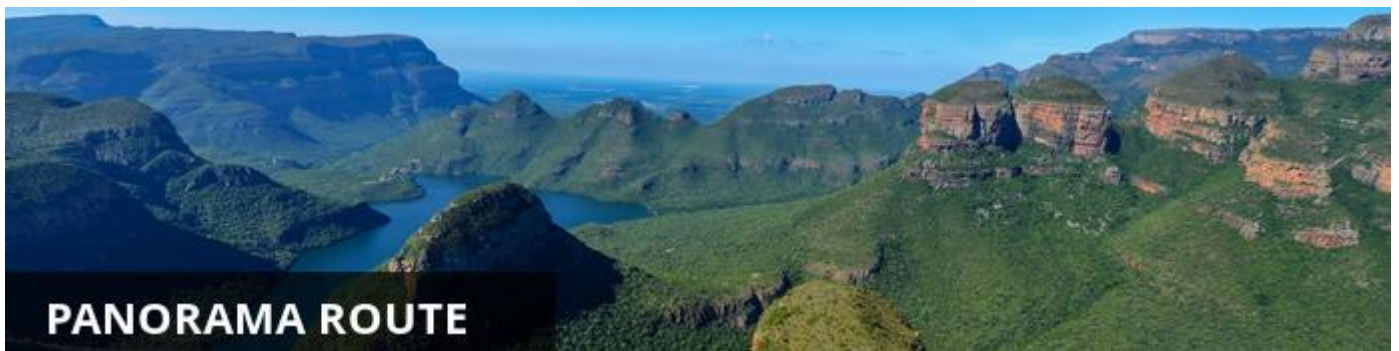




Grand Tour of South Africa





KWAZULU NATAL GAME RESERVES



HLUHLUWE IMFOLOZI GAME RESERVE



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PORT ELIZABETH



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GARDEN ROUTE



OUTDSHOORN



KNYSNA



CAPE TOWN



ROUTE 62



Grand Tour of South Africa

Lowveld - Swaziland - KwaZulu Natal Game Reserves - Durban - Port Elizabeth - Plettenberg Bay - Oudtshoorn - Cape
Town

13 Days / 12 Nights

0 Persons

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Overview

Embark on a 14 day escorted tour encompassing the best that South Africa has to offer in the way of scenery, wildlife and culture between Johannesburg and Cape Town. Enjoy all of this and superb cuisine, luxurious accommodation and true South African hospitality.

On your journey, you will have the opportunity to travel along the awe-inspiring Panorama Route and the 'Land of the Rising Sun', search for the Big Five in the world renowned Kruger National Park and Hluhluwe Reserves and see magnificent game. Driving along the Swazi Mountain range, you will be able to experience Swazi and authentic Zulu culture and even enjoy a scenic trip up the Lebombo Mountains for sundowners!

You will then take your flight onward to Port Elizabeth / Durban (not included in cost) where you will explore the amazing Garden Route. Here you will have the opportunity to travel via the coastline to the beautiful Tsitsikamma National Park. - described as the 'garden of the Garden Route'. Continue on towards Plettenberg Bay - the sports paradise. While on your journey, you will be able to explore the gentle giants at Knysna Elephant Park and even visit a working ostrich farm in the feather capital of the world, Oudtshoorn before departing to your final destination - The beautiful "Mother City" of Cape Town.

Accommodation	Destination	Nights	Basis	Room Type
Perry's Bridge Hollow Boutique Hotel	Lowveld	2		
Royal Swazi Spa	Swaziland	1	B&B	
Ghost Mountain Inn	KwaZulu Natal Game Reserves	2	HB	
The Benjamin	Durban	1	B&B	
Radisson Blu Port Elizabeth	Port Elizabeth	1	B&B	
Hunter's Country House	Plettenberg Bay	2	HB	
De Opstal Country Lodge	Oudtshoorn	1	B&B	
Radisson Blu le Vendome Hotel	Cape Town	3	B&B	

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

- Transport in an air-conditioned luxury vehicle
- English speaking THETA registered tour guide
- Includes 13 Breakfasts, 7 Dinners and 1 Lunch
- 13 nights accommodation at luxury accommodation throughout

Excluded

- Tour price does not include DUR / PLZ domestic flight (recommended to book SAA 12h30 departure from Durban)
- Gratuities
- Items of a personal nature
- Visas
- International Flights

Day 1: Perry's Bridge Hollow Boutique Hotel, Lowveld

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.

Lowveld

The Mpumalanga Lowveld lies between the northernmost reaches of the Drakensberg Escarpment and the Kruger National Park. It is renowned for its sub-tropical climate, excellent farming areas and great access to the game reserves and attractions of the Panorama Route.

