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Tour departure point

Please ensure you arrive at the departure point at least 30 minutes before the scheduled departure time.

08:00am DoubleTree by Hilton Cape Town – Upper Eastside, 31 Brickfield Road, Woodstock, Cape Town

Tel: +27 (0)21 404 0570, <https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/cptuedi-doubletree-cape-town-upper-eastside/>

Tour ending point

DoubleTree by Hilton Cape Town – Upper Eastside, 31 Brickfield Road, Woodstock, Cape Town

Tel: +27 (0)21 404 0570, <https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/cptuedi-doubletree-cape-town-upper-eastside/>

Maximum Number of Passengers

20

After hours emergency contact

Our reservations staff are available to receive emergency calls. We would like to request that you respect this emergency number and use it only in the event of emergencies. Please only contact this number if, for example, you have missed your incoming flight, you cannot find your airport transfer or you are running late for your tour departure.

If calling from outside South Africa: 0027 82 578 2199

If calling within South Africa: 082 578 2199

Arrival / Departure

Please be sure to arrive 1 day before your tour is due to depart. This will avoid any unforeseen problems. We also highly recommend that you book your flights to depart the day after the tour officially ends to allow for delays and changes.

Pre and Post Tour Accommodation

If you require accommodation before or after your tour we can arrange this for you. We can also arrange airport transfers – contact your travel agent to make these bookings.

What's included

All meals which are prepared and served at the overland truck / accommodation / qualified crew / filtered water / transport in the overland truck / included highlights as per the itinerary / entrance fees to National Parks.

What's excluded

Items of a personal nature (snacks, alcohol, bottled water, soft drinks, tips) / entrance fees (associated with optional activities) / souvenirs

Countries Visited

South Africa, Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Eswatini, Lesotho

TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1 - South Africa – Cederberg Region

Leaving Cape Town we make a last stop for a look back at Table Mountain from across Table Bay. No road trip is complete without a stop at a traditional “Padstal”, these small farm stalls dot the byways of South Africa and offer a variety of homemade treats and bakes. The Cedarberg region not only boasts spectacular mountains and orange farms, but it is also the home of the Rooibos bush. Indigenous to the mountain slopes of the Cedarberg, this herbal beverage has earned an international reputation as a healthy and refreshing alternative to regular tea. A dinner at our overnight stop offers an opportunity for us to get acquainted while enjoying some South African hospitality.

Accommodation	Marcuskraal http://www.marcuskraal.co.za/index1.html
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Cape Town to Citrusdal
Meals	Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Traditional Dinner

Day 2 - Namaqualand – Gariep (Orange) River

Namaqualand presents us with our first experience of the Desert vistas that will accompany us in the days ahead. We continue our journey north and after a short stop for supplies in Springbok, we travel to our camp on the banks of the Orange River. If you are fortunate enough to be travelling in the spring months (July to September) you may encounter the wild flowers that have made this region famous. No matter the time of year though, the strange desert vistas offer a unique backdrop to this day's travel.

Accommodation	Felix Unite Cabanas http://www.felixunite.com/accommodation/cabanas OR Norotshama Resort https://www.norotshamaresort.com/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Citrusdal to Orange River
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Border Post	South Africa: Vioolsdrift, Tel: +27 (27) 277 618 760, Open 24 hours Namibia: Noordoewer, Tel: +264 (0) 63 297 122, Open 24 hours

Day 3 - Namibia – Gariep (Orange) River

While the Orange River was named after the Dutch Royal House, in recent times it has been referred to by its original name of Gariep, which simply means “river” in the indigenous Khoekhoe language. Beginning its journey in the mountains of Lesotho, the Orange River is the longest river in South Africa and offers a unique contrast to the desert landscapes along its banks. The best way to experience the river is by getting out on the water and this morning we have the opportunity to join an optional canoe trip on the river. Around midday (after lunch) we depart the Orange River and head inland to our overnight stop. At Ais Ais, you will have the opportunity to enjoy the mineral and sulphur rich hot springs.

