Boer War Tour Packages - Expert Local Guide

Half-day / Full day options available. Tours can be tailored to suit your requirements.

**Option 1: Half-day - R600 per person (transport in own vehicle, lunch and toll fees excluded)**
Depart for Belfast, retracing the route taken by Ian Hamilton's troops September 1900. Visit Gun Ridge site, the place where Buller launched his attack on the Bergendal kopjes. Then onto the Bergendal memorial, scene of the last set-piece battle of the Anglo Boer War 1899 - 1902. The old farmhouse still stand bearing the scars of the battle and under the shade of the gum trees the fallen of the 2nd Rifle Brigade lie. Relive the story of courage, despair, frustration and hardship while surveying the barren windswept landscape of the Dalmanutha plateau. Finally a visit to the military and concentration camp graves at the old cemetery in Belfast before returning to Schaefers' Halt.

**Option 2: Half-day - R600 per person (transport in own vehicle, lunch and toll fees excluded)**
Depart for Lydenburg, our first stop near the airfield from where one hears the story of what happened after Bergendal, Buller's arrival in town and Botha's escape over Long Tom Pass. From there we visit remains of a British fort on the well-known Long Tom Pass. There is a wonderful account by Mary Long, wife of Lieut. Long, about Lydenburg and the 1st Anglo Boer war 1880 - 81. And before that, everything that makes a good story happened during the Sekhukhune wars - intrigue, murder and sex. Finally a visit to the Lydenburg Museum where replicas of some of the famous clay Lydenburg Heads, dating back to 490AD can be viewed. Return to Schaefers' Halt.

**Battlefields Tour: Full-day - R1200 per person (transport in own vehicle, lunch and toll fees excluded)**
Departing Schaeffer's Halt, our day begins in Lydenburg, a town garrisoned during the Anglo Boer War 1899-1902. The Battle of Long Tom Pass, Verraaiers (Traitor's) Nek just two of the stories to relate before we move on through the beautiful Badfontein valley to Helvetia, scene of a night attack the Liverpool Regiment would rather forget! Picnic lunch (weather permitting) at Bergendal, site of the last set-piece battle of the Anglo Boer War 1899 - 1902, Lord Roberts and General Sir Redvers Buller's troops ready to do battle against Commandant General Louis Botha across the barren, windswept Dalmanutha plateau. The old farmhouse still bears scars from the shelling Buller gave the Zarp's 27 August 1900 and close to the gum trees lie the dead of the 2nd Rifle Brigade. The town of Belfast was the site for a concentration camp, stories of which one can hear at the old cemetery in Belfast, where the military and concentration camp victims’ graves are. We depart Belfast for Monument Hill, the position held during the battle of Bergendal by the Royal Navy with their 4.7” guns and where the Royal Irish Regiment were hit hard by the Boers during the night attack January 1901. Then onto Dullstroom and Grootsuikerboschkop, time for reflection on the day's battles fought. A short distance from Schaefers’ Halt is our last stop for the day, Elandspruit, where the 1st Manchester Regiment was attacked by Commandant Muller with the Boers suffering unnecessary casualties.

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