



# 22 Day Kruger to Cape Town Camping & Accommodated Tour

Embark on an action-packed adventure through some of the most stunning scenery in southern Africa. In 22 days, head from Johannesburg to Cape Town on the spectacular coastal route, with plenty of epic stops along the way.

Track down elusive wildlife on game drives in Kruger National Park, relax on golden beaches, meeting local Xhosa communities in Cintsá and mix it up with two fun-filled nights in Cape Town. From the savanna of Kruger and the lush wetlands of the St Lucia Estuary to the dramatic ocean vistas and fertile vineyards along the Wild Coast, see the best of southern Africa's blessed natural beauty, joined by a local leader with all the best advice and a group of likeminded adventurers keen to explore.



## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience a once-in-a-lifetime chance to camp at the Black Mambas headquarters, the world's first all-female anti-poaching unit. Join them for a bush walk to search for snares and hear their inspiring stories around the campfire in the evening.
- Enjoy a different perspective for game viewing with a jeep safari in Kruger National Park, a guided hippo boat cruise on St Lucia Estuary, and a walking safari in Hlane Royal National Park.
- Visit Cape Town's Boulder's Beach to watch the resident African Penguins waddle across the sandy shore that's framed by ancient granite boulders.
- Rise early with your small group to watch wild meerkats wake and warm in the morning sun, before continuing south to Cape Town – South Africa's third-oldest town.
  - Search for gentle giants on a game drive through Addo Elephant National Park.



# TOUR ITINERARY

## 22 Days | South Africa, Eswatini, Lesotho

Information is subject to change. Travel times and accommodation can change depending on road or weather conditions, etc. These are used as a guideline only.

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### DAY 1: JOHANNESBURG

Sawubona! Welcome Johannesburg, the sprawling South African capital. In Joburg (unlike a lot of city nicknames, this is one people actually use) mansions stand alongside humble tin abodes and there are as many green parks on the outskirts of the city as there is concrete jungle in the centre. Your adventure begins with a welcome meeting at 6 pm. If you can't wait to begin exploring and arrive with time to spare, why not make your way to the Apartheid Museum and start your journey with some crucial history before you meet up with your group.

**Meals:**

*None*

**Accommodation:**

*Hotel (1 Night)*

**Special Information:**

*It's very important that you attend the welcome meeting as we will be collecting insurance details and next of kin information at this time. If you are going to be late please let your travel agent or hotel reception know. Ask reception or look for a note in the lobby for more information on where the meeting will take place.*

### DAY 2: GREATER KRUGER NATIONAL PARK – BLACK MAMBAS HQ

Rise and shine for a long day's drive to the outskirts of Kruger National Park where you'll be lucky enough to camp for the evening at the Black Mambas headquarters. The Black Mambas – are the world's first all-female anti-poaching unit. Made up of a team of 36 young African women, the Mambas patrol 20,000 hectares of the Balule Nature Reserve, part of Greater Kruger National Park. Turning a traditionally male-dominated industry on its head, they're putting their female prowess to work protecting Kruger National Park's wildlife in an unconventional way. You'll join them on a bush walk to learn how they find and destroy snares firsthand. Enjoy a special dinner by lantern light and later, relax by the campfire with the Mambas as they share stories about their path to becoming a Black Mamba and conservation work.

**Meals:**

*Breakfast*

*Lunch*

*Dinner*

**Accommodation:**

*Camping (1 Night)*

**Included Activities:**

*Black Mambas HQ - Dinner by Lantern Light*

*Black Mambas HQ - Campfire Story Time*

*Black Mambas HQ - Snare Walk*

**Special Information:**

*Today's driving time is approximately 11–12 hours.*

### DAY 3: KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

Wave goodbye to the Mambas and take a scenic drive along the famous Panorama Route through some of the most stunning scenery South Africa has to offer, such as Bourke's Luck Potholes. In the evening, choose to relax at your camp, located in Kruger National Park, or perhaps head out on an optional night drive with the park guide. The optional night drives are a chance to spot nocturnal animals and perhaps even a night-time predator or two – maybe catch a lion or hyena out hunting, or perhaps an impala out in search of a late-night feed.



**Meals:**

Breakfast

Lunch

Dinner

**Accommodation:**

Camping (1 Night)

**Included Activities:**

Panorama Route - Blyde River Canyon Viewpoint

Panorama Route - Three Rondavels Viewpoint

**Add on Activities:**

Kruger National Park – Night Game Drive – ZAR290

**Special Information**

*On occasion, especially during the peak periods during May – September & December, we are unable to secure campsites within Kruger National Park. In this instance we will camp outside the park.*

**DAY 4: KRUGER NATIONAL PARK**

Rise early and enjoy a light breakfast before heading out on 4x4 jeeps for a full-day game drive. Most of your day will be spent spotting game, birdwatching, and stopping at various waterholes and viewpoints to rest along the way. Kruger National Park is one of the largest National Parks in Southern Africa. It boasts over 500 bird species, 100 species of reptile and 150 mammal species, including the Big Five and the endangered African wild dog. Drive through some of Kruger's prime game viewing areas on your way to camp and try to spot some of these amazing creatures straight away! Set up camp and get settled for the evening.

**Meals:**

Breakfast

Dinner

**Accommodation:**

Camping (1 Night)

**Included Activities:**

Kruger National Park - Full Day 4X4 Game Drive

**Add on Activities:**

Kruger National Park – Night Game Drive – ZAR290

**Special Information**

*On occasion, especially during the peak periods during May – September & December, we are unable to secure campsites within Kruger National Park. In this instance we will camp outside the park.*

**DAY 5: HLANE ROYAL NATIONAL PARK**

Start the day with a slow game drive through Kruger, covering between 20 and 70 kilometres (depending on what animals you see along the way) in the park then exiting by mid-morning. Hit the road towards Hlane Royal National Park. Travel south-east and cross the border into the kingdom of Eswatini, a country nestled between Mozambique, Northern Zululand and Mpumalanga. Arrive at Hlane Royal National Park, a vast expanse of bushveld with ancient hardwood trees, and begin exploring immediately on a guided game walk. The walking safari, led by a local guide, will give you the best understanding of how large and complex the ecosystem in this park is. With a professional ranger by your side, you'll look out for animals like rhino, giraffe, and elephant while also searching for tiny creatures like snakes, spiders, and small mammals (don't worry, there's no lions in the section of the park where you'll be walking). You'll spend tonight at a camp within the national park.

