Swaziland
The Kingdom of Swaziland has eluded mass tourism and its discreet and untouched attractions are delightful where its cultural and wildlife sightings are exceptional.

The Umhlanga Reed Dance is a traditional dance and ceremony where up to 40,000 maidens gather and dance for the Queen Mother. Taking place over a week, it is largely private, however its final two public days are a spectacle that is unrivalled in Africa today. Thousands of maidens dress up in brightly coloured attire and sing, dance together as they deliver the reed or Umhlanga to the Royal Residence. It is a spectacular event to see.

**Price**
From £4,100 pp based on twin shared accommodation

**Price includes:**
- All transfers to and in Africa
- Vehicle hire – 4x4 vehicle
- Vehicle zero excess and unlimited km
- Park entrance fees
- All accommodation & meals where shown

**Price excludes:**
- Extra activities
- Food & some drink where shown
- Fuel for the vehicle
- Items of a personal nature
- Visas, personal insurance
- Tips and departure tax

**At a Glance**

**Price:** From £4,100 pp based on twin share accommodation

**Group size:** 6 - 8 people

**Duration:** 13 nights in country, 2 nights of air travel

**Accommodation:** Traditional, comfortable and unique accommodation based on twin share

**Transport:** Private vehicle between reserves and open landrovers within reserves, your choice

**Weather:** Temperature range of 12-26 °C

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**Highlights**
- Spectacular Reed Dance
- Lion Safari
- Community Visit
- Traditional Dancing
- Search for Black Rhino
Suggested Itinerary

Day 0: Overnight flight to Africa.

Days 1 - 4: Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary.
Explore Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary where you can walk amongst zebra, antelope and wildebeest or hike to execution rock. There is the unique opportunity of walking along trails, seeing game at your own pace.

It is from here that you will see the Umhlanga Reed Dance, two days of incredible photographic opportunities and a time to immerse yourself into the culture. Each day you will spend time watching the girls decked in their fantastic costumes placing their reeds at the Queen Mother's kraal and dancing in unison in an enormous stadium. At times there are over 50,000 maidens dancing simultaneously and singing together, it is truly spectacular and a very un-commercialised event.

Accommodation: Mlilwane Main Camp - traditional style en-suite beehive huts
Meal Plan: Breakfast and Dinner

Days 5 - 7: Phophonyane
Phophonyane Falls Ecolodge is nestled in the dramatic mountain landscape of north-west Swaziland, amid tumbling waterfalls and lush natural forests. It is a favourite destination for discerning travellers and nature lovers.

Spend time exploring the nature reserve on foot along trails or sitting on the decking overlooking the waterfall. There is also the opportunity to

Accommodation: Phophonyane tented camp over looking Phophonyane Falls, idyllic.
Meal Plan: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 14: Return to the UK.

Days 8 -11: Hlane Royal National Park.
Swaziland's largest conservation area and the only one with lion, there is always something to see. Experience watching white rhino at Ndlovu waterhole (which is probably one of the best places in Africa to see white rhino), spending time at Mahlindza dam where wildlife pours in to drink or searching by vehicle to see whether the lion have made a kill that day.

Enjoy a day in Mbuluzi Game Reserve which has one of the best places in Swaziland to see giraffe close up and a half day at Shewula community where you can immerse yourself into local culture, your choice, your time.

Accommodation: Hlane en-suite rondavels on the edge of Ndlovu Water Hole.
Meal Plan: Breakfast and Dinner

Days 12 - 13: Mkhaya Game Reserve.
Swaziland's premier game viewing reserve - where high security is a necessity due to the black rhino breeding program. Spend time in open top land rovers looking for elephant, zebra, white rhino, buffalo and tsessebe, along with a plethora of bird life.

Mkhaya is Swaziland's luxury resort set in the middle of the African bush. Enjoy the excellent service of Mkhaya, the extraordinary game drives and fascinating game walks.

Accommodation: Mkhaya Game Reserve – stone cottages situated in African bush.
Meal Plan: Full board

Prices valid until May 1 2013.
Prices are subject to availability of accommodation and flights although similar alternatives will be sourced.

Please get in touch if you would like a more detailed description of this itinerary.

Useful information...
This is an accompanied trip
Flights depart London, Heathrow
Visas are given on arrival in Swaziland
A valid passport with 6 months after the date of return is required
Jabs and inoculations are needed for the trip so please consult your Doctor