Day Itinerary

Depart Johannesburg and travel to the 'Land of the Rising Sun' - Mpumalanga - via the magnificent Panorama Route.

The most spectacular stretch of the Panorama Route is the Blyde River Canyon. From many well-positioned vantage points one has a view of the 33 km long gorge, which starts at 'Bourke's Luck Potholes' and ends at the 'Three Rondavels'.

Time and weather permitting, stop at God's Window. Late afternoon arrival at your hotel.

Check in and freshen up before dinner.

Overnight: Perry's Bridge Hollow Boutique Hotel

Set among Baobab, Fig and Acacia trees in the heart of the Colonial Perry's Bridge Trading Post Centre, Perry's Bridge Hollow is minutes from the Kruger National Park, and a short drive to the Panorama Route. The 31 spacious twin rooms and 3 family suites offer relaxed, yet sophisticated accommodation in beautiful indigenous gardens. The afro-chic Kuka Cafe offers contemporary dining at its best while time spent at the swimming pool in this beautiful garden setting, is bound to leave you feeling refreshed and revived.



Activities

Bourke's Luck Potholes
 God's Window
 Blyde River Canyon

Optional

Panorama Route

Bourke's Luck Potholes

The Treur River plunging into the Blyde River has caused waterborne sand and rock to create huge potholes, some six metres deep, into the bedrock of the river. This natural water feature is known as Bourke's Luck. There is a well-developed picnic area here and a series of walkways and bridges that enable visitors to get great views of this amazing geological feature. Another attraction at Bourke's Luck is the visitors' centre, which has numerous interesting displays. A newly developed, 180 m circular trail, accessible to the physically disabled, starts at the visitors' centre and has as its main theme the lichens found in the area.

God's Window

God's Window looks out over the Drakensberg escarpment dropping 1000m below, offering a view of the lowveld stretching out towards the Kruger National Park. Magnificent montane forest, canyons, rock formations and waterfalls can all be seen.

Blyde River Canyon

The third largest canyon in the world, the Blyde River Canyon is exceptional for being the largest forested canyon in the world. The views from the rim are spectacular, especially the renowned view that includes the Three Rondavels. There are mountain reedbucks on the escarpment, dassies on the canyon walls, hippo and crocodile in the Blyde Dam and a rich selection of birdlife throughout, including a breeding colony of the rare bald ibis.

Panorama Route

The Panorama Route is one of the most beautiful parts of South Africa connecting the Lowveld and the amazing geological features of the Mpumalanga Drakensberg.

One of the major highlights of the region is the Blyde River Canyon Reserve, the third largest canyon of its kind in the world and home to spectacular wildlife and birdlife.

Other highlights include the breathtaking waterfalls in Graskop and Sabie, Lisbon and Berlin Falls, Gods Window and the Gold Rush territory, Pilgrim's Rest, home to the early gold prospectors.

Included

Accommodation

Transport in an air-conditioned luxury vehicle

English speaking THETA registered tour guide

Excluded

Gratuities

Items of a personal nature

Day 2: Perry's Bridge Hollow Boutique Hotel, Lowveld

Day Itinerary

Early morning transfer to the Kruger National Park for a morning open vehicle safari through the Kruger National Park. The world-renowned Kruger National Park offers a wildlife experience that ranks with the best in Africa. At nearly 2 million hectares, the reserve is the flagship of South African National Parks and is home to an impressive number of flora and fauna.

Return to your hotel in the afternoon and spend the remainder of the day at leisure.

You will have the option to return to the Kruger National Park to absorb the tranquil beauty of an evening safari (additional charge).

Activities

Kruger National Park

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At more than 2 million hectares the Kruger National Park is one of the world's largest game reserves and a truly remarkable destination. Because of its exceptional size you can experience amazing diversity – from the scenery and ecosystems to the correspondingly amazing array of animals, trees and birds. A trip to the Kruger National Park is an unforgettable and potentially life changing experience.

Included

Accommodation

Transport in an air-conditioned luxury vehicle

English speaking THETA registered tour guide

Excluded

Gratuities

Items of a personal nature

Day 3: Royal Swazi Spa, Swaziland

Swaziland

This tiny, land-locked nation boasts a rich historical and cultural heritage. Swaziland encompasses a diverse array of ecosystems – towering mountains and low-lying savannah, tangled rainforests and lush river valleys. Highlights of this laid-back land include the mesmerizingly beautiful ‘Valley of Heaven’, the handicraft haven of the Malkerns Valley and the Hlane Royal National Park, famed for its white rhinos, antelopes and lions.

