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20 Day Cape Town to Johannesburg Camping or Accommodated Tour



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Cape Town
- Cape Whale Coast Route
- Africa's Southernmost Tip
- Oudtshoorn & Cango Caves
- Tsitsikamma National Park
- Addo Elephant National Park
- Lesotho & Swaziland
- UKhahlamba Drakensberg Park
- St. Lucia
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- Kruger National Park
- Panorama Route & Blyde River canyon



TOUR ITINERARY

20 Days | South Africa, Lesotho, Swaziland

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: 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 wine region to the town of Hermanus - not forgetting a stop at the largest breeding colony of the African Penguin, Stony Point Nature Reserve. Before arrival in Stanford, we'll make a short stop in Hermanus and if you are travelling during the months of July to November you may be lucky enough to see the southern right whales that visit the bay in Hermanus

Accommodation Facilities	Stanford Valley Guest Farm – www.stanfordvalley.co.za 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	Cape Town to Stanford
Meals	Lunch & Dinner
Included Highlight	Walk through the town of Stellenbosch, Stony Point Penguin Colony visit, Wine tasting experience

Cape Town

Cape Town Cape Town (Afrikaans: Kaapstad; Xhosa: iKapa) is the second most populous city in South Africa, and a fascinating mix of Asian, European and African traditions. Located on the shore of Table Bay, Cape Town was originally developed by the Dutch East India Company as a supply station for Dutch ships sailing to Eastern Africa, India, and the Far East. Jan van Riebeeck's arrival on 6 April 1652 established the port as the first permanent European settlement in South Africa. Cape Town quickly outgrew its original purpose as the first European outpost at the Castle of Good Hope, becoming the economic and cultural hub of the Cape Colony. Until the Witwatersrand Gold Rush and the development of Johannesburg, Cape Town was the largest city in South Africa. It is still one of South Africa's most popular tourist destinations.

The city is most famous for its harbour, the magnificent Table Mountain, and its natural setting in the Cape floral kingdom. It includes dramatic cultural and climatic contrasts in the different areas that make up the city, and is connected by fast freeways, so within twenty minutes one can go from the wine farms of the leafy Constantia valley to the beach, the bustling city centre or a shanty township.

DAY 2: SWELLENDAM VIA 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. Photo in hand, we head to the De Hoop Nature Reserve where you will have time to walk and explore a small section of the reserve. We will overnight in the town of Swellendam

Accommodation Facilities	Aan de Eike GH - https://www.adlc.co.za/swellendam-accommodation/aan-de-eike-guest-house/ 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	Stanford to Swellendam
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Southernmost tip of Africa – Cape Agulhas, de Hoop Nature reserve walk

DAY 3: OUDTSHOORN



This morning we set out for the Klein Karoo and our overnight stop in Oudtshoorn. We 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! Before our day ends with a guided tour of the famous Congo Caves, we will enjoy a visit to a local berry farm that will include a tasting experience.

Accommodation	Kleinplaas Holiday Resor – 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	Swellendam to Oudtshoorn
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Stop at Ronnie's Sex Shop, Congo Caves Basic Tour, Berry Farm tasting

Oudtshoorn – Ostrich Capital of the World

Oudtshoorn was known as the ostrich capital of the world. It was named after Baron Pieter von Rheede van Oudtshoorn, who died in 1773 on his way to the Cape to become Governor. The town was founded in 1847. The town is situated 300 m above sea level, with the Swartberg Mountain range to the north and Outeniqua range to the south. Arbeidsgenot, the home of Cornelius Jacob Langenhoven was built here. Langenhoven was the author of the old South African National anthem, "Die Stem" which still forms part of the new National Anthem.³

Ostrich feathers were obligatory items of high fashion just before World War one. The great feather boom began around 1870. At its height there were more than 750 000 domesticated ostriches in the little Karoo area and feathers were being exported at the rate of about 450 000kg's a year. Then came World War one and then austerity became a way of supporting the war effort. Many farmers went bankrupt in this time. In later years the industry revived with the demand for ostrich leather, biltong, eggs and feathers. At present there are about 90 000 ostriches in the Little Karoo.

