Tour code:

Travel through:

Safari length:

MOa14 2024 Guaranteed departures Small group safari maximum: 12 travellers South Africa & Mozambique 14 davs

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MOZAMBIQUE & KRUGER "BEACH & BUSH"

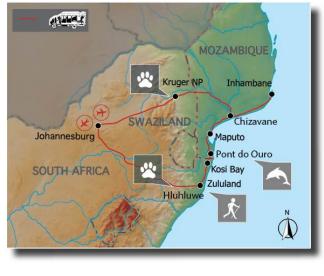
From the culture of the Zulu nation to the Portuguese and Arab influences in the food and architecture of Mozambigue. Experience everything from beaches and excellent diving to big game viewing and bush walks with a local ranger. The accommodation in Mozambique is simple and the roads can be slow. Local facilities are limited so most of the meals are prepared by the Sunway crew. Malaria prophylactics are recommended. This is an easy paced, relaxing safari for those looking for a different experience in Southern Africa.

DEPARTS: JOHANNESBURG on Sunday at 06:30am ENDS: JOHANNESBURG on Saturday at 18:00pm

Highlights

- * Zululand game drives and cultural walks
- * Kosi Bay snorkelling & boat cruise
- * Ponta do Ouro dolphin encounter
- * Inhambane & Chizavane beaches, snorkelling
- * Kruger National Park game drives

SAFARI GRADE: ACCOMMODATED



Note: you can fly out of Johannesburg airport on the last day of tour, we do a free drop off at JNB at +/-17:00

Overnight the accommodations on this tour are chosen for their location and the activities available. 13 nights twin share en suite chalets, lodges, hotels and casitas. The guides will sort out room allocations.

Meals 13 breakfasts, 13 lunches and 7 dinners are included. Of which 9 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 5 dinners are provided by the lodges. The remaining included meals are provided by the Sunway guides, prepared either at the truck or in the self-catering kitchen. Meals will be eaten either under the trees near your chalet or around the campfire at the truck.

Transport due to sometimes poor roads we use Sunway Safari trucks with 12 seats for this tour. On 5% of tours we may use Mercedes Sprinter minibuses with 12 seats and air conditioning. Potholes, rain damaged gravel roads, livestock and children on the roads can make travel slow, but at the same time you'll pass through villages and witness the local lifestyle all the way. Game viewing in the national parks will be in the Sunway vehicle

Limited participation an essential part of your safari is participation. From carrying your own bag to your room to packing the truck in the morning – it's all part of your adventure. Your tour leaders will do the meal preparation when required but we do ask the clients to help (on rotation) with the washing up. There are some long travel days which means early morning starts so we all need to get involved to make the day run efficiently.

Day 1 - 3 JOHANNESBURG to ZULULAND [permanent tents Bx2 Lx3 Dx3]

(B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)

Zululand, home of the nation forged by King Shaka Zulu - stretches from the warm Indian Ocean, across the rolling green hills to the Drakensberg Mountains. We depart Johannesburg at 06:30am, travelling across the Highveld before descending into the heart of KwaZulu Natal known for its rich culture and spectacular wildlife. Our lodge for the next 3 nights is situated on a private nature reserve.

We explore the natural serenity of the bush on a morning walk followed by an exciting afternoon game drive in Mkuzi Game Reserve. Mkuzi plays a key role in the preservation of the endangered black and white rhino and we look forward to watching from a hide overlooking a waterhole, as the animals quench their thirst.

On the third day we explore Hluhluwe Game Reserve, and in the afternoon get to know the people of the area as we visit a local Zulu community and our guides interpret the history, culture and traditions of the modern Zulu people.

Day 1: Breakfast is not included Day 1: Lunch provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group Day 1: Dinner provided by the lodge

Day 2-3: Breakfast provided by the lodge Day 2-3: Lunch provided by the lodge (packed picnic lunch) Day 2-3: Dinner provided by the lodge

Includes: Distance/time: Entrance fees to Mkuzi / Hluhluwe Game Reserve, morning & afternoon game drives. ± 550 km, 7h30 actual driving time, day 1 is a long travel day of $\pm 9h30$ but we but we spend the next two full days in the area.

