

CULTURAL & SCENIC SAFARIS

ZULU CULTURAL WALK 3-4HRS

Immerse yourself into the rural community of the Lebombo Mountains and enjoy a memorable walk with remarkable views, while learning about rural Zulu customs and living as it is today. This walk is a cultural treat and allows for interaction with the people of the area, as well as gives a greater insight into life in rural Zululand.

LEBOMBO SCENIC DRIVE 3-4HRS

A leisurely drive up the Lebombo Mountains through enthralling scenery with magnificent views of Lake Jozini allows guests to unwind and inhale the wonder and grace of rural Africa. If the drive is arranged in the evening, sundowners in this gorgeous location should not be missed!

GHOST MOUNTAIN CULTURAL EXPERIENCE 3-4HRS

A unique experience and one of authenticity, the Myeni Cultural Experience includes a visit to a local homestead as well as the chance to interact with members of the Myeni family.

With prior arrangement, one can also experience an unforgettable visit to a Sangoma with a bone reading if desired, stick fighting, and/or a sampling of traditional food and drink. Finish the experience with a drive through the Lebombo Mountains taking in some of the area's awe-inspiring views as well as the rural life that surrounds you.

Optional extras can be added to a cultural homestead visit, booked subject to availability with prior arrangements. (This could increase the duration of the visit by one hour)

FOOD & BEER TASTING

SANGOMA VIEWING

SANGOMA READING

ZULU STICK FIGHTING

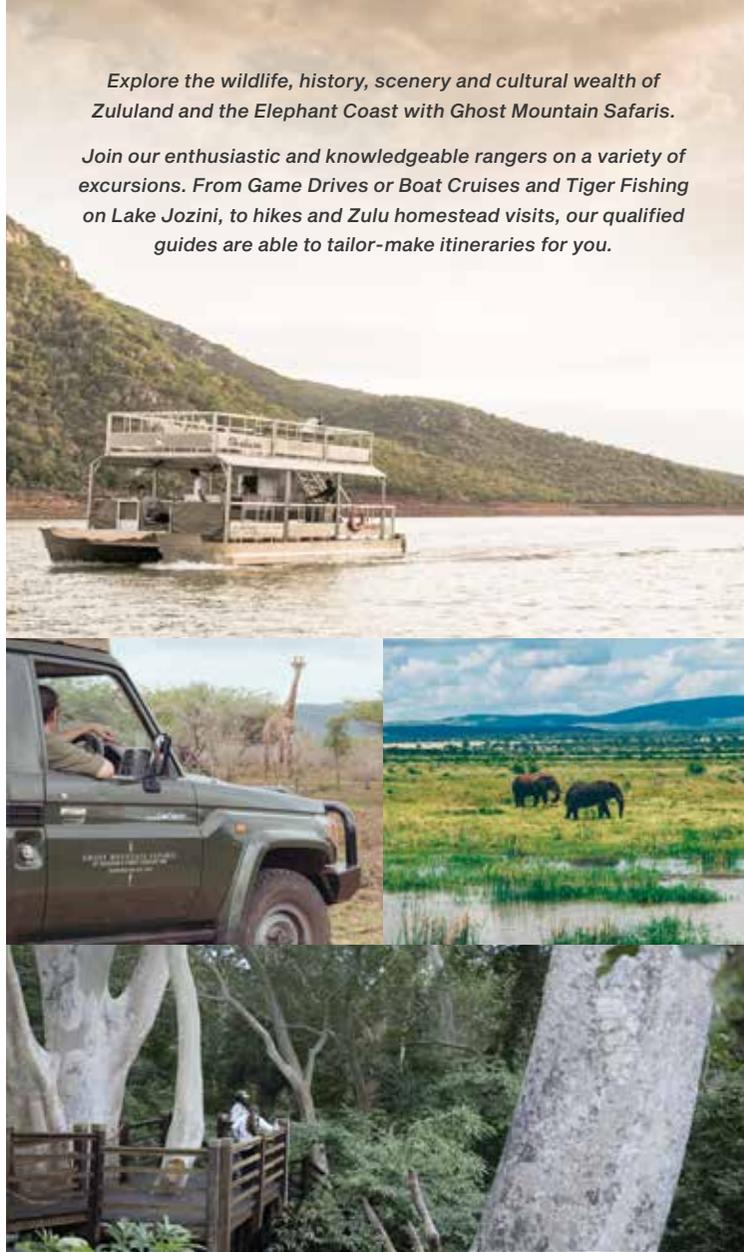
AFRICA TODAY (BY PRIOR ARRANGEMENT)

Welcome to an interesting and complex area of South Africa. An area of hope and aspiration despite sometimes harsh and trying circumstances in which local people live. We invite you to explore the area a bit deeper with a specialised tour that can be customised to your interest and timing of your visit. Visit a local school or community project where you can meet and interact with the locals.

Explore historic Zulu battle sites or cultural events such as the annual Zulu Reed Dance or discover the archaeologically significant Border Cave.

Explore the wildlife, history, scenery and cultural wealth of Zululand and the Elephant Coast with Ghost Mountain Safaris.

