



The **Tugela River** in KwaZulu-Natal is our playground when it comes to white water **rafting** and **kayaking**. Where else? Nowhere else will you find more action, excitement and bush. It really is one of South Africa's best white water destinations. We operate on a lengthy part of the river; about a **hundred and thirty kilometers** from the town of Bergville all the way to Causeway, just downstream from the town of Weneen. The river offers just about everything. Outings vary from the short, very accessible and mellow to the long and isolated rough stuff. Depending on your request, group composition/competency or river conditions, we will either make use of **large inflatable rafts** (2 to 8-man) or **white water kayaks**. Don't forget we are on the Ash Mlambonja and Bushmans river as well.

WHITE WATER RAFTING!

Bergville to Spioenkop Dam Nature Reserve

Mambasa to Alpine View

The Legendary Tugela River Canyon

The Mello Tugela

Mlambonja!

Dalton Bridge to Moor Park

Riversdale to Bushmans River Camp

Ash!

White Water Kayaking





BERGVILLE TO SPIOENKOP DAM NATURE RESERVE

This is our comfortable and classic one-day white water rafting session. Where else, than the Tugela River? This is truly one of South Africa's best white water destinations. The trip starts in the town of Bergville and finishes where the river flows into the Spioenkop Dam. You are looking at a trip of about 5-6 hours. This piece of the Tugela River is surprisingly big, fast, continuous and very friendly towards the person who is not the everyday rafter. Rapids up to Class 3+ can be expected. Depending on group composition we run this section with either 2-man inflatable rafts (or Crocs) and/or 6-8 man inflatable rafts. The first half is mellow and very easy! Half way we stop for lunch and immediately afterwards the real action starts and keeps going until we reach the dam.

Region: Upper Tugela River (around the town of Winterton, KwaZulu-Natal).

Cost: R650 per person.

Duration: 1 day.

What you will get: All equipment and guiding, lunch and transport back to your vehicle(s) from the take-out.

When to go: Best during high summer (October-March). It could however be done as late as May.

Itinerary rating: Moderate and friendly. Children younger than eight years of age will not be permitted to take part.

YOU WILL NEED:

- o You will need sun block and extra drinks for on river.
- o Your regular swim wear, the same as what you would wear to the swimming pool.
- o Shoes are recommended. Don't bring running shoes. Use something like sandals that fasten around you feet.
- o On a rainy or overcast day it can get cold on the river, even in high summer! A light wind breaker or something similar is recommended. Don't bring heavy and bulky clothing.
- o A t-shirt (preferably not cotton) can be worn underneath your life jacket. It helps keeping sunburn to a minimum.
- o Dry clothing for after the paddle.





MAMBASA TO ALPINE VIEW

Our second regular one-day white water paddle. A bit shorter but equally as good. Action packed from start to finish. When the Tugela River really gets going there is some enormous white water to be encountered. Rapids ranging from class 1-5, no sweat. Depending on group composition we run this section with either 2-man inflatable rafts (or Crocs) and/or 6-8 man inflatable rafts! And when you're done you will be pulling in at the Pig and Plough farm shop for a burger, pizza or a pie!

Region: Upper Tugela River (around the town of Winterton, KwaZulu-Natal).

Cost: R650 per person.

Duration: 1 day.

What you will get: All equipment and guiding, lunch at the Pig and Plough Farm Shop and transport back to your vehicle(s) from the take-out.

When to go: Best during high summer (October-March). It can however be done as late as May.

Itinerary rating: Moderate and friendly. Children younger than eight years of age will not be permitted to take part.

YOU WILL NEED:

- o You will need sun block and extra drinks for on river.
- o Your regular swim wear, the same as what you would wear to the swimming pool.
- o Shoes are recommended. Don't bring running shoes. Use something like sandals that fasten around you feet.
- o On a rainy or overcast day it can get cold on the river, even in high summer! A light wind breaker or something similar is recommended. Don't bring heavy and bulky clothing.
- o A t-shirt (preferably not cotton) can be worn underneath your life jacket. It helps keeping sunburn to a minimum.
- o Dry clothing for after the paddle.





THE LEGENDARY TUGELA RIVER CANYON

This is a three-day and two-night paddle down one of South Africa's best stretches of white water. Great for rafting and kayaking. This paddle, we approach as a multi-day hike where only the necessary will be taken along. This all makes your descent down the river easier and efficient. All equipment, guiding and transport back to your vehicles are included. Rapids you can expect along the way are Rocky Horror, Klip Rapid, Off the Wall, Frog's Playground, Washing Machine, Liquidizer, Finger Rock, Ledges and of course Keisha! This is not a river where you will be floating along in luxury, it is action from the word 'go'!

