

# 12 Day Kruger National Park, Garden Route & Cape Town Safari











# **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

Experience a private game reserve after dark in an open top 4x4 vehicle Try to spot the Big Five in Kruger National Park on a full day game drive Visit the awesome Blyde River Canyon and view the Three Rondavels Relax with the beautiful beaches and scenery Visit a local ostrich farm

Scenic drives on Route 62, Clarens Drive and Chapmans Peak
Explore the ancient Cango Caves
Savour the views from the Knysna Heads

Take a hike through Tsitsikamma National Forest & Storms River Mouth
Game drives in Addo Elephant National Park
Catch the Cable Car up Table Mountain
Visit Cape Point and explore Cape Town city





# **TOUR ITINERARY**

# 12 Days | Kruger National Park, Garden Route, Cape Town

This tour takes in 3 remarkable area of South Africa, The Kruger National Park, Cape Town and the beautiful Garden Route. Do note the tour is a mixture of 2 tours with a flight in-between (own cost) and some independent time in Cape Town.

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.

# **DAY 1: JOHANNESBURG**

Today is an arrivals day. You can arrive at any time. Your accommodation has been pre-booked for you at Safari Club Guest Lodge (or a similar lodge depending on availability). Your driver will meet you at the airport and take you to the lodge where you can freshen up and relax a bit before heading on your safari the following day.

Included Meals: None

Overnight: Johannesburg

Accommodation: Safari Club - <a href="http://www.safariclubsa.co.za/">http://www.safariclubsa.co.za/</a> or similar

# DAY 2: JOHANNESBURG – GREATER KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

We depart Johannesburg and head for the Greater Kruger National Park where our Safari adventure begins. After travelling through the Highveld farmlands, we descend the dramatic Drakensberg Escarpment and into the Lowveld, home to some of the most pristine Private Game Reserves in South Africa and the world-renowned Kruger National Park. We arrive at Thornhill Safari Lodge in time for a delicious lunch.

After some relaxation time, we venture out on a late afternoon/evening big five game drive in open 4x4 safari vehicles in one of the neighboring private reserves sharing an unfenced border with Kruger Park. Sundowner drinks and snacks are enjoyed at one of the waterholes en route; enjoying the sights, sounds and smells of the African Bushveld before continuing our game drive into the night. After an exciting evening, we return to the lodge to experience a traditional South African meal around the log fire.

The lodge offers comfortable accommodation in authentic thatched roof chalets. Vibrant fabrics and local hardwood furniture all create that rustic yet stylish bush atmosphere. Sit back and relax in our Bar/Lounge area or sip cocktails around the swimming pool and treetop viewing deck overlooking the majestic Drakensberg Mountain Range and a never-ending wilderness.

Included Meals: Packed Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner (please ask the lodge to arrange a packed

breakfast as your departure time for Kruger is very early in the morning)

Overnight: Greater Kruger National Park

Accommodation: Thornhill Safari lodge - <a href="https://www.thornhillsafarilodge.com/">https://www.thornhillsafarilodge.com/</a> or similar

**Included Highlights:** Big 5 Open 4x4 Vehicle Game Drive in a Private Reserve open to the Kruger Park

**Travel Time:** ±6hrs / 450 km

# **DAY 3: KRUGER NATIONAL PARK**

An early rise as you are greeted by your guide as you enjoy coffee and rusks before embarking on a day of exploration in the acclaimed Kruger National Park. The Park offers an unrivalled wildlife experience that ranks with the best not only in Africa, but around the world. Its rich history dates back to 1898, and its goal has always been to protect the wildlife of the South African Lowveld. Today, this national treasure offers two million hectares of unspoiled African bushveld and captivating wildlife.

Truly the flagship of the South African National Parks, Kruger remains home to an impressive number of species ranging from 336 trees, 49 fish, 34 amphibians, 114 reptiles, 517 birds and 146 mammals. Look forward to a safari experience that unfolds from the moment you enter the Kruger Park and explore the best game drive routes the Park has to offer.





Our game drive takes us through a landscape like no other, with an amazing variety of wildlife, birds, plants and trees. We break at a remote picnic site to enjoy a scrumptious bush brunch before continuing our Safari discovering the unspoilt and untamed wilderness that makes the Kruger Park so special. Our journey continues as we stop off at the various viewpoints and waterholes whilst game viewing and bird watching along the way.

We return to the Lodge and enjoy yet another taste of traditional African cuisine before retiring to the peaceful sounds of the African night.