**Meals:**

Breakfast

Dinner

**Accommodation:**

Camping (1 Night)



**Included Activities:**

*Hlane Royal National Park - Guided Walking Safari*

**Special Information:**

*Today's driving time is approximately 6–7 hours.*

*The border crossing between South Africa and Eswatini is generally very smooth, but occasionally there are delays. Come prepared with good book just in case.*

*Please note that upgrades to your accommodation tonight are possible but subject to availability. Please speak to your booking agent for more information on upgrades.*

**DAY 6: HLANE ROYAL NATIONAL PARK**

Today you'll have the opportunity to further explore Hlane Royal National Park at your leisure. You might like to book an optional 4x4 game drive within the park, where you can expect to see all kinds of animals like antelopes, elephants, zebras, rhinos, and lions. Guided by a local Swazi guide, these drives typically take 2-2.5hrs either in the early morning or late afternoon.

Another optional activity for today is to visit the Hlane Umphakatsi (Chief Village) - a tour of the authentic living homestead and opportunity to discover the Swazi way of life. You'll learn more about the traditional culture here, get to know the locals and even get a chance to try your hand at day-to-day activities. You'll discover how Umphakatsi is a special village since it is one of the few with a female Chief: Inkhosikati.

**Meals:**

*Breakfast*

*Lunch*

*Dinner*

**Accommodation:**

*Camping (1 Night)*

**Add on Activities:**

*Hlane National Park - Guided 4x4 Game Drive - ZAR455*

*Hlane National Park - Umphakatsi Village Visit - ZAR153*

**DAY 7: ST LUCIA ESTUARY**

Depart Hlane this morning and cross the border to Lake St Lucia, part of the St Lucia Estuary, stopping at a shop for supplies along the way. Declared a World Heritage Site in 1999, St Lucia Estuary is home to thousands of varieties of birds, mammals and reptiles, including hundreds of hippos and crocodiles. On arrival at camp, jump onboard a Hippo Boat Safari which offers a different perspective to traditional Game viewing with the chance to spot creatures cruising down the estuary, or basking on the banks.

**Meals:**

*Breakfast*

*Dinner*

**Accommodation:**

*Camping (1 Night)*

**Included Activities:**

*St Lucia Estuary - Safari Boat Cruise*

**Special Information:**

*Today's driving time is approximately 4-5 hours.*

**DAY 8: ST LUCIA ESTUARY**

We'll take a day trip to Cape Vidal today for some time by the sand in the sun. Cape Vidal lies within the iSimangaliso Wetland Park World Heritage Site and sits on the exquisite Zululand coast – home to a rich array of marine life. This area is visited seasonally by humpback whales during their migrations, as well as loggerhead and leatherback sea turtles that come to the beaches north of Cape Vidal from November to February to nest. You can spend the day relaxing on the beach or speak to your leader about booking some of the optional activities in the area. You'll head back to your camp at Lake St Lucia this afternoon.



**Meals:**

Breakfast

Dinner

**Accommodation:**

Camping (1 Night)

**Included Activities:**

Cape Vidal – Beach day Trip

**DAY 9: DURBAN**

Today is a free day so why not get out and explore Durban – teeming with golden, sandy beaches and glitzy nightlife. The Golden Mile is an essential spot – a stretch of fine sands bordered by rolling surf on one side and an attractive beachfront of skate parks, restaurants and cafes on the other. For dinner, perhaps grab your group and head to Florida Road for traditional Bunny Chow or some fresh seafood – your group leader will be able to recommend their favourite spots.

**Meals:**

Breakfast

**Accommodation:**

Hotel (1 Night)

**Add on Activities:**

Durban - Art Gallery – Free

Durban - Bay Cruise - ZAR240

Durban - Juma Masjid Mosque - Free

**Special Information:**

*As this is a combination trip, your group leader and the composition of your group will likely change at this location. There will be a group meeting to discuss the next stage of your itinerary. We suggest you attend, as this is also a great chance to meet your new fellow travellers. Your new group leader will be collecting insurance details and next of kin information at this time. Ask reception or look for a note in the lobby for more information on where the meeting will take place.*

**DAY 10: DRAKENSBERG**

Leave Durban and travel inland towards the majestic Drakensberg Mountain range this morning. Stop along the way at the Nelson Mandela Capture Site and learn about the history of this great man. Continue the journey to Drakensberg mountain chain. Your accommodation here is in twin rooms with an ensuite at a unique backpacker lodge in Drakensberg. After you've settled in, enjoy a drink with your travel group in the thatched-loft lounge room. You'll also be able to check out the onsite pool, jacuzzi, barbeque and fire pit.

**Meals:**

Breakfast

Dinner

**Accommodation:**

Backpacker Lodge (1 Night)

**Included Activities:**

Howick – Nelson Mandela Capture Site

**Special Information:**

*For tonight's accommodation, room upgrades are available (subject to availability).*

*Your travel time today will be approximately 7-8 hours.*

**DAY 11: DRAKENSBERG**

Today you'll enjoy a refreshing hike through an amazing array of flora and fauna. Drakensberg is Southern Africa's highest range – sitting at 3482 metres – and forms part of the border between South Africa and Lesotho.



The range is often referred to locally as the Barrier of Spears or the Dragon Mountains. Today there are sure to be some amazing views and excellent photo opportunities.

**Meals:**

*Breakfast  
Dinner*

**Accommodation:**

*Backpacker Lodge (1 Night)*

**Included Activities:**

*Drakensberg – Day Hike*

## **DAY 12: LESOTHO HIGHLANDS**

Leaving Drakensberg behind, head into the mountain kingdom of Lesotho. Nestled like a small island in the middle of South Africa, Lesotho is commonly known as the 'Kingdom in the Sky' and has beautiful mountain ranges and endless hiking trails. Generally, the border crossing into Lesotho is quite smooth, but you may experience some delays, depending on the time of year. Drive past the Golden Gate Highlands National Park which is famous for its extraordinary sandstone rock formations. The park is also home to elands, zebras, mongooses and hundreds of bird species – keep your eyes peeled along the way.

**Meals:**

*Breakfast  
Lunch  
Dinner*

**Accommodation:**

*Basic Huts (shared facilities) (1 night)*

**Special Information:**

*Your travel time today will be approximately 8-9 hours.*

## **DAY 13: LESOTHO HIGHLANDS**

Today you'll have a variety of hikes to choose from. The Lesotho Highlands offer excellent hiking for all levels of fitness and skill, so depending on your experience, you should be able to choose one that allows you to get the most out of these stunning landscapes.

**Meals:**

*Breakfast  
Dinner*

**Accommodation:**

*Basic Huts (shared facilities) (1 night)*

**Add on Activities:**

*Lesotho - Bushman Painting Hike - ZAR60  
Lesotho - Pitseng Canyon Hike - 6 hours - ZAR120  
Lesotho - Village and Museum Walk - ZAR50*

## **DAY 14: WILD COAST/CINTSA**

Head to the stunning Wild Coast of South Africa and the charming little coastal town of Cintsa. Cintsa and its surrounding region are home to Xhosa communities, whose lifestyle is deeply rooted in tribal traditions and customs. Arriving in the late afternoon, you'll have time to relax and freshen up before an optional group dinner.

