

Go Sani Pass

EXPERIENCE THE MOUNTAINS

6 - Day Tour

"The mountains are calling, and I must go."

- John Muir

Day 1

Depart from various central pick-up points and travel to Nottingham Road Hotel. Settlers from Scotland settled the area in the mid-19th century. At the end of 1885, the railway reached where the town now lies, before which the area was named after the contractor Harrison's Camp. For two years, it was known as Karkloof Station, but since Karkloof and the nearby Karkloof Forest were far away and nobody from there used the station, it was renamed Nottingham Road Station after Fort Nottingham down the road. The station started developing the area as a rural center. A small hotel and store were established where George Nicol's smithy would later be (now the location of the Mount West liquor store). In 1889, George Orwin bought the land where the Railway Hotel (today known as the Nottingham Road Hotel) would be built by C. Morgan and finished in 1891.

DBB – Nottingham Road Hotel



Day 2

After breakfast we travel via Winterton to the central Drakensberg. Our first stop is at Falcon Ridge – Bird of Prey Center in the Champagne Valley that includes raptors rehabilitated from injury, and provides an excellent opportunity to see these magnificent birds in action above the majestic Drakensberg Mountains. We stop at Drakensberg Chocolate Memories where they make fine chocolate bars in Champagne Valley. Their artisan chocolates are made using only the finest ingredients – pure cocoa butter & natural bourbon vanilla. No modified fats or palm oil used! We also visit Macedonia Cheese Company where they produce 15 types of different cheese and enjoy a tasting. After lunch we travel to Cathedral Peak Wine Estate for a wine tasting. The farm is in the middle of the fertile Winterton Valley. From the veranda we have a view over the vineyards and large dam. This is followed by 3,000 ha of game farm where the sable roan and other magnificent creatures walk freely as they have done here for millennia. It is a tranquil scene that encourages thoughtful conversation. We stop at KwaZulu Weavers Rug & Candle Factory before making our way back to the hotel.

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Day 3

We enjoy a late breakfast and travel to Piggly Wiggly, situated in the heart of the KZN Midlands, on the R103 Midlands Meander, and on the beautiful property of Highgate Wine Estate, affords this distinctive outdoor shopping centre with gorgeous views of the vineyards and the mighty Midlands. Offering a variety of lifestyle destination shops, more than five eating establishments, plenty of activities for young and old. We travel to Nottingham Road Brewery where we will enjoy the choice between a beer of gin tasting before travelling back to the hotel.

DBB – Nottingham Road Hotel



Day 4

After breakfast we travel via Howick and Underberg to Himeville, it is a small village/town situated in the foothills of the picturesque Southern Drakensberg, it is a landmark en-route to the world-famous Sani Pass and the uKhahlamba Drakensberg Park. We stay at the beautiful Premier Resort Sani Pass for 2 nights.

DBB – Premier Resort Sani Pass



Day 5

Today we explore new heights, traversing the slopes of the legendary Sani Pass. The pass traverses the Great Escarpment of southern Africa in its highest region, the Drakensberg Mountains, which reach an elevation of over 3,000 meters. We are met by Sani Pass Tours, the most established tour operator of the Kwa-Sani district. We travel in 4X4 vehicles for 2h30 hours, up the Sani Pass which starts at 1544m and rises 1332 vertical meters to summit at 2876m. The zig-zagging gravel mountain pass with steep slopes, was constructed around 1950, and it never fails to thrill. The road is a steep gravel road and by South African law only 4x4 vehicles are allowed on the road. As you curve through hairpin bends up to the summit you will have extraordinary views down into the valleys with crystal clear waters, wild flowers and unique bird life like the rare bearded vulture. Once at the Top of the Sani Pass we enter a country rich in culture and charm – the Eastern Highlands of Lesotho are remote, rural and locals face harsh living conditions. We visit a local Basotho Village or the Sani Top Church and interact with the local Basotho folk (and Shepards) who are independent and friendly. There will be ample opportunity to take photographs of the iconic Lesotho conical straw hat and maybe get a beautiful and decorative woven bowl made by the women there. Your experienced mountain guide will fascinate you with stories of Lesotho and its incredible people - the hardy mountainous Basotho folk. The Basotho Pony can be seen and is an



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integral part of life for the local population and can be traced back from that of the Cape horse, which formed the foundation stock. The first horses appeared in Lesotho around 1825, captured from the Zulu and later from the Boers. We enjoy lunch at a local Basotho venue available on the day of your tour –and get to catch our breath and take in the magic of the mountains!

