



Thornwood



EXCURSION LIST



Tour options **1-5** are in **conjunction** with **THOMPSONS INDABA SAFARIS** and **HYLTON ROSS**:

1. 3 HOUR INTRODUCTION TO HLUHLUWE GAME RESERVE

DURATION: 3 Hours – Departs daily
PRICE PER PERSON: Adults - R 620 Children U12yrs – R560
Minimum 4 people, includes water

A tour of South Africa's oldest game reserve, established in 1895 to protect the white rhino, which were on the brink of extinction. The reserve is steeped in rich cultural and conservation history, with Zulu battles being fought here, as well as this having been King Shaka's private hunting grounds. It is home to the 'Big Five' as well as having cheetah, wild dog, hyena and other general game species, wonderful birds and trees.

Morning Drives: Summer 05h00-08h00 - Winter 06h00-09h00 (Mar – Oct)

Afternoon Drives: Summer 16h00-19h00 - Winter 15h00-18h00 (Mar – Oct)

2. FULL MORNING / AFTERNOON GAME DRIVE:

DURATION: HALF-DAY – Departs Daily
PRICE PER PERSON: Adults - R 830 Children U12yrs – R750
Minimum 4 people

This tour encompasses the whole morning with a breakfast (not included) stop en route. You have the opportunity to progress deeper into the park increasing our chances of greater animal sightings, as you cover more of the topographical diversity of the park. You will discover information about both the reserve's conservation and cultural history

Morning Drives: Summer 05h00-12h00 - Winter 06h00-12h00 (Mar – Oct)

Afternoon Drives: Summer 14h00-19h00 - Winter 14h00-18h00 (Mar – Oct)

3. FULL DAY GAME DRIVE:

DURATION: FULL-DAY – Departs Daily
PRICE PER PERSON: Adults - R 960 Children U12yrs – R865
Minimum 4 people

This tour will provide you with the opportunity to cover a greater area of the Hluhluwe as well as the Imfolozi sections. You will get to see great views of the park and discover areas where many Zulu wars were fought. Visit the Centenary Centre, which includes a tour of the museum as well as the capture bomas, used for holding animals before translocation.

Summer 05h00-16h00

Winter 06h00 – 16h00 (Mar – Sept)



4. **TURTLE TOURS**

OPERATES NOVEMBER TO FEB ONLY

PRICE PER PERSON: Adults - R 995.00 Children- no children under 8 years old.
Minimum 2 people. !0 people max per departure.

This is your chance to witness one of the miracles of nature, and you are sure to feel privileged to have this once in a lifetime experience!

As dusk sets in, you set out on our adventure! It all starts with a quiet night drive through the Eastern Shores Reserve. At Cape Vidal you open game drive vehicle drives onto the beach. We're searching for turtles by the light of the moon and the twinkle of the stars. Loggerhead and leatherback turtles have been found to return to their birthplace to lay their eggs. Some of the leatherback turtles have been known to weigh around 600 kg! When the eggs hatch, the hatchlings make their way to the sea, and your guide will tell you all the interesting facts about them to further enhance this amazing experience.

You will be provided with a picnic along because we're sure all this excitement will call for some refreshment and snacks, and what a great way to spend an evening!

5. **SANTA LUCIA BOAT CRUISE**

DURATION: 2 Hours
PRICE PER PERSON: Adults - R 200 Children U12yrs – TBC

Minimum 2 people

You can't help feeling rather privileged being on board the Santa Lucia, our double-decker river boat, on the St Lucia Estuary. It's spacious, and comfortable, and you're in for 2 hours of relaxation while our guide tells us about all the interesting things which happen in this area.

As you glide through the water you may see hippo ears appearing out of the water, followed by their throaty call, or spot crocodiles lazing silently in the sun on the banks of the river.

The banks of the river are a busy place with all sorts of animals coming for a drink, and you're in the best position to see them from our boat.

There is a full bar, coffee and snacks for sale on board, and all this makes for 2 hours well spent finding out more about the area in the most comfortable way possible!

The following tours are in conjunction with **OTHER OPERATORS** and **SELF-DRIVE** excursions.

