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THE CULTURES AND GAME RESERVES OF ZULULAND

12 – 17 JUNE 2021

Day 1 (12 June) – Kruger National Park to Swaziland, Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary

Morning departure from Kruger National Park for *Swaziland (Eswatini)*.

Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary is Swaziland's pioneer conservation area and a beautiful, secluded sanctuary situated in the Kingdom's Ezulwini Valley, 'Valley of Heavens'. Located between Mbabane and Manzini.



The name 'Mlilwane' ('Little Fire' in siSwati) was derived from the numerous fires started by lightning strikes on the Mlilwane Hill but now holds significance as the little fire that started a big conservation movement in Swaziland resulting in the saving of over 22 species from local extinction across the three reserves.

The accommodation huts are comfortable, fully en-suite, units built in the traditional Swazi way. The wildlife reserve is special as one can walk around freely and get close to animals on foot.

Overnight at *Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary* – beehive huts.

Included: Transfer, dinner, and overnight Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary

Day 2 (13 June) – Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary to Tembe Elephant Park

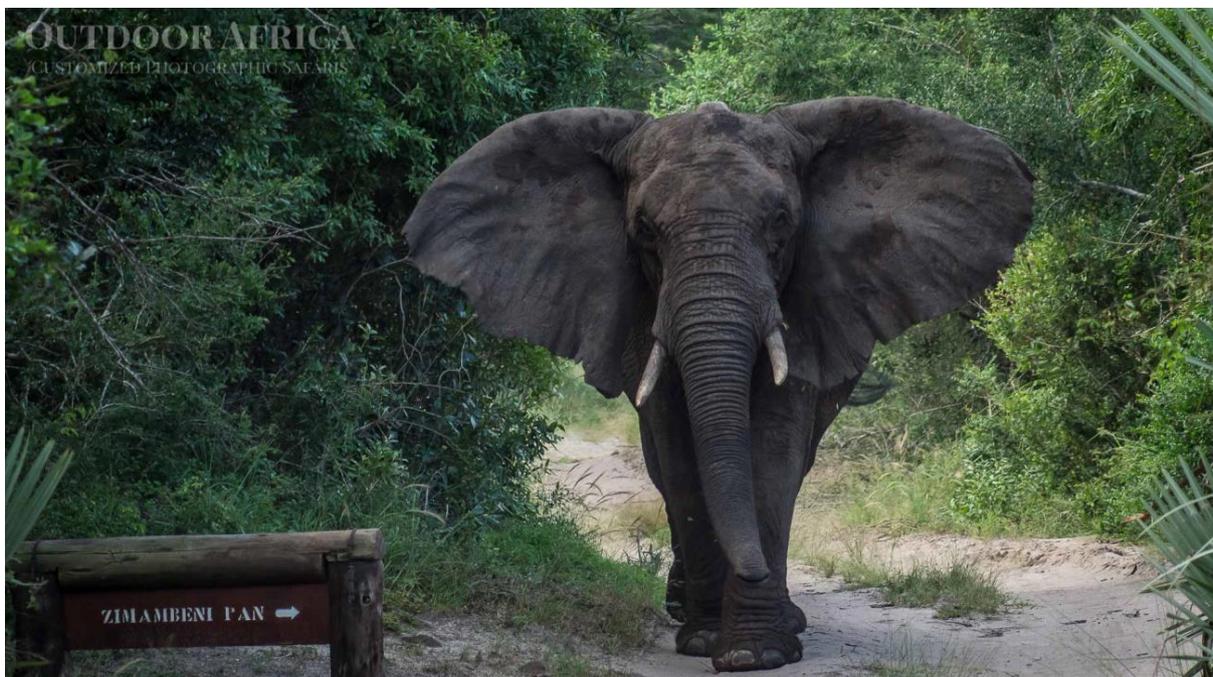
Tembe Elephant Park is situated in the north eastern region of KwaZulu Natal, now known as the Elephant Coast. This reserve was established in 1983 to protect the last remaining herds of “free- ranging” Elephant in South Africa, known as the “Great Tuskers”. These herds migrated seasonally between Mozambique and the north of Zululand; however, they faced constant harassment over the border, and preferred to stay in the dense Sand Forest thickets of Tembe.

