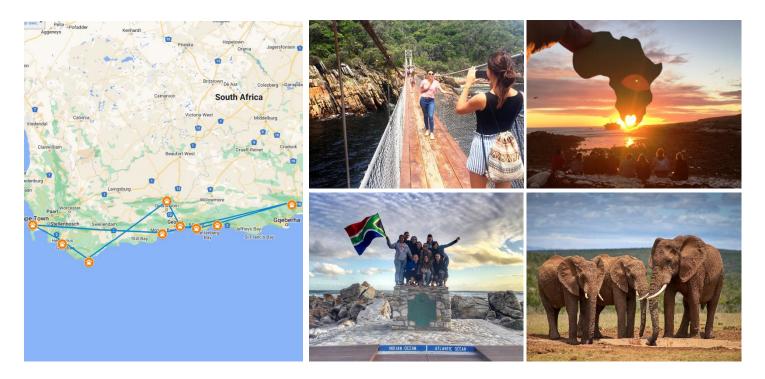


# 6 Day Garden Route & Addo Elephant National Park Accommodated Tour



#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

Betty's Bay Penguin colony Hermanus Cape Agulhas (Southern-most tip of Africa) Route 62 Road trip Local wine tasting Knysna & Knysna Heads Canoeing and hiking in Wilderness National Park Game viewing safari in Addo Elephant National Park Tsitsikamma National Park and Wilderness National Park Mossel Bay & Cape St Blaize hiking trail



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### **TOUR ITINERARY**

#### 6 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: CAPE TOWN – HERMANUS – CAPE AGULHAS

Please note during busy period this trip can run in a different order. This means the order of places visited will be different. We will still cover the exact same highlights just in a different order. We do this particularly in a busy cycle when accommodation options along the garden route are limited. Your consultant will keep you up to date with this.

We depart from Cape Town/Stellenbosch early on Monday morning for Hermanus. We follow the scenic coastal road, stopping at Betties Bay to view a colony of endangered African penguins. You can spend the afternoon in the seaside resort town of Hermanus, famous for hundreds of Southern Right Whales during the whale season (July to November) and many shops, restaurants and markets. In the afternoon we will drive on to Cape Agulhas, the most southern tip of Africa, where we visit a viewpoint known as the "real" place where the Indian and Atlantic Oceans meet.

(Shark cage diving clients will be picked up very early in the morning by the diving operator and will miss the first half of Day 1 which includes the visit to the African Penguin Colony and Hermanus).

Included Meals:	Dinner
Included Highlights:	Penguins at Betty's Bay, Hermanus, Cape Agulhas (Southern-most tip of Africa)
Optional Activities:	Shark cage diving / Whale watching boat trip (in season July to November)
Overnight:	Cape Agulhas/Struisbaai
Accommodation Backpacker Option:	Cape Agulhas Backpackers <a href="http://www.capeagulhasbackpackers.com/">http://www.capeagulhasbackpackers.com/</a> OR
Accommodation Guest House Option:	Chateau de Marine https://chateaudemarinehotel.co.za/ OR Similar

#### DAY 2: CAPE AGULHAS – OUDTSHOORN

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

Included Meals:	Breakfast and Dinner
Included Highlights:	Route 62 Road trip, Local wine tasting, Klein Karoo Ostrich farm tour
Overnight:	Oudtshoorn
Accommodation Backpacker Option:	Chandelier Game Lodge <u>https://www.chandelier.co.za</u> OR Similar
Accommodation Guest House Option:	Chandelier Game Lodge <u>https://www.chandelier.co.za</u> OR Similar

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

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

Included Meals:	Breakfast and Dinner
Included Highlight:	Canoeing and hiking in Wilderness National Park
Overnight:	Sedgefield
Accommodation Backpacker Option:	Afrovibe Beach House <a href="https://www.afrovibe.co.za/">https://www.afrovibe.co.za/</a> OR Similar
	Pili Pili Beachfront Accommodation https://pilipiliaccommodation.co.za/ OR Similar
Accommodation Guest House Option:	Dover on Sea https://www.doveronsea.co.za/ OR Similar



#### DAY 4: SEDGEFIELD – KNYSNA - TSITSIKAMMA – ADDO

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

Midday will be spent in Tsitsikamma National Park with its unique combination of indigenous forest and beautiful Indian Ocean coastline. The Park has a wide choice of activities for all, including hiking, crossing a suspension bridge and swimming. In the afternoon we will leave the Garden Route for Big 5 country, Addo.