Accommodation	Ai Ais Resort http://www.nwr.com.na/index.php/resorts/ai-ais-hotspots-spa OR Canyon Roadhouse https://store.gondwana-collection.com/accommodation/canyon-roadhouse OR Hobas https://www.nwr.com.na/resorts/hobas-lodge/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Orange/Gariep River to Ai-Ais
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Ais-Ais Hot springs

Day 4 – Fish River Canyon, Quiver Tree Forest and Giants Playground

Having its source in the eastern parts of the Naukluft Mountains, the Fish River Canyon is the longest river in Namibia and the largest Canyon in Africa. We will drive to the rim of the Fish River Canyon and have an opportunity to stretch our legs with a gentle walk along the rim of the canyon. Afterwards, we turn west and head for Keetmanshoop. Our afternoon will be spent meandering through the Quiver Tree Forest and The Giants Playground – named for the way in which the massive dolerite boulders have been placed on each other - creating rock formations and a series of mazes.

Accommodation	Schutzenhaus Guesthouse http://www.schuetzenhaus-namibia.com/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathrooms Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Fish River Canyon to Keetmanshoop
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlights	Scenic walk along the rim of Fish River Canyon (could be previous day) / Visit to Quiver Tree Forest and Giants Playground

Day 5 - Namib-Naukluft National Park

Every overland journey has some long travelling days and today is one of those as we venture deeper into the Namib Desert. Our destination is the dune fields that cover the western reaches of the desert. Long dusty roads and sparsely populated farmlands offer us an insight into the vastness of rural Namibia. From the grasslands in the east to the red dunes of the west the slowly changing landscapes represents the many faces of this desert country. Tonight we camp on the doorstep of the dune fields and fall asleep to the unique calls of the elusive Barking Gecko.

Accommodation	Hammerstein Lodge http://hammersteinlodge.com/ OR Weltevrede Guest Farm https://weltevredguestfarm.com/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Keetmanshoop to Namib Naukluft NP
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6 - Sossusvlei Dunes – Namib-Naukluft National Park

Today we will rise early for our drive to the Namib-Naukluft National Park. We will enter the park just after sunrise and travel through to the famous Dune 45. A brisk climb up Dune 45 offers us the perfect vantage point to marvel at the changing colours of the desert. Once satisfied we descend this famous dune and enjoy a hearty breakfast before catching a 4x4 transfer into Sossusvlei, here we will spend time on foot visiting the pans at Sossusvlei and Deadvlei. Our desert exploration concludes with a visit to the Sesriem Canyon. Tonight we empty the red sand from our shoes and spend the night under the magnificent desert stars, knowing that we have spent a full-day enjoying the wonders of this harsh land.

Accommodation	Boesman's Camp https://bushmans-desert-camp-self-catering.business.site/ OR Weltevrede Guest Farm https://weltevredguestfarm.com/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Hike up Dune 45, 4x4 shuttle to Sossusvlei / Deadvlei / Sesriem Canyon

Day 7 - Swakopmund

On our final day in the desert, we have the privilege of joining a local expert for an enlightening desert excursion (this activity could take place the previous afternoon). While bidding a reluctant farewell to the Namib, we make a stop to commemorate our crossing of the Tropic of Capricorn. Having taken in the wonders of the Namib Desert we turn west and head into the sunset to our next destination, the bustling coastal town of Swakopmund where adventure awaits along with a welcome touch of civilization. Upon arriving in Swakopmund, we will be presented with the opportunity to book any number of thrilling adventures available. Tonight we'll enjoy a dinner out at a local restaurant.

