

18 day Family Holiday (guided or self-drive)

- **St Lucia Wetlands / Indian Ocean**
- **ESwatini Mlilwane Nature Reserve**
- **Kruger National Park**
- **Moholoholo Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre**
- **Drakensburg experience**

Day 1

Leave London Airport for your overnight flight to Durban.

Day 2

Arrive at Durban Airport where you will be met by your personal guide and transferred to St Lucia. Lunch en-route at St Lucia – opportunity to rest and settle in after your journey.

Overnight: St Lucia Hotel

Meals: Dinner

ST LUCIA WETLANDS

St Lucia Wetlands or locally known as iSimangaliso Wetland Park is South Africa's first world heritage site that is situated in the heart of Zululand on the Indian Ocean. A destination, of peace, tranquillity and wildlife. The Hippo & Croc boat cruise on the St Lucia estuary is a two hour boat cruise offering close up sightings of Hippo's playful yawns, crocodiles basking on the banks and Fish Eagles hunting. Leopards have also been seen hunting on the banks of the estuary so make sure to take a camera along. With impressive Mangroves, Swamps and Pans, it's a birders haven with migratory species year round. Visit the Crocodile Centre, cultural village and maybe a sunset picnic on the magnificent, golden sandy beach of St. Lucia that stretches as far as the eye can see.

There is also more opportunity for shopping in the unusual shops where you are bound to find beautiful gifts and curios for you and your family.



Day 3

After Breakfast, this morning's activity includes a launch cruise up the estuary with a local specialist who will provide a commentary of the estuarine and marine ecology. Thereafter, we will stop for shopping and lunch at the famous pizza restaurant before making our way to our accommodation at Cape Vidal. Here birds and wildlife are abundant and the reserve's self-guided trails enable you to see some of the surrounding wetlands, coastal forests and the sand dunes just off the Indian Ocean.

Overnight: Log Cabins (Cape Vidal)

Meals: Own account

Day 4 and 5

Early start for whale watching (own account) We will drive through Cape Vidal game reserve seeing wildlife on the way before picking up the boat off the St Lucia beach. An amazing experience although expect to get a bit wet on the surf. We will have lunch at St Lucia and then head back to Cape Vidal for free time, birding, beach time or a walk along the sand dunes.

Overnight: Log Cabins (Cape Vidal beach) or Hotel

Meals: Own account

Day 6

Early morning walk to watch the sunrise over the Indian Ocean before packing up for your journey to Swaziland. Breakfast en-route @ St Lucia.

Eswatini (formally known as Swaziland)

Once in Swaziland you make your way to Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary where you will be staying in en-suite b-hives. Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary is Swaziland's pioneer conservation reserve, a shining example of what is possible if passion, vision and action fuse. Once a highly profitable multi-purpose farm, and being labelled an "impossible dream", Mlilwane was proclaimed in 1961 and is now the kingdom's most popular eco-destination for locals and internationals alike.



Overnight: Eswatini

Meals: Dinner

Days 7 - 9

There will also be an opportunity to visit the local craft market, bird watching, bush walks, cycle trails and a visit to the Roan Antelope project or just chill with a nice book by the swimming pool.

Overnight: Eswatini

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 10

Watch the sunrise over the mountains before packing up for your scenic journey back into South Africa for the amazing Kruger National Park.

Meals: Breakfast

THE KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

Where nearly 2 million hectares of unrivalled diversity of life forms fuses with historical and archaeological sites. The world-renowned Kruger National Park offers a wildlife experience that ranks with the best in Africa. Most of this afternoon is spent on safari through the park, game viewing as we go, making our way to camp in the southern section of the park.

Overnight: Kruger National Park (Skukuza)

Meals: Own account



Day 11

Early game drive and a bush breakfast. The rest day is spent exploring Kruger National Park at your leisure providing an excellent opportunity for observing wildlife at its best. An opportunity to spend some time in the famous and most beautiful bird hide. ‘Lake Panic’

Overnight: Kruger National Park (Skukuza)

Meals: Own account

Day 12

An opportunity to do an early morning bush walk with a Kruger Park field guide before spending the day game viewing within the park. Sunset or Night Drive (optional)

Overnight: Kruger National Park (Satara)

Meals: Own account

Day 13

An opportunity to do an early morning bush walk with a Kruger Park field guide before spending the day game viewing within the park. Sunset or Night Drive (optional)

Overnight: Kruger National Park (Satara)

Meals: Own account

Day 14

Watch the sunrise over the bush before packing up for your journey to Moholoholo. Most of this day is spent on safari through the park, and is once again a valuable opportunity to undertake observations of wildlife in their natural habitat making your way to Moholoholo to settle down for the evening.

Overnight: Moholoholo (Forest camp)

Meals: Dinner

MOHOLOHOLO



The next few nights are spent at Moholoholo Forest Camp with beautiful views of the northern Drakensburg Mountains. Accommodation is in self-contained thatched cottages, each with a small fridge and a bbq area. Time can be spent on the deck overlooking a waterhole, and evenings around a campfire listening to the sounds of Africa at night.

Overnight: Moholoholo Forest Camp

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

Day 15

After breakfast a full day programme of Moholoholo Rehabilitation Centre. It is situated in the shadow of the majestic “Mariepskop” which forms part of the mighty Drakensberg Mountains, the unique Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre is a home to many of South Africa’s abandoned, injured and poisoned wildlife. Moholoholo Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre is extremely proud of its efforts in wildlife education in South Africa. *“At Moholoholo we are often faced with the difficult decision of what to do with an injured or poisoned animal which will not be able to be released back into the wild. As a result, we have a number of “permanent residents” at the centre and at our own cost we use them as “ambassadors” for their respective species”* Brian Jones.

A night game drive can be arranged after dinner.

Overnight: Moholoholo Forest camp

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

Day 16

After Breakfast you will travel to Hazyview for a visit to an Elephant sanctuary. This Elephant sanctuary is an unforgettable experience bringing Elephant and Man together in a unique and special way. Walk and interact with elephants and learn about their behaviour and conservation efforts to protect them. Come back to Moholoholo to relax and enjoy sitting around the camp fire.



Overnight: Moholoholo Forest camp

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 17

An early morning bush walk before breakfast. After breakfast you will then have a short drive to the Kinyonga Reptile Centre and spend the morning learning about indigenous reptile species. The comprehensive course covers conservation, first aid and physiology of reptiles.

The afternoon, you will visit the Hoedspruit Endangered Species Centre taking a comprehensive look into different aspects of the conservation of endangered species in South Africa.



Overnight: Moholoholo Forest Camp

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 18

Early morning drive up into the Drakensburg Mountains to visit the Jewell of the crown: Gods Window, also known as the largest “green canyon” in the world, the Blyde River Canyon is a 33km-long gorge that stretches from Bourke’s Luck Potholes to the Three Rondavels near Blyderivierpoort Dam. Opportunity to take a boat trip along the Blyde River to see this stunning canyon from a different angle.



Day 19

Early morning pack up and leave for Johannesburg International Airport for your overnight flight back to the UK.

Day 20 Arrive back to London early morning

Approx. cost: £3,000pp (based on 4pax) Cheaper for self-drive please enquire for cost.

Includes: Personal Guide, vehicle hire, open top vehicle hire in Kruger, accommodation, meals where noted above, all excursions (whale watching is an extra cost as payable locally) entrance fees, conservation fees and taxes

Excludes: International flights, insurances, and local tips

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