Included Meals:	Breakfast and Dinner
Included Highlight:	Entrance to Tsitsikamma National Park
Optional Activities:	216m Bloukrans Bungee Jump
Overnight:	Avoca River Cabins, Addo Area
Accommodation Backpacker Option:	Avoca River Cabins http://www.avocarivercabins.co.za/ OR Similar
Accommodation Guest House Option:	Avoca River Cabins http://www.avocarivercabins.co.za/ OR Similar

#### DAY 5: ADDO ELEPHANT NATIONAL PARK - WILDERNESS/MOSSEL BAY

We will spend the morning exploring Addo Elephant National Park. We will spend up to 2-3 hours exploring the 28,000hectare National reserve with approximately 600 elephant and some Cape buffalo, lion, black rhino, warthog, zebra, eland, kudu, hartebeest and many more animals. After an exciting morning of game viewing, we will drive back to the heart of the Garden Route where we will overnight in Wilderness or Mossel Bay.

Included Meals:	None
Included Highlight:	Entrance and 2 – 3-hour drive with tour vehicle through Addo Elephant NP
<b>Optional Activities:</b>	2 Hour open vehicle drive with Addo field guide
Overnight:	Wilderness/Mossel Bay
Accommodation Backpacker Option:	Wilderness Beach House Backpackers - <a href="https://www.wildernessbeachhouse.com/">https://www.wildernessbeachhouse.com/</a>
	Point Village - <u>https://www.pointvillagehotel.co.za/</u>
Accommodation Guest House Option:	Dolphin Dunes <u>www.dolphindunes.co.za</u> OR Similar
	Bar-t-nique <u>http://bar-t-nique.co.za/</u> OR Similar

#### DAY 6: WILDERNESS/MOSSEL BAY – CAPE TOWN

After breakfast, we will stop in Mossel Bay to spend some time on the spectacular beaches, hike the Cape St. Blaize trail along the cliffs overlooking the Indian Ocean, or visit the famous Diaz Museum complex, commemorating the first known European exploration around the tip of Africa. The more adventurous can try a 10,000-foot tandem skydive or sandboarding on the longest dune in South Africa. We will arrive back to Cape Town/Stellenbosch in the early evening.

Included Meals:	Breakfast
Included Highlights:	Mossel Bay Beaches & Clifftop Walking Trail
<b>Optional Activities:</b>	10,000-foot tandem skydive / Sand boarding the longest dune in South Africa / Ocean
	Zipline

## **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.

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- Qualified and registered tour guide
- Pick up and drop off
- Transport in air-conditioned bus



- 5 nights' accommodation (backpacker or guesthouse options)
- Dinners and breakfasts as mentioned in above Itinerary
- Local Wine Tasting
- Klein Karoo Ostrich farm tour
- Canoeing and hiking in Wilderness National Park
- Game viewing safari in Addo Elephant National Park
- Hiking in Tsitsikamma National Park

#### **OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

The optional activities are not included in your tour because these are activities that not everybody would like to do! Optional activities are a great way to add more adventure to your experience. Our tours are designed so that it is not necessary to do the optional activities to have a good time – there are always plenty of things to see & do.

• [	Bungee jumping (216m)	ZAR 1490
• 7	Tandem sky diving (10 000 feet)	ZAR 3150 **R980** extra for photos & video
• 5	Sand Boarding longest dune in Africa	ZAR 500
• (	Ocean Zipline	ZAR 800
• \	Whale Watching Boat trip (in-season)	ZAR 1320
• 9	Shark Cage Diving	ZAR 3600
• 2	2 Hour Open Vehicle Guided Addo Game Drive	ZAR 460

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

#### PICKUP AND DROP OFF DETAILS

We will pick you up on Monday morning at the location of your choice in Cape Town central (central business district, Camps Bay, Sea Point, Green Point, Observatory, Rondebosch), or at Cape Town International Airport. Please let us know your pickup address.

