

Wilderness Leadership School Wild Coast Eastern Cape



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Trail Details

- 5 day trail with an option to extend to 1 night community stay
- Each trail accommodates between six and eight trailists.
- Each trail is led by two experienced, guides
- We eat and sleep under the stars
- Everyone carries a backpack
- No sophistication (including cellphone, watches, music or liquor)
- The duration of daily wilderness walks is customized for your comfort
- Transport included for the round trip from King Shaka International Airport/ Wilderness Leadership School

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There is something wild in all of us, a wild child, a non-conformist, an original, unmodified by our modern western lifestyles. And all it takes is the spirit of the wilderness to unleash our need to intuitively reconnect with what is essentially our natural habitat.

The uniqueness of the Wild Coast is its inaccessibility and wild character which is being threatened by both mining interests and the proposed development of a major toll road along this relatively unspoiled and pristine coastline. The local inhabitants live in harmony and balance with their environment, taking only what they need to subsist in this bountiful ecosystem.

Trailists will explore the lush forested Pondoland hillsides and untouched sandy beaches, wading through beautiful estuaries and quiet lagoons. Signs of the original inhabitants of this coast line; the Khoisan people are still found in the form of Middens of sea shells where they feasted on the bounty of the ocean.

Trails are accompanied by the percussive music of the waves crashing on this distinctively wild section of coastline. Fish Eagles and Trumpeter Hornbills each add their own special melodies to this natural symphony. Trails begin from the Wilderness Leadership School in Durban and after an interesting four hour drive through rural Pondoland, we embark on our journey of discovery along this pristine coast.

All essentials are carried in back packs by trailists including food. Wherever possible, fresh vegetables and sustainable seafood are procured from local inhabitants thus bringing in much needed revenue to these communities.

All trails are accompanied by a Wilderness Leadership School guide and a local Specialist guide from the Pondoland region.

An additional night may be added to this experience to stay with in a rural village as part of the WLS community home-stay initiative. This would encompass assisting with the preparation of food, eating with the hosts and sleeping in a traditional dwelling. Funds from this initiative contribute towards community upliftment in this area.

