



NJMJ – 14 DAY DISCOVER MOZAMBIQUE

Activity Package

This is an optional payment that covers what we consider to be ‘essential activities’ on our tours. Ideally we would include all of these, but not everyone can afford this. This payment is 100% transparent and is listed below. The Activity Package can be pre-purchased prior to your arrival or through your guide on day 1 of your tour. **This dossier has been written with the inclusion of the Activity Package items.**

Activity	Price
Bazaruto camping excursion	R1850
Moholoholo rehabilitation centre	R120
	R1970

Countries Visited

South Africa, Swaziland and Mozambique

Vehicle

Adventure Truck

Malaria

Malaria prophylactics are required throughout this route.

Departure Point

8.00 am from Garden Court O.R. Tambo International Airport, 2 Hulley Road, Isando Ext. 3, Kempton Park, Gauteng, South Africa.
Tel: +27 11 392 1062 www.southernsun.com/garden-court/or-tambo-international-airport/pages/overview.aspx

End Point

Garden Court O.R. Tambo International Airport, 2 Hulley Road, Isando Ext. 3, Kempton Park, Gauteng, South Africa.
Tel: +27 11 392 1062

What’s included

Meals as indicated on the itinerary (unless otherwise specified, all meals are prepared and served at the overland truck), accommodation, registered guides and transport. We also include some of the highlights. These highlights are listed below in the day-by-day descriptions as “included highlights”.

What’s excluded

All items of a personal nature, alcohol, snacks, souvenirs, tips and optional activities (see list for an indication of prices).

Health

Please inform us of any pre-existing conditions such as diabetes or asthma and any prescription medicine you may be taking. We also need to know about any food allergies or physical disability that you may have.

Insurance

All clients require adequate Travel Insurance. Medical Insurance is not sufficient. Activity providers can refuse participation of activities, if the correct valid Travel Insurance is not provided.

Visas

Please note that these are your responsibility. Most nationalities require visas for Mozambique, Swaziland and some require visas for South Africa. These visas should be organized before the tour. See Pre Departure Booklet for more information.

Climate

The African sun is very strong. Please use a factor 30 sunscreen and wear a hat. You should drink at least 3 litres of water per day to avoid dehydration. It can also get very cold during winter months on this route. Please see Pre Departure Booklet for detailed information.

Currency and Banking

South African Rand is best on this tour. Please see Pre Departure Booklet for detailed information on other countries. Travellers Cheques can take a long time to change into cash and often incur unreasonable charges. Credit Cards cannot always be processed – especially in remote areas. Please note that ATM’s are not widely available in Mozambique.

Vaccinations

None required by law in South Africa. Please see the Pre Departure Information booklet for detailed information on vaccinations in Africa.

Onward Travel

This tour can be linked to the Okavango & Chobe Trail and South African Explorer beforehand or the East African Adventure Tour afterwards.

Pre and Post Tour Accommodation

If you require accommodation before or after your tour we can arrange this for you. We can also arrange airport transfers – contact us via info@shapshaptravel.com

Arrival

Please be sure to arrive 1 day before your tour is due to depart. This will avoid any unforeseen problems.

Note: All information is subject to change without prior notice. Travel times and campsites can change depending on road or weather conditions, etc. These are used as a guideline only. On our longer tours it is possible that your crew, truck and fellow travellers will change due to our unique tour linking system. On this tour, camping and accommodated clients will be travelling together with a maximum number of participants of 18. The group will be separated for the Bazaruto Archipelago Excursion and for this reason, if you have booked a German Translated departure, the translator will accompany the Accommodated clients into the Bazaruto Archipelago.

Did you receive your Pre Departure Information Booklet?

