

THE GARDEN ROUTE: 06 Days | DTN(A)PC – Camping & Accommodated

Validity: 2024



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Partaking in an adventure tour in Africa involves covering hundreds if not thousands of kilometres and our tours are as much about this journey as they are about the destinations we visit. Use your time during these drives to talk to your fellow travellers, have a drink and take note of the world passing by your window. Some roads you travel on will be smooth and easy while others could take up to an hour to cover 1 kilometre. There is just no telling what could happen with road, weather, traffic and other conditions that may exist that will either increase or decrease the amount of time you spend on the road so take your watch off, put your iPad away, turn off your phone and just relax. An average day could take anything from 5 to 14 hours, it all depends on the day... and that's only an "average"!

Tour departure point

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

07:00am Kings Beach Hotel, La Roche Drive, Humewood

Gqeberha (previously called Port Elizabeth), South Africa

Tel: +27 41 582 3720 www.tsogosunhotels.com/garden-court/kings-each/pages/overview.aspx

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

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 Addo Elephant National Park area

Today we head into Addo Elephant National Park for a half day game drive through the park. 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 our time search of the animals.

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| Accommodation | Gqeberha Guesthouse (No website) |
| Facilities | Accommodated: Two per Room with En-suites Bathroom Camping: Two per Room with En-suites Bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i> |
| Meals | Lunch, Dinner |
| Included Highlight | Half day game drive in Addo National Park (in the overland truck) |

Day 2 - Tsitsikamma National Park

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.

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| Accommodation | Tsitsikamma Village Inn http://www.tsitsikammavillageinn.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 3 – 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.

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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> |
| Meals | Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner |
| Included Highlight | Tsitsikamma National Park entrance to hike with your overland guide |
| Optional Activity | Woodcutters Journey tour, Treetop Canopy Tours, Bungee Jumping, |

Day 4 - 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.

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| 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 5 – 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!

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| Accommodation | Karoo Art Hotel: https://www.karooarthotel.co.za/ |
| Facilities | Accommodated: Two per Room with En-suites Bathroom |

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| Route | Oudtshoorn to Barrydale |
| Meals | Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner |
| Included Highlight | Stop at Ronnie's Sex Shop, Meerkat Experience |

Day 6 – 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.

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| 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 |