**KwaZulu-Natal Cultural and Bush Safari**

**Journey Overview**

Durban/Ballito/Gandhi Settlement/Nelson Mandela Capture Site/Umfolozi Big 5 Game Reserve/St. Lucia Wetlands/Hluhluwe – Thanda Safari Game Reserve

**Highlights:**

* Safari game drives and walking safari
* Wetlands wildlife boat tour
* Snorkel safari in Ballito
* Durban city tour
* Zulu culture tour
* Beading workshop
* Mahatma Gandhi Settlement
* Nelson Mandela Capture Site
* Victoria Street Market
* Durban Botanic Gardens

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**Detailed Itinerary**

**Day 01:** **Arrival in Durban**

Welcome at King Shaka International Airport and transfer to hotel. Dinner.

**Day 02: Durban/Ballito**

Drive to the resort town of Ballito, 25 miles north of Durban on the ‘Dolphin Coast’ for a surprisingly eye-popping snorkeling experience. After lunch, city tour including the trendy Florida Road, the popular beachfront Golden Mile, and the stunning views from Ines Road.

**Day 03:** **Mahatma Gandhi Settlement/WowZulu Marketplace/Nelson Mandela Capture Site**

Transfer to Gandhi Settlement, the site where Gandhi, in 1904, pioneered communal living, interfaith harmony, social justice, conservation, and non-violent action. Visit to WowZulu Marketplace for local handicrafts and tour. Proceed to beading workshop taught by Zulu women in a spherical ceremonial hut. After lunch, visit Nelson Mandela heart-wrenching museum and Capture Site, marked on the roadside with a stunning sculpture. Explore the Piggly Wiggly boutiques on the way back to the hotel.

**Day 04: Victoria Street Market/Durban Botanic Gardens/Umfolozi Big 5 Game Reserve**

Tour one of the oldest markets in Durban, emblematic of the city’s rich cultural heritage. Visit the Botanic Gardens and see the unique collection of trees and plants. Sample Durban’s popular Bunny Chow for lunch, a hollowed-out loaf of bread filled with delicious curry. Transfer to Umfolozi’s Mthembu Lodge and experience a suspenseful evening game drive and magical sundowner as the sun sets in the bush.

**Day 05: Umfolozi Big 5 Game Reserve**

Early morning game drive, including full picnic breakfast in the bush and the thrilling chance to see giraffes, zebras, lions, leopards, Cape buffalos, rhinos, and elephants. Mid-day relax at the lodge spa and pool. Afternoon walking safari and dinner and evening native music/dance performance at lodge.

**Day 06: Umfolozi/St. Lucia Wetlands/Hluhluwe - Thanda Safari Game Reserve**

Sunrise game drive with breakfast takeaway. Transfer to St. Lucia Wetlands for guided boat tour to see hippos, crocodiles, and birds. Transfer to Thanda Safari Game Reserve for evening game drive followed by dinner at Thanda Safari Lodge.

**Day 07: Thanda Safari Game Reserve**

Morning game drive followed by breakfast buffet at the lodge. Mid-morning free for activities at the lodge, lunch, and afternoon free to relax. Evening game drive. Dinner.

**Day 08: Thanda Safari Game Reserve/King Shaka International Airport**

Early morning game drive, breakfast. Transfer to airport for departure flight.