

6-day Kruger to Coast Highlights

This 6-day tour takes your guests from city to coast, exploring Johannesburg before encountering the 'Big 5' at the Kruger National Park. Visit the Kingdom of Eswatini and a World Heritage Site.



TOUR DETAILS

Tour Code	TISD 04	
Duration	6 days 5 nights 1 night Johannesburg 2 nights Hazyview 1 night Malelane 1 night Hluhluwe	
Start location	Johannesburg, Gauteng	
End location	Salt Rock (Durban area), KwaZulu-Natal	
Group size	2 – 30 guests per vehicle	
Departure time	±13h00 from Protea Hotel by Marriott Balalaika Sandton Collection time based on the optional tour departure	
Language	English guided German guided Other language tour guides available on request if booked on a private basis and a surcharge applies	
Accommodation	3 and 4-star hotels	
Vehicle	Air-conditioned vehicle of appropriate size Minibus or coach	
Included	Meals	5 breakfasts and 1 dinner
	Entrance Fees	Blyde River Canyon Bourke's Luck Potholes Wonder View Kruger National Park conservation fee Hotel Portorage
	Green Seat	Endangered Wildlife Trust, Trees for Tourism
Excluded	Travel insurance, flights, visa fees, airport transfers, 6 lunches, 4 dinners, gratuities and optional excursions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Day 1 > Afternoon tour of Johannesburg city and Soweto highlights - Day 3 > Full day game drive in an open safari vehicle in the Kruger National Park - Day 6 > Morning game drive in an open safari vehicle in the Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Game Reserve - Day 6 > St Lucia Estuary boat cruise 	

SCHEDULED DEPARTURE DATES

2025 Season 01 Nov 2024 - 31 Dec 2025	Language		Start Monday	End Saturday	
	Scheduled Sundays	Group 1	German	04-Nov-24	09-Nov-24
Group 2		English	11-Nov-24	16-Nov-24	
Group 3		German	25-Nov-24	30-Nov-24	
Group 4		English	02-Dec-24	07-Dec-24	
Group 5		German	13-Jan-25	18-Jan-25	
Block-out dates may apply		Group 6	English	20-Jan-25	25-Jan-25
		Group 7	German	03-Feb-25	08-Feb-25
		Group 8	English	10-Feb-25	15-Feb-25
		Group 9	German	17-Feb-25	22-Feb-25
		Group 10	English	03-Mar-25	08-Mar-25
		Group 11	German	10-Mar-25	15-Mar-25
		Group 12	English	24-Mar-25	29-Mar-25
		Group 13	German	31-Mar-25	05-Apr-25
		Group 14	English	07-Apr-25	12-Apr-25
		Group 15	German	14-Apr-25	19-Apr-25
		Group 16	English	05-May-25	10-May-25
		Group 17	German	12-May-25	17-May-25
		Group 18	English	19-May-25	24-May-25
		Group 19	German	02-Jun-25	07-Jun-25
		Group 20	English	23-Jun-25	28-Jun-25
		Group 21	German	07-Jul-25	12-Jul-25
		Group 22	English	21-Jul-25	26-Jul-25
		Group 23	German	11-Aug-25	16-Aug-25
		Group 24	English	18-Aug-25	23-Aug-25
		Group 25	German	25-Aug-25	30-Aug-25
		Group 26	English	08-Sep-25	13-Sep-25
		Group 27	German	15-Sep-25	20-Sep-25
		Group 28	English	22-Sep-25	27-Sep-25
		Group 29	German	06-Oct-25	11-Oct-25
		Group 30	English	13-Oct-25	18-Oct-25
		Group 31	German	20-Oct-25	25-Oct-25
		Group 32	German	03-Nov-25	08-Nov-25
		Group 33	English	10-Nov-25	15-Nov-25
		Group 34	German	17-Nov-25	22-Nov-25
		Group 35	English	01-Dec-25	06-Dec-25

