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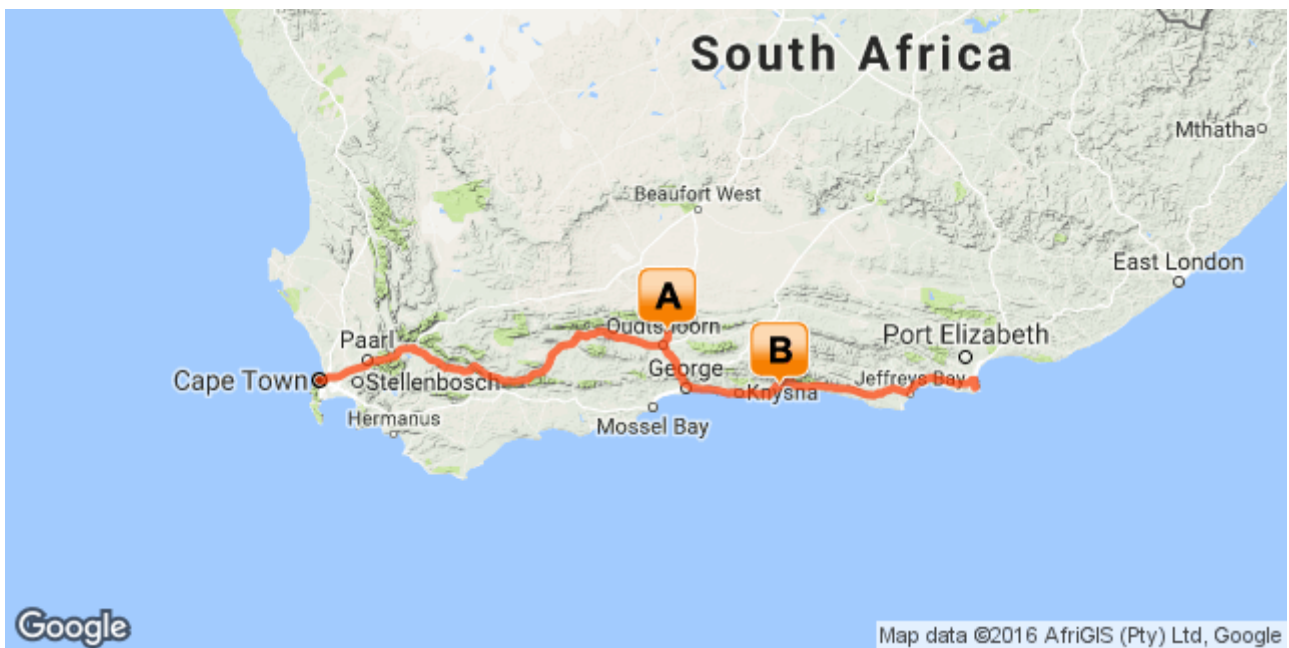
Oudtshoorn - Plettenberg Bay

3 Days / 2 Nights

0 Persons

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Overview

The fabulous Garden Route is a highlight of any trip to South Africa and if you would like somebody else to take care of the driving while you concentrate on enjoying the scenery, this small group tour operated by Ilios Travel is ideal! Travel in an air-conditioned mini bus with an experienced driver guide and stay in comfortable accommodation. The tour gives you the opportunity to view the magnificent Cape Winelands, lush Route 62 and the Knysna region.

Accommodation	Destination	Nights	Basis	Room Type
De Opstal Country Lodge	Oudtshoorn	1	HB	
Hog Hollow Country Lodge	Plettenberg Bay	2	HB	

Key

RO: Room only

SC: Self Catering

HB: Half Board

B&B: Bed and breakfast

D, B&B: Dinner, bed and breakfast

FB: Dinner, bed, breakfast and lunch

FB+: Dinner, bed, breakfast, lunch and activities daily

FI: Fully inclusive

Included

Air-conditioned transportation with driver guide, sightseeing and meals (Breakfast and Dinner)

Customers booking this tour can be picked up at any central Cape Town hotel or CPT International Airport (not incl in cost)