Included Meals: Brunch and Dinner

**Overnight:** Greater Kruger National Park

Accommodation: Thornhill Safari lodge - https://www.thornhillsafarilodge.com/ or similar

Included Highlights: Full Day Open 4x4 Safari Vehicle Game Drive in Kruger Park

# <u>DAY 4: GREATER KRUGER NATIONAL PARK – JOHANNESBURG – CAPE TOWN</u>

We begin our day with coffee and rusks before venturing out on an early morning game walk exploring the reserve on foot. Our qualified field guides will share their passion with you as you learn some fascinating facts about the environment and its inhabitants that surround you.

After a tasty breakfast, we bid you farewell as you continue further on your South African journey. Ascending the scenic Drakensberg Escarpment, we stop off to view the spectacular setting of the Three Rondawels towering over the Blyde River Canyon en-route back to Johannesburg.

You will be dropped off directly at the airport for an evening flight to Cape Town. The airfare is not included in your tour fare, however your consultant can help with this and advise you on the best flight to book. The flight needs to be booked for 19.15pm or after.

On Arrival in Cape Town an Airport Transfer will pick you up and take you to your hotel for a good night's rest.

Included Meals: Breakfast
Overnight: Cape Town

Accommodation: Signature lux Hotel Waterfront - <a href="https://signatureluxhotels.com/ctcc/">https://signatureluxhotels.com/ctcc/</a> or similar

**Included Highlights:** Morning game walk in the Guernsey Private Nature Reserve

Visit to the Three Rondawels and Blyde River Canyon

Travel Time: ±6hrs / 450 km | | | flight time 2h 10min (PE to CPT)

# **DAY 5: CAPE TOWN**

Today is a rest day and your first day in Cape Town. There are no activities planned for today, after a busy few days in the Kruger you can take it easy and use this day as an introductory day to Cape Town. We suggest you take the red <u>City Sightseeing bus</u> which is a wonderful way to explore this beautiful city nestled under Table Mountain. If the weather is good, you can use the red City Sightseeing bus to take you to the Cable Car station which takes you to the top of Table Mountain.

It's your day to enjoy, if you need help or advice your booking consultant will be happy to advise.

Why not finish the day off at the V&A Waterfront where you can choose from a variety of restaurants next to the harbour?

Do remember tomorrow you will start early an exciting tour of the Garden Route and you will have 2 more days in Cape Town at the end.

Included Meals: Breakfast
Overnight: Cape Town

**Accommodation:** Signature lux Hotel Waterfront <a href="https://signatureluxhotels.com/ctcc/">https://signatureluxhotels.com/ctcc/</a> or similar

# **DAY 6: CAPE TOWN - OUDTSHOORN**

Depart Cape Town at 6am and head up to Oudtshoorn in the Little Karoo semi desert area and the ostrich capital of the World. This drive follows the world-famous Route 62, and we'll stop at Ronnie's sex shop en-route for a refreshing drink!





We'll visit the Cango Caves for a tour through this magnificent cave system and also visit an ostrich farm for a closer look at this enormous bird. Tonight, we'll stay in Oudtshoorn and have a delicious braai (bbq) where you can even try a bit of ostrich steak...if you want of course.

Meals: Dinner

Included Highlights: Route 62 road trip, Entrance to Cango Ostrich Farm

**Optional Activities:** Cango Caves Standard/Adventure tour

Overnight: Oudtshoorn

Guesthouse Accommodation: De Akker Guest House OR Similar - https://www.deakkeroudtshoorn.co.za/

**Backpacker Accommodation:** Uthando Backpackers OR Similar - https://uthandobackpackers.com/

**Travel Time:** ±6hrs / 450 km

# **DAY 7: OUDTSHOORN – STORMS RIVER**

Leaving Oudtshoorn we'll cross the mountain range to the coast and the gorgeous Garden Route. Our first stop is the scenic 'map of Africa' lookout in the Wilderness and then we're off to Knysna (consistently voted as South Africa's favourite town). Here we will visit the Knysna Heads, Waterfront, markets and explore thoroughly. After Knysna we pass through Plettenberg Bay and overnight in Storms River Village.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Included Highlights: Knysna Heads, Knysna Waterfront, Map of Africa viewpoint

Overnight: Storms River Village

Guesthouse Accommodation: Andelomi Guesthouse - http://www.andelomi.com/
Backpacker Accommodation: Tube n Axe Backpackers - https://www.tubenaxe.co.za/

**Travel Time:** ±3hrs / 265 km

# DAY 8: SORMS RIVER - ADDO ELEPHANT NATIONAL PARK - JEFFREY'S BAY

The magnificent Tsitsikamma National Park awaits us this morning. Thundering waves, thick forest, plentiful birdlife and otters, this National Park has it all! Walk the coastal route to the hanging bridge over Storms River Mouth and experience what makes this the most scenic park in South Africa.

