

# 8 Day Cape Town to Garden Route & Kruger Tour



### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

Hermanus & Cape Agulhas (most South-Westerly tip of Africa)

Explore Oudtshoorn & spot some ostriches!

Local wine tasting & Route 62

Canoeing & hiking in Wilderness National Park

Game viewing safari in Addo Elephant National Park

Tsitsikamma National Park & Wilderness National Park

Experience a private game reserve after dark in an open top 4x4 vehicle!

Enjoy traditional South African cuisine while dining under the stars.

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

Stay in a Backpackers and Permanent tents with friendly hosts.





## **TOUR ITINERARY**

#### 8 Days | Garden Route, Kruger National Park

This this tour takes in 2 of South Africa Iconic destinations, the Garden Route in all its beauty and the Kruger National Park for South Africa's best Big 5 Safari. Do note this is a mixture of 2 tours with a flight in-between (own Cost). Spend a few days in Cape Town before this trip and then join us and see the best South Africa has to offer.

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: CAPE TOWN - HERMANUS - CAPE AGULHAS**

We depart from Cape Town/Stellenbosch early on Monday morning for Hermanus. We follow the scenic coastal road, stopping at Betties Bay to view a colony of endangered African penguins. You can spend the afternoon in the seaside resort town of Hermanus, famous for hundreds of Southern Right Whales during the Whale season (July to November) and many shops, beaches, restaurants and markets. In the afternoon we will drive on to Cape Agulhas, the most southern tip of Africa, where we visit a viewpoint known as the "real" place where the Indian and Atlantic Oceans meet. (Shark cage diving clients will be picked up very early in the morning by the shark operator and will miss the first half of day 1 which includes the visit to the African Penguin Colony & Hermanus).

Included Meals: Dinner

Included Highlights: Penguins at Betty's Bay, Hermanus, Cape Agulhas (Southern-most point of Africa)

**Optional Activities:** Shark Cage Diving / Whale watching boat trip (in season, July - November)

Cycle (or e-bike) to the Southern Tip of Africa

Overnight: Cape Agulhas / Struisbaai

**Accommodation:** Cape Agulhas Backpackers <a href="http://www.capeagulhasbackpackers.com/">http://www.capeagulhasbackpackers.com/</a> or similar

**Travel Time:** ±3 hrs / 250 km

#### **DAY 2: CAPE AGULHAS – OUDTSHOORN**

We travel to Oudtshoorn in the Little Karoo, known as the Ostrich Capital of the World, via the scenic and spectacular Route 62, which is South Africa's longest wine route. We will have a lovely lunch and wine tasting at a local winery, before checking into our accommodation, which is on a working game farm in the Little Karoo. As the sun goes down, we can enjoy a tour of the ostrich farm, taking in the views of the Outeniqua and Swartberg mountain ranges in the background.

**Included Meals:** Breakfast and Dinner

Included Highlights: Route 62 Road trip, Local wine tasting, Klein Karoo ostrich farm tour

Overnight: Oudtshoorn

Accommodation: Chandelier Game Farm https://www.chandelier.co.za or similar

Travel Time: ±4hrs / 330 km

#### DAY 3: OUDTSHOORN – WILDERNESS – SEDGEFIELD

After breakfast we head over the marvellous Outeniqua Mountain pass where we will explore Wilderness National Park with some canoes. Enjoy an easy paddle up the Touw River through indigenous forest, enjoying the abundance of birdlife. After about 40 minutes, the canoes will be left for a 2km hike along a boardwalk, which will take us to a lovely waterfall and rock pools. Late afternoon you can spend exploring Sedgefield, with its expansive views and beaches.

**Included Meals:** Breakfast and Dinner

Included Highlights: Canoeing and hiking in Wilderness National Park

Overnight: Sedgefield

**Accommodation:** Afrovibe Beach House <a href="https://www.afrovibe.co.za/">https://www.afrovibe.co.za/</a> or similar

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**Travel Time:** ±1.5hrs / 95 km





#### <u>DAY 4: SEDGEFIELD – KNYSNA - TSITSIKAMMA – ADDO</u>

Today, we will head to the famous town of Knysna via the Lake District of the Garden Route. We will visit the Knysna Heads viewpoint, for some magnificent views over the Knysna River estuary and the Indian Ocean. After Knysna, we will stop at Bloukrans Bridge to view the world's highest bungee jump bridge (216 meters).

There is plenty of time for the adventure seekers among you to test their courage. Midday will be spent in Tsitsikamma National Park with its unique combination of indigenous forest and beautiful Indian Ocean coastline. The Park has a wide choice of activities for all, including hiking, crossing a suspension bridge and swimming. In the afternoon, we will leave the Garden Route for Big 5 country, Addo.

**Included Meals:** Breakfast and Dinner

Included Highlights: Entrance to Tsitsikamma National Park

**Optional Activities:** 216m Bloukrans Bungy Jump

Overnight: Addo Area

Accommodation: Avoca River Cabins <a href="http://www.avocarivercabins.co.za/">http://www.avocarivercabins.co.za/</a> or similar

**Travel Time:** ±5hrs / 350 km

#### DAY 5: ADDO - GQEBERHA (PORT ELIZABETH) - JOHANNESBURG

We will spend the morning exploring Addo Elephant National Park. We will spend up to 2 - 3 hours exploring the 28,000-hectare National reserve with approximately 600 elephants and some Cape buffalo, lion, black rhino, warthog, zebra, eland, kudu, hartebeest and many more animals.

