

BATTLEFIELD TOURS - ANGLO ZULU WAR OF 1879

Isandlwana Lodge flagship tours are Isandlwana and Rorke's Drift. All other tours by pre-arrangement, although not essential it would be advisable for groups of 4 or more in order to reduce the cost which quoted in a flat price regardless of number.

Battle of Isandlwana, 22 January 1879

Half Day Tour - Rand 300 per person

On the 22nd January 1879, the centre column of the British invasionary force, under the command of Lord Chelmsford, was defeated while camped on the eastern slope of the Isandlwana Mountain. 1,329 British and Colonial soldiers died in an attack by King Cetshwayo's Zulu Army.

Battle of Rorke's Drift, 22/23 January, 1879

Half Day Tour - Rand 300 per person

In the aftermath of Isandlwana an Impi of 4,500 Zulu warriors mounted an assault on a British Garrison of 140 men stationed at the border post at Rorke's Drift. After 11 hours of ferocious fighting, the remnants of the Zulu Impi departed in defeat, leaving 600 dead. 17 British soldiers died. 11 Victoria Crosses and 4 Distinguished Conduct Medals were awarded to the brave men manning the Garrison.

Following Lord Chelmsford's Movements

Half Day Tour - Rand 300 per person, minimum 4 people.

This tour gives the opportunity of following Lord Chelmsford's movements while the famous battle raged at Isandlwana.

(A) The Battle of Hlobane, 28th March, 1879 combined with

(B) The Battle of Kambula, 29th March 1879

Full Day Tour - Rand 1,500. Maximum 6 people regardless of number

(A) Hlobane is a flat-topped mountain 80 kms north of Isandlwana. On the 28th March, 600 mounted men attempted to dislodge upwards of 6,000 ABA Qulusi warriors and capture their cattle. This was to prove the second worst disaster of the Anglo Zulu War.

(B) Just after 1pm on the 29th March, the victorious Zulu Army that had defeated the British Force at Isandlwana and a mounted force the previous day at Hlobane, mounted on all out assault on Colonel Evelyn Woods fortified camp at Kambula. This was to be the turning point in the war. Although on three occasions the 20,000 Zulu forces were to get close to breaking the British defensive position they were finally driven off and suffered enormous casualties.

Prince Imperial Monument

Half Day Tour - Rand 1,000. Maximum 6 people regardless of number.

Visit the place where Prince Louis Napoleon, the only son of Napoleon III and Empress Eugenie and an aide de camp on Lord Chelmsford's staff, was killed in an ambush on 1st June, 1879, while on a reconnaissance mission.

The Battle of Ulundi, 4 July, 1879

Full Day Tour - Rand 2,500. Maximum 6 people regardless of number. lunch included.

This was the final battle, bringing about the capture and imprisonment of King Cetshwayo, the resignation of Lord Chelmsford and destruction of the Zulu Empire by Sir Garnett Wolsley.

The museum at **Ulundi** houses many Zulu artifacts, exquisite beadwork and the Bible Queen Victoria gave to King Cetshwayo.