

SELF DRIVE 9 DAY TOUR



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ALIWAL SHOAL / GAME PARK / SODWANA



Enjoy an incredible 9 Day Self Drive Tour to the Famous Dive Sites of South Africa including a chance to see the Big 5 !

Welcome to **Meridian Dive**, where we hope you can find exactly what you are looking for!

We offer some of the best and most exciting diving in the world – experience diving with ragged tooth sharks, tiger sharks, dolphins, whales, turtles, black tip sharks and manta rays...to name a few. Meridian Dive will provide your Southern Africa Safari that will not only give you unforgettable diving but we also offer a land safari tour to a private game park where you can see the Big 5 Game animals. Aliwal Shoal is rated as one of the Top 10 Dive Sites of the world for our varied and seasonal sea life, and along with Sodwana, you will enjoy some of the most exciting diving to be experienced!

BASIC ITINERARY

Day 1	Arrive & transfer to Sodwana Bay
Day 2	2 dives at Sodwana
Day 3	2 dives at Sodwana
Day 4	2 dives, then transfer to the private game park
Day 5	Game Drives
Day 6	Game Drive, transfer to Aliwal Shoal
Day 7	Baited shark dive and reef dive
Day 8	2 reef and or wreck dives
Day 9	Depart



FULL ITINERARY

DAY 1

Welcome! Upon your arrival, hire your vehicle at King Shaka International Airport and transfer to Sodwana Bay lodge (+- 4 hours drive North). You can stop on the way to purchase some light snacks. On arrival in Sodwana, book into your accommodation. Included is a buffet breakfast, and either buffet or a la carte meals in the evening.

You can choose from two different resorts:

Your Sodwana Bay Resort is set back from the forested sand dunes. Your reed and thatch chalet has twin beds, en-suite shower and toilet, bath towels, ceiling fan, mosquito nets, bar fridge, tea/coffee and TV, serviced daily. There is a safe in the room. The restaurant for your buffet breakfast and dinner is close by, with a pub and swimming pool. Lunch snacks can be purchased at the beach between dives.

Sodwana Smaller Resort is also set back from the beach, and has standard basic log cabin with two single beds, all linen, bath towels and mosquito nets. There are lights and limited plug points in these cabins. There is a private shower room attached to the back of the cabin with an open air shower and covered toilet and basin. The resort transfers you to the dive site.

DAY 2 AND DAY 3

Transfer by vehicle to the beach, kit up under shaded tents, and enjoy 2 dives to the various reefs of Sodwana Bay. Then when the diving is finished, transfer back to your resort to relax in the afternoon or enjoy one of the local activities. Your 6 Dive Package is to 2 Mile Reef, a huge, beautiful reef which is a very short distance by RIB/zodiac from the beach.

DAY 4

After your last two dives, transfer (+-1.5 hours drive) to your private 4*game park for two nights. A unique feature is the luxury tented accommodation which offers you the ultimate "Out of Africa" experience. It is en suite, with a private wooden sun deck. Sleep peacefully and listen to the African bush life. Depending of time of arrival, we may do a game drive. Full board is included.

DAY 5

The morning game drive will be into the famous Hluhluwe and Umfolosi game park – one of the very finest in Africa. Lunch will be scheduled around the drives. Stay your last night, and enjoy a Boma braai buffet under the stars.

DAY 6

After an early morning game drive, transfer (+- 4 hours South) to Durban. You can stop off at Ushaka (dolphin aquarium on the Durban beach front) for an early evening meal, before transferring (1 hours drive South) to your 4* bed and breakfast at Aliwal Shoal. Comfortable rooms, en-suite, private.



Day 7

An early morning rise and transfer to the dive site to enjoy a baited shark dive, followed by a reef dive. Breakfast will be arranged around the diving. There is a restaurant at the dive site for lunch between or after diving. Then spend the afternoon relaxing or enjoying one of the local activities. In the evening you will be taken to a restaurant nearby for your dinner



DAY 8

Another early morning rise to enjoy two dives on the world famous Aliwal Shoal, either reef, wreck or shark dives. You can then spend the afternoon relaxing or enjoying one of the local activities. Overnight at the same accommodation. You can do another baited shark dive if you prefer, for an optional extra. .



DAY NINE

Good buys, sign logbooks, transfer to the airport, to have a safe journey home!

RATES:

Please request separately.



WHATS INCLUDED:

SODWANA

3 nights accommodation
Meals within the itinerary
6 dives to 2 mile reef
Weight belt, weights, cylinder,



PRIVATE GAME PARK

2 nights 4* accommodation
Breakfast, lunch, dinner included
Various Game Drives



ALIWAL SHOAL

3 nights 4 * accommodation bed and breakfast
1 x baited shark dive, followed by reef dive
2 x reef and/or wreck dives
Weight belt, weights, cylinder



WHATS EXCLUDED

Sodwana Bay drinks and beach lunches

Aliwal Shoal drinks, lunch and dinner

Entry ticket through the boom gate (nominal fee)

Equipment hire

We are rebreather friendly and have absorbent and cylinders.

Sodwana Dive excess prices are charged for the further reefs over and above the '2 mile' reef price, which can be paid for on departure, depending on the reefs we decide to go to.

DVD of the trip – you are welcome to book one, and be the star of the holiday!

Single supplement and non divers welcome – please request your rates.



Scuba diving licence excluded

As per the Department of Environment and Tourism, all divers will be required to purchase a scuba diving licence to dive in a marine protected area at Aliwal Shoal and Sodwana. You can purchase this at the Post Office. (nominal fee) or we can arrange well ahead of time.

☺ Look forward to seeing you all on another fun-filled

MERIDIAN DIVE ADVENTURE ☺

Please do email me after reading through all the information with all your questions!

At your service

Best regards

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