

Tour Itinerary
Especially Prepared for
Guy & Claudine Georges
31 March – 15 April 2018

Day 01

Saturday, 31 March 2018:

Arrive Cape Town International Airport off flight EK 778 at 18h10 ex Dubai. On arrival at Cape Town International Airport, and after clearing customs and immigrations, you will collect your Bidvest Group “C” rental car, a Toyota Corolla or similar, and self-drive to downtown Cape Town. Overnight at The Tudor Hotel, in a standard double room, on a bed and breakfast basis.

Included:

Hire of a Bidvest Group “C” rental car, a Toyota Corolla or similar; unlimited kilometres; Bidvest contract fee; GPS / TomTom daily rental; second driver option; accommodation at The Tudor Hotel in a standard double room on a bed and breakfast basis.

Excluded:

International air into Cape Town International Airport; GPS deposit of ZAR 1 000 per rental; fuel and toll fees when using your Bidvest rental car; tours and entry fees to tourist attractions and places of interest in the Cape Peninsula and surrounding areas; breakfast; lunch; dinner; bar; items of a personal nature; gratuities; parking fees for your Bidvest Group “C” rental car.

Day 02

Sunday, 01 April 2018:

After breakfast, the day is free to tour “the Mother City” in your Bidvest Group “C” rental car, a Toyota Corolla or similar. However, seeing that this is your first full day in Cape Town, would suggest leaving your rental car at the Waterfront and catching the “topless bus” for a full day’s “hop on and hop off” tour of the “mother City,” in order to orientate yourselves to your new surroundings. <https://www.citysightseeing.co.za/cape-town>. This includes the journey to the lower cable car station at the foot of Table Mountain, for a return cable car ride to the top of Cape Town’s famous Table Mountain. This is a “must see” for visitors to Cape Town and should be done at the first possible opportunity. The weather in the Cape is so unpredictable, and the “table cloth” could come down and envelope the mountain for days on end, making it impossible to get to the top of the Mountain to view the beautiful Cape Peninsular from this advantage point. The cost of a return trip is currently ZAR 290 per person. This cost would be for your own account. You really don’t need a guide, as there are markers and lookout points all along the top of the Mountain, explaining where you are, and what you are looking at. One could easily spend 4 hours on top of the Mountain. If time permits, after descending the Mountain, we suggest hopping off the “topless bus” at the Waterfront, find a nice seafood restaurant, and have some lunch before you board the ferry to Robben Island, which departs the ferry terminal at the foot of the Clock Tower. You can’t miss it!

Tours to the Island depart at 09h00, 11h00 and at 13h00, weather permitting, and the cost is currently ZAR 340 per adult, which is for your own account. This is a fully guided tour. After a 45-minute boat ride, you will arrive at Robben Island Harbour. Robben Island is known the world over as a place of banishment, exile, isolation, and imprisonment. For nearly 400 years colonial and apartheid rulers banished those they regarded as political troublemakers, social outcasts and the unwanted of society to this rocky, 575 hectare outcrop in Table Bay. The islands unwilling inhabitants included slaves, political prisoners and religious leaders who opposed the Dutch colonialism in East Asia, Khoikhoi and other African Leaders who resisted British expansion in South Africa, Leprosy sufferers, the sick and the mentally disturbed, French Vichy prisoners of war and political opponents of the apartheid regime in South Africa and Namibia. During the apartheid years, Robben Island became internationally known for its institutional brutality. Some freedom fighters spent more than a quarter of a century in prison for their beliefs. Yet people such as Nelson Mandela emerged from here to lead South Africa to democracy with a message of tolerance, reconciliation and hope that moved the

world. You will also have the opportunity of seeing the prison cell that held Nelson Mandela captive for so many years. You will return to the terminal at about 18h00 after a very full, interesting, and educational day. Rest of the evening free. Overnight at The Tudor Hotel, in a standard double room, on a bed and breakfast basis.

Included:

Breakfast at The Tudor Hotel; hire of a Bidvest Group "C" rental car, a Toyota Corolla or similar; unlimited kilometres; GPS / TomTom daily rental; accommodation at The Tudor Hotel, in a standard double room, on a bed and breakfast basis.

Excluded:

Fuel and toll fees when using the Bidvest rental car; tours and entry fees to tourist attractions and places of interest in the Cape Peninsula and surrounding areas; lunch; dinner; bar; items of a personal nature; gratuities; parking fees for your Bidvest Group "C" rental car.