Accommodation	Haus Garnison http://hausgarnison.com/ OR Amanpuri Travellers Lodge http://www.amanpurinamibia.com OR Stay@Swakop http://www.stay-at-swakop.com/ OR Swakopmund Plaza https://www.swakopmund-plaza-hotel.com/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom Camping: Two per Room with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Namibia Naukluft National Park to Swakopmund
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Tropic of Capricorn, Guided desert walk with local expert (<i>this activity could take place the day before in the afternoon</i>), Local restaurant dinner

Day 8 - Swakopmund

While for many it is the adrenaline fuelled adventures that will grab their attention, Swakopmund offers all that and more. Take the opportunity today to explore the town at your leisure, as there are a number of attractions for every taste. Not to be missed is the selection of famed coffee shops and bakeries that offer a delightful range of German inspired treats. Swakopmund offers all the conveniences of a small city and is the perfect launching pad for the journey through the northern reaches of the land.

Accommodation	Haus Garnison http://hausgarnison.com/ OR Amanpuri Travellers Lodge http://www.amanpurinamibia.com OR Stay@Swakop http://www.stay-at-swakop.com/ OR Swakopmund Plaza https://www.swakopmund-plaza-hotel.com/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom Camping: Two per Room with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Meals	Breakfast
Optional Activity	Dolphin cruise, Skydiving, sandboarding, Quad biking

Day 9 – Swakopmund to Khorixas

Our exploration of the desert continues with a trip up north, where the hot desert sands meet the cold waves of the Atlantic Ocean. We'll stop at seaside holiday town of Wlotskabaken for a photo opportunity before heading to the Lichen Fields for a viewing and talk by your guide on the Lichen Colonies. We then visit the renowned Seal Colony at Cape Cross, known as the largest in the world with over 200,000 Cape Fur Seals hugging the shore. Cape Cross marks the spot where the first European explorer set foot on the coast of Namibia in 1486, and was erected in honour of the then king of Portugal by explorer Diego Cao. (Please note that the Cape Cross Colony may be inaccessible at times which means that we will not be able

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to visit the seals.) The road then continues away from the coast and takes us towards the Khorixas area where we will explore the Twyfelfontein Rock Engravings and the Petrified Forest in the Kunene Region with a local guide.

Accommodation	Khorixas https://www.nwr.com.na/resorts/khorixas-camp OR iGowati Country Hotel https://igowaticountryhotel.com/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Route	Swakopmund to Khorixas (via Cape Cross)
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Seal Colony at Cape Cross, Petrified Forest, Twyfelfontein Rock Engravings

Day 10 – Khorixas to Etosha National Park

With vast salt pans, savanna and woodland, Etosha is one of Africa's finest game parks. At 18 000 sq km, it is one of the biggest Parks in Southern Africa. Etosha means “great white area”, which refers to the large dried pan in the middle of the Park. We will spend the afternoon exploring the park in the overland truck.

Accommodation	Okukuejo https://www.nwr.com.na/resorts/okukuejo-resort OR Etosha Village https://etosha-village.com/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Khorixas to Etosha National Park
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Afternoon game drive in overland vehicle

Day 11 - Etosha National Park

Our second day in Etosha allows for a full day to continue our exploration of the park. No day on safari is ever the same and the suspense before that special sighting is the motivation that keeps our eyes wide open. We explore the edges of the Etosha Pan in search of the abundant wildlife that occur in the park.

Accommodation	Okukuejo https://nwr.com.na/resorts/okukuejo-resort OR Etosha Village https://etosha-village.com/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Etosha National Park
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Full day game drive

Day 12 - Etosha National Park

This morning is free for you to relax around camp. After lunch, we will board our truck and enjoy an afternoon game drive as we head towards our next overnight camp.

Accommodation	Namutoni https://nwr.com.na/resorts/namutoni-resort OR Halali https://www.nwr.com.na/resorts/halali-resort/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Etosha National Park
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Afternoon Game Drive

Day 13 – Etosha to Divundu

We leave the white sands of Etosha behind and venture towards the Kavango River for our overnight stop in Divundu.

