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The 12 000ha Somkhanda Game Reserve is ideal country to explore on foot. Under the guidance of an experienced and armed guide small groups, of a maximum of 8 people, are able to take part in this inspiring 4 night “wilderness” adventure.

Somkhanda is not a true wilderness. The reserve has black and white rhino, leopard, wild dog, giraffe, good populations of common game and in 2016 buffalo and elephant introductions are planned. This is not an adrenaline pumping experience! The aim is getting into close contact with wilderness and nature.

Trail camps are carefully selected for their exclusivity, scenic beauty and diverse plant and animal life and although comfortable are managed according to low impact protocols. The Rhino Trail includes the first and last nights at a base camp supplied with tents, toilets and hot water showers. For the two middle nights there are two options:

Free Camping Trail:

This option is unsupported backpacking and free camping. Participants supply their own backpacks and carry all the supplied equipment and food for the 2 nights. At the end of each day the guide will choose a camp site and participants will assist with preparing camp, collecting firewood, cooking and cleaning up. This option is only recommended in the dry season (May – August).



Slack Packing:

On this option participants only carry a day pack (provided) and their needs for the day including a portion of lunch and the day's snacks. At the end of each day you will arrive at a satellite camp supplied with tents and bucket shower (no toilet). Main luggage and supplies will be portaged to the satellite camp. A camp cook will provide delicious meals prepared on the open fire.



Participants must arrive by 15h00 on the first day. You will leave your vehicles at the lodge reception and be transported to base camp enjoying a game drive en-route and arriving in the late afternoon. After settling in you enjoy an evening around the camp fire soaking up the night sounds and southern skies.



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After a hearty breakfast you shoulder your packs and head off into the reserve for a full days hike. There is no definite route to follow ... just a final destination at the end of the day. This allows the guide freedom to explore the bush whilst following tracks and exploring game trails and rhino paths. Your guide will introduce you to the awesome world of ecology and bush craft pointing out relationships between plants, animals and the environment and how early settlers and traditional tribal people depended on various plants and animals parts for food, traditional medicine, implements and cultural rituals.

During the days there will no doubt be those special moments where you might creep up on a wallowing rhino or group of lazy warthogs enjoying a siesta. However the emphasis on this trail is not to tick off all the charismatic and big animals but to encounter the environment in a more intimate way that brings out the finer detail of how in nature all life co-exists in perfect order; where the strength of the system is based on the incredible diversity of plant and animal life that is interwoven into a fabric that is incredibly resilient and self-sustaining.

On the final night you return back to our base camp where we enjoy a hot shower and wash away the trail dust. The following morning, after a hearty breakfast, you are transported back to your vehicles.

Trails Season:

Trails are available all year round however the cooler dry season month From April – September are most ideal.

Costs (per person per trail):

ZAR	3,900.00
Euro	375,00
USD	435,00
GBP	260,00

Included:

Accommodation
All Meals
Day Packs (if required)

Excluded:

Travel Insurance
Flights
Transfers

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For full groups of 8 people transport can be booked at the following one way vehicle costs:

	Durban (King Shaka Airport)	Johannesburg (Oliver Tambo Airport)
Euro	200,00	295,00
USD	230,00	340,00
GBP	140,00	205,00

