

# SOUTH AFRICAN EXPLORER 2019: 20 Days | N(A)CJ – Camping & Accommodated (North)

## Meals Included on Tour

Day	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	TOT	
Breakfast	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	19
Lunch	-	✓	-	-	✓	✓	-	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	-	✓	✓	✓	-	-	-	-	10
Dinner	-	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	17

## TOUR ITINERARY

### Day 1 – The Cape Whale Coast Route

Made up of a collection of villages, farms, rivers, bays, coves and valleys, the Cape Whale Coast is a pristine stretch of the South African coastline which runs from the town of Rooiels for roughly 150km, to the east. We have a full day ahead of us which takes us from the bustling city centre of Cape Town via the vineyards to the town of Hermanus - not forgetting a stop at the largest breeding colony of the African Penguin, Stony Point Nature Reserve. During the months of July to November you may be lucky enough to see the southern right whales that visit the bay in Hermanus.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Windsor Hotel <a href="https://windsorhotel.co.za/">https://windsorhotel.co.za/</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom <b>Camping:</b> 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>
<b>Route</b>	Cape Town to Hermanus
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Stony Point Penguin Colony visit, Chocolate & Wine tasting

### Day 2 - Route 62 – Oudtshoorn

Crossing the Hottentots-Holland Mountains this morning we set out for the Klein Karoo and our overnight stop in Oudtshoorn. We follow the scenic Route 62 today, stopping to experience one 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! Our day ends with a guided tour of the famous Cango Caves, we can only marvel at the astonishing formations that have formed in these impressive limestone caves.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Kleinplaas Holiday Resort <a href="http://www.kleinplaas.co.za">http://www.kleinplaas.co.za</a> OR Oude Meul Country Lodge <a href="http://www.deoudemeul.co.za/">http://www.deoudemeul.co.za/</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per Room with En-suites Bathroom <b>Camping:</b> Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Route</b>	Hermanus to Oudtshoorn
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Stop at Ronnie's Sex Shop
<b>Activity Package</b>	Cango Caves Basic Tour

### Day 3 - Heart of Garden Route

Our morning starts as we make our way over the Outeniqua Mountains and descend to the beautiful Garden route coastline below. Our first stop for the day is a visit to the George Museum, a quirky and interesting museum displaying the local timber trade of the area. In the coming days we spend time hiking, relaxing at the beach and sampling the many optional activities available.

<b>Accommodation</b>	The Dunes Hotel <a href="https://dunesresort.co.za/">https://dunesresort.co.za/</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom <b>Camping:</b> 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>
<b>Included Highlight</b>	George Museum & Gardens
<b>Route</b>	Oudtshoorn to Garden Route

### Day 4 – Tsitsikamma

The Garden Route is a treasure trove of beautiful beaches, forest walks and an exciting menu of optional adventures. While our morning is set aside for some relaxation on the beaches of Plettenberg Bay, today offers a number of optional activities and your guide will assist you to get the most out of the day. This afternoon we have the opportunity to visit the hidden gem of Nature's Valley, this beautiful village offers us a chance to enjoy a hike or simply relax on the pristine beach in this little paradise. In order to make the most of this day, the truck will run a set schedule and you are free to join or leave at the places that interest you.

<b>Accommodation</b>	<b>Accommodated:</b> Tsitsikamma Village Inn <a href="https://www.tsitsikammavillageinn.co.za/">https://www.tsitsikammavillageinn.co.za/</a> OR Tsitsikamma Cottages <a href="http://www.tsitsikamma.net/">http://www.tsitsikamma.net/</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Camping:</b> Tube n Axe <a href="http://tubenaxe.co.za/">http://tubenaxe.co.za/</a> OR Tsitsikamma Cottages <a href="http://www.tsitsikamma.net/">http://www.tsitsikamma.net/</a> <b>Accommodated:</b> Two per Room with En-suites Bathroom

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<b>Route</b>	Wilderness to Tsitsikamma
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Natures Valley Nature Walk
<b>Optional Activity</b>	Township Tour, Ocean Safaris, Sea Kayaking, Monkeyland, Birds of Eden and Bloukrans Bungee Jump

