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6 Day Garden Route Budget Safari Tour



HIGHLIGHTS

Cape Agulhas – Southernmost tip of Africa
Hermanus
Local Beer/Wine tasting
Cango Caves
Land based whale watching
Game viewing safari in Addo Elephant National Park
Tsitsikamma National Park
Canoeing and hiking in Wilderness National Park
Visit to an Aloe factory

ITINERARY

6 Days South Africa

DAY 1 CAPE TOWN – STRUISBAAI

Departing Cape Town from around 8:00 am (Stellenbosch around 9:30 am), our exciting journey begins today as we join the world famous whale route in Gordons Bay for a stunning drive along the picturesque R44 mountain pass overlooking False Bay to the vibrant coastal town of Hermanus. After an opportunity to take some photographs and lunch on the seafront, we continue to Birkenhead Brewery to sample some fine beers before moving on to the southernmost tip of Africa in Cape Agulhas National Park.

After a visit to the lookout point, we make our way back to our accommodation along “Die Plaat”, the longest beach in the Southern Hemisphere (if time allows). This day is designed to be a relaxing one for you to get to know your fellow travellers, to get used to travelling in our vehicle and to settle into the comfortable routine of life on tour.

Meals: None
Accommodation: Backpacker dorm: Cape Agulhas



Route:	Cape Town to Struisbaai ±260 km
Travel time:	±4 hrs
Included Highlight:	Land Based Whale Watching in Hermanus Beer/wine tasting at Birkenhead Brewery
Optional Activities:	**Shark cage diving (to be pre-booked & paid)

DAY 2 STRUISBAAI - SEDGEFIELD

After breakfast, we start driving inland again, this time towards the famed Garden Route! You have the opportunity today to enjoy some fun with either a canopy tour, experience the thrill of crossing rope bridges, wobbly crossings and zip wires high up in the trees **OR** some Quad Biking.
We finish off the day with some beach time down at Myoli Beach.

Meals:	Breakfast & Dinner
Accommodation:	Backpacker dorm: Sedgefield
Route:	Struisbaai to Sedgefield ± 340 km
Travel time:	±4 hrs
Optional Activities:	Treetop Obstacle Course & Zipline (not in winter) OR Quad Bike

DAY 3 OUDTSHOORN DAY TRIP

After breakfast we head into the semi-arid Little Karoo along the scenic Route 62 driving to the town of Oudtshoorn, known as the ostrich capital of the world, it is situated in a beautiful, fertile valley between the Outeniqua and Swartberg Mountains. Here you can choose between:

1. The Congo Caves where we will embark on a 1-hour guided tour of the cave system to view its massive caverns and a wonderland of stalactite and stalagmite formations, millions of years old. Congo Caves is a world heritage site and one of the great wonders of the natural world. Or if you enjoy spelunking and don't mind trying to squeeze through some smaller gaps then you are also welcome to take the 1.5 hour adventure tour!
- OR**
2. If caves are not for you, then you will be able to visit an Endangered Wildlife Rehabilitation Sanctuary, home to many local and exotic endangered species.

Next is an option to visit an Ostrich Show Farm to learn more about the industry and a chance to get up close. We then head over the Outeniqua Mountains again back to Sedgefield where we spend the night again.

Meals:	Breakfast & Dinner
Accommodation:	Backpacker dorm: Sedgefield
Route:	Sedgefield to Oudtshoorn day trip ±190 km
Travel time:	±3 hrs
Included Highlight:	Congo Caves (Adventure or Standard Tour) OR Endangered Wildlife Rehabilitation
Optional Activity:	Tour of an Ostrich farm

DAY 4 SEDFIELD – JEFFREYS BAY

This morning we drive through Knysna on our way to the Craggs where you have a number of options to choose from:

1. Visit a sanctuary for orphaned elephants where you have the option to learn about these gentle giants and go on an Elephant Bush Walk
- OR**
2. Visit a Monkey Sanctuary where rescued monkeys roam free in a large jungle area

Our next stop is the World's highest commercial Bungy Jump at 216 meters where you have the opportunity to experience this adrenaline pumping activity. After an adrenaline rush at the bungee we take a walk through the indigenous Tsitsikamma National Park to the Storms river swing bridges before we head to the famous surfing town of Jeffreys Bay where we stay at a backpackers directly on the beach.



Meals:	Breakfast & Dinner
Accommodation:	Backpacker dorm: Jeffrey's Bay
Route:	Sedgefield to Jeffreys Bay ±220km
Travel time:	±3 hrs
Included Highlight:	Tsitsikamma National Park
Optional Activities:	Elephant Bush Walk OR Monkey Sanctuary Bloukrans bungy jump (216m)

DAY 5 JEFFREYS BAY – ADDO ELEPHANT NATIONAL PARK

There are 2 options to choose from this morning.