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Day Itinerary

After breakfast, travel to the Royal Kingdom of Swaziland.

This tiny mountainous kingdom is filled with bygone African traditions and culture and offers beautiful scenery and attractions such as game reserves and art & craft outlets to name a few. Enjoy a showcase of the traditional Swazi culture followed by a traditional lunch at the Matsamo Cultural Village.

Continue to the Ngwenya Glass Works to see master craftsmen create beautiful sculptures and artwork from molten glass. After spending some time at the craft markets, arrive at your hotel located in the beautiful Ezulwini Valley.

Dinner is to your own arrangements.

Overnight: Royal Swazi Spa

Resting in the stunning Ezulwini Valley in the spectacularly scenic kingdom of Swaziland, The Royal Swazi Spa hotel forms an integral part of the Royal Swazi Spa Valley Resort. This luxurious hotel offers everything guests could ask for in one convenient location, with additional facilities to tantalise and entertain. The combination of luxury accommodation, conference centre, country club, casino, elegant new health spa and even an extraordinary 18-hole championship golf course, make it the ideal destination for leisure visits, conferences, as well as sporting events and romantic getaways.



Activities

Matsamo Swazi Cultural Village
Ngwenya Glass Factory

Included

Accommodation

Transport in an air-conditioned luxury vehicle

English speaking THETA registered tour guide

Excluded

Gratuities

Items of a personal nature

Day 4: Ghost Mountain Inn, KwaZulu Natal Game Reserves

KwaZulu Natal Game Reserves

These wonderful parks are renowned for their dramatic hilly countryside, diversity of flora and fauna, high standards of conservation and their invaluable contribution in saving the white rhino from extinction.

Day Itinerary

Depart the hotel after breakfast.

Enjoy a morning visit to the Swazi Candle Factory where each candle is made and finished by hand using the age-old technique 'millefiore'. No two are the same and the range boasts an astonishing array of patterns, shapes and designs. Continue via Big Bend into KwaZulu Natal.

Arrive at your hotel in the afternoon, in time to embark on an afternoon scenic drive up the Ubombo Mountains, offering views over Lake Jozini. At the summit and as the setting sun transforms the sky into a tapestry of colours, stop for sundowners. The drive will be combined with a visit to a local and authentic Zulu homestead for a glimpse into Zulu life in today's world.

Return to the hotel for dinner.

Overnight: Ghost Mountain Inn [View iBrochure](#)

At the foot of the legendary Ghost Mountain in Mkuze lies the privately owned, award winning Ghost Mountain Inn. This intimate and beautiful hotel is the ideal location from which to explore the game and coastal reserves of the Elephant Coast. Discover the abundance of wildlife and scenic splendours of this rich and diverse region during game drives, guided walks and boat cruises in the company of knowledgeable rangers. Alternatively be pampered with skin and body treatments at the Spa or simply enjoy the pool and glorious indigenous gardens of the Ghost Mountain Inn



Activities

Swazi Candles

Included

Accommodation

Transport in an air-conditioned luxury vehicle

English speaking THETA registered tour guide

Excluded

Gratuities

Items of a personal nature

Day 5: Ghost Mountain Inn, KwaZulu Natal Game Reserves

Day Itinerary

Enjoy the morning at leisure to embark on any of the activities on offer from the hotel.

After lunch (to own account), you will transfer to the Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Game Reserve for an afternoon of game viewing. The Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Game Reserve covers a combined area of 90 000ha and it was here that the white rhino was saved from extinction. Return to the hotel in the late afternoon.

End the day with dinner at the hotel.

Activities

Hluhluwe Imfolozi Game Reserve

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The Hluhluwe-Umfolozi Game Reserve is the jewel in the crown of the KwaZulu Natal game reserves. Proclaimed in 1895, it is also the oldest game reserve in Africa. Initially two separate reserves, they were joined to create a single 94 000 hectare reserve which is home to one fifth of the world's black and white rhino population. It was here that the internationally acclaimed Operation Rhino started in the 1960s, successfully capturing and relocating white rhino to havens within South Africa and abroad. As a result, this country's white rhino population is now 12 times the 1960 count of 500. Today Hluhluwe-Umfolozi is focusing its efforts on saving the endangered black rhino, whose number in Africa dwindled from 14 000 to a pitiful 2 550 in the 1990s. The Hluhluwe-Umfolozi Game Reserve was the first reserve to introduce walking safaris and its Wilderness Trails are internationally renowned.

