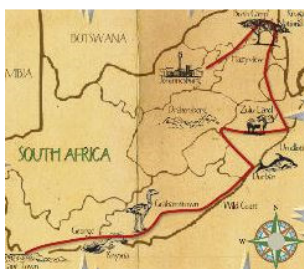


# DETOUR AFRICA



## 18 Day South African Accommodated Adventure Johannesburg to Cape Town

South Africa is a haven of spectacular scenery, abundant wildlife and diverse cultures, topped with a healthy and invigorating climate. These qualities make it an adventure destination not to be missed. We visit the highlights, leaving the beaten track to explore the great outdoors and visit a variety of African eco-systems. The tour requires a certain amount of flexibility and an adventurous mentality.



### HIGHLIGHTS

**“Big Five” Game Walks and Game Drives**  
**Kruger National Park**  
**Panoramic Route**  
**Drakensberg Mountains**  
**Swaziland Kingdom**  
**Wine Farm and Tastings**  
**Garden Route**  
**African Culture**  
**Pony Trekking**  
**Table Mountain Hike**  
**Unspoiled Beaches**  
**San Rock Art**

### ITINERARY

**18 Days - South Africa**

It is our intention to adhere to the route described below but a certain amount of flexibility is built into the tour and on occasion it may be necessary or desirable to make alterations to the published itinerary.

## DAY 1 Johannesburg – Greater Kruger National Park

Departing from Johannesburg at 06h30 we set off on the scenic road to Mpumalanga. A brunch stop in the historic Dullstroom will be enjoyed before we wind our way down the Drakensberg escarpment and into the untamed Lowveld. The next two nights will be spent at our lodge which is situated in a private reserve within the greater Kruger National Park, an area where animals roam naturally and unrestricted. The tented Lodge blends into the bush and offers comfortable beds, en-suite bathrooms, a refreshing splash pool, and stunning views over the surrounding wilderness. Dinner tonight is cooked in the traditional manner over an open fire.

**Highlights:** *Greater Kruger National Park*

**Accommodation:** *Tented Lodge with en-suite facilities*

**Meals included:** *Dinner*

## DAY 2 Greater Kruger National Park

We start the day with customary coffee and rusks, before setting off on a game walk. We walk for approximately 3 hours in search of game, stopping regularly to learn more about the ways of the bush. Return to the Lodge for a late morning brunch after which it's time to relax around the pool and to enjoy the surroundings. In the afternoon we conduct an open vehicle game drive which develops into an extensive night drive all the time searching for animals. Being in the bush at night provides us with the opportunity of viewing nocturnal animals. This evening we enjoy a hearty bush "braai" cooked on an open fire. Fall asleep to the sounds of the wild.

**Highlights:** *Game Walk and Night Game Drive*

**Accommodation:** *Tented Lodge with en-suite facilities*

**Meals included:** *Breakfast, Dinner*

## DAY 3 Panorama Route - Hazyview

Rising with the African sun, we will enjoy a hearty breakfast before setting off to explore the highlights of the Panorama Route. Our first stop will be to view the impressive Blyde River Canyon, then on to Bourke's Luck Potholes, Gods Window, and the cosy little town of Graskop where we will enjoy an own expense lunch at Harry's Pancake Bar. This afternoon we descend the Kowyn Pass to a traditional village where we will spend some time with the local Shangan people. After a full day, we make our way to the log cabin built spectacularly on stilts in the indigenous forest on the banks of the Sabie river – we will spend two nights here.

**Highlights:** *Panoramic Route*

**Accommodation:** *Twin share cabins*

**Meals included:** *Breakfast, Dinner*

## DAY 4 Kruger National Park

An early start, we depart at sunrise and travel the short distance to enter the southern sector of the Kruger National Park for a full day of game viewing. Slowly traversing in search of the many animals that inhabit this area, we enjoy the high vantage point and comfort of our well-equipped vehicle. Although most of the day will be spent game viewing, we will stop at various designated sites to stretch our legs, to enjoy brunch, and to wander around one of the parks rest camps. Late this afternoon we exit the Park and return to the comfort of our lodge.

**Highlights:** *Game Driving in Kruger National Park*

**Accommodation:** *Twin share cabins*

**Meals included:** *Breakfast, Dinner*

## DAY 5 Swaziland / Zululand

Traveling south through the Kingdom of the Swazi, our journey today takes us into an area of spectacular scenery and past numerous traditional homesteads and curio markets. We then enter Zululand - the region once ruled by the revered Shaka, "King of the Zulu's". This is an area of game reserves and impressive landscapes. We spend the next two nights at a bush camp in Zululand surrounded by breath-taking views.

**Highlights:** Zululand

**Accommodation:** Lodge with en-suite facilities

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## DAY 6 Zululand

A leisurely start today we will spend the day enjoying a game experience in a renowned Game Reserve. The reserves in this area are lush and offer protection to a variety of indigenous animals including Black and White Rhino. Our experience will include a guided game walk and canoe safari lead by our experienced guides. The activity will allow us to appreciate the fauna and flora of the area on foot and from the water. Today we enjoy a picnic lunch in the middle of the bush. Return to our accommodation for the night.