If not please contact us at info@shapshaptravel.com and we will e-mail you the document; alternatively you can also download from our website at www.shapshaptravel.com

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Country	Area	Activity	Price Range		
Swaziland	Hlane NP	Guided Birding Walk (2.5 hours)	R145	to	R155
Swaziland	Hlane NP	Guided Game walk (2.5 hours)	R145	to	R155
Swaziland	Hlane NP	Guided Mountain Bike Trail (2 hours)	R200	to	R250
Swaziland	Hlane NP	Sunset Drive with NP Guide (2.5 hours) min 2 x clients	R250	to	R300
Swaziland	Hlane NP	Rhino Game Drive	R165	to	R180
Mozambique	Praia Do Tofo	Surfing & Bodyboard Rental (full day)	R70	to	R100
Mozambique	Praia Do Tofo	Fishing (min 2 x clients, max 4 x clients) Boat Rate	R1300	to	R1500
Mozambique	Praia Do Tofo	Scuba Diving	R500	to	R600
Mozambique	Praia Do Tofo	Ocean Safari – Snorkel with Whale Sharks, Dolphins & Mantas	R450	to	R550
Mozambique	Praia Do Tofo	Dhow Trip & Island Tour (full day incl. lunch)	R500	to	R600
Mozambique	Vilanculos	Snorkelling	R250	to	R350
Mozambique	Vilanculos	Horse Riding (1.5 hrs)	R400	to	R500
Mozambique	Vilanculos	Scuba Diving	R500	to	R600
Mozambique	Inhambane	Scuba Diving – per dive	\$75	to	\$95
Mozambique	Inhambane	Quad Biking	R300	to	R400
Mozambique	Inhambane	Mangrove Hiking Trails	R100	to	R200
Mozambique	Inhambane	Canoeing	R100	to	R150
Mozambique	Inhambane	Snorkelling	\$45	to	\$60
Mozambique	Inhambane	Pansy Island Snorkelling	R200	to	R300
South Africa	Kruger NP	Night Game Drive with SANP	R180	to	R210
South Africa	Kruger NP	Morning Game Drive with SANP	R180	to	R250
South Africa	Kruger NP	Full day 4x4 game drive	R450	to	R650
South Africa	Johannesburg	Dinner out	R150	To	R300

Note

There are more optional activities being created every day – we have listed only the most popular. If there is something specific you would like to do then speak to your guide as they will be able to assist you.

Departure

Please book your flight to depart the day after the tour officially ends. This is to account for any delays that we may experience due to unpredictable road conditions.

Day 1 South Africa - Swaziland - Hlane Royal National Park

Leaving Johannesburg early, we travel through the Mpumalanga province to Swaziland. After crossing the border we enter Hlane Royal NP, a huge nature reserve, home to lion, elephant and white rhino. *Optional Activities: Hiking, Mountain Biking, Game drive, Rhino Walk.*

Meals:	Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation:	Camp: Hlane NP: www.biggameparks.org/3parks_hlane.html
Facilities:	Shared ablutions, hot showers, water not drinkable, bar.
Route:	Johannesburg to Hlane NP ±420 km
Travel time:	±9-10 hrs and a border crossing
Border posts:	South Africa: Mananga, Tel: +27 (0) 13 793 7075, Open: 07h00-18h00 Swaziland: Tel: +268 323 2137, Open: 07h00-18h00

Swaziland

Swaziland is the smallest country in the southern hemisphere, and is one of only three monarchies left in Africa. The kingdom has been independent from the Commonwealth since 1968, ruled by a King who is appointed in accordance with Swazi tradition. If he is absent, or unable to perform his duties for any reason, the Queen Mother acts on his behalf. In the 1980s this tiny country made international headlines when it was ruled by two queens in succession. Following the death of King Sobhuza II, the Queen regent Dzeliwe Shongwe ruled between 1982 and 1983, and months later Ntombi Twala became the country's second female Head of State since independence.

Swaziland is landlocked, bordered on all sides by South Africa except for roughly 100km of border with Mozambique in the east. Its natural resources are extremely well managed, and despite the country's size it lays claim to some of the best game reserves and national parks in southern Africa. Elephants, lions and rhinos have been reintroduced to the area after they disappeared due to hunting. It is also well-known for its prolific birdlife.

Hlane Royal National Park

Hlane, meaning "wilderness", was named by King Sobhuza II and is Swaziland's largest protected area, covering 30 000 hectares of Swazi bushveld. It is a flat lowland area, covered with ancient hardwood trees such as knobthorn, leadwood and tambuti, with some grasslands and shallow pans. Hlane is home to lion, elephant and white rhino, with an abundant and diverse bird life, including the highest density of nesting White-Backed Vultures in Africa.

