

Glenroy Experience & Explore

Something of Everything

Duration: 1 week

Saturday

Collection from airport or other assembly point. Unpack, unwind and settle in. Enjoy a sunset meal overlooking Wagendrift Dam.

Sunday

Breakfast, then on to Giant's Castle World Heritage site for spectacular scenery, and a chance to view the rare lammergeier. A sandstone cave provides one of the biggest and best preserved examples of rock art in the Southern Hemisphere. In the evening, a labyrinth walk and chance to reflect on the days ahead.

Monday

Early morning game viewing at Weenen Game Reserve. Look north over blue hills towards the Kingdom of the Zulus; west over the Bushman's River and towards the Drakensberg Mountains known as the Barrier of Spears. Lunch amongst the acacia trees.

Tuesday

A chance to find out more about the local history. From Shaka and Dingane, to the Anglo-Zulu and Anglo-Boer wars, including famous battles like Majuba, Spionkop, Colenso, Willowgrange and the capture of Churchill at Chieveley, Glenroy is close to where it all happened. Go on a Battlefields tour with Ron Gold. End with a traditional Zulu meal prepared by local Sangoma Phumelela Sithole.

Wednesday

The Midlands Meander needs no introduction: from hats to shoes, gourmet food, to arts and crafts, it offers something for everyone. A stop off for lunch along the way is included, allowing you to enjoy the beautiful settings of the KZN Midlands.

Thursday

Enjoy the Drakensberg Canopy Tour for a breathtaking experience of indigenous forests. Thokoziisa for lunch. Visit one of the many small craft shops including those at Thokoziisa and KwaZulu Weavers, offering everything from wind chimes and jewellery, to furniture, rugs and candles.

Friday

Wind down and pack. Visit Wagendrift Dam for a walk or a swim. A braai in the evening to end the week and take leave of new friends.

Saturday

Bon voyage and back to work.

All tours are based at Glenroy Guest House, a charming old home with wide verandahs along its length, a peaked thatched roof and metre thick "pise de terre" walls. Inside, the house has a guest lounge, with wood fires in winter. It is set in an idyllic garden overlooking Wagendrift Dam. The open lawns, well established gardens, abundant birdlife and transcendent views instil in one an incredible sense of peace.

Activities are optional. Catch your breath by spending a quiet day at the Guest House.

Meals eaten at home are prepared in the Glenroy Kitchens. Glenroy is committed to sourcing as much as possible from local producers with much of the fresh produce coming from the Guest House gardens which are tended using principles of permaculture. These ethics and techniques are aimed toward maximum sustainability. No synthetic fertilizers or sprays are used, and the indigenous chickens provide hormone and antibiotic free eggs. Home made marmalade, lemon curd, muesli, homemade rusks, pickles, relish and cheese fill the Guesthouse pantry. Food is most certainly a celebration and is treated accordingly; you won't be disappointed on this front!

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Directions

Glenroy is just over a kilometre off the N3, via the Wembezi/Central Drakensberg off-ramp (number 175).

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