6. **ST LUCIA TURTLE TOURS**

OPERATES NOVEMBER TO FEBRUARY ONLY

DURATION: 6-7 hours. Departs daily between 15H30 and 17H30 (depending on low tide)
PRICE PER PERSON : Adults - R 975.00 collected from Thornwood/ Hluhluwe
R 675.00 self drive to St. Lucia office
No children under 8. **Price TBC.**

Go in search of leatherback and loggerhead turtles returning to their birthplace to lay eggs of their own for the ongoing survival of the species and later in the season see the hatchings making their dash for the ocean. Snacks and refreshments served on the tour. The tour includes a night drive through the Eastern Shores Game Reserve, a drive on the beach, as well as the possibility of a walk on the beach.

7. **ADVANTAGE CRUISES**

a) **HIPPO & CROC TOUR**

DURATION: 2 hours All Year

PRICE PER PERSON : Adults - R 220.00 Children (u10)- R95.00 Under 2's are free.

2 Hours to explore the St Lucia Estuary with skipper Riëtte, Dave or Berno for hippos, crocs, fish-eagle, heron, mangroves, kingfishers, mud-skippers etc. A fulfilling educational relaxing trip.

Bar & toilet facilities on board

🕒 Winter	9am	11am	1pm	3pm	
🕒 Summer	8am	10am	12pm	2pm	4pm

b) **DEEP-SEA FISHING - ADVANTAGE CHARTER**

DURATION: Full day. Depart: ±06h00

PRICE PER PERSON : Adults - R 1250.00pp (children are same rate)

A full day of game, bill and bottom fishing with experienced skipper Danie - all bait and tackle supplied - just bring own food & drinks

c) **WHALE WATCHING(seasonal) mid-May - mid Dec**

DURATION: 2 hours.

PRICE PER PERSON : Adults - R 1020pp (children are same rate)

2 hours aboard the Advantage Charter with renowned skipper Danie Bennett to see whales from as close as 50m! (40% refund if you do NOT see a whale after 2 hours on the ocean)

When it is out of whale season, enjoy a 2hr dolphin cruise for R560pp.

8. **ST LUCIA ESTUARY & CAPE VIDAL:**

DURATION: Full day or Half day – Departs Daily

PRICE PER PERSON : Full day 8.00am – 3.30pm Adults - R 495 Children U12yrs – TBC
Half day 8.00am – 1.00pm Adults – R325 Children U12yrs - TBC

Depart from Lodge & transfer to St Lucia. Eastern Shores Game Reserve, between Lake St Lucia and the Indian Ocean, with a chance of seeing elephant, rhino, buffalo, zebra and other species of general game. Visit Mission Rocks, a view site overlooking the lake and the ocean, before arriving at Cape Vidal, with its beautiful beaches. Snorkel or relax on the beach for a couple of hours. The order of events may vary in order to try to be at Cape Vidal as close to low tide as possible for snorkeling. Picnic lunch included.

9. **SNORKELING / SCUBA DIVING (Sodwana)**

a) **CORAL DIVERS**

DURATION: TBC - Scuba Diving launch details on request.

Snorkeling: launch 07h00 and 11h00 only

NB: You are required to be there 45mins prior to launch for the direction & safety instructions.

PRICE PER PERSON: See below for breakdown.

Coral Divers is a PADI 5 star Gold Palm IDC Center situated in Sodwana Bay. Lying within the boundaries of The Greater St Lucia Wetland Park, Sodwana Bay provides the traveling diver with a vast array of un-spoilt coral reefs, populated with a huge diversity of Indo-Pacific fish & invertebrates.

Scuba diving	Price on request. Prices range from R 260- R 280
Entry to Sodwana Bay Park	R45.00 per adult R40 per child (incl. R5 levy)
Vehicle charges:	R55 per vehicle (1-5 persons)
Boat ride to outer reefs	R80.00 pp
Snorkel, mask & flippers	R55.00 pp /item (if you don't bring your own)

b) **DA BLUE JUICE**

DURATION: TBC - Diving details on request.

PRICE PER PERSON: Prices vary depending on the tour. For more information contact us.