Overnight:

Zululand Lodge - 3 nights we stay in the permanent tents, en suite. No wifi but there is mobile network.



Zululand Lodge is South African owned, with all employees are from northern Kwa-Zulu Natal. The lodge uses 80% solar energy. The 200h conservancy is being rehabilitated, with game introductions, erosion repairs and anti-poaching efforts. They assist the community and local crèche providing a vegetable patch and equipment for the crèche.



Day 4 KOSI BAY [chalet BL-]

Kosi Bay Nature Reserve covers a region of fertile estuaries, mangroves, dune forest and tidal lakes. This afternoon we walk down to the lake to explore this amazing eco-system by boat and the following morning we take a 4WD transfer to the Kosi estuary mouth. A special feature of the Kosi Bay estuary is the traditional practice of subsistence tidal trap fishing. We have time to swim, walk on the beach or snorkel the shallow reefs in the estuary mouth.

Day 4: Breakfast provided by the lodge Day 4: Lunch provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group Day 4: Dinner will be an own expense meal at lodge restaurant

Includes: Snorkelling at Kosi Bay River Mouth (mask & snorkel can be hired from the lodge at a nominal fee), boat excursion on lake system.

Distance/time:±150km, 3h00 actual driving time, through villages + an afternoon boat cruise we expect a
travel day of ±4h00.Overnight:Kosi Bay Lodge - twin rooms with en suite bathroom. Swimming pool. Wifi

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Day 5 - 6 PONTA DO OURO - MOZAMBIQUE [lodge BL-]

Ponta do Ouro is the ocean lover's mecca of Southern Mozambique. A highlight of this safari is the opportunity to join a local dolphin research team on ocean safaris. Research since the early 1990s indicates that there are approximately 400 individual dolphins moving through the Ponta do Ouro area, of which about 150 are resident. We have **2** boat launches planned which gives us a chance to snorkel on the shallow reefs, view dolphins and whales from the boat, and hopefully swim with dolphins if their activity at the time permits us to enter the water. A wild dolphin encounter is an extraordinary wildlife experience. (Should weather prevent a boat launch then a portion of your local payment will be refunded to you pro rata).

Day 5 - 6: Breakfast provided by the lodge

Day 5 - 6: Lunch provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group Day 5 - 6: Dinner will be an own expense meal at local restaurant

Includes:Snorkelling and dolphin encounters.Distance/time:±35km, 0h45 actual driving time, the only delay can be the border crossing so we expect a
travel day of ±1h45.

Overnight: <u>Planet Scuba Guest House</u>, for 2 nights we stay in twin rooms with en suite bathroom. Swimming pool. WiFi available.



Day 7 MAPUTO [hotel BL-]

Maputo, formerly known as Lourenço Marques is situated on a natural harbour and is the economic hub of Mozambique. Once referred to as the "African Riviera", Portuguese and African cultures meet in an exquisite blend of seafood and vibrant life. Sample the excellent seafood in a local restaurant (own expense).

Day 7: Breakfast provided by the lodge Day 7: Lunch provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group Day 7: Dinner will be an own expense meal at local restaurant

Includes: N/A

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Distance/time:

Overnight:

 ± 120 km, 1h30 actual driving time, we depart after the morning dolphin excursion and an afternoon touring Maputo landmarks by foot, for an active day of $\pm 5h00$. <u>City Lodge Hotel Maputo</u> – 1 night in Maputo we stay in a hotel. Twin rooms en-suite.



Day 8 - 9 INHAMBANE [chalets Bx2 Lx2 Dx1]

Travelling north along the Indian Ocean coastline, we drive through mango and cashew nut plantations en-route to the town of Inhambane. Arab influences are strong in Inhambane dating back to when slaves, ivory, gold and spices were traded. Explore Inhambane and its 200 year old cathedral and we visit the enchanting fresh produce market before moving to Praia de Barra.