A network of self-drive game-viewing roads criss-cross the park's flat terrain, weaving between the 1000 year-old hardwood vegetation and shallow pans. The pans hold water in the dry winter months and attract a variety of wildlife, including huge herds of wildebeest and impala.

Day 2 Hlane Royal National Park

At over 30000 hectares Hlane is Swaziland's largest protected area. Originally the private hunting area of the Swazi Royal family, the area is now held in trust and managed by Big Game Parks. As the lions are housed in a fenced enclosure it is possible to hike inside the park. After a day's exploring there we enjoy a display of traditional Swazi dancing following dinner. *Optional Activities: Hiking, Mountain Biking, Game drive, Rhino Walk.*

Meals:	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation:	Camp: Hlane NP: www.biggameparks.org/3parks_hlane.html
Facilities:	Shared ablutions, hot showers, water not drinkable, bar
Included highlight:	Traditional dancing after dinner

Day 3 Mozambique – Praia do Tofo

We cross into Mozambique. Travelling north you can't help but be captivated by the beautiful coastal scenery before arriving in Praia do Tofo and our campsite for the next two nights. Whether you just want to relax on the white sandy beaches or take on some of Africa's most amazing diving and snorkelling spots, there's plenty on offer in Tofo. *Optional Activities: Snorkelling, Scuba Diving and Surfing.*

Meals:	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation:	Camp: Bamboozie Beach Lodge: www.bambooziebeachlodge.com
Facilities:	Shared ablutions, hot showers
Route:	Hlane NP to Praia Do Tofo ±550 km
Travel time:	±10-11 hrs and a border crossing
Border posts:	Swaziland: Lomahasha, Tel: +268 323 6026, Open: 07h00-20h00 Mozambique: Namaacha, Tel: not available, Open: 07h00-20h00

Praia Do Tofo

The town lies on Ponto do Barra peninsula in Inhambane Province, 22 km from Inhambane city. Once a small fishing village, Tofo has grown into a major Mozambican tourist destination. It is home to beach villas and diving retreats, with tourists drawn by a long Indian Ocean beachfront and the nearby reefs which serve as nurseries for a variety of sea life. Along with manta rays and sea turtles, Tofo is one of the best destinations to see Whale Sharks, permanently resident in these waters. Diving or snorkeling with these magnificent creatures is an incomparable experience, and not to be missed. Other attractions are the long, white, endless beaches lined with coconut palms or mangroves, and the friendly local people.

Whale Sharks

Mozambique, especially the areas around Inhambane (Praia do Tofo), is well known for its incredible whale shark diving opportunities. Definitely one of the top places in the world to encounter the majestic whale sharks, divers are starting to slowly but surely rediscover Mozambique. You do not even need a PADI or other dive qualifications to dive with these amazing gentle giants. You can simply swim or snorkel with them and marvel in their awesome size and beauty.

Whale Sharks can be seen all year round but the waters are heavily populated during the Mozambique summer months (September – February). Please note that February is the known time of year for cyclones so if you do come then there is a chance of being caught up in one, and the visibility drops dramatically during this month if cyclones do hit the coast.

Day 4 Praia do Tofo

In season Tofo is one of the world's best sites for the viewing of the world's largest fish, the Whale Shark. This entire day is free so that you can go snorkelling, scuba diving or just relax on the beautiful white sandy beach. *Optional Activities: Surfing, Fishing, Diving, Ocean Safari, Kayak Safari.*

Meals:	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation:	Camp: Bamboози Beach Lodge: www.bamboозиbeachlodge.com
Facilities:	Shared ablutions, hot showers

Day 5 Vilanculos

The Bazaruto Archipelago is Mozambique's premier destination and it's not hard to understand why. A protected area, the sea-life here is spectacular and snorkelling at one of the reefs is one of the best ways to enjoy it. On the way to Vilanculos we will be stopping at a local craft market for a little souvenir shopping. *Optional Activities: Snorkelling, Horse Riding*

Meals:	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation:	Two per room: Smugglers www.smugglers.co.za
Facilities:	Shared ablutions, hot showers
Route:	Praia Do Tofo to Vilanculos ±330 km
Travel time:	±7 hrs

Vilanculos

Vilanculos (Vilankulo) is a coastal town in Mozambique, lying in the Vilanculos District of Inhambane Province. Vilankulo is named after local tribal chief Gamala Vilankulo Mukoke, and some of the "bairros" (suburbs) are named after his sons.

