



FUGITIVES' DRIFT

RORKE'S DRIFT



TWO NIGHT ITINERARY

A two-night stay allows enough time for the Isandlwana and Rorke's Drift tour, as well as the walk to the graves of Melvill and Coghill. However, it is advisable to stay for three nights if time permits, as this allows for the flagship tours to be done in the correct historical order without doing them on the same day.

DAY ONE

On your afternoon of arrival, you will be personally greeted by our staff and shown around the Lodge or Guest House.

Guests staying at the Lodge will make their way up to either the dining room or the Harford Library for lunch, which is served from 1pm – 2pm. The Harford Library has stunning views over the Buffalo River and Isandlwana. At the Guest House - weather permitting - lunch is served on the veranda, with sweeping views towards Isandlwana and Rorke's Drift.

After lunch, spend an hour having a look around the Fugitives' Drift Museum, or relaxing in the Lodge or Guest House gardens or by one of our swimming pools.

The Rorke's Drift tour departs at 3pm. On the way to Rorke's Drift, you will listen to an audio narration by David

Rattray, describing the background to the events of the afternoon of 23rd January 1879.

Upon arrival at the battlefield, there is an opportunity to look around the museum before the lecture begins. There is very little walking involved with this tour. The lecture concludes around 5:30pm; you will then have the opportunity to look around the various memorials and graves before we return you to the Lodge and Guest House.

Pre-dinner drinks and canapes are served around the fire at 7pm, followed by a four-course dinner in the dining room which is hosted by a member of our staff.

Please let us know if you have any dietary requirements as dinner is a set menu.

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DAY TWO

You will be woken up with your choice of tea or coffee delivered to your room. Breakfast is served in the dining room from 6:50am.

The Isandlwana tour departs at 7.30am. On the way to the battlefield, you will listen to another audio narration by David Rattray, describing the background to the events of the morning of 23rd January 1879.

There will be a stop at 9am to visit the Isandlwana museum, after which you will be taken onto the battlefield where the lecture will begin. At about 11:30am we will serve tea and coffee, after which you will have the opportunity to visit the various grave sites at Isandlwana. Another audio, this time describing the story of the survivors and the significant events of the battle of Isandlwana, is played during your return to Fugitives' Drift.

After lunch, spend an hour having a look around the Fugitives' Drift Museum, or relaxing in the Lodge or Guest House gardens or by one of our swimming pools.

Afternoon tea and homemade cake of the day are available from 3:30pm on the lodge veranda. From 4pm, you will have the opportunity to join one of our guided walks through the reserve to see the graves of Lieutenants Melvill and Coghill.

These legendary soldiers were the first ever posthumous recipients of the Victoria Cross; awarded for their gallantry in attempting to save the regimental Queen's Colours following the disaster at Isandlwana. We are fortunate to have their last resting place here at Fugitives' Drift, buried where they fell.

The graves walk takes approximately one hour and includes 3km of stunning views across the Buffalo River. It is a relatively easy walk but does involve a short climb.

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DAY OF DEPARTURE

After a leisurely wake up, enjoy some breakfast – served up until 9am - on the lodge veranda.

Check-out time is 10am, but before your departure you are welcome to move out of your room and spend the

morning at Fugitives' Drift. This may be in the museum or library, or following the walking trails into the heart of the game reserve to look for giraffe, zebra, wildebeest and the elusive kudu.



• Douglas Rattray / Battlefield Tours



• The "Graves Walk" (Melvill & Coghill at Fugitives' Drift)



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