Day 03

Monday, 02 April 2018:

Today we suggest a full day self-drive Peninsula Tour. The basic Peninsula Tour includes Table Mountain, if you didn't have the chance to do Table Mountain the previous day, due to adverse weather conditions. If you did, then your tour will start with you traveling along Cape Town's Atlantic seaboard through the suburbs of Mouille Point, Three Anchor Bay, Sea Point, Bantry Bay, Clifton and under the Twelve Apostles Mountain Range to the quaint fishing village of Hout Bay. Here you can opt to go on a boat cruise to the entrance of the natural harbour of Hout Bay to visit the colony of Cape Fur Seals at the harbour entrance to visit the Cape Fur Seal Colony that live at the entrance to the Bay. From Hout Bay, you travel over Chapman's Peak Drive, which is quite spectacular, and onto the Cape Point Nature Reserve. Chapman's Peak Drive is often closed due to falling rocks, especially in winter after heavy rain, so ask The Tudor to check this out and to see if Chapman's Peak Drive is open or closed to traffic. Cape Point Nature Reserve is spectacularly beautiful in its wind-swept barrenness, and if you are a romantic, you can actually see where the Indian and Atlantic Oceans "meet"! We suggest you take the funicular up to the old lighthouse at the Point. You get the most amazing views of the Peninsular from there. If you like walking, the walk on the cliffs to the site of the current lighthouse is a must. Lunch, which is for your own account, is usually enjoyed at Cape Point, at the Two Oceans Restaurant, but I prefer the Black Marlin, a little further towards Simon's Town. After lunch, you should then visit the African "Jack-ass" Penguin Colony at Boulders Beach, before returning via False Bay and Muizenberg to downtown Cape Town and The Tudor. If time permits, as this is a very full day, we strongly suggest that you visit Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens. This is one of the best-known Botanical Gardens in the world and is well worth the visit. Then back to The Tudor Hotel after an exhausting but very exciting day. Rest of the evening free. Overnight at The Tudor Hotel, in a double standard room, on a bed and breakfast basis.

Included:

Breakfast at the Tudor Hotel; hire of a Bidvest Group "C" rental car, a Toyota Corolla or similar; unlimited kilometres; GPS / TomTom daily rental; accommodation at The Tudor, in a standard double room, on a bed and breakfast basis.

Excluded:

Fuel and toll fees when using the Bidvest rental car; tours and entry fees to tourist attractions and places of interest in the Cape Peninsula and surrounding areas; lunch; dinner; bar; items of a personal nature; gratuities; parking fees for your Bidvest Group "C" rental car.

Day 04

Tuesday, 03 April 2018:

Your last full day in the Cape, and what better way to spend it than by visiting the winelands, that the Cape is so famous for. Again, this could be a self-drive in your Bidvest rental or on a personalised guided winelands tour. We strongly suggest the latter due to the strict "drink & drive" laws that are strictly enforced in the country. What's the point of doing a winelands tour if you can't do a wine tasting or three or four? The basic winelands tour starts at The Tudor. From The Tudor, head North on the N1 to the town of Paarl. The first stop this morning is for the morning wine tasting at Nelsons Creek Estate. After a tour through their cellars with a chance to sample some of their local wines as well as a cheese tasting, we suggest doing a brief city tour of the historical town of Paarl in your Bidvest rental car before you make your way to Franschoek with a photo stop at the Groot Drakenstein Prison where Nelson Mandela was released in Feb 1990. The little village of Franschoek

is nestled amongst the mountains and can easily be mistaken for being in Switzerland. After exploring the village and stopping off at The Huguenot Monument, of special interest to our French visitors a second wine tasting at a local wine estate will follow, followed by a lunch stop (lunch is for your own account) – you might wish to savour some of the fresh trout that Franschoek is known for. After lunch, you should continue over Hells Hoogte Pass and onto the historic town of Stellenbosch. It is easy to understand why Simon van der Stel decided to establish a village amongst the mountains of the area. The backdrop of the Hottentots Holland Mountains, the white gabled Cape Dutch homesteads, and the oak lined streets and lanes all blend in to give Stellenbosch a charm that will not be quickly forgotten. Time permitting, a third, and final wine tasting in the region before returning directly to Cape Town and The Tudor where you overnight, in a standard double room, on a bed and breakfast basis.