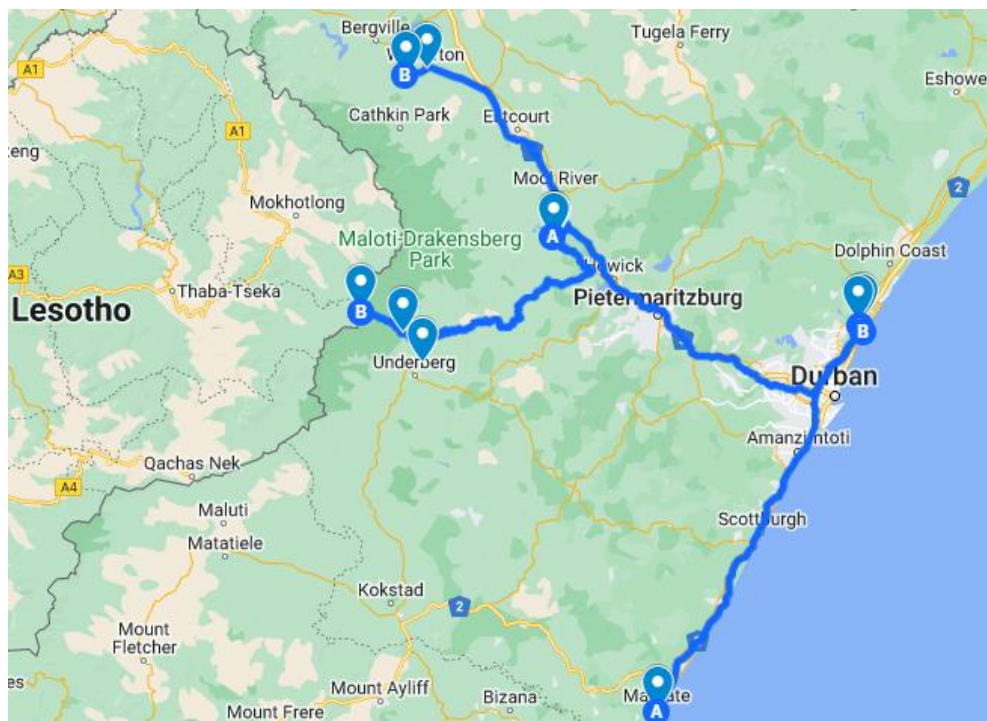
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Day 6

Our last breakfast together before we travel back home to the various drop-off points in Kwazulu-Natal as well as King Shaka Airport for our fellow travelers flying back home.

Our tour mapped out:



Important Information:

- 15 – 20 November 2026

Average weather in the Midlands during our tour - On average, it is maximum 26° in November in Midlands and a minimum of around 15° degrees.

Tour Price: R18 400 per person sharing





Single Supplement: R2 700 additional to the tour price.

Please note that a single supplement is payable if you are making a booking without a friend or partner to share with on the tour. All accommodation is booked per room and not per person.

Deposit: R2 500 per person
Plus, the single supplement, which is refundable should you find a sharing partner.

Final Payment: R15 900 per person
Payable on or before 18 September 2026



Tour price includes:

Luxury transport, registered tour guide, accommodation, dinner, breakfast, gratuities, excursions and 4x4 trip up Sani Pass.



Excludes:

Travel insurance, lunch, beverages & items of a personal nature.
We stop at various places for you to enjoy lunch or buy something light to snack on.



Booking is only confirmed once the deposit amount has been paid.

Tour program, date & price subject to change.

Various central pick-up points available.

Excursions are weather dependent.

Valid Passport required – it must be valid for 6 months after the return date from tour and have at least 3 open pages.

Please note that visa requirements for all passport holders can change without prior notice and should be checked by yourself on the various embassy websites on a regular basis for updates.

Size of vehicle is determined by size of confirmed group.

Terms & conditions applicable.

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