Da Blue Juice is a dive company that has been operating in Sodwana Bay for 16 years. This awesome trip is designed for non-divers who would like to enjoy pristine coral reefs and spectacular marine life. You are taken up the Sodwana coastline and then snorkel off the boat. Safety and fun are the focus making this a delightful experience for old and young alike. In addition, they also offer an Extended Open Ocean Experience where they go further up the coast to the stunning 9 Mile Reef. They make sure that all your diving needs and wants are taken care of, even including transportation and washing of gear and equipment after every dive.

10. **FISHING- by arrangement**

a) **JOSINI TIGER FISHING**

DURATION: Full day

PRICE PER PERSON R450 pp min 4 people (Price to be confirmed)

Includes boat and gear and light refreshment

b) **FLY FISHING / ROCK & SURF**

DURATION: Full day

PRICE PER PERSON: R300 pp min 4 people (Price to be confirmed)

Includes gear and guide

11. **ST. LUCIA KAYAK SAFARIS**

DURATION: ±3 hours **NB: all tours are weather dependant.**

PRICE PER PERSON: Please see below for pricing. No children under 12yrs.

Experience the unspoilt waterways of the Greater St Lucia Wetland Park with St. Lucia Kayak Safaris. All trips are interpretive tours describing the wildlife and surroundings on and off the water. Launch at the public slipway in St Lucia and paddle around Honeymoon Bend islands and the estuary mouth area.

During normal water levels the canal system becomes accessible as well. They stop roughly half way to have a cold drink and a snack at a suitable spot on the shoreline.

Tour lasts around 3 hours depending on the fitness of the paddlers. No experience required, but participants must have a reasonable level of fitness

Please take: Hat, sunglasses, towel, change of clothes, sun cream or a raincoat or a suitable jacket for cold and wet conditions.

Half Day Cape Vidal Snorkel - Price Per Person: R495.00

Full Day Cape Vidal Safari - Price Per Person: R795.00

Honeymoon Bend Kayak & Safari - Price Per Person: R310.00

Catalina Bay - Price Per Person: R445.00

12. **AMORELLO MOUNTAIN BIKING**

A variety of mountain bike bush trails. By appointment only.

13. ZULU CROC & WILDLIFE

DURATION: Open Mondays to Saturdays 08h00 - 17h00
 PRICE PER PERSON: Adults- R 180 Children- R 100 (under 12)

Show Times: 10h00, 12h00 and 14h00

(Please book - for feeding the crocs they need to get the meat out of the freezer).

Enjoy a thrilling, interactive experience and demonstration just down the road from Kuleni Game Park. Zulu Croc offers an hour and a half, hands-on crocodile and snake experience, The Restaurant offers succulent meals, bar, curio shop and clean restroom facilities

IF you would prefer a walk through instead of a show:

PRICE PER PERSON: Adults- R 90.00 Children- R 50.00 (under 12)

14. DUMAZULU KRAAL

DURATION: 1.5 hours. Open Everyday between 08h00 to 17h00.

PRICE PER PERSON: See below for pricing.

Dumazulu Traditional Village. The cultural experience culminates in a variety of spectacular Zulu dances. Guests can watch and learn about Zulu Traditions including basket - weaving, spear and shield making, bead work, pot - making, Sangoma bone - throwing and spectacular Zulu dancing when they visit Dumazulu Traditional Village which is home to over 50 Zulu residents forming part of a living museum.

On site is a dining area and bar, a world - renowned Curio shop and the snake and crocodile park.

Cultural Shows:

Times: 08h15 - 11h00 - 15h15

Adults: R 190.00 pp Children: R 120.00 pp under 12

Bird and Reptile Park: Open all day - demo at 14h00

Walk through: Adults: R 120.00 pp Children: R 70.00 pp under 12

Incl. Cultural show and Lunch: Adult: R395 pp Children: R205 pp

Sangoma:

Adults: R 120.00 pp (no children)

Traditional Lunch: *Booking essential*

Adults: R175

Children: R90 under 12 – subject to confirmation



15. **ILALA WEAVERS**

DURATION: Opening time 7 days a week 9am till 4pm.