After an exciting morning of game viewing, we will drop you off in Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth) at approximately 1-2pm. You will be dropped off directly at the airport for a flight to Johannesburg. 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 2pm or after.

On Arrival in Johannesburg an Airport Transfer will pick you up and take you to your hotel for a good night's rest at Safari Club lodge.

Included Meals: None

**Included Highlights:** Entrance and 2-3-hour drive with tour vehicle through Addo Elephant National Park

Optional Activities:2 Hour open vehicle Game Drive with Addo Field GuideAccommodation:Safari Club Lodge - <a href="http://www.safariclubsa.co.za/">http://www.safariclubsa.co.za/</a> or similar

Travel Time: ±30mn / 40 km || | flight time 1h 40min (PE to JHB)

#### DAY 6: JOHANNESBURG TO GREATER KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

We collect you from your hotel then travel via Dullstroom or Nelspruit to Tremisana Lodge which is situated in the Big Five Balule Game Reserve in Greater Kruger. There you transfer to an open game viewer for a sunset drive. After dark, spotlights are used to locate nocturnal animals.

Dinner will be an unforgettable bush braai (barbecue) at our new Marula Tree Boma deep in the African bush. After dinner we continue the night drive and overnight in comfortable 2-man dome tents situated on the Campfire property in the Big 5 Balule section of the Greater Kruger National Park.

Included Meals: Packed Breakfast, Dinner

Included Highlight: Afternoon/Sunset Big 5 Game Drive in open top 4x4, Bush Braai dinner

**Accommodation:** Permanent tents with beds & bedding provided

**Travel Time:** ±6hrs / 450 km

#### **DAY 7: KRUGER NATIONAL PARK**

After breakfast you travel on an open-sided Game viewer vehicle to the Orpen Gate of Kruger. The added elevation and absence of windows allow for excellent game viewing and photographic opportunities. Your qualified guide will show you various animals, large and small, that frequent this outstanding wildlife paradise. This zone of Kruger has the highest percentage population of giraffe, zebra and antelope that attract numerous lions and other predators. After a day spent in Kruger, we make our way back to the camp where you will enjoy dinner and overnight in your tents.

**Included Meals:** Breakfast & Dinner

Included Highlight: Full Day Game Drive in Kruger National Park in open top 4x4

**Accommodation:** Permanent tents with beds & bedding provided





#### DAY 8: GREATER KRUGER NATIONAL PARK - JOHANNESBURG

We have an early morning sunrise bush walk accompanied by a ranger. You will be shown various interesting details of the bush, including insects, spoor and scats. You have an excellent chance of encountering buffalo, Nyala and other game on foot. After breakfast, we drive to the Three Rondawels of the Blyde River Canyon.

We will return you to your hotel or OR Tambo airport in Johannesburg around 17h00.

If you are flying out this day, please talk to your consultant about suitable times to book your flights.

Included Meals: Breakfast

**Included Highlight:** Morning Bush Walk in Big 5 area with armed ranger.

Accommodation: Own Arrangements / Post tour accommodation can be booked through your agent

## TOUR INFORMATION

#### ABOUT THIS TOUR AND IMPORTANT NOTE:

This package is a mixture of 2 of our most popular tours on the Garden Route and in Kruger National Park. We have put these together as we have found it to be a great 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.

#### **ACCOMMODATION:**

For the Garden route part of this journey, we use various backpackers that we have good relationship with, they are comfortable and clean establishments. The links provided above on the day-to-day itinerary will give you a good idea. Guests have the choice of staying in a dorm room or upgrading to a private en-suite room.

For the Kruger section we stay in a camp with permanent tents. The tents have beds in them with all bedding provided.

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- Qualified and registered SA Tour guides and rangers
- Pick up and drop off
- Transport in air-conditioned bus and open top game viewing vehicles
- 7 nights' accommodation as specified
- Meals as indicated
- Local Wine Tasting
- Klein Karoo Ostrich Farm Tour
- Canoeing and hiking in Wilderness National Park
- Game viewing safari in Addo Elephant National Park
- Hiking Tsitsikamma National Park
- 1 Sunset Open vehicle game drive
- BBQ (Braai) in the bush
- 1 Full Day open vehicle game drive in Kruger National Park
- 1 Morning Big 5 Game Walk
- Kruger Park conservation fees
- Visit to the Three Rondavels viewpoint of the Blyde River Canyon

#### WHAT'S EXCLUDED:

- Drinks
- Optional activities
- Flight from Port Elizabeth to Johannesburg
- Meals not mentioned in above itinerary
- Personal Items
- Gratuities and tips





#### **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.

| • | Shark Cage Diving                          | ZAR 3600 |
|---|--|----------|
| • | Whale Watching Boat trip (in-season)       | ZAR 1320 |
| • | Bungee jumping (216m)                      | ZAR 1690 |
| • | 2 Hour Open Vehicle Guided Addo Game Drive | ZAR 480  |

Please note that we have done our best to provide accurate pricing, but these prices are subject to change!

#### **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.

#### 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





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#### **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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