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TGCSA 4 Star
Portfolio Retreats Collection **** Birder Friendly Establishment **** Greenwood Guide

LOCATION AND DIRECTIONS

At the foot of the legendary Ghost Mountain lies the privately owned 4 Star Ghost Mountain Inn, a perfect setting to experience the allure of Africa in stylish comfort. This intimate and beautiful hotel is in the heart of South Africa's Zulu Kingdom and is the ideal location from which to explore the array of game and coastal reserves in Zululand and the Elephant Coast.

The Ghost Mountain Inn is 500km southeast of Johannesburg and 300km north of Durban, en route to Swaziland, Mpumalanga and Mozambique.



Road and Air transfers from Durban and Richards Bay are available on request.

DIRECTIONS FROM JOHANNESBURG (5 Hrs)

N4 or N12 towards Witbank and Middleburg
N11 to Hendrina and Ermelo
N2 to Piet Retief - Pongola - Mkuze

At Mkuze, turn left off the N2. Continue straight past town to a T-junction and turn left. After 400m the hotel will be on the right hand side.

DIRECTIONS FROM DURBAN (3 Hrs)

N2 North past Empangeni - Mtubatuba - Hluhluwe - Mkuze
Be careful not to take the first brown sign which is a dirt road leading to the Mkuze Game Reserve. Take the large green sign with is about 15km further north

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GPS COORDINATES

S 27°36'49.3014" / E 32°2'7.4508"

TOP 10 THINGS TO DO

- 1 Discover amazing Wildlife in any one of the many Game Parks
- 2 View elephant swimming from the boat cruise on Lake Jozini
- 3 Visit a local Zulu homestead
- 4 Pamper yourself with a Terres d'Afrique body treatment using organic African products in the Spa
- 5 Hike to the top of Ghost Mountain learn about the Battle of Tshaneni and view the spectacular scenery
- 6 Enjoy a sundowner from the top of the Lebombo cliffs watching the sunset across the valley and mountains in the distance
- 7 Learn to stick fight with local Zulu boys
- 8 Explore Mkuze Game Reserve on foot
- 9 Go back to school. Attend a class at Mtwazi Combined School
- 10 Seek out some of the over 420 species of birds in this birding mecca

ACCOMMODATION

50 Guest rooms include

1 SUITE (122m²) - A spacious and private Suite featuring a separate living room, bedroom and changing room. The bedroom has an extra length king-size bed. Large bathroom has a stand-alone tub and an outdoor shower set in a secluded garden.

7 GARDEN ROOMS (34 m²) - Generously sized Superior rooms with a sofa and lounge area. Remodelled bathrooms and a separate toilet area and shower. Patios overlooking the indigenous garden or the pool. King or ¾ twin beds .

1 DISABLED ROOM (37.5 m²) - A specially designed guestroom with accessibility for guests with special needs. Upgraded linens and amenities, oversized bathroom with large private patio overlooking the garden. Bathrooms have a large shower and bath. Twin beds.

19 SUPERIOR ROOMS (30 m²) - Upgraded linens and amenities, patios overlooking a stretch of water and the Lebombo mountain range. Bathrooms have separate shower and bath. DSTV Satellite Television. King or ¾ twin beds.

22 STANDARD ROOMS (25 m²) - The original rooms of the hotel provide comfortable en-suite accommodation with private patios that face either parts of the garden or pool area. Twin or double beds.

All rooms feature

Private patios
Tea and coffee making facilities
Safes and mini bars
Satellite television

Air-conditioning, fans and heating
Hair Dryers
Non-Smoking rooms
Twice daily housekeeping service



DINING

Seasonal Menus with local ingredients are combined with traditional favourites and served either in the Dining Room, outdoors on the terrace or under the stars in the traditional Boma.



Breakfast	06:30 - 09:30
Roy's Bar	09:00 - late
Lunch	11:00 - 17:00
Dinner	19:00 - 21:00
Room Service	06:30 - 21:00

ROY'S BAR

A comfortable place to meet other travellers over a cocktail or gin and tonic, or just unwind and enjoy the comfortable African decor

LOUNGE AREAS

Comfortable Airy Lounge areas with fireplaces for the chilly winter months and complimentary wireless internet are available.

CURIO SHOP

also offering newspapers and sundries

LEISURE FACILITIES

Gym with treadmill, bicycle, rowing machine, free weights
Swimming Pool
Tennis Court
Games Room with pool and table tennis
Mountain Bikes

BUSINESS SERVICES

Complimentary wireless internet is available. Additionally a desktop computer, facsimile and copying services are offered.

