

Trip Info

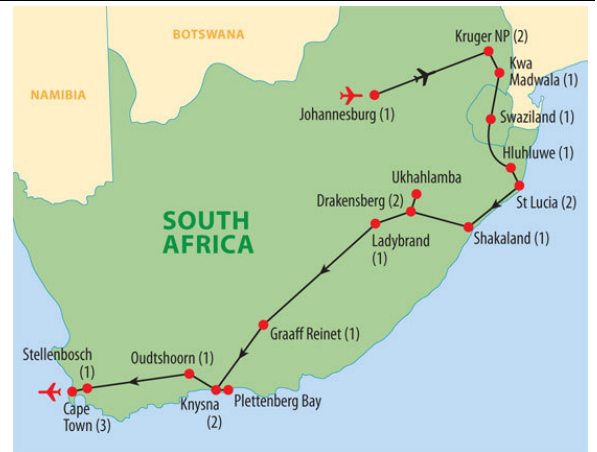
Group Size: Min: 10 | Max: 20

Transportation: 4WD Safari Vehicle, Coach, Boat, Plane, Ferry

Tips: Pre-paid tips, \$225 AUD pp

Destinations Visited: Johannesburg, Kruger National Park, Kwa Madwala Game Reserve, Swaziland, Hluhluwe, St Lucia, Shakaland, Drakensberg, Ladybrand, Graaff Reinet, Knysna, Plettenberg Bay, Oudtshoorn, Stellenbosch, Cape Town

Take this unforgettable journey through South Africa and enjoy the legendary scenic wonders this country has to offer, from the stunning scenery, the Big Five and the beautiful rich culture.



Enjoy amazing game drives

We fly in to Johannesburg, the gateway to Kruger which is where our adventure really begins. Kruger, is Africa's largest game park, be sure to keep your eyes peeled for the 'big 5' – lion, leopard, elephant, buffalo and rhino. Next stop on our Africa tour is the Kwa Madwala Private Game Reserve – where there are further opportunities to see big game roaming free. From here we travel to Swaziland stopping at a colourful craft market with a great selection of hand-made souvenirs.

Get close to nature

Our Africa tour now continues into the Hluhluwe-Umfolozi National Park home to more than 450 species of bird-life as well as wildebeest, white rhinoceros and antelope plus the occasional leopard, wild dog and hyena. From here we travel on to St Lucia and the iSimangaliso Wetland Park, where we take a boat ride for a unique perspective on the breathtaking scenery.

Explore the famous Cape Town

From the wilds of the game reserves our Africa tour now takes a leisurely pace through some of the most scenic parts of South Africa. Our Africa tour journeys through the Valley of 1,000 Hills, the Golden Gate Highlands National Park and along the famous garden route to Knysna. After a stop in the famous wine producing region of Stellenbosch we reach Cape Town where we spend the final three days of our Africa tour. Here we explore the city, visit the Cape of Good Hope and enjoy a cable car ride to the top of the famous Table Mountain for the awe-inspiring views.

Itinerary

Day 1 Arrive Johannesburg

Welcome to the beautiful land of South Africa. On our arrival we will be met and transferred to our hotel.

Day 2 Johannesburg - Kruger NP

We fly to Kruger, Africa's largest game park, in search of the Big 5. Start your adventure as we take a game drive in 4WD vehicles.

Enjoy a group welcome dinner. [B,D]

Day 3 Kruger National Park

Today is all about animals as we explore the wonders of Kruger National Park. [B,D]

Day 4 Kruger NP - Kwa Madwala

This morning we travel to Kwa Madwala Private Game Reserve, meaning 'place of rock' in the local Swazi tongue. This private reserve covers over 9,000 acres! [B,D]

Day 5 Kwa Madwala - Swaziland

On to Swaziland, stopping at the Ngwenya Glass Factory and the colourful Craft Market. This afternoon we visit Matenga Cultural Village. [B,D]

Day 6 Swaziland - Hluhluwe

We continue on to the Hluhluwe-Umfolozi National Park where we take an exciting afternoon game drive. [B,D]

Day 7 Hluhluwe - St Lucia

We leave Hluhluwe behind as we drive to the relaxed coastal town of St Lucia. [B]

Day 8 St Lucia

An amazing day as we visit the World Heritage-listed iSimangaliso Wetland Park, a sub-tropical paradise covering over 590,000 acres! Here we take a boat ride and see the 25,000 year old coastal dunes as well as many lakes, swamp forests and bird species. iSimangaliso means miracle and wonder - the best way to describe this spectacular place. [B]

