

CLASSIC KWAZULU-NATAL

13 DAYS

ENJOY A MEANDER THROUGH THE
KWAZULU-NATAL MIDLANDS, DRAKENSBERG
AND BATTLEFIELDS, ENDING WITH
A SAFARI



SOUTH AFRICAN TOURISM



OVERVIEW

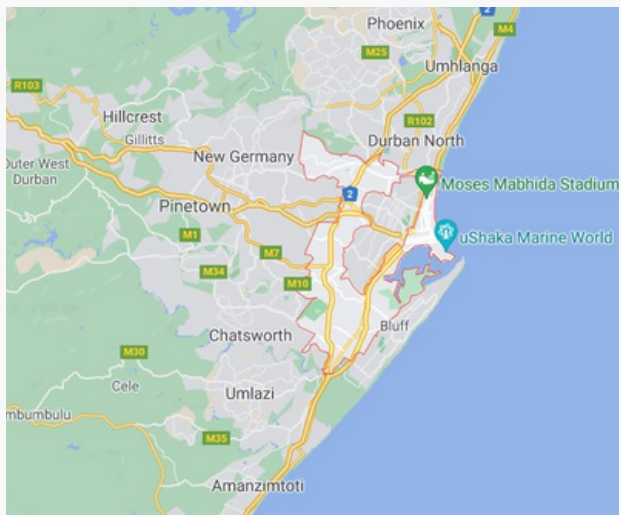
KwaZulu-Natal is the ideal location for a two week self-drive holiday in South Africa. This particular province offers a range of experiences – from hiking through the spectacular Drakensberg Mountains to learning about the Anglo-Boer and Anglo-Zulu battles.

There are also a range of national parks and private game reserves in KwaZulu-Natal for those clients wishing to add on a safari element to their trip.

The province enjoys an idyllic location on South Africa's east coast and has a tropical climate.



DAY 1



Drive time:
30 mins from King Shaka International to
Umhlanga

After arriving in Durban, collect your car and drive to your hotel. Many of Durban's top hotels are located in Umhlanga, which is famous for its white, sandy beaches.

When you arrive, settle into your accommodation and enjoy a Durban curry at one of the local curry hotspots. House of Curries is famous for its Bunny Chow (a local delicacy which consists of a hollowed loaf of bread filled with curry).



DAY 2



Check out after breakfast and drive for 90 minutes to an area known as The Midlands which is not only famous for its undeniable beauty, but also as the Nelson Mandela Capture Site which is the spot where Nelson Mandela was captured in 1962, before commencing what would be 27 years imprisonment.

Today, the site has an internationally recognised sculpture as tribute to Nelson Mandela and a visitors center which are both definitely worth a visit to. Check in to your hotel before taking your car and exploring the quirky coffee shops and galleries found within this area.



DAY 3 - 5



Depart after breakfast and drive to the Drakensberg – there are various accommodation options in this area and the length of drive will depend on which part of the Drakensberg you book your clients to stay in (normally approximately 3 hours).

Your clients can then check in and have lunch at their hotel. Book at least one activity per day for your clients' time in the Drakensberg – the mountains are a paradise for active holidaymakers who are spoilt with a mix of hiking trails, zip-lining, horse-back safaris, canoeing, white water rafting and abseiling, whilst the more relaxed adventurer can enjoy fishing, golf, birding or an easier walk through the mountains.



DAY 6 - 7



Leave after an early breakfast for a four drive to the Battlefields. This area is particularly well known as the site of the Anglo-Boer and Anglo-Zulu battles. Take an afternoon tour of the Isandlwala battlefield where the Zulus scored one of his most famous victories, then tour Rorke's Drift battlefield the next morning. Tours take about three hours and are guided by passionate local historians who roll back the centuries with vivid storytelling and expert knowledge.



DAY 8-10



Depart the Battlefields and head to the national park or private game reserve. We would recommend stays at Thanda or Phinda reserves as these are fully guided safari options. Arrive in time for lunch before checking in and enjoying your first afternoon game drive. The length of drive depends on safari location.

Your safari experience is led by expert rangers who have spent many years learning and studying the various wildlife, birdlife and nature in the bush. Traditionally game drives are offered twice a day and last about three hours each. The safari schedule can be tiring, but all within reason – most predators are nocturnal and hunt their prey during the night, therefore most of the activities are scheduled during these hours in order to see the wildlife when they are most active.

A Typical Day on Safari

0400-0500: Wake up call



0530-0600: Morning coffee



0600: Game drive



0900: Breakfast at the lodge



After breakfast you have free time to relax or take up any activities your lodge offers