**Meals:**

*Breakfast  
Lunch  
Dinner*



**Accommodation:**

*Camping (with facilities) (1 night)*

**Special Information:**

*Your campground has shared facilities, an ATM and wi-fi. Upgrades are possible (subject to availability).  
Your travel time today will be approximately 10-12 hours.*

**DAY 15: WILD COAST/CINTSA**

Today you can enjoy some free time to explore the town, relax on the stunning beaches or book one of the many optional activities on offer. You might like to go hiking or mountain biking in the hinterland, hire a canoe to explore the Cintsa River or book in for a surfing lesson! Be sure to check in with your group leader to get their recommendations.

**Meals:**

*Breakfast  
Dinner*

**Accommodation:**

*Camping (with facilities) (1 night)*

**Add on Activities:**

*Cintsa - Village Tour - ZAR235  
Cintsa - Canoe Hire - Free*

**DAY 16: ADDO ELEPHANT NATIONAL PARK**

Today you'll travel on to Addo Elephant National Park which was created in 1931 to protect the region's eleven remaining elephants. A true success story in conservation - today there are over 450 elephants in the park, as well as Cape buffalo, black rhinos, all kinds of antelopes and even the unique flightless dung beetle. On arrival, you'll take an afternoon game drive with your group and try to spot some of these resident creatures, among others, from your truck.

**Meals:**

*Breakfast  
Dinner*

**Accommodation:**

*Camping (with facilities) (1 night)*

**Included Activities:**

*Addo Elephant National Park – Overland Vehicle Game Drive*

**Add on Activities:**

*Addo Elephant National Park - Night game drive - ZAR480*

**Special Information:**

*Your campground tonight has basic shared facilities and wi-fi. Upgrades are possible (subject to availability).  
Your travel time today will be approximately 7-8 hours.*

**DAY 17: GARDEN ROUTE / TSITSIKAMMA NATIONAL PARK**

Wake early and enjoy another game drive in Addo Elephant National Park in an overland vehicle. Afterwards, begin your journey along the Garden Route, the first stop being Tsitsikamma National Park. Steep ancient forests meet the breakers of the Indian Ocean at this park, protecting both land and sea. It's a spectacular place for walking and viewing wildlife. Your group leader will take you to a local activity centre where a range of activities will be on offer, some of which you may like to book for your free day tomorrow.

**Meals:**

*Breakfast  
Dinner*

**Accommodation:**

*Camping (with facilities) (1 night)*



**Included activities:**

*Addo Elephant National Park – Overland Vehicle Game Drive*

**Special Information:**

*The Company has not risk assessed all optional local activities in the Tsitsikamma National Park. Only those listed in the Optional Activities are recommended. If you are unsure about any, please check with your leader. It is against company policy for leaders to facilitate the booking of any activities that have not been risk-assessed or do not adhere to the Companies Responsible Travel ethos. This includes organising transport to and from these activities in our vehicles.*

*Your travel time today will be approximately 4-5 hours.*

*The accommodation tonight is a campground with basic shared facilities, an ATM and wi-fi access. Upgrades are possible (subject to availability).*

**DAY 18: TSITSIKAMMA NATIONAL PARK**

With another day in Tsitsikamma, you'll have more time to explore this magnificent national park. Cape clawless otters, dolphins, tortoises and southern right whales (depending on the season) are all visitors here, along with baboons, monkeys and a heap of birdlife. See how many of them you can spot on a range of hiking trails, including those to the Stormsriver Mouth and waterfalls.

**Meals:**

*Breakfast*

*Dinner*

**Accommodation:**

*Camping (with facilities) (1 night)*

**Included activities:**

*Tsitsikamma - Snorkelling - ZAR440*

*Tsitsikamma - Stormsriver Mouth Hike – Free*

*Tsitsikamma - Waterfall Trail - Free*

**DAY 19: GARDEN ROUTE / OUDTSHOORN**

Head out across the arid Karoo region bound for Oudtshoorn. You'll stop at Knysna on the way to stretch your legs and explore this hamlet with a gorgeous lagoon. Travel on to the Cango Caves, where you'll have time to explore the weird and wonderful rock formations – one is 'Cleopatra's Needle', standing at 29 feet high and at least 150,000 years old. Your local guide will give you all the ins-and-outs of their formation and history. Continue on to Oudtshoorn, known as the ostrich capital of the world. At the turn of the 20th century, it was full of 'feather barons' that grew rich from the popularity of ostrich feathers.

**Meals:**

*Breakfast*

*Lunch*

*Dinner*

**Accommodation:**

*Camping (with facilities) (1 night)*

**Included activities:**

*Oudtshoorn – Cango Caves Guided Tour*

**Special Information:**

*Your campsite for tonight has hot showers and flush toilets. Upgrades are possible (subject to availability).*

*Your travel time today will be approximately 4-5 hours.*

**DAY 20: CAPE TOWN**

Rise and shine very early this morning to spend some time with wild meerkats, part of the so-called 'Shy 5'. Head to their burrow, pull up a chair and sip coffee while the sun comes up and the meerkats climb out into the sunshine. You'll have time to watch these habituated wild animals, which are never fed or handled by humans, go about their daily routine of foraging and frolicking. Then it's on to Cape Town, the beachside city you'll call home for the next two nights.



Your accommodation is in twin rooms with an ensuite, located cool Kloof street, an area famous for beautiful views of Table Mountain, hip restaurants and bars, and historical buildings.

**Meals:**

*Breakfast*

*Dinner*

**Accommodation:**

*Backpackers (with facilities) (1 night)*

**Included Activities:**

Oudtshoorn - Meerkat Experience

**Special Information:**

*Your travel time today will be approximately 3 hours.*

**DAY 21: CAPE TOWN**

Today, you'll visit Boulder's Beach to watch the resident penguins waddle across this beautiful beach framed by ancient granite boulders. The rest of the day is yours to explore Cape Town however you wish. With sweeping views across the city and the ocean below, you might like to make your way to the top of Table Mountain. Whether you choose to chill out and enjoy the city's famous cable car to reach the top or strap on your walking shoes and get hiking - we'll leave it up to you. Otherwise, take your time simply exploring this beachside city, perhaps sipping local wines and dining by the oceanfront.

**Meals:**

*Breakfast*

*Dinner*

**Accommodation:**

*Backpackers (1 Night)*

**Included Activities:**

*Cape Town - Boulder Beach Penguins*

**Add on Activities:**

*Cape Town - Table Mountain Aerial Cable - ZAR380*

*Cape Town - Robben Island tour - ZAR550*

*Cape Town - Harbour cruise - ZAR200*

*Cape Town - Table Mountain Hike - ZAR1600*

**DAY 22: CAPE TOWN**

Your South African adventure comes to an end after breakfast today. There are no additional activities planned for this day.