CHILDREN

Children are welcome and are accommodated on a complimentary basis in our Garden rooms and Suite.

Children are welcome to join Safaris but need to be above the age of 16 on dangerous game walks. Unique activities such as 'grubby bug walks' are available. Children over the age of 16 are welcome to use the Spa Children's Menu and Baby Sitters are available.

Games room and Jungle Gym

MALARIA

Ghost Mountain Inn is situated in a low-risk malaria area.

WHAT TO PACK

A few packing suggestions include: light cotton trousers, cotton shorts, light cotton shirts (long and short sleeved), comfortable walking shoes, sandals, shower-proof rain jacket / windbreaker, sun hat, fleece, insect repellent, small torch, bathing suit, suntan lotion, sunglasses, camera (telephoto lens recommended) and binoculars.

For winter, pack an extra warm jacket, woollen hat, scarf and gloves.

Batteries, camera film, sunscreen and safari wear can be bought from our Curio Shop

WEATHER

Subtropical climate with hot, humid, wet summers (September to April) and warm to cool, dry winters (May to August).

Rainfall averages about 1 000mm/39" per annum. Much of the rainfall comes in the form of short, intense afternoon thunderstorms. Rain can be expected 12 months of the year.

Daytime temperatures in summer may rise above 35°C/95°F. Nights in winter rarely drop below 10°C/50°F.

BEST TIME TO TRAVEL

All year round, best game viewing from March to end September

GHOST MOUNTAIN SPA



Escape and be pampered at the Ghost Mountain Spa with a variety of body pampering treatments and soothing facials using distinctive spa therapies by well-trained staff. Enjoy two distinct spa product offerings – Terres d'Afrique is an organic skincare range created from African plant extracts and Dermalogica offers personalized solutions to a range of skin concerns.

A SAMPLE OF SOME OF OUR PACKAGES

Couples Indulgence Package (2 hours 30 minutes)

Let the centuries-old golden honeyed, warm amber scent of the omumbiri resin perfume your imagination and nourish your skin and your soul. After a gentle exfoliation, enjoy a full body massage with Terres d'Afrique Omumbiri body butter. Conclude with a luxurious head massage and hand or foot massage.

Breakaway Package (3 hours 30 minutes)

Treat yourself to a Terres d'Afrique shea butter, hot stone full body massage. Followed by a head massage, Dermalogica face treatment and a spa pedicure. Accompanied by a light healthy lunch and a glass of bubbly.

Time out Package (1 hour 30 minutes)

Relieve all your tension with a back exfoliation, followed by an anti-stress back treatment and aromatic back massage, as well as a pressure point scalp massage and a revitalising citrus foot soak & pressure point foot massage.

DERMALOGICA FACIALS

Express Skin Treatment (30 min)

Face Treatment (60 min)

Environmental Control Treatment (60 min)

MediBac Clearing Treatment (60 min)

Age Smart Treatment (75 min)

ChromaWhite Skin Brightening Treatment (60 min)

SPA FACILITIES

Relaxation area with rock pool

Steam Room

CHECK-IN TIME AND POLICIES

CHECK-IN TIME

2:00pm

CHECK-OUT TIME

10:00am

EARLY ARRIVALS AND LATE DEPARTURES

If your arrival is early in the day and you prefer immediate access to your room, we recommend reserving for the prior night to guarantee immediate access. Similarly, for late departures, reserving an additional night will guarantee access until you leave the Hotel. If you choose not to reserve, we will be glad to store your bags and make our fitness facilities available for you to freshen up.

GUARANTEED RESERVATIONS AND DEPOSITS

At the Ghost Mountain Inn, a guaranteed reservation assures you of a room even if you check in late (after 6:00 pm). If a room is not available, we will arrange your accommodation in another hotel at our expense. In order to guarantee a reservation we would need credit card details, a deposit on the room or a voucher from a Travel Agent.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellations for a hotel room reservation must be received 7 days before arrival. For cancellations less than 7 days, there is a 50% charge. If cancellation of a guaranteed reservation is not received within 24 hours of arrival, the Hotel will charge for one night's accommodation. For details of cancellation policies and deposit requirements, please check at time of booking.

CREDIT CARDS

The following cards are accepted at the Ghost Mountain Inn: American Express; Diners Club; MasterCard; Visa

GHOST MOUNTAIN SAFARIS

Discover the wildlife, history, scenery and cultural wealth of Zululand and the Elephant Coast with Ghost Mountain Safaris. Join our enthusiastic and knowledgeable rangers on variety of excursions. From game drives to boat cruises and tiger fishing on Lake Jozini to hikes and Zulu homestead visits. Our qualified guides are passionate about game, birds, botany, craft and Zulu Culture. Should you have any specific interests they are able to tailor-make itineraries for you.

