

3 Day Drakensberg Slackpacking and Hiking

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Non Strenuous 3 Day Northern Drakensberg Slackpacking and Hiking Tour

This is the perfect **3 Day Northern Drakensberg Slackpacking and Hiking** for those of you who are looking for a **less strenuous hiking** experience.

Yip, that means no heavy backpacks to carry. Poop holes are traded in for toilets. Frozen Wetwipes are traded in for a nice warm shower at the end of the day. Basic mountain cuisine is traded in for a scrumptious traditional dinner. The sweaty tasting rehydrate solutions are traded in for an ice cold beer or glass of wine. The hissing gas canister is traded in for the warmth of a roaring wood fire. And of course....the moaning and whining of your tired and fed-up partner is traded in for the soft purr of contentment as you intimately feed her marshmallows and listen to the mystical hooting of the owls and the rhythmically melody of the wind blowing gently through the trees. Now before we get carried away on a poetic roller-coaster of clichés let's get right into the nitty gritty of this epic **hiking tour** in the **Drakensberg**.

What makes this 3 Day Drakensberg Slackpacking and Hiking tour so incredible?

- Get to hike in some of the most scenic parts of the Northern **Drakensberg** Mountain Range
- An authentic **hiking** and camping experience-South African Style
- No need to organise anything. Leave that part to us. All you need to do is put one foot in front of the other
- All the logistics, transport, equipment and food are included in the tour. So no need to rush out and spend your hard earned cash on tents, pots and backpacks
- The **tour** includes 2 epic hikes varying in distance from 14km and 10km.
- Besides the **hiking**, there is plenty time to unwind and chill. We take care of the cooking leaving you time to take a swim in the river, shower or sit by the fire with a beer or 20.
- The **tour** is fully guided. So no getting lost or wandering over a cliff to claim for that insurance your spouse keeps going on about.

How fit do I need to be?

The first day of **hiking** covers about 14km over relatively flat terrain. As mentioned there are no heavy backpacks needed so hikers move pretty quickly. In fact we average about 5 hours **hiking** time on each section. So stress not. It is totally doable. And no need to worry about keeping up with faster hikers. The route is well marked for a retreat and we will have guides that will look after you.

What hiking routes do we take?

The first day involves a 14km return hike into the Tugela Gorge of the mighty Amphitheatre. The second hike on day 2 is up what is known as The Crack with a descent back into camp via the Mudslide. The **hiking** distance is on this route is about 8km over 5 hours.

Where do we stay?

We set up camp in the incredibly beautiful Mahai campsite situated in the Royal Natal National Park.

Best time of the year to go to 3 Day Drakensberg Slackpacking and Hiking?

Well, basically anytime. In winter you will have to endure the cold with the added benefit of a roaring camp fire and a dash of Grandpas old cough mixture. . In summer you may have to endure either the heat or rain with the added benefit of a swim in the rivers and waterfalls with an ice cold beer. Either way, a minor setback in the grander scheme of things.

Tour Facts

Language:
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Duration:
3

Tour Type:
continuous

Tour Itinerary

Day 1 : Tour Begins in Johannesburg

Travel day. We aim to leave Johannesburg by 5am. We take the 4.5 hour drive down to the Royal Natal National Park. Upon arrival, we stretch our legs and enjoy lunch before we start with our first hike. The hike today involves a 8km round hike up The Crack and down the Mudslide. The hike offers some incredible views of The Sentinel and Amphitheatre Cliff Face. We should be back in camp by 5:30 pm. We get you settled into your tents and you have an hour or so to enjoy a warm shower and return for a scrumptious meal around the fire. And don't worry...the meal is prepared by our cook. After dinner, enjoy a beer or 10 and cuddle up with your favourite teddy bear for a nice sleep.

Day 2 :

Wake up call at 6am. Breakfast is served at 7am so you have an hour to wake up, shower or moan at your wife. You should be ready to rock n roll by 8:30am. We will take the 20 minute drive to the start of the Gorge **Hike**. The hike today covers 14km over about 5 hours. We will have a picnic lunch at halfway at the tunnel section. We should be back from the hike by 3pm. The rest of the afternoon is all yours to relax, swim in the rivers or drink beer by the fire. Our cook will have dinner ready by 7pm.

Day 3 : Tour ends in Johannesburg

Wake up call at 6am. Wake up call at 6am. Breakfast is served at 7am so you have an hour to wake up, shower or moan at your wife. You should be ready to rock n roll by 8:30am. We will take you on a 5km hike to Dooley Falls. We should be back by 12pm. We then pile you into the vehicle and make our way back to Johannesburg. We aim to be back by about 5pm