



# Drakensberg and Zululand

Hotel-to-hotel   guided walking and safari

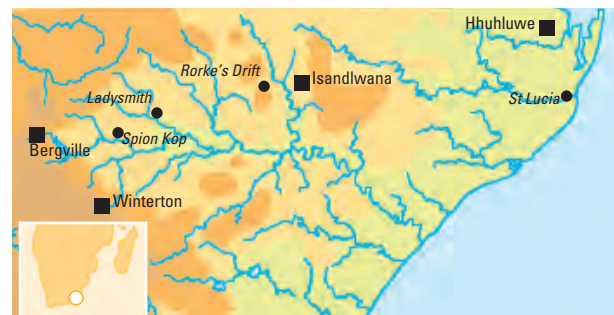
- Spectacular mountain ranges, traditional Zulu villages, historic battlefields, prehistoric rock art
- Close encounters with buffalo, lion, rhino, elephant and leopard
- Gorgeous country lodges – all with private pools and superb cuisine
- Unspoilt white sandy beaches; turquoise seas, awe inspiring views
- Optional extension to the Kruger National Park



This holiday introduces you to the very soul of Eastern South Africa, and provides an extraordinary insight into the region's natural beauty, cultural contrasts and colorful historic past.

During your 2-week stay with us, you'll hike in the stunning Drakensberg Mountains and spend time exploring the Royal Natal National Park (a UNESCO heritage site). You'll visit traditional Zulu villages – seemingly unchanged for centuries – and witness history being brought back to life at the C19 battlefields between Isandlwana and Rorke's Drift. After tracing Churchill's footsteps on Spion Kop, it's off to the white sand beaches of the Indian Ocean where your tour ends with a private game safari. You are accompanied throughout by our expert local hiking guide, however we've also included (where appropriate) the services of professional battlefield guides/ safari rangers, to ensure that you really get the most out of your time here.

The places you stay in are among the best available, and range from friendly mountain lodges to traditional country houses, to a luxury en-suite tented game reserve full of giraffe, rhino and zebra. Private swimming pools are guaranteed everywhere, and the cuisine is first class.



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## DRAKENSBERG AND ZULULAND | DAY BY DAY

### Day 1 Arrive in Drakensberg

We meet you in Durban and transfer you to your hotel at Champagne Castle (2.5hr) in time for dinner.

### Day 2 Battle Cave 14km/9mi/5hr

A riverside path lined with pink everlasting leads us beneath the shattered basalt peak of Monk's Cowl to Battle Cave. Over lunch your guide interprets the vivid rock paintings, some up to 1000 years old. We return to the hotel for a refreshing swim with a view of the "Dragon's Back" mountaintops.

### Day 3 Blind Man's Corner 12km/7mi/5hr

On a steady ascent past lesser honeyguides in scarlet bottlebrush trees, we picnic at Blind Man's Corner beneath the giant red rock cliffs of Kathkin Peak. After lunch, look out for reedbuck and duiker as we descend via a dramatic fern lined defile to be back in time for a pre-dinner sundowner.

### Day 4 Cathedral Peak 18km/11mi/6hr

We drive north to Cathedral Peak today – our ascent reveals a panorama of red leonotis and protea splashed across high grassland. After a picnic on a ridge of fairy bell flowers with views of Rainbow Gorge, we descend to drive north again to Royal Natal National Park and our next hotel.

### Day 5 The Amphitheatre 14km/9mi/5hr

Bluebilled firefinch and orangebreasted rockjumper flit between boulders as we negotiate Thukela Gorge to the very foot of the Amphitheatre – a sheer vertical rock face over 1000m high, atop which lies Lesotho!

### Day 6 Royal Natal National Park 12km/7mi/5hr

Limestone cliffs splashed with wild hibiscus frame crystal waterfalls tumbling down from the high berg this morning – great for cooling your feet during our picnic. We pass Lookout Rock enjoying views of the entire valley, before returning to the hotel for another delicious four-course dinner.

### Day 7 Cavern Valley Walk 12km/7mi/5hr

A path from the hotel leads through red pear and Cape quince trees to Surprise Ridge for fabulous views of the Amphitheatre. We picnic by bushman paintings at Lone Rock. After lunch we return via Echo Cave, descending through ancient yellowwood trees for a chilled drink on the hotel terrace.