Congo Caves

Common myth has it that the Caves were first explored by a local farmer named Jacobus van Zyl (after who the first chamber, van Zyl's Hall, was named) – although research fails to reveal anybody by that name in the Congo area in the 1770's. And besides – we now know that the Caves have been known to man since the Early Stone Age. In the 19th century, entrance to the Caves cost 5 rix dollars – the modern equivalent of about R500.00 – but that even didn't deter some destructive tourists and many carted away parts of the delicate stalactites and stalagmites for souvenirs or engraved their names onto the walls. In response, the governor of the Cape Colony, Lord Charles Somerset, published the first Caves Regulation in 1820. The 1st law designed to protect an environmental resource in South Africa; it banned the collection of souvenirs, proved for fines for anyone caught damaging Caves formations and prescribed an entrance fee which had to be paid to the District Officer – who was made responsible for enforcing the rules.

Many of the most significant discoveries in the Caves were made by its first full-time guide, Johnnie van Wassenaar. – who served for 43 years: from 1891 until his retirement in 1934. He opened many side chambers and introduced thousands of people to Congo 1, which remains the only part of the Caves which the public may visit. Importantly, though, it is clear that the Caves were known to man long before Europeans first landed at the Cape: recent finds – of some tools left behind in ancient hearths in the Cave mouth – prove that humans have lived and sheltered here for at least 80 000 years.

DAY 4: TSITSIKAMMA

Our morning starts as we make our way over the Outeniqua Mountains and descend to the beautiful Garden route coastline below. In the coming days we will make several stops at some quaint towns and bustling cities along the garden route, there are opportunities to visit some interesting museums, combined with some time spent hiking and relaxing. The Garden Route is a treasure trove of beautiful beaches, forest walks and an exciting menu of optional adventures. We set aside time this morning for some exploration of the town of Knysna

Accommodation	Tsitsikamma Village Inn – www.tsitsikammavillageinn.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	Oudtshoorn to Tsitsikamma



Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlights Knysna

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 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 – www.tsitsikammavillageinn.co.za
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.

Route Oudtshoorn to Tsitsikamma
Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlights Tsitsikamma National Park Entrance and Hike with your Tour Guide
Optional Activity Treetop canopy Tours, Woodcutters Journey

Tsitsikamma National Park

Tsitsikamma National Park stretches between the sea and the Tsitsikamma Mountains, along the Garden Route, one of the most beautiful coastlines in the world. The Park, covering 80 km along the coast between Nature's Valley and Storm's River mouth, encompasses a range of different ecosystems - indigenous forest, commercial plantation, Fynbos, and inter-tidal zones – and offers magnificent scenery and walks. It was the first Marine National Park to be proclaimed in Africa, and it is now the third most frequently visited of the 20 national parks in South Africa. The forest has more than 30 species of indigenous trees - there are several massive trees, the tallest of these is 36 meters high, and some are more than 1000 years old.

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 – www.kuduridge.co.za
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.

Route Tsitsikamma to Addo Elephant National Park
Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight Jeffrey's Bay and afternoon game drive in Addo Elephant National Park (in overland truck)

DAY 7: GREATER ADDO ELEPHANT NATIONAL PARK AREA

This morning we will make the short drive to the windy city of Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth), before heading into Addo Elephant National Park for our afternoon 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 afternoon in search of the animals.

Accommodation Kudu Ridge Lodge – www.kuduridge.co.za
Facilities **Accommodated:** Two per room with en-suite bathroom
Camping: Two per room with en-suite bathroom
Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Activity Afternoon game drive in Addo Elephant National Park (in overland truck)

Addo Elephant Park



In 1919 the administration of the Cape Province decided to cull the elephant population in the Addo region and hired a Professional hunter, Major Jan Pretorius, to destroy the entire herd that inhabited the area at the time.

It took him a year to kill 120, before he was stopped due to public outcry.

Only 16 traumatised Addo elephants remained, wounded, frightened and unable to coexist with humans. In 1931, when only 11 elephants were left alive in the area, it was proclaimed a national park. The elephants, however, were still hostile - destroying crops and attacking anyone who came near. Finally, in 1952, one of the farmers of the area suggested that a fence be erected around the park. This kept the Elephants secure and out of the surrounding farming area. Black rhino was reintroduced in 1961- the first in the Cape for a hundred years. Today the Park boasts the Big Seven, (elephant, rhino, lion, buffalo, leopard, southern right whale and great white shark) and is sanctuary to over 450 elephants, Cape buffalo, a variety of antelope species, as well as the flightless dung beetle, found exclusively in this area.

