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## Anglo-Zulu & Anglo-Boer Wars 2009 Battlefield Tour May 12th to 22nd, 2009

*Visit the battlefields of Blood River, Ulundi, Isandlwana, Fugitives Drift, Rorkes Drift, Kambula and Hlobane, Talana, Elandsplaagte, Ladysmith, Wagon Hill, Colenso, Spioenkop and the Battles of Tugela Heights.*

**"I never saw anything like it, nothing could frighten them, and when any of their numbers were shot down, others took their place." - Unidentified British Soldier, AZWHS Journal No. 9**

Destiny marched with men along the winding roads and through its steep, narrow passes where bloody battles were fought between Zulu, Boer and British.

The Battlefields Route is not a journey; it is a rich experience. These unspoiled battlefields have a palpable atmosphere. Our guides will evoke vivid pictures of tough battles fought here and share with you the culture of the peoples that made the history and now give the area its unique character.

**Day One: Overnight flight to South Africa.** Meet our group in New York City for our South African Airways flight to Africa.

**Day Two: Arrive Durban, South Africa.** Transfer to our hotel. Rest of day is free to rest up from flight.

**Day Three: Zulu Cultural Overview.** Travel to KwaZulu to learn about the history of the

Zulu people. Overnight tonight at Shakaland Cultural Center.

**Day Four: Antecedents of the Zulu War (1879)** We visit Mgungundlovu, where King Dingang's partially restored capital is located and visit the graves of Piet Retief and his fellow Voortrekkers. After lunch we drive to Ulundi where Lord Chelmsford dealt a mortal blow to the House of Shaka on the 4th July 1879.

**Day Five: Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Game Reserve.** Today we take a break from military history for an exciting photo safari. No trip to Africa is complete with a Big Five Game Drive. Bring lots of film.

**Day Six: Isandlwana, Fugitives & Roark's Drift.** Today we visit three of the most famous battlefields in South Africa immortalized in the film, "Zulu". Tonight we will travel to Dundee to stay at a working Afrikaner farm.

**Day Seven: Blood River, Hlobane & Kambula.** We visit the site of famous Voortrekkers defense of a determined Zulu attack on 16th Dec 1838.

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### Tour Highlights

- ◆ Our tour marks the 130th Anniversary of the Anglo-Zulu War and the 110th Anniversary of the Anglo-Boer War.
- ◆ Guided tours of the major battlefields of the Zulu & Boer Wars.
- ◆ Big Five Game Drive on the Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Game Reserve
- ◆ Visit the site of Winston Churchill's capture by the Boer's that catapulted him to fame and glory.



**Land Package Price: \$2,599 per person, double occupancy**

**2009 Zulu & Boer War Highlights:**

- 11 Days, 9 Nights Guided Tour
- All ground transportation, guides, meals and admission fees per itinerary.
- 2-nights Babanango Valley Lodge
- 2-nights Lennox Cottage, Dundee
- 2-nights Bullers Rest Lodge, Ladysmith
- 1-night Durban, Shakaland and Spionkop Lodge

Airfare to/from South Africa not included but we can assist with arrangements. Pre and Post Hotel packages and trip insurance are available. Please call 614.306.6091 or visit our website.

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**Tour Itinerary Continued**

**Day Seven:** (Continued) We next visit the battlefields of Hlobane and Kambula, the first a embarrassing defeat for the British and the latter the turning point of the way in their favor. Return to Dundee via the site of the death of the Prince Imperial of France on 1st June 1879, which ended the Napoleonic dynasty.

**Day Eight: Anglo-Boer War 1899.** Turning to the Anglo-Boer War we visit the Talana Battlefield and Museum followed by a drive to Elandslaagte and Ladysmith for a tour of the Siege Museum.

**Day Nine: Relief of Ladysmith, Frere Train Wreck & the Battle of Colenso.** We will visit several sites important to the siege and relief of Ladysmith. We will also visit the site of The Frere Train Wreck, where on Nov 15, 1899, Winston Churchill was captured by the Boer's and sent to Pretoria. His subsequent escape and daring flight back to British lines made him a national hero and propelled his political career. Next we travel to the Battle of Colenso, which was costly defeat for the British.

**Day Ten: Spionkop and Battle of Tugela Heights.** Today we visit Spionkop, one of the most tragic battles ever fought on African soil, it was stark preview of the trench warfare of World War I (1914-18). Three future world leaders were involved in this engagement—Louis Botha, Winston Churchill and Mahatma Ghandi. After lunch, we will drive to Hart's Hill & Pieter's Ridge to discuss the final attempt to relieve Ladysmith— The Battle of Tugela Heights. Tonight we will stay at Spionkop Lodge, the HQ of British Commander-in-Chief, General Buller.

**Day Eleven:** Our tour ends today with a scenic drive to Durban and our flight home.

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