The largest collection of Zulu baskets in the world. Locally woven lamps and shades, witness crafts being manufactured and view or purchase interesting and unique artefact's collected across Africa.

Savannah Restaurant:

Delicious a-la-carte lunch and dinner menu. Reservations essential for large groups.

Thembaletu Craft Village:

This live in village provides visitors with the opportunity to experience first hand bead work, basket weaving, wood carving and other crafts and artefact's used in the daily lives of the Zulu people.

Zulu Cultural Museum:

Unique and antique Zulu artefact's dating back to early in the last century. The displays include artefact's and dress, eating and drinking, hunting and fighting, music and dance. These and other accessories to the Zulu will be available for purchase in the museum shop.

Ilala Gallery

The Ilala Gallery and curio shop features the largest collection of traditional Zulu baskets under one roof. Comprising a number of rooms with interesting nooks and crannies, visitors can enjoy an adventure shopping experience. Whether you are hunting for souvenirs and gifts, home decor or clothing, you will be sure to find some treasures from Africa.

Directions: From Kuleni Game Park, turn right onto the tar road (R22). At the T junction at the railway line turn right. The tar road will end but Ilala Weavers is just a short distance along on your left.

Contact: 035 5620630 Restaurant: 035 5620633

16. **HLUHLUWE IMFOLOZI GAME RESERVE - SELF DRIVE**

DURATION: Monday to Sunday

PRICE PER PERSON: Adults: R195 (non SA citizen) R97.50 (SA citizen ID req)
Children: Half price (under 15)

Self drive yourself through Big5 territory. Stop at the picnic sites or head to Hill Top restaurant.

Gate Opening and Closing Times:

 **Summer** (Nov - Feb) 05h00 to 19h00

 **Winter** (Mar - Oct) 06h00 to 18h00

Contact: 035 562 0255/ (035) 562 0848



17. **FALSE BAY PARK**

DURATION: Open Monday to Sunday
PRICE PER PERSON: Adults: R40 Children: R25 (under 12)

A variety of Guided walks are available.

Gate Opening and Closing Times:

🕒 **Summer** (October to March) 05h00 to 19h00

🕒 **Winter** (April to September) 06h00 to 18h00

Contact: 035 5620425

18. **SODWANA BAY PARK**

DURATION: Open 24hrs a day
PRICE PER PERSON: See price breakdown below.

Enjoy the beautiful park and coast or a day on the beach!

Pricing: Adults: R45 pp including community levy (R5)
Children: R40 (under12) pp including community levy (R5)
Vehicle Fee: R55 (1-5 people) per car

19. **EMDONENI CHEETAH & SERVAL CAT BREEDING PROJECT:**

DURATION: Open Mon-Sat. Tour times below.
PRICE PER PERSON: Adults: R220 Children: R110 (under12)

Tour Times: 10h30 – Educational tour
16h30 – Educational & feeding tour.

Ever wanted to hug a cheetah? Now you can!

The aim of the Emdoneni Cheetah and Serval Project in Hluhluwe is to care for wild animals, which have been orphaned or injured in the wild and are in need of care and rehabilitation. They also intend to breed where possible and release the offspring back into their natural habitat.

Enjoy an informative talk about the project and animals by a guide, and view the daily feeding.

Directions: From Kuleni Game Park, turn right onto the tar road (R22). Turn left at the T junction and travel back through Hluhluwe town to the N2. Turn left (south) onto the N2 and travel to the next turnoff Bushlands / Bonamanzi. You will see the signs Emdoneni Cheetah & Serval Project on this road.

20. THE SPA AT FALAZA GAME PARK

Treatment Details on products and prices on request.

Indulgence awaits guests selecting one of the treatment plans in the advanced facilities nestled amongst the indigenous foliage of the Spa at Falaza Game Park. Physical and mental relaxation and revitalization for men and women alike are combined in a tranquil environment with specialized treatments. The Falaza Spa makes use of internationally renowned Thalgo (French) and TheraNaka (South African) treatment products.