**Meals:**

*Breakfast*

**Add on Activities:**

*Cape Town - Table Mountain Hike - ZAR1600*

*Cape Town - Best of the Cape Combo Tour - Full Day - ZAR2000*

*Cape Town - Cape Peninsula and SUP Tour - Full Day - ZAR2100*

*Cape Town - Robben Island Ferry & Table Mountain Tour - Full Day - ZAR1800*

*Cape Town - Winelands Tour - Full Day - ZAR1600*

*Cape Town - Winelands Tour - Half Day - ZAR1000*

*Cape Town - Cape Peninsula & Table Mountain Tour - Full Day - ZAR2000*

*Cape Town - Cape Malay Cooking Tour - Half Day - ZAR1200*

*Cape Town - Township Experience - Half Day - ZAR965*

*Cape Town - City and Waterfront Tour - Half Day - ZAR1100*

*Cape Town - Cape Peninsula & Kirstenbosch Tour - Full Day - ZAR2000*

*Cape Town - District Six & Bo-Kapp Cultural Tour - Half Day - ZAR965*



## Special Information

*No accommodation is provided for tonight. If you would like to extend your stay in Cape Town, we'll be happy to organise additional accommodation (subject to availability).*

## TOUR INFORMATION

### Is this trip right for you?

- This is an overland trip. That means you'll be travelling with a group in a purpose-built vehicle, visiting remote communities, setting up your own tent, occasionally roughing it in the bush with no facilities, and getting the best possible views of the Garden Route. While the trucks don't have air conditioning, they do have sliding windows, which let in the breeze and make it even easier to take spectacular snaps of the local wildlife. The drive days can be long, but it's as much about the journey as the destination, and half the fun is the camaraderie.
- For your accommodation and campsites on your adventure, facilities do vary, and wi-fi is not always available. Accommodation upgrades are often available.
- As the early bird catches the worm, the early camper sights the animals. There will be many early starts either to make use of optimal safari times or to beat the morning traffic on long travel days.

## Inclusions

### Meals

21 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 19 dinners

### Transport

Overland vehicle

### Accommodation

Camping with facilities (10 nights), Camping with basic facilities (3 nights), Backpackers (4 nights), Basic Huts (shared facilities) (2 nights), Hotel (2 night)

### Activities

- Black Mambas HQ - Dinner by Lantern Light
- Black Mambas HQ - Campfire Story Time
- Black Mambas HQ - Snare Walk
- Panorama Route - Blyde River Canyon Viewpoint
- Panorama Route - Three Rondavels Viewpoint
- Kruger National Park - Full Day 4X4 Game Drive
- Hlane Royal National Park - Guided Walking Safari
- St Lucia Estuary - Safari Boat Cruise
- Cape Vidal - Beach Day Trip
- Howick - Nelson Mandela Capture Site
- Drakensberg - Day Hike
- Addo Elephant National Park - Overland Vehicle Game drive
- Oudtshoorn - Cango Caves Guided Tour
- Oudtshoorn - Meerkat Experience
- Cape Town - Boulder Beach Penguins

### Add on activities

- Kruger National Park - Night Game Drive - ZAR290
- Hlane National Park - Guided 4x4 Game Drive - ZAR455
- Hlane National Park - Umphakatsi Village Visit - ZAR153
- Durban - Art Gallery - Free
- Durban - Bay Cruise - ZAR240
- Durban - Juma Masjid Mosque - Free



- Lesotho - Bushman Painting Hike - ZAR60
- Lesotho - Pitseng Canyon Hike - 6 hours - ZAR120
- Lesotho - Village and Museum Walk - ZAR50
- Cintsa - Village Tour - ZAR235
- Cinsta - Canoe Hire - Free
- Addo Elephant National Park - Night game drive - ZAR480
- Tsitsikamma - Snorkelling - ZAR440
- Tsitsikamma - Stormsriver Mouth Hike - Free
- Tsitsikamma - Waterfall Trail - Free
- Cape Town - Table Mountain Aerial Cable - ZAR380
- Cape Town - Robben Island tour - ZAR550
- Cape Town - Harbour cruise - ZAR200
- Cape Town - Table Mountain Hike - ZAR1600
- Hermanus - Grotto Beach Walk - Free
- Cape Town - Best of the Cape Combo Tour - Full Day - ZAR2000
- Cape Town - Cape Peninsula and SUP Tour - Full Day - ZAR2100
- Cape Town - Robben Island Ferry & Table Mountain Tour - Full Day - ZAR1800
- Cape Town - Winelands Tour - Full Day - ZAR1600
- Cape Town - Winelands Tour - Half Day - ZAR1000
- Cape Town - Cape Peninsula & Table Mountain Tour - Full Day - ZAR2000
- Cape Town - Cape Malay Cooking Tour - Half Day - ZAR1200
- Cape Town - Township Experience - Half Day - ZAR965
- Cape Town - City and Waterfront Tour - Half Day - ZAR1100
- Cape Town - Cape Peninsula & Kirstenbosch Tour - Full Day - ZAR2000
- Cape Town - District Six & Bo-Kapp Cultural Tour - Half Day - ZAR965

## ESSENTIAL TRIP INFORMATION

### JOINING POINT

Holiday Inn Rosebank  
The Zone Phase 2, 187 Oxford Rd  
Johannesburg  
2196  
SOUTH AFRICA

### FINISHING POINT

never@home Kloof Street  
73 Kloof Street, Gardens  
Cape Town  
8001  
SOUTH AFRICA

### IMPORTANT NOTES:

1. A single supplement is available if you'd prefer not to share a room on this trip. The single supplement is subject to availability. Please speak to your booking agent for further information.
2. This is a combination trip made up of two shorter trips. This means your leader and the composition of your group may change in Durban as some group members leave and new ones join you.
3. On occasion, especially during the peak months of May to September and December, we are not able to secure campsites within the Kruger National Park. In this instance, we will camp outside of the park.
4. The minimum age for this trip is 15 at the time of travel. Any travellers under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a



legal guardian, or in lieu of a legal guardian, by an escort over the age of 18, appointed by their legal guardian. The legal guardian or their designee will be responsible for the traveller under the age of 18 day to day's care. If a legal guardian elects to designate an escort in their lieu, they will be required to complete and sign a relevant document to delegate their authority.

## **PASSPORT, VISAS AND ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

### **PASSPORT**

You'll need a valid passport to travel internationally and most countries require your passport to have a minimum of 6 months validity, so remember to check the expiry date.

We need your passport information to get everything ready for your trip so it's important that the information on your booking matches your passport exactly. Please take care to provide the correct details. We recommend carrying a copy of the photo page of your passport while travelling and leaving a copy at home with family or friends.

### **VISAS & ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

Many countries require a visa and obtaining the correct visa for your trip and any countries you may transit through is your responsibility. We recommend you check your visa requirements as soon as you have booked your trip. This will ensure you have time to prepare your documents and for your visa application to be processed.

