

THE GARDEN ROUTE

South Africa

7 day group tour
(basic & standard accommodation)



This overland accommodated tour explores the popular Garden Route from Port Elizabeth to Cape Town. Enjoy wilderness walks, pristine beaches, limestone caves and wine and chocolate pairing. Accommodation includes cottages, lodges, hotels and permanent tents with en-suites.



Group touring



Cost includes:

- transport in a custom-built overland truck with a maximum of 20 passengers
- services of a registered English-speaking driver and guide
- 6 nights basic and standard accommodation
- 6 x breakfasts, 7 x lunches and 6 x dinners
- entrance fees to national parks
- tour vehicle game drive Addo Elephant National Park, trekking in Tsitsikamma National Park, Storms River Mouth, Knysna, Oudtshoorn, Cango Caves tour, Hermanus whale watching (in season), African penguin colony visit, Stellenbosch chocolate and wine pairing
- still mineral water on board vehicle

Cost excludes:

- visas and international flights
- international airport taxes if applicable
- meals and drinks not listed
- dining rooms tips
- personal travel, baggage and medical insurance
- telephone bill, laundry and any items of a personal nature
- optional 4WD safaris & excursions

B - breakfast

L - lunch

D - dinner

Port Elizabeth to Cape Town

Accommodation: basic and standard

Departs:

Group size: maximum of 20

Product code: NAPC

Itinerary overview:

Day 1: South Africa, Addo National Park - Kudu Ridge Lodge or similar

Day 2: South Africa, Tsitsikamma - Tsitsikamma Cottages or similar

Day 3: South Africa, Tsitsikamma - Tsitsikamma Cottages or similar

Day 4: South Africa, Knysna - Gooderson Knysna or similar

Day 5: South Africa, Oudtshoorn - Kleinplaas Holiday Resort or similar

Day 6: South Africa, Hermanus - Windsor Hotel or similar

Day 7: South Africa, Cape Town - ends

Pre-tour accommodation in Port Elizabeth and post-tour accommodation in Cape Town can be arranged prior to departure on request.

The Garden Route - basic & standard

Day 1: Addo Elephant National Park

After meeting your fellow travellers in Port Elizabeth we head inland to the greater Addo region, where we set up camp. After lunch we head to the national park to enjoy an afternoon game drive in the tour vehicle in search of the famous elephants that call Addo home. 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 spend the afternoon in search of wildlife. **Kudu Ridge Lodge – room with en-suite (LD).**

Day 2: Jeffreys Bay, Tsitsikamma National Park

Setting out early this morning we make a brief visit to the surfing mecca of Jeffreys Bay. Most famous for its great surf waves this little town is also home to a small surfing museum. We then turn west to the Tsitsikamma region where we stay for the next two nights. **Tsitsikamma Cottage – room with en-suite (BLD).**

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 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. After our hike and you have the opportunity to book the Woodcutters Journey in the afternoon where you experience the uniqueness of the Tsitsikamma biome and learn about the history of the area and its indigenous fauna and flora (own expense). **Tsitsikamma Cottage – room with en-suite (BLD).**

Day 4: Knysna

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 an exploration of Nature's Valley, this beautiful village offers us a chance to enjoy a hike or simply relax on the pristine beaches of the Keurbooms Lagoon. Today offers a number of optional activities. Your guide will assist you with a plan to get the most out of your day. **Gooderson Knysna – room with en-suite (BLD).**

Day 5: Oudtshoorn

We travel over the Outeniqua Mountains into the Little Karoo to the town of Oudtshoorn. We tour the famous Cango Caves, with their impressive ancient stalagmites and stalactites before we overnight in the ostrich capital of South Africa. **Kleinplaas Holiday Resort – room with en-suite (BLD).**

Day 6: Hermanus

Travelling through the valley of the Klein Karoo, we follow the winding tarmac of Route 62. Road trips in South Africa are an exploration of the rural highlights that dot the lesser known byways of the land. No journey would be complete without sampling the offerings of a "Padstal" along the way. These small farm stalls offer a selection of homemade treats and bakes and are an important cog in the economies of rural towns. **Windsor Hotel – room with en-suite (BLD).**

Day 7: Cape Town

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. Beginning early, 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.



Addo Elephant National Park



Hermanus whale watching (seasonal)

Cape