Addo elephants are unique in that although they belong to the same species as the African Elephant, they are smaller with more rounded ears and the females generally have no tusks.

DAY 8: GRAAF REINET

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

Accommodation	Profcon Resort – www.profconresort.co.za
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	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 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	Graaf Reinet to Lesotho
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
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. This activity is not for the inexperienced or fainthearted.

Accommodation	Malealea Lodge http://www.malealea.com
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 Highlights	Morning Hike, Lesotho Village tour
Optional Activity	Pony Trekking

DAY 11: SOUTH AFRICA – UKHAHLAMBA DRakensberg PARK



We have a long drive ahead of us today as we make our way 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 area hiker's paradise and worthy of exploration.

Accommodation	Himeville Arms https://www.premierhotels.co.za/hotels/kwazulu-natal/himeville-arms OR 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	Mthatha to Drakensberg
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 12: 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	Himeville Arms https://www.premierhotels.co.za/hotels/kwazulu-natal/himeville-arms OR 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	Mthatha to Drakensberg
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Hike with your guide in Ukhahlamba-Drakensberg Park

Royal Natal (Ukhahlamba) National Park

The Royal Natal (Ukhahlamba) National Park, meaning 'the Barrier of Spears', is a world heritage site with some of the most exceptional mountain scenery in Africa. The dramatic features include high altitude grasslands, pristine steep-sided river valleys and rocky gorges. The main feature is the world-famous Amphitheatre, a rock wall approximately 5 km in length, and 500 m high. Above the amphitheatre is Mont-aux-Sources peak where the Orange River begins its long journey to the Atlantic Ocean, and Thukela river cascades down the face of the amphitheatre, forming one of the highest waterfalls in the world. The most popular activity at Royal Natal is undoubtedly hiking. A comprehensive hiking guide is available for purchase at the Visitor Centre, at Thendele camp office and at the main entrance gate. The brochure shows a map of the park and the network of hiking paths which visit every part of the park from the gentle walk to Fairy Glen to the challenging hike up the Crack and down the Mudslide.

This spectacular natural site supports a diversity of plant and animal life, and also contains many caves and rock shelters with the largest group of rock paintings in Africa south of the Sahara, made by the San people over a period of 4,000 years. These represent the spiritual life of the San people, who are believed to have survived here until 1878. A number of guided hikes are available to view the paintings. The area was initially 3 330 hectare in extent, but over time land has been added to obtain its present size of 8 094 hectares.

DAY 13: KWA ZULU NATAL COAST – ST LUCIA

It's all downhill as we leave the mountain scenery enroute to the Kwazulu Natal Coast. On the 5th 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 viewpoint. 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 St Lucia.

Accommodation	Shonalanga – www.shonalanga.net
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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	Drakensberg to St Lucia
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Visit to Mandela Capture Site, Howick Falls

Greater St Lucia Wetland Park

Recently renamed the iSimangaliso Wetland Park, this sub-tropical paradise covers about 240,000 hectares and is the largest estuarine system in Africa. The park includes the southernmost extension of coral reefs on the continent, and covers 220km of the East Coast from St Lucia to the Mozambique border.

iSimangaliso encompasses a huge range of natural systems, ranging from dune, swamp and coastal forests to rocky and sandy shores, coral reefs and submarine canyons, and a mosaic of mangroves, savanna grassland, thickets and woodlands. It is the largest protected wetland in southern Africa, with large numbers of nesting turtles on the beaches; as well as the migration of whales, dolphins and whale-sharks off-shore; and huge numbers of waterfowl including large breeding colonies of pelicans, storks, herons and terns. The Park's unique climate and position have resulted in exceptional biodiversity including some 521 bird species. This is a UNESCO World Heritage site.

