



After the six-month Battle of Ulundi, Cetshwayo's capital of Ondini was finally razed by the victorious British troops and he was imprisoned in Cape Town's castle. The royal kraal (isigodlo) has since been rebuilt and, along with the KwaZulu Cultural-Historical Museum, is an excellent way to experience some of the Zulu history and culture. Nearby, some of the most famous Zulu kings lie buried in the Emakhosini Ophathe Heritage Park. Make sure you pick up the excellent brochure which has a good map of the historic sites on offer.

From Battlefields to the Big Five, in the heart of Zululand you will also find one of the country's undisputed wilderness gems: the Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Game Reserve.

Established in 1895, Hluhluwe-Imfolozi holds the honour of being the oldest



game reserve in Africa. Once the private hunting grounds of Zulu kings Shaka and Dingiswayo, the park has since become famous for its efforts to conserve the White Rhino. In 1960 these lumbering beasts were on the verge of extinction due to loss of habitat and poaching, yet today the white rhino population is now 12 times what it was back then!

In addition to the now-famous herds of *Ceratotherium simum* the park is a Noah's Ark of wildlife, including the ever-popular Big Five. With its hilly topography the park is also a haven for birdlife, with over 300 species recorded.

Wildlife aside, it's the wide range of ways to enjoy the wilderness that brings many visitors to Hluhluwe-Imfolozi.

Sign-posted auto-trails allow you to drive explore on your own, or you can join one