

Girls Weekend Getaway

Girlfriends are untouchable. Whether you've known each other since pre-school, or became friends just a few days ago at the gym; it's hard to beat the closeness of female friendships. Going away as a group of mates for a weekend is the perfect way to kick back with your fairer friends, indulging in a spot of pampering, guilt-free retail therapy and lazy gourmet dining.

The KwaZulu-Natal Midlands are one of the most conveniently located getaway destinations, especially for women who would like a countrified, worry-free break together. Set in the foothills of the Drakensberg Mountains, the Midlands have attracted artists and crafters for over 15 years. Beautiful pottery, clothing, home décor, leather work and art are found all along the popular Meander; making for fantastic shopping.

Of course if you're a group who wish to try something different, Active Escapes specialise in outdoor activities in the Midlands so chat to us if you're keen on adding guided walking or mountain biking to your weekend itinerary.



Quick Facts

Price	
Includes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* 2 nights B&B accommodation* Saturday lunch* Spa Therapy* Wine tasting* Bubbly on arrival
Meals	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Saturday lunch only included <p>Not included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">* Drinks for guests own account* Dinners at restaurants for your own account, but we will be happy to make dinner reservations at recommended restaurants for you.

Itinerary @ a Glance

Arrival Evening	<p><i>Most groups arrive on a Friday afternoon or evening, but we can arrange mid-week packages if required</i></p> <p>Arriving in the late afternoon, settle into your luxury B&B with a cold bottle of bubbly! Kick off your shoes, chat with the girls and feel yourself relax into the weekend vibe. When you're adequately chilled, get dolled up for a night out country style! While we're not suggesting pumping night clubs, you're sure to find the perfect restaurant to suit your groups tastes for the evening. Be it fine dining right on the edge of a rushing river or artisan style pizza with carafes of rich red wine, the Midlands offers it all.</p> <p>After dinner pop into one of the local pubs for a night cap or if you're lucky, some local-is-lekker dancing with the folk from the area. Best be practising your lang-arm, as a bevy of beauties from out of town are sure to be kept on their feet all night!</p>
Day One	<p>Wake up in fresh country air, clear the cobwebs from Friday night, and enjoy a delicious farm breakfast. A fry up may be just what you need, depending on what time you got to bed!</p> <p>Head out into the Midlands to browse the country stores, and no harm done if you get some prime retail therapy in while you're at it. Pick up unique crockery and dinnerware, beautiful handmade clothing and enough home-made preserve to scare a regte Tannie van die bosveld. We'll arm you with a map of the Midlands Meander to find your way, but everything is well sign posted and generally right off the main circular loop.</p> <p>Activity One: Wine tasting and luxury platter lunch</p> <p>Hopefully with bags bulging, make your way into the Lions River valley to pop out at a beautiful wine estate. Kicking off with a tasting of selected reds and whites presented by the winemaker himself, your group will later be shown to a private picnic spot in the vineyards. Lunch comprises platters piled with olives, figs, cheese, cold meats and artisanal breads, served with more wine if you're in the mood.</p> <p>If you've still got room for dinner, we'd be happy to recommend a restaurant or two and make bookings for your group.</p>
Day Two	<p>Take advantage of lazy Sunday vibes and sleep in for a bit. Languish over breakfast, enjoy a second cup of coffee and grudgingly pack your bags.</p> <p>Activity Two: Swedish Massage</p> <p>After bidding farewell to your hosts, head off to an exclusive wellness centre, to receive a full body Swedish massage. Depending on the size of your group, some friends may have their treatment while others enjoy a light tea; after which you'll swap places. Awesome massage versus sipping Earl Grey overlooking a river...we think you'll cope either way 😊</p> <p>* Please note if Swedish massage is not your thing, we are able to exchange this with one of many other therapies to the same value</p>

End off the weekend with a light lunch; make a few last minute purchases (that item you put back yesterday...) and start the journey home.

Optional Extra Activities

Available Optional Activities:

- * Pottery workshop
- * Birding
- * Guided Mountain Biking
- * Guided Hiking
- * Golf (we know many ladies are keen golfers)

PLEASE NOTE: All these activities range in price, and we will restructure a quote for you depending on your choices and what is removed from the original Weekender itinerary.