Included

Accommodation

Transport in an air-conditioned luxury vehicle

English speaking THETA registered tour guide

Excluded

Gratuities

Items of a personal nature

Day 6: The Benjamin, Durban

Durban

With its beautiful beaches, lively wining and dining scene, and rich cultural heritage, Durban is KwaZulu Natal's tourist hub. The swimming and surfing is rated the best of any major city across the world and because of the sub-tropical climate the water is warm all year round. Known as the Golden Mile, this stretch of beaches and amusement parks is Durban's major attraction with the recently developed UShaka Marine World at the southern end providing a world class aquarium and other entertainments.

Day Itinerary

Morning departure straight after breakfast.

Continue the journey along the Elephant Coast of KwaZulu Natal to St Lucia which is located at the southern extremity of the iSimangaliso Wetland Park - a World Heritage Site. Here you embark on an estuarine boat trip which provides an opportunity to view crocodiles, hippo and numerous bird species, including the elusive African Fish Eagle, in their natural habitat.

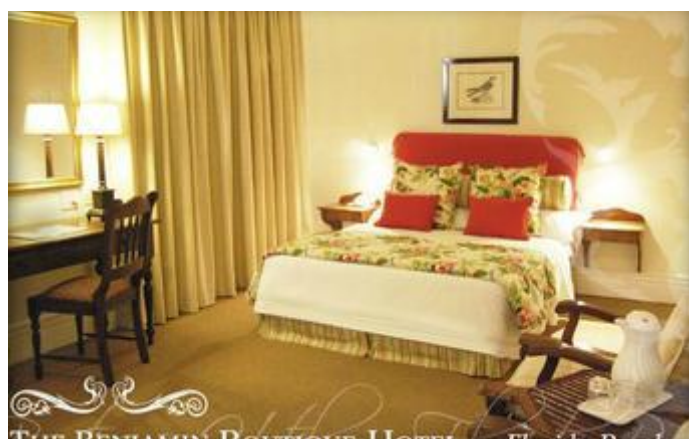
Continue to Durban for afternoon arrival at your hotel. Dinner is to your own arrangements.

Overnight: The Benjamin

Situated on Florida Road, in the heart of Durban's Berea ...

Behind the tree-lined street, one steps into the quiet sophistication of The Benjamin Hotel. This is one of Durban's historic buildings which has been transformed into a hotel, yet retains the charm of yesteryear.

Florida Road is home to approximately 30 restaurants offering a wide range of cuisines and also boasts a bustling night life.



Activities

Elephant Coast

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Elephant Coast, KwaZulu-Natal, is home to the world-renowned Hluhluwe-iMfolozi Park and the iSimangaliso Wetland Park. It is characterised by untouched wetlands teeming with birdlife, Big Five bush breakaways and

beautiful beaches that bring sea turtles to the shore to lay their eggs in one of nature's most time-honoured ceremonies.

Included

Accommodation

Transport in an air-conditioned luxury vehicle

English speaking THETA registered tour guide

Excluded

Gratuities

Items of a personal nature

Day 7: Radisson Blu Port Elizabeth, Port Elizabeth

Port Elizabeth

Port Elizabeth or PE is known as the Friendly City and the Windy City and hopefully if you stay here you will get a chance to experience the former and not the latter. Port Elizabeth was established to accommodate British settlers who were bought out on a government sponsored programme to provide a buffer between the warring Cape Dutch and the Xhosa. The little port grew from there and today it is the gateway to the Garden Route, as well as the Eastern Cape's game reserves and beaches.

Day Itinerary

This morning you will embark on a brief Durban City Tour (depending on the departure time of your flight), where you will spend the morning discovering the cultural and historical contrasts of the city.

Check in at King Shaka International Airport for your domestic flight to Port Elizabeth (flight cost not included).

On arrival at Port Elizabeth Airport, transfer to your hotel. Remainder of the day at leisure.

Dinner is to your own arrangements.

Overnight: Radisson Blu Port Elizabeth

The Radisson Blu Hotel Port Elizabeth is a first class international hotel and the first of its kind in Port Elizabeth. Situated on the shores of the Indian Ocean offering unparalleled ocean views and supreme hospitality.

Designed to catch the spirit of Algoa Bay the hotel has a distinct architectural style and offers beautifully appointed guest rooms, the award winning 'Filini' restaurant, the 'Tabu' bar and lounge, and an exceptional spa and wellness area as well as a state of the art Space Gymnasium. The hotel incorporates 'smart building' technology that enhances sustainability and energy conservation.