Day 1: De Opstal Country Lodge, Oudtshoorn

South Africa

This vast country is undoubtedly one of the most culturally and geographically diverse places on earth. Fondly known by locals as the 'Rainbow Nation', South Africa has 11 official languages and its multicultural inhabitants are influenced by a fascinating mix of African, Asian and European cultures. Spend your days: discovering the gourmet restaurants, impressive art and nightlife scenes and fine beaches of Cape Town; enjoying a typical local braai (barbecue) in the Soweto township; browsing the bustling Indian markets in Durban; or sampling some of the world's finest wines at the myriad wine estates dotted around the picturesque Cape Winelands. Due to its rich and turbulent history there are plenty of historical attractions to explore including the Zululand battlefields of KwaZulu-Natal, the Apartheid Museum in Johannesburg and Robben Island, just off the coast of Cape Town. Above all else, South Africa's attraction lies in its remarkably untamed wilderness with its astonishing range of wildlife roaming freely across massive unfenced game reserves such as the world famous Kruger National Park. With all of this variety on offer, it is little wonder that South Africa has fast become Africa's most popular tourist destination.

Oudtshoorn

Oudtshoorn is famous for its ostriches and the magnificent Cango Caves. Located along the renowned Route 62, which takes motorists past one awe-inspiring sight after another, Oudtshoorn is known as the Ostrich Capital of the World: these huge birds are almost as common as people in this charming town. Other than ostriches and the wonderful feathers and meat they provide, the Oudtshoorn area also boasts the spectacular Cango Caves; the largest show cave system in Africa, permeated with sparkling stalactites and stalagmites and captivating rock formations.

Day Itinerary

Leave Cape Town and travel along the N1, through the Huguenot Tunnel and on to Route 62. Cape Route 62 is the tourist route in the Western Cape, offering the shorter, scenic alternative to the N2 highway.

Enjoy a lunch stop (not included in cost) in Barrydale then continue on to Oudtshoorn where your first stop will be at an Ostrich Farm, where you can enjoy an informative tour (included in cost).

Overnight: De Opstal Country Lodge

If you are a discerning traveler looking for luxury 4 star accommodation in the picturesque valley of Schoemanshoek, near the world famous Cango Caves of Oudtshoorn, then you need to look no further. De Opstal is TGCSA 4 star rated and Portfolio accredited.

The beautiful farm house, stables and milking parlor date back to 1830. All the buildings in the complex have been creatively converted into modern, quaint en suite bedrooms with the retention of an atmosphere of rustic charm. The terracotta floors, heavy wooden doors and shutters and wide timber ceilings bear the scars, buckles and blemishes of generations of use and give the entire complex an authentic feel. In this relaxed atmosphere Albertus, Matilda & Staff treat their guests to wholesome country hospitality and food, reminiscent of the bygone era of the 1800's.

Hearty farm style breakfasts are served in the spacious restaurant, which is also decorated in a style similar to the rest of the complex. There is a bar area for pre-dinner relaxing. Dinner consists of an à la carte menu, prepared from ostrich and regional ingredients. They are also prepared to supply guests with picnic lunches on request.



Included

Accommodation

Air-conditioned transportation with driver guide

Sightseeing

Excluded

Items of Personal Nature

Gratuities

Day 2: Hog Hollow Country Lodge, Plettenberg Bay

Plettenberg Bay

The Portuguese explorers called it the Beautiful Bay, and it's easy to see why – Plettenberg Bay is a picturesque, charming town with miles of pristine beaches, tranquil lagoons, clean rivers, indigenous forests and a dramatic rocky peninsula. Playground to the wealthy, beach mansions overlook the Indian Ocean, often dotted with luxury yachts, while leisure time is given over to polo and golf, among other things. However, all kinds of visitors will feel at peace here as simply swimming in the warm water on a safe beach is a great way to experience the beauty of Plettenberg Bay.