ADDITIONAL TOURING OPTIONS

Scheduled Private Guided Tour	<p>The itinerary is available on a private basis departing on scheduled Mondays</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Available on 30-day freesell and on request thereafter - Departure on any other day is subject to availability and a surcharge applies - Public attractions and open safari vehicle game drives will not be private - Other foreign language tour guides are available on request if booked on a private basis and a surcharge applies
Scheduled Self-drive Tour	<p>The itinerary is available on a self-drive basis departing on scheduled Mondays</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Available on 30-day freesell and on request thereafter - Excluding most entrance fees - Departure on any other day is subject to availability and a surcharge applies

EXTEND THE EXPERIENCE Recommendations

Pre-Tour Accommodation in **JOHANNESBURG**: **4-star** Protea Hotel by Marriott Balalaika Sandton

Pre-Touring in **JOHANNESBURG**:

My Joburg Flexible Full Day Private Tour

-No fixed itinerary; limited to 300km / 9 hours

- Places of interest subject to operating hours

Post-Tour Accommodation in Salt Rock: **3-star** Salt Rock Hotel

4-star Canelands Beach Club (transfer from Salt Rock Hotel own expense and arrangements)

TOUR SUMMARY

Alternative accommodation may be booked when required and will be communicated 30-days before departure

DAY	ACCOMMODATION	MEALS	ACTIVITIES & ENTRANCE FEES INCLUDED	KM
1 Mon	Protea Hotel by Marriott Balalaika Sandton		Afternoon at leisure	30
2 Tue	ANEW Resort Hazyview	Breakfast	Blyde River Canyon and Three Rondawels Bourke's Luck Potholes Wonder View	500
3 Wed	ANEW Resort Hazyview	Breakfast	Game viewing in the Kruger National Park in a closed vehicle	250
4 Thu	Pestana Kruger Lodge	Breakfast Dinner	Game viewing in the Kruger National Park in a closed vehicle	200
5 Fri	ANEW Hotel Hluhluwe & Safaris	Breakfast	Evening Zulu cultural experience	420
6 Sat	TOUR ENDS IN SALT ROCK (Near Ballito, Durban area)	Breakfast	Drop-off at Salt Rock Hotel at ±14h00	265

DAY-BY-DAY BREAKDOWN

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Day 1 | Monday

AFTERNOON AT LEISURE in JOHANNESBURG (±30km)

Arrival at O.R. Tambo International Airport, transfer to hotel (own arrangements and at own expense)

Lunch (own arrangements and for own expense)

Hotel check-in - the opportunity to purchase optional day excursions if not pre-booked

Optional Johannesburg City and Soweto highlights afternoon scheduled tour (own expense)

Group tour briefing at the hotel

Dinner at the hotel (own expense)

Protea Hotel by Marriott Balalaika Sandton or similar – Breakfast (4-star)

Day 2 | Tuesday

JOHANNESBURG to HAZYVIEW via PANORAMA ROUTE (±500km)

Breakfast at the hotel (included)

Lunch en route (own expense)

Blyde River Canyon and Three Rondawels (included)

Bourke's Luck Potholes (included)

Wonder View (included)

Arrival at the hotel

Dinner at the hotel (own expense)

ANEW Resort Hazyview or similar – Breakfast (4-star)

Day 3 | Wednesday

FULL DAY IN KRUGER NATIONAL PARK (±250km)

Early breakfast at the hotel (included)

Game viewing in the Kruger National Park in a closed vehicle

Optional full day open safari vehicle game drive (own expense)

Lunch in the Kruger National Park (own account)

Return to the hotel late afternoon

Dinner at the hotel or in town (own account)

ANEW Resort Hazyview or similar – Breakfast (4-star)

Day 4 | Thursday

HAZYVIEW to MALELANE via KRUGER NATIONAL PARK (±200km)

Breakfast at the hotel (included)
Game viewing in the Kruger National Park in a closed vehicle
Optional full day open safari vehicle game drive (own expense)
Lunch in the Kruger National Park (own expense)
Arrive at the hotel late afternoon
Dinner at the hotel (included)
Pestana Kruger Lodge or similar – Dinner and breakfast (4-star)