It has been growing extensively over the last decade, and has been the recipient of considerable investment into its tourism infrastructure. It is the gateway to the Bazaruto Archipelago, and dhows (local boats) travel frequently between the town and the Archipelago. The town itself is only about 5 km long, and is has markets, shops, and many other amenities.

Day 6/7 Bazaruto Archipelago National Park Excursion

The Bazaruto excursion is taken on the traditional sailing vessel of the African East Coast, the Dhow. We sail out to the islands and have the opportunity to snorkel, swim and relax over these 2 days. The Bazaruto is one of Southern Africa's largest marine parks. We will overnight at a camp on the beach in our tents.

The second day of this oceanic excursion is again spent exploring the crystal clear waters of the Indian ocean and the abundant sea-life it supports. On rare occasions the weather may be unfavourable and in this case the Dhow will be replaced with a more conventional vessel.

Day 6

Meals:	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation:	Beach Camp: www.sailaway.co.za
Facilities:	Primitive ablutions, hot showers
Activity package:	Bazaruto Camping Excursion

Day 7

Meals:	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation:	Two per room: Smugglers: www.smugglers.co.za
Facilities:	Shared ablutions, hot showers

Bazaruto Archipelago National Park

The Archipelago was declared a National Park in 1971. It consists of six islands, the four main ones being: Bazaruto, Benguerra, Magaruque and Santa Carolina (also known as Paradise Island). The islands were formed from sand deposited by the Limpopo River, which has since shifted its course. The three larger islands were part of an extensive sand-pit peninsula, once attached to the mainland, but since separated as the continent dipped into the Indian Ocean over millions of years. Only Santa Carolina is a true Rock Island and is consequently surrounded by deeper water than the other three.

Due to their protected status the Archipelago is an unspoilt ecological gem, boasting 180 species of birds, endemic butterflies, and even suni Antelope. They are covered by large sand dunes and freshwater lakes, which support crocodiles and are nesting grounds for beautiful black-winged flamingoes. The stunning coral reefs surrounding the islands host over 2000 species of fish, as well as whales and dolphin. A diversity of coral creates perfect diving locations, regarded as some of the best spots in the world. The 5 types of turtle in the Indian Ocean are found here, using the unspoilt beaches as their breeding grounds. Dugong (sea cows), game fish, giant lobster can also be found in the protected reefs. All of the islands support populations of traditional fisherman and their families, many of whom are not permanent residents and may migrate between the Archipelago and the mainland to find of good fishing waters.

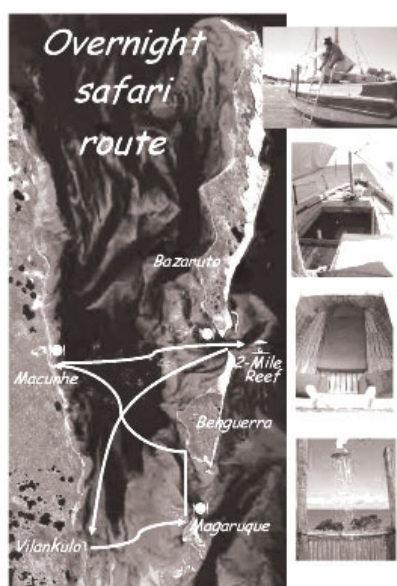
Dhows

For more than two thousand years, lateen rigged dhows have been sailing the Indian Ocean, linking economies and peoples, and creating a cosmopolitan maritime Indian Ocean culture. For centuries, Arab shipwrights crafted boats using sewn construction - literally sewing the planks together with coconut fibre cord - but this craft has more or less died out, being superseded by nailed construction. Sailaway offers safaris on hand crafted dhows, designed to ensure both your comfort and safety; the largest boat in our fleet is a double-master and was built to order by local craftsmen from Vilanculo.