### **BORDER CROSSINGS ON THIS TRIP:**

Exit South Africa - Jeppe's Reef (Day 4)

Enter Swaziland - Matsamo

Exit Swaziland – Lavumisa (Day 6)

Enter South Africa - Golela

Exit South Africa - Maseru Bridge (Day 12)

Enter Lesotho - Maseru Bridge

Exit Lesotho - Van Rooyenshek (Day 14)

Enter South Africa - Van Rooyenshek

## **MEDICAL AND HEALTH INFORMATION**

### **GENERAL HEALTH**

All travellers need to be in good physical health in order to participate fully on this trip. For the safety and wellbeing of yourself and others, if you are unwell prior to travelling, please stay at home and contact us to make alternative arrangements.

When selecting your trip please make sure you have read through the itinerary carefully and assess your ability to manage and enjoy our style of travel. Please note that if in the assessment of our group leader or local representative a traveller is unable to complete the itinerary without undue risk to themselves and/or the rest of the group, we reserve the right to exclude them from all or part of a trip without refund.

You should consult your doctor for up-to-date medical travel information or for any necessary vaccinations before departure. We recommend that you carry a first aid kit as well as any personal medical requirements in their original packaging as they may not easily be obtained while travelling. If you are carrying medication, ensure you check your government's foreign travel advice for any local restrictions or requirements.

### **YELLOW FEVER:**

A valid international certificate of vaccination against Yellow Fever is required in many countries if you are arriving from a country with risk of yellow fever (eg. Kenya). You may need to present this on arrival at the airport or border crossing. Some countries will refuse entry if you are unable to present your certificate. It's also quite common for your home country to request a Yellow Fever certificate on your arrival back home.

It is your responsibility to check with your doctor well in advance of leaving home about the Yellow Fever requirements for the countries you'll be visiting.



## DRINKING WATER

As a rule, we recommend you don't drink tap water, even in hotels, as it may contain much higher levels of different minerals than the water you are used to at home. For local people, this is not a problem as their bodies are used to this and can cope, but for visitors drinking the tap water can result in illness. Generally, this isn't serious, an upset stomach being the only symptom, but it's enough to spoil a day or two of your holiday. Many hotels and lodges provide safe drinking water, while bottled water is another alternative. Water consumption should be about two litres a day. Rehydration salts, motion sickness tablets, and diarrhoea blockers are available from many pharmacies - please source from home and bring them with you on your travels.

## FOOD AND DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

By travelling on an Overland trip you have chosen a participation camping tour. This means that you will be helping your cook prepare meals for the group. You may also get the chance to help with the shopping.

Your cook will come up with meal ideas and quantities needed for large groups. Participating in the camp is usually done on a duty roster system with group of 5 or 6 people (depending on group size) having a different camp job each day. If you have any dietary requirements please tell us at the time of booking, and also remind your crew at your welcome meeting.

A typical camp breakfast might be toast with spreads, cereal, something hot such as eggs or pancakes, as well as tea and coffee. Lunch is almost always a sandwich with healthy salad and assorted fillings, sometimes with fruit to follow. On occasion there will be the opportunity to buy your lunch to allow you try the local cuisine or provide some variety to sandwiches. Dinner might be a BBQ, rice dish or pasta dish and there is always the chance to try some African food such as ugali and stew.

Clean drinking water is provided and can be accessed at all times. Your crew will use this to cook and provide cordial at meal times. Please do not hesitate to use this water to minimise the consumption of plastic water bottles. Soft drinks and alcoholic beverages are not part of included meals.

One thing is sure - you definitely won't go hungry or lose weight on your safari! When you aren't camping you will have the freedom to decide where, what and with whom you eat.

## ACCOMMODATION

Camping with facilities (10 nights), Camping with basic facilities (3 nights), Backpackers (4 nights), Basic Huts (shared facilities) (2 nights), Hotel (2 night)

Accommodation on this trip is mainly in two-person canvas dome tents with camping mattresses supplied.

The type and variety of accommodation are determined by conditions on each of our routes. Each route is different - on some, we use a mixture of campsites and wild camps; on others, we also use hotels. In Africa, it's not usually practical to camp when staying in towns and cities, so we use hotel accommodations and eat out in local restaurants.

There may be the occasional night stop when we stay on the grounds of a hotel or at a campsite, which may also have rooms/cabins available. In this case, there may be a choice of camping or upgrading to a room. Rooms cost approximately USD 40-100 per room per night for a twin room and cannot be pre-booked. Standards of these rooms vary greatly, and we recommend viewing the room before purchasing the night's accommodation. The day-by-day itinerary advises when upgrades may be possible (subject to availability).

Keep in mind that if we are staying in dormitory accommodation, you may have to share with other passengers or be split into same-sex rooms.

Campsites do have facilities, but they usually aren't to the same standard you would find in Western countries. For example, the bathroom facilities can be very basic.

Toilet paper is rarely provided, and shower facilities can be as simple as a hose pipe spurting out cold water. Wild camps have no facilities at all.



At times, there may be spare tents in the vehicles. Unfortunately, these cannot be used without the purchase of a single supplement. This is to ensure the tents avoid wear and tear or are clean and ready for the customers arriving on the next section of the trip.

## **TRANSPORT**

### Overland vehicle

Our trucks are purpose-built, self contained safari vehicles. Our fleet of vehicles varies depending on your group size, trip route and style. In Southern Africa some departures may use vans and luggage trailers subject to group size and vehicle availability. It is also important to note that our overland vehicles are not air-conditioned, but all vehicles have windows that can be opened to allow for fresh air.

There are many early starts with long hours spent driving on rough roads on all African itineraries. While most people love the chance to watch the changing landscape and daily village life, feedback shows that long periods of inactivity does not appeal to all clients. We provide the approximate distance covered each day and how many hours this normally takes to drive so that you can choose the safari experience that is right for you.

African conditions are extremely tough on vehicles. While we fastidiously maintain our vehicles at our workshops, you should not expect Africa to be your traditional touring experience. While it's certainly our aim to avoid them, it's important that you set off on your trip knowing that the occasional breakdown can happen and are best treated as part of the African adventure. Due to wet weather there may be times when we have to take an alternative route which will mean longer travel times.

## **MONEY MATTERS**

When it comes to money matters on the trip, every traveller is a little different. You know your spending habits better than we do, so please budget a sensible amount for things like meals not included, drinks, shopping, optional activities, tipping and laundry. It's always better to bring a little more than you think you'll need.

Also make sure you've read your trip details thoroughly so you know what's included in the trip price and what isn't. This should make budgeting a little easier. You'll find this info in the Inclusions section of your Essential Trip Information (that's this document).

Please note: all recommendations for additional costs, tipping etc. are in USD. You will need to convert these into the relevant local currency.

