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## **AFRICAN WILDLIFE EXPERIENCE**

**MEALS INCLUDED:** Dinners and Breakfasts

**DEPARTURE:** Daily at 07:30

**DURATION:** 3 Days

**ROUTING:** Durban - Zulu Village - Hluhluwe-Umfolozi - St Lucia –Durban

**SPECIAL NOTES:** Bring insect repellent and sun block along

**MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS:** An anti-malaria drug is highly recommended

**DRESS REQUIREMENTS:** Casual clothing with a warm jacket for night drives and winters.

**COST:** R7500 pp

### **DAY 1. Durban – Zulu Cultural Village – Hluhluwe Imfolozi Park**

We travel north towards the subtropical coast and bushveld of Zululand. Arrive at the village of St Lucia situated in the iSimangaliso Wetlands Park, proclaimed a world heritage site in 1999, for a boat cruise on Lake St Lucia, a natural paradise around which five complete ecosystems exist with an abundance of bird life, hippo and crocodiles. After lunch (not included) we depart for our private reserve and after check in join an open vehicle safari where our close encounter with the African wildlife begins. We continue into the evening with powerful spotlights to search for the nocturnal wildlife. Return later for a sumptuous dinner. **Overnight Zulu Nyala Game Lodge. Dinner included.**

### **DAY 2. Hluhluwe Imfolozi Park**

Today we spend game viewing in the nearby Hluhluwe Imfolozi 'Big Five' (lion, leopard, elephant, rhino, buffalo) reserve in our vehicle with your guide. It was in this reserve when an extensive breeding programme was launched in mid-1940's to save the white rhino from extinction. Return to our private reserve for dinner in the evening.

**Overnight Zulu Nyala Game Lodge. Breakfast and dinner included.**

### **DAY 3. Hluhluwe Imfolozi Park – St Lucia - Durban**

We rise early and embark on an open vehicle safari. After this two to three hour adventure we return for breakfast and afterwards depart for a visit to a Zulu village where we experience the age-old Zulu culture first-hand. We visit the Sangoma (a diviner also erroneously called the 'Witch doctor') and are treated to some authentic tribal dancing. Then travel to Mtunzini, a village perched on a hill overlooking the beach with a beautiful dune forest and an estuary lined with a mangrove swamp forest. The town is a declared Conservancy with the streets lined with indigenous trees. A forest of Raphia palm trees attract the Palmnut Vulture, South Africa's rarest breeding bird of prey - found only here and at Kosi Bay. We take short walks along the Umlalazi River, the estuary and an optional short boat ride if time and weather permits to see the African fish eagle catching a fish. Then we return to Durban where we arrive late afternoon.