

HOLIDAY EXPERIENCES



**7 Nights at The View
Boutique Hotel & Spa,
Amanzimtoti, KwaZulu
Natal**
**2 Nights Rovos Rail
Experience, Durban to
Pretoria**

ZULU ON MY STOEP

24 December 2027 - 02 January 2028 (Single or sharing)

10 Days of Zulu Heritage and Experience



A hidden gem, setting itself apart from other boutique hotels by way of their offering, the focus on superior service is what the hotel was built upon since its inception in 1994, by the Lithgow family. With sweeping vistas of Durban's South Coast beaches, hand-carved four poster beds with 100% crisp white linen an award-winning restaurant, Spa, with six swimming pools, the perfect retreat you most certainly need to unwind and rejuvenate in. For culinary enthusiasts and gourmet food lovers, The View Boutique Hotel & Spa has an award winning Diamond Wine list. Giorgio's restaurant, offers fusion style, with an authentic Italian menu. An eclectic mix of wooden floors, with fireplace, chandeliers, illuminating mirrors and luxurious fabrics that decorate the dining area – creating an overall fine dining experience.

Rovos Rail is a luxury train service offering bespoke train safaris through Africa, known for its elegant, vintage-style carriages, luxurious suites, and fine dining experience. Rovos Rail emphasises a golden age of travel with a variety of itineraries, including Cape Town and Durban safari. The dining experience on Rovos Rail is renowned for its formal dining setting, featuring fresh local ingredients, traditional dishes, and a selection of fine South African wines. Rovos Rail incorporates off-train excursions into its itineraries, allowing passengers to explore destinations and attractions along the route. Its success is attributed to a dedicated team of skilled professionals. Dress code is smart casual attire, typically worn during the day, while formal evening attire is expected for dinner.

Day 1: Arrival

Today we are chauffeur driven from our homes in luxury vehicles for our flight to King Shaka International Airport.

In King Shaka Airport we take a road trip to Amanzimtoti for our stay at The View Boutique Hotel.

In Amanzimtoti we take a pit-stop at Thirsty Whale Restaurant for lunch before checking in at The View Boutique Hotel & Spa.

Afternoon at leisure to soak in the atmosphere and to get acquainted with the facilities.

Supper at Giorgio's Restaurant at the hotel.

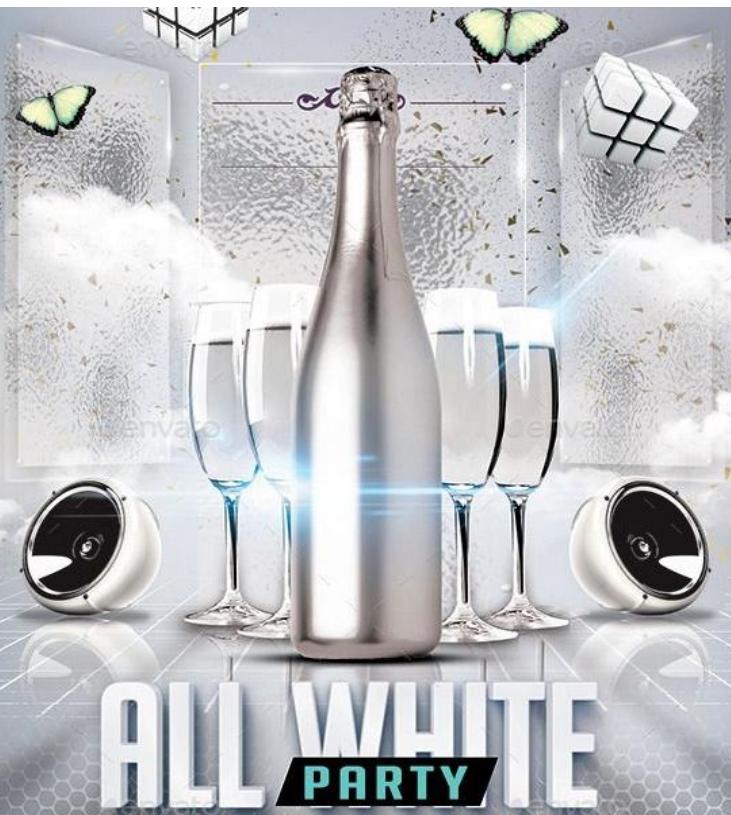


Day 2: Merry Christmas



Today its Christmas Day and what better way to celebrate it with a Christmas Church Service. This morning after breakfast we attend Church service at Amanzimtoti Methodist Church for a Christmas celebration.

