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Tour departure point

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

07:00 am Garden Court O.R. Tambo International Airport, 2 Hulley Road Isando Ext. 3, Kempton Park, Gauteng, South Africa

Tel: [+27 \(0\)11 392 1062](tel:+270113921062) <https://www.southernsun.com/garden-court-or-tambo-international-airport>

Tour ending point

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

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

Maximum Number of Passengers

20

After hours emergency contact

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

If calling from outside South Africa: 0027 82 578 2199

If calling within South Africa:

082 578 2199

Arrival / Departure

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

Pre and Post Tour Accommodation

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

What's included

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

What's excluded

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

Countries Visited

South Africa, Eswatini, Lesotho

Onward Travel

If you are interested to enhance your tour further, please contact us to receive a list of all the available options to suite your time frame and budget.

TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1 – Greater Kruger National Park

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

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

Day 2 - Kruger National Park

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

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

Day 3 - Kruger National Park

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

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

Day 4 – Kruger to Eswatini

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

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

Day 5 – Eswatini – Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary

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

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

Day 6 – Eswatini - St Lucia

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

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

Day 7 - Hluhluwe – Umfolozi Game Reserve / iSimangaliso Wetland Park

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

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

Day 8 - Kwa Zulu Natal Coast – UKhahlamba Drakensberg Park

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

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

Day 9 - UKhahlamba Drakensberg Park

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

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

Day 10 - Lesotho

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

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

Day 11 - Lesotho

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

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

Day 12 - South Africa – Graaff Reinet

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

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

Day 13 – Gqeberha (Gateway to Addo Elephant National Park)

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

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

Day 14 – Greater Addo Elephant National Park area

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

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

Day 15 - Tsitsikamma National Park

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

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

Day 16 – Tsitsikamma National Park

Tsitsikamma National Park is one of South Africa's premier marine reserves and this morning we set out to explore the rugged coastline on foot. Our hike along the Waterfall Trail sees us cover the first section of the world renowned Otter Trail. This is not an easy hike and those who prefer a more leisurely option can make use of the boardwalks to the Storms River Mouth. We return after our hike and you will have the opportunity to book the Woodcutters Journey in the afternoon – experiencing the uniqueness of the Tsitsikamma biome and learning about the history of the area and its indigenous fauna & flora.

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

Day 17 - Oudtshoorn

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

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

Day 18 – Route 62 - Barrydale

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

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

Day 19 – The Cape Whale Coast Route & Africa's Southernmost Tip

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

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

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