Port Elizabeth is renowned for its 40 km of coastline and is a haven for beach and watersport enthusiasts. Surfing, scuba diving and fishing are popular pastimes. Perfectly situated for any business or leisure activities, the hotel is situated on the

Summerstrand beachfront overlooking Algoa Bay and is within walking distance of the safe and sandy Hobie and Pollock beaches, the Boardwalk Casino and Entertainment Complex, the famous Oceanarium, Museum and Snake Park, shops and various sporting facilities, including golf.



Activities

Victoria Street Indian Market
uShaka Marine World
The Play House

uShaka Marine World

uShaka Marine World is an entertainment haven on Durban's Golden Mile. Sea World, Wet 'n Wild, uShaka Beach, the night-time Village Walk, seafood restaurants, a shopping centre and fantastic sea views are all on offer here.

Included

Accommodation

Transport in an air-conditioned luxury vehicle

English speaking THETA registered tour guide

Excluded

Gratuities

Items of a personal nature

Day 8: Hunter's Country House, 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

Depart Port Elizabeth and travel via the coastline to the beautiful Tsitsikamma National Park.

Described as the 'garden of the Garden Route', the Tsitsikamma actually deserves a more vivid description to encapsulate the beauty of the place. Enjoy a walk along the suspension bridge across the Storms River mouth gorge which offers visitors incredible views and photo opportunities.

Continue to Plettenberg Bay for dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Hunter's Country House [View iBrochure](#)

Fragrant and colourful, Hunter's luxuriant gardens create an idyllic setting for this opulent retreat in the heart of the Garden Route. Hunter's Country House combines gracious elegance with sheer comfort and impeccable service with warm hospitality. Far from the madding crowd, yet conveniently close to a wide variety of leisure activities.



Activities

Plettenberg Bay

Garden Route

Storms River Mouth

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Garden Route

Sandwiched between the Outeniqua and Tsitsikamma Mountains and the glistening Indian Ocean, this lush 200km stretch of coastal plain between Mossel Bay and Storms River Mouth provides one of the world's most spectacular drives. Visitors typically base themselves at the heart of the Garden Route - either in Knysna (complete with its scenic lagoon) or neighbouring Plettenberg Bay (famous for its excellent beaches) - and then spend a few days exploring the diverse array of surrounding attractions. Whether you are seeking pristine, uncrowded white-sand beaches, world-class golf courses, ancient forests, renowned surf spots, extraordinary nature reserves, excellent hiking opportunities or exhilarating outdoor adventure such as bungee jumping or ziplining, the Garden Route has it all.

Storms River Mouth

The mouth of the Storms River is surrounded by national parks and accommodation, and offers plenty of fun activities. This is where the Otter Trail and Dolphin Trail start as well as numerous smaller hikes. Other activities include crossing the mouth via a suspension bridge, dining at the restaurant overlooking this beautiful site, and swimming and snorkelling in the sea.

Included

Accommodation

Transport in an air-conditioned luxury vehicle

English speaking THETA registered tour guide

Excluded

Gratuities

Items of a personal nature

Day 9: Hunter's Country House, Plettenberg Bay

Day Itinerary

After breakfast, get up-close-and-personal with nature at the Elephant Sanctuary.

With the help of the resident African elephants and the well-informed guides, you will learn about the sad and mystical story of the Elephants. The visit presents you with the opportunity to touch, feed and photograph these gentle giants.

After lunch (to own account), travel to Plettenberg Bay for a visit to Birds of Eden - the largest free-flight bird aviary in the world. Birds of Eden stems from the need to create a safe environment in which to release a large collection of free-flight African birds and the sanctuary also enables bird owners to apply to release their pet birds into the sanctuary, after undergoing rehabilitation.

Remainder of the day at leisure.

Activities

Elephant Sanctuary, The Craggs
Birds of Eden

Elephant Sanctuary, The Craggs

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

Transport in an air-conditioned luxury vehicle

English speaking THETA registered tour guide

Excluded

Gratuities

Items of a personal nature

Day 10: De Opstal Country Lodge, Oudtshoorn

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

After breakfast and check-out formalities, proceed on an informative cruise up the Keurbooms River.

Continue to the lagoon side town of Knysna - the gem of the Garden Route. Enjoy some time at leisure at the Knysna Waterfront Complex before travelling to Oudtshoorn - the 'feather capital' of the world due to its large ostrich industry.

Visit a working ostrich farm for a guided tour. Check into your accommodation in the late afternoon before enjoying dinner.