1. Sleep in and take some time in the morning to explore the town's many surf factory shops, or go for a surf lesson in one of the most famous surf spots on earth.

OR

2. Wake up early and head to Addo Elephant National park where we go on a morning game drive to view the multitudes of wild animals. Addo is home to the Big 5 and it also has the highest concentration of African Elephants in the world!

We then take a relaxed drive back towards Sedgefield for the night. If there is time available we will visit the famous Knysna Heads for some absolutely amazing pictures where the ocean meets the inlet to the Knysna Lagoon.

Meals:	Breakfast & Dinner
Route:	Jbay – Addo NP – Sedgefield/PE/Jbay/Knysna ±470 km's
Travel time:	±6 hrs
Included Highlight:	Addo Entrance & game drive with your tour guide & vehicle OR time in Jeffrey's Bay Knysna Heads
Optional Activities:	Addo Game Drive with SANP (morning) OR Surf Lessons / Shopping in JBay

DAY 6 WILDERNESS/MOSSEL BAY – CAPE TOWN

After breakfast we begin a beautiful canoe trip down one of the many tranquil rivers in the area, followed by a short hike to a stunning waterfall.

We then visit an Aloe factory in Albertinia and enjoy a wonderful scenic drive via Swellendam and Sir Lowry's Pass. We arrive in Cape Town late Thursday afternoon.

Meals:	Breakfast
Route:	Sedgefield – Cape Town ±450 km's
Travel time:	±5 hrs
Included Highlight:	Canoeing & Hike in Wilderness Aloe Factory

Tour Information

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- All accommodation + bedding
- All transport in comfortable bus with AC & CD player
- Qualified and registered tour guide
- 5x Breakfast, 4x Dinner
- Stop & overnight in Cape Agulha
- Beer/Wine tasting in Hermanus
- Cango Caves **OR** Wildlife Rehabilitation Sanctuary
- Tsitsikamma National Park
- Addo Entrance & Game Drive with your tour Guide



- Stop & overnight in Jeffrey's Bay
- Knysna Heads
- Wilderness National Park
- Canoeing & Hike
- Aloe Factory visit

WHAT'S EXCLUDED:

All items of a personal nature, lunch, refreshments and alcohol, snacks, souvenirs, tips and optional activities

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.

• Gansbaai - **Shark Cage Dive	R2900
• Addo NP - Game drive with SANP	R440
• Tsitsikamma - Bloukrans Bungy Jump	R1400
• Tsitsikamma - Bloukrans bridge walking tour	R150
• The Crag - Elephant Bush Walk	R670
• The Crag - Monkey Sanctuary	R280
• Jeffrey's Bay - Surfboard & wetsuit rental per hour	R300
• Oudtshoorn - Ostrich Farm	R125 pp

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

ACCOMMODATION:

We have a long-standing relationship with some of SA's top backpacker lodges, known for their flare. All our stops provide unique, clean and professional hospitality with excellent shower / bath ablution facilities with a bar and Internet facilities. All bedding is provided.

We include spacious and comfortable dorm accommodation. Bedding is provided but clients have to bring their own towels. Dorms are not always just for the group and can be shared with other travellers. Dorm sizes can range from 6 to 12 people sharing and varies from each backpacker visited. Accommodation upgrades are available, subject to availability.

What accommodation upgrades are available?

Backpacker room upgrades: You can upgrade to a private room within the backpackers where the group will be staying. You can choose between a room with shared bathroom or en suite bathroom. The shared option is generally two rooms sharing one bathroom while an en suite is your own bathroom connected to the room. Rooms can either be twin or double and family rooms are available on request. Bedding is provided. The upgrades are subject to availability at the time of making the booking. The rates given for the room upgrades are a once off cost and not per day.

FOOD AND DRINKS

Breakfast: Breakfast is served each morning and consists of a varying combination of continental and cooked. Tea, coffee and fruit juice are always available.

Lunch: Take-away lunches are the norm. These are of your own account.

Dinner: Your evening meals are tastefully prepared by your tour leader and by the various accommodation establishments. Vegetarian options are available.

Please note: You will be expected to purchase all of your own soda drinks, bottled water, and alcoholic beverages on tour; these are readily available at reasonable prices. Please be aware of dehydration during the summer months and drink plenty of water - the tap water is all drinkable on the Cape to Addo Route. You will probably not be accustomed to African conditions and this can affect you severely if ignored.

ACTIVITIES ON TOUR:

There are a range of activities that can be done on tour to fully experience the areas visited and to get a feel for



their unique offerings. The included activities are of such a nature that anybody on tour can partake in them and are not physically demanding in any way. The optional activities, as outlined in the itinerary are optional because not everybody on tour may want to do them (like the world's highest bungee!). Please note that the rates for these activities can change without prior notice and are thus not included in the itinerary.

