

# Travel Itinerary

3 night Wild Coast Pondo-Hopper Hike  
AD Active Experiences



## At a glance...

- 2 nights Tented Camps - Full board basis + Hiking activities
- 1 night Mbotyi River Lodge - Dinner, bed & breakfast basis

## Day 1: Mbotyi - Msikaba

**Arrive at Mbotyi River Lodge** from Durban (5.5 – 6 hrs), East London (6 – 6.5 hrs) or Port St John (1.5 hrs), via road transfer or self-drive. **From Mbotyi, you will be met and transferred to the trail starting point at Msikaba Camp** (1.5 hrs transfer), which is located on the southern boundary of Mkambati Nature Reserve.

Msikaba Camp, located on the southern boundary of Mkambati Nature Reserve, is a tented camp consisting of 12 twin-bedded safari tents. Superbly located, each has comfortable bedding, an en-suite bathroom and a hot water gas shower. The camp is environmentally friendly with wind or solar-generated power. Meals are cooked and served in the central dining boma. Msikaba has double-seater canoes available to explore the estuary.

This afternoon canoe up the Msikaba, the deepest estuary in South Africa, or cross into Mkambati where the superbowl walk affords a birds-eye view onto an impressive colony of Cape Griffon Vultures. **Dinner is served at the Msikaba Tented Camp**, in the central dining boma.

Overnight Msikaba Tented Camp, on a full board basis.



## Day 2: Msikaba - Lumphuthana

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**After breakfast**, we set off at a comfortable pace, across striking landscape, taking in the vestiges of treasure quests at Grosvenor, Goss's Point and the stunning Mkwini Estuary. We view the BBC China wreck, where it ran ashore in 2004 and was subsequently destroyed with explosives, and take the opportunity to admire the fantastic ocean spray display at Lumphuthana. **Lunch is a picnic en-route**, as we relax and enjoy the scenery. This afternoon, **arrive at Lumphuthana Tented Camp** where we will be spending the night.



This environmentally-friendly tented camp consists of 12 twin-bedded east-African safari-style tents. Each has comfortable bedding, an en-suite bathroom and a hot water gas shower. **Dinner at Lumphuthana** is cooked and served in the central dining boma.

**Distance:** 16 kms (Point to point hike)

Overnight Lumphuthana Tented Camp, on a full board basis.

## Day 3: Lumphuthana – Mbotyi

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**Enjoy breakfast before departing camp.** Today we trek across the pristine rolling hills of the Wild Coast and along deserted sandy beaches. From a vantage point on top of rocky heights, we gaze down over ocean and countryside. View Top Hat and Waterfall Bluff (an 80m high waterfall), the iconic rock stacks at Cathedral Rock, and the Mlambomkulu River's freshwater swimming pools. **En-route we stop for a picnic lunch.** From the top of Drew's Camp we look down towards Mbotyi where, on arrival, we check in at the **Mbotyi River Lodge**.



This warmly welcoming seaside hotel is geared for comfort and convenience. It has 48 well-appointed, en-suite rooms with views over the sea, lagoon or forest. Wholesome meals are served in the dining room. Guests can socialise around an outdoor fire – possibly while dinner is barbecued – and enjoy the relaxed vibe. In addition to the birding, hiking and canoeing, guests can perhaps take advantage of the fishing and horse riding opportunities.

**Distance:** 18.5 kms (Point to point Hike)

Overnight Mbotyi River Lodge, on a dinner, bed and breakfast basis.

## Day 4: Mbotyi - Depart

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Depart camp after breakfast today.

### Inclusions

- 3 nights accommodation:  
2 nts tented camps (twin, en-suite with hot-water showers)  
1 nt at Mbotyi, a family hotel
- All bedding provided
- Breakfast, packed lunches & dinners (Dinner on arrival to breakfast on departure)
- Fully-supported with daily luggage transfers (camp to camp/lodge)
- Hiking guide
- Reserve permits & trail fees
- Canoeing at Msikaba

### Exclusions

- Drinks