Overnight: De Opstal Country Lodge

De Opstal is situated in the picturesque Schoemanshoek Valley, 12 km from Oudtshoorn and on the R328 road towards the Cango Caves. The lodge consists of original farm buildings, circa 1830, stables, wagon house, farmhouse, share cropper's house, garden and pool rooms restored to provide every comfort, with air-conditioning and fireplaces. Cosy with intimate en suite bathrooms. Relax in the salt water swimming pool set in lush gardens and enjoy traditional dishes in the rustic restaurant. A working ostrich farm offering farm tours by arrangement. Wedding and conference venue. TGCSA 4 star Guest House.



Activities

Knysna

Knysna Heads

Oudtshoorn

Knysna

Nestled between the imposing Outeniqua Mountains and the Indian Ocean and surrounded by world-renowned forests, Knysna offers a wealth of activities for visitors. The beautiful lagoon and more than eight beaches provide opportunities to swim, surf, canoe, yacht, jet-ski, boat, fish, walk on soft sand and take ferry rides. Various markets offer organic goods, delicious food, indigenous plants and a social atmosphere. Mountains, valleys, lakes, forests and streams are ready to be explored. The region isn't known as the "Garden of Eden" for nothing! A birding route is available for avid bird watchers. World class golf courses are at your doorstep. And of course the area is famous for the Knysna Heads and delicious oysters.

Knysna Heads

'Knysna' is a Khoi word but its exact meaning is uncertain. One possibility is 'straight down', which is an obvious reference to the Knysna Heads. This striking geological feature is famous along the entire southern African coastline. The Knysna lagoon opens to the ocean after passing between these two large, statuesque headlands. The Heads have become infamous due to the numerous wrecks that have resulted from boats trying to pass through the treacherous and unpredictable waters between them.

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Included

Accommodation

Transport in an air-conditioned luxury vehicle

English speaking THETA registered tour guide

Excluded

Gratuities

Items of a personal nature

Day 11: Radisson Blu le Vendome Hotel, Cape Town

Cape Town

Resting at the confluence of the Indian and Atlantic Ocean, sandwiched between the slopes of the iconic Table Mountain and the glistening sapphire waters of Table Bay, the exceptionally scenic city of Cape Town is in a class of its own. Some cities boast rich culture, vibrant nightlife, a cosmopolitan atmosphere and extraordinary architecture, while others boast breathtaking landscapes and extraordinary natural wonders. Cape Town, is lucky enough to be blessed with all of these attractions and so much more. With its bustling harbour, world-class beaches, top-notch vineyards, and its mountainous surroundings brimming with diverse flora and fauna, Cape Town consistently captivates the hearts of all who visit.

Day Itinerary

Breakfast and check-out of the hotel.

Enjoy a morning tour of the Cango Caves before departing Oudtshoorn. The Cango Caves is one of the natural wonders of the world and has become a major draw-card to the Karoo area.

Afterward, travel via Route 62 to Barrydale for lunch (to own account).

Arrive in Cape Town around 17h00. Dinner is to your own arrangements.

Overnight: Radisson Blu le Vendome Hotel [View iBrochure](#)

Situated in the Platinum Mile area of the Sea Point suburb, this Cape Town hotel is just minutes from the city center. The district's ocean promenade and the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront are within walking distance. Play in the surf at Clifton beach or scale Table Mountain's 1,000-meter summit. The hotel's 143 rooms and suites feature old world details and convenient amenities like free, high-speed wireless internet. Guests can sample regional cuisine at La Mer Restaurant and Grill or relax at #add Restaurant and Pool. Cpoint Bar and Lounge welcomes guests to sample an array of local wines. After a day in the African sun, take a refreshing dip in the pool.



Activities

Cango Caves

Route 62

Barrydale

Cango Caves

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.

Route 62

Route 62 might market itself as the longest Wine Route in the world, but that's definitely not all there is to it. Lush greenery and fertile valleys form a stark contrast against the semi-desert of the Klein Karoo while towering mountains and their rivers and streams provide an awe-inspiring backdrop throughout. Some of the renowned attractions visitors will spot as they follow the route are the winelands of the Breede River Valley, the majestic Swartberg mountains, the Cango Caves and ostrich farms of Oudtshoorn, and the fruit orchards of the Langkloof Valley.

Barrydale

From the inhabitants and their occupations to the scenery, with its various landscapes, microclimates and vegetation, the picturesque village of Barrydale enjoys harmonious diversity, which is unique for a small town that is typically centred on farming. Barrydale borders the Overberg and Klein Karoo regions of the Western Cape and has a well-developed tourist infrastructure that ranges from wine farms to flower gardens.