Included:

Breakfast at The Tudor; hire of a Bidvest Group “C” rental car, a Toyota Corolla or similar; unlimited kilometres; GPS / TomTom daily rental; accommodation at The Tudor, in a standard double room, on a bed and breakfast basis.

Excluded:

Fuel and toll fees when using the Bidvest rental car; tours and entry fees to tourist attractions and places of interest in the Cape Peninsula, winelands, and surrounding areas; lunch; dinner; bar; items of a personal nature; gratuities; parking fees for your Bidvest Group “C” rental car.

Day 05

Wednesday, 04 April 2018:

After breakfast, the morning is free until you have to depart The Tudor for Cape Town International Airport, where after dropping off your Bidvest rental car at 13h30, you will check-in at 14h00 for your onward flight to Durban on SA 2118 which departs Cape Town at 15h00. Check-in for domestic flights are 1-hour before scheduled departure, so you need to be at Cape Town International Airport by 13h00/13h30 the latest, in order to drop-off the rental car, and to check-in an hour before departure.

On arrival at King Shaka International Airport – Durban, off flight SA 2118 at 16h55 you will be met by ATM Tours for the 1-hour road transfer to the coastal town of Umkomaas. Rest of the evening free. Overnight at Agulhas House on a fully inclusive basis. (Dinner, bed, continental breakfast and a hot “brunch”/lunch basis).

Please note that Agulhas House is not licenced to sell liquor. Should Guy and Claudine request any beer, wine or spirits please advise us in advance and we will arrange for Agulhas House to purchase it on their behalf.

Included:

Breakfast at The Tudor; hire of a Bidvest Group “C” rental car, a Toyota Corolla or similar; unlimited kilometres; GPS / TomTom daily rental; “meet & greet” at King Shaka International Airport – Durban; road transfer from King Shaka International Airport – Durban to Agulhas House - Umkomaas; dinner; accommodation at Agulhas House.

Excluded:

Additional tours, touring and entry fees; Bidvest refuelling fees; domestic airfare from Cape Town International Airport to King Shaka International Airport – Durban; lunch; bar; items of a personal nature; gratuities.

Day 06

Thursday, 05 April 2018:

After an early morning continental breakfast Guy and Claudine will assemble at the dive centre at Agulhas House (a 5 star PADI facility) to sign the necessary indemnity forms, to kit-up, and for the dive briefing before being transferred to the Umkomaas River Mouth where you will board the “rubber duck” or Zodiac for a 2 tank reef / wreck dive on Aliwal Shoal, weather permitting. After the first dive you will either return to Agulhas House for a hot “brunch” before returning to the river mouth to launch the “Duck” for the second dive of the day, or you might spend SIT on the boat, in between dives and only return to Agulhas House for “brunch”/lunch after the second dive. This will depend on the weather and the experience of the Skipper and DM. The rest of the day is free. Brett, your host at Agulhas House, will be more than willing to advise you of places of interest in and around Umkomaas to visit, and to organise a vehicle and guide to take you around. Local places of interest include Croc World, Tala Game Reserve, Vernon Crooks Game Reserve, Oribi Gorge, uShaka Marine World and

the Natal Sharks Board both of which are in Durban, which is only a 45-minute drive from Agulhas House. The costs of tours and touring in the afternoon, after the dives and “brunch”/lunch, would be for your own account, and have not been included in the cost of the tour. Overnight at Agulhas House, in a double room, on a dinner, bed, continental breakfast, and “brunch”/lunch basis.

Included:

Continental breakfast; Marine Protection Agency Dive Permit (MPA Dive Permit); return transfers from/to Agulhas House to/from the launch site; 2 x reef / wreck dives on Aliwal Shoal, weather permitting; hire of tanks, weights and air; services of a local Dive Master to lead all dives; light refreshments on board; hot “brunch”/lunch; dinner; accommodation at Agulhas House.

Excluded:

Hire of dive equipment other than tanks, weights, & air; local tours and excursions; bar; items of a personal nature; gratuities.