Sit back, relax and enjoy the warm sea and expansive white beaches. For the more energetic, there are optional activities such as dhow rides, scuba diving, fishing and surfing (own expense).

Day 8: Breakfast will be provided by the guest house Day 8: Lunch provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group Day 8: Dinner provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 9: Breakfast provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group Day 9: Lunch provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group Day 9: Dinner will be an own expense meal at local restaurant

Includes: Distance/time:	N/A ± 500 km, 8h30 actual driving time, villages and lots of people along the route make for a very long travel day of $\pm 10h00$ (but the beach is worth it!).		
Optional Activities	Scuba diving, ocean safari & sailing and many more.		
Overnight:	<u>Bayview Lodge</u> – for 2 nights in Inhambane (Praia do Tofo / Barra) we stay in en- suite rooms. Bar, restaurant, telephone. WiFi available.		





Day 10 CHIZAVANE [casitas BLD]

We turn south along the coast to a secluded fishing lodge on the beach north of Xai-Xai. The lodge is perched on the coastal dunes with a magnificent view of the surrounding natural bush and expansive beach. Low tide exposes a long rocky reef parallel to the beach, which creates a shallow, calm pool ideal for snorkelling and swimming. For our last night on the beach we enjoy a fish braai (barbeque) dinner at the lodge restaurant overlooking the warm Indian Ocean.

Day 10: Breakfast provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group Day 10: Lunch provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group Day 10: Dinner provided by the lodge

 Includes:
 N/A

 Distance/time:
 ±260km, 5h00 actual driving time, tarmac road followed by sandy track, we expect a travel day of ±6h00.

Optional Activities Snorkelling (subject to low tide) or fishing (subject to time availability).



<u>East Africa Safaris</u> casitas – for 1 night in Chizavane we stay in casitas. These are twin rooms with en-suite bathrooms. Bar, restaurant, telephone. Wifi available in restaurant only.



Day 11 - 12 KRUGER NATIONAL PARK [chalets Bx2 Lx2 Dx1]

Leaving the Indian Ocean coast, we travel through the Limpopo Transfrontier Park and enter Kruger National Park, South Africa. An icon of nature conservation, Kruger is big game country! As we make our way to our camp, we enjoy an exciting game drive and hope to spot lions, giraffe and elephant among others.

Day 11: Breakfast provide by the lodge

Day 11: Lunch provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Day 11: Dinner will be an own expense meal at local restaurant

Day 12: Breakfast provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group Day 12: Lunch provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group Day 12: Dinner provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group

Includes:Entrance fees to Kruger National Park, morning and afternoon game drives.Distance/time:±430km, 8h00 actual driving time, the road is rough gravel + a border crossing and then a game drive to camp, it's long ±10h00 on the road.

 Optional Activities: Night game drive in National Parks open game viewing vehicle (on Day 12).

 Overnight:
 Kruger National Park chalets – for 2 nights in Kruger we stay in national parks board chalets with en-suite facilities. Swimming pool, restaurant, and telephone. Wifi available at fee.





Day 13

GREATER KRUGER [lodge BLD]

The following morning we are up early and we spend the day exploring the national park before we leave and head to our private game lodge. Relax around the pool or the campfire on our final evening in the tranguil African wilderness.

Day 13: Breakfast provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group Day 13: Lunch provided by the tour leaders with the help of the group Day 13: Dinner provided by the lodge

Includes: Distance/time:	N/A ± 180 km, 4h00 game drive out of Kruger, with some time to relax at the lodge this afternoon.
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Overnight:

Makuwa Safari Lodge – twin room with en suite facilities. Swimming pool. No wifi but there is mobile network.