GAME SAFARIS

BOAT CRUISES AND TIGER FISHING ON LAKE JOZINI (3 to 4 Hours, Half and Full Day - weather permitting)

Lake Jozini lies in a dramatic setting at the foot of the Lebombo Mountains and is one of South Africa's largest dams. There are several exquisite gorges which abound with cycads and a wide variety of birds. On the western side of the dam one might see elephant, rhino, hippo and crocodile. The 13 varieties of fish found in the dam include tilapia, catfish, mud fish, carp and the sought after tiger fish. A catch and release policy for the tigers is promoted and anglers are encouraged to retain only one trophy fish each per day, releasing the live smaller ones.



MKHUZE GAME RESERVE GAME DRIVES (Half and Full day)

Mkuze harbours an astonishing diversity of habitats ranging from the eastern slopes of the Lebombo Mountains to stretches of rolling acacia savannah, swamps, woodlands and riverine forest. Wildlife includes black and white rhino, elephant, giraffe, leopard, cheetah, buffalo and a multitude of plains game. The birding is exceptional - 420 species recorded. A walk in the fig forest is an awesome experience for both birder and those interested in nature.

HLUHLUWE GAME RESERVE GAME DRIVES (Half and Full day)

The oldest game park in Africa (along with nearby St Lucia), this reserve was proclaimed to prevent the white rhino from becoming extinct. Eighty species of mammal (including the big five) and in excess of 300 species of birds are supported in this 96 000 ha reserve.

NIGHT DRIVES (3 to 4 Hours)

Experience the African night with its magnificent skies and the possibility of nocturnal species such as ant-bear (aardvark), leopard, genets, night jays and a host of smaller creatures. The night also allows one the opportunity to use other senses and to relax to the sounds and aroma of Africa

BIRDING TRIPS (3 to 4 Hours, Half and Full Day - weather permitting)

With more than 420 bird species on record, Mkuze and the surrounding area is renowned as a mecca for bird lovers. Some of the specials one might go in search of are: Mangrove Kingfisher, African Broadbill, Pink Throated Twin Spot, Blue Billed Fire Finch, Narina trogon

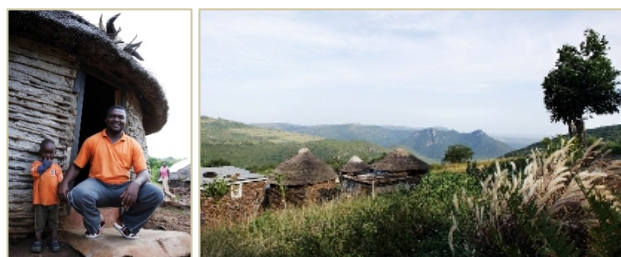
CULTURAL AND SCENIC SAFARIS

LEBOMBO SCENIC DRIVE (3 to 4 Hours)

A leisurely drive that winds up the Lebombo Mountain through some extremely attractive scenery and views of Jozini dam. At the same time experience rural Africa as it is today. Your guide will discuss Zulu culture, western impact and rural living. If the drive is arranged in the evening sundowners up here should not be missed

MYENI CULTURAL EXPERIENCE (3 to 4 Hours)

This is a truly unique and authentic experience and includes a visit to a local homestead interacting with members of the Myeni family. With prior arrangement one can also experience a visit to a Sangoma with a bone reading if desired, Stick fighting, and/or a sampling of traditional food and drink. Finish the experience with a drive through the Lebombo Mountains taking in some of the areas magnificent views and rural life happening around you.



AFRICA TODAY (variable) * *by prior arrangement*

Experience some of the areas problems and rays of hope. Get a glimpse of Zulu culture in today's world. A flexible tour that takes into account the fluctuating day to day activities of the people involved. One can organise to visit a school and/or orphanage as well as any community projects that are happening at the time of your visit. This can be added to any of the above experiences and each trip will be planned to fit in with your particular interests and as such is flexible with regards to time and activity.

WALKING SAFARIS

All our walks are accompanied by nature guides well versed in local history and culture, as well as the fauna and flora of the area.

** Please note that with prior arrangement one can ensure that your guide on these walks is also a specialist bird guide.

