



# Battlefield Breakaway

## Introduction

Treat your management team or a group of valued clients to an exhilarating and highly motivational outing with a difference – a captivating battlefield excursion to an Anglo-Boer or Anglo-Zulu war historical site set in the unsurpassed beauty of a South African landscape where the actual battle took place.

## Overview

The Anglo-Boer war (1899 – 1902) and the Anglo-Zulu war (1879) continue to fascinate millions of people from all walks of life around the world more than a century after they ended.

BMLS uses selected battles from this extraordinary period in Victorian history to introduce a participative and exciting historical “battlefield adventure” that incorporates unique insights into aspects of these

tumultuous events in South African history. The programme promotes stimulating debate on subjects such as strategic and real-time tactical thinking, problem-solving, leadership and the benefits of effective communication and teamwork.

The battles are used as thought-provoking and entertaining case studies in relation to the management of critical operational issues faced by commanders on both sides at the time of the conflict. These military case studies are used in war games conducted on the battle site to illustrate similar challenges faced by business management teams in today’s fast-moving and volatile economy.

A Battlefield Breakaway is the perfect way for business management, divisional teams and other groups of people to foster and enhance teamwork and motivate commitment to a common purpose. ►



Specially tailored programmes incorporate team competitions based on war game exercises and can be combined with business improvement workshops or strategic planning conferences.

## Programme management

Battlefield Breakaway programmes can be designed to be conducted from one to three days.

Clients can select from accommodation options at exquisite venues within convenient travelling distance to the actual battlefield to help guarantee an unforgettable and value-packed excursion.

The overall programme and actual on-site battlefield experience is expertly managed and facilitated by BMLS executives who have extensive knowledge of the strategic and tactical factors dictating the events that characterised each of the featured battles and who offer in-depth military and corporate management experience.

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*Included as a service in the overall Battlefield programme is a free Business Strategy Review survey that is conducted among members of a management team attending the breakaway. The results of the survey are presented during the course of the programme to add enormous business value to the breakaway.*

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## Battlefield destinations

Destinations have been carefully selected for their historical significance as well as the appeal of the actual battle site from perspectives such as the beauty of the landscape, ease of accessibility by road, and the quality of conveniently situated facilities such as accommodation. Five Anglo-Boer war destinations and a combination of two Anglo-Zulu war battles are offered.

### Anglo-Boer War:

- Nooitgedacht – Magaliesberg Mountains
- Elands River – North West
- Magersfontein – Kimberley area
- Spioenkop – KZN Midlands
- Colenso – KZN Midlands



### Anglo-Zulu War:

- Isandlwana and Rorke's Drift – Newcastle area of KZN

**NB:** Delegates do not need any prior knowledge pertaining to the history of the respective battles or any knowledge of military affairs.



## Conclusion

Battlefield Breakaways feature a unique approach to team-building, leadership development and management skills coaching.

Following the battlefield team exercises and armed with the knowledge and experience acquired from the military case studies, delegates will be well positioned to add new value to their working environment.

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*Leading experts point out that classical planning processes and leadership techniques employed by the military are, quite literally, the deciding factor between life and death and that their real-time functionality is geared to be infinitely faster, more effective and conducted under more extreme conditions than is ever required in business.*

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