

3 Day Garden Route Student Adventure







HIGHLIGHTS

Game Drive in Private Game reserve
Route 62 Road trip
Local farmers market
Highest Bungy – Bloukrans (optional)
Elephant Sanctuary
Monkeyland (optional)
Cango Caves

ITINERARY

3 Days South Africa

DAY 1

CAPE TOWN - OVERBERG, GARDEN ROUTE, MYOLI BEACH

We leave the mother city behind and head east along the N2 past Swellendam, the third oldest town in South Africa to a Private Game Reserve on the edge of the Garden Route. Here we go on a safari where you will have the opportunity to see Lion, Buffalo, Elephant, Rhino, Cheetah and Giraffe in their natural habitat. After lunch we will enjoy some fun with a canopy tour, experience the thrill of crossing rope bridges, wobbly crossings and zip wires high up in the trees. Next, we carry on our way to Sedgefield.

Meals: Dinner

Accommodation: Backpacker: Sedgefield Included Highlight: Game Drive Safari

Optional Activities: Treetop Adventure and Zipline (seasonal - excl winter)

Route: Cape Town to Sedgefield ±450 km





DAY 2 GARDEN ROUTE, KNYSNA, TSITSIKAMMA

We begin our day with a visit to a popular local farmers and craft market in the village. We then make our way to an Elephant Sanctuary for orphaned elephants where you learn about these gentle giants, or we visit a Monkey Sanctuary where rescued monkeys roam free in a large jungle area. Our next stop is always one of the highlights of the tour . . . the Bloukrans River Bridge, home to the World's highest commercial Bungy Jump at 216 meters! From here its back to Myoli beach to carry on with the festivities.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Backpacker dorm: Sedgefield

Facilities: Shared ablutions, entertainment area, pool, WiFi **Included Highlight:** Local craft and farmers market (Saturdays only)

Optional Activities: Elephant Bush Walk OR Monkey Sanctuary, Bloukrans bungy jump (216m), Bloukrans

Bridge walking tour

DAY 3

LITTLE KAROO, OUDTSHOORN, RETURN TO CAPE TOWN VIA ROUTE 62

We head over the Outeniqua Mountains to the Town of Oudtshoorn, known as the "Ostrich Capital of the world". Here we visit the Cango Caves to go on either an adventure or standard tour through some very large chambers with spectacular limestone formations that are millions of years old. If you chose the adventure tour, be prepared to start squeezing through some very tight spaces. If caves are not for you, then you will be able to visit the Cango Endangered Wildlife Ranch, home to many local and exotic endangered species. We then start heading home along the scenic Route 62 through the Klein Karoo.

We will drop you off back at your original pick-up point in the Cape Town city centre unless otherwise requested. We generally arrive back in Cape Town between 18:00 and 19:00 (late afternoon /early evening) on the last day, although this cannot be guaranteed. We recommend that you book your flights out of Cape Town the following day.

Meals: Breakfast

Included Highlight: Cango Caves (Adventure or Standard Tour) OR Endangered Wildlife Rehabilitation

centre

Route: Sedgefield to Cape Town ±600 km

Tour Information

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- All accommodation + Bedding
- All transport in comfortable bus with AC & CD player
- Qualified & registered tour guide
- 2 x Breakfast
- 2 x Dinner
- Visit to a local farmers market
- Cango Caves OR Cango Wildlife Rehabilitation Sanctuary
- Big 5 Safari in private game reserve

WHAT'S EXCLUDED:

All items of a personal nature, lunch, refreshments and alcohol, snacks, souvenirs, tips and optional activities





OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

The optional activities are not included in your tour because these are activities that not everybody would like to do! Optional activities are a great way to add more adventure to your experience. Our tours are designed so that it is not necessary to do the optional activities to have a good time – there are always plenty of things to see & do.

Treetop Adventures zipline
 Crags Elephant Sanctuary
 Monkeyland
 Bloukrans Bungy Jump
 Bloukrans Bridge Walking Tour
 ZAR 280
 ZAR 1400
 ZAR 150

ACCOMMODATION:

We have a long-standing relationship with some of SA's top backpacker lodges, known for their flare. All our stops provide unique, clean and professional hospitality with excellent shower / bath ablution facilities with a bar and Internet facilities. All bedding is provided.

We include spacious and comfortable dorm accommodation. Bedding is provided but clients have to bring their own towels. Dorms are not always just for the group and can be shared with other travellers. Dorm sizes can range from 6 to 12 people sharing and varies from each backpacker visited. Accommodation upgrades are available, subject to availability.

What accommodation upgrades are available?

<u>Backpacker room upgrades</u>: You can upgrade to a private room within the backpackers where the group will be staying. You can choose between a room with shared bathroom or en suite bathroom. The shared option is generally two rooms sharing one bathroom while an en suite is your own bathroom connected to the room. Rooms can either be twin or double and family rooms are available on request. Bedding is provided. The upgrades are subject to availability at the time of making the booking. The rates given for the room upgrades are a once off cost and not per day.

FOOD AND DRINKS

Breakfast: Breakfast is served each morning and consists of a varying combination of continental and cooked. Tea, coffee and fruit juice are always available.

Lunch: Take-away lunches are the norm. These are of your own account.

Dinner: Your evening meals are tastefully prepared by your tour leader and by the various accommodation establishments. Vegetarian options are available.