Accommodation	Mahangu http://www.mahangu.com.na/ OR Shometu River Lodge https://shameturiverlodge.com/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Etosha National Park to Divundu
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 14 – Divundu to Maun

Prior to departing for Maun, we enjoy a leisurely boat cruise on the beautiful Kavango River. We then cross the border into Botswana and head towards the gateway to the Okavango Delta, the town of Maun. We overnight in Maun before heading for our next adventure – The Okavango Delta.

Accommodation	Sedia https://sedia-hotel.com/ OR Island Safari Lodge https://www.islamaun.com/the-lodge/accommodation/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom

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Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
 Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.

Route Divundu to Maun
Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight Morning Boat Cruise
Border Post Namibia: Mohembo Tel.; Open: 07h00-24h00
 Botswana: Mohembo, Tel.; Open: 07h00-24h00

Day 15 – Khwai Conservation Area

You will be separated from your overland truck for the next 2 nights and it is therefore important that you pack/gather your personal belongings which you may need, before we depart Maun. Please pack lightly and only take what you need for the following two nights. Today we make our way towards the Okavango Delta. Early risers will have the opportunity to go on an optional scenic flight over the Delta (time and weather permitting). After your optional flight, you will be collected from Maun and will be transferred to the Khwai Conservation area in smaller safari type vehicles. Our guide will prepare us on what to expect for our afternoon mokoro excursion into the Okavango Delta. (Please note: It is possible that the mokoro activity could take place on an alternative day depending on the season).

Accommodation Khwai Tented Camp (no website available)
Facilities **Accommodated:** Two per permanent tent with en-suite bathroom
Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Route Maun to Khwai Conservation area
Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Optional Activity Okavango Delta scenic flight
Included Highlight Sunset Mokoro Excursion (could take place on an alternative day)

Day 16 – Moremi Game Reserve

Today is a full day game drive as we spend most of our day on safari in the Moremi Game Reserve in search of the species that roam the plains. Expect some bumpy roads as we traverse this wilderness area in our 4x4 vehicles. Offering habitats from wetland, open water to the grasslands and Savannah woodland, we hope to see as many species of fauna and flora possible. This evening we arrive back at Khwai to share and compare all the amazing sightings while on safari.

Accommodation Khwai Tented Camp (no website available)
Facilities **Accommodated:** Two per permanent tent with en-suite bathroom
Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Route Moremi Game Reserve
Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight Full Day Game Drive Moremi Game Reserve

Day 17 – Khwai to Nata

Today's journey from Khwai to Nata passes the Botswanan salt pans. You will pack up camp and depart at first light on the open 4x4 safari vehicles before meeting the overland truck in Maun. The scenic drive from Maun to Nata showcases some of Botswana's breathtaking landscapes and the rich cultural heritage. Keep an eye open as there is always a chance of a wildlife encounter or two before reaching your overnight destination in Nata.

Accommodation Nata Lodge <https://underonebotswanasky.com/nata-lodge/> OR Elephant Sands Lodge https://elephantsandsbotswana.business.site/?utm_source=gmb&utm_medium=referral
Facilities **Accommodated:** Two per room with en-suite bathroom
Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
 Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Route Khwai Conservation Area to Nata (long day)
Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 18 – Nata to Kasane - Chobe National Park

This morning, we enjoy a guided drive to the Nata pans, which forms the breeding ground for a host of water birds including pelicans and flamingo in their thousands (birds dependant on seasonal migratory patterns). We then journey from the Kalahari sands of Nata to Kasane and arrive in time for lunch and a quick siesta before we head out in the afternoon to explore the Chobe National Park from the river, enjoying a leisurely boat cruise which allows us an up close and personal experience with the many elephants that frequent the river in the afternoons.

