



Transkei Day Tour



A 4x4 cultural adventure that will take us through the hills and valleys of the former Transkei, and home to Nelson “Madiba”

Mandela, father of our nation. Cross by **rickety ferry over the Great Kei River**, a historically significant landmark during the frontier wars between the British and the Xhosas.

Passing by the **pools of prophecy** the history of **Nongquwase** and the “cattle killings” will be told.

This Tragic epic in Xhosa history could have been a turning point for a very different South Africa. Throughout the day you will cover the **cultural, historical, political and social developments** of the former Transkei region and the Gcaleka people.



Crossing the Kei River on the pont (left).

Travelling along sledging paths we will head into the Qolora Basin and through “**The Gates**”, widely recognised for its exceptional biodiversity and gentle mix of several of the South African biomes. Here the opportunities for **kloofing** [jumping off cliffs into the river], swimming and bird watching are much enjoyed.

Xhosa homesteads near Ngingxolo Village



Morgan Bay with its majestic cliffs overlooking the Indian Ocean provides the backdrop for a fascinating look into the Wild Coast’s history of shipwrecks and tales of survival. Enjoy a refreshing swim on the warm Indian Ocean.

In the rural Xhosa **village of Ngingxolo** you will be entertained and enlightened by a community proud of its culture and strong in its traditions.

The village is set overlooking the Eastern

Cape’s grassland biome and is home to 2500 people. Under the leadership of Mama Tofu you will explore the homesteads of residents and learn of the roles and responsibilities of family members, initiation practices and the new challenges faced by today’s social demands.



The “Gates” on the Qolora River, home to exceptional diversity and play ground to the adventurous.



Dinner offers the opportunity to enjoy traditional food which is prepared on open fires in this enchanting village. Bidding fare well to our hosts, you will be transported back to your accommodation in East London.

Sleep the night with your hosts in their homes – these are traditional Xhosa rondavels and it is an authentic village. Electricity is erratic, there is no running water and although facilities are basic, the village prides itself on high standards of cleanliness and ensure a comfortable stay.

Day 2: Back road mountain biking

Our guides will meet you after your village breakfast and prepare you for a scenic mountain bike trail that follows back roads through the hills, valleys and villages of the Southern Wild Coast.

You will arrive back at Buccaneers just before lunch where the tour ends.

Numbers: 4 min – 12 maximum

Tour Includes:

- All vehicle transfers
- Ferry and entrance fees
- Guides
- Adventure activities
- Mountain bikes & equipment
- Village visit & accommodation
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner on day one and breakfast on day two (excludes alcoholic beverages.)

Tour Excludes:

- Crafts – you will have an amazing opportunity to purchase quality Xhosa craft directly from the rural woman who make them
- Alcoholic and non alcoholic beverages except at meal times (cash bar available)
- Accommodation at Buccaneers



The Transkei Day Tour offers an informed and fun day out into one of South Africa's most beautiful and culturally diverse areas of the Eastern Cape.