Day 07

Friday, 06 April 2018:

After the continental breakfast, dive planning, and kitting up, you will again be transferred to the Umkomaas River Mouth to launch the “Duck” for the second day’s wreck / reef dive on Aliwal Shoal, weather permitting. Your dives will be on one of the many dive sites on Aliwal, which is a million year old fossilised sandstone reef. There are also two wrecks in “good condition” on Aliwal, *The Produce* (1974) and the *Nebo* (1884). Both of which have a maximum dive depth of 30 meters making these two wrecks extremely good dives for divers of all qualifications and experience. Aliwal Shoal is the second most dived location on the South African coast after Sodwana Bay. After your two dives on Aliwal, you will return to Agulhas House for a hot “brunch” / lunch before being picked up by ATM Tours at about 15h00 for the 90 minute road transfer to Shelly Beach and the St Michaels Sands Hotel & Timeshare Resort (St Mike’s) via Aqua Planet’s Dive Centre. The idea of going by the dive centre is to introduce you to The Aqua Planet Team, and to select your tanks and weights ahead of tomorrow’s dive, as you kit up in Aqua Planets private kitting up area in the Sonny Evans Small Craft Harbour’s car park, and things tend to be quite hectic before the dive. Overnight at the St Michaels Sands Hotel & Timeshare Resort, in double a sea-facing room, on a bed and breakfast basis.

Included:

Continental breakfast; Marine Protection Agency Dive Permit (MPA Dive Permit); return transfers from/to Agulhas House to/from the launch site; 2 x reef / wreck dives on Aliwal Shoal, weather permitting; hire of tanks, weights and air; services of a local Dive Master to lead all dives; light refreshments on board; hot “brunch”/lunch; road transfer from Agulhas House – Umkomaas to St Mike’s – Shelly Beach via Aqua Planet’s Dive Shop; accommodation at St Mike’s, in a double sea-facing room, on a bed and breakfast basis.

Excluded:

Hire of dive equipment other than tanks, weights, & air; local tours and excursions; dinner; bar; items of a personal nature; gratuities.

Day 08

Saturday, 07 April 2018:

At a time advised the previous afternoon, when you were at Aqua Planet’s Dive Centre, you will be collected from St Mike’s for your 2-tank deep reef dives on Protea Banks, weather permitting. **Please be advised that all dives on Protea Banks are restricted to advanced divers only, due to the depth of the dives, in excess of 30 meters, and the presence of strong currents that could be encountered on a Protea Dive. This restriction is strictly enforced!** On arrival at the Sonny Evans Small Craft Harbour, you will kit up in the car park, have dive planning, and launch the “Duck” for the first of your two scheduled dives of the day on Protea Banks, weather permitting. This is adventure diving at its best, and well worth the effort! Our Dive Masters who have dived Protea for years have mastered the art of safe diving on Protea. They descend first to 5 meters and wait until all the divers get down. Once all divers are at 5 meters the group descends together to the bottom, which is at about 30 meters. Those divers that are heavy breathers are paired off when they get low on air and surface together as a pair. Surface interval is usually spent in the boat before descending on the second dive. Surface interval time can either be spent at sea, on the dive boat, in between dives, or you could return to shore for SIT. The Skipper and DM will advise which option they decide on, based on expected weather conditions. After the second dive you will be transferred back to St Mike’s for breakfast, if you did not have breakfast before you departed St Mikes for your first dive, or if St Mike’s

did not provide you with a “packed breakfast” to take along with you, when you departed St Mikes for your first dive of the day. The rest of the day is free to explore your new surrounds. St Mike’s is situated 100 meters from the beach, it also has its own private pool, is not far from Shelly Beach’s salt water tidal pool and dozens of restaurants, pubs, and movie houses etc. Overnight at the St Michaels Sands Hotel & Timeshare Resort, in a double sea-facing room, on a bed and breakfast basis.

Included:

Breakfast either before you depart St Mikes on your first dive, a packed breakfast, or breakfast on return to St Mikes after your second dive; transfer from St Mike’s to the Sonny Evans Small Craft Harbour at Shelly Beach, the launch site; hire of tanks, weights & air; services of a qualified Dive Master to lead all dives; 2 tanks Protea deep dive, weather permitting; light snacks on board; return transfer to St Mike’s; accommodation at St Mike’s, in a sea facing room, on a bed and breakfast basis.

Excluded:

Hire of dive equipment other than tanks, weights, & air; additional dives, touring & entry fees; lunch; dinner; bar; items of a personal nature; gratuities.

Day 09

Sunday, 08 April 2018:

Your second 2-tank deep reef dive on Protea Banks, weather permitting. After the dive, you will transfer back to St Mike’s. Rest of the day is free. Overnight at the St Michaels Sands Hotel & Timeshare Resort, in a double sea-facing room, on a bed and breakfast basis.

