



Africa Unearthed

Itinerary 2019



Day 1:

Flight to Durban.

Day 2:

Upon arrival in Durban, you will be met by our local VESA team, easily recognisable with their VESA shirts and signs.

Please ensure you are at the international arrivals halls at the time of the group flight arrival. From here, you will travel via minivan to the picturesque Saint Lucia, a small town in South Africa's first World Heritage site. You will be staying at Bibs' International Backpackers. This will be your home throughout the volunteer 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 and communities teaching English, preparing lunches, constructing or renovating facilities.
- 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 itinerary will run as follows:

- 08:00 am - Breakfast
- 09:00 am - Begin volunteer work
- 12:30 pm - Lunch
- 01:00 pm - Continue volunteer work
- 04:00 pm - End of work day
- 04:30 pm - Free time & activities (beach, pool, exploring...)
- 07:00 pm - Dinner
- 08:00 pm - Free time/activities

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, Buffalos. A cultural tour of a Zulu village along with a visit to the iSangoma - a traditional Zulu healer

Boat cruise safari along the world-renowned Saint Lucia Estuary to get up close to crocodiles and hippo. An open-air safari through the iSimangaliso on the way to Cape Vidal, where you'll spend the day on a stunning and isolated beach, complete with BBQ lunch.

Day 12-13:

Coach to Swaziland, one of Africa's hidden gems! Stay in the stunning Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary at Sondzela Backpackers. Take the opportunity to visit local craft markets, explore this sanctuary via one of its many walking trails or choose between quad biking, caving, white-water rafting, and horse-back riding!

Day 14:

Transfer by coach to Johannesburg and your flight home or continue with us on "The Road to Mozambique".

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. Electricity, bed linen/pillows, full bathrooms, common room, full 24 hour security, laundry facilities. Internet available at reception - phone cards available in the town. Close to shops, banks, supermarket and medical clinic.

2 Nights Sondzela Lodge Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary

All meals

Dorm accommodation - all in together. Electricity, linen, full bathrooms, swimming pool, no internet, no phones

Meals on transfer to Jo'burg are to be covered by participant.

Inclusions

- Breakfast lunch and dinner all days except for the transfer day.
- All accommodation.
- All volunteer materials and local builders/assistants.
- Drinking water where required
- All in country transportation.
- Entry to game reserves.
- All activities except where indicated as optional.

Optional extras

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 \$999/£599/€699

Change. Made by you.
Travel responsibly.