



Wild Coast Cultural Adventure Experience 4 Day Tour

Day 1: Onto the Wild Coast

Arrive late afternoon at Buccaneers Backpackers, Chintsa. Meet **African Heartland Journeys** (AHJ) guiding team for a tour briefing before enjoying a game of beach volleyball. Dinner is a hearty meal served at **Buccaneers** overlooking the Chintsa lagoon and beach.



View from the Buccaneers Bar

Day 2: Sun, Surf & Rocky Shores

Chintsa is a little coastal village situated on the beautiful southern Wild Coast. Today is designed to allow you to catch your breath after the long drive – we have a fun and informative, albeit relaxing, day planned for you.

- breakfast overlooking the Chintsa lagoon from the “View of Africa Restaurant” followed by a **free morning**.
- **Alternative Optional Extra 1** - Surf School 9:30am – 1:00pm – for those

of you wishing to learn to surf, know more about the dynamics of the ocean, understand wave formation and rip currents or just enjoy the excitement of the sea. Our surf instructor will be on the beach giving advice, support and encouragement.



- **Alternative Optional Extra 2** – enjoy a beach horse ride along the beautiful sandy shores of the Wild Coast.
- Picnic lunch – all meet at the pool for a light lunch.
- Rocky shores walk – an informative and exploratory beach walk looking at the fascinating ecology of the rocky shores.
- River cruise – a late afternoon cruise up the Chintsa Lagoon with drinks and snacks. Learn about estuarine systems and enjoy seeing a diverse range of birds in their natural habitat (river conditions dependant)

A mouthwatering, home cooked meal and lazy evening playing pool or enjoying the atmosphere of the Buccaneers bar ends your day.

Day 3: AmaXhosa Culture

Early departure with **African Heartland Journeys** from Chintsa for the Great Kei River, crossing on the rickety old ferry before heading into the hills and valleys of rural Transkei dotted with villages of the amaXhosa people and home to Nelson Mandela, father of our nation.



Crossing the Great Kei River on the motorized pont

Passing the Gaxa River you will learn of the story of Nongquwase, Xhosa prophetess and reason behind the cattle killings of 1856.

Explore the incredible diversity of "The Gates" on the Qolora River. For the adventurous, there is a "kloofing" (cliff jumping) opportunity or you can just swim in the deep rock pools of this dramatic setting.



Enjoying the gorge at "The Gates"



We will drive through to **Morgan Bay** for a short hike that traverses the majestic ocean cliffs of this area and enjoy a picnic lunch and swim.

Arriving in Ngxingxolo village you will be introduced to **Mama Tofu**, a well known and

vibrant elder of the community. A wonderful opportunity is given to the group to learn the intricacies of the amaXhosa and their culture.



A late afternoon walk through the village to the river will end a fascinating day with the evening meal being traditional food prepared by Mama Tofu's family. We will **overnight in this rural village staying in traditional homes hosted by the family.**



Learning about life in a rural village, night three

Day 4: Village sounds & scenic ride

Wake to the sounds of chickens, goats, laughing children and other unfamiliar, yet soothing village sounds.

We breakfast in the village before bidding farewell to our gracious hosts from this exciting community.

Our village experience is an authentic rural encounter and is frequently the "highlight" experience for travelers to South Africa.

We depart the village on mountain bikes and begin the scenic ride home to Chintsa.

The ride takes us through the hills and valleys of the Chefani area and passes the village of Tainton. The ride is designed for

all levels of riders and happens at a leisurely pace.

We end the ride with a picnic lunch around the pool at Buccaneers.



Mountain biking through the hills and valleys

The afternoon is free time and allows you to reflect on the past few days adventures, lessons and insights into this phenomenal and unexplored region of South Africa – the Wild Coast, our home.

Spend the afternoon enjoying the lagoon, beach and beautiful surrounds.

Overnight at Buccaneers Backpackers & Lodge.

Day 5: Departing the Wild Coast

Enjoy breakfast before bidding farewell to the AHJ team and the Wild Coast.

Tour Includes

- ✓ Accommodation for three nights Meals as outlined in programme
- ✓ Transport
- ✓ Professional guides
- ✓ Canoes
- ✓ Mountain biking
- ✓ Motor boat
- ✓ Entry fees to the Gates
- ✓ Cultural experience
- ✓ Ferry fees

Tour Excludes

- ✓ Alcohol and travel snacks
- ✓ Lunch day 1
- ✓ Phone calls & e-mail

What to bring

- ✓ Sleeping bag
- ✓ Trainers or good shoes for walking and cycling
- ✓ Rain jacket and warm top
- ✓ Swimming costume, sunblock and hat
- ✓ Shorts, t-shirts and long trousers
- ✓ Camera and spare batteries
- ✓ Torch
- ✓ Small denomination money for incidentals or crafts
- ✓ Energy and enthusiasm

Cost of Tour-

Quote to follow, but please comment the programme.

Photo Album, below, from previous Cornerstone tour with African Heartland Journeys

