

Kruger and Zululand Explorer Safari: Information and Itinerary

This is a seven-day packaged safari to the Hazyview area of the Kruger National Park and the Natal wetlands. Guests stay at the popular Hippo Hollow Lodge or similar, situated near Hazyview, on a half-board basis. The package includes transportation, and all game drives are conducted in open 4x4 safari vehicles inside the Kruger National Park. The guests then move on Hluhluwe in KZN (half-board basis) for a couple of days, where they will experience a true Zululand experience, before returning to Johannesburg.

Transportation to Hazyview is operated by a professional driver, who will pick you up in Johannesburg on the morning of your departure. All transfers are done in a luxury air-conditioned vehicle. You will be transported via the Panorama Route to Hazyview. The Panorama Route includes God's Window, Lisbon Falls, and Graskop. All entrance fees are included in the package. There are numerous stops along the way for comfort breaks and photo moments.

Itinerary:

Upon arrival in Hazyview, guests will check into Hippo Hollow Country Estate (or similar if not available), which is situated near the Phabeni Gate. The lodge is a 3-star establishment, and rooms are air-conditioned and en-suite. All rooms have a view over either gardens or the Sabi River. The estate has two swimming pools and a restaurant, where all breakfasts and dinners are included. On particular evenings in the hotel, guests are treated to a Shangaan supper and entertainment. A hotel upgrade is available at a surcharge.

On your first evening, you will either partake in an afternoon game drive or a sunset game drive. This is dependent on availability and will be communicated to the guest en route to Hazyview.

On your second day of the package, our guide will pick you up in the early morning and will spend the full day with you in the Kruger Park, where hopefully you will be able to view the Big Five. We will stop during the day for a number of comfort breaks and a chance to enjoy lunch. Lunch is at your own cost.

Our guides are highly trained professionals equipped with knowledge on virtually every living species in the Park, and will provide you with an insightful, enjoyable and unforgettable experience. You will be in an open 4x4 game vehicle, so please bring a hat, sunscreen and appropriate clothing.

Day three will be a replica of day two.

On your fourth day, you will depart mid-morning towards Zululand. The drive from Hazyview to Hluhluwe takes about 7 hours, including comfort breaks. Upon arrival, you will be accommodated at Ubizane Wildlife Reserve or similar, and enjoy your evening at leisure.

On day five, the tour includes a full day in the St. Lucia Wetlands area. We head towards Dumazulu Village, experiencing the true culture of the Zulu people. Join in the singing and dancing and also take a tour of the village, hearing stories told about the rich history of the Zulu Tribe. Lunch can be enjoyed en-route to your next activity. The afternoon is spent on a boat cruise in the St. Lucia wetlands, with an opportunity to spot hippo and crocodiles in their natural environment. The boat cruise is subject to weather conditions.

On day six, we embark on a morning game drive in the Hluhluwe Game Reserve or similar. Return to the lodge for lunch a bit of relaxing, and in the afternoon head out on another game drive in the nearby Reserve.

Your last morning will be spent driving to Johannesburg from Hluhluwe. Alternatively, you can be dropped off in Durban (subject to availability and at an additional charge).

Entrance Fees

Please note that the Kruger Park charges a daily conservation fee for each person entering the park. The cost of this fee is not included in the rates indicated for this safari. Currently, the rate per person is R328.00 per day. However, upon making the reservation, this can be included in the total safari price and then paid in advance to make it easier when on holiday.

Included in this safari

- Accommodation at Hippo Hollow or similar
- Accommodation at Ubizane Wildlife Reserve or similar
- Breakfast and dinner
- Full-day game drives in 4x4 safari vehicles on days 2, 3 and 6
- A sunset drive (subject to availability) in the Kruger National Park
- Road transfers from Johannesburg via the Panorama Route
- En-route road transfer of Zululand
- St. Lucia wetlands boat ride (weather permitting)
- Dumazulu interaction
- Entry fees to all areas stipulated
- Services of a professional safari guide

Excluded from this safari

- Kruger Park Conservation Fees
- Lunch and drinks
- Travel insurance and medical repatriation
- Services not mentioned in the program
- Items of a personal nature

Upgrades available

- Additional nights
- Private transfers to Hazyview
- Accommodation changes