Please note: You will be expected to purchase all of your own soda drinks, bottled water, and alcoholic beverages on tour; these are readily available at reasonable prices. Please be aware of dehydration during the summer months and drink plenty of water - the tap water is all drinkable on the Cape to Addo Route. You will probably not be accustomed to African conditions and this can affect you severely if ignored.

ACTIVITIES ON TOUR:

There are a range of activities that can be done on tour to fully experience the areas visited and to get a feel for their unique offerings. The included activities are of such a nature that anybody on tour can partake in them and are not physically demanding in any way. The optional activities, as outlined in the itinerary are optional because not everybody on tour may want to do them (like the world's highest bungee!). Please note that the rates for these activities can change without prior notice and are thus not included in the itinerary.

For a guideline of the rates of these activities, please see page 2 & 3. (Credit cards can be used to pay for the various optional activities on tour).

VEHICLE:

We use new, air-conditioned vehicles equipped with headrests and safety belts for a safe, comfortable ride with music. The Toyota Quantum's we use can carry a maximum of 13 people, with the driver being the 14th person.





Please note that depending on the season, tours are full on a regular basis, but please refer to 'people on tour' for average numbers of people on tour and their ages. There is ample space inside the vehicle to store your personal belongings and a luggage section for your backpack. When the tour group exceeds a certain number, we use a trailer for the luggage.

PICK UP AND DROP OFF:

Pickups in Cape Town city centre and surrounding areas are included in the tour price. Where transfers / pick up & drop off is included in you activity / tour, collections are from any Cape Town accommodation or street address within a \pm 5-10km radius of the city centre. Pickup times for our scheduled activities / tours are early morning for some, and can be as early as 5am/6am.

We will contact you a day before your tour starts to confirm your pickup time. Pickup times can only be confirmed a day before your tour starts as we work off of the most updated list of travellers and the different pickup points once our bookings have been closed off.

Drop offs are done back in Cape Town on return tours from where you were picked or as otherwise requested. If you need to be picked up / dropped off outside of the city centre or surrounding areas, please let us know beforehand so that the necessary arrangements can be made. There are no set / guaranteed drop off times. Drop off times can range from late afternoon to early evening and can vary between ±5pm - ±10pm.

Clients are advised to not make any scheduled arrangements (such as flights) for the first or last day of the booked activity / tour, as unforeseen traffic delays, accidents, road works and weather can delay the approximate pick up and drop off times. We will do our best to keep to the activity / tour schedule and timings, but no liability whatsoever will be accepted for unplanned changes or late arrivals due to factors out of our control.

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PEOPLE ON TOUR:

This particular tour is aimed at the student and gap year market, it is a quick 3-day tour that student studying or volunteering in Cape Town can do to see the best of the Garden Route in a limited time. Most clients will be between 20 and 25. That said we do not impose age restrictions but do like clients to know beforehand that it is generally a younger person tour.

YOUR TOUR LEADER:

Your tour leader is there to make sure that you have an unforgettable trip. Our belief is that in Africa; experience is everything. All our tours are led and driven by experienced guides. All in all, good African guides are distinguished by their ability to make you feel safe no matter what environment you're in; they're also characterized by their passion and love for their subject... Africa! If there is anything that is upsetting you whilst on tour, you need to approach your tour leader to give him a fair opportunity to rectify the problem. Dealing with any problems that may arise whilst on tour will prevent them from developing into something more problematic. Your tour leader cannot help you if you remain quiet.

BE FLEXIBLE:

Your tour leader is trained not only to run an informative, fun and adventurous tour, but also to take control when things don't run smoothly. Please remember that this is Africa after all and that the itinerary stated has to be flexible and will depend on local conditions. Travelling in Africa is sometimes unpredictable and by the very nature of travelling here, there are unforeseen challenges to overcome and passengers should have a taste for adventure. Problems with road conditions, bad weather and tire changes can delay and change the schedule of the tour. Please be prepared and pack a sense of humour. In the event of any incidence regarding local conditions that may affect safety, security, and the well-being of the tour participants, the decision of the tour leader will be final.

HEALTH:

Please inform us of any pre-existing conditions such as diabetes or asthma and any prescription medicine you may be taking. We also need to know about any food allergies or physical disability that you may have.

INSURANCE:

In a great many medical disciplines, South Africa is a global leader. There is a large network of public and private hospitals countrywide, offering excellent service. However, clients must have adequate health & travel insurance to cover the fees private hospitals charge.





Please note that similar to your passport and any personal travel document, travel and health insurance is the client's own responsibility. We cannot be held liable for the loss or damage to passengers' luggage, hand luggage or personal effects. Therefore you should ensure that you are adequately insured.

CLIMATE:

The African sun is very strong. Please use a factor 30 - 50 sunscreen and wear a hat. You should drink at least 3 litres of water per day to avoid dehydration. It can also get very cold during winter months on this route.

CONSERVATION AND ECO TOURISM:

Please do NOT purchase products made from ivory and skins. The ultimate objective of eco-tourism is for clients to have a pleasant and enriching experience of nature, and at the same time, cause the least possible disturbance to ecosystems. Your tour leader has strict environmental policies to adhere to, which we endeavour to instil in all of our passengers. Respect for local people, fellow travellers and the places we visit are expected. Consider the environment at all times and be considerate in your approach to your holiday.

Should you have further questions, please feel free to contact us on the below details:

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