MKHUZE RIVER WALK (1 to 2 Hours)

This is a gentle walk that leaves the hotel and traverses the dam in front of the hotel into the Mkuze riverbed and along to the old weir. A large number of birds both water and open savannah species are to be seen with specials including palm swifts, white-eared barbets, giant and malachite kingfishers, black coucal and many others. Once out of the town surrounds the scenery offers up wonderful views of both Ghost Mountain and the Lebombo Mountain Range.

GHOST MOUNTAIN HIKE (3 to 4 Hours)

This is a strenuous hike up the eastern side of Ghost Mountain to the top of Tshaneni peak but the end result is an uninterrupted view of magnificent scenery.

Local legend has it that the mountain is haunted and there are claims that, at times, lights can be seen emanating from the summit and eerie sounds can be heard. This intriguing mountain is a protected site of cultural and historical significance. Hike and learn more about the history and folk lore of the mountain and the surrounding area. The guide is also well versed on the plant and birdlife of the mountain and as such this is an interesting hike for all.

CULTURE WALK (3 to 4 Hours)

Drive up into the rural community of the Lebombo mountains and enjoy a walk with mountain views learning about rural Zulu customs and living as it is today. This walk allows for interaction with the people of the area and gives a greater insight to both the joys and hardships of Africa today.

FIG FOREST WALK (5 to 6 Hours)

Although the Fig Forest Walk is only about two hours long the walk itself is situated deep in the Mkuze Game Reserve so the activity includes a game drive to and from the walk. This walk is not strenuous but does require traversing two short swing bridges over the Mkuze River. The walk meanders under the canopy of giant sycamore figs. The oldest of which is estimated at 450 years. The silence of the forest is broken by a multitude of bird calls typified by the wail of trumpeter hornbills. Special sightings have included Pels Fishing Owl, African Broadbill and Blue mantled Flycatcher.



2 NIGHT BOAT AND SAFARI EXPERIENCE

DAY ONE

Travelling from either Durban or Swaziland you arrive at Ghost Mountain Inn, Mkuze in the early afternoon, where you can unpack and unwind for the following 2 days. After freshening up, we depart on a leisurely drive that winds up the Ubombo Mountain through some extremely attractive scenery. Sundowners at 450m above sea level with a commanding view of Lake Jozini and Mkuze which lies at the foothills below. Return to the Hotel for Dinner and a good nights rest.

DBB: Ghost Mountain Inn

DAY TWO

After a hearty breakfast, join us on our Morning Boat Cruise on the Jozini Dam. With a surface of approximately 13 500 hectares, it is one of South Africa's largest dams. There are several exquisite gorges, which abound with cycads and a wide variety of birds. On the Western side of the dam one might see elephant, hippo, rhino and crocodile. Return to the Hotel where you have some free time to either soak up the Sun around the Swimming pool, or be pampered in our Spa with a treatment. In the afternoon we depart for the Mkuze Game Reserve, a place of great beauty and an acclaimed Birders Paradise. Besides hippo and crocodile, the wildlife occurring here includes black and white rhino, elephant, giraffe, leopard, cheetah and a multitude of plains game. DBB: Ghost Mountain Inn

DAY THREE

This morning sees you departing from Ghost Mountain Inn and ...

3 NIGHT ELEPHANT COAST EXPLORER

DAY ONE

Travelling from Durban or Swaziland you arrive at Ghost Mountain Inn, Mkuze in the early afternoon, where you can unpack and unwind for the following 2 days. The rest of the afternoon is at your disposal to enjoy our tranquil garden setting, have a swim and soak up some sun, alternatively find a revitalizing treatment on our Health Spa Menu. In the early evening join us for a Night Drive on a neighbouring Private Game Reserve where we go in search of nocturnal species such as ant-bear (aardvark), leopard, genets, night jars and a host of smaller creatures. Elephant, Rhino and buffalo may also be spotted with a bit of luck! DBB: Ghost Mountain Inn

DAY TWO

After Breakfast we depart on our Open 4x4 Vehicles for a full day game drive into the Hluhluwe Game Reserve. Established in 1895, this is the oldest game park in Africa. This Reserve was proclaimed to conserve the white rhino and prevent its extinction.

DISTANCES

Mkuze Game Reserve – 16km
 Lake Jozini – 12km
 Hluhluwe/Imfolosi Game Reserve – 65km
 Sodwana Bay – 95 km
 Tembe Elephant Park – 100km
 Lake St. Lucia – 130km
 Kosi Bay – 140 km
 Richards Bay – 160km
 Durban – 300km
 Kruger Park (Crocodile Bridge) – 400km
 Johannesburg- 500

SAMPLE ITINERARIES

Eighty species of mammal (including the Big Five) and in excess of 300 species of birds are supported by a wide range of habitats in this 96 000 ha reserve. Spend the day exploring its wonders and enjoying the bush experience. Around midday, we stop off at a picnic site and enjoy a picnic lunch prepared for you.