Day 9 St Lucia - Shakaland

Discover the fascinating culture of the Zulu people as we visit the cultural village of Simunye in Shakaland. [B,D]

Day 10 Shakaland - Drakensberg

Today we go through the Valley of 1,000 Hills to the historic Giant's Castle in Ukhahlamba Drakensberg Park. Watch out for the majestic bearded vulture and many other endangered species. [B]

Day 11 Drakensberg

A full day at leisure in Drakensberg to relax, unwind and explore on your own. [B]

Day 12 Drakensberg - Ladybrand

A scenic day as we travel through the Golden Gate Highlands National Park nestled in the rolling foothills of the Maluti Mountains. [B,D]

Day 13 Ladybrand - Graaff Reinet

Onwards to Graaff Reinet for a tour of the Valley of Desolation. See an amazing diversity of fauna and flora as well as obscure rock formations, amid a unique and arid landscape. [B,D]

Day 14 Graaff Reinet - Knysna

This morning we visit Tsitsikamma National Park, a coastal reserve located on the Garden Route, famous for its dramatic 80 kilometre coastline, indigenous forests and the Otter Trail. We then continue to Knysna. [B,D]

Day 15 Knysna - Plettenberg Bay

Relax or explore the picturesque and charming town of Plettenberg Bay offering unspoilt golden beaches, lagoons and forests at your leisure. [B]

Day 16 Knysna - Oudtshoorn

Today we visit the Cango Caves, first discovered over 200 years ago. [B,D]

Day 17 Oudtshoorn - Stellenbosch

Our journey continues today on the scenic Route 62 to Stellenbosch, one of South Africa's major wine-producing areas comparable to the Barossa Valley. [B]

Day 18 Stellenbosch - Cape Town

We take a stroll down Dorp Street and admire the original Dutch settlers' buildings before taking a trip to Cape Town's famous and impressive Table Mountain. [B]

Day 19 Cape Town

Be sure to bring a jumper today as we explore the rugged and windswept Cape Peninsula, home to the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve and its colony of jackass penguins. In the evening we enjoy a group farewell dinner. [B,D]

Day 20 Cape Town

Enjoy a morning tour of Cape Town with its famed waterfront area, before relaxing with an afternoon at leisure to soak up the scenic wonders of this beautiful city. [B]

Day 21 Depart Cape Town

In the afternoon we will be transferred to the airport for our flight home. [B]

Day 22 Arrive in Australia

Inclusions

Travel

- Return economy class flights from Australia to South Africa
- Airport transfers on the first and last day of tour
- All touring in air-conditioned vehicles (excluding 4WD jeeps while on safari)
- Pre-paid tips - \$225

Accommodation & Meals

- 20 nights accommodation in good quality lodges and hotels with private facilities (3-4 star)
- 20 breakfasts and 11 dinners, including group welcome and farewell dinners

Sightseeing

- English-speaking tour director

The Big 5 and the endangered species of Africa

- Game drives in Kruger National Park, the largest and most famous game park in Africa
- Visit the Cango Ostrich Farm, learn all about the world's largest bird, and experience the farming process first-hand
- Visit The Golden Gate Highlands National Park with its massive, colourful sandstone formations. These shine goldenyellow in the evening sun and give the area its name. This remarkable nature reserve consists mainly of indigenous grassland and is home to a variety of wildlife and birdlife including the rare bearded vulture and the bald ibis. The numerous caves in the sandstone rocks were once shelters for the Bushmen with many of their cave paintings well preserved. It was also here that many Afrikaans families hid from the British during the Anglo-Boer War.

Parks and Reserves

- Experience Kwa Madwala Game Reserve, located on the southern side of Kruger National Park. Kwa Madwala means "place of the rock" from the local Swazi language and is one of the newest game reserves in South Africa boasting one of the most diverse varieties of wildlife in the country.
- Visit the Mantenga Nature Reserve and Cultural Village, a living museum bringing to life traditional 1850s Swazi lifestyles
- Tour Tsitsikamma National Park
- Travel to Giant's Castle, a World Heritage site in the Ukhahlamba Drakensberg Park, home of the bearded vulture

Natural Beauty

- Tour of the Valley of Desolation. Formed over millions of years by erosion, the stunning scenery of sheer cliffs and columns of dolerite rising from the valley, is breathtaking.
- Explore the Cango Caves and their natural limestone formations