For a guideline of the rates of these activities, please see page 2 & 3. (Credit cards can be used to pay for the various optional activities on tour).

VEHICLE:

We use new, air-conditioned vehicles equipped with headrests and safety belts for a safe, comfortable ride with music. The Toyota Quantum's we use can carry a maximum of 13 people, with the driver being the 14th person.

Please note that depending on the season, tours are full on a regular basis, but please refer to 'people on tour' for average numbers of people on tour and their ages. There is ample space inside the vehicle to store your personal belongings and a luggage section for your backpack. When the tour group exceeds a certain number, we use a trailer for the luggage.

PICK UP AND DROP OFF:

Pickups in Cape Town city centre and surrounding areas are included in the tour price. Where transfers / pick up & drop off is included in your activity / tour, collections are from any Cape Town accommodation or street address within a \pm 5-10km radius of the city centre. Pickup times for our scheduled activities / tours are early morning for some, and can be as early as 5am/6am.

We will contact you a day before your tour starts to confirm your pickup time. Pickup times can only be confirmed a day before your tour starts as we work off of the most updated list of travellers and the different pickup points once our bookings have been closed off.

Drop offs are done back in Cape Town on return tours from where you were picked up or as otherwise requested. If you need to be picked up / dropped off outside of the city centre or surrounding areas, please let us know beforehand so that the necessary arrangements can be made. There are no set / guaranteed drop off times. Drop off times can range from late afternoon to early evening and can vary between \pm 5pm - \pm 10pm.

Clients are advised to not make any scheduled arrangements (such as flights) for the first or last day of the booked activity / tour, as unforeseen traffic delays, accidents, road works and weather can delay the approximate pick up and drop off times. We will do our best to keep to the activity / tour schedule and timings, but no liability whatsoever will be accepted for unplanned changes or late arrivals due to factors out of our control.

Please note that unforeseen traffic delays, accidents and road works can delay pick up times and drop off times, especially with pickups during the week when it is peak traffic time.

PEOPLE ON TOUR:

This particular tour is aimed at the student and gap year market, it is a quick 3-day tour that student studying or volunteering in Cape Town can do to see the best of the Garden Route in a limited time. Most clients will be between 20 and 25. That said we do not impose age restrictions but do like clients to know beforehand that it is generally a younger person tour.

YOUR TOUR LEADER:

Your tour leader is there to make sure that you have an unforgettable trip. Our belief is that in Africa; experience is everything. All our tours are led and driven by experienced guides. All in all, good African guides are distinguished by their ability to make you feel safe no matter what environment you're in; they're also characterized by their passion and love for their subject... Africa! If there is anything that is upsetting you whilst on tour, you need to approach your tour leader to give him a fair opportunity to rectify the problem. Dealing with any problems that may arise whilst on tour will prevent them from developing into something more problematic. Your tour leader cannot help you if you remain quiet.

BE FLEXIBLE:

Your tour leader is trained not only to run an informative, fun and adventurous tour, but also to take control when things don't run smoothly. Please remember that this is Africa after all and that the itinerary stated has to be flexible and will depend on local conditions. Travelling in Africa is sometimes unpredictable and by the very nature of travelling here, there are unforeseen challenges to overcome and passengers should have a taste for



adventure. Problems with road conditions, bad weather and tire changes can delay and change the schedule of the tour. Please be prepared and pack a sense of humour. In the event of any incidence regarding local conditions that may affect safety, security, and the well-being of the tour participants, the decision of the tour leader will be final.

HEALTH:

Please inform us of any pre-existing conditions such as diabetes or asthma and any prescription medicine you may be taking. We also need to know about any food allergies or physical disability that you may have.

INSURANCE:

In a great many medical disciplines, South Africa is a global leader. There is a large network of public and private hospitals countrywide, offering excellent service. However, clients must have adequate health & travel insurance to cover the fees private hospitals charge.

Please note that similar to your passport and any personal travel document, travel and health insurance is the client's own responsibility. We cannot be held liable for the loss or damage to passengers' luggage, hand luggage or personal effects. Therefore you should ensure that you are adequately insured.

CLIMATE:

The African sun is very strong. Please use a factor 30 - 50 sunscreen and wear a hat. You should drink at least 3 litres of water per day to avoid dehydration. It can also get very cold during winter months on this route.

CONSERVATION AND ECO TOURISM:

Please do NOT purchase products made from ivory and skins. The ultimate objective of eco-tourism is for clients to have a pleasant and enriching experience of nature, and at the same time, cause the least possible disturbance to ecosystems. Your tour leader has strict environmental policies to adhere to, which we endeavour to instil in all of our passengers. Respect for local people, fellow travellers and the places we visit are expected. Consider the environment at all times and be considerate in your approach to your holiday.

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

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