



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 2017, 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:

- 1 Night accommodation at Utshwayelo Lodge – tented rooms, en-suite and kitchenette, two people sharing.
- 2 Night accommodation at Camp 4, Black Rock – 4 rooms with 4 beds (Very rustic/Backing style).
- 1 Night accommodation at Gugulesizwe Camp – tented rooms with en-suite, two people sharing.
- 3 Meals a day. Breakfast is a light affair, because we need to get moving!
- Substantial walking snacks e.g. fruit, nuts, boiled eggs, meat balls etc.
- Water and Juice.
- Ice
- Permits
- Driver
- 2 Guides
- Logistics vehicle and fuel



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.

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, alternatively drinks will be supplied by ZBW.

Day 2 - 13km Walk from Kosi Mouth to Bhanga Nek - Overnight at Camp 4

It will be an early start as the gate opens at 06:00 am and we need to get moving! 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 Camp 4. This is about a 45min drive.

On arrival at Camp 4 all your luggage will be waiting for you outside the communal kitchen area. We will assist you in finding your rooms and settling you in.

Drinks at 18:00pm with dinner served at 19:00pm.

Day 3 - 16km walk Bhanga Nek to Black Rock- Overnight at Camp 4, Black Rock

It's an early morning and a light breakfast of coffee, tea and rusks will be waiting for you. We start our walk back where we ended yesterday, a 45 minute drive to Bhanga Nek. From here, Jabulani and December, will accompany you to Black Rock.

For those walkers who would like to cut their walk a little shorter. There will be a pick up point at Dog Point, 11kms in. There, one of the team will meet you there and take you around to meet the rest of the party on the beach at Black Rock.

A delicious lunch and drinks will be waiting for you on the beach.

The afternoon is a day of rest and relaxation, with sundowners around the camp fire.

19:00pm Dinner is served!

All belongings must be packed the night before, ready for loading and transporting the following morning.



Day 4 - 12km walk Black Rock to Lala Nek - Overnight at Gugulesizwe Camp

Today, we will head to the gate which opens at 5:00am.

Jabulani and December will guide you over Black Rock and onto Lala Nek. This walk allows for stunning views of the coast line both towards the North and South. It truly is a sight to see.

To maximise the sunrise, we need to stick to a strict time schedule!

All luggage will be loaded and transported to Gugulesizwe.

The drivers and I will meet you on the beach at Lala Nek. Weather permitting, lunch will be served under a gazebo on the beach. We encourage snorkelling here, so bring your gear along or arrange with the lodge (we won't make you carry this 😊).

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

Salty and satisfied we head back to the lodge where clients will check in and collect their luggage.

5:30pm is pre-dinner drinks in the cash bar.



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19:00pm Dinner is served!

The lodge has a cash bar and walkers are required to settle their bill before heading off to bed for the evening.



Day 5 -

Today we say goodbye!

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
- A pillow (Linen supplied for Camp 4).
- All alcohol is supplied, however you are welcome to bring your own along.
- 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 possible curious.
- Phone/Camera
- Light jacket
- Small Head torch/hand held
- Bath towel

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.

What Is the Accommodation Like?

Bear in mind that the accommodation in this area is limited. Each Camp, however, offers its own unique feel and 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 both 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.
- A 50% non-refundable deposit is required to secure your booking.
- A small First Aid box will be available.

