



Phinda Reserve, KwaZulu-Natal

AWF's 2017 Pre-Retreat Safari

October 19 – 22, 2017

Join fellow trustees on a pre-retreat safari that travels to Kwa-Zulu Natal's Phinda Game Reserve. This is a beautiful piece of Africa, boasting geological diversity, habitat variety, and a wonderful array of wildlife and plant species.



Located in subtropical northern KwaZulu-Natal, close to the azure waters of the Indian Ocean, Phinda is an award-winning game reserve. Phinda's strong conservation and community involvement roots date to 1991 when 34,600 acres of degraded farmland were restored and added to a pristine wildlife reserve ranging from forests to open grassland to coastal. Phinda Private Game Reserve now encompasses an impressive 57,000 acres of wilderness in KwaZulu-Natal. Showcasing some of Africa's finest game viewing experiences, Phinda features Africa's Big Five (lion, leopard, elephant, buffalo and rhino), cheetah, and 415 bird species. Phinda is described as "Seven Worlds of Wonder" with seven distinct habitats - a magnificent tapestry of woodland, grassland, wetland and forest, interspersed with mountain ranges, river courses, marshes and pans. With unspoiled beaches and spectacular reefs nearby, and an abundance of wildlife, Phinda offers the perfect adventure. With views of the spectacular Ubombo mountain range and the surrounding Zululand bushveld, Mountain Lodge at Phinda is a dramatic safari destination. The 25 split-level suites crest the mountain's edge, offering breathtaking views of the reserve below. The lodge has recently been rebuilt and refurbished, and each suite now boasts an en-suite bathroom, private sitting area, and spacious veranda complete with private plunge pool and outdoor shower. The guest area is a magnificent U-shaped building with central al fresco courtyard, which provides comfort between exciting game drives.

Explore the pristine sanctuary of Phinda via fascinating game drives, offered twice daily and accompanied by an experienced ranger and tracker team eager to expand your knowledge of the wilderness. Get even closer to Phinda's incredible diversity with interpretive bush walks, or glide along the cool waters of the Mzinene River as you take in the vast wilderness around you. While on the reserve, you'll learn how AWF has partnered with Kwa-Zulu Natal to help protect and conserve the region's very important black rhino population. You'll also have the opportunity to learn about Phinda's unique approach to conserving this extraordinary endangered pachyderm.

Participants should plan to arrive in Johannesburg by mid-morning on October 19th. You'll depart early afternoon for Richard's Bay via a commercial flight and then travel overland for two hours to Phinda Game Reserve. On October 22nd, we depart Phinda via private charter to Durban and onwards to Cape Town via a scheduled flight for the beginning of the AWF Retreat.

Safari cost based on double occupancy and including all internal flights, ground transfers, and accommodations and meals: **\$3830 per person**
Limited Single Supplements available at **\$4868**