The Anglo Zulu War of 1879 is famous throughout the English-speaking world for the great battles of Isandlwana and Rorke’s Drift. The spectacular Fugitives’ Drift property, a Natural Heritage Site, overlooks both Isandlwana and Rorke’s Drift, and includes the site where Lieutenant Melvill and Lieutenant Coghill lost their lives saving the Queen’s Colour of their regiment.

It was here that David and Nicky Rattray, pioneered Heritage Tourism in South Africa, and created an award winning lodge for visitors to savour this extraordinary saga.

Led by the finest guides in South Africa, thought-provoking and often emotionally charged tours are conducted daily to Isandlwana and Rorke’s Drift. Walks, mountain biking and horse rides through the reserve to view abundant game and birdlife are offered as well as fishing the 20 km frontage on the Buffalo River.
The Harford Library, overlooking the Buffalo River Gorge and the mountain of Isandlwana, offers a unique venue for friends to relax and celebrate, or for executive groups to meet. The open-plan design has stunning views across the covered deck and offers formal seating for up to 40 guests, or more comfortable and intimate arrangements for smaller parties. The Library also has a dedicated kitchen, wireless internet access and an integrated audio visual system: the possibilities are endless. From lunches and parties to corporate entertaining and think tanks, this breathtaking venue can be tailored to meet any needs.
The reserve offers a choice of accommodation in the Lodge, Guest House or our self catering option, Umzinyathi Farmhouse, all owned by the Rattrays and born out of their extensive experience, evident in every corner of Fugitives’ Drift, is their love of South Africa, its people and its unique history.

Spacious, luxury en-suite cottages each have private verandahs and broad views over the plains flanking the Buffalo River Gorge. The Lodge and Guest House both have swimming pools, set in their colourful well established gardens, home to innumerable bird species.

Enjoy superb cuisine, a unique fusion of home and modern flavours, in the splendid atmosphere of a veritable museum of Anglo Zulu War memorabilia.