Dugongs

Dugongs are the only member of the order *Sirenia* from the family *Dugongidae*. They are found in the Western Indian Ocean with a relatively marginal occurrence on the east coast of Southern African.

The Bazaruto Archipelago and Mozambique coast is one of the most important African habitats for dugongs in the Western Indian Ocean. Their distribution is limited by specific habitat requirements, particularly sea grass meadows growing in shallow, sheltered lagoons protected by reefs and islands. Your best chance of sighting a dugong will be in these sea grass meadows of the archipelago. Dugongs are one of the most endangered large mammals of the African continent and are among the most threatened mammalian species in the western Indian Ocean. The major causes of their decline are hunting and accidental entanglement in fishing nets, particularly gill nets. Extrapolation of a recent survey produced an estimated total population of just 104 animals remaining in the area surrounding the Bazaruto Archipelago.



Overnight Dhow Excursion

This excursion is covered by your activity package. We leave Vilanculo and sail to Magaruque Island for some snorkelling and lunch. The third largest island in the archipelago, one can walk around this small island in a couple of hours. A base reef on the lee side of the island provides good snorkelling.

In the late afternoon we sail back to the mainland where we overnight at Chigamane Camp. (At this stage it is not possible to overnight on the Islands, but our local operator is continually trying to get permission for this.)

On day 2 of the excursion we sail to 2-Mile Reef (depending on the tide). Beautiful and diverse coral formations and thousands of tropical fishes, from tiny clownfish to large wrasse and parrotfish can be found here. Moray eels, various rays and white-tip reef sharks can also be seen. Scuba diving and snorkelling are both recommended.

After spending the entire day out on the water we return to Vilanculo where we will spend the evening.

Plan B: Day safari and speedboat: If weather is not favourable the excursion runs as follows: a day trip to Magaruque on a Dhow, and the following day a speedboat transfer to 2 Mile Reef.

Day 8/9 Inhambane

Today we travel through coconut plantations to the old Portuguese settlement of Inhambane. This coastal region is very relaxing and boasts incredible beaches. There are many optional activities available here from fishing to horse riding. *Optional Activities: Scuba Diving, Quad Biking, Snorkelling*

Meals:	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation:	Two per room: Palm Grove Lodge: http://www.palmgrovelodge.co.za
Facilities:	En suite, hot showers
Route:	Vilanculos to Inhambane ±310 km
Travel time:	±6 hrs

Day 10 Maputo area

Today we return south towards the direction of Mozambique's capital, Maputo. Mozambique gained full independence from the Portuguese in 1975, but only gained political stability in more recent times and is undergoing a major upgrade as the country's economy grows.

Meals:	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation:	Camp: Casa Lisa: www.mozambique-travel-service.com/accommodation/casa_lisa.htm
Facilities:	Shared ablutions, hot showers, restaurant, bar
Route:	Inhambane to Maputo ±470 km
Travel time:	±6-7 hrs

Maputo

Maputo, formerly Lourenço Marques until independence in 1974, is the capital of Mozambique and its largest city. A port on the Indian Ocean, its economy is centred around the harbour. There is plenty to do and see. The city is surrounded by Maputo Province, but is administrated as its own province. The city is situated on the west side of the Maputo Bay, at the mouth of the Tembe River. There are two gorgeous islands (Inhaca and Portuguese Island) that lie just off the coast.

Under Portuguese influence, Maputo became one of Africa's most beautiful and fashionable cities with an impressive skyline of tall buildings and a cosmopolitan Portuguese/African atmosphere. Places like the Polana Hotel buzzed with the chatter of socialites and the nightclubs thumped until the early hours.