If you are staying outside of our above pickup range, we ask that you meet up with the tour bus on Monday morning as follows:

- Pickup at Bootlegger Coffee Company, 185 Bree St, Cape Town City Centre (closest meeting point for Bloubergstrand or Milnerton)
- Pickup at Vida e Café, 41 Main Rd, Rondebosch (closest meeting point for Hout Bay, Muizenberg or Constantia)
- Pickup at Woolworths Waterstone Village, Corner of R 44 &, Main Road, Somerset West (closest meeting point for Stellenbosch)

Pick up time is generally between 6:00 – 7:30 am in Cape Town and around 8:00 am in Somerset West. We will confirm the specific time and address of your pickup, as well as your guide's details the weekend before your tour departs. Please allow 15 minutes grace before or after your designated pickup time, as Monday morning Cape Town traffic can be unpredictable!

Should you to miss your pick up, contact us and we will arrange for you to meet up with the group at an additional charge. Unfortunately, we cannot be held liable for your travel delays. Your guide will wait for up to 15 minutes after your arranged pick-up time, but after that the tour will depart out of fairness to the rest of the guests.

We will drop you off at the end of tour at the same locations (Cape Town central, the airport, or Stellenbosch). Tours typically return between 5:00 – 8:00 pm on Saturday evening. Please contact us before booking outward flights on Saturday evening.

#### ACCOMMODATION:

We will arrange all accommodation along the way, at locations we have selected over the years for their cleanliness, unique setting, and atmosphere. Guests have a choice of backpacker's lodges, in which dorm rooms, private rooms, and private en suite rooms are available; or guesthouses, which are all private en suite rooms. Single, double, and twin rooms are available at both the backpackers and guesthouses. All bedding and towels will be provided.



Although we frequently utilize the same accommodation every week, we cannot guarantee that we will stay at a specific location each week, due to availability and group size.

#### MEALS

We are "foodies", and good food is an important part of our tour. Breakfasts are included every day except Day 5, and typically include fruit, muesli, eggs, toast, yogurt, and cereals. Dinners are also included every day except Day 5, and are traditional South African meals, such as potjie (stew) and braai (barbeque). Please advise us of any special dietary requirements in advance. We are able to cater for vegetarian and vegan diets, but not strict vegan, gluten-free, lactose-free or halal diets. Lunch and drinks are on guests' own account. Dinners for all clients, including those staying at the guest house, usually take place at the backpackers.

#### VEHICLES:

The vehicles that we will be touring in are fully air-conditioned and can comfortably seat 8 adults including driver/guide or 14 adults including driver/guide. The seats in our 14-seater vans are comparable in size to an airplane seat – if you are uncomfortable in that set up, please enquire about a private tour, so we can arrange a different vehicle. We have a CD and MP3 player, you are welcome to bring your own music, and if it is not too terrible, we can play it! All vehicles have valid operating licences to convey paying customers.

#### **GROUP SIZE:**

Our groups are between 4-12 people, with most guests hailing from Europe, America, Canada, and Australia. Our average age is 33, so we host students, young professionals, parents, and the "young at heart". The tour is perfect for the solo traveler, small groups of friends, or couples, as you will have the opportunity to travel with a diverse group of people from all over the world.

#### TOUR STYLE

This is an active tour. It is best suited towards those who like to be on the move, and can comfortably walk, carry luggage, get in and out of the vehicle frequently, etc. The group is almost always a mix between backpackers and guest house clients, and ages can range from 18 to... we don't set an upper age limit, but generally about 65.

We can accept guests as young as 14 on group tours, as long as they are traveling with a parent or legal guardian. Our average age is 33. Our groups range between 4-12 people, with most guests hailing from Europe, America, Canada, and Australia. The group tour is perfect for the solo traveller, small groups of friends, or couples, as you will have the opportunity to travel with a diverse group of people from all over the world.

#### LUGGAGE:

We have space for each passenger to have one suitcase/backpack and one "carry-on"-sized piece of luggage – a laptop bag, backpack, or similar. There are generally not porters or staff available to assist with luggage – your luggage should be of a size and weight you can comfortably manage. Hard or soft suitcases are fine. If you have more luggage than this, please contact us in advance to make alternative arrangements.

#### **GUIDES:**

All guides are well-trained, experienced and South African born. We use CATHSSETA registered and qualified guides with professional drivers' licenses. Earthstompers makes use of only the best guides that will make sure you get a fun, relaxing, informative and safe trip.

#### MALARIA:

Our tours take place in a malaria free area. No anti-malaria precautions are therefore necessary. You are however, advised to bring insect repellant during summer.

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

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