



Africa Unearthed

Itinerary 2017-2018



Day 1:

Flight to Durban

Day 2:

You will be met at Durban airport by our friendly VESA staff member who will be easily recognisable in their VESA t-shirt and will be holding a sign. Whatever your flight arrangements, ensure you'll be at the international arrivals hall at the time of the group flight arrival. Transfer via minivan to the picturesque Saint Lucia. Bibs' International Backpackers will be your home throughout the volunteer week and the first part of your adventure week!

Day 3-8:

These will be your volunteering days! You will be split into three groups and work on a rotation to undertake the following:

- Working with children in nearby Khula Village teaching English, preparing lunches, renovating and revitalising facilities, installing new equipment, constructing bathrooms/kitchens, building and installing sustainable farming units;
- Constructing homes for local families deemed in dire need of assistance;

Working with the KZN-Ezemvelo Wildlife Authority in two wildlife conservation projects:

- The Saint Lucia Crocodile Center, with Nile Crocodiles, Dwarf Crocodiles, Slender-Snout Crocodiles and American Alligators;
- The Emdoneni Cheetah Project, with Cheetahs, Caracals, Servals and African Wildcats.

The daily schedule will run as follows:

- 8am – Breakfast
- 9am – Begin Volunteer work
- 12.30pm – Lunch
- 1pm – continue volunteer work
- 4pm – End of work day
- 4.30pm – Free time and activities
- 7pm – Dinner
- 8pm – Free time and activities (zulu lessons, scavenger hunt, trivia...)

VESA retains the right, as per our Terms and Conditions to alter this itinerary at any time.

Day 9-11:

The Adventure week begins in Saint Lucia and it will be jam-packed with activities:

A full day safari in the Hluhluwe Imfolozi game reserve, home to the Big Five: lions, leopards, elephants, rhinos, buffalo. A cultural tour of a Zulu village along with a visit to the iSangoma - a traditional Zulu healer. A boat-cruise safari along the world-renowned Saint Lucia Estuary getting up close to crocodiles and hippos in their natural habitat. An open-air safari through the iSimangaliso on the way to Cape Vidal for a beach day and BBQ lunch.

Day 12-13:

For the last part of your trip, we take you into Swaziland, an independent country, and one of Africa's hidden gems! Staying in the stunning Mililwane Wildlife Sanctuary at Sondzela Backpackers, you'll have the opportunity to visit local craft markets, explore the sanctuary via one of its many walking trails, relax by the pool, and choose between the following optional activities: quad biking, caving and white-water rafting!

Day 14:

Transfer by coach from Swaziland to Johannesburg and your flight home or Road to Mozambique will commence.

Accommodation:

10 nights St. Lucia BiB's is comfortably nestled on the banks of the St. Lucia Estuary in St. Lucia Village. The Village is the southernmost entrance to The Greater St. Lucia Wetland Park, South Africa's first World Heritage Site

All meals

Dorm accommodation separated into male/female.

Some doubles available

Electricity, bed linen, pillows, full bathrooms, common room, 24 hour security and laundry facilities and internet. Phone cards available in town. Close to shops, supermarket, banks and medical clinics

2 Nights Sondzela Backpackers (Ezulwini, Swaziland)

All meals

Dorm accommodation with electricity, full bathrooms, swimming pool, no internet, no phones/internet

Inclusions

- **All meals** except for lunch on the transfer day to Jo'burg.
- **All accommodation.**
- All **volunteer materials** and local builders/assistants.
- **Drinking water** where necessary.
- All in country **transportation.**
- Entry to game reserves.
- All **activities** except where indicated as optional.

Optional extras (approx prices only)

ZAR = South African Rand

- Quad Biking 1.5hrs – ZAR 550
- Bike Riding ZAR 235
- White water rafting - approx. ZAR 1200
- Night Safari ZAR 250
- The Road to Mozambique AUD\$999/NZ\$1099

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