## **MEALS NOT INCLUDED**

Breakfast, dinner and most lunches are included while camping on our overland safaris.

For lunches not included, a budget of USD10 to USD15 per meal will be more than sufficient.

For dinners not included, your leader will normally recommend options and restaurants where you can safely try the local specialties of the region. Expect meals to cost between USD12 to USD25 for a main.

These are indicative prices only. If you are in a tight budget and are happy to try local food, you can eat cheaper than this.

## **TIPPING**

Gratuities aren't compulsory on your trip, but they can make a big difference to locals employed in the tourism industry. If you are happy with the services provided, a tip is an appropriate way to thank them. While it may not be customary to you, it is of great significance to the people who will take care of you during your travels, inspires excellent service, and is an entrenched feature of the tourism industry across many destinations. Usually the equivalent of around USD7 to USD14 per person, per day to cover all tips is fine.

## **TIPPING GUIDE**

To give you a bit of guidance, we've put together the following tipping notes. These are just suggestions, based on feedback from past travellers and our staff on the ground.

- Your Crew (including Leaders, Drivers and Cooks): You may also consider tipping your crew for outstanding service throughout your trip. The amount is entirely a personal preference; however as a guideline USD2 to USD4



per staff member, per day can be used. Of course you are free to tip more or less as you see fit, depending on your perception of service quality and the length of your trip. It is best to then divide these amounts into separate envelopes for each crew member. Remember, a tip is not compulsory and should only be given when you receive excellent service.

- Local guides: Throughout your trip you may at times have a local guide in addition to your leader. We suggest around USD2 per person, per day for local guides.

- Basic restaurants: When checking the bill, if there's an addition of 10% service charge, there's no requirement for tipping. Otherwise, 10% of the total bill amount is appropriate.

#### TIPPING KITTY

Over the years we have found that many of our travellers find the need for tipping local guides and operators to be both tiresome and embarrassing, especially if they don't have the correct small change. To overcome this, your leader might raise the idea of a group tipping kitty. At your group meeting, your tour leader may discuss the idea of running this kitty, whereby everybody contributes an equal amount and then your tour leader pays the tips as you go. The leader will keep a running record of all monies spent (except restaurant tips). The record can be checked at any time and any money remaining at the end of the tour returned to group members. This kitty does not include tips for your leader and crew.

#### EMERGENCY FUNDS

We try to plan for every eventuality, but there are still some things beyond our control. Please make sure you bring an extra USD500 for emergencies (e.g. natural disasters or civil unrest). Sometimes these things necessitate last minute changes to our itineraries, and we can't guarantee there won't be some extra costs involved.

#### CREDIT CARDS, ATMS AND MONEY EXCHANGE:

Credit cards are generally accepted in tourist shops and some restaurants across Africa. Visa and Mastercard are generally preferred over American Express, Diners, etc. Smaller venues take cash only. Foreign currency is easily changed at exchange bureaus and they generally offer the best rates.

With ATMs being increasingly available in the many major towns and cities and even some campsites, credit or debit cards are a convenient way to access money. Be aware that your withdrawing limit may vary from country to country (regardless of your withdrawing limit in your home country) and it can be as low as the equivalent to USD100 per day. Throughout Africa, cards with the Visa logo are most readily recognised, although MasterCard is also accepted in most places. A charge is made for each international transaction - please check with your bank how much this fee will be. Check with your bank before leaving home that your card can be used as a debit card in Africa. You may also want to notify your bank that you are visiting Africa as it's not unknown for banks to freeze cards which show sudden transactions in other countries. If you're on a multi-country tour, your tour leader will be able to give you an approximate idea of how much money you may need for your stay in each country.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Many businesses and banks in Africa, especially East Africa, do not accept US dollar notes older than 2013. If you are bringing USD, we strongly recommend large bills in good condition, 2013 series onwards only. Ensure that you do not bring any torn, marked, or damaged bills. The slightest marking can result in your bill being rejected.

#### COMMISSIONS

The company understands that the receipt of commissions in exchange for recommending particular shops or services is ingrained in the culture of the tourism industry. For this reason, we have established a centralised fund for contributions from recommended suppliers so these can be collected and distributed back into the business. Actively managing the receipt of commissions helps us maintain the level of quality you expect on one of our trips. Travel is always an adventure so the company cannot explicitly guarantee the quality of a product but we aim to provide the best value trips in the market. Please let us know via the feedback form completed after your trip if we are successfully meeting - or exceeding - this objective.

#### PACKING

What you need to bring will vary according to the trip style you have chosen, the countries you are visiting and when you are travelling. Generally speaking, we recommend you pack as lightly as possible and make sure that you are able to carry and lift your own luggage, and walk with it for short distances.



Most travellers carry their luggage in a backpack, although an overnight bag with a shoulder strap would suffice if you travel lightly. Smaller bags or backpacks with wheels are convenient although we recommend your bag has carry straps. You'll also need a day pack/bag to carry water and a camera etc for day trips.

Below are some ideas and helpful tips on what you specifically need for this trip.

#### ESSENTIALS:

- Sleeping bag. We recommend a 3–4 season sleeping bag because it can get very cold at night in winter months in desert and mountainous regions. Sleeping bags are also available for hire (if pre-booked). Please speak to your sales consultant, at least 14 days prior to departure, if you wish to hire one.
- Pillow / travel pillow / or pillow case to put your comfy jacket in
- Closed-in shoes. As this trip includes camping and/or bush walking we highly recommend that you take a pair of comfortable, closed-in walking shoes. Closed-in shoes will help to protect your feet from cuts and scratches when walking through bush/grass-lands, and will also act as a barrier protection in rare cases against bites or stings from dangerous animals in this environment.
- Lightweight clothing. You will need to bring a mixture of lightweight clothing, some warm items for the evenings, and long shirts and pants for protection against mosquitoes in the malaria areas. Clothes should be easy to wash and dry. Some people like to take jeans for evenings out but they can be tough to dry and should not be used for trekking. Avoid nylon and other synthetics, which can be very uncomfortable in hot weather. Shorts are perfect for summer. Ex-military or military style clothing and equipment is NOT recommended.
- Waterproof/windproof jacket is a good idea for wet days, and early morning or evening game activities when it can be cool.
- Warm fleece and beanie for morning and evening game drives (especially if travelling in winter)
- A good quality, high-beam headlamp or torch for around the campsite at night. Some campsites have limited lighting and are powered by generators that switch off at a certain time. Although the trucks do carry lamps for meal times it's a good idea to bring a headlamp to navigate the campsites and in particular going to the bathroom in the middle of the night.
- Sun protection - hat, sunscreen, sunglasses
- Towel (or travel towel)

#### RECOMMENDED:

- A simple plastic bag/waterproof toiletry bag (that can hang on a nail on the back of a door) will be useful to keep your clothes dry inside basic camp shower structures.
- Personal medical kit. Your guide will carry a large kit but we recommend you carry items such as mild pain killers, electrolytes, anti-diarrhoeal, antibacterial gel, wet wipes, bandaids/plasters etc.
- Insect repellent.
- Water bottle. We recommend at least a 1 litre capacity. Our vehicle have large tanks of treated water for your refills.
- Camera with spare battery or power bank.
- Binoculars
- A small bottle of biodegradable laundry soap for hand washing your clothes
- Ear plugs to guard against a snoring tent-mate
- A good book, a journal or a smart phone with music
- toilet paper and soap to carry in your day bag

#### OPTIONAL:

- Sleep sheet. If you are travelling during the hot season you may wish to also pack a sleep sheet so you will be comfortable no matter what the weather.
- Thermarest. While we provide a basic camping mattress for each client, some travellers find they like the extra comfort of a double layer.