From here we'll head onto the Addo elephant National Park and your opportunity to spot huge elephant herds, various antelope species, dung beetles galore and more. For those who are not interested in Addo, we drive through Jeffrey's Bay – the surfing Capital of South Africa! Shopping, surfing, sun & beautiful white beaches will keep you occupied until sunset falls upon this beautiful town! Tonight, we overnight in Jeffrey's Bay.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Included Highlights: Game drive in your tour vehicle through Addo Elephant National Park Safari

(entrance fee not included – R400 pp) Entrance to Tsitsikamma National Park

**Optional Activities:** Walk to scenic hanging bridge over Storms River mouth

**Overnight:** Jeffrey's Bay

**Guesthouse Accommodation:** Greystone Guest House - http://www.greystonegh.com/ or similar

Backpack Accommodation: Island Vibe — Jeffreys Bay - http://jbay.islandvibe.co.za/ or similar

**Travel Time:** ±4hrs / 320 km

# DAY 9: JEFFREYS BAY – GARDEN ROUTE GAME LODGE

From the Eastern Cape we head back towards the Garden Route and to the World's highest Bungy at Bloukrans (plenty of time to jump for those thrill seekers). This 216 m high bungy is a true marvel to behold, even for those that have a fear of heights! Our journey leads us to the Garden Route Game Lodge where we will also overnight in the luxury accommodation. We will do a late afternoon safari drive where we have the opportunity to view rhino, lion, buffalo, cheetah and many varieties of antelope species. A sumptuous and varied buffet dinner is served at the lodge and is yet another highlight!

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Included Highlights: Afternoon open vehicle game drive
Optional Activities: Bloukrans Bunge Jump (216m)





Overnight: Albertinia

Guesthouse Accommodation: Garden Route Game Lodge OR similar – <a href="http://www.grgamelodge.co.za/">http://www.grgamelodge.co.za/</a>
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**Travel Time:** ±4hrs / 345 km

# DAY 10: MOSSEL BAY – HERMANUS – CAPE TOWN

We start the day early with a morning drive down to the scenic seaside town of Hermanus. Hermanus is known for its whale watching and has the best land-based whale watching site in the world (June-December)!

The Southern Right whales are making a dramatic comeback after nearly becoming extinct a mere 50 years ago. Returning to Cape Town, our last stop is at Stony Point where we visit the local penguin Colony — making our way back with spectacular views over False Bay. On Arrival in Cape Town, you will be dropped off at your hotel, expect to arrive around 5pm, say goodbye to your fellow travellers from your garden Route Tour, hopefully with a camera full of exciting photos.

Included Meals: Breakfast
Overnight: Cape Town

Accommodation: Signature lux Hotel Waterfront -https://signatureluxhotels.com/ctcc/ or similar

Included Highlights: Morning Safari Game Drive, Hermanus, Betty's Bay Penguin colony

**Travel Time:** ±5hrs / 400 km

# DAY 11: CAPE TOWN - CAPE PENINUSLA DAY TOUR

Today is a full day in Cape Town, we would have pre-booked you on a Cape Peninsular Day Trip.

Enjoy a day trip along the famous Cape Peninsula, known for its stunning picture-perfect scenery. This is the best way to see some of the most beautiful spots in Cape Town. See the most South-Western tip of Africa and visit the enchanting African penguins & much much more on this jam-packed full day tour!

Pick up time is between 8.15 am and 8:45 am, The tour will head down along the coastal road to Hout Bay where guest have a chance to do the Optional Seal Island excursion, after that you will take a drive over Chapmans Peak Drive (arguably the most beautiful drive in South Africa. The guide will stop at the various viewpoints for pictures.

After that the main highlight of the day begins, we will do an adventure in Cape point national Park!

Then it is down to the Penguins at boulder beach, we are here for some time, you are welcome to take the free walk or if you prefer you can pay the entrance fee onto the boardwalk and see the breeding colony.

After a fun filled day, its back to your hotel, walking distance from many restaurants for you to choose from. Expect to be back at your hotel between 5 and 6pm.

Included Meals: Breakfast and Light lunch

Overnight: Cape Town

Accommodation: Signature lux Hotel Waterfront - <a href="https://signatureluxhotels.com/ctcc/">https://signatureluxhotels.com/ctcc/</a> or similar

Included Activities: Cape Point, Cape of Good Hope, Hout Bay, Chapmans Peak Drive

Optional Activities: Seal Boat Excursion, Boulders Beach Penguin Boardwalk

# **DAY 12: CAPE TOWN**

Your travel service can come to an end today, if you have more time, we can easily add another night onto your booking.