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Day 14 JOHANNESBURG [- B - -]

Our final day on tour starts with an exciting game walk. We explore the private game reserve on foot with our rangers. While the opportunity to see big game on foot exists, our guides will also take the time to interpret the tracks and signs of the African bush. We head back to the lodge for brunch before we return to Johannesburg in the evening, sun-tanned, laid-back and ready to re-join life. Tour ends at +/-18:00 at the hotel.

Day 14: Breakfast provide by the lodge Day 14: Lunch own expense Day 14: N/A

Includes: Distance/time:	N/A ±520km, 7h00 actual driving time up the escarpment en-route to JHB, we expect a long travel day of ±8h00.
Overnight:	N/A

Please Note: we do a free drop off at Johannesburg airport on day 14 at +/- 17:00pm so you can book your flight out for the last day of tour

Please Note:

The distance and travel times quoted above are an estimate only, and subject to local road conditions.

Please note:

That the accommodation specified above and in the itinerary, is a guide only and is subject to availability. Alternatives will be of a similar standard, and accommodation changes will be made without notice.

Special Interest:

The traditional fish traps of Kosi Bay mouth are cleared each day, by the local community. Only larger fish are caught as they cannot leave the estuary with the outgoing tide.

Sustainable Tourism:

We spend 1 night in the Kosi Bay area. This KwaZulu Natal Park is an example of how conservation and the needs of the local communities can work hand in hand. The local community is permitted to harvest fish within the reserve using environmentally sustainable, traditional reed fishing nets. KZN Wildlife are pioneers in the development of sustainable tourism.

2024 PRICES AND DEPARTURE DATES:

RACK Price: (Valid: Jan 2024 – Dec 2024)

€ 2 240 pps + local payment of R 1 500

Single supplement: € **530 pp** (If you are travelling on your own, Sunway will "room" you with another same gender client. You do not pay extra when booking as a single person. If however you request a single, then you'll pay the single supplement and have a single room.)

2024 DEPARTURE DATES

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22-Sep-24 06-Oct-24 13-Oct-24 27-Oct-24	05-Oct-24 19-Oct-24 26-Oct-24 09-Nov-24	German



- * Bold dates are guaranteed departures, all other dates guaranteed from 4 clients.
- * German: These tours have a German speaking translator/tour leader

DETAILED TOUR INFORMATION:

In a nutshell

- An exciting destination with an exotic flavour! Beautiful and unexplored.
- A participation tour that offers an accommodated safari at a reasonable price, staying in chalets, casitas (right on the beach) and cabins.
- Fascinating safari with culture, history, wildlife, adventure, diving, fishing, walking and beaches.
- Zululand wilderness, Kruger NP, Moçambique beaches and seafood!

Why travel with Sunway Safaris

We understand that there are several options available to you when choosing your African safari. We also know that you want to make the most informed decision about your safari, what you get, what's included and what you see and experience. So these are just a few of the Sunway qualities and facts:

- **Small groups** by travelling with a maximum of 12 people, you can witness Africa and have first-hand contact with this amazing continent and its people without being a negative influence. This has been a key factor in our continued success. Our trips appeal to a wide demographic of traveller. Our clients range in age from 25 to 65+ with the average being 45. The range of travellers gives a variety of perspectives which adds to the experience of each safari.
- **2** Sunway tour guides group leaders are the key to any safari. On a Sunway safari you will travel with 2 qualified and registered field guides (Field Guides Association of SA). Two guides as crew, not a guide and a driver, means interesting trips with maximum knowledge and information. Our guides have a passion for Africa, her people and wildlife, and they love nothing more than sharing their knowledge with you.
- **Guaranteed departures** departure dates on each itinerary shown as bold are guaranteed departure dates. All other departures operate with a minimum of 4 clients.
- All-inclusive price when we travel ourselves, we always feel that if we're in a country we should find and see the best it has to offer. So when planning the Sunway routes, we ensure that each trip provides the best inclusions and experiences. For example, if you go to Botswana – you have to visit the national parks in an open 4WD – it is the essence of the Botswana wilderness. If you tour Zambia, then you must visit South Luangwa NP and do a game walk with a local scout. When booking on a Sunway Safari there are no hidden costs. All of the entrance fees are included, and a wide range of activities, and most meals. We have included many highlights in our tours, so that you will see and experience the highlights without having to pay extra when you get there. So when you decide on which safari company to book with, look carefully at what you're actually getting. You may only visit a place once, make sure you get the most out of it.
- **Safety** our fleet of vehicles are custom built to ensure comfortable and safe touring. Each is constructed, by an authorised passenger vehicle builder, to the latest safety requirements, with a safety shell, and every seat has a lap belt. This gives you peace of mind when travelling with Sunway Safaris on the often demanding African roads.
- **Good2Go** Our commitment to sustainable & responsible tourism is reflected in our low impact travel style where all we take is photographs and all we leave is our footprints. Being an African company, we have the grassroots contacts to make a real difference in the lives of the people whose lands we visit. On each itinerary in the brochure you'll find this symbol which highlights just one of the sustainable travel initiatives that we support.