**Highlights:** Game Walk, Canoe Safari

**Accommodation:** Lodge with en-suite facilities

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## DAY 7-8 Drakensberg

Traveling inland today, we pass through a tranquil region of rolling hills, but don't be fooled, this region has hosted many historic wars - fought over time by the Zulu's, the Boers (pioneer settlers), the British, and many others fighting for a stake in Africa. Our lunch stop will be at one of the famous battlefields in the area where we will have time to learn a bit more about this fascinating time in the South African history. This afternoon we reach the majestic Drakensberg mountain range, "Barrier of Spears". On reaching the foothills we transfer to a 4X4 vehicle, and then enjoy an exciting drive (or walk) on mountain tracks high up to the lodge. We spend two nights here in cosy log cabins and will have a day of hiking, exploring, and simply enjoying the wonders of this National Heritage Site. A walk to the San Rock Art gallery is well worth the effort. Pony trekking is also available.

**Highlights:** Drakensberg Mountain Range

**Accommodation:** Twin share cabins with en-suite facilities

**Meals included:** Breakfast x2, Lunch x2, Dinner x2

## DAY 9-10 Dolphin Coast

A relaxed start, after a transfer (or walk) back down to our vehicle it is with new energy that we make our way toward the Indian Ocean. Our journey today will take us through the Natal Midlands where we will see many small craft shops, arts, and other attractions. We will stop for an own expense lunch near Nottingham Road before continuing to our next accommodation where two nights are spent. The Lodge is located literally on the beach and the sound of the waves pounding is relentless. We will have a "free" day here to spend soaking up the sun and simply enjoying the beach and warm ocean or to stroll through the village enjoying the cheerful hospitality. One night we enjoy a traditional fish braai on the Lodge's patio. Lunch and dinner own expense.

**Highlights:** Beaches

**Accommodation:** Twin share lodge with en-suite facilities

**Meals included:** Breakfast x2

## DAY 11-12 Wild Coast

Setting off early, we will pass through Durban this morning and will then follow the coast south into an area that can only be described as one of the highlights of the tour – The Wild Coast. Having formerly been an independent homeland, there has been little development in this area resulting in endless unspoiled beaches, natural estuaries, rolling grassland, and a tapestry of traditional Xhosa villages. We will spend two nights at a remote lodge here and will spend a full day exploring this rugged but stunningly beautiful area.

**Highlights:** Wild Coast

**Accommodation:** Twin share lodge with en-suite facilities

**Meals included:** Breakfast x2, Lunch x2, Dinner x2

## DAY 13 Frontier Country

Leaving the lush coastal forests, our first stop today will be at the Nelson Mandela museum in Umtata, then we continue past the birthplace of this great statesman. Our journey this afternoon will take us into what is known as the "Frontier Country", a region that was settled in the 1820's by European immigrants and that was host to many frontier wars. We spend the night in comfortable accommodation overlooking the city of Grahamstown.

**Highlights:** Frontier Country

**Accommodation:** Twin share lodge with en-suite facilities

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## DAY 14 - 15 Garden Route

Entering the renowned Garden Route, our first stop will be at the Tsitsikamma Coastal National Park where we will enjoy a walk along the rugged coast and over the suspension bridge spanning the Storms River. Traveling further, those with suicidal tendencies may try the world's highest bungee jump at 216 meters. We then pass through Plettenberg Bay before arriving at the well located lodge where we will spend the next two nights. Our day here will give us the freedom to explore this quaint town and its many attractions. Optional excursions include kayak trips, mountain bike rides in the forest, a tour of the local township, and many more (Own expense). One lunch and one dinner will be own expense.

**Highlights:** Storms River, Plettenberg Bay

**Accommodation:** Twin share lodge with en-suite facilities

**Meals included:** Breakfast x2, Lunch, Dinner

## DAY 16 - 18 Cape Town

A leisurely start, we leave Knysna to travel through the Garden Routes Lake District and then to follow the "Whale Route" through Hermanus and around the Hottentots Holland Mountains. Arriving in the "Mother City" Cape Town in the late afternoon, we check into our lodge which is conveniently situated. Cape Town is undoubtedly one of the most beautiful cities in the world and we will spend two full days here - visiting Cape Point, Hout Bay, The Waterfront, secluded beaches, a wine farm, and many other attractions. We will also hike up Table Mountain. (Lunches and dinners in Cape Town are own expense).