Region: Tugela River (and the towns of Ladysmith and Weenen, KwaZulu-Natal).

Cost: Inquire.

Duration: 3 days.

When to go: Best during high summer (October-March). It could however be done as late as May.

Itinerary rating: Moderate to extreme. Only persons sixteen years and older will be permitted to take part.

OTHER INFORMATION:

This is the big one, the rough one, the tough one, the multi-day one, the really-out-there one! If you consider yourself an ardent adventurer or someone looking for that intense outdoor experience, this is for you. One night will be out in the rough, and the second at Zingela Safari and River Company where you will be catered for to your choosing. Be prepared for rapids from class 1 to 5, isolation and rugged terrain. Hard work on and off the river will be required. Splendid scenery. Real adventure!

POINTS OF INTEREST:

Tugela River Valley, Hart's Hill, Zingela Safari and River Company, Colenso Falls.



THE MELLO TUGELA

Don't expect any white water, because there is none. This outing is for those nature lovers who couldn't be bothered about the thrills and spills of white water rafting. If you're one of those preferring to head down river with a pair of binoculars around your neck and birding book on you lap, this is for you. One-day and multi-day outings are available.

Region: Anywhere on the upper Tugela River (around the town of Winterton, KwaZulu-Natal).

Cost: R350

Duration: 1 day or multi-day.

What you will get: All equipment and guiding, transport back to your vehicle(s) from the take-out and whatever else you might want (like accommodation, catering, etc.)

When to go: Year round, best during high summer (October-March).

Itinerary rating: Easy. Bring the whole family! Kids too!

YOU WILL NEED:

- o You will need sun block and extra drinks for on river.
- o Your regular swim wear, the same as what you would wear to the swimming pool.
- o Shoes are recommended. Don't bring running shoes. Use something like sandals that fasten around you feet.
- o On a rainy or overcast day it can get cold on the river, even in high summer! A light wind breaker or something similar is recommended. Don't bring heavy and bulky clothing.
- o A t-shirt (preferably not cotton) can be worn underneath your life jacket. It helps keeping sunburn to a minimum.
- o Dry clothing for after the paddle. If you get wet.



MLAMBONJA!

Our newest addition to the river scene. The best part of this stretch is that you have the Drakensberg as your backdrop. Easy paddling on grade 2-3 white water. The start is amongst local homesteads from which it meanders through a tight, short valley. Eventually ending near the Driel Dam. Your timing needs to be right on this one. Since it is in the Drakensberg this stretch is close to the source of the river. It therefore rises quickly and it drops quickly. Easy, beautiful as always, accessible, user friendly and fun.

Region: Bushmans River (near the town of Estcourt, KwaZulu-Natal).

Cost: R500 per person.

Duration: Half day, roughly 3 hours on the water.

What you will get: All equipment and guiding, transport to and from the river and lunch. Please note, depending on group size you might have to get yourself to the put-in.

When to go: Best during high summer (October-March). It could however be done as late as May.

Itinerary rating: Easy to moderate. Anyone can come.

YOU WILL NEED:

- o You will need sun block and extra drinks for on river.
- o Your regular swim wear, the same as what you would wear to the swimming pool.
- o Shoes are recommended. Don't bring running shoes. Use something like sandals that fasten around your feet.
- o On a rainy or overcast day it can get cold on the river, even in high summer! A light wind breaker or something similar is recommended. Don't bring heavy and bulky clothing.
- o A t-shirt (preferably not cotton) can be worn underneath your life jacket. It helps keeping sunburn to a minimum.
- o Dry clothing for after the paddle.



DALTON BRIDGE TO MOOR PARK

If this is your thinking, this stretch is for you: I am keen for some white water today, but not that rough and tough type stuff. I want to be out there with the family, with the kids and all. The thrills and spills I am not interested in, the small bumps the beginner paddler would experience as exciting is what I am after. I don't want to sit out there for hours either, just an hour or two will do. Bottom line, anyone can do it.

Region: Bushmans River (near the town of Estcourt, KwaZulu-Natal).

Cost: R450 per person.

Duration: Half day, 1-2 hours on the water.

What you will get: All equipment and guiding, transport to and from the river and lunch. Please note, depending on group size you might have to get yourself to the put-in.

When to go: Best during high summer (October-March). It could however be done as late as May.

Itinerary rating: Easy. Anyone can come.