### Day 5 - Tsitsikamma

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 will have the chance to enjoy 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** *Accommodated:* Tsitsikamma Village Inn <https://www.tsitsikammavillageinn.co.za/> OR Tsitsikamma Cottages <http://www.tsitsikamma.net/>

**Camping:** Tube n Axe <http://tubenaxe.co.za/> OR Tsitsikamma Cottages <http://www.tsitsikamma.net/>

**Facilities** *Accommodated:* Two per Room with En-suites Bathroom

**Camping:** Campsite with Shared Ablutions

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**Included Highlight** Tsitsikamma National Park entrance and hike with your tour guide

**Activity Package** Woodcutters Journey tour

**Optional Activity** Treetop canopy tours

### Day 6 - Greater Addo Elephant National Park area

This morning we set out for the Eastern Cape and the Addo National Park. We make a stop this morning in the surfing mecca of Jeffrey's Bay, famous for its waves. You have the opportunity to visit the small surfing museum, catch a quick wave or simply enjoy a cup of coffee overlooking these famous waves. This afternoon we will make our first visit to seek the elephants after which Addo is named.

**Accommodation** Kudu Ridge Lodge <http://www.kuduridge.co.za>

**Facilities** *Accommodated:* Two per permanent tent with En-suite Bathroom

**Camping:** Campsite with Shared Ablutions

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**Route** Tsitsikamma National Park to Addo Elephant National Park

**Included Highlight** Jeffrey's Bay and an afternoon game drive in Addo National Park (in the tour truck)

### Day 7 – Greater Addo Elephant National Park area

This morning you will have the option to visit Port Elizabeth before returning to camp for lunch. In the afternoon we visit Addo, famed for the elephants after which the park was named. 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 afternoon in search of the animals that call Addo home.

**Accommodation** Kudu Ridge Lodge <http://www.kuduridge.co.za>

**Facilities** *Accommodated:* Two per permanent tent with En-suite Bathroom

**Camping:** Campsite with Shared Ablutions

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**Included Highlight** Afternoon game drive in Addo NP (in the tour truck)

### Day 8 – Graaff Reinet

The historic town of Graaff-Reinet nestles in the heartland of the Great Karoo and offers a unique insight into the history of this arid region. It is also the fourth oldest town in the country. 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

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**Route** Addo to Graaff Reinet

**Activity Package** Valley of Desolation Sundowner Tour

### Day 9 - Lesotho – Malealea

This morning we cut across the vast expanse of the Great Karoo, our destination is nestled in the heights of Lesotho. This autonomous mountain kingdom boasts the highest peaks in Southern Africa and is one of the highest countries in the world, the entire kingdom lies over 1000m above sea level. Having crossed the mighty Orange River, we enter the border of Lesotho and make the climb to our camp set high in the mountains.

**Accommodation** Malealea Lodge <http://www.malealea.com>

**Facilities** *Accommodated:* Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom

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**Camping:** Campsite with Shared Ablutions

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**Route**

Graaff Reinet to Lesotho

**Border Post**

South Africa: Van Rooyens Gate, Open: 06h00-22h00

Lesotho: Van Rooyens Gate, Open: 06h00-22h00

### Day 10 - Lesotho – Malealea

The clean air of the mountains accompanies us this morning as we explore the mountains on foot, our hike concludes with a village visit and the opportunity to gain insight into the community that calls these mountains home. The Basotho are famous for their traditional hats, blankets and their sturdy ponies. Basotho ponies are renowned for their surefootedness in the mountains and you have the opportunity of an optional pony trek this afternoon to experience this first-hand.

**Accommodation**

Malealea Lodge <http://www.malealea.com>

**Facilities**

**Accommodated:** Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom

**Camping:** Campsite with Shared Ablutions

*Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.*

**Included Highlight**

Lesotho Village Visit, Hike with tour Guide

**Optional Activity**

Pony Trekking, Pitseng hike

### Day 11 - South Africa – uKhahlamba Drakensberg Park

We exit Lesotho and travel through the sandstone cliffs of Golden Gate. Our destination is the mountains of the Drakensberg. 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 are a hiker's paradise and worthy of exploration.