Included

Accommodation

Transport in an air-conditioned luxury vehicle

English speaking THETA registered tour guide

Excluded

Gratuities

Items of a personal nature

Day 12: Radisson Blu le Vendome Hotel, Cape Town

Day Itinerary

This morning you will be collected for your scheduled full day Cape Point & Peninsula Tour.

We travel along the Atlantic Seaboard via Sea Point, Clifton and Camps Bay, stopping at a Llandudno look-out point before continuing to Hout Bay, a quaint village and fishing harbour with magnificent mountain views and beach (optional boat trip to Seal Island - to own account). Continue via Chapman's Peak, one of the world's most breathtaking coastal drives, to Cape Point and the Good Hope Nature Reserve.

After lunch at a nearby restaurant (not included in cost), we go on to historic Simon's Town - a village with charming Victorian architecture, a naval base and a large penguin colony at the beautiful Boulders Beach. Boulders Penguin Colony is home to a growing colony of the vulnerable African Penguin. Wooden walkways allow visitors to view the penguins in their natural habitat and there is also a new information centre. End the day with a visit to Kirstenbosch

Botanical Gardens which is world-renowned for the beauty and diversity of the Cape Flora it displays and for the magnificence of its setting against the eastern slopes of Table Mountain.

The tour ends upon return to your hotel during the late afternoon.

Activities

The Cape Peninsula

Llandudno Beach

Chapman's Peak

Cape Point Nature Reserve

Boulders Penguin Colony

Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens

The Cape Peninsula

The Cape Peninsula offers a spectacular combination of beaches and mountains, with wonderfully well preserved areas interspersed with quaint towns and harbours.

Chapman's Peak

Chapman's Peak Drive winds its way between Noordhoek and Hout Bay. Situated on the Atlantic Coast, at the south-western tip of South Africa, it is one of the most spectacular marine drives anywhere in the world. The 9km route, with its 114 curves, skirts the rocky coastline of Chapman's Peak. The drive offers stunning 180° views with many areas along the route where you can stop and take in the scenery or sit down for a relaxing picnic.

Cape Point Nature Reserve

Cape Point lies at the south-western tip of Africa and offers great views, a restaurant and a funicular which takes you up to the old lighthouse. The spectacular scenery coupled with zebras, baboons, deserted beaches and plenty of fynbos to make this one of the Cape's must see destinations.

Boulders Penguin Colony

The Boulders Visitor Centre is home to the famous colony of Jackass Penguins, so called for their hilarious braying call. This is a truly special experience and Table Mountain National Park staff are knowledgeable and offer guided tours. After you have fallen in love with the penguins head to the secluded Boulders Beach and take a swim in the comparatively warm waters of the False Bay.

Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens

On the lower slopes of Table Mountain, the beautiful Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens showcases some of the Cape's rich flora. Taking centre stage here is the unique 'fynbos' vegetation. Those who work up an appetite while exploring this garden paradise can visit the restaurant or tea room, which are fully stocked with delicious meals, yummy treats and refreshing beverages. In summer, Sunday music concerts provide sunset entertainment. Kirstenbosch is rated as the seventh best of its kind in the world.

Included

Accommodation

Transport in an air-conditioned luxury vehicle

English speaking THETA registered tour guide

Excluded

Gratuities

Items of a personal nature

Day 13: Radisson Blu le Vendome Hotel, Cape Town

Day Itinerary

Today you embark on a scheduled full day Cape Winelands Tour. This is a delightful drive, which winds its way to the heart of the Cape Winelands through superb mountain ranges, vineyards and Cape Dutch homesteads. Head off to the wine country via the N2 to the heart of South Africa's wine industry, Stellenbosch, boasting great beauty and culture that is steeped in South African history. With the sheer vastness of wine estates on offer, we are truly spoilt for choice when we enjoy our first wine tasting of the day.

Travel over the Helshoogte Pass to the town of Franschhoek. Billed as the Gourmet Capital of South Africa, this charming town, in a most picturesque valley, retains a French Huguenot style. We enjoy a wine tasting before taking time to enjoy the fabled culinary skills of the Franschhoek chefs at one of the many award winning restaurants (lunch to own account). Time permitting, a visit to a Paarl region estate would be included to round off the day's wine-tasting experiences before heading back to Cape Town.

Activities

Cape Winelands

Hells Hoogte Pass

Franschhoek

Cape Winelands

A mere one hours drive from Cape Town lie the valleys and mountains which have become synonymous with some of the world's finest wines. Spectacular mountain scenery, fine hotels and guest houses, 300 years of wine making history and many of the country's top restaurants combine to make the Cape Winelands into a much desired destination. This is the centre of South Africa's award winning wine industry and places of interest include Stellenbosch, Franschhoek and numerous award winning wine estates.

