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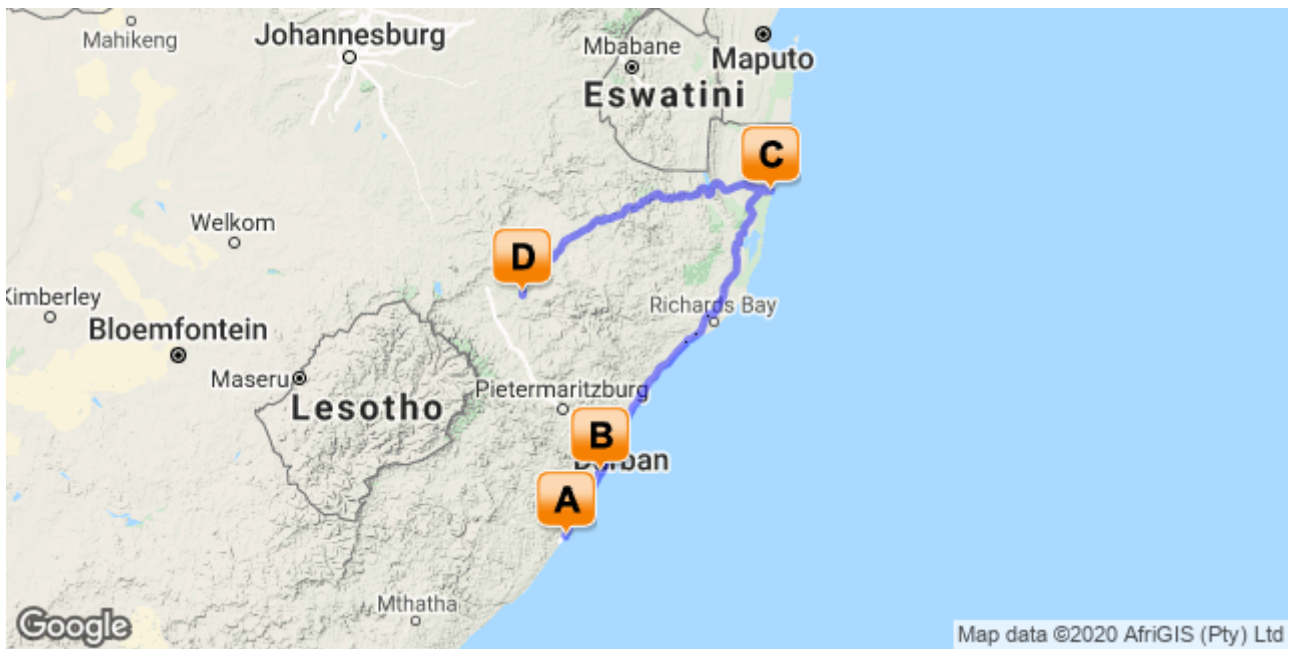


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KwaZulu Natal South Coast - Sodwana Bay - Nambiti Game Reserve

15 Days / 14 Nights

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Introduction

Start	Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Duration
Day 1	Diver House Margate	KwaZulu Natal South Coast	SC	3 Nights
Day 4	Blue Ocean Dive Resort	KwaZulu Natal South Coast	B&B	4 Nights
Day 8	Reefteach Lodge	Sodwana Bay	B&B	4 Nights
Day 12	The Springbok Lodge Nambiti	Nambiti Game Reserve		3 Nights

Key

SC: Self Catering

B&B: Bed and Breakfast

Price

2020

From 32,900 ZAR, approximately US\$1,935 per person

Included

- 3 nights accommodation in Protea Banks on including breakfast
- 4 nights accommodation in Aliwal Shoal including breakfast
- 4 nights accommodation in Sodwana Bay including breakfast
- 15 reef dives, 4 baited cageless shark dives
- 3 nights' full board accommodation in a safari lodge
- 2 daily safari drives
- car hire with full insurance

Excluded

- Flights
- Meals not included
- Fuel
- Drinks
- Rental equipment when diving
- Land tours for non-divers
- Visas
- Travel and dive insurance
- Tips
- Park and conservation fees (approx 150 ZAR)

Day 1: Diver House Margate, KwaZulu Natal South Coast

KwaZulu Natal South Coast

Stretching from Amanzimtoti to Port Edward, South Africa's KwaZulu Natal South Coast is all about stunning beaches, excellent fishing and fantastic golf locations. Well-developed resort towns dot this lush coastline and cater to every need from diving to dining, with top-notch golf courses often forming the basis of holidays to the area. Animal lovers flock to the Amanzimtoti Bird Sanctuary, home to 150 bird species including Giant Kingfisher and Hamerkop. Adventure sport enthusiasts can take a brave leap at the Oribi Gorge's Wild Gorge Swing, the highest swing in the world, equivalent to a 55 storey building. The KwaZulu Natal South Coast offers visitors an endless summer with a variety of activities including excellent swimming, snorkelling, hiking, birdwatching, dolphin spotting and viewing the annual sardine run.

Activities

At arrival in Durban pick-up your hire car and make your way to Margate.