Accommodation Thebe River Safaris <http://www.theberiversafaris.com> Or Kwalape Safari Lodge (no website available)
Facilities **Accommodated:** Two per room with en-suite bathroom
Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
 Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Route Nata to Kasane
Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight Morning Pans excursion, Chobe National Park Boat Cruise

Day 19 - Zimbabwe -Victoria Falls

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With the memories of our wildlife encounters firmly etched in our minds, we cross the border into Zimbabwe this morning and travel the short distance to Victoria Falls. Today you will have the opportunity to visit the spectacular Victoria Falls at your leisure, also known by the local name of “Mosi-oa Tunya” (the smoke that thunders). While much of today is dedicated to viewing the mighty Zambezi River as it drops into the Batoka Gorge below, the bustling adventure town of Victoria Falls also offers a range of optional activities for those wanting a dose of adrenaline in the afternoon. For the more relaxed traveller there are craft markets and coffee shops on offer as well.

Accommodation Facilities	Shearwater Explorers Village http://explorersvillage.com/ Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom Camping: Campsite (pre-erected dome tent with camper beds) with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Kasane to Victoria Falls
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch
Optional Activity	Victoria Falls National Park Entry
Border Post	Botswana: Kazangula Road, Tel: +267 62 50320 / Open: 06h00-20h00 Zimbabwe: Kzangula Road, Open: 06h00-20h00

Day 20 - Victoria Falls

With the many activities on offer in Victoria Falls, today is the perfect day for the adventure that most suites your style. Whether rafting the mighty Zambezi River or enjoying a flight over the Falls, this is your day to enjoy the many attractions on offer in Victoria Falls.

Accommodation Facilities	Shearwater Explorers Village http://explorersvillage.com/ OR Victoria Falls Rainbow Hotel https://rtgafrica.com/victoria-falls-rainbow-hotel/ Accommodated: Two per room with en-suite bathroom Camping: Two per room with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Meals	Breakfast
Optional Activity	Zambezi Sunset Cruise, Bungee Jump, Helicopter Flights, White Water Rafting

Day 21 - Victoria Falls to Francistown

Departing Victoria Falls this morning, we cross into Botswana and travel south to Francistown in central Botswana. We reach our overnight stop on the outskirts of Francistown in the late afternoon.

Accommodation Facilities	Woodlands Lodge or similar www.woodlandsbotswana.com OR Diggers Inn https://diggersinn.co.bw/ Accommodated: Two per Room with En-Suite Bathroom Camping: Two per Room with En-Suite Bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Victoria Falls to Francistown
Meals	Breakfast, Dinner (pre-prepared frozen meal selection)
Border Post	Zimbabwe: Kazangula Road, Open: 06h00-18h00 Botswana: Kazangula Road, +267 625-0320/1303, Open: 06h00-20h00

Day 22 - Francistown to Johannesburg

Leaving early we continue to the border with South Africa and on to the city of Johannesburg, arriving in the late afternoon.

Accommodation Facilities	Garden Court OR Tambo International www.southernsun.com/garden-court-or-tambo-international-airport Accommodated: Two per Room with En-Suite Bathroom Camping: : Two per Room with En-Suite Bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Francistown to Johannesburg
Meals	Breakfast (continental selection)
order Post	Botswana: Martinsdrift, Tel: +267 4940 254, Open: 08h00-18h00. South Africa: Groblersbrug, Tel: +27 (0) 14 767 1019, Open: 08h00-18h00.

Day 23 – Greater Kruger National Park

Leaving the city of Johannesburg behind us we make our way east through the coalfields of Mpumalanga. Our journey today follows in the footsteps of the old trade-routes to the Lowveld and the Kruger National Park. This afternoon there will enjoy a Sundowner drive through the reserve.

Accommodation Facilities	Nkambeni Reserve http://www.nkambeni.com Accommodated: Two per Permanent Tent with En-suite Bathroom Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Johannesburg to Nkambeni Reserve
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Activity	Sundowner Drive

Day 24 - Kruger National Park

Rising early this morning we enter the Kruger National Park to enjoy a full day of game viewing. The abundance of wildlife presents us with opportunities for excellent sightings and the Kruger is also home to the famed members of Africa's Big-5. Truly the flagship of the South African national parks, Kruger is home to an impressive number of species: 336 trees, 49 fish, 34 amphibians, 114 reptiles, 507 birds and 147 mammals. Our Game drive through the park is in an open-sided 4x4 vehicle.

