

KwaZulu Natal Self-drive

See the Zulu Kingdom on this self-drive itinerary

DRAKENSBERG > BATTLEFIELDS > HLUHLUWE > ST LUCIA > BALLITO



Other options include private game reserves; the Midlands Meander; Durban beaches or city stay.



Day 1-3

On arrival into Johannesburg International Airport collect your AVIS rental car, and using the detailed maps and directions provided, head south to the majestic Drakensberg Mountains (3-4 hours), for a 3-night mountain retreat. Enjoy hiking, activities or simply enjoying the breathtaking scenery from the comfort of your Portfolio establishment.

Day 4-5

After a hearty breakfast and one last look at the view, head east for 3 hours and you will arrive in the Battlefields area of KZN, just in time for lunch. Enjoy a slice of history during your 2-night stay with optional tours to the battlefields of Rorke's Drift and Isandlwana, sites of some of the most dramatic events in British military

history that occurred during the Anglo-Zulu War of the 19th century.

Alternatively stop on the way at Spionkop, the scene of another bloody conflict, this time from the Anglo-Boer War.

Day 6-8

A further 3 hour drive will take you towards the oldest and third largest game reserve in Africa, Hluhluwe Umfolozi, famous for saving the White Rhino from extinction and also home to the rest of the 'Big 5'.

You will also be on the doorstep of the Greater St Lucia Wetland Park, a World Heritage Site and Africa's largest marine estuary. The park supports coastal wildlife and turtle nesting grounds in the marine reserves, 367 bird species and five different ecosystems.

During your 3-night stay in the area enjoy day trips to the Hluhluwe Umfolozi Game Reserve, Lake St Lucia, Cape Vidal, Kosi Bay or visit a Zulu cultural village to learn more of the history and culture of the indigenous Zulu people.

Day 9-11

Another 3 hour drive, this time down the coast, will bring you to Ballito, a popular and relaxed coastal town. After the activities further north spend a few days relaxing on the beach, swimming or enjoying the nearby restaurants.

Day 12

Drop your car at Durban (45 minute drive), before continuing your journey, or returning home.