DAY 14: 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 – www.shonalanga.net
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	Game Drive in Hluhluwe/Umfolozi National Park, St. Lucia Boat Cruise

Hluhluwe – Imfolozi Game Reserve

Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Game Reserve was established in 1895, the oldest game park in Africa. The Park covers about 96 000 hectares and contains a vast diversity of wildlife and vegetation. It is particularly famous for its conservation of black and white rhino – there are hundreds of endangered black rhinos and the largest population of white rhino in the world. The rest of the Big Five can also be seen here; buffalo, elephant, lion and leopard, as well as many other species including blue wildebeest, zebra, giraffe waterbuck, nyala, kudu, bushbuck, warthog, cheetah, hyena and jackal and thousands of impalas. More than 300 species of birds have been recorded in the area, making it one of the prime birding destinations in South Africa.

DAY 15: ESWATINI – MLILWANE WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

An early start and we are off to Eswatini (formerly known as 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.

Accommodation	Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary http://www.biggameparks.org/mlilwane/ OR Sondzela Backpackers https://biggameparks.org/properties/sondzela-backpackers-5
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	St. Lucia to Eswatini
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Border Post	South Africa: Golela Border Post, Tel: +27(0)34 435 1070 Open: 07h00-22h00 Eswatini: Lavumisa Town Board, Tel: +268 20 790 93, Open: 07h00-22h00
Optional Activity	Game Drives, Swazi Cultural Experience, Mountain Biking and Hiking

DAY 16: 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.

Accommodation	Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary http://www.biggameparks.org/mlilwane/ OR Sondzela Backpackers https://biggameparks.org/properties/sondzela-backpackers-5
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	Nature Walk with your tour guide
Optional Activity	Game Drives, 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 Nomad 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 that it’s fair share of animals and with approximately 147 mammal species we will spend our time in search of both big and small.

Accommodation	Nkambeni Reserve 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	Swaziland to Kruger National Park Area
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Game drive in overland tour truck, Kruger National Park
Border Post	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 NATIONAL 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.

Accommodation	Nkambeni Reserve 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>
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Included Highlight	Panorama Route - Bourke’s Luck Potholes, Blyde River Canyon, God’s Window

The Panorama Route in Mpumalanga follows the edge of Blyde River Canyon, and includes some breathtaking views of the Three Rondavels, Bourke’s Luck Potholes and the Pinnacle. Blyde River Canyon is the third largest canyon in the world and got its name in 1840 (‘blyde’ meaning ‘joyful’) from the Voortrekkers who passed through on their way to Lorenzo Marques (now Mozambique). It is one of the most spectacular canyons in Africa and its cliffs rise between 600m-800m from the riverbed. Possibly the best view in the whole of the Blyde River Canyon is of the “Three Rondavels - three huge rock spirals rising out of the far wall of the canyon. Their tops appear to have a hut-like rounded roof. They are named after the Swazi Chief Maripi’s wives - from the lowest to the highest, they are Magabolle, Mogoladikwe and Maserote. Where the Blyde River and the Treur River meet, water erosion has formed one of the most remarkable geological phenomena in the country, known as ‘Bourke’s Luck Potholes’.

Over thousands of years, surreal cylindrical rock sculptures created by whirling water have formed a series of dark pools which contrast artfully with the streaked white and yellow lichen covered rocks.

Following the road and the Treur River south, there are further viewpoints; Wonder View, God’s Window and the Pinnacle.

DAY 19: KRUGER NATIONAL PARK



Rising early this morning we enter the Kruger National Park to enjoy a full-day of game viewing. This full day game drive offers a unique view of the park from an open-sided 4x4 vehicle. This evening there is an opportunity for an optional Sundowner Drive.

Accommodation	Nkambeni Reserve 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>
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Kruger National Park 4x4 game drive
Optional Activity	Sunset Drive (there is a concession fee applicable)

Kruger National Park

Established in 1898 to protect the wildlife of the South African Lowveld, this national park of nearly 2 million9 hectares are unrivalled in the diversity of its wildlife and a world leader in advanced environmental management techniques and policies. Approximately 145 mammal species, a list of over 500 bird species, some of which are not to be found elsewhere in South Africa, and 336 tree species occur in the park. When the first tourist cars visited the park in 1927, they made their own camps in thorn-bush enclosures and had to carry weapons to protect themselves from predators. During the Second World War the park was closed to the public and reopened in 1946 under new management. Today it is one of the most famous safari destinations in the world with all the facilities that one would expect from a world class holiday destination, but it has retained the untamed, unspoilt environment where you can experience Africa just as you imagined it!