YOU WILL NEED:

- o You will need sun block and extra drinks for on river.
- o Your regular swim wear, the same as what you would wear to the swimming pool.
- o Shoes are recommended. Don't bring running shoes. Use something like sandals that fasten around your feet.
- o On a rainy or overcast day it can get cold on the river, even in high summer! A light wind breaker or something similar is recommended. Don't bring heavy and bulky clothing.
- o A t-shirt (preferably not cotton) can be worn underneath your life jacket. It helps keeping sunburn to a minimum.
- o Dry clothing for after the paddle.





RIVERSDALE TO BUSHMANS RIVER CAMP

This section of the Bushmans River is one of those highly featuristic sections. There is a lot happening on the water, all runnable! Waterfalls, waterslides, weirs, technical rapids, you name it! And it is remote, with some really nice bush all around. There is no chance that you will be seeing anyone else on the river. When this river gets going it becomes very exciting. The rapids becomes quite long with some really nice play waves in between. Yeah!

Region: Bushmans River (near the town of Estcourt, KwaZulu-Natal).

Cost: R650 per person.

Duration: Half day, 2-3 hours on the water.

What you will get: All equipment and guiding, transport to and from the river and lunch. Please note, depending on group size you might have to get yourself to the put-in.

When to go: Best during high summer (October-March). It could however be done as late as May.

Itinerary rating: Moderate to extreme. Children younger than eight years of age will not be permitted to take part.

YOU WILL NEED:

- o You will need sun block and extra drinks for on river.
- o Your regular swim wear, the same as what you would wear to the swimming pool.
- o Shoes are recommended. Don't bring running shoes. Use something like sandals that fasten around your feet.
- o On a rainy or overcast day it can get cold on the river, even in high summer! A light wind breaker or something similar is recommended. Don't bring heavy and bulky clothing.
- o A t-shirt (preferably not cotton) can be worn underneath your life jacket. It helps keeping sunburn to a minimum.
- o Dry clothing for after the paddle.



ASH!

Pretty much South Africa's Zambezi River. Runnable all year, high class and fast, gorge like, clean and action guaranteed! Only difference is, it is icy cold and of course, much smaller in volume. The town of Clarens adds to the experience a great big deal too. In the morning you will be out there in the freshness of the Free State. In the afternoon you will be back in town for any combination of pizzerias, burger experts, coffee shops, pubs and whatever else this hip town has to offer. A ten out ten day out on the river!

Region: Ash River (Clarens, Free State).

Cost: R850 per person (minimum of four persons).

Duration: 1 day.

What you will get: All equipment and guiding, transport to and from the river (from Clarens) and lunch. Please note, you have to get yourself to Clarens.

When to go: Year round. It is the only river in South Africa with good water 365 days of the year. White water action guaranteed!

Itinerary rating: Intense. Children younger than twelve years of age will not be permitted to take part.

YOU WILL NEED:

- o You will need sun block and extra drinks for on river.
- o The Ash River's water is always below 10 degrees Celsius. In other words, always cold! During winter a wetsuit is required (this can be arranged if you do not have one). During summer your regular swim wear is sufficient, the same as what you would wear to the swimming pool.
- o Shoes are recommended. Don't bring running shoes. Use something like sandals that fasten around your feet.
- o On a rainy or overcast day it can get cold on the river (especially in winter), even in high summer! A light wind breaker or something similar is recommended. Don't bring heavy and bulky clothing.
- o A t-shirt (preferably not cotton) can be worn underneath your life jacket. It helps keeping sunburn to a minimum (during summer).
- o Dry clothing for after the paddle. Definitely warm clothing for winter paddling.





WHITE WATER KAYAKING

Every stretch of the Tugela River we raft we also take on with white water kayaks. If you're a keen kayaker already and looking for some action in our area, the Tugela River is an absolute must. Some of the best anywhere! Outings can be organised along this river's whole upper section. Expect anything from the easy and naturistic to the rugged, high class and isolated type stuff. One-day to multi-day, it is totally up to you!

Region: All the way from the town of Bergville to Causeway, just down stream of the town of Weenen, KwaZulu-Natal. Here you've got the entire upper Tugela, the ultra classic Harts Hill Falls section as well as the legendary Tugela River Canyon. All of it!

Cost: Inquire.

Duration: 1 day or multi-day.

What you will get: Guiding, arrangements, access, transport and whatever else you might need (like accommodation, catering, etc.)

When to go: High summer (October-March).

Itinerary rating: Moderate to extreme.