Day 5 | Friday

MALELANE to HLUHLUWE via ESWATINI (±420km)

Early breakfast at the hotel (included)
Comfort stop near Malelane
Enter Eswatini at Jeppes Reef Border (visas - own expense)
Drive through Ezulwini Valley
Late lunch en route at Swazi Candle Factory before exiting Eswatini (own expense)
Enter South Africa at Lavumisa Border (if applicable, multiple entry to SA for own expense)
Arrive at the lodge late afternoon / evening in time for a Zulu cultural experience (included)
Dinner at the hotel (own expense)
ANEW Hotel Hluhluwe & Safaris or similar – Breakfast (3-star)

NOTE: When entering the Kingdom of Eswatini, guests must ensure that they have a valid passport and for nationals of applicable countries, multi-entry visa regulations apply.

Day 6 | Saturday

HLUHLUWE to SALT ROCK via ST LUCIA (±265km)

Breakfast at the hotel (included)
Optional morning open safari vehicle game drive in Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Game Reserve (own expense)
Optional Boat cruise on the St Lucia Estuary (own expense)
Grab snacks for the road in St Lucia (own expense)
Late lunch en route at the beachfront Salt Rock Hotel at ±14h00 (own expense)
Transfer to the airport or another hotel/guest house at own expense and own arrangements

DETAILED ITINERARY

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Day 1 | Monday

AFTERNOON AT LEISURE in JOHANNESBURG (±30km)

Johannesburg, also known as Egoli, the City of Gold, is alive with adventure. Beginning as a tent city during the gold rush, its eclectic mixture of diverse cultures reflects the uniqueness of South Africa. You'll soon get used to the sound of hooting taxis and chatter of street vendors rising against the distinctive, modern city skyline. Enjoy the day at leisure or take an optional, guided afternoon tour of Johannesburg and Soweto's highlights (at your own expense). Discover the history of Johannesburg, the city of gold and experience the vibrant and upbeat, Soweto. Visit Constitution Hill which is home to the Constitutional Court and the site of Johannesburg's Old Fort Prison, Kliptown Open Air Museum, Hector Pieterse Memorial, view the iconic Soweto towers and experience Vilakazi Street and an authentic street market. Return to the hotel late afternoon. Meet your tour guide at the hotel for the tour briefing at 18h00. Enjoy dinner (at your own expense) either at the hotel or in the Sandton City complex with its giant statue of Mandela in the Square.

Overnight at Protea Hotel by Marriott Balalaika Sandton or similar – Breakfast

Day 2 | Tuesday

JOHANNESBURG to HAZYVIEW via PANORAMA ROUTE (±500km)

After breakfast, we leave the city and head towards the scenic Panorama Route. Passing rolling grasslands and small towns, the road eventually climbs an escarpment of the Drakensberg Mountains to enter a scenic wonderland. Blyde River Canyon, the world's largest green canyon, filled with waterfalls and ancient geological features, will take your breath away. Spot the Three Rondawels - three conical peaks resembling African huts. Stand on the bridges over the Bourke's Luck Potholes, where millennia of swirling water have carved giant holes into the sandstone. Get your cameras ready for the panoramic vistas of Wonder View, the highest point of the day. The town of Graskop (grassy peak), established in the 1880s at the height of gold rush, is now part of the local timber industry. Visit one of its famous pancake bars and then browse the many curio shops to find unique artifacts. The scenic drive to Hazyview winds through rolling hills and dense forests. Take a breath and soak in the outstanding natural beauty of Mpumalanga as we head for your hotel.

