

DETOUR AFRICA



7 Day Cape Town Port Elizabeth Camping or Accommodated



HIGHLIGHTS

- Stony Point Penguin Colony
- Cango Caves
- Tsitsikamma National Park
- Addo elephant Park
- Game Drives

ITINERARY

7 Days South Africa

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	2	3	4	5	6	7
Breakfast	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lunch	-	✓	-	-	✓	✓	-
Dinner	-	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	-

DAY 1

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.

Accommodation	Windsor Hotel https://windsorhotel.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>
Route	Cape Town to Hermanus
Included Highlight	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.

Accommodation	Kleinplaas Holiday Resort http://www.kleinplaas.co.za OR Oude Meul Country Lodge http://www.deoudemeul.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	Hermanus to Oudtshoorn
Included Highlight	Stop at Ronnie's Sex Shop
Activity Package	Cango Caves Basic Tour

Oudtshoorn – Ostrich Capital of the World

Oudtshoorn was known as the ostrich capital of the world. It was named after Baron Pieter von Rheede von 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.

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.

Cango Caves

The Cango Caves is one of South Africa's most beautiful hidden treasures. Just 17km outside of the Klein Karoo town of Oudtshoorn, the Cango Caves are one of the Garden Routes most exciting and beautiful tourist attractions. Here, guests can explore the unseen beauties of South Africa and will be astounded by the sheer size and length of the caves.

Together the chambers and tunnels of the Cango Caves extend over 4km, placing them among the largest caves in the world. The largest chamber, Van Zyl's Chamber, was named after an explorer who apparently come across the caves in the 1770s, however there is no record of a man named Van Zyl being in the area during that time and there is evidence that the caves have been known to man since the Stone Age.

The Cango Caves was the first tourist attraction in South Africa to employ a full-time tour guide, ensuring that each person who visited the caves could do so with a professional. In fact, you can only visit the caves today as part of a tour group. The standard tour will take you to the main chambers and front parts of the cave, however adventure tours can be embarked on which take guests into the narrower and in depth parts of the Cango Caves

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.

Accommodation	The Dunes Hotel https://dunesresort.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>
Included Highlight Route	George Museum & Gardens 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.

Accommodation	Accommodated: Tsitsikamma Village Inn https://www.tsitsikammavillageinn.co.za/ OR Tsitsikamma Cottages http://www.tsitsikamma.net/
Facilities	Camping: Tube n Axe http://tubenaxe.co.za/ OR Tsitsikamma Cottages http://www.tsitsikamma.net/ 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	Wilderness to Tsitsikamma
Included Highlight	Natures Valley Nature Walk
Optional Activity	Township Tour, Ocean Safaris, Sea Kayaking, Monkeyland, Birds of Eden and Bloukrans Bungee Jump

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 80km 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 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.

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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>
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

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 <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
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)

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 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 7

Port Elizabeth

This morning after breakfast, your guide will transfer you to Port Elizabeth where your tour will come to an end upon arrival in the city.

Accommodation	Own Arrangements/ Post tour accommodation can be booked through us.
Route	Addo Elephant National Park to Port Elizabeth

Tour Information

Activity Package

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On this tour you can choose between doing the camping or accommodated version of the tour. Below is the prices of the activity package for both the camping and the accommodated.

Activity Package	Price
Cango Caves basic tour	R110
Tsitsikamma Woodcutters Journey	R 300
	R 410

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.

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.

Tour departure point

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

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

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

Tour ending point

Kings Beach Hotel, La Roche Drive, Humewood, Port Elizabeth, South Africa

Tel: +27 41 582 3720

www.tsogosunhotels.com/garden-court/kingseach/pages/overview.aspx

What's included

Accommodation, meals (Breakfast x 6 / Lunch x 3 / Dinner x 4) (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

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

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