Fi, hotspot to allow you to relax in the lounge with your laptop, or even by the pool! In the evening, enjoy a superb meal in our a la carte grill room 'Planters' or sample the delights in the Terrace with a freshly prepared buffet. Try your hand in our fully equipped casino - whether you enjoy the tables or the slot machines, you will find everything to tempt lady luck and have a flutter.





## **Activities**

Ngwenya Glass Factory

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## **Included**

Transport in an air-conditioned luxury vehicle

English speaking THETA registered tour guide

Breakfast

Lunch

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## **Excluded**

Items of Person Nature

Gratuities

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## Day 4: Ghost Mountain Inn, KwaZulu Natal Game Reserves

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### KwaZulu Natal Game Reserves

These wonderful parks are renowned for their dramatic hilly countryside, diversity of flora and fauna, high standards of conservation and their invaluable contribution in saving the white rhino from extinction.

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### Day Itinerary

Enjoy a morning visit to the Swazi Candle Factory where each candle is made and finished by hand using the age-old technique "millefiore". No two are the same and the range boasts an astonishing array of patterns, shapes and designs. Continue via Big Bend into KwaZulu Natal.

Arrive at your hotel in the afternoon, in time to embark on an afternoon scenic drive up the Ubombo Mountains, offering views over Lake Jozini. At the summit and as the setting sun transforms the sky into a tapestry of colours, stop for sundowners. Return to the hotel for dinner on the terrace (weather permitting) or in the classically styled restaurant.

### Overnight: Ghost Mountain Inn [View iBrochure](#)

At the foot of the legendary Ghost Mountain in Mkuze lies the privately owned, award winning Ghost Mountain Inn. This intimate and beautiful hotel is the ideal location from which to explore the game and coastal reserves of the Elephant Coast. Discover the abundance of wildlife and scenic splendours of this rich and diverse region during game drives, guided walks and boat cruises in the company of knowledgeable rangers. Alternatively be pampered with skin and body treatments at the Spa or simply enjoy the pool and glorious indigenous gardens of the Ghost Mountain Inn



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### Activities

Big Bend

Swazi Candles

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### *Big Bend*

Named for its location on a large bend in the Usuthu River, the small town of Big Bend offers spectacular views of the river and the Lubombo Mountains. Though there isn't a huge amount to do here in the way of activities and attractions, the town is nevertheless popular with tourists due to the New Bend Inn, which has a reputation for hosting lively parties on the weekends.

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**Included**

Transport in an air-conditioned luxury vehicle

English speaking THETA registered tour guide

Accommodation

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**Excluded**

Items of Personal Nature

Gratuities

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**Day 5: Ghost Mountain Inn, KwaZulu Natal Game Reserves****Day Itinerary**

Today you will transfer to the Hluhluwe-Umfolozi Game Reserve for an afternoon of game viewing.

The Hluhluwe-Umfolozi Game Reserve covers a combined area of 90 000ha and it was here that the white rhino was saved from extinction. Return to the hotel in the late afternoon. End the day with dinner at the hotel.

**Activities**

Hluhluwe Imfolozi Game Reserve

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***Hluhluwe Imfolozi Game Reserve***

The Hluhluwe-Umfolozi Game Reserve 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. As a result, this country's white rhino population is now 12 times the 1960 count of 500. Today Hluhluwe-Umfolozi is focusing its efforts on saving the endangered black rhino, whose number in Africa dwindled from 14 000 to a pitiful 2 550 in the 1990s. The Hluhluwe-Umfolozi Game Reserve was the first reserve to introduce walking safaris and its Wilderness Trails are internationally renowned.

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**Included**

Transport in an air-conditioned luxury vehicle

English speaking THETA registered tour guide

Accommodation

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**Excluded**

Items of Personal Nature

Gratuities

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## Day 6: The Benjamin, Durban

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### Durban

With its beautiful beaches, lively wining and dining scene, and rich cultural heritage, Durban is KwaZulu Natal's tourist hub. The swimming and surfing is 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.

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### Day Itinerary

Continue the journey along the Elephant Coast of KwaZulu Natal to St Lucia, located at the southern extremity of the iSimangaliso Wetland Park - a World Heritage Site. Here you embark on an estuarine boat trip which provides an opportunity to view crocodiles, hippo and numerous bird species, including the elusive African Kingfisher Eagle, in their natural habitat.