### Day 8 Spion Kop and Ladysmith

We head east today to walk in the footsteps of Winston Churchill on a guided tour of Spion Kop – a British defeat in the Boer War. After lunch in a local lodge, we visit the Siege Museum in Ladysmith, before arriving at our lodge hotel near haunting Isandlwana Battlefield.

### Day 9 Isandlwana and Rorke's Drift 15km/9mi/5hr

Passing Zulu villages, we walk from Isandlwana Hill – site of a British defeat in 1879 by the Zulu army - to the famed Rorke's Drift today, taking the same daisy strewn ox cart track used by the British in 1879.

### Day 10 Isandlwana to Hluhluwe

We drive through smoky blue hills down to the pineapple and sugar cane plantations of the Elephant Coast today. This is big game country, and we arrive for a late lunch on our private game reserve. Swim and relax this afternoon on your veranda as kudu and zebra graze on the hotel lawns.

### Day 11 Game Walk and Hluhluwe Safari

A very early start sees us walking from the hotel with a ranger tracking giraffe, zebra and red duiker. After lunch, we drive to Hluhluwe Game Park for a game drive safari.

### Day 12 St Lucia Wetlands 8km/5mi/4hr

We spot hippo, kingfishers and purple crested turaco in mangroves and sand forest as we climb giant sand dunes for a picnic. We descend to the crashing turquoise Indian Ocean to finish on a perfect white sand beach. Back at the hotel enjoy a delicious final dinner under the stars.

### Day 13 Depart South Africa

We drive you down to Durban for your flight home, or your onward flight to the Kruger National Park if you have booked extra nights.

## WHERE YOU STAY



**Champagne Castle Hotel**  
★★★★  
Winterton

Days 2+3+4



**The Cavern Resort**  
★★★  
Bergville

Days 5+6+7+8



**Rorke's Drift Hotel**  
★★★★

Rorke's Drift

Days 9+10



**Falaza Game Park**  
★★★★

Hhuluwe

Days 11+12+13

For extra nights we recommend Winterton, and city add-ons can be arranged in Durban.

## Dates and Prices

Departs selected  
Sundays

Tour  
Only

2012 departures

Mar 11, Apr 15	\$6,471
Feb 12, Sep 30	\$6,528
Oct 21	\$6,491

**Singles:** Add \$102 per night for sole occupancy of a double room.

**Child:** This holiday is unsuitable for children under 16.

**Room upgrade:** Prices from \$34 per person, per night, based on 2 sharing.

**Holiday type:** Guided walking and safari, hotel-to-hotel, groups of typically 6-10 people on each tour.

**Departs:** Selected Sundays from Feb 12 to October 21.

**Duration:** 13 days (12 nights).

**Meals:** All meals.

**Other details:** For "What your holiday price includes," see "Holiday Planning" section pp 48-51.

## Tailor-made travel choices

**Nearest Arrival Airport:** Durban International Airport

Flights can be arranged from most US/CANADA airports, with connecting transfers as required, prices and details on request.

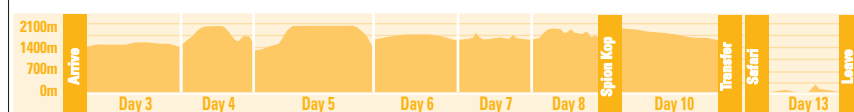
**The above prices include our standard transfers:** Durban International Airport at 10:05, (transfer to hotel, 2 ½ hours, provided).

**Return:** Durban International Airport by 14:10 (transfer provided).

**Tour only:** Transfers included from Durban International airport at 10:05, and back to Durban International airport departing hotel at 10:00.

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## DRAKENSBERG AND ZULULAND | WALKING DETAILS



Walks are on tracks and narrow paths - short vertiginous parts on days 4 and 5. Walkers should be fit and confident. Walking boots essential, poles recommended.

**Average daytime temperature (°C):**  
30 29 28 25 23 25 26 27  
JAN FEB MAR APR MAY SEP OCT NOV

**Average monthly rainfall (mm):**  
145 106 90 39 14 38 77 91  
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