The Civil War in the 1970's and 1980's changed all that. When peace finally came, the once proud city was in terrible disrepair. Thousands of immigrants crowded the buildings, litter lay everywhere and major services and infrastructure including water, electricity and garbage collection were out of commission. Today the city is slowly recreating some of its former glory. The rich and famous can be found once more at the five-star Polana Hotel, with its grand view over the harbour, its tea gardens and its old-fashioned Victorian lift.

There are many historical landmarks and buildings to visit: Maputo's most important site is the Fort of Nossa Senhora da Conceição (Our Lady of Conception) which was the centre of the original settlement. Another grand building is the Central Railway Station, an enormous structure looking more like a palace for kings than a siding for commuters. There are also some excellent restaurants where you can enjoy delicious local beers and fresh prawns.

Day 11/12 South Africa – Kruger National Park

Today we drive through Maputo's capital and return to South Africa to the world famous Kruger National Park, where we hope to spot Africa's Big 5. The Kruger Park is the most famous nature conservation area in the world. Two nights are spent in this magnificent area enjoying African wildlife. Informative dawn game walks and night drives (accompanied by a ranger) are offered as an optional extra. *Optional Activities: SANP Night Drive and Dawn Game Walks (Subject to availability), 4x4 Full day Game Drive*

Meals:	Breakfast, Lunch (day 11 only), Dinner
Accommodation:	Camp: Kruger NP: www.sanparks.org/parks/kruger
Facilities:	Shared ablutions, hot showers, bar, shop
Route:	Maputo to Kruger NP ±152 km
Travel time:	±3 hrs
Included highlight:	Full day game drive in our overland truck
Border posts:	Mozambique: Lebombo: Tel: +27 13 793 7201, Open 24 hrs South Africa: Komati Poort: Tel: +27 13 793 7201, Open 24 hrs

Kruger National Park

Established in 1898 to protect the wildlife of the South African Lowveld, this national park of nearly 2 million hectares is unrivalled in the diversity of its wildlife and a world leader in advanced environmental management techniques and policies. Approximately 145 mammal species including the 'Big Five', a list of over 500 bird species, some of which are not to be found elsewhere in South Africa, and 336 tree species occur in the park.

When the first tourist cars visited the park in 1927, they made their own camps in thorn-bush enclosures and had to carry weapons to protect themselves from predators. During the Second World War the park was closed to the public, and reopened in 1946 under new management. Today it is one of the most famous safari destinations in the world with all the facilities that one would expect from a world class holiday destination, but it has retained the untamed, unspoilt environment where you can experience Africa just as you imagined it.

Day 13 Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre

We move to the greater Kruger area today and visit Moholoholo Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre, where animals are being rehabilitated before being released back in to the wild. In the evening we enjoy a traditional song and dance evening along with a typical South African meal.

Meals:	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation:	Camp: Timbavati Safari Lodge: www.timbavatisafarilodge.com
Facilities:	Shared ablutions, hot showers, bar.
Activity package:	Moholoholo Animal Rehabilitation visit,
Route:	Kruger NP to Timbavati Area ±156 km
Travel time:	±2 hrs
Included highlight:	Evening song and dance with traditional South African cuisine

Moholoholo Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre

Moholoholo is nestled in a picturesque setting at the base of the Drakensberg escarpment in the Limpopo Province Lowveld of South Africa. Moholoholo has become a haven for the rehabilitation and care of abandoned, injured and poisoned wildlife. Wildlife is brought to the centre from all corners of South Africa, and once healthy enough are re-introduced into their natural environments. Those creatures who cannot be returned to the wild due to the nature and extent of their injuries, are cared for at the centre and are used to educate the many people who visit each year, both from across South Africa and abroad.

Another important function of the centre is breeding. Moholoholo have successfully bred and released into the wild the endangered Crowned Eagle, Serval and many others. The centre is a non-profit organization, relying completely on the support of the public.