Directions:

From Kuleni Game Park, turn right onto the tar road (R22)

Travel towards Hluhluwe for about 8+ kms to the sign False Bay Resorts

Turn left and follow the road to the T junction (3.8km). Turn right onto the dirt road and Falaza will be 1.4km down on your right.

Contact: 035-5622319

21. ON SITE SPA TREATMENT

DURATION: Various

PRICE PER PERSON: See last page of this booklet. (NB: Discount for South African citizens)

Experience a relaxing Spa Treatment in the comfort of your room at Thornwood!

In conjunction with Diamonds & Pearl Skincare Professionals, indulge in a relaxing & rejuvenating treatments in the privacy of your own suite by qualified Therapists.

See the next page for packages and pricing.

Contact: 082 888 2540 to arrange your treatment.

22. BIRD WATCHING

DURATION: In Kuleni: 2 hours ; Falsebay: 3 hour walk

PRICE PER PERSON: Adults: R240 (Kuleni) R315 (Falsebay, ex entrance fee of R37pp)

With almost 600 species, 29 Red Data species and a number of other special birds, the bird watcher will hardly have chance to put his/her binoculars down. Birding in the Hluhluwe area can be excellent throughout the year, and those with patience will be well rewarded.

Includes a bottle of water per person.

Time: Early morning is best but the time is tailored to your request.

Meeting Place: Thornwood car park or False Bay Park Entrance

23. EVENING SPIDER WALK

DURATION: 1.5 hours
PRICE PER PERSON: Adults: R240 Children: R120 (<12yrs)

This activity is offered in the evenings at Kuleni to learn about the fascinating world of spiders, scorpions and nocturnal animals. Armed with head torches and magnifying glasses be taken on an evening walk with an enthusiastic guide! We mainly focus on spiders and scorpions. The walk is not meant to be scientific, but rather fun and educational. Learn about the habits, webs & much more! This is a truly different bush experience!

Incl: Magnifying glasses and headlights.
Time: TBC on arrival. Normally 17h35 to 20h15.
Meeting Place: Thornwood car park

24. STAR GAZING

DURATION: 1.5 hours
PRICE PER PERSON: Adults: R240 Children: R120 (<12yrs)

Spend some time learning about the night skies, from the comfort of a chair or a comfy blanket. We cover the well-known Constellations, Stars and Planets that are visible at the time. We discuss other interesting celestial objects like the Jewel box, Magellanic Clouds, shooting stars, the Ecliptic etc. This is a special experience under the African night skies.

Incl: A warm drink and headlights.
Time: TBC. Normally 17h35 to 20h15.
Meeting Place: Thornwood car park

25. PRACTICAL PLANTS and THEIR USES

DURATION: 1.5 hours - 2 hours
PRICE PER PERSON: Adults: R240 Children: R120 (<12yrs)

Learn about the medicinal, nutritional and practical uses of some of the local trees and shrubs. Learn to recognise these important plants. We will be taking a walk through sub-tropical Sand Forest in Kuleni Game Park. Sand forest supports some of Southern Africa's most diverse plant communities. Use the senses – Touch, Taste and Feel.

Incl: Bottle of water, notebook and pencil.
Time: TBC. During morning or late afternoon.
Meeting Place: Thornwood car park
Children must be supervised. Child minimum age: 5.

26. **FALSE BAY FOSSIL WALK**

DURATION: 2 hours
PRICE PER PERSON: Adults: R240 Children: R120 (<12yrs) (excl. park entrance)

Discover the ancient fossil history of the Isimangaliso Wetland Park. Take an easy walk along the scenic shores of False Bay. We will explore the fossilized coral reef and rich marine fossil deposits that abound on the shores of Africa's largest estuary

Incl: A bottle of water

Time: Morning

Meeting Place: False Bay Park entrance.

27. **TRACKS and SIGNS**

DURATION: 1.5 hours - 2 hours
PRICE PER PERSON: Adults: R240 Children: R120 (<12yrs) (excl. park entry)

Either in Kuleni or at False Bay Park.

This is a basic introduction to tracks and signs. Head out early to ensure we find fresh, undamaged tracks and signs. We will start with the basics: Spoor/Track identification, Types of signs, Simple Track and sign interpretation (direction of movement etc.), and the basic principles.