Included:

Breakfast either before you depart St Mikes on your first dive, a packed breakfast, or breakfast on return to St Mikes after your second dive; transfer from St Mike’s to the Sonny Evans Small Craft Harbour at Shelly Beach, the launch site; hire of tanks, weights, and air; services of a qualified Dive Master to lead all dives; 2 tanks Protea deep dive, weather permitting; light snacks on board; return transfer to St Mike’s; accommodation at St Mike’s in a double, sea facing room, on a bed and breakfast basis.

Excluded:

Hire of dive equipment other than tanks, weights, and air; additional dives, touring & entry fees; lunch; dinner; bar; items of a personal nature; gratuities.

Day 10

Monday, 09 April 2018:

After a breakfast, at 07h00, you will be collected from St Mike’s by ATM Tours for the 6 hour road transfer through the heart of “The Kingdom of the Zulu” to Sodwana Bay, situated in the Isimangaliso Wetland Park. En route to Sodwana Bay, you will make a detour to Lake St Lucia Estuary, and board Advantage Cruiser at 12h00 for a 2-hour boat cruise up the St Lucia River Estuary for close up sightings of hippo, crocodile, mangrove swamps, birds, and more. The main idea is that after the cruise, you leave the boat with more knowledge of the eco system, and go back home with photographs and memories of the animals that inhabit the Estuary that will last a lifetime. The boat is equipped with a fully licensed bar; tuck shop, toilets, PA system, and the popular sundeck for better viewing. The boat is built to venture into shallow waters, for those up close photos of hippo and crocodile. After the boat cruise, you will continue on to Sodwana Bay situated within the Isimangaliso Wetland Park.

The Isimangaliso Wetland Park was declared a world heritage site in 1999 and is one of 552 world heritage sites worldwide. On arrival at Sodwana Bay Lodge, at about 17h00, you will check-in to your chalet. Overnight at Sodwana Bay Lodge, in a double room, on a dinner, bed and breakfast basis.

Included:

Breakfast / packed breakfast; road transfer from St Mike’s – Shelly Beach to Sodwana Bay Lodge; 2-hour boat cruise on the St Lucia Estuary at 12h00; dinner; accommodation at Sodwana Bay Lodge, in a double room, on a dinner, bed and breakfast basis.

Excluded:

Lunch; additional touring & entry fees; bar; items of a personal nature; gratuities.

Day 11

Tuesday, 10 April 2018:

Two dives on the magnificent coral reefs of Sodwana Bay, weather permitting. All dives at Sodwana are costed as being on 2 Mile Reef, should you wish to dive 5 Mile Reef, 7 Mile Reef or 9 Mile Reef, there is a far reef surcharge applicable, and these surcharges would be for your own account. Sodwana's reefs are one of the southernmost coral reefs in the world and are even more south than Australia's Great Barrier Reef. The Great Barrier Reef has 1 800 species of fish and Sodwana which is 1/10 the size of the Great Barrier Reef has 1 200 species of fish, 6 of which are endemic to the Sodwana area. Therefore, your chances of seeing more species of fish are great at Sodwana than at the Great Barrier Reef due to the concentration of the area that you are diving on! You could be diving on Two Mile Reef, Five Mile Reef, Seven Mile Reef or the fabulous and seldom dived, Nine Mile Reef. The reefs are all unromantically named by the distance they are from the launch site, Jesser Point. For a deep dive, Sponges is a must, and is best dived on Nitrox, which is available at Sodwana. Please be advised that all diving in South Africa is best done early in the morning, just after sunrise, because as the morning wears on the wind tends to pick up causing a chop on the water, which makes for unpleasant diving. This leaves the afternoons free to explore your new surrounds. Overnight Sodwana Bay Lodge, in a double room, on a dinner, bed and breakfast basis.

Included:

Road transfer from the Dive Centre at Sodwana Bay Lodge to the Beach; Marine Protection Agency Dive Permit (MPA Dive Permit); daily beach entry fees; 2 x 2 Mile Reef dives, weather permitting; hire of tanks, weights, and air; services of a qualified dive master to lead all dives; breakfast; dinner; accommodation at Sodwana Bay Lodge, in a double room, on a dinner, bed and breakfast basis.

Excluded:

Hire of dive equipment other than tanks, weights & air; far reef dive surcharges, if applicable @ ZAR 30 for a 5-Mile Reef dive, ZAR 40 for a 6-Mile Reef dive, ZAR 50 for a 7-Mile Reef dive, ZAR 60 for a 8-Mile Reef dive, ZAR 70 for a 9-Mile reef dive; additional dives & activities; lunch; bar; items of a personal nature; gratuities.