1300: Lunch is served



1500: Afternoon tea



1530 -1830: Evening drive with sundowners



1900: Dinner

sometimes served outside, in the boma





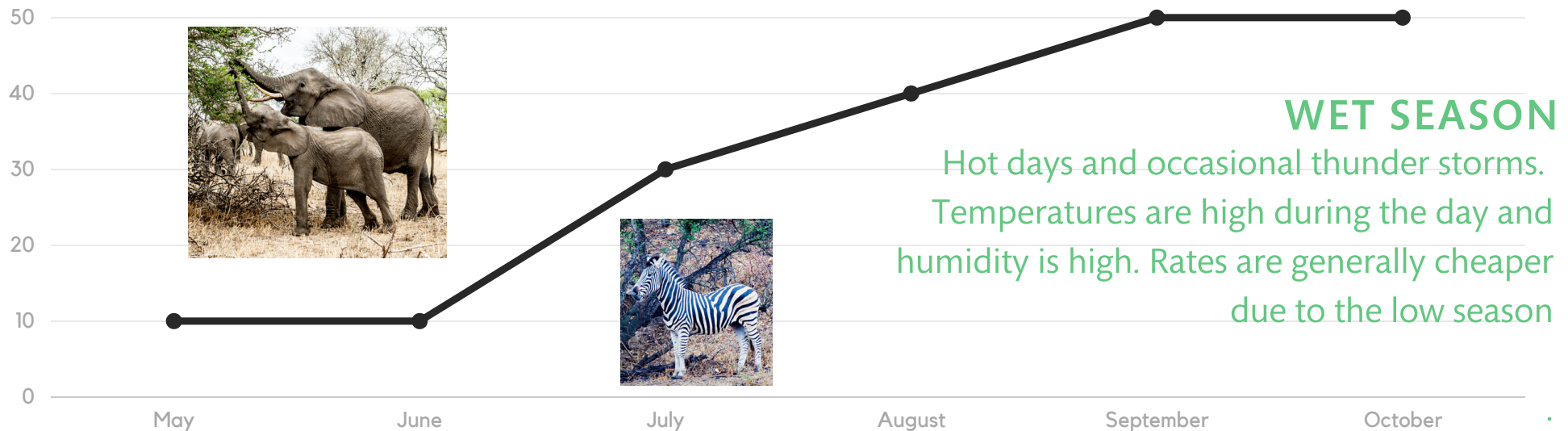
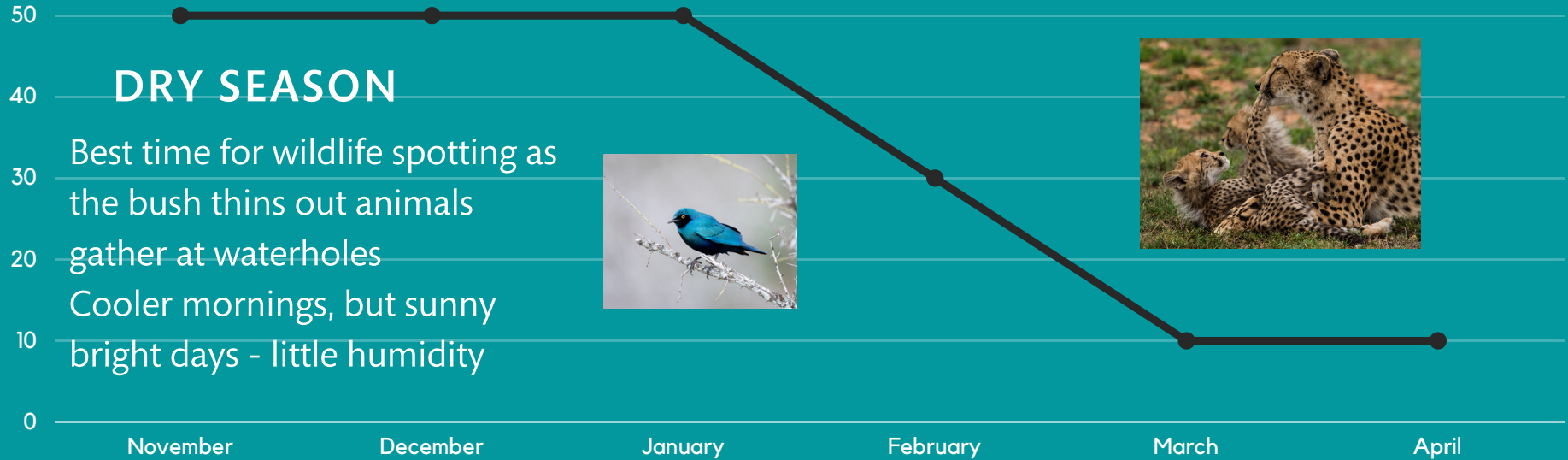
DAY 11 - 13



Enjoy one last morning game drive and then drive back to Durban for a couple of days relaxation before heading back to the UK/Ireland. Look to book stays at either the coastal towns of Ballito or Umhlanga Rocks. Leave your clients free time on these last few days, an opportunity to relax before the holiday comes to a close.

SO, WHEN SHOULD I GO?

MARCH -
OCTOBER



The Essentials

South Africa has 11 official languages and English is widely spoken

Malaria protection is advised in the Kruger region - see Fit For Travel for more information

South Africans drive on the left and signs are in English, it's recommended to drive during the day and to use GPS

Metered taxis and Ubers are easy to use to get round cities

British Citizens do not need a visa to enter South African for a period of 90 days

Tipping is appreciated for guides, rangers and trackers - this is at your discretion, but work on 200 ZAR per guest per day for rangers and 300 ZAR per stay for lodge staff

Vital info



Time Zone

GMT+2.
A big plus is
no jet lag



Currency

The Rand
(ZAR) is
currently 18 to
the GBP



Flight time

11 hours to
Jo'burg with
British Airways