Incl: Bottle of water, notebook and pencil.

Time: TBC. During morning or late afternoon.

Meeting Place: Thornwood car park or False Bay Park Entrance.

Children must be supervised. Child minimum age: 5.

28. **FROGGING**

DURATION: In Kuleni: 2 hours ; Falsebay: 3 hour walk
PRICE PER PERSON: Adults: R240 Children: R120 (<12yrs)

Head out in the evening, armed with torches and encounter the diverse world of frogs and toads. Frogging is a fun activity where you will learn to spot and identify the various species and at the same time learn a lot more about their incredible adaptations and lifestyles. Be prepared to get a bit muddy!

Incl: Headlights.

Time and Meeting Place: TBC .

Children must be supervised. Child minimum age: 5.

29. **BUTTERFLYING**

DURATION: 1.5 hours
PRICE PER PERSON: Adults: R240 Children: R120 (<12yrs) (excl. park entry)

Gain an insight into the fascinating world of butterflies! We head out on foot to find and observe some of the diverse butterfly species in the area. This is a fun activity where we can observe butterflies in their natural environment and learn more about their amazing survival strategies and lifestyles.

Incl: A bottle of water.

Time: Late mornings and sunny days. TBC.

Meeting Place: False Bay Park entrance.

Children must be supervised. Child minimum age: 5.

30. **DRAGONFLY WALK**

DURATION: 1.5 hours
PRICE PER PERSON: Adults: R240 Children: R120 (<12yrs)

Explore the colourful and busy lives of dragonflies; the insect world's apex predators. Discover their fascinating life cycles, hunting methods, identification and their amazing powers of flight. We explore their habitat during the late morning when dragonflies are at their most active. This is not a strenuous activity and offers good photo opportunities.

Incl: A bottle of water.

Time: Late mornings and sunny days. TBC.

Meeting Place: False Bay Park entrance.

Children must be supervised. Child minimum age: 5.

31. **PINEAPPLE TOUR**

DURATION: 1 hour - 1.5 hours
PRICE PER PERSON: Adults: R230 Children: R115 (<12yrs) min2 pax

Hluhluwe is home to pineapples. Take a tour with one of the most established farms in the area and learn everything there is to know about this amazing fruit. Learn about the 4 P's: Preparation, Planting, Picking and Packaging! There will be Pineapple products for sale during the tour.

Incl: Pineapple juice, fresh pineapple, R50 to go towards the farm.

Time: Please inquire about availability, Mon, Wed & Fri good for tours. NO tours on Weekends.

Meeting Place: Badenhorst Farm, 5min drive from Kuleni



ON SITE SPA TREATMENT PACKAGES & PRICES

AROMATHERAPY MASSAGE

Rhino full body aromatherapy massage (90mins)	R750
Buffalo back, neck & shoulders aromatherapy massage (60mins)	R450
Shea back, neck and shoulders aromatherapy massage (30mins)	R350

SWEDISH MASSAGE

Buffalo full body SWEDISH massage (60mins)	R450
Elephant back, neck & shoulders SWEDISH massage (60mins)	R400
Impala back, neck & shoulders Swedish massage (30mins)	R300

HOT STONE THERAPY

Giraffe hot stone full body massage (60mins)	R600
Giraffe hot stone back neck & shoulders (60mins)	R500
Giraffe hot stone back, neck and shoulders (30mins)	R350

DEEP TISSUE MASSAGE

Full body deep tissue massage (60mins)	R600
Back, neck & shoulders deep tissue massage (60mins)	R500
Back neck & shoulder deep tissue massage (30mins)	R350

Indian Head massage (60mins)	R450
Indian Head massage (45mins)	R350

REFLEXOLOGY

Bamboo reflexology (60mins)	R450
Cheetah foot & leg massage (60mins)	R400
Cheetah foot & leg massage (30mins)	R250

ANTI-AGING FACIAL TREATMENTS

Using high frequency machine to plump lift and renew/lift the skin (60mins)	R500
Rejuvenating facial treatments for dry skin and deep cleansing (60mins)	R550