

ZIMELE

DEVELOPING COMMUNITY SELF-RELIANCE

HELPING PEOPLE STAND ON THEIR FEET

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ZIMELE COMMUNITY offers a uniquely South African experience!

DISCOVER THE WARMTH OF AFRICA

Africa is the ancient birthplace of humanity. Centuries later, the proud isiZulu nation created a vast and powerful empire like no other. Now, discover for yourself how the communities of the rural areas of KwaZulu-Natal live. Immerse yourself in the way of life of people whose strong sense of culture exists to this day. Discover the deep roots of tribal custom.

In addition you will also explore the highlights of KwaZulu-Natal, an internationally acclaimed tourism destination: the balmy waters of the Indian Ocean, the fascinating Mandela sculpture in the Midlands, the majestic peaks of the uKhahlamba-Drakensberg mountain range (a world heritage site) and travel into the bush for a Big 5 game experience (the Big 5 is the name given to the kings of the bush, the elephant, buffalo, lion, leopard and rhinoceros).



A collage of past visitors:

Visitors work hands-on with the community, bringing income to impoverished areas as well as physical assistance. This cultural interaction is an amazing way of sharing the heart of a country. And also making a tangible difference in people's lives.

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ONE WEEK WONDER TOUR!

R20 000 per person includes everything except alcohol, insurance and the trips to and from King Shaka International Airport. It includes all other travel, accommodation, meals etc).

This includes a R5 000 donation towards programme expenses.

Minimum 4 people, maximum 12 per group.

DAY 1	Pick up at King Shaka Airport. Enjoy the delights of the Indian Ocean. Spend the night in Country Guesthouse near to Pietermaritzburg.
DAY 2	Travel into the Swayimane community to see the Zimele Programme working on developing community self-reliance in rural South Africa. Experience the “home stay” programme by spending the night with Zulu families to get a full experience of traditional meals and learn about the unique Zulu culture.
DAY 3	Be part of the community! Work side by side with the people of rural South Africa; spend a day in their shoes. Return to your ‘family’ for another “home stay” night.
DAY 4	Meander through the rolling KwaZulu-Natal Midlands, stopping at the evocative Mandela Capture Site Museum and the tumbling Howick Falls and then travelling on to a traditional Zulu guesthouse in the foothills of the Drakensberg Mountains.
DAY 5	Witness community development in action with a focus on caring for orphaned and vulnerable children. Meet the children whose lives have been transformed by the women of the Zimele Community programme. Spend the night in the traditional guesthouse.
DAY 6	Travel to a nearby 4-star Drakensberg resort and enjoy hiking, fishing or swimming beneath these majestic mountains.
DAY 7	Luxury SAFARI! No trip to South Africa is complete without a safari in a nearby luxury Big 5 game reserve.
DAY 8	Drop off at King Shaka airport

About Zimele Community:

Our vision – *To confront the root causes of poverty and remove the barriers to economic self-sufficiency for women in South Africa’s rural communities.*

Our mission – *To empower women with the skills, resources, and support networks to start businesses and social service projects to sustain themselves, their families and their communities.*





“We believe in changing one individual, one family, one community at a time!”