



Zululand Beach Walks is a walking experience along the Zululand Coastline, led by a group of enthusiastic, passionate and experienced guides. Our walking trails and guided tours started in January 2018, following a global increased interest in Health, Fitness, Ocean Awareness and the prohibition of vehicles on the beach – making certain areas inaccessible to the public except on foot. We embrace the idea to **“Give stories, not Stuff”**.

You will be accompanied by experienced guides for the duration of the walk. Our behind-the-scenes support staff are kept busy transporting luggage to the next overnight stop, arranging permits, food and drinks and basically ensuring that everything runs smoothly for the duration of your walk.

We promise to unlock many of the well-kept secrets along the Zululand Coastline, and will do everything to ensure that your walk is a truly rewarding experience.

Your 4-night package includes the following:

- We start your trip off with a 3 Lake boat cruise on the Kosi Bay Lakes. Included in this are Gin & Tonics and light snacks.
- 1 Night accommodation at Utshwayelo Lodge – tented rooms, en-suite with a kitchenette and two people sharing.
- 3 Night’s accommodation at Gugulesizwe Camp (Vegetarian diet) – comfortable tented, airy rooms with en-suite, two people sharing.
- A stunning pool area and cosy lounge makes for the perfect reading or sun bathing spot.
- 3 Meals a day. Breakfast is a light affair, because we need to get moving!
- Substantial walking snacks e.g. fruit, nuts, boiled eggs, etc.
- Water and Juice. All the water is from bore holes and is drinkable. Water will also be supplied by ZBW. **Please be sure to bring a refillable water bottle for your trip.**
- Ice
- Permits
- Drivers
- Guides
- 1 x Logistics vehicle and fuel
- **All Alcohol is included at Gugs. Please bring your own along to Utshwayelo Lodge.**

## Itinerary

### Day 1 – Arrive at Utshwayelo Lodge parking lot @12:00pm

Our friendly staff will assist you with taking your luggage & belongings to your tents. Each room is supplied with coffee, tea, fruit, rusks, as well as your walking snack and water for the following day.

At 1:00pm we will head to the launch site for the 3 lake boat cruise. Please be sure to bring along your swimming and snorkelling gear. The cruise will take an estimated 3 hours. Light snacks and a cooler will be packed for the trip.

After the cruise we will head back to the lodge to settle in and get ready for dinner at 7:00pm. Dinner is catered by Utshwayelo Lodge.

From past experience I have found that people are super excited for what lies ahead and so need time to chat, think, take in their surrounds and pack for the first day's walking! I will be there to advise or answer any questions that may arise.

A short introduction and briefing will be held at dinner time.

You are welcome to bring along your own drinks.



### Day 2 - 13km Walk from Kosi Mouth to Bhanga Nek - Overnight at Gugulesizwe

It will be an early start as the gate opens at 06:00 am and we need to get moving! Due to the early start there will not be a catered breakfast. Rather, rusks and fruit will be in your rooms. All luggage should be left outside your tents for loading. Adventure seekers will be taken down to the mouth in one-two vehicles. This is a 15-minute drive with the most beautiful views of Kosi mouth.

Our guides, Jabulani and December, will guide you over the mouth and head towards Bhanga Nek.

Depending on the weather, lunch will be served on the beach or just off the beach.

After lunch, you will be collected and driven to Gugs. This is about a 1.5hrs drive.



When arriving at Gugs you will be greeted with a welcome drink and a brief orientation about the lodge will be given by the manageress. You will be issued your room numbers and the staff will be there ready to assist you with your luggage.

Tired and happy walkers are either able to rest for the afternoon, enjoy a spa treatment or curl up on the couch and enjoy the African bush.

Pre-dinner drinks at 5:30/6:00pm in the communal area along with a short briefing of the following day's events.

19:00pm dinner will be served.



### **Day 3 - 12km walk Lala Nek to Black Rock - Overnight at Gugulesizwe Camp**

Today, a light breakfast of granola & fruit before quick 15min drive will take you to Lala Nek. The gate opens at 6:00am.

Jabulani and December will guide you north along the beach. You will pass beautiful bays, including Rock tail Bay, a stunning spot for a snack and a leisurely swim. When you are ready you will be guided onto Black Rock. This allows for stunning views and some great photo opportunities of the coast line. It truly is a sight to see.

The drivers and I will meet you on the beach at Black Rock. Weather permitting, lunch will be served under a gazebo on the beach. Along with some refreshments.

This beach is certainly one of the most beautiful beaches along this coast line. We therefore maximise our time here.

When you are ready a short 45min drive back to Gugs for another afternoon of relaxation.

#### **DAY 4 – 13km walk from Lala Nek to Mabibi – Overnight at Gugulesizwe**

Today is the final day, early rise and a short 15-minute drive to the beach. Today you head off, south with your guides to Mabibi Beach, 13kms. The drivers and I will meet you there and transport you back to Gugulesizwe Camp for lunch and an afternoon at your leisure. Due to the restricted access to the beach, we will not be able to have lunch on the beach. However, snacks and drinks will be ready for you in the car park. Salty and satisfied we head back to the lodge. An easy 45min drive back for lunch to the lodge will be on the cards. The rest of the day is yours to enjoy.

4:30pm we will take a quick 5min drive for sundowners. Thabiso will share a little bit about his family in the area and where he lives. Following that, we will return to the lodge for dinner at 19:00pm. Final departure details will be confirmed.

#### **Day 5 -**

Today we say goodbye!

Leave your bags outside your room and we will collect them from there!!

Wake up in your own time and meet for breakfast. We depart from the camp at 10:00am.





## Fun Facts to help you enjoy your Stay

### What Must You Bring?

- Sun screen
- A hat
- Costumes
- You are welcome to bring your own alcohol to Kosi. We will be supporting the bar at Gugs.
- Clothes (Please pack according to the time of the year).
- Comfortable walking gear and shoes. Takkies, crocs, socks or barefoot have all been tried and tested options.
- A small backpack for walking.
- Sunglasses
- Beach towel or microfiber towel (available from Cape Union Mart) these are quick dry.
- Money for the various cash bars and tips.
- Phone/Camera
- Light jacket
- Small Head torch/hand held





- Refillable Water Bottle
- Rain Poncho

**How Long Does It Take?**

Each day should take up to 4 hours of walking, depending on how often you stop to eat/rest and swim. There is no rush for you to complete your walk, the day is there for you to enjoy.

**Will My Mobile Work?**

There are limited coms on the beach. This walk is about enjoying your natural surroundings. There is Wi-Fi at Kosi, but not at Gugs.

**What Is the Accommodation Like?**

Each Camp offers its own unique feel but I can assure you that you will be well looked after and comfortable.

**A few important points to keep in mind.**

- All food is provided – please be sure to let me know in advance of any dietary requirements.
- Indemnity forms will need to be completed ahead of time for Zululand Beach Walks.
- While you are walking my drivers will be driving your vehicles behind the dunes to the next lodge/camp. All drivers have a valid driver's license and are reliable and helpful.
- All spa treatments should be booked prior to arrival.
- A 50% deposit is required to secure your booking.
- I have a Level 1 first Aid. A small First Aid box will be available.

We look forward to sharing this experience with you!