**Accommodation**

Monks Cowl <http://www.goodersonleisure.co.za/gooderson-monks-cowl-golf-resort>

OR

The Nest <https://www.thenest.co.za/>

**Facilities**

**Accommodated:** Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom

**Camping:** Shared cottage (2-rooms) with Shared Ablutions

*Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.*

**Route**

Lesotho to Drakensberg

**Included Highlight**

Oliviers Hoek pass

**Border Post**

Lesotho: Maseru Bridge, Tel: +27 51 924 4300, Open: 24hrs

South Africa: Maseru Bridge, Tel: +27 51 924 4300, Open: 24hrs

### Day 12 - UKhahlamba Drakensberg Park

We set out this morning for a lengthy hike. Along our way we will have the opportunity to view examples of San rock art with a local guide. 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>

OR

The Nest <https://www.thenest.co.za/>

**Facilities**

**Accommodated:** Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom

**Camping:** Shared cottage (2-rooms) with Shared Ablutions

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**Included Highlight**

Hike with your guide in uKhahlamba-Drakensberg Park

### Day 13 - Kwa Zulu Natal Coast – St Lucia

It's all downhill as we leave the mountain scenery en route to the Kwazulu Natal Coast. On the 5<sup>th</sup> August 1962, police waved down a car on a lonely country road in KwaZulu-Natal. At the wheel was Nelson Mandela. He was arrested and spent 27 years in prison. Today you will have the opportunity to visit this historic capture site, marked by an impressive sculpture in honour of "Madiba". We will also stop at the Howick Falls to listen to the power of the falls and take some photos at the view point. Then it's onto the bustling city of Durban is South Africa's largest port where you will have time to stretch your legs with a stroll along the promenade before heading for our final destination, St Lucia. This evening we enjoy a Zulu cultural experience, sampling the local beer and will be taught the basic Zulu language.

**Accommodation**

Shonalanga <http://www.shonalanga.net>

**Facilities**

**Accommodated:** Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom

**Camping:** Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom

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**Route**

Drakensberg to St Lucia

**Included Highlight**

Visit to the Mandela Capture Site, Howick Falls, Zulu Cultural evening

### Day 14 - Hluhluwe – Umfolozi Game Reserve / iSimangaliso Wetland Park

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We set out early this morning for a game drive in the nearby Hlululwe-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.

<b>Accommodation Facilities</b>	Shonalanga <a href="http://www.shonalanga.net">http://www.shonalanga.net</a> <b>Accommodated:</b> Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom <b>Camping:</b> 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>
<b>Route</b>	Durban to St Lucia
<b>Activity Package</b>	Game Drive in Hlululwe/Imfolozi National Park, St. Lucia Boat Cruise

### Day 15 - Swaziland – Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary

An early start and we are off to the Kingdom of Swaziland, this afternoon we have the opportunity to join many of the optional activities that are offered here. Take your choice from game drives, mountain biking or a visit to the Chief's village.

<b>Accommodation Facilities</b>	Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary <a href="http://www.biggameparks.org/mlilwane/">http://www.biggameparks.org/mlilwane/</a> <b>Accommodated:</b> Two per Beehive hut with En-suite Bathroom <b>Camping:</b> Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered</i>
<b>Route</b>	St Lucia to Swaziland
<b>Border Post</b>	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
<b>Optional Activity</b>	Game Drives, Swazi Cultural Experience, Mountain Biking and Hiking

### Day 16 - Swaziland – 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. Later this morning, we embark on a 2-hour guided walk through the Esijeni community, allowing us a glimpse of life on a day-to-day basis. This interactive experience could involve grinding maize, carrying water, building a wall or washing clothes in the steam.

<b>Accommodation Facilities</b>	Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary <a href="http://www.biggameparks.org/mlilwane/">http://www.biggameparks.org/mlilwane/</a> <b>Accommodated:</b> Two per Beehive hut with En-suite Bathroom <b>Camping:</b> Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered</i>
<b>Included Activity</b>	Nature Walk with tour guide
<b>Activity Package</b>	Esijeni Cultural Tour
<b>Optional Activity</b>	Game Drives, Swazi Cultural Experience, Mountain Biking and Hiking

### Day 17 - South Africa – Kruger National Park

Setting off back to South Africa, we make aim for the Kruger National Park and begin with our first game drive in the tour truck as we enter the gates of the park. The Kruger National Park is South Africa's flagship national park and sightings of the " big five " has become something of a quest for many guests. The Kruger NP has more than its fair share of animals and with approximately 147 mammal species we will spend our time in search of both big and small.

