

Zulu Battles & Beach 8 days



Visit important battlefields and poignant memorial sites from the Boer and Zulu Wars set against the beautifully rugged backdrop of KwaZulu- Natal, go wild on safari and unwind on Durban's pristine northern beaches on this 8 day self drive tour.

TOUR DETAILS:

- Starts in: Johannesburg / Ends in: Durban
- Departs: Daily
- No local payment required
- Breakfast:7, Lunch: 7, Dinner: 7
- Tour Guide: Yes, for sightseeing only

ONLINE RESOURCES:

- For a detailed GO GUIDE - [click here](#)
- To book this trip - [click here](#)
- To enquire about this trip - [click here](#)

TOUR MAP:



QUICK WEB LINKS

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Day 1:

Upon arrival you will be met at the airport and taken to your rental car for your onward drive to your accommodation for the next two nights. Nestled on the side of Spioenkop hill, the homely Three Trees Lodge is a beautiful traditional farm house overlooking the verdant Spioenkop Game Reserve. Here you can enjoy the rest of the day at your own leisure. Relax by the pool, indulge in a bite to eat, opt for a guided nature walk and in the evening watch the sun set over the valley below. Overnight - Spioenkop

Day 2:

Spioenkop – breakfast. This morning drive to the site of the Battle of Spioenkop, one of the bloodiest battles of the Boer War. Over 300 British soldiers lost their lives, with hundreds more wounded on both sides, in this failed attempt by the British to take back the town of Ladysmith that was besieged by Boer forces. At first glance it is hard to imagine the damage and destruction that occurred here on this tranquil hillside. Today the only evidence of the battle that remains is a number of graves and monuments at a poignant memorial site on the hill summit. In the evening enjoy free time at your guest house. Overnight - Spioenkop



Day 3:

Spioenkop – Rorke's Drift – breakfast. Today make your way towards the shores of the Buffalo River to the Fugitive's Drift Game Reserve and NwaZulu-Natal Battlefields. Set within the game reserve the guest house offers fantastic views over the park grounds. Keep an eye out for zebra, giraffe or antelope from the comfort of your private veranda or the outdoor pool. Nearby you'll find an interesting museum displaying artefacts and relics from the region, and if you are feeling adventurous you can opt for some additional excursions, like horseback riding or fishing on the Buffalo River. Overnight - Rorke's Drift

Day 4:

Rorke's Drift – breakfast. First stop this morning is the Isandlwana Battlefield, the site of the first major battle between British and Zulu forces during the Anglo- Zulu War, which ended in an

overwhelming victory for the Zulus. On the drive to the battlefield listen to an enlightening audio CD narrated by historian and tour guide David Rattray that tells the story behind the Anglo-Zulu War, entitled Day of the Dead Moon. Upon arrival you will have the chance to explore the site, a vast green landscape dotted with white stone burial markers, while learning more about this historic battle.

Later head back to Rorke's Drift, to the site of one of Britain's more victorious battles. Here listen to the story of when a small group of just over 100 British soldiers victoriously defended their station against over 4,500 Zulu warriors. In the evening enjoy free time at your guest house. Overnight - Rorke's Drift



Days 5 - 6:

Rorke's Drift – Zululand - breakfast. Departing after breakfast make your way to the Zululand Rhino Reserve, the site of your accommodation for the next two nights. Nestled in a hillside, the Leopard Mountain Lodge has stunning views over the surrounding bush and riverine forest. The next two days are completely free for you to fill as you choose, but to start you off your stay includes two daily game drives as well as a midday excursion to a hide overlooking a waterhole. Here you can enjoy a picnic lunch as you watch wildlife of all shapes and sizes come for a drink. There are also walking trails and number of offsite activities, such as boat cruises, whale watching and elephant interaction that can be booked locally at an additional cost. Overnight - Zululand



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Day 7:

Zululand – Shaka’s Rock – breakfast. This morning drive to the stunning KwaZulu-Natal north coast, bordering the Indian Ocean and stretching from Durban to the Thukela River. Here you will stay in the small coastal village of Shaka’s Rock in the charming sea view Comfort House.

Located just a short walk from two sandy beaches, your guest house is the perfect base from which to venture out and explore the local area, famed for its golden beaches, fine restaurants and trendy bars. You could even opt for an excursion to the historic battle sites of Fort Pearson and the Ultimatum Tree, or embark on a boat ride for a close encounter with a bottlenose dolphin, the friendly creatures that give the area its nickname, the Dolphin Coast. Alternatively relax by the pool and enjoy a drink at the honesty bar at Comfort House. Overnight - Shaka's Rock



Day 8:

Shaka’s Rock – breakfast. Today your tour comes to an end. Drive to King Shaka Airport in Durban where you can drop off your rental car before continuing to the airport for your onward travel.

Reserve, and opt for additional offsite activities like boat cruises, whale watching and more

- Shaka’s Rock - Relax on sandy beaches and opt for excursions to the historic battle sites of Fort Pearson and the Ultimatum Tree

What's Included

- 7 breakfasts, 7 lunches and 7 dinners
- 7 nights 4 star accommodation in a selection of safari lodges and guest houses
- 8 days car hire - Group C car with A/C and power steering - VW Polo Classic or similar (option to upgrade upon request)
- VIP Meet and Greet with document pack at the airport upon arrival on day 1
- Touring of battle sites: Spioenkop, Isandlwana and Rorke’s Drift, with the services of a local tour guide at each of these sites
- Two daily game drives in the Zululand Rhino Reserve on days 5 & 6
- Entrance fees to all included sites

What's Not Included

- International flights and visas
- Tipping - an entirely personal gesture
- Optional activities

PRICES AND DATES: from USD \$2,459

Prices shown are per person travelling. The price per person applies when there are 2 people travelling, sharing a room. The 'Single supplement' applies for single travellers who require their own room and needs to be added to the per person price. Note: The price below is based upon a minimum group size of 2.

WHAT YOU SEE AND WHAT YOU GET:

Below is a list of key highlights and what is included on this tour. Further, where appropriate, we have listed the items that are not included in the tour price.

Trip Highlights

- Spioenkop - explore the battlefield of Spioenkop and in your free time opt for guided nature walks of the Spioenkop Nature Reserve
- Buffalo River - Opt for a guided safari through the Fugitive’s Drift Game Reserve or other excursions like horseback riding or fishing on the Buffalo River. Plus enjoy a guided tour of Isandlwana and Rorke’s Drift battle fields
- Zululand - Enjoy two daily safaris at the Zululand Rhino

Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
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