#### LUGGAGE LIMIT:

The weight limit for luggage on all trucks is a strict maximum of 20kg.

Your main luggage will be stored in a compartment at the back of the truck. Traditional, framed suitcases are not recommended as they are large and can damage other travellers belongings while on the road. Backpacks or duffel bags are an ideal choice.



#### VALUABLES:

Please try to avoid bringing unnecessary valuables, and use your hotel safe and the safe on the overland truck to store the bulk of your money, passport, and airline tickets. It's also a good idea to purchase a money belt or pouch that is easily hidden. We strongly recommend that you photocopy all important documents e.g. air tickets, passport, vaccination certificate, etc. and keep the copies separate from the originals. While not valid, a photocopy makes it very much easier to obtain replacements if necessary.

#### POWER:

Our overland vehicles are equipped with multiple power boards which may be used at the crew's discretion, however, do bear in mind that only a minimal number of items can be charged at a time and will not be allowed if there is a risk of running the vehicle's batteries low. Some campsites have electricity and charging of devices is advised before checking out the following day. We also recommend power banks and multi country power converters.

#### CONSERVATIVE DRESS FOR WOMEN:

In many parts of Africa women travelers should dress modestly as there is a wide range of cultural differences. Wear skirts or shorts that reach just above the knee and tops that cover shoulders at a minimum. If visiting coastal areas wear a cover-up when you step off the beaches.

#### PLASTIC BAG BANS ACROSS AFRICA

While Namibia holds people liable to a fine of N\$500 or imprisonment for entering Game Parks with a plastic bag, Botswana has announced a countrywide ban on plastic bags to come into effect on 1 November 2018. The ban will make the importing, trading and commercial use of plastic bags a criminal offence. Exceptions will be made for plastics that are essential for health and hygiene. With these announcements, Botswana and Namibia join other African countries such as Tanzania, Kenya, Ethiopia, Uganda, Tunisia, Morocco, Rwanda, Uganda, Somalia and Eritrea that have banned plastic bags. South Africa imposed a levy on plastic bags in 2004 but they have not yet been banned.

Many countries are strictly enforcing this and have been searching luggage at border points. Camping stores are good for obtaining waterproof reusable bags, for dirty laundry etc, prior to departure.

#### GROUP LEADER

You will be accompanied by 3 crew members - Group Leader, Cook and Driver.

Your Group Leader's role involves organizing the overall operation and smooth-running of the trip, managing trip logistics, coordinating the tipping kitty (where applicable) and will form work groups to take turns cooking, cleaning and shopping (from time to time your leader may drive as well).

Your Group Leader will work towards making the trip as safe and enjoyable as possible for all travellers. These trips are built around the co-operation and participation of all the group members under the supervision of the group leader. The group leader will show the group how to set up and use the equipment.

While not being guides in the traditional sense you can expect them to have a broad general knowledge of the countries visited on the trip, including historical, cultural, religious and social aspects. We also use local guides where we think more specific knowledge will add to the enjoyment of the places we are visiting, especially when tracking and identifying game - we think it's the best of both worlds. Regardless of the country of origin, our Group Leaders are chosen for their leadership skills and are wonderful ambassadors for our company and our beautiful continent and its people.

Your Cook is responsible for the cooking and will help to coordinate the work groups for preparing the meals and washing up! Cooks are also responsible for organising food shopping (they are always happy to have you on board) and most importantly, they make sure high hygiene standards are kept at all times while camping.

Your Driver's main responsibility is to get you to your destination safely; they are also responsible for the maintenance of the vehicles along the way.



Everyone is expected participate and carry their share of the workload/duties, making camp chores easier. The duties rota system is adopted where all members share in general camp duties – cooking, shopping, washing up etc. If the whole group participates it will be quicker, easier, and more fun.

We endeavour to provide the services of an experienced leader and crew; however, situations may arise where your leader is new to a particular region or training other group leaders.

## **SAFETY**

Many national governments provide a regularly updated advice service on safety issues involved with international travel. We recommend that you check your government's advice for their latest travel information before departure and ensure that your travel insurance covers you for all areas your itinerary covers. Please refer to our website's safety page for links to major travel advisories and updates on safety issues affecting our trip.

We strongly recommend the use of a neck wallet or money belt while travelling, for the safe-keeping of your passport, air tickets, cash and other valuable items. Leave your valuable jewellery at home - you won't need it while travelling. Many of our hotels have safety deposit boxes, which is the most secure way of storing your valuables. A lock is recommended for securing your luggage.

Your group leader or local representative will accompany you on all included activities, however during your trip you'll have some free time to pursue your own interests, relax and take it easy or explore at your leisure. While your group leader or local representative will assist you with the available options in a given location, please note that any optional activities you undertake are not part of your itinerary, and the company makes no representations about the safety of the activity or the standard of the operators running them. Please use your own good judgement when selecting an activity in your free time. Please also note that your group leader or local representative has the authority to amend or cancel any part of the trip itinerary if it's deemed necessary due to safety concerns.

## **FIRE PRECAUTIONS**

Please be aware that local laws governing tourism facilities in this region differ from those in your home country and not all the accommodation which we use has a fire exit, fire extinguishers or smoke alarms.

## **BALCONIES**

Some hotel balconies don't meet western standards in terms of the width of the balcony fence being narrower than 10cm.

## **TRAFFIC AND DRIVING ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE ROAD**

Depending on where you come from please note that drivers in this part of the world may drive on the opposite side of the road from what you are used to. Look both ways before crossing any road. Traffic can be a little more chaotic than you might be used to at home. Be aware!

## **SEAT BELTS**

Please be aware that local laws governing transportation safety may differ from those in your home country and not all the transport which we use is able to provide seat belts.

## **PICK POCKETING & PERSONAL SAFETY**

While travelling there is always the risk of pick-pocketing and petty theft, particularly in the more touristy cities. We recommend that you exercise caution when walking at night and encourage you to walk in groups and only on main, well-lit thoroughfares. Be particularly vigilant on public transport. Simple measures like carrying your day pack on your front, not hanging your bag over the back of your chair or on the floor and wearing a money belt will reduce any chance that your valuables should go missing.