Day 12

Wednesday, 11 April 2018:

Another two dives on 2-Mile Reef, weather permitting. The afternoon is free to explore Sodwana, which forms part of the Greater St. Lucia Wetland Park, and which has just recently been declared a "World Heritage Site". This could include going on a guided walk on the Mgobozeleni Trail. This is a walk of about 5 km (3 miles) through coastal forest and grasslands, but beware of hippos and crocodiles! Or you could take a 4x4 ride to Lake Sybia, which is the largest in-land freshwater lake in South Africa. Or you can explore the miles and miles of deserted beach on horseback. These activities have not been included in the cost of this itinerary and would be for your own account. There is just so much one can do! Overnight Sodwana Bay Lodge, in a double room, on a dinner, bed and breakfast basis

Included:

Road transfer from the Dive Centre at Sodwana Bay Lodge to the Beach; Marine Protection Agency Dive Permit (MPA Dive Permit); daily beach entry fees; 2 x 2 Mile Reef dives, weather permitting; hire of tanks, weights, & air; services of a qualified dive master to lead all dives; breakfast; dinner; accommodation at Sodwana Bay Lodge, in a double room, on a dinner, bed and breakfast basis.

Excluded:

Hire of dive equipment other than tanks, weights, & air; far reef dive surcharges, if applicable; additional dives & activities; lunch; bar; items of a personal nature; gratuities.

Day 13

Thursday, 12 April 2018:

Your last dive on Sodwana's 2-Mile Reef, weather permitting.

Having already completed 4 dives on Sodwana's reefs you will now appreciate what Paul Spohr, owner of the Scuba Centers of Michigan, had to say after diving Sodwana Bay:

"The reef system in Sodwana Bay is the healthiest and most diverse system I have seen in my 23 years of doing tours. I have dove all over the world and our facility books 10-30 trips a year and I have never been so impressed by any reef system."

After the dive, you will return to the Lodge for breakfast, a shower, and checkout, before being transferred at 11h30 by ATM Tours to Rhino Ridge Safari Lodge – Hluhluwe Game Reserve. This is a road transfer of about 2 to 2h30, and the objective is to get you to Rhino Ridge Safari Lodge before 15h00, so that you have time to check in, enjoy “high tea,” and join the afternoon safari / game drive, which departs Rhino Ridge Safari Lodge at 16h00, depending on the time of year.

Hluhluwe is one of the oldest and largest game parks in South Africa; the Hluhluwe-Umfolozi Park is renowned for its wide variety of bird and animal life. Besides ‘The Big Five’ (lion, leopard, elephant, rhino and buffalo), the elusive cheetah, wild dogs and many other well - known Bushveld species inhabit the park, offering the visitors a rich game viewing experience. The park covers 96 000 hectares, and comprises three reserves: Hluhluwe and Umfolozi – two of Africa’s oldest game reserves, both founded in 1895 – and the linking Corridor Reserve, proclaimed in 1989. Hluhluwe has the distinction of being the oldest “formally” protected area in Africa! In 1895, with about only 20 southern white rhino’s surviving on earth, and these in Imfolozi, the threat to the species survival was dire, and the proclamation of the Hluhluwe / Imfolozi Game Reserves ensured their survival. Hluhluwe / Imfolozi Game Reserves now “export” white Rhino’s to reserves all over Africa where they were originally found. A truly wonderful success story!

As previously stated, it is planned to get you to Rhino Ridge Safari Lodge in Hluhluwe/iMfolozi before 15h00, in time to check in and enjoy high tea which is served at 15h00. After tea you will assemble in the reception area where you will be introduced to your Ranger and Tracker and depart the lodge at 16h00 for your afternoon / evening game drive (safari). This safari is conducted in "open" Land Cruisers with professional guides. After the 3-hour safari, at about 19h00, depending on animal activity, you will return to Rhino Ridge Safari Lodge for dinner. Dinner will be either in the restaurant or on the deck, under the African stars. Overnight at Rhino Ridge Safari Lodge, in a double safari room, on a fully inclusive basis (all meals & game drives).

