



THE BUSH, THE BEACH AND THE BERG: 2 WEEKS

THREE COUNTRIES, THREE TRANSFRONTIER PARKS, THREE CULTURES

This *concept itinerary* can be used for self-drive or guided trips.

- Includes South Africa, Mozambique and Swaziland,
 - Showcases three Transfrontier Parks: Great Limpopo; Lubomobo and Maloti Drakensberg
 - Introduces three cultures: Shangaan, Swazi and Batlokoa.
 - Covers three topographies: The Bush, the beach and the mountains (colloquially called 'berg, in South Africa)
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DAY 1: JOHANNESBURG TO PHALABORWA

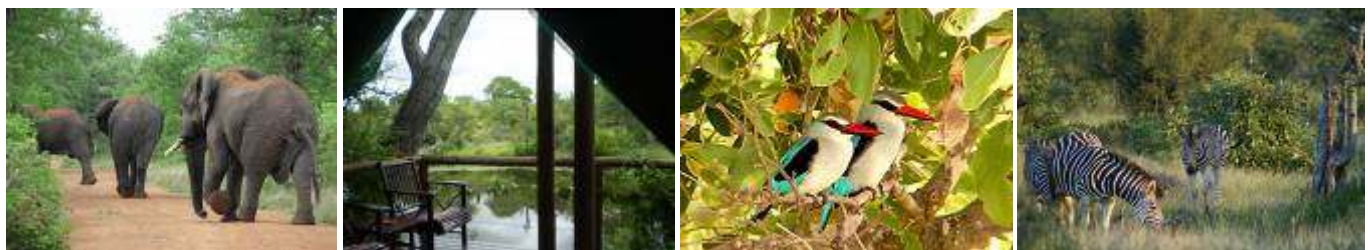
Arrive O.R Tambo International airport, and drive via the Panorama Route to Phalaborwa. This 500km trip takes you from the Highveld, into the Lowveld of Mpumalanga, and to the gates of the Kruger National Park. Alternate option is to fly from OR Tambo to Phalaborwa.



Overnight: Sefapane Lodge: www.sefapane.co.za or Forever Resorts: www.phalaborwasafaripark.co.za or other excellent accommodation options in the Lowveld, Kruger National Park or on the Panorama Route.

DAY 2: GAME DRIVE THROUGH KRUGER & LIMPOPO NATIONAL PARKS

Enter the **Great Limpopo Transfrontier Park** through the Kruger Park's Phalaborwa Gate. Enjoy a game drive across the width of Kruger to the Gariyondo Border Post, and enter Mozambique. Arrive at Machampane Wilderness Camp in time for dinner. It's been a game drive through "Big 5" territory all day.



Overnight: Machampane Wilderness Camp: www.dolimpopo.com. Reservations: info@tfpd.co.za

DAYS 3 & 4: MEET THE SHANGAAN PEOPLE AND EXPLORE THE BUSH

Spend two glorious days at Machampane. Join early morning and late afternoon game walks, and explore the Mopani bushveld, the riverine areas and the Lebombo sandveld. Spend time in the camp, watching the most amazing variety of birds. Unwind and relax into the rhythm of the African bush.



Overnight: Machampane Wilderness Camp: www.dolimpopo.com Reservations: info@tfpd.co.za

DAYS 5 & 6: EXPLORE MASSINGIR FROM COVANE FISHING & SAFARI LODGE

Travel through the Limpopo National Park via Massingir to Covane Fishing & Safari Lodge, which has bungalows, camping and houseboats available. Go on a boat-based game view up the Massingir dam into the Elefantes Gorge, spend a day canoeing or fish for tiger and other local fresh-water fish. Add cultural tourism to your experiences by visiting the Massingir market. Meet the Shangaan people in their own communities, or go fishing with them.



Overnight: Covane Fishing & Safari Lodge: www.covanelodge.com Reservations: info@tfpd.co.za

DAYS 7 & 8: GET SAND BETWEEN YOUR TOES

You reach the Indian Ocean at Beline after a 240km journey. Nestled on a network of lagoons, Praia do Sol is family-orientated resort providing a variety of activities. Situated on the Uembje Lagoon, you have the option of lagoon or sea-based water activities, with canoe and boats.



Overnight: Praia do Sol: www.pdsol.co.za

DAY 9: SOAK UP THE VIBE IN THE CITY OF MAPUTO

Welcome to the Capital of Mozambique. Maputo is a vibrant, interesting city with a culture that combines older Portuguese influences, with modern African rhythm and colour. Go on a guided tour of the city to see and understand the depth and complexity of this beautiful place. Get to know the Shangaan people of the city.



Southern Sun: <http://www.southern.sun.com> or Hotel Cardoso: <http://www.hotelcardoso.co.mz/>

DAYS 10 & 11: ENJOY SWAZI HOSPITALITY

Leave the city of Maputo, and travel south, passing through the Mozambique/Swaziland border at Goba. Enter the **Lubombo Transfrontier Conservation Area**, and stay at the Mkhaya Game Reserve, a haven for endangered species. Renowned for their White and Black Rhino you can explore the area with local guides. Swazi hospitality is a feature of Stone Camp.



Overnight: Mkhaya Game Reserve: www.biggameparks.org

DAY 12: EXPERIENCE THE BATTLEFIELDS OF ZULULAND

Travel through Swaziland's Sicunzuza/Ehlatsini border, which comes out less than 20km from Piet Retief, and drive south to Vryheid in the northern Natal Battlefields. Plan to spend the night at Fugitive's Drift Lodge or Guesthouse, or Isibindi Zulu Lodge, and soak up the atmosphere of the history of "The Battlefields".



Overnight: Fugitive's Drift Lodge or Guesthouse: www.fugitivesdrift.com or Isibindi Zulu Lodge: www.isibindi.co.za

DAY 13: HEAD FOR THE HILLS

Leave Vryheid and travel through the rolling hills and farmlands of Kwa-Zulu Natal, to Ladysmith and through to Phuthaditjhaba. By evening, you will be at Witsieshoek Mountain Lodge in the **Maloti Drakensberg Transfrontier Conservation Area**. At 2286m, it is the highest Lodge in the Northern Drakensberg, and is perched below the Drakensberg's Amphitheatre and Sentinel Peak.



Overnight: Witsieshoek Mountain Lodge: www.witsieshoek.co.za Reservations: info@tfpd.co.za

DAY 14: MEET THE BATLOKOA PEOPLE OF THE DRAKENSBERG

The activity options from Witsieshoek are amazing: Climb the Sentinel Peak Chain Ladders to the top of the Drakensberg, watch the Bearded Vulture, go mountain biking, take a guided walk to see ancient Bushman rock paintings – or relax with the heart-warmingly friendly Batlokoa people.



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DAY 15: DRIVE TO JOHANNESBURG

Complete the circle, and return by road to Johannesburg and O.R. Tambo International airport. Enjoy this final road trip and reflect on the diversity, the experience and the joy that is Three Countries, Three Cultures and Three Transfrontier Parks.

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