After the Church service we return to the hotel for Christmas lunch. This a Black and White lunch which consists of 5 course menu paired with carefully selected South African wines.



After lunch we relax and unwind and get ready for the All-White Christmas Party. After supper at the hotel its time for the All-White Christmas After-Party at the hotel, with full premium bar.

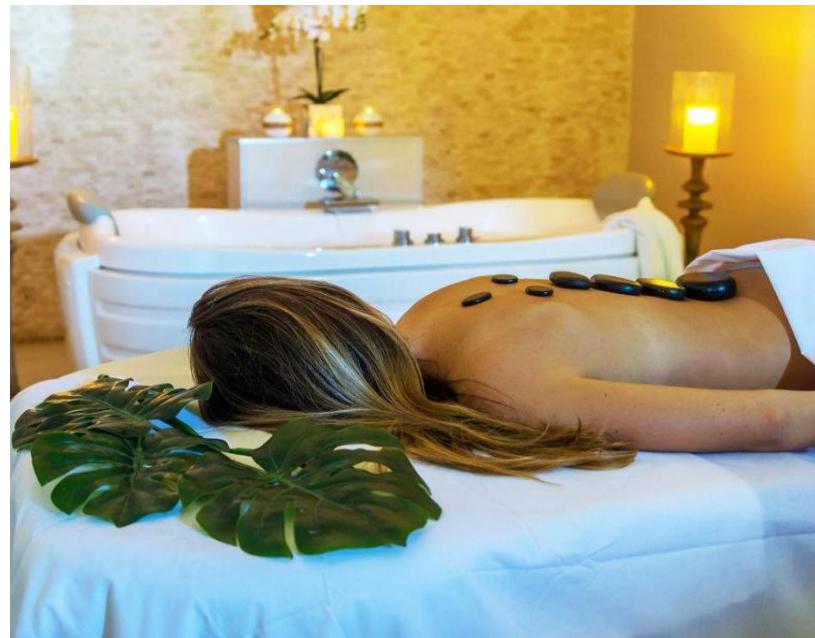
Day 3: Easy Like Sunday Morning

Today we spend the day at leisure at the hotel to do what one's heart desires. Lunch and supper and full premium bar.

Day 4: Relax, Be Pampered and Unwind

Today we are spoiled and pampered at Spa at The View with a full day spa treatment which includes full body massages, facial treatments, foot treatments, hand treatments and manicures and pedicures.

Lunch and supper at the hotel.



Day 5: Encounter with the Sharks

After breakfast we head to Aliwal Shoal, a marine protected area which is rated as one of the top 10 dive sites in the world and dive into the ocean to get an up-close-and personal encounter with the Tiger Sharks, Whale Sharks, Zambezi Sharks, Sand Sharks, Hammerheads and perhaps even the great White Shark.



This Shark cage diving adventure takes place inside a protective metal cage, which is attached to the side of the boat and is lowered into the water from the boat. This allows for a safe and thrilling encounter with these apex predators

Lunch at The Frenchman Restaurant.

Later we return to the hotel for supper and relaxation.

Day 6: Ukhahlamba ne Nkanyamba

The majestic, mostly untouched mountain range, the Drakensberg will be the main focus of the day. Today we visit sites of San-Bushman Rock Art, some of which date back 2 000 years. The Drakensberg or Ukhahlamba as it is called in isiZulu, is Africa's highest mountain range south of Kilimanjaro, and the largest and most concentrated series of rock art paintings in Africa - making it a World Heritage site of both natural and cultural significance.



The San-Bushman paintings are situated about 2.5km from Giant Castle, and a leisurely hike gets us there in about 45 minutes. We follow the well-marked Bushman's River Trail through grasslands and over a mountain stream until we arrive at the Main Caves. On the way, we might see an Eland buck or two, or even a bearded vulture flying overhead.