Join our enthusiastic and knowledgeable rangers on a variety of excursions. From Game Drives or Boat Cruises and Tiger Fishing on Lake Jozini, to hikes and Zulu homestead visits, our qualified guides are able to tailor-make itineraries for you.



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WILDLIFE & BIRD SAFARIS

LAKE JOZINI BOAT CRUISE & TIGER FISHING

BOAT CRUISES: 3-4HRS • TIGER FISHING: HALF OR FULL DAY

Lake Jozini lies in a dramatic setting at the foot of the Lebombo Mountains and is one of South Africa's largest dams. There are several exquisite gorges which abound with cycads and a wide variety of birds. On the western side of the dam one might see elephant, rhino, hippo and crocodile.

The 13 varieties of fish found in the dam include tilapia, catfish, mud fish, carp and the sought after tiger fish. A catch and release policy for the tigers is promoted and anglers are encouraged to retain only one trophy fish each per day, releasing the live smaller ones.

UMKHUZE GAME RESERVE GAME DRIVES

HALF DAY OR FULL DAY WITH LUNCH

uMkhuze harbours an astonishing diversity of habitats, ranging from the eastern slopes of the Lebombo Mountains to stretches of rolling acacia savannah, swamps, woodlands and riverine forest. A Big 5 reserve, uMkhuze is actually most famous for the multitude of plains game and exceptional birding - over 420 species recorded.

uMkhuze also offers a Fig Forest Walk (5-6hrs) which is highly recommended.

HLUHLUWE GAME RESERVE GAME DRIVES

HALF DAY OR FULL DAY WITH LUNCH

The oldest game park in Africa, this reserve was proclaimed to prevent the white rhino from becoming extinct. Eighty mammal species (including the Big 5) and in excess of 300 bird species are supported in this 96,000HA reserve, making it a truly special experience for all.

NIGHT DRIVES (SEASONAL) 3-4HRS

Experience the African night with its magnificent skies and the possibility of nocturnal species such as antbear (aardvark), leopard, genets, night jars and a host of smaller creatures. The night also allows one the opportunity to use other senses and to relax to the sounds and aroma of Africa.

BIRDING TRIPS (BY PRIOR ARRANGEMENT)

With more than 420 bird species on record, Mkuze and the surrounding area is renowned as a mecca for bird lovers. Some of the specials one might go in search of are Mangrove Kingfisher, African Broadbill, Pink Throated Twin Spot, Blue Billed Fire Finch and Narina trogon.



KIDS ACTIVITIES

GRUBBY NATURE WALK

Don't miss out on a chance to explore the creepy crawlies, frogs and other hidden treasures in the gardens and around the dam with your very own guide!

NATURE TREASURE HUNT

A thrilling treasure hunt in nature promises both a fun and educational experience while searching for tree sausages, feathers, leaves and other interesting garden specimens.

ZULU CRAFTS

Have fun and test your creative skills at making some simple Zulu crafts, like beading and wire vehicles.

FACE & FINGER PAINTING

Making a mess has never been so fun! Have fun painting weird and wonderful colours and patterns on a friend's face or take on the task to model clay into a shape.

FISHING

Make your own fishing rod, dig for your own worms and fish for tiddlers from the jetty!

PIZZA MAKING

Have a blast making your own pizza in the kitchen and then enjoy it around a boma campfire, with marshmallows and melted chocolate.



WALKING SAFARIS

All of our walks are accompanied by guides who are well versed in local history and culture, as well as the fauna and flora of the area. Please request a specialist bird guide if there are birders in the group.

MKUZE RIVER BIRD WALK 1-2HRS

This is a gentle walk that leaves the hotel and traverses the dam in front of the hotel into the Mkuze riverbed and along to the old weir. A large number of birds, both water and open savannah species, are to be seen, with specials including palm swifts, white-eared barbets, giant and malachite Kingfishers, black coucal and many others. The scenery offers up wonderful views of both Ghost Mountain and the Lebombo Mountain Range.

GHOST MOUNTAIN HIKE 3-4HRS

Take a walk amongst beauty, myth and history in a hike to the top of Ghost Mountain (Tshaneni) and take in the expansive view of the area, including the battlegrounds of the 1884 Battle of Tshaneni. Local legend has it that the mountain is haunted and there are claims that at times, lights be seen emanating from the summit and eerie sounds can be heard. This intriguing mountain is a protected site of cultural and historical significance and a hike up the eastern side to learn more about the history and folklore of the mountain and the surrounding area is an absolute must.

UMKHUZE FIG FOREST WALK 5-6HRS (NO PERSONS U16 PERMITTED)

Spoil the senses to a remarkable fig forest walk as you explore the spellbinding beauty of natural Africa. Although the Fig Forest Walk is only about two hours long, the walk itself is situated deep in the uMkhuze Game Reserve so the activity includes a game drive to and from the walk.

This walk is not strenuous but does require traversing two short swing bridges over the beautiful Mkuze River. The walk meanders under the magnificent canopy of giant sycamore figs, the oldest of which is estimated at 450 years.

The silence of the forest is broken by a multitude of bird calls, typified by the wail of trumpeter hornbills, while special sightings have included the Pels Fishing Owl, the African Broadbill and the Blue Mantled Flycatcher.