- **Solo Travellers** going it alone won't make your holiday more expensive; our reservations staff will match you up with another same-gender traveller to keep your holiday affordable. If however you request a single room or tent these are available, with a price supplement
- **Experience** we have more than 28 years' experience planning tours throughout Southern Africa. As such, our itineraries and routes have been perfected over many years ensuring that your tour will run smoothly. We visit the highlights of Southern Africa but ensure that you do not follow the well-trodden tourist track. All of us at Sunway Safaris have extensive travel experience in Africa, and throughout the world. Being adventure travellers ourselves, we know how to plan trips that give you a broad experience of the countries that you will visit.
- **Based in Africa** probably the most important part of a Sunway safari is that we are an African company with offices in South Africa and Botswana. We live in Africa, we travel in Africa and it is our passion for this amazing continent that makes Sunway your best travel option.
- Age Policy On all scheduled tours, we accept children 12-17 with accompanying adult. We have no upper age limit. Clients older than 65 years of age at time of travel require a medical certificate stating

client is fit and healthy to join an adventure travel group tour. We have many clients over 65 years of age, who are perfectly capable of enjoying every aspect of a Sunway tour, both accommodated and camping. For more details contact <u>marketing@sunway-safaris.com</u>.

Local Payment

• A local payment is required on this safari and this will be collected by your tour leader on departure. The local payment forms part of your overall tour cost, and must be taken into consideration when booking your safari. It will be used by your tour leaders to pay for some of the operational costs incurred on safari.

Recommended reading

Before you travel you might want to read any of the following books. While not specific to the Sunway tour you will join, they do provide some background understanding of the countries you will be visiting.

- Long Walk to Freedom by Nelson Mandela (Autobiography Nelson Mandela is one of the great moral and political leaders of our time.)
- Cry the Beloved Country by Alan Paton (Is the deeply moving story of the Zulu pastor Stephen Kumalo and his son Absalom. A classic work of love and hope, courage and endurance, born of the dignity of man.)
- The Power of One by Bryce Courtenay (Story of one young man's search for the love that binds friends, the passion that binds lovers, and the realization that it takes only one to change the world.)
- The Covenant by James A. Mitchener (The best and worst of two continents carve an empire out of the vast wilderness that is to become South Africa.)
- My Traitor's Heart by Rian Malan (Malan, former South African crime reporter, searches for the truth behind apartheid.)
- Jock of the Bushveld by J Percy FitzPatrick (Story of a trader and his dog set in 1880 around Pilgrim's Rest and Kruger area)
- When The Lion Feeds by Smith Wilbur (Fictional story set in Natal, South Africa in the 1870's)
- A Time To Die by Wilbur Smith (Fictional adventure through Zimbabwe and Mozambique)
- The Steps of the Sun by Joanna Trollope (Love story set during the Boer War)
- Getaway Guide to Mozambique and its Offshore Islands by Mark Copeland
- Newman's Birds of Southern Africa by Kenneth Newman
- Sasol Birds of Southern Africa by Ian Sinclair, Phil Hockey, and W.R. Tarboton
- The Safari Companion: A Guide to Watching African Mammals Including Hoofed Mammals, Carnivores, and Primates by Richard D. Estes and Daniel Otte
- Field Guide to Trees of Southern Africa (Field Guides) by Braam Van Wyk, Keith Coates Palgrav, and Piet Van Wyk

Shopping

• Craft shopping in Mozambique and KwaZulu Natal is limited but you may find some small local vendors with carvings or batiks. Zululand is renowned for its grass weavings.