Accommodation	Nkambeni Reserve http://www.nkambeni.com
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per Permanent tent with En-suite Bathroom Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Kruger National Park
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Kruger National Park 4x4 game drive

Day 25 - Kruger National Park

While those who elect to do the optional morning walk will have an earlier start, we set out a little later today and travel the short distance to the Panorama Route. Strung along the escarpment that divides the central plateau and low-lying bushveld of the Kruger, the sights of the Panorama route offer us a day of scenic delights. We will visit the highlights of Bourke's Luck Potholes, the Three Rondavels and God's Window before returning to camp in the late afternoon.

Accommodation	Nkambeni Reserve http://www.nkambeni.com
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per Permanent tent with En-suite Bathroom Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Included Highlight	Panorama Route - Bourke's Luck Potholes, Blyde River Canyon, God's Window
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 26 – Kruger to Eswatini

We start the day early with some coffee and traditional rusks before setting off through Kruger on our way to Eswatini. Our truck offers an excellent platform for game viewing as we make our way south. We exit the southern end of the park and travel the short distance to Eswatini border, our route this afternoon winds through the mountains and forests of this landlocked kingdom. Our destination for today is the Ezulwini Valley just south of the capital Mbabane.

Accommodation	Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary http://www.biggameparks.org/mlilwane/ OR Hlane Royal National Park https://biggameparks.org/properties/hlane-royal-national-park-1
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Kruger to Mlilwane
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Activity	Game Drive in Kruger National Park (in your overland truck)
Border Post	South Africa: Jeppes Reef, Tel: + 27(0)13 781 0382, Open: 07h00-20h00 Eswatini: Matsamo, Tel: +268 323 2137, Open: 07h00-20h00

Day 27 – Eswatini – Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary

Endless hours of self-guided exploration within the small 4560ha Mlilwane sanctuary are possible due to the relative absence of dangerous game. This morning our guide will lead us out on a nature walk to explore the "Nature Trail", which provides interpretation of historical and environmental information of the area.

Accommodation	Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary http://www.biggameparks.org/mlilwane/ OR Hlane Royal National Park https://biggameparks.org/properties/hlane-royal-national-park-1
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered</i>
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Activity	Nature Walk with your overland guide
Optional Activity	Game Drives, Mountain Biking and Hiking

Day 28 – Eswatini - St Lucia

We bid farewell to Eswatini and re-enter South Africa, continuing south into the reaches of Zululand, once the realm of the mighty King Shaka who united the Zulu clans.

Accommodation	Shonalanga http://www.shonalanga.net
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Facilities	Accommodated: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom Camping: Two per Room with shared ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Mlilwane to St. Lucia
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Border Post	South Africa: Golela Border Post, Tel: +27(0)34 435 1070 Open: 07h00-22h00 Swaziland: Lavumisa Town Board, Tel: +268 20 790 93, Open: 07h00-22h00

Day 29 - Hluhluwe – Umfolozi Game Reserve / iSimangaliso Wetland Park

We set out early this morning for a game drive in the nearby Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Game Reserve, one of the last strongholds of the endangered rhinoceros. While rhinoceros are the most famous of the parks inhabitants, the park also provides a home to many other species, including the Big-5 that we all hope to see. Returning to our lodging for a siesta, we freshen up for an afternoon boat cruise on St Lucia estuary.

Accommodation	Shonalanga http://www.shonalanga.net
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom Camping: Two per Room with shared ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlights	Game Drive in Hluhluwe-Imfolozi National Park, St. Lucia Boat Cruise

Day 30 - Kwa Zulu Natal Coast – UKhahlamba Drakensberg Park

Running the length of the Kwazulu-Natal province, the Ukhahlamba Drakensberg Park is a UNESCO recognised world heritage site. Whether you go by the Zulu name uKhahlamba, meaning 'barrier of spears', or the Afrikaans name Drakensberge, meaning 'dragon mountains', these towering mountains will be our backdrop for the next two nights. On our way we make a stop to view the scenic Howick Falls and a visit to the nearby site that marked the capture of South Africa's most famous man, Nelson Mandela.

