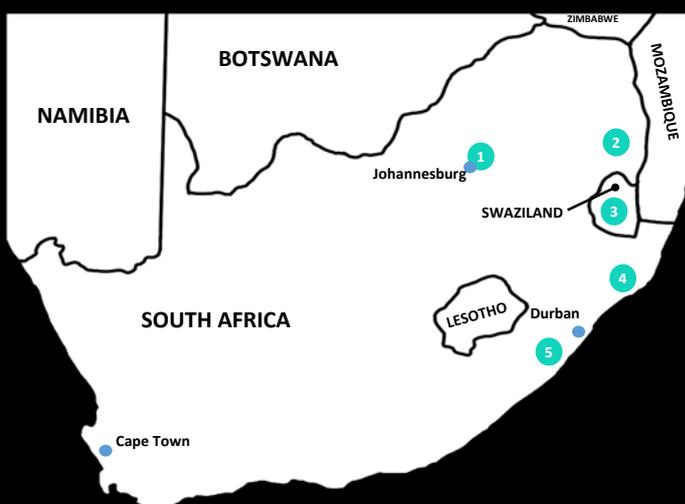




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SAFARI TOUR SUMMARY



TOUR SNAPSHOT

- 1 Arrive - Johannesburg - 1 night
- 2 Enjoy Kruger National Park - 3 nights
- 3 Swaziland - Hlane Royal National Park - 1 night
- 4 St Lucia - **UNESCO World Heritage Site** - 2 nights
- 5 KwaZulu Natal South Coast - Durban - 6 nights
Diving Aliwal Shoal and Protea Banks



2 Kruger National Park Stretching over more than two million hectares, the Kruger National Park is one of the world's largest game reserves and a truly remarkable destination. Owing to its exceptional size, visitors are able to experience fantastic diversity – from changing scenery and ecosystems to an impressive array of animals, plant life and birdlife. The park is home to over 130 mammals and over 500 bird species. Visitors can look forward to learning about the area's prehistoric past, enjoying a host of accommodation options, and viewing abundant wildlife including the famed Big 5. The diversity and sheer density of wildlife makes Kruger National Park an unforgettable and potentially life-changing experience.



2 Hlane Royal National Park Situated in Swaziland's Lubombo Region, Hlane Royal National Park is the country's largest protected area covering 30 000 hectares of Swazi bushveld. The landscape is characterised by ancient hardwood vegetation, shallow pans, and lowveld grasslands. The park is home native African mammals, including lions, elephants, white rhinos and leopards. You will also see an array of beautiful and diverse bird life, including the highest density of nesting white-backed vultures in Africa. Visitors can enjoy guided bush walks, excellent game viewing, bird watching, lion and rhino tours, guided mountain bike trails as well as fascinating cultural tours.



3 St Lucia Encircled by the iSimangaliso Wetlands Park, St Lucia is South Africa's first **UNESCO World Heritage Site**. St Lucia lies on the magnificent St Lucia Estuary which is one of the largest in Africa stretching over 85 kilometres. St Lucia features abundant wildlife, pristine natural beauty, and a wide range of wonderful activities. This haven of tranquillity offers a variety of activities including excellent mountain biking, hiking, bird watching and deep-sea fishing. Visitors can also look forward to thrilling night drive safaris, hippo and crocodile cruises, and many comfortable accommodation options.



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DIVE TOUR SUMMARY



4 KwaZulu Natal South Coast The KwaZulu Natal South Coast is all about beaches, fishing and golf. Stretching from Amanzimtoti to Port Edward, well-developed resort towns dot this lush coastline catering to every need from diving to dining, with top-notch golf courses often forming the basis of holidays to the area. This popular coastal strip offers visitors an endless summer with a variety of activities including excellent swimming, snorkelling, hiking, birdwatching, dolphin spotting and viewing the annual sardine run.



5 Diving Aliwal Shoal The World Famous Aliwal Shoal was formed thousands of years ago from fossilized sand dunes during the times when sea levels were much lower than they are today. The Aghulas Current that runs south along the east coast of Africa brings with it warm water and a huge diversity of tropical sea life. **Raggies Cave**, is one of the most popular dive sites on Aliwal Shoal. As its name suggests this is the best place to view the Ragged Tooth Sharks during the shark season.



6 Diving Protea Banks Protea Banks has been rated by many divers from around the world as the best shark dive, it is here that we hope to see some of the worlds largest marine predators. South Africa is one of only three countries in the world offering BAITED SHARK DIVES. A Tiger and Bull Shark will be offered during your stay. This dive takes place in open water, hanging in the blue whilst possible Tiger, Bull, Hammerhead and Oceanic Black-Tip sharks come in to investigate the scent trail around us. A full safety briefing and training session is included and this is a breathtaking experience. From Oct to May, some very large specimens can be encountered here. Scalloped Hammerhead Sharks are also seen shoaling at this time; they can come past in groups of up to several hundred.

Diving Conditions

Water conditions in South Africa can vary day by day. Diving is conducted on semi-rigid ribs with launches taking place either straight from beaches or via river mouths. These launches involve breaking through the incoming waves and can get bumpy. All divers joining a this dive tour must hold an Advanced Open Water (or equivalent) certification as a minimum and be confident and comfortable in the water. If you are unsure whether your experience level is sufficient please contact us. All dives are conducted within no decompression limits to a maximum of 30m and are standard air dives. All divers must understand that Dive Adventures cannot guarantee any ocean sightings and there will be no financial reimbursement for dives where highlights are not seen.

SNAPSHOT



Diving Season: All year round



Water temp 14°C - 26°C.



5 to 7mm wetsuit. Equipment rental available.



NITROX - Available on request



Visibility - Ranges from 5 to 20 m



Photography