

Travel Itinerary

4 night Kosi Bay Hike
AD Active Experiences



At a glance...

- 4 nights Utshwayelo Beach Camp - Full board basis & hiking activities

Day 1: Kosi Bay

Arrive at Utshwayelo Beach Camp, this afternoon, for check in into the Tembe Tents.

This region is one of the most inaccessible and ecologically special parts of South Africa. It is a region of pristine diversity, consisting of four interconnected lakes and an estuary that opens out into the warm Indian Ocean. Kosi Bay forms part of the protected iSimangaliso Wetland Park, which was SA's first World Heritage Site.

Take a stroll down to Kosi Mouth and the 1st lake, or perhaps enjoy an afternoon snorkeling.

Owner run Utshwayelo Beach Camp is situated in the far north-eastern corner of South Africa, close to the Kosi Mouth and offers a variety of accommodation from comfortable tents to rustic campsites. The attractive Tembe Tents are situated in a private setting under Waterberry trees and each has a covered verandah, a separate en-suite bathroom and an outside shower. Utsh Beach Camp operates under a community lease, and with good community involvement. It is self-sufficient in terms of its water and electricity. Communal areas include a boma, open-bar, lounge, dining room and a pool. Activities include canoeing (guests can explore the ancient fish traps), hiking and optional 4 x 4 trips. Snorkeling in this region is superb.

Dinner at the Utshwayelo Beach Camp this evening.



Overnight Utshwayelo Beach Camp, Tembe Tents, on a full board basis.

Day 2: Kosi Bay

After breakfast head out on a days hike, taking a circular route around Kalu estuary, with its savannah plains, traversing prehistoric coral dunes and dune forests, and finishing at the flat, palm-fringed beach at Kosi mouth. End your day snorkeling here, an important tropical fish breeding ground and nursery. **We break for lunch to refresh our energy levels.**



Return to Utshwayelo Beach Camp for dinner.

Distance: 15 km (Days hiking from Utsh Camp)

Duration: 4-5 hrs

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Day 3: Kosi Bay



This morning after breakfast, transfer across the river and to the freshwater lake, which is then crossed on a raffia-made pontoon. Hike across savannah and woodlands towards Banga Nek, the strip of land which separates the lake system from the ocean. Chat to the locals at a small tuckshop, en route and then hike along sandy tracks and dunes before swimming in the ocean. **Lunch is a picnic, en-route.**

Take the 3 Lakes boat cruise (an excellent opportunity for birding and photography) and view the palisade fish kraals made by the locals, for their subsistence fishing. You will be dropped on the western shore for the 2 km hike back to camp. **Dinner at Utshwayelo Beach Camp.**

Distance: 17 km

Duration: 5-6 hrs

Overnight Utshwayelo Beach Camp, Tembe Tents, on a full board basis.

Day 4: Kosi Bay

Breakfast at the lodge, before setting off on our hike. Today's Lake Zilonde circular loop takes you through mangrove swamps and fern forest, up a 65m high dune and over coral dunes, with a **picnic lunch en-route**. Walk along flat beach through to Kosi Mouth where you can do some snorkeling.

Return to the lodge for some relaxation time before dinner.

Distance: 12.5 kms (**Days hiking from Utsh Camp**) **Duration:** 4 hours

Overnight Utshwayelo Beach Camp, Tembe Tents, on a full board basis.



Day 5: Depart

Depart camp after breakfast today.

Inclusions

- 4 nights accommodation Utshwayelo Beach Camp - Tembe Tents
- All meals (Dinner on arrival – breakfast on departure day)
- Private hiking guide
- 4 x 4 transfers & luggage transport
- Reserve permits & trail fees
- 3 Lakes boat tour
- Snorkelling in Kosi Mouth

Exclusions

- Drinks
- Optional tours: turtle & 4x4