Accommodation	Monks Cowl http://www.goodersonleisure.co.za/gooderson-monks-cowl-golf-resort
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom Camping: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	St. Lucia to Drakensberg
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Visit to the Mandela Capture Site, visit Howick Falls

Day 31 - UKhahlamba Drakensberg Park

We set out this morning for a lengthy hike. While we encourage everyone to make the most of the day in mountains, we may offer separate options depending on the activity level of the group. With a number of trails available we can ensure that we cater to every need, the most important aim is to ensure everyone enjoys this mountain paradise at their own pace.

Accommodation	Monks Cowl http://www.goodersonleisure.co.za/gooderson-monks-cowl-golf-resort
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom Camping: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Hike with your guide in Ukhahlamba-Drakensberg Park

Day 32 - Lesotho

Our journey today begins with a mountain pass as our route winds its way through the magnificent hills and mountains before we enter Lesotho in the afternoon, we pass the capital city of Maseru as continue the climb to our base high amongst the mountain peaks.

Accommodation	Semonkong Lodge https://www.semonkonglodge.com/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Drakensberg to Semonkong
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Border Post	South Africa: Maseru Bridge, Tel: +27 (0) 51 924 4300, Open: 24hrs Lesotho: Maseru Bridge, Tel: +266 22 313 796, Open: 24hrs

Day 33 - Lesotho

The clean air of the mountains accompanies us this morning as we explore the surrounding area offers a unique and adventurous landscape to explore on foot and we will set out on the trail which is a couple of hours.

Accommodation	Semonkong Lodge https://www.semonkonglodge.com/
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Facilities	Accommodated: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Morning waterfall hike with your overland guide

Day 34 - South Africa – Graaff Reinet

Returning to South Africa, we descend the mountains and take aim across the Great Karoo. The semi-arid Karoo represents the heartland of rural South Africa and presents a stark contrast to the mountains we leave behind. Our overnight stop is set in the historic town of Graaff-Reinet, the fourth oldest town in the country. We cross the mighty Orange (Gariiep) River today as we journey through the vast countryside of the Karoo. This evening you will have the opportunity to join a sundowner excursion to the Valley of Desolation. This unique valley offers a panoramic view over the town and the wide open plains stretching out below. *Kindly note that during the winter months, this activity will become a Sunrise excursion to the Valley of Desolation the following morning.*

Accommodation	Profcon Resort http://www.profconresort.co.za/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Semonkong to Graaff Reinet
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlights	Valley of Desolation sundowner tour
Border Post	Lesotho: Vanrooyenshek, Tel: +27 51 583 1525, Open: 06h00-22h00. South Africa: Vanrooyenshek, Tel: +27 51 583 1516, Open: 06h00-22h00

Day 35 – Gqeberha (Gateway to Addo Elephant National Park)

Setting course for the coast once again, we pass through the open plains of the Karoo and head to the famous Addo Elephant National Park where we will enjoy a half day game drive in our overland truck, in search of the famous elephants that call Addo home. Our overnight accommodation is in the heart of Gqeberha (formerly Port Elizabeth).

Accommodation	Garden Court Kings Beach Hotel https://www.southernsun.com/garden-court-kings-beach
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom Camping: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Graaff Reinet to Gqeberha
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Half day game drive in Addo National Park (overland truck)

Day 36 – Greater Addo Elephant National Park area

This morning we leave the city of Gqeberha and once again head into Addo Elephant National Park for our game drive. Recent expansion has seen Addo grow to become the third largest of South Africa's National Parks. The unique vegetation of Addo supports a wide variety of wildlife and we will spend the morning in search of the animals.