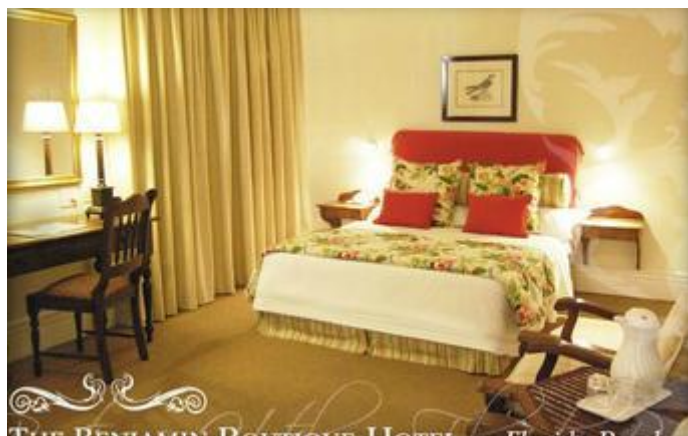
Continue to Durban, where east meets west; a city beneath which beats the pulse of Africa. Arrive during the afternoon at your hotel which is located on the Gold Mile - Durban's distinctive beach front.

### Overnight: The Benjamin

Situated on Florida Road, in the heart of Durban's Berea ...

Behind the tree-lined street, one steps into the quiet sophistication of The Benjamin Hotel. This is one of Durban's historic buildings which has been transformed into a hotel, yet retains the charm of yesteryear.

Florida Road is home to approximately 30 restaurants offering a wide range of cuisines and also boasts a bustling night life.



### Activities

Isimangaliso World Heritage Site

Durban's Golden Mile

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### *Isimangaliso World Heritage Site*

Isimangaliso means miracle, or the greatest thing you will ever see. You won't be let down when you first glance at the amazing ecosystems of the iSimangaliso Wetland Park. Centred around the Lake St Lucia lagoon system, Isimangaliso was declared a World Heritage Site in 1999. The Park includes the lake, beaches, grasslands, dune

forests and marine reserve. It is home to an exceptional biodiversity which is indicated by its 521 bird species. It is the largest estuarine system in Africa and includes the southernmost extension of coral reefs. Among its attractions are the world's highest forested sand dunes, large numbers of nesting turtles, whales, dolphins, whale-sharks and huge numbers of waterfowl including large breeding colonies of pelicans. In recent years, buffalo and elephant have been reintroduced onto the eastern shores of the lake.

### *Durban's Golden Mile*

Durban's Golden Mile or just 'The Mile' as it's affectionately called, is a section of beachfront that stretches for roughly six kilometres along the coast, starting from the Suncoast Casino and entertainment complex in the north and ending at South Beach, where uShaka Marine World is situated. The beaches lying along The Mile are among Durban's finest, attracting scores of sun-bathers, swimmers and surfers, while the restaurants, bars, clubs and cafes along the promenade provide a humming social scene.

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### **Included**

Transport in an air-conditioned luxury vehicle

English speaking THETA registered tour guide

Breakfast

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### **Excluded**

Items of Personal Nature

Gratuities

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## Day 7: Departure

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### Day Itinerary

This morning you will embark on a Durban City Tour where you will spend the morning discovering the cultural and historical contrasts of the city.

The tour ends with drop-off at King Shaka International Airport.

### Activities

Victoria Street Indian Market

uShaka Marine World

The Play House

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### *uShaka Marine World*

uShaka Marine World is an entertainment haven on Durban's Golden Mile. Sea World, Wet 'n Wild, uShaka Beach, the night-time Village Walk, seafood restaurants, a shopping centre and fantastic sea views are all on offer here.

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### Included

Transport in an air-conditioned luxury vehicle

English speaking THETA registered tour guide

Breakfast

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### Excluded

Items of Personal Nature

Gratuities

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## Transport

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### Transfers

| Date | Pick Up                                      | Drop Off                                     | Time | Vehicle  |
|------|--|--|------|----------|
|      | OR Tambo International Airport [JNB]         | Perry's Bridge Hollow Boutique Hotel         |      | Transfer |
|      | Perry's Bridge Hollow Boutique Hotel         | Royal Swazi Sun Hotel, Casino & Country Club |      | Transfer |
|      | Royal Swazi Sun Hotel, Casino & Country Club | Ghost Mountain Inn                           |      | Transfer |
|      | Ghost Mountain Inn                           | The Benjamin                                 |      | Transfer |
|      | The Benjamin                                 | King Shaka International Airport [DUR]       |      | Transfer |

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### Urgent Contact Numbers

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|-------------------|--------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
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| Adventures Africa | 800.333.5533       |                        |                 |

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|--------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|---|
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