KWAZULUNEWS

We may not be able to travel right now, but there's nothing stopping us from dreaming and planning our next adventures. Introducing our KZN Collection...

THE KZN COLLECTION

Umlingo, in partnership with Go South Africa, is delighted to share our fantastic competition whereby one lucky couple will win a "magical" stay in KwaZulu-Natal, spending 2 nights at 6 different properties in Umlingo's KZN Collection worth around £3,000 (R60,000). The prize includes 12 nights' accommodation, mostly on a DBB/Full Board basis and some incredible activities.



Highlights include:

- · Star Gazing, hiking, biking and horse trails at **Antbear Eco Lodge** in the Drakensberg Mountains.
 - \cdot A moving Anglo-Boer Battlefields Tour with Ray at **Spion Kop Lodge**.
- · Lebombo Scenic Sundowner Drive through rural Zululand at the beautiful **Ghost Mountain Inn**.
 - "Big 5" Safari and elephants for Africa at **Tembe Elephant Park**.
 - \cdot Coastal bliss at **Kosi Forest Lodge** including guided canoeing on the lake and estuary.
 - · Cruising Lake Jozini onboard the incredible **Shayamanzi Houseboat.**

How to Enter (if you haven't already!)

- 1. COMPLETE THE SURVEY to register your details so we can alert you on 31 May if you win.
- 2. Make sure you FOLLOW Umlingo on <u>Facebook</u> and/or <u>Instagram</u> or it wont count!
- 3. Optional: TAG friends and share for extra entries using #KZNMAGIC & #UMLINGO.

QUIRKS & PERKS ... YOUR VOUCHER

This newsletter will highlight some of the unique and sometimes quirky reasons to love these six KZN Collection members - as well as the perks of booking them! The good news is that **EVERYONE** that completes the GoSouthAfrica survey and enters the competition will get a R1,000 gift voucher to use towards a paid booking at any of the 6 featured lodges. Vouchers can be used for agent bookings too.

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SHAYAMANZI HOUSEBOAT

The Shayamanzi I and II are two magnificent houseboats that cruise Zululand's scenic Lake Jozini.

Quirks:

- Listen to hippos grunting as you drift off to sleep in your ensuite cabin with views over the lake.
- The beautiful Lebombo Mountains are the perfect backdrop to spotting wildlife on the banks of the Pongola Game Reserve. Never a dull moment!

Perks:

- Watching elephants and other wildlife grazing on the shores of the Pongola Game Reserve.
- Enjoy the adrenaline rush of ferocious tiger fishing.
- Sundowners in the heated jacuzzi are hard to beat!

TEMBE ELEPHANT PARK

Tembe Elephant Park is a "Big 5" game reserve on KwaZulu-Natal's northern border with Mozambique.

Quirks:

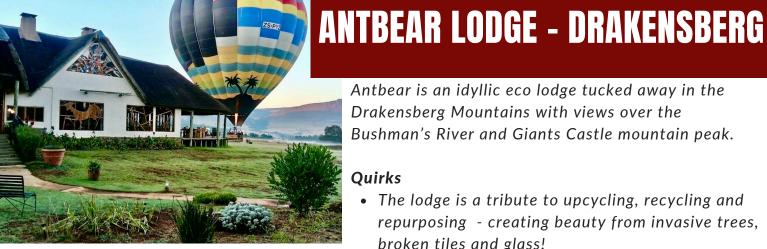
- Tembe is home to some of Africa's largest "tuskers" as well as rare painted/wild dogs.
- Tembe is owned and run by the local Tembe tribe - a true community upliftment success.
- The busy ellie webcam at Mahlasela Hide has a huge fan base.

Perks:

- Tembe offers one of the best value for money safaris you will find anywhere at just R1,600 (about £77) /person/night sharing including 2 guided game drives & all meals.
- Air-conditioned safari tents with ensuite bathrooms and outdoor showers.







Antbear is an idyllic eco lodge tucked away in the Drakensberg Mountains with views over the Bushman's River and Giants Castle mountain peak.

Quirks

- The lodge is a tribute to upcycling, recycling and repurposing - creating beauty from invasive trees, broken tiles and glass!
- Antbear's décor and carved wooden furnishings are all made on-site by local craftsmen - creating jobs.
- Each suite has a private lounge area with cosy fireplace, minibar - and spa bath.



- Some suites have lofts upstairs for families.
- There's a luxurious "cave" suite with jacuzzi, hammock - and views to die for - Pure Berg Bliss!
- Activities include hiking, horse trails, canoeing and even microlighting and hot air-ballooning!



KOSI FOREST LODGE

Kosi Forest Lodge is situated within the iSimangaliso Wetland Park - a renowned World Heritage Site.

Quirks:

- Forest rooms are nested underneath a canopy of natal fig and milkwood trees. The outdoor reeded bathrooms with floors of beach sand are a treat!
- The lodge is built around a Zulu podberry tree with the bar and pool overlooking Lake Shengeza where the hippos wallow and grunt.
- There is a bird hide in camp and bushbabies too!

Perks:

- The Kosi lake system is one of Africa's largest and most pristine estuaries with lakes, wetlands, dunes, mangrove swamps and raffia palm forests.
- Enjoy canoeing, fishing, boat trips, snorkelling, beach picnics - and even seasonal turtle tracking









GHOST MOUNTAIN INN

Ghost Mountain Inn is an family owned and run boutique hotel in Mkuze, in the heart of Zululand.

Quirks:

- "Linger longer" as there is so much to see and dobut its also a great spot to just relax and unwind.
- Visit an authentic Zulu Homestead as it is today.
- Kids can learn to stick fight or do Zulu beading or enjoy "grubby bug" insect safaris.
- The Lebombo Scenic Drive for sundowners is not to be missed.

Perks:

- Enjoy guided game drives and walks in uMkhuze, Manyoni and Hluhluwe Game Reserves.
- The spa is a haven of tranquillity and pampering.
- Boat trips on Lake Jozini to spot wildlife on the shores of the Pongola Game Reserve.

SPION KOP LODGE - BATTLEFIELDS

Spion Kop Lodge is tucked away on a 700 hectare game farm near Ladysmith. The Kop was the "look out hill" where the British fought the Boers in an epic 3-year battle 121 years ago.

Quirks:

- Even if you are not a history buff you won't want to miss experiencing a moving battlefields tour with Ray or his son Alistair.
- Walk in the footsteps of Winston Churchill, Mahatma Gandhi and General Louis Botha.
- Liverpool's "Kop" at Anfield is named after it.

Perks:

- Explore by car, on foot or even on horseback.
- Great spot for birding and wildlife.







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