Accommodation	Garden Court Kings Beach Hotel www.tsogosunhotels.com/garden-court/kings-each/pages/overview.aspx
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom Camping: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Half day game drive in Addo National Park (in the overland truck)

Day 37 - Tsitsikamma National Park

Setting out early this morning we make a brief visit to the surfing mecca of Jeffreys Bay. Most famous for its waves this little town is also home to a small Surfing Museum. We then turn west to the Tsitsikamma region where we set up for the next two nights and where the wonders of the Garden Route await.

Accommodation	Tsitsikamma Village Inn http://www.tsitsikammavillageinn.co.za/ OR Tube 'n Axe https://www.tubenaxe.co.za/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per Room with En-suites Bathroom Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Gqeberha area to Tsitsikamma
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Stop in the surfing town of Jeffreys Bay

Day 38 – Tsitsikamma National Park

Tsitsikamma National Park is one of South Africa's premier marine reserves and this morning we set out to explore the rugged coastline on foot. Our hike along the Waterfall Trail sees us cover the first section of the world renowned Otter Trail. This is not an easy hike and those who prefer a more

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leisurely option can make use of the boardwalks to the Storms River Mouth. We return after our hike and you will have the opportunity to book the Woodcutters Journey in the afternoon – experiencing the uniqueness of the Tsitsikamma biome and learning about the history of the area and its indigenous fauna & flora.

Accommodation	Tsitsikamma Village Inn http://www.tsitsikammavillageinn.co.za/ OR Tube 'n Axe https://www.tubenaxe.co.za/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per Room with En-suites Bathroom Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Tsitsikamma National Park entrance to hike with your overland tour guide
Optional Activity	Woodcutters Journey tour, Treetop Canopy Tours, Bungee Jumping,

Day 39 - Oudtshoorn

After a stop in the town of Knysna, we make our way inland, crossing the Outeniqua Mountains and descend to the town of Oudtshoorn. We head to the famous Cango caves to enjoy a guided tour where we marvel at the astonishing formations that have formed in these impressive limestone caves.

Accommodation	Kleinplaas Holiday Resort http://www.kleinplaas.co.za
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Tsitsikamma to Oudtshoorn
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Morning Visit to Natures Valley, Cango Caves Basic Tour

Day 40 – Route 62 - Barrydale

This morning prior to bidding farewell to the Klein Karoo, we stop to experience one of Africa's most endearing creatures - The meerkat! You'll have the opportunity to sit and watch these curious animals go about their day in the natural world without much disturbance from humans, as they wake up and catch the morning sun rays. We then follow a section of the scenic Route 62, stopping to experience some of the many farm stalls on the way. One of the more quirky highlights today is Ronnie's Sex Shop, not a sex shop at all, but a rather interesting country pub!

Accommodation	Karoo Art Hotel: https://www.karooarthotel.co.za/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per Room with En-suites Bathroom Camping: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Oudtshoorn to Barrydale
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Stop at Ronnie's Sex Shop, Meerkat Experience

Day 41 – The Cape Whale Coast Route & Africa's Southernmost Tip

After passing through some quaint Overberg villages, we reach the southernmost tip of the African continent, where the Atlantic and Indian oceans meet, Cape Agulhas. We will then drive along the beautiful Cape Whale Coast which is a pristine stretch on the South African coastline. Stretching from the town of Rooiels for roughly 150km, to the east, making up a collection of villages, farms, rivers, bays, coves and valleys. We will have a short time to stroll along the boardwalk in Hermanus in search of the southern right whales that frequent the shores in the months of July to November. Next we stop at the largest breeding colony of African Penguins, Stony Point Nature Reserve, before travelling along the coast to the city centre of Cape Town. Your tour comes to an end upon arrival in the city centre of Cape Town.

Accommodation	Own arrangements
Route	Barrydale to Cape Town (via Cape Agulhas & Hermanus)
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch
Included Highlight	Hermanus, Southernmost point, Cape Agulhas, Stony Point Penguin Colony