

Experience the Thrill of Travelling Through Rarely Seen Areas in Southern Africa

The Highlands 6-night Tour (chalet/hut) is brought to you exclusively by Bonsai Technologies

Day 1

We meet at the Digger's Retreat Hotel (S25° 40' 43.5" E31° 04' 47.9") near Barberton in South Africa. The chalets/huts have water and electricity.

Day 2

The pass between Barberton and the Josefsdal border post is the drive's highlight. The incredibly scenic mountain pass is regarded as, arguably, one of the most spectacularly scenic drives in southern Africa. People describe it as 'jaw droppingly beautiful'. After entering Eswatini via the Josefsdal/Bulembu Border Post, we visit the Bulembu Mining Museum en-route to the Hlane Royal National Park (200 km). The chalets/huts have water and electricity.



Day 3

Hlane was proclaimed as a National Park in 1967, following Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary (1961), under instruction of King Sobhuza II. "Hlane" is the siSwati name for "wilderness".

Hlane is a typical lowveld destination with exciting species lists including impressive ancient hardwood habitats, big game and rich birdlife. This 22,000 ha park, once the region's rich hunting grounds, still boasts the largest herds of game in the Kingdom with speciality species being lion, elephant, vultures and marabou stork.

We explore a section of Hlane not open to the public. At the picnic site (not open to the public) we will have breakfast/brunch. It is your decision if you want to take already prepared food with or if you want to prepare your breakfast/lunch at the picnic site while enjoying the views of the Mlawula River next to the picnic site.

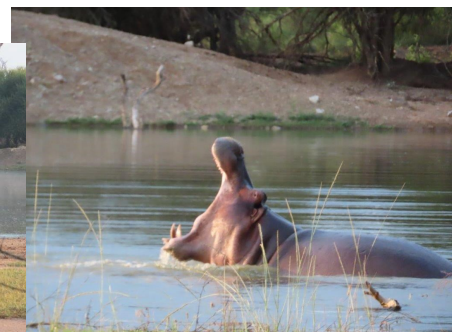
Explore Hlane on your own or book a game drive or guided walk (excluded from the tariff).

Day 4



Start the day with a sunrise drive (included in the tariff) that will include a visit to the lion camp. The lion camp is large enough to allow the lions to hunt in a natural way.

You can relax and watch the animals drinking water at the waterhole near the restaurant or you can explore Hlane further on your own.



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Day 5



Following the tarred from Hlane for a short distance, we will turn off on small gravel roads winding up and down the mountains (160 km). We will stop at the Top of the World Viewpoint and make some coffee/tea. From the viewpoint we continue further on the winding gravel roads until we reach the largest granite pluton in the world (about 800m tall and it



covers an area of about 16,500ha) and the second largest monolithic rock in the world.

Mlilwane is Eswatini's (Swaziland's) best-known nature reserve. It was here in 1961 that Ted Reilly – whose father had settled at the property in 1906 – first took action to save what remained of the kingdom's wildlife, converting it into a sanctuary and rounding up animals from elsewhere around the country before they were hunted out.



Its landscape is dominated by Nyonyane mountain, visible from afar. This dramatic peak is known as Execution Rock, taking its name from the grisly fate that once befell the condemned folk who were led to its summit.

Explore Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary on your own or book a game drive or guided walk (excluded from the tariff).

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Day 6

We will drive to the top of the mountain for incredible views (weather permitting). Explore Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary on your own or book a game drive or guided walk.

Day 7

Depart back home (on your own) from Mlilwane via the Oshoek Border Post (45 km). I will say goodbye to my new found friends at the Oshoek Border Post.

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