Food

- We pride ourselves on offering delicious healthy meals to our clients and will provide three meals per day, except where shown in itinerary, when we try out local restaurants.
- The tour leaders do the shopping and meal planning for each group. He/she will always try to obtain fresh produce wherever possible. A rough idea of what these will consist of is: Breakfast cereals or coffee and toast or the occasional fried breakfast, Lunch cheese, cold meats, salads on bread or rolls, Dinner braais (local barbecue), potjies (stews), stir fries etc. We use regular plates, cups and cutlery. All cooking and eating utensils will also be provided.
- We do cater for special dietary requirements (e.g. vegetarian or allergies.)
- We will supply fruit squash served with breakfast and tea or coffee served with breakfast and dinner. All other beverages will be for your own expense. We will not supply bottled drinking water although it is available at many shops on tour.

Difficulty

- Anyone who is generally active and in good health should enjoy this trip. The accommodation used is simple but clean and this trip will appeal to anyone interested in getting an insight into the eastern coastline of Southern Africa.
- KwaZulu Natal and Moçambique can be hot and humid in the summer rainy months (December March) so drink lots of water.
- There is plenty of time to relax and unwind on the beaches, after all this is your holiday!

Things you should know

- Includes park entrances.
- Luggage, please pack to a limit of 12kgs in a soft sports tog bag. Also bring daypack for walks and keeping in the vehicle. On the Accommodated Adventures & Classic Journeys, all bedding is provided, and you will not be required to bring a sleeping bag or pillow. At most accommodation establishments, towels will be provided, but it is always a good idea to bring a small travel towel for the beach or swimming pool. If you are traveling on a tour that visits the Okavango Delta please make sure to bring a small towel with you as there are no towels supplied.
- You will need a valid passport and visas for entry into Moçambique and re-entering South Africa. Please note that the Moçambique visas can be arranged in advance but can also be obtained at the border. Moçambique entry border is Kosi Bay and exit border is Giriyondo into South Africa.
- We suggest you take Euro, US\$ or South African Rand cash for this trip.

Common questions about this trip

- Can I buy camera memory cards? Memory cards and other photographic accessories will be available several times on tour. A camera with a zoom lens from wide angle to telephoto, 35-300mm, is advisable to capture both scenic and wildlife shots. Each vehicle is fitted with a 12/24V cigarette lighter – this should not be relied on for charging camera batteries and we recommend you bring a 2nd battery. Remember you can also charge your camera on those nights we use accommodation (SA 220V)
- 2. Is it safe? KwaZulu Natal and Moçambique are relatively safe and your guide knows the countries intimately and will endeavour to show you the best parts while looking after you. In the cities, such as Maputo, keep a careful eye on your belongings and don't leave anything lying about petty theft is not impossible. In the wild areas your guide will brief you on the necessary precautions, follow this advice and you will be fine. Be aware of your personal belongings and you will have a great trip!
- 3. **Do I need malaria tablets?** Yes, the trip passes through malaria areas and prophylactics are recommended. Please consult your doctor before arriving in Southern Africa.
- 4. What do I need to bring? All details are covered in our general tour briefing (available from <u>www.sunway-safaris.com</u> on home page) but the basics are: comfortable clothes for warm days and cool evenings, walking shoes, a raincoat, hat and sunglasses, swimsuit, a small pair of binoculars also comes in very handy and most importantly a sense of adventure!

