

Serendipity Travels

African Adventure

Days 7-11.

17 September 2018

Our first game drive of the day was a mid-morning affair. Lots more rhinos, giraffes and zebras, but we were disappointed because we still have not had a good look at the only cheetah in the park. Poaching of rhino and elephant horns is an on-going problem, and we are told those guard towers are staffed with armed guards at night.



We finally got a good look at the cheetah on our afternoon drive.

*To see more pictures of the
fourth day in safari camp, click:
[Safari III](#)*



18 September 2018

We were up well before dawn to visit a different game reserve, this one with lions. Our ambition was rewarded, as we found and observed a lioness for more than 30 minutes. Our hunt was celebrated with a morning snack, including an “Amarchoco-mocha” drink (Amarula liquor, chocolate, and mocha coffee).

After lunch back at our lodge, we went on an afternoon game drive and saw the cheetah again, as well as rhinos scratching themselves on a tree and a rock.

To see more pictures of the fifth day in the safari camp, click:

[Safari IV](#)



19 September 2018

On the 19th we joined many other lodge guests on a cruise on the St. Lucia Estuary, natural habitat at the boundary of fresh and salt water. We would see lots of hippopotamuses and crocodiles in their natural surroundings. After the cruise and lunch in St. Lucia, we returned to our lodge for an evening game drive.



To see more pictures of the last two days in the safari camp, click: [Safari V](#)

20 September 2018

We were able to schedule one last game drive our last morning in camp. That afternoon we left the camp on the “airport shuttle” to Durban. Once at the airport, we arranged for a taxi to take us to our penthouse, which had a commanding view of the shoreline. Most of the occupants of the building are working-class folks, many of them immigrants to South Africa. There weren’t many Caucasians in the neighborhood, but everyone was polite and mindful of our, and their, safety. For dinner, we took Ubers to and from uShaka Village which has the “Cargo Hold” Restaurant, built in the hold of a ship.



21 September 2018

We walked the shoreline promenade back to uShaka Village, where we did some shopping and had lunch. Afterwards, we rode a local taxi/bus to the vicinity of the Royal Natal Yacht Club, where we were warmly welcomed and spent the late afternoon and evening. A taxi took us home, and we prepared for tomorrow’s flight to Cape Town.



*To see more pictures of Durban,
overlaid on a map, click:*

[Durban](#)