Included:

Road transfer from the Dive Centre at Sodwana Bay Lodge to the Beach; Marine Protection Agency Dive Permit (MPA Dive Permit); daily beach entry fees: 1 x 2 Mile Reef dive, weather permitting; hire of tanks, weights, & air; services of a qualified dive master to lead the dive; breakfast; road transfer from Sodwana Bay Lodge to Rhino Ridge Safari Lodge in Hluhluwe / iMfolozi Game Reserve; KwaZulu/Natal Conservation Levy, high tea, if on time; evening safari; dinner; accommodation at Rhino Ridge Safari Lodge, in a double safari room, on a fully inclusive basis

Excluded:

Lunch; additional touring & entry fees; bar; items of a personal nature; gratuities.

Day’s 14 & 15

Friday, 13 April and Saturday, 14 April 2018:

Two full days spent on safari with Rhino Ridge Safari Lodge in Hluhluwe / iMfolozi Game Reserve. You will be woken up at 05h00 by an early morning wake up telephone call, for early morning tea / coffee and “rusks” which are served in the lodge’s public area, after which you will depart on your early morning safari at about 06h00. Please check departure times with reception the night before, as this changes month to month, depending on sunrise. All animal viewing is best done in the early morning and late afternoon when it’s cool. This is when the animals are more active and easier to spot. From about 10h00 till 15h00, when the day is at its hottest, the animals tend to lie in the shade, not moving, which makes for difficult game viewing. While on safari, you will stop somewhere in the bush for tea / coffee and snacks, after which, you will continue on with the safari. Depending on animal activity, you will return to the lodge at about 09h00 for “brunch”. Rest of the morning / afternoon free to laze by the pool, visit the Spa, spend time bird watching around camp, or join a three hour guided bush walk. Please note that the cost of the guided bush walks is ZAR 580 per person and is not included in the cost below, and would be for your own account. At about 15h00, you will again assemble for high tea before departing on the evening safari. At sunset you will stop somewhere in the bush for “sundowners” whilst you watch the African set below the horizon. After sunset, you will continue with the safari into the night, looking for the nocturnal animals with the aid of a powerful spot lamp. After the evening safari, depending on animal activity, you will return to Rhino Ridge Safari Lodge for dinner. Overnight at Rhino Ridge Safari Lodge, in a double safari room, on a fully inclusive basis.

In between morning and evening game drives, the following activities are available at Rhino Ridge: A visit Isimangaliso Wetland Park; a visit Lake St Lucia; a visit to the Border Caves; a visit to the Nongomo Market; a cultural tour. The costs of these activities are not included in the cost of this tour, and will be for your own account.

Included:

KZN Parks per person daily Conservation Levy; early morning safari; brunch; high tea; evening safari; dinner; double accommodation in a safari room at Rhino Ridge Safari Lodge.

Excluded:

Extra nature activities, other than the morning and evening safari's; Spa treatments; bar; items of a personal nature; gratuities.

Day 15

Sunday, 15 April 2018:

After the early morning safari followed by "brunch", you will have the rest of the morning free. You will be collected from Rhino Ridge Safari Lodge at 12h00 by ATM Tours for the 4-hour return road transfer back to King Shaka International Airport – Durban where you will connect with flight EK 776 departing at 19h10 to Dubai. Check-in is at 17h10. End of services.

Included:

Early morning safari; breakfast; road transfer from Rhino Ridge Safari Lodge to King Shaka International Airport – Durban.

Excluded:

Lunch; dinner; onward domestic / international air; dinner; accommodation; bar; items of a personal nature; gratuities; additional touring & entry fees.

Please note: Both Sodwana Bay & Hluhluwe / iMfolozi Nature Reserve fall within a "low-risk" Malaria area. To be safe, we strongly suggest that you consult your Doctor for advice on taking prophylactics before entering a "low risk" Malaria area.

Please note:

- All dives on Aliwal & Protea are 2-tank reef dives. No "baited" shark dives. These are available at an extra cost.
- All dives at Sodwana are costed as being on 2-Mile Reef. There is a far reef surcharge for diving on 5-Mile Reef, 7-Mile Reef, and on 9-Mile Reef. Should you wish to dive on these far reefs, a far reef surcharge is applicable, and would be for your own account.
- On **Day 13**, there is only time for one early 2-Mile Reef dive. You can't do a far reef dive on this day as you need to get to Rhino Ridge Safari Lodge before 15h00 in order to be able to join the afternoon / evening safari. It's impossible to do 2 dives **and** get to Rhino Ridge in time for the safari.