South African culture and art

- Visit the Ngwenya Glass Factory and see talented Swazi glass blowers create their art from 100% recycled glass
- Visit the Swazi Craft Market to buy local handicrafts
- Visit Malkern's Valley Candle Factory where they uniquely cloak candle wax with a colourful and intricately designed shell
- Visit the Main Caves Museum in the Drakensberg Park for an insight into the culture and traditions of the San people

The Stunning South

- Walk along Stellenbosch's historical Dorp Street and see its row of preserved homes from early Dutch settler days
- Enjoy a cable car ride up Table Mountain (weather permitting)
- Travel to Cape Town on the "Route 62", one of the most beautiful travel routes in South Africa
- A full day peninsula tour of Cape Town including a boat cruise to Duiker Island (weather permitting), a visit to the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve and a chance to see the jackass penguins at Boulders Beach
- City tour of Cape Town including South Africa's oldest building, the Castle of Good Hope, as well as the Company Gardens and the V&A Waterfront

Dates & Prices

No dates available for this tour at present. Please [send us an enquiry here](#) to keep in touch with any upcoming dates.

Price Valid From: Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane & Perth

Tips: Total cost includes - Tipping Made Easy \$225 AUD pp pre-paid

Taxes: Total cost includes air taxes of \$550

Single From \$1,210 (subject to seasonality)

Supplement:

Day/Date Due to airline schedules day of arrival and departure may vary depending on your city of
Variations: departure

***Taxes & Fuel** Change regularly so above levies shown as a guide only

Costs:

Prices shown are per person based on twin-share.

Prices and itineraries correct at current time but are subject to change.

Please call for more details. View our [full terms & conditions here](#).

Accommodation

Hotels listed are subject to change and the below list should be used as a guide only. Every effort is made to avoid any hotel changes however if a change becomes necessary then a hotel of a similar standard will be used.

Grand Hotel, Nuwara Eliya

The Grand Hotel has a heritage exceeding 100 years, and is the former residence of Sir Edward Barnes, Governor of Sri Lanka from 1830 to 1850. It is an excellent example of a mansion from the Elizabethan era and retains the stateliness and grandeur of a Colonial Mansion and rightfully claims its place as one of the best hill country hotels in Asia.



Manyatta Rock Camp, Kwa Madwala

Located in the heart of the Kwa Madwala Private Game Reserve is the perfect setting to relax, unwind and enjoy the wilderness and wildlife at Kwa Madwala. Watch the sun rise over the Lembobo Mountains to the east and in the evenings marvel at the orange glow as the sun sets again in the west. Take in the bush views in every direction and listen to the stillness of this piece of African wilderness.



Knysna Hollow

Knysna Hollow is beautifully set on a secluded country estate, near Knysna's famous lagoon on the Garden Route. Accommodation on the estate consists of 15 garden chalets and 64 garden rooms. All rooms and chalets have been tastefully decorated with a forest feel and amenities in all chalets and rooms include television, tea and coffee making facilities, ceiling fans and private patios.



Stellenbosch Hotel

Stellenbosch Hotel is a 27 room boutique style hotel that also offers several self-catering apartments. Museums, art galleries and curio shops are all within safe walking distance. The hotel was built on land granted by Gov. Simon van der Stel between 1692 and 1701. The building was restored in 1987 and has been declared a national monument.



Camdeboo Cottage, Graaff-Reinet

Camdeboo Cottages is situated in the heart of historical Graaff-Reinet. Each cottage is a national monument that has been lovingly restored to its former glory. Now again the cottages boast with yellowwood floors and reed ceilings. Camdeboo Cottages has a restaurant and bar, a swimming pool, secure parking and B&B or self-catering accommodation.



Protea Hotel Kruger Gate, Kruger

From the time that you are welcomed to the upmarket Protea Hotel Kruger Gate under the towering indigenous portico, you will know that you're about to experience something different. This superior lodge style hotel on the banks of the Sabie River in Mpumalanga offers an affordable luxury getaway. The ambience of comfort is unforgettable in the context of the African bush. Savour the impression of being in a tree house, reinforced when you notice that the veranda and walkway to your air-conditioned room is at a level normally the sole domain of the variety of birds found in the area. Situated only 100 meters from the Paul Kruger Gate of the Kruger National Park, the luxurious Protea Hotel Kruger Gate provides guests with the ideal location from which to experience wildlife first-hand

City Lodge V&A Waterfront Hotel, Cape Town

The City Lodge V&A Waterfront Hotel is a centrally located hotel at the gateway to the vibrant and dynamic V&A Waterfront, within walking distance of Cape Town's CBD, close to the N2 motorway and 15 minutes from Cape Town International Airport. A nautical theme runs through the hotel and a Jacuzzi - pool is available for guests to relax in the warm Cape

weather. The Hotel has recently undergone a complete facelift and revamp which includes 44 additional rooms, plus a fitness room and internet cafe.