Hells Hoogte Pass

The Hell's Hoogte Pass connects country's two top wine producing areas.

Franschhoek

Idyllically situated in the Cape Winelands, this peaceful country retreat is one of the oldest towns in South Africa. The once sleepy little village was named Franschhoek, meaning "French Corner" as it was founded by French Huguenots who fled Europe and were seeking a secluded hide-out. They found it in the fertile valley of Franschhoek and this heritage is showcased at the fascinating Huguenot Memorial Museum. The Cape Dutch architecture in much of the village remains remarkably well preserved as restrictions have been placed on the extent of renovations and new construction in order to preserve the spirit of the original settlers. The town's proximity to Cape Town allows for pleasant day trips during which visitors can explore the area's many world-class wine estates and impressive range of excellent restaurants or simply browse the quaint, upmarket boutiques strewn along the town's lovely tree-lined avenues.

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Gratuities

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Day 14: Departure

Day Itinerary

Morning collection from the hotel for a scheduled City Tour - a geographical and cultural extravaganza showing you Cape Town from its historical beginnings to modern buildings and malls.

The tour commences with a tour of Table Mountain (weather permitting; cable car fee not included). In the city itself, we visit the Company Gardens, the S.A. Museum, the Castle of Good Hope and the vibrant and arty flea market, Greenmarket Square. We take a trip through the picturesque Bo-Kaap, where we discover the unique culture, lifestyle and personality of the Cape Muslim community and their contribution to South Africa's development. You will be dropped off at the hotel by 12h30.

In the late afternoon, transfer to Cape Town International Airport with an ILIOS Travel driver and check in for your onward flight.

Activities

Table Mountain

Company Gardens

Greenmarket Square

Castle of Good Hope

Table Mountain

Without a doubt it is Table Mountain that makes Cape Town the unique city it is. Rising up over 1000m above sea level, it is the icon that makes Cape Town instantly recognizable. It is a symbol, a playground, a spiritual retreat and a big draw card for tourists. So intertwined with the identity of Cape Town is Table Mountain that a visit to the city isn't complete without having walked or taken the cable car to the top.

Company Gardens

The Company Gardens is a treed haven in the middle of the city and is surrounded by museums and fascinating buildings - St Georges Cathedral, the Salve Museum, The National Art Gallery and the Jewish Museum to mention a few.

Greenmarket Square

In the heart of Cape Town's business district, you'll find Greenmarket Square. The square has quite a reputation, it has been a slave market, a fruit and vegetable market and, during the 1950s, a humble parking lot. These days it's just the place to look for clothing, glassware, hand-painted fabrics, footwear, music, sunglasses and curios from all over Cape Town and Africa.

Greenmarket Square is more than a flea market, not only will you find a wide range of goods to buy, there is also entertainment in the form of buskers, mime artists and jugglers, especially on Saturday mornings and other busy times. The market is a big success there are loads of coffee shops and restaurants in the vicinity, so take time out to sit at a sidewalk table and watch the world go by.

Castle of Good Hope

The Castle of Good Hope is the oldest surviving building in South Africa. Built between 1666 and 1679, this pentagonal fortification replaced a small clay and timber fort built by Commander Jan van Riebeeck in 1652 upon establishing a maritime replenishment station at the Cape of Good Hope for the Dutch East India Company, better known as the VOC (Verenigde Oos-Indische Compagnie).

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Gratuities

Items of a personal nature

Transport

Flight Information

Date	Flight	Departure Airport	Time	Arrival Airport	Time	Class	Ref
	Scheduled	King Shaka International Airport [DUR]		Port Elizabeth Airport [PLZ]			

Transfers

Date	Pick Up	Drop Off	Time	Vehicle
	King Shaka International Airport [DUR]	Perry's Bridge Hollow Boutique Hotel		Transfer
	Perry's Bridge Hollow Boutique Hotel	Royal Swazi Spa		Transfer
	Royal Swazi Spa	Ghost Mountain Inn		Transfer
	Ghost Mountain Inn	The Benjamin		Transfer
	The Benjamin	King Shaka International Airport [DUR]		Transfer
	Port Elizabeth Airport [PLZ]	Radisson Blu Port Elizabeth		Transfer
	Radisson Blu Port Elizabeth	Hunter's Country House		Transfer
	Hunter's Country House	De Opstal Country Lodge		Transfer
	De Opstal Country Lodge	Radisson Blu le Vendome Hotel		Transfer
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