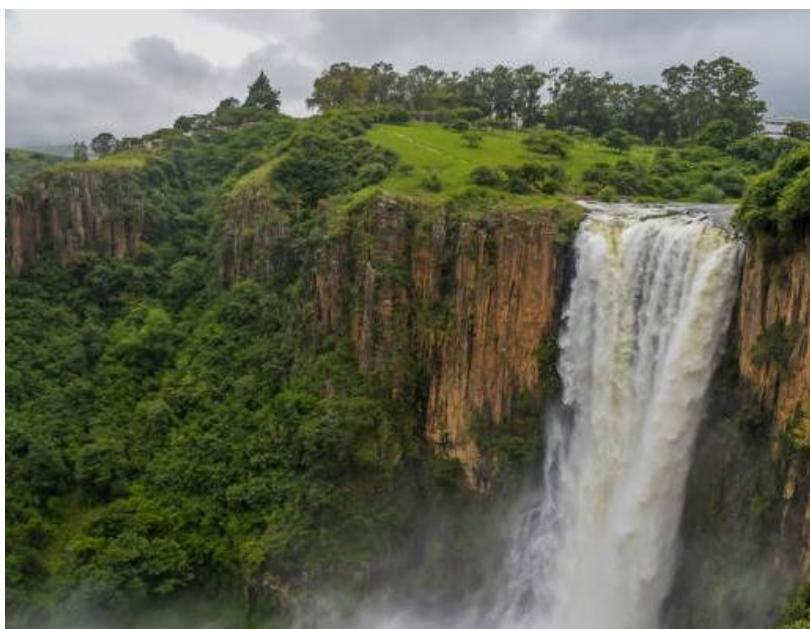
After all the exercise we stop for lunch at iZimbali Restaurant for lunch.



After a morning of immersive San-Bushman history we drive through Natal Midlands to the Nelson Mandela Capture Site. On 5 August 1962, police stopped a car on a lonely country road in KwaZulu Natal. At the wheels was Nelson Mandela, posing as a chauffeur, and his arrest was a catalyst for a series of trials, culminating in the Rivonia Treason Trial that would ultimately see him spending 27 years in prison. Today, the site of his arrest is marked by an impressive sculpture.

We then make our way into Howick, a quaint town with an interesting history, we view the Howick Falls a 100 meter drop. According to legend, the pool at the bottom of the falls is the residence of the Inkanyambe, a giant serpent-like creature, and only a Sangoma can safely approach the falls and then offer prayers and acts of worship to Inkanyamba.

Later we return to the hotel for supper.



Day 7: Ubukhosi Nezombusazwe

Today we take a journey through history and explore the Inanda Valley north of Durban as we go through what has been termed Inanda Heritage Route, which highlights key figures and events in South African history, particularly those related to the struggle against apartheid and the rise of democracy.



Our journey starts in Phoenix where we visit Phoenix Settlement. The settlement was founded by Mahatma Gandhi in 1904 and features Gandhi's house and printing press, offering insights into his philosophy of passive resistance and his time in South Africa.

We then proceed to Inanda Seminary. Founded in 1869 by American missionaries Daniel and Lucy Lindley, Inanda Seminary is one of the oldest and most prestigious all-girls boarding school in South Africa. It was established to provide quality education to black girls during a time when such opportunities were not available. The school has played a pivotal role in nurturing female leaders who have made significant contributions to South African society. Notable alumnae include Baleka Mbete, Nokukhanya Bhengu, Thandi Orleyn and Nozizwe Madlala-Routledge.



While in Inanda we visit another school, Ohlange Institute, which was founded by Rev. John Dube, the first president of the ANC when the ANC was formed in 1912. Ohlange Institute was a centre of education and community development, reflecting the broader struggle for liberation. This was the first Black-founded school in South Africa and was self-sufficient, with its own printing press and agricultural projects. This was also a centre for African Renaissance thought.

After lunch at Sbu's Comfort Lounge we drive around Inanda township and view Ekuphakameni, Shembe sacred site, located near Ebuhleni village, and an important aspect of the cultural aspect of Inanda. Nelson Mandela cast his vote in the South Africa's first democratic elections in Inanda, highlighting the township's pivotal role in the transition to democracy. After voting he stood alone at Dr. John Dube's grave and said, "Mr. President, I have come to report that South Africa is free."

After an eventful day of South Africa's history lesson we take time to reflect over supper, drinks and entertainment at Max Lifestyle in Umlazi.

Days 8 and 9: Rovos Rail Experience En Route To Pretoria

Today we bid farewell to KwaZulu Natal as we board the iconic 5-star hotel on wheels, Rovos Rail, on our journey to Pretoria. While on board, for the next three days, we experience 5-star luxury, magic and mystery, in a relaxed and elegant fashion. We receive a discreet 24-hour service from an enthusiastic team of chefs who ensure that our every needs are catered for. Every morning there is a full Continental breakfast, followed by a five-course lunch in the afternoon, later afternoon High Tea and then five-course gourmet supper in the evening. Meals are complemented by South Africa's finest wines.

During our stay on the train, we are required to dress smart casual while evening attire is more formal.

Today we also celebrate New Year's Eve in style, on-board Rovos Rail.



Days 10: Disembark the Rovos Rail

Breakfast on Rovos Rail.

Rovos Rail arrives at Bosman Station in Pretoria.

After disembarking the train, we are chauffeur driven to our respective homes around Gauteng.

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