Southern Sun Drakensberg

With glorious mountain views and only 2 1/2 hrs from Durban, the Drakensberg Sun Lifestyle Resort offers a host of indoor and outdoor activities to keep the whole family, and even business travellers, entertained. Accommodation is luxuriously rustic with rich wooden finishes that compliment the resorts wooded surrounds. Rooms offer spaciouly cosy living with a variety of room options to choose from.

Emdoneni Lodge and Game Farm Hluhluwe

Emdoneni Lodge and Game Farm in Hluhluwe offers guests intimate and comfortable 3-star Hluhluwe Game Lodge accommodation on a dinner, bed and breakfast basis, allowing guests to sample the delights of true South African hospitality and cuisine. There are few places left in Africa where it is still possible to try and achieve the elusive and highly desirable goal of symbiosis between man and his environment.

Weather

South Africa is a year round destination although the most popular times for travel are in the spring (September – October) when the weather is slightly cooler.

Cape Town	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Ave Max C	26	27	25	23	20	18	18	18	19	21	24	25
Ave Min C	16	16	14	12	9	8	7	8	9	11	13	15
Rainy Days	5.5	4.6	4.8	8.3	11	13	12	14	10	8.7	4.9	6.2

Johannesburg	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Ave Max C	26	27	25	23	20	18	18	18	19	21	24	25
Ave Min C	16	16	14	12	9	8	7	8	9	11	13	15
Rainy Days	3	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	3

Optional Tours

SOUTH AFRICA

FROM PLETTENBERG BAY:

Whale Watching (Marine Encounter) - approx 1-2hrs ZAR 400pp

Our ecological adventure leaves from Central Beach with an exciting beach launch and heads east past the bird sanctuary and Keurbooms beach to Arch Rock. Here we usually encounter Bottlenose and the rare Indo-Pacific Humpback Dolphins as well as some shark species. From Arch Rock we head out into the middle of the Bay where pelagic seabirds are normally to be found some 7km from the shore. Out there our resident Bryde's whales may be seen, as well as Common Dolphins or Southern Right and Humpback whales during their season. We then traverse the Bay to the point of Robberg Peninsula and out to the WILD side, often seeing groups of Whales and pods of Dolphins. Cruising back along the inside of Robberg, we see the unique geology from this unusual viewpoint and can observe our growing Cape Fur Seal Colony. Finally we head back along the Robberg beach, while a brief rundown on the history of the area is given. After passing the Beacon Island Hotel, built on the site of an original Whaling Station, we end the experience with an exhilarating landing, again on Central Beach. This tour may be taken year round.

FROM CAPE TOWN:

Funicular (return) - Day 19 - ZAR 45pp

During the Peninsular Tour on Day 19, you will have the option to take a ride up the funicular at Cape Point. As the funicular takes you to the Lighthouse, imagine for a moment what it must have been like to sail round this point in the days of Dutch and Portuguese seafarers, in their small sailing ships, bringing spices and silk to Europe from the Far East. It is alleged this is where the Atlantic and the Indian Ocean meet.

Robben Island - Cape Town City Tour Day 20 - ZAR 200pp

Whilst on the Cape Town City Tour, you will have the choice to visit Robben Island. Take the ferry across Table Bay to visit the Maximum Security Prison which served as a place of banishment, isolation and imprisonment from the 17th to the 20th centuries. Today the island is a museum and World Heritage Site, a poignant reminder to the newly democratic South Africa of the price paid for freedom.

PLEASE NOTE: All prices are based on minimum numbers. Tours are subject to availability and can be booked directly with your Tour Director by cash only. Prices are a guide only and the final price will be confirmed on tour.

Disclaimer

Prices shown are per person based on twin-share. Prices and itineraries are correct at time of downloading from the website but are subject to change. Taxes and fuel surcharges change regularly so levies shown as a guide only. For full terms and conditions please visit our website or call 1300 664 170 for details.