Tembe is one of the few places left in South Africa where the true African wilderness experience can still be enjoyed.

Afternoon Game drive in Tembe Elephant Park.

Overnight *Royal Thonga Safari Lodge*.

Included: Breakfast, dinner, transfer, game drive, and overnight Royal Thonga Safari Lodge.



Day 3 (14 June) – Tembe Elephant Park.

Royal Thonga Safari Lodge is the culmination of a dream of the local community, private investors, and the Royal Tembe Development Foundation to create a natural paradise for visitors to this unique reserve. The lodge is architecturally designed to emulate the local Tonga building style, and each of the fourteen chalets are uniquely positioned to offer guests total privacy and luxurious comfort within a sand forest in Tembe Elephant Park. Natural materials and timber give a warm organic ambience and invite the outdoors in - all rooms are appointed with quality furnishings and bathrooms come complete with an indoor and private outdoor shower for those whom enjoy immersing themselves in their surroundings in rare solitude and perfect tranquility.

We will enjoy an early morning game drive in Tembe Elephant Park! Upon return from the morning game drive, we will visit a local Thonga village and school in order to experience some of the local Tembe/Thonga culture. Lunch will be enjoyed at a local “shisanyama”.

Overnight Royal Thonga Safari Lodge.

Included: Game drive, community visit, breakfast, dinner, and overnight Royal Thonga Safari Lodge.

Day 4 (15 June) - Depart Tembe for Hluhluwe/iMfolozi Game Reserve.



Morning departure for Hluhluwe/iMfolozi Game Reserve.

Hluhluwe/iMfolozi is set in the heart of Zululand and is the oldest game reserve in Africa. This is where Zulu kings such as Dingiswayo and Shaka hunted and put in place the first conservation laws, and where today the "Big five" of African legend stalk the verdant savannah. The Park became world renowned for its white rhino conservation methods implemented during the 1950's and 1960's.

Established in 1895, game viewing is the prime attraction. Viewing hides overlook pans and waterholes enabling visitors to see animals at close range. Previously managed as two

separate parks, the Hluhluwe (in the north) and iMfolozi (in the south) were joined into one large game reserve.



The wide range of plant life in the park gives rise to a diversity of mammals, birdlife, reptiles and amphibians. The Big Five - Lion, Rhino (back & white), Elephant, Buffalo, and Leopard are all to be seen in the park, as well as a variety of other species, including Cheetah, Wild dog, and Giraffe. It is also one of the best places in the world to see Nyala.

Hluhluwe is characterized by hilly topography, and this northern section of the park is noted for its wide variety of both bird and animal life.

iMfolozi, the southern section of the park, lies west of the town of Mtubatuba. The region is generally hot in summer, and mild to cool in winter, although cold spells do occur.

Larger mammals to be seen include buffalo, blue wildebeest, zebra, giraffe, elephant, and large numbers of impala, waterbuck, common and mountain reedbuck, nyala, kudu, bushbuck, steenbuck, duiker, warthog, black rhino, lion, leopard, cheetah, hyena, and jackal. In excess of 300 species of birds have also been recorded.

Overnight *Hilltop Camp*.

Included: Breakfast, dinner, afternoon game drive, and overnight Hilltop Camp.

Day 5 (16 June) – Hluhluwe/iMfolozi Game Reserve .

Full day in *Hluhluwe/iMfolozi Game Reserve*.

A typical day on safari at Hluhluwe/iMfolozi would be as follows:

05h30	Wake up time and morning tea
06h00	Morning safari departs
10h00	Return for brunch
14h00	Sandwiches and Tea/Coffee
15h00	Afternoon safari departs
18h00	Afternoon safari returns

Overnight *Hilltop Camp*.

Included: Breakfast, dinner, two game drives daily, and overnight Hilltop Camp.

Day 6 (17 June) – Hluhluwe/iMfolozi to Durban, return flight.

Morning departure for King Shaka International Airport for your return flight to Johannesburg. (*flight for your own account*).

Rate per person sharing: \$ 2195.00

Rate per person single: \$ 2950.00

Rate is based on a departure minimum of 4 pax

Rate is inclusive of the following:

- All transfers and land travel Accommodation
- Dinners and breakfasts
- Entrance fees and conservation levies Game drives

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