Overnight at ANEW Resort Hazyview or similar – Breakfast

Day 3 | Wednesday

FULL DAY IN KRUGER NATIONAL PARK (±250km)

After an early breakfast, a full day of adventure awaits you in the world's premier safari destination. The Kruger National Park will immerse you in the world of the 'Big 5': lion, rhinoceros, leopard, buffalo, and elephant. The Park, sprawling over 20,000 km², is slightly smaller than Belgium and supports a staggering variety of fauna and flora - including rare bird species. The slow pace of the touring vehicle and the focus on the bush will take your mind to a place as quiet as an elephant's footfall. Enjoy

lunch (at your own expense) at one of the park's rest camps, before continuing on the bush adventure. An optional full day safari in an open safari vehicle with an expert guide is available (at your own expense, excluding lunch). We exit Kruger National Park and head back to the hotel to freshen up and enjoy pre-dinner drinks before dinner (both at your own expense).
Overnight at ANEW Resort Hazyview or similar – Breakfast

Day 4 | Thursday

HAZYVIEW to MALELANE via KRUGER NATIONAL PARK (±200km)

After a good night's rest, enjoy an early breakfast before spending a second day in the park, as we drive from Phabeni Gate to exit at Malelane Gate in the south. If you want to feel the air of adventure on your face, pre-book the optional full day safari in an open safari vehicle (Optional Excursion Package own expense and excluding lunch). Be ready to add to your game and bird viewing list and look out for unique flora. There's a lot to look for, with 336 tree, 49 fish, 34 amphibian, 116 reptile, 507 bird, and 147 mammal species. For birders, there is the chance to find a lifer. Use the lunchtime spent in a rest camp to look for one of the 'Little 5': the ant lion, the buffalo weaver, the elephant shrew the leopard tortoise, or the rhino beetle. One of those would be a find! Our time in the park ends in the late afternoon as we exit at the Malelane Gate. The overnight accommodation is situated on the border of the famous Park. You will be able to enjoy drinks on a deck overlooking the Crocodile River and watch the animals come down to the river to drink as the sun sets on the experience of a lifetime.

Overnight at Pestana Kruger Lodge or similar – Dinner and breakfast

Day 5 | Friday

MALELANE to HLUHLUWE via ESWATINI (±420km)

After an early breakfast, the adventure will continue as you depart for Hluhluwe via the often misty mountains of the Kingdom of Eswatini and into the Ezulwini Valley. The valley is aptly named - Ezulwini means 'place of heaven' - and provides panoramic views of the Kingdom and access to several notable wildlife sanctuaries. Craft markets, overflowing with carvings, beadwork and colourful materials, provide wonderful shopping opportunities. Sample local food specialties, such as Baganu, a marula fruit drink, or Sishwala porridge, served with a meat stew or vegetables. Swazi cuisine is a celebration of traditional ingredients and cooking. Continuing a magical tour of three different regions in a day, you will re-enter South Africa via KwaZulu-Natal. There will be a stop for lunch on the way to Hluhluwe, where you will arrive at your hotel in the early evening in time for a Zulu cultural experience and dinner (at your own expense).

Overnight at ANEW Hotel Hluhluwe & Safaris or similar – Breakfast

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Day 6 | Saturday

HLUHLUWE to SALT ROCK via ST LUCIA (±265km)

There is an opportunity to go on a morning open safari vehicle game drive in Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Game Reserve (time permitting and at own expense). After breakfast, we visit the coastal town of St Lucia, at the heart of South Africa's first UNESCO World Heritage Site, the iSimangaliso Wetland Park. Go on an optional boat cruise on the St Lucia Estuary (at your own expense). The Estuary, with its island-like setting, is one of the largest estuaries in Africa and a recognised natural wonder. This rich wetland is home to a mind-boggling 2,180 plant species, over 1000 Nile crocodiles, more than 800 hippos and many prehistoric-looking monitor lizards. With over 400 species of birds, it is a watery paradise. Gliding over the water will be a very different experience from the Kruger safari but equally exciting. Load up with snacks before we leave St Lucia, as there will be a late lunch (at your own expense) at Salt Rock Hotel. Take a short stroll on the beach before your onward transfer to the airport or another hotel/guest house (at your own expense and own arrangements).