Shelly Beach

Shelly Beach is a developing residential town offering warm hospitality. This inviting town is known for its rock and surf fishing and has a boat base where numerous deep sea angling competitions occur yearly. It's also a hot spot for shark diving - with seasonal scalloped hammerhead and raggedtooth shark aggregations, seasonal tiger sharks, bull sharks year round, whales in the winter.

Oribi Gorge and Lake Eland Nature Reserve a short drive away. Diving is in the morning only, so in the afternoon there are thrills to be had on gorge swing, zip line, and in the rainy season white water rafting. There is also horse-riding in the reserve and walking trails for those who want less of rush.



Overnight: Diver House Margate

A six-bedroom private villa in Margate with sea views. The villa is fully equipped with a modern kitchen and infinity pool, 10 minutes' drive from the dive kit up and launch site. For groups, if this accommodation is full, we use other similar accommodation in an apartment complex Margate, next to the beach so that everyone can be together.



Basis

Self Catering

Day 2: Diver House Margate, KwaZulu Natal South Coast

Activities

2 baited shark dives on Protea Banks

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Self Catering

Day 3: Diver House Margate, KwaZulu Natal South Coast

Activities

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Self Catering

Day 4: Blue Ocean Dive Resort, KwaZulu Natal South Coast

KwaZulu Natal South Coast

As previously described

Activities

1 baited dive and 1 reef dive

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Overnight: Blue Ocean Dive Resort

Blue Ocean Dive Resort is the premier destination for hotel accommodation, all your scuba diving needs and entertainment in Umkomaas, Aliwal Shoal.

**Basis**

Bed and Breakfast

Day 5: Blue Ocean Dive Resort, KwaZulu Natal South Coast**Activities**

2 reef dives on Aliwal Shoal

Aliwal Shoal

Natural processes, such as the fossilization of sand dunes, created Aliwal Shoal thousands of years ago. Lying between three and five kilometres off the Umkomaas shoreline, Aliwal Shoal, with its warm water and diversity of tropical fish, is rated as one of the top ten dive sites in the world and is the best dive site in South Africa after Sodwana. The site is renowned for its sharks, especially the ragged tooth sharks that like to lurk in the caves along the shoal but fortunately they tend to populate here during their gestation period, during which time they are not aggressive.

**Basis**

Bed and Breakfast

Day 6: Blue Ocean Dive Resort, KwaZulu Natal South Coast

Activities

1 baited shark dive, 1 reef dive on Aliwal Shoal

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Day 7: Blue Ocean Dive Resort, KwaZulu Natal South Coast**Activities**

1 baited shark dive, 1 reef dive

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Bed and Breakfast

Day 8: Reefteach Lodge, Sodwana Bay**Sodwana Bay**

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Activities

2 reef dives

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**Overnight: Reefteach Lodge**

BasisBed and Breakfast

Day 9: Reefteach Lodge, Sodwana Bay

Activities2 reef dives

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Day 10: Reefteach Lodge, Sodwana Bay

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Bed and Breakfast

Day 11: Reefteach Lodge, Sodwana Bay

Activities

2 reef dives

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Basis

Bed and Breakfast

Day 12: The Springbok Lodge Nambiti, Nambiti Game Reserve

Nambiti Game Reserve

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Day Itinerary

After your last breakfast by the sea, you will drive inland to Nambiti Game Reserve for a different wildlife adventure. Afternoon shared game drive (time permitting).

Activities

Drive to Nambiti game reserve and afternoon safari drive.

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Overnight: The Springbok Lodge Nambiti

Springbok Lodge is situated in the Nambiti Private Game Reserve, a conservancy offering 20 000 acres of pristine, malaria-free bushveld. The reserve is home to the Big Five, as well as cheetah, hippo and over 30 species of plains game. Nature lovers will enjoy the area's biodiversity, with Thornveld and majestic Acacia trees complementing extensive grasslands which mirror the plains of Central Africa.

The abundant natural water system, with perennial rivers and the beautiful waterfall and cascades on the Sundays River, makes for a unique sanctuary, attracting several rare bird species and an enviable array of raptors and vultures.

Feast your senses on the magnificent sights, sounds and smells of this untouched African bush. With every dawn, renew your bond with nature as you embark on a safari with your experienced and knowledgeable field guide.

The lodge's 21 elevated Luxury Tents sleep a maximum of 50 guests 42 adults (and 8 children sharing with their parents), offering 5-star opulence in the African bush. The tents are air conditioned in the warm summer months and heated in the chilly winter ones, with electric blankets keeping guests extra snug.

Each of the elevated luxury en suite tents have their own viewing deck with chairs for your comfort, a kingsize bed (also available as twin beds), a hospitality tray, complimentary sherry, safety deposit box and a hairdryer.



Basis

Full Board Plus - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Activities

Day 13-14: The Springbok Lodge Nambiti, Nambiti Game Reserve

Activities

Morning and afternoon shared safari drives.

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Day 15: End of Itinerary

Day Itinerary

If you have time go on a last safari drive before you drive back to Durban for your flight home.

Activities

Morning game drive and drive back to Durban.

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