**Highlights:** Whale Route, Winelands and Table Mountain

**Accommodation:** Twin share lodge with en-suite facilities

**Meals included:** Breakfast x 3

**This tour ends at 16h00 on day 18, however clients are welcome to extend their stay. If arranging an onward flight on this day, please allow time for an airport transfer and for check-in procedures (up to three hours).**

# Tour Information

<b>TOUR STYLE:</b>	Small Group - Twin share Accommodated
<b>WHAT'S INCLUDED:</b>	Tour highlights, transport, accommodation, meals as indicated, services of an English speaking driver tour leader, linen and towels.
<b>WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED:</b>	Visas, travel insurance, flights, airport transfers, optional activities, laundry, gratuities, passport & visa fees, items of a personal nature.
<b>ACCOMMODATION:</b>	Selected lodges with en-suite facilities
<b>TRANSPORT:</b>	Minibus. Maximum group size: 17 passengers
<b>JOINING INFORMATION:</b>	<b>Johannesburg:</b> 25 Alida Street, Northcliff, Johannesburg Tel: +27 11 8881160
<b>TOUR START TIME:</b>	06:00 am on day 1
<b>TOUR END POINT:</b>	<b>Cape Town:</b> 9 Arthurs Road, Sea Point, Cape Town Tel: +27 11 8881160
<b>TOUR END TIME:</b>	Late afternoon/early evening on day 18.

## PRE TOUR ACCOMMODATION:

This tour departs Johannesburg early on Day 1; we strongly recommend therefore that you plan to arrive the day before departure to overcome any jet-lag and acclimatise to Africa. We would be happy to book pre-tour accommodation for you – please call or email us (or speak to your agent) with your arrival details and accommodation requirements.

However please book early to avoid disappointment and the risk of having to find more expensive (or less convenient) lodgings. If time allows, we also suggest planning a night or two extra (after your tour) to make the most of Cape Town and the surrounding area.

## WHAT TO BRING

Backpack/Barrel bag/Soft suitcase  
(Luggage should be limited to a maximum of 15kg's) **HARD SUITCASES ARE NOT SUITABLE!!**  
Sport shoes/sneakers/Sandals  
Jersey/jumper - Waterproof windbreaker  
Insect repellent  
Sunblock  
Mosquito net (optional)  
Malaria prophylaxis  
Money (sundry expenses, gratuities)  
Camera & binoculars  
Swimming costume & towel  
Hat and Sunglasses  
Water bottle  
Torch/Flashlight  
Passport/visas (if applicable)

## HEALTH PRECAUTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

The only necessary prophylaxis for South Africa (including Swaziland) is against Malaria. Please consult with your general practitioner regarding this. Prevention is better than cure, please use insect repellent on exposed areas after sunset. You will find good repellents in all the convenient stores in South Africa.

All guides have first aid boxes for use in emergencies; however we recommend that you bring along your own basic supply of medication, headache tablets, etc.



## MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS

Meals are provided as indicated in the brochure during the tour. On the last day of tour we provide breakfast only. We do however stop en-route; therefore it is always possible to buy something along the way. Soft drinks, bottled water and alcohol are for your own expense, there will be ample opportunities during the tour to buy refreshments. The guide will advise when you need to stock up on snacks for a couple of days, however all the Lodges on tour have bar facilities and bottled water. Drinking water will be available on the truck, please note that this is not bottled water.

## PERSONAL EXPENSES

A reasonable amount of personal spending money must be brought on our tours. This is to cover own expense meals, sundry goods purchased - such as sunblock, all alcohol, bottled water and soft beverages, curios, optional extra excursions, airport tax, transfers and tips. In South Africa it is common courtesy to tip casual help for services rendered. In the case of your guide, if you are happy with his or her services, an amount of R50 per day per person would constitute a reasonable tip. By not tipping for services you are expressing displeasure.

## TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

Please ensure that you are in possession of valid travel documents for all the countries (South Africa, Swaziland,) you will visit. Although we will endeavour to assist, we do not accept any liability or obligation for your travel documents. The contact telephone number for Swaziland Trade Mission in Pretoria is: +27 12 344 0455 Or visit Swaziland Tourism at [www.welcometoswaziland.com](http://www.welcometoswaziland.com)

Make sure that your passport has at least six months' validity from your planned date of return to your home country. You are also required to have at least 2 blank pages in your passport.

Make two photocopies of valuable documents such as your passport, tickets, visas and travellers cheques. Keep one copy with you in a separate place to the original and leave another copy with someone at home.

## FOREIGN CURRENCY

South African Rand is the currency used in South Africa, Swaziland. All major currencies can be exchanged in South Africa. Please ensure that you have enough Rand as there are only limited opportunities to exchange foreign currencies. Major credit cards are widely accepted and can be used to pay for almost everything. Although Travellers Cheques are a safe way to transport money there are only limited opportunities to exchange your Travellers Cheques for cash. Our trucks have safe-keeping facilities for extra cash/flight tickets/passports.

## INSURANCE

It is a booking condition that you have full travel insurance valid for the duration of your tour to cover you for medical emergency and repatriation to your home country. Your guide will ask you for a copy of this when you join the tour. It is also important that you leave a copy of your insurance with the person nominated as your emergency contact.

## RESPONSIBLE TRAVEL

We strongly believe that you get the most out of a journey by respecting the culture and people of the places you visit. On our tours we try to travel in a way that benefits the communities we pass through and minimizes negative impact on the environment. This can be from ensuring the campsites we use are clean when we leave and dressing respectfully in conservative areas to getting involved with local charity projects. We ask that you are open to this when you travel with us. Being proactive in responsible travel helps develop cross-cultural understanding and friendships with the local people, and will greatly enhance your experience in Africa.

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

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