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.

Accommodation	Own Arrangements / Post tour accommodation can be booked through your agent.
Route	Greater Kruger NP area to Johannesburg
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch
Optional Activity	Morning Bush Walk (Subject to Availability) / Traditional meal at post tour accommodation

TOUR INFORMATION

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.

Tour departure point

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

07:00 am at 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/>

Tour ending point

Garden Court OR Tambo

2 Hulley Road, Isando

Kempton Park, South Africa

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



PCR Testing / Requirements

All guests participating in this tour should adhere to and be familiar with any mandatory covid-19 vaccine requirements or PCR testing requirements of the country/countries being visited. All costs associated with PCR testing will be for the guests' own account.

Maximum Number of Passengers

20 - All protocols and government regulations in terms of carrying capacity will be adhered to at the time of travel)

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 tour truck / accommodation / qualified crew / filtered water / 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, tips) / entrance fees (associated with optional activities) / souvenirs / activity packages and optional activities

Countries Visited

South Africa, Lesotho, Swaziland

Optional Activities

We provide you with a great tour however there are additional optional activities that you can do enroute. At the various places you will find a selection of optional activities that can be booked on the tour you have chosen. Your guide will also help you choose what is best for you. If you want to do an extra night drive, go white water rafting or bungee jumping -we will make sure you book this with the safest and most professional operator. Some optional activities operate concurrently so the group may have to decide as a team which optional activities they'd prefer to do.

On the pre-departure information your consultant sends you there will be a lengthy list of what the locals offer in the various places we visit. These are as the name says... totally optional and you do not always have to do an activity to enjoy being in an area, simply walking around the local markets or interacting with the locals is an experience with in itself.

General

All information is subject to change without prior notice, changes would always be in consideration of your safety first and a better-quality experience. This would be where we are able to make improvements, sometimes last-minute decisions due to the nature of the tour/event. Travel times and campsites can change depending on road or weather conditions, or any unforeseen circumstances. These are used as a guideline only. On our longer tours it is possible that your crew, truck and fellow travellers will change due to our unique tour linking system.



Please ensure that you have received the latest version of this dossier- your consultant will send you a link to do this, we ask clients to download the latest tour dossier 1 week before your tours departure so you are up to date with any changes.

Meals

Breakfast:

As breakfast is served very early in the morning (if there is driving or activities to be done) it is a simple but filling breakfast: Tea and coffee, breads and spreads, cereals, yoghurts, fruits and on occasion, when there is time for a later breakfast, guides will serve a hot breakfast of scrambled eggs, porridge, bacon or beans.

Lunch:

Lunch is generally served at a picnic spot next to the road en route to a destination. As the guides only have approximately 45 minutes to get everyone off the truck, prepare lunch and then get everyone back on the truck again, lunches consist of sandwiches and salads (rice salad, pasta salad, tuna salad and green salad) which are quick and easy to prepare but which are quite filling. They do have meal plans which they should stick to, to ensure that there is variety on a day to day basis.

Dinner:

This is when the guides get time to prepare a delicious meal and they focus on a substantial protein, vegetable and carbohydrate dinner.

We serve traditional cuisine consisting of braais (BBQ), potjie (stew), bobotie (mince), spaghetti and fish and chicken dishes.

Most evenings are spent talking about Africa. Your tour dossier will have details of where you will be each night and the prices of meals if we are spending an evening at leisure in a city or town. After or during dinner, guides will do briefings, please use this opportunity to discuss things with them.

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.

Luggage

We advise clients to be as light as possible when travelling through Africa. It is not a destination where you want to lug suitcases and heavy bags around. Lodges rarely have suitcase ramps meaning wheels are sometimes more of a hindrance and also impact on the case fitting in the lockers. On booking the pre-departure info will have a packing guide to help you prepare, however please note hard suitcases are not suitable. Soft bags are needed to fit in the luggage lockers.

Locker sizes are ±35cm sq, 80cm deep. If the frame of your suitcase does not fit these diameters, there is unfortunately nowhere else to safely store your bag.

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

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