

ANTON AND EMMA'S SUGGESTED JOHANNESBURG TO DURBAN TOUR ITINERARY:

1. Fly into Johannesburg.

Most international flights arrive early morning, which gives you time to pick up your hire car and head towards Hazyview for your first night's stay. Or if you want to rest from your journey, spend the night in Johannesburg. Contact us if you would like some accommodation suggestions. We can book your hire car too.

2. Hazyview and the Panoramic Route.

From Hazyview drive a lazy scenic tour of the Panoramic Route, taking in Blyde River Canyon, Bourke's Luck Potholes and God's Window for an enjoyable introduction to South Africa's beautiful landscapes.

3. Kruger National Park.

South Africa's premier safari destination, Kruger National Park is renowned for its abundant wildlife. Kruger Park covers an area approximately 2 million hectares and is home to the Big 5 (Elephant, Lion, Leopard, Rhino and Buffalo) as well as most of the iconic African wildlife including giraffes, zebras, wildebeest, hippo, wild dogs and cheetahs. Bird life is prolific.

Guests can stay inside or just outside the Park, and can drive on their own or book game drives with a guide and safari vehicle. If it's your first time on safari, we recommend booking some game drives, as it will leave your hands free to use your binoculars and camera, and your guide can inform you about the animals you see. We recommend at least 2 days in the game reserve. Accommodation ranges in price and facilities offered.

Beware when booking as distances between camps can be deceptively long. You don't want to find yourself struggling to get to your destination in the dark. Northern camps generally have more availability, but game viewing can be tougher. We can help with travel advice and accommodation bookings if you are unsure where to start.



4. Eswatini / Swaziland.

From Kruger National Park head into Eswatini (used to be named Swaziland). Your car hire company will provide a cross-border letter if you advise them that you will be travelling through Swaziland. It is a totally separate country to South Africa, but the currencies are linked. You can spend Rand in Eswatini but you will receive change in Emalangenis (spend change before you leave Eswatini as you will not be able to use it in South Africa). English is widely spoken. Stay for a night or two en route to KwaZulu Natal. There are a few nice places to stay, from B&B's to Swaziland's national parks. Contact us if you would like suggestions on where to stay, or we can make accommodation reservations for you.

5. KwaZulu-Natal.

KZN is the best place to visit in South Africa and of all the amazing accommodations, Umkhumbi Lodge is where to stay! Okay, we are biased, but that doesn't mean it's not true. Umkhumbi Lodge is centrally located in KZN and there is so much to do in the Hluhluwe area. Click here to see what activities are available. Day trips should include a safari in Hluhluwe iMfolozi Park to see any wildlife you may have missed in Kruger National Park. Hluhluwe is the best place to see rhinos. St. Lucia makes for a good day trip to see hippos and crocodiles on a lake boat cruise as well as whale watching out at sea during June-November. Sodwana Bay is just an hour away and has a beautiful uncrowded beach with snorkelling and world class scuba diving on offer as well as turtle tours from November to February. (Do you see why we say KZN is well worth a visit?!)

6. Mozambique.

With the recent upgrade of the road to Maputo and the new bridge over Maputo Harbour, Mozambique is now very accessible from KZN and just 2 hours' drive from Umkhumbi Lodge. Why not add-on to your holiday and make your own 3-countries tour. We can advise on destinations and accommodation ranging from budget to luxury.



7. Durban.

Umkhumbi Lodge to Durban is just 3 hours drive on good roads. Durban is a vibrant city on the coast of the Indian Ocean. The warm waters of Durban's Golden Mile beach front promenade makes for great swimming and surfing. Ushaka Marine World is a world class aquarium and has a fun "Wet 'n Wild" for the kids and the young at heart.

Fly out of Durban's King Shaka International Airport and home or on to your next destination, perhaps Cape Town or Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe.

Safe Travels

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