## **WATER SAFETY**

Please take care when taking part in any activities in the ocean, river or open water, where waves and currents can be unpredictable. It's expected that anyone taking part in water activities is able to swim and have experience in open water. All swimmers should seek local advice before entering the water.



## TRAVEL ADVICE & TRAVEL INSURANCE

We recommend that you check your government's advice in relation to the areas you will be visiting for their latest travel information before departure and ensure that your travel insurance covers you for all areas your itinerary covers.

## UNFENCED CAMPSITES

On some trips you will at times stay in unfenced campsites within National Parks. While this is a fantastic experience, there are a few safety rules to follow. While staying in National Parks it's important that you listen to any advice given by your group leader or local representative and the park rangers regarding responsible and safe behaviour.

## BILHARZIA

Bilharzia is a parasitical disease which is usually spread by swimming in contaminated water. It can be assumed that the infection is present, to a greater or lesser extent, in almost all water sources, but most especially in shallow reedy waters in the vicinity of villages.

Although the adult parasites do not themselves cause a great deal of harm, after about 4-6 weeks they start to lay eggs, which triggers an intense but usually ineffective immune response, the symptoms of which can include fever, cough, abdominal pain, and an itchy skin complaint known as safari itch. After a while the symptoms settle down and the patient is left with a sense of feeling tired all the time.

## A COUPLE OF RULES

We like to think our travellers are all connected by a love of adventure and passion for seeing the world in a different way. We've laid down a few non-negotiable rules to ensure everyone feels connected, comfortable and safe on our trips.

ask that you respect your fellow travellers, group leader or local representative, and local people and places we visit in all circumstances. We don't tolerate any forms of violence and expect that you follow the local laws, customs and regulations in any destination we travel to. Any behaviour contrary to the above, including any behaviour that prevents our staff from performing their duty of care or continuing the itinerary as planned, may result in travellers being removed from the trip.

If you consume alcohol while travelling, we encourage responsible drinking and expect you to abide by local alcohol laws.

To ensure the well-being of everyone on the trip, all decisions made by group leaders or local representatives and ground staff are final.

Romantic relationships between travellers and group leader or local representative are not permitted while on trip.

By travelling with us, you agree to comply with these rules and the laws and customs of all countries visited. If something is concerning you during your travels with us, please speak to your group leader or local representative immediately.

## TRAVELLING IN A GROUP

As you travel on a group trip you will be exposed to all the pleasures and maybe some of the frustrations of travelling in a group. Your fellow travellers will probably come from all corners of the world and likely a range of age groups too. We ask you to be understanding of the various needs and preferences of your group - patience with your fellow travellers is sometimes required for the benefit of everyone's travel experience. Remember too that you have responsibilities to the group. If you are requested to be at a place at a certain time, ensure that you don't keep the rest of the group waiting. We have found time and time again that the very best trips we operate are those where the dynamics within the group work well - this takes just a little effort on your part. Due to privacy reasons, we are unable to provide you with contact details and any personal information about your fellow travellers booked on your trip prior to departure.

## SOLO TRAVELLERS



The beauty of our style of travel is that it caters to travellers who are travelling solo and who want to meet and share experiences with like-minded people.

On our trips rooming is organised on a twin-share basis. We pair up solo travellers with another traveller of the same gender as per the gender marker on each of their passports.

As a responsible tour operator, we strive to create a safe and inclusive environment for everyone. In the case that your gender identity differs from what is indicated on your passport, please contact us so that we can discuss rooming options with you.

We also have an optional single supplement available on most trips for travellers who prefer to have their own room. Please note that this only applies to accommodation during the tour. Pre-trip and post-trip accommodation booked through us will be on a single room basis.

On a small selection of itineraries some accommodations are booked on an open gender, multi-share basis (for example on a felucca in Egypt or an overnight train in Vietnam). In those instances it will clearly be stated in our Essential Trip Information prior to booking and travelling.

## **TRAVEL INSURANCE**

Travel insurance is compulsory on all our trips for those travelling internationally. We require that at a minimum you are covered for medical expenses including emergency repatriation. If you are travelling within your home country or region please confirm before travel that you are entitled to access the public medical system easily should an accident occur. We strongly recommend all travellers have a policy that also covers personal liability, cancellation, curtailment and loss of luggage or personal effects. For international trips, you will not be permitted to join the group until evidence of travel insurance and the insurance company's 24-hour emergency contact number has been sighted by your group leader or local representative.

If you have credit card insurance your group leader or local representative will require details of the participating insurer/underwriter, the level of coverage, policy number, and emergency contact number rather than the bank's name and your credit card details. Please contact your bank for these details prior to arriving in-country.

For travellers who reside within the European Union, Switzerland or USA the requirement to purchase travel insurance cannot be compulsory. However the purchase of travel insurance is still highly recommended, and travellers from these regions who decline travel insurance when travelling outside of their home region must sign a Travel Insurance Waiver Form at the Group Meeting, recognizing personal responsibility for emergency medical and repatriation costs should they arise.

## **ITINERARY DISCLAIMER**

### **ITINERARY CHANGES**

Our itineraries are updated regularly throughout the year based on customer feedback and to reflect the current situation in each destination. The information included in this Essential Trip Information may therefore differ from when you first booked your trip. It is important that you review this information prior to travel so that you have the latest updates. Due to weather, local conditions, transport schedules, public holidays, or other factors, further changes may be necessary to your itinerary once in-country. The order and timing of included activities in each location may also vary seasonally to ensure our travellers have the best experience. Your tour leader will keep you up to date with any such changes once on tour.

### **OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES**

A selection of optional activities that have been popular with past travellers are listed in the day-to-day itinerary. This isn't an exhaustive list and should be used as a guide only for some of what might be available. Prices are approximate, are for entrance only, and don't include transport to and from the sites or local guides unless indicated. All activities are subject to availability, and maybe on a join-in basis. It may not be possible to do all the activities listed in the time available at each destination, so some pre-planning for what you are most interested in is advised. When it's recommended that travellers pre-book these activities, look for a note in the Special Information section of the day-to-day itinerary. For most, they can either be organised independently on the day, or let your leader know you are interested in the Group Meeting and they can assist.



Where activities are considered medium or high risk, we work with operators whose safety and credentials we have sighted and assessed. Although it is possible that you may find the same activity cheaper with another operator on the ground, we cannot vouch for the safety or quality of that operator. Medium and high-risk activities not listed above have not been assessed by us and as such our staff and leaders are unable to assist you with organising these activities. Activities that contravene our Responsible Travel policies are also not listed. Please remember that the decision to partake in any activity not listed is at your own discretion and risk.

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

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