Day Itinerary

Enjoy a morning tour of the Cango Caves (incl. in cost) in Oudtshoorn before departing for Knysna. You will have the afternoon at leisure to explore this vibrant coastal town. You can enjoy lunch (not included in cost) at the Knysna Waterfront before proceeding to The Crag near Plettenberg Bay.

Embark on an informative cruise up the Keurbooms River before arriving at your lodge where you shall spend the following two nights. Freshen up before dinner at the lodge.

Overnight: Hog Hollow Country Lodge [View iBrochure](#)

"If you can spend a perfectly useless afternoon in a perfectly useless manner, you have learned how to live" Lin Yutang (1895 – 1976)

Set on the edge of indigenous forest, with breathtaking views of the valleys and Tsitsikamma Mountains. Enjoy outstanding cuisine, stylish accommodation, panoramic views and friendly hospitality. Sixteen unique African-styled suites situated in the lush gardens around the main house, offer private wooden decks, hammocks, king-size beds & most have cosy fireplaces.

Mouth watering breakfasts are served out on the boma deck, while scrumptious communal dinners are served in the conviviality of the candle-lit main house.

Activities range from lazing at the long, blue pool, taking a sauna, a forest walk to a primate sanctuary, over 50 chartered walks, horse riding, golf, world's highest bungee jump, boat-based whale & dolphin watching, treetops canopy walk or a scenic glider flight around the bay. The list is endless ...



Activities

Cango Caves

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The spectacular Cango Caves are a subterranean wonderland of magnificent stalactite and stalagmite rock formations that attracts thousands of visitors annually. They extend more than two kilometres into the Swartberg Mountains and visitors can take guided tours that wind through narrow passageways and steep stairways linking the massive caverns.

Included

Accommodation

Air-conditioned transportation with driver guide

Sightseeing

Excluded

Items of Personal Nature

Gratuities

Day 3: Hog Hollow Country Lodge, Plettenberg Bay

Day Itinerary

Get up-close-and-personal with nature at the Elephant Sanctuary (included in cost). With the help of the resident African elephants and their well-informed guides, you will learn about the sad and mystical story of the Knysna Elephants - the world's Southern most elephants.

After lunch (not included in cost), travel to Plettenberg Bay for a visit to Birds of Eden (included in cost) and an optional Whale and Dolphin experience (not included in cost, subject to availability). Dinner and overnight accommodation in Plettenberg Bay.

Activities

Elephant Sanctuary, The Craggs

Birds of Eden

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Set in an indigenous forest, the Craggs Elephant Sanctuary offers visitors the chance to touch, feel, feed, learn about and even walk hand in trunk with African elephants. All programmes are guided and guest numbers are limited to ensure personal attention and maximum elephant interaction to make this an enriching experience.

Birds of Eden

Under a two-hectare dome, the world's largest aviary, Birds of Eden, is a safe and natural free-flight environment for African birds and a selection of smaller animals. An indigenous forest and a mysterious ruin with walk-behind waterfall provide these graceful creatures and their visitors with amusement.

Included

Accommodation

Air-conditioned transportation with driver guide

Sightseeing

Excluded

Items of Personal Nature

Gratuities

Day 4: Departure

Day Itinerary

Early morning takes you to the beautiful Tsitsikamma National Park. Tsitsikamma originates from the Khoi-Khoi language used by the local Inqwa Tribe that lived in the area some 1700 years ago meaning "a place of many / sparkling / abundant water". Enjoy lunch (not included in cost) in the Tsitsikamma National Park. The tour terminates in Port Elizabeth.

Activities

360 Tsitsikamma

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Tsitsikamma to suspension bridge

Included

Accommodation

Air-conditioned transportation with driver guide

Sightseeing

Excluded

Items of Person Nature

Gratuities

Transport

Transfers

Date	Pick Up	Drop Off	Time	Vehicle
	Cape Town City	De Opstal Country Lodge		Transfer
	De Opstal Country Lodge	Hog Hollow Country Lodge		Transfer
	Hog Hollow Country Lodge	Port Elizabeth Airport [PLZ]		Transfer

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