<b>Accommodation Facilities</b>	Nkambeni Reserve <a href="http://www.nkambeni.com">http://www.nkambeni.com</a> <b>Accommodated:</b> Two per Permanent tent with En-suite Bathroom <b>Camping:</b> Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered</i>
<b>Route</b>	Swaziland to Kruger National Park area
<b>Included Activity</b>	Game drive in the tour truck, Kruger National Park
<b>Border Post</b>	Swaziland: Jeppes Reef Border, Tel: +27(0)13 781 0382, Open: 07h00 – 20h00 South Africa: Mananga, Tel: +27 (0) 13 793 7075, Open: 07h00-18h00

### Day 18 - Kruger Park – Panorama Route

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.

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

### Day 19 - Kruger National Park

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Rising early this morning we enter the Kruger National Park to enjoy a full-day of game viewing. Our activity package offers the added excitement of experiencing the park from an open-sided 4x4 vehicle. For those who have not chosen the 4x4 game drive through the park, your guide will take you on a game drive in the tour truck (full day). This evening there is an opportunity for an optional Sundowner Drive.

<b>Accommodation Facilities</b>	Nkambeni Reserve <a href="http://www.nkambeni.com">http://www.nkambeni.com</a> <b>Accommodated:</b> Two per Permanent tent with En-suite Bathroom <b>Camping:</b> Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
<b>Route</b>	Kruger National Park
<b>Activity Package</b>	Kruger National Park 4x4 game drive
<b>Included Activity</b>	Game drive in the tour truck (for non-activity package clients)
<b>Optional Activity</b>	Sunset Drive

### Day 20 - Kruger National Park to Johannesburg

While those who elect to do the optional morning walk will have an earlier start, we will pack up and set off for our final destination, Johannesburg. We arrive at Belvedere Estate in the late afternoon and all travellers are invited to join us for a traditional meal tonight. This can be booked with your guide on the day before arrival. Many great tales are shared and tonight is for celebrating the many wonders of African travel.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Own Arrangements / Post tour accommodation can be booked through us.
<b>Route</b>	Great Kruger NP area to Johannesburg
<b>Optional Activity</b>	Morning Bush Walk (Subject to Availability) / Traditional meal at Belvedere Estate

*This itinerary has been written with the Activity Package items included. If you wish to participate in all the activities listed, you will need to purchase the Activity Package.*

### Activity Package

This is an optional payment that covers what we consider to be 'essential activities' on our tours. Ideally we would include all of these, but not everyone can afford this. This payment is 100% transparent and is listed below. The Activity Package must be pre-booked along with your tour booking. We cannot always guarantee availability of the activities if you only book on the morning of your tour departure.

Activity	Price
Cango Caves basic tour	R 110
Tsitsikamma Woodcutters Journey	R300
Valley of Desolation tour	R380
Hluhluwe game drive	R 770
St Lucia boat cruise	R 450
Esijeni Cultural tour	R200
4x4 Game drive in Kruger National Park	R 950
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### 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 us to make these bookings.

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### **Tour departure point**

**07:00 am** 40onBurg, 40 Burg Street, Cape Town, South Africa.

Tel: +27 (0)21 426 4338, [www.40onburg.co.za](http://www.40onburg.co.za)

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

### **Tour ending point**

Belvedere Estate, 87 Belvedere Road, Glen Austin, Midrand, South Africa

Tel: 083 741 5240 [www.belvedereestate.co.za](http://www.belvedereestate.co.za)

### **What's included**

Accommodation, meals (Breakfast x 19 / Lunch x 10 / Dinner x 17) (unless otherwise specified, all meals are prepared and served at the tour truck), / qualified crew / transport in the tour truck / included highlights as per the itinerary / entrance fees to National Parks.

### **What's excluded**

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

### **Countries Visited**

South Africa, Swaziland, Lesotho.