DBB: Ghost Mountain Inn

DAY THREE

After Breakfast we suggest a day trip to one of the following where you can explore the ecological wonders of the Isimangaliso Wetlands Park: Sodwana Bay is rated as one of the ten best diving sites in the world boasting 5 main dive sites and is approximately 1½ hrs drive from the Hotel. St Lucia is situated in the Greater St. Lucia Wetland Park. Activities include Boat Cruises on the Estuary where you can view Hippo and Crocodiles; Whale watching tours; self guided walks within the town, renting a bicycle to go birding or to the beach, canoe adventures or snorkelling in Cape Vidal. St Lucia is approximately 1½ hrs drive from the Hotel. DBB: Ghost Mountain Inn

DAY FOUR

This morning sees you departing from Ghost Mountain Inn and ...

5 NIGHT ZULULAND ADVENTURE

DAY ONE

Once you've settled in and unpacked at the Ghost Mountain Inn, you will be taken out to a beautiful spot next to a stretch of water under Ghost Mountain to enjoy a couple of drinks as the sun sets. Your guide will recount the story of the Zulu Battle of 1884 and explain how the Mountain got its Ghostly name.

Return for dinner and during the evening our Staff Choir will perform a couple of local songs for you.

DAY TWO

This Morning Breakfast will be served on the shores of Lake Jozini. From here you can join our Morning Boat Cruise on Lake Jozini. With a surface of approximately 13 500 hectares, it is one of South Africa's largest dams. There are several exquisite gorges, which abound with cycads and a wide variety of birds. On the Western side of the dam one might see elephant, hippo, rhino and crocodile. Return to the Hotel where you have some free time to either soak up the Sun around the Swimming pool, or be pampered in our Health Spa with a treatment.

In the early evening join us for a Night Drive on a neighboring Private Game Reserve where we go in search of nocturnal species such as ant-bear (aardvark), leopard, genets, night jars and a host of smaller creatures. Elephant, Rhino and buffalo may also be spotted with a bit of luck! Return to the hotel for a late dinner.

DAY THREE

Enjoy the day in Hluhluwe Game Reserve. You will be taken on our open 4x4 Vehicle for a Full Day game drive stopping for lunch at one of the scenic picnic sites. Explore its wonders and enjoy the bush and game. Established in 1895, this is the oldest game park in Africa. This Reserve was proclaimed to conserve the white rhino and prevent its extinction. Eighty species of mammal (including the Big Five) and in excess of 300 species of birds are supported by a wide range of habitats in this 96 000 ha reserve.

In the evening enjoy a memorable dinner outdoors, surrounded by lanterns and stars

DAY FOUR

Today we will explore the culture and learn about the people of the Mkuze Area. Start the day off with an energetic hike up Ghost Mountain. Return for a swim and a well deserved Breakfast on the terrace. After a rest we have the option of visiting a local school or an orphanage in the area. Experience some of the areas problems and rays of hope.

After lunch at the hotel we will take a leisurely drive up the Lebombo Mountain through some extremely attractive scenery and community lands where we will learn about and experience life in current day Zululand. A visit to the Myeni household is a truly unique and authentic experience. Guests may choose from a number of activities while at the homestead; from sampling local food and brew to leaning to stick fight or even having a Sangoma (spiritual diviner) give you a bone reading. Enjoy Sundowners at 450m above sea level with a commanding view of Lake Jozini and Mkuze which lies in the foothills below. Return to the Hotel for Dinner and a good night's rest.

DAY FIVE

After an early breakfast we depart for the Mkuze Game Reserve, a place of great beauty and an acclaimed Birders Paradise. Besides hippo and crocodile, the wildlife occurring here includes black and white rhino, elephant, giraffe, leopard, cheetah and a multitude of plains game. Mkuze boasts a variety of habitats and is renowned for its exceptional variety of over 420 bird species. Around midday, we stop off at a picnic site and enjoy a picnic lunch overlooking Nsumo pan while being watched by snorting Hippos.

The rest of your day is at leisure. Read your book or have a nap under one of the large old trees in the garden, enjoy the pool or treat yourself to a Spa Treatment.

Dinner this evening will be a BBQ served in the Garden followed by a Zulu Dancing Show in the Boma.

DAY SIX

This morning sees you departing from Ghost Mountain Inn and heading to ...