Check out of your hotel is at 10am, Your consultant can arrange an airport transfer if needed for an extra charge or the hotel will gladly do this for you.

If you have the morning free, we advise going up Table Mountain if you did not manage on previous days due to weather, alternatively you can do a quickie morning trip to the winelands or even visit the townships. Perhaps some last-minute shopping at Greenmarket square where you can barter for African curios. You might even decide on a last morning walk on the beach and bit of sun before your flight home. Please speak to your consultant about your flight times and they will advise accordingly.

Included Meals: Breakfast





# TOUR INFORMATION

#### ABOUT THIS TOUR AND IMPORTANT NOTE:

This package is a mixture of 2 of our most popular tours in the Kruger and Garden route. It also has nights in Johannesburg and Cape Town. We have put these together as we have found it to be a good mix. Do note the other travellers on the 2 tours will differ and you might not be with the same folks. Both the Kruger and Garden Route sections will be small groups with a maximum of 12 persons.

Both the Kruger and Garden route section will be fully guided however while in Cape town you will be independent. It is a wonderful, unique city to explore. As per the above Itinerary we have included a day tour with an independent operator in Cape Town however there is some free time.

On booking the tour you will be provided with a mobile and Whatsapp phone number, our office is not far from your Cape Town hotel and we will be on call to help if you need advice in Cape Town or any other parts of your Itinerary throughout your trip.

# **ACCOMMODATION:**

The standard of accommodation is comfortable en-suite rooms.

You are welcome to have a look at the links provided above to get an idea of the quality of the accommodation.

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED:

Transport as indicated above

Accommodation as indicate above or similar

Meals as indicated

Services of an experienced guide whilst on the Kruger safari and Garden Route Tour

Kruger Park entrance fees and all activities and game drives

#### WHAT'S EXCLUDED:

**Drinks** 

Optional activities

Flight from Johannesburg to Cape Town.

Meals not mentioned in above Itinerary

## **OPTIONAL ACTIVITES:**

Do note in Cape Town and along the Garden Route there are some optional activities that you can choose to participate in. Below is a list of some of the main ones offered. Please use this list as an indicative pricing structure. Prices are set by the locals in the areas we visit and can change at any time.

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

Activity	Price in ZAR:
Cape Town – Red Hop on Hop off bus	From ZAR 250
Cape Town Table Mountain – Cable Car	From ZAR 440
Cape Town Wine Tour	From ZAR 1550
Cape Town Whale Tour in Season	From ZAR 1950
Shark Diving	From ZAR 3600
Cango Caves	From ZAR 170 (Heritage) – ZAR 240 (Adventure)
Bloukrans Bungy Jump (216m)	From ZAR 1690
Knysna Elephant Sanctuary	From ZAR 670
Cango Wildlife Ranch	From ZAR 240
Monkey Land	From ZAR 350
Whale and Dolphin Watching	Seasonal, rates available on tour
Addo Elephant Park	From ZAR 400 – Fee's vary according to Nationality
Boulders beach Penguins entrance fee	From R190

<sup>\*</sup>Note that prices are subject to change are to be used as a guideline only





## **TRANSPORT:**

Safari vehicle, minivan, walking

Transfer to and from Kruger: 14-Seater Toyota Quantum or similar

The seats in our 14-seater vans are comparable in size to an airplane seat – if you are uncomfortable in that set up, please inquire about a larger vehicle. This will impact the pricing. All vehicles have valid operating licenses to convey paying customers.

Game drives in the Kruger: Open 4x4 Game Viewing vehicle

## PLEASE SEE PICTURES OF THE VEHICLES USED BELOW





## **GAME DRIVES**

When you are on a game drive please be as quiet as possible at all times and don't make sudden movements - this will ensure the biggest success on your game drive. Also, bring along some binoculars if you can.

It's very important to keep in mind when you go on a game drive or walk that you are not in a zoo and no one can ever guarantee which animals we will see and how many animals we will see.

All our guides and all our local partners know where to best spot animals and do have an extensive knowledge about where and when to see wildlife however there is simply no way anyone can ever guarantee to see animals.

# **SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS**

Please confirm to us in writing if you are a vegetarian or if you suffer from any allergies (i.e. nuts, milk, fish) (i.e. vegetarian), allergies (i.e. nuts, milk, fish). Where possible our guides do try and accommodate clients with intolerances (i.e. gluten, lactose), however we cannot guarantee the availability of speciality foods en-route and we therefore recommend you to bring these items with you or purchase them prior to departing on your tour.

# **PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION**

Once booking has been confirmed we will send you a full and detailed pre-departure Booklet to help you prepare. Below is some basic tour information.

# **PRE & 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.



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

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