Day 14 Panorama Route - Johannesburg

Travelling along the Panorama Route we stop at Blyde River Canyon and Bourkes Luck Potholes. The tour ends on arrival in Johannesburg. Johannesburg has many excellent restaurants and the group often spends this evening together. *Optional Activities: Dinner out*

Meals:	Breakfast, Lunch
Accommodation:	Own Arrangements/post tour accommodation can be booked through ShapShap
Route:	Timbavati Area to Johannesburg ±600 km
Travel time:	±9 hrs
Included highlight:	Panorama Route: God's Window, Blyde River Canyon, Bourkes Luck Potholes

Panorama Route

The Panorama route in Mpumalanga follows the edge of Blyde River Canyon, and includes some breathtaking views of the Three Rondavels, Bourke's Luck Potholes and the Pinnacle. Blyde River Canyon is the third largest canyon in the world, and got its name in 1840 ('blyde' meaning 'joyful') from the Voortrekkers who passed through on their way to Lorenzo Marques (now Mozambique).

It is one of the most spectacular canyons in Africa and its cliffs rise between 600m-800m from the riverbed. Possibly the best view in the whole of the Blyde River Canyon is of the "Three Rondavels - three huge rock spirals rising out of the far wall of the canyon. Their tops appear to have a hut-like rounded roof. They are named after the Swazi Chief Maripi's wives - from the lowest to the highest, they are Magabolle, Mogoladikwe and Maserote.

Where the Blyde River and the Treur River meet, water erosion has formed one of the most remarkable geological phenomena in the country, known as 'Bourke's Luck Potholes'. Over thousands of years, surreal cylindrical rock sculptures created by whirling water have formed a series of dark pools which contrast artfully with the streaked white and yellow lichen covered rocks. Following the road and the Treur River south, there are further viewpoints; Wonder View, God's Window and the Pinnacle.

Johannesburg

Johannesburg is the largest and most populated city in South Africa, and the second largest city in Africa, after Cairo. Gold was discovered in the mineral-rich Witwatersrand in 1886 by an Australian prospector, George Harrison. This discovery started a major gold rush as fortune hunters came to the area from all over the world. A huge labour force of contract workers sprang up to work in the mines and within three years Johannesburg became the largest settlement in South Africa.

It is now the economic and financial core of the country, and although mining is no longer practiced within the city bounds, the headquarters of most of the mining companies can be found here.

Johannesburg is also known as the world's largest human-made forest, with over 10 million trees planted throughout the city.

Tour Ends

We will drop you off at Garden Court O.R. Tambo International Airport www.southernsun.com/garden-court/or-tambo-international-airport/pages/overview.aspx. We suggest you book accommodation here for this evening with ShapShap Travel. If you choose to stay elsewhere you will need to arrange a transfer. Garden Court O.R. Tambo International is about 10km drive from O.R. Tambo (Johannesburg) International Airport. If you are flying out the following evening we highly recommend the day tour of Johannesburg city and Soweto as an informative and enjoyable way to spend the day.

TIPPING ON TOUR

Southern Africa: In general tipping in restaurants is generally expected and is around 10% for good service, more if you have received exceptional service, and, feel free not to tip at all if you received poor service. Tipping taxi drivers etc is really at your own discretion and not always expected. If in doubt please ask your guides.

Our guides do work hard, but they are also paid at (and often above) industry levels for this work. Our Crew can be tipped if you feel that they have done a good job and/or gone above and beyond the call of duty.

The best way to arrange tips is to elect one person in the group to collect the money. We recommend USD1 (or about R5) per day per person, per guide as a fair tip. So if you have 3-crew on a tour, we would recommend that 3 envelopes are used and each crew member's name written on one. Place what you feel is fair in to each envelope and the elected person can give these to the crew at the end of the tour. If you do not feel that the crew deserve a tip, please, do not tip them. You must remember that tipping is only for exceptional service and is not at all compulsory or expected.

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At the end of your tour you will be provided with feedback forms. These forms are confidential and should be given to your crew in a sealed envelope. If you are not sure of the confidentiality of the feedback form please feel free to email us as well on info@shapshaptravel.com. Please make sure to also complete the feedback form as we use the answers on these forms to improve and maintain our service levels.

Accommodation providers are subject to change without notice, the accommodation listed in this dossier is our preferred supplier, but sometimes due to availability, we are unable to make use of the property listed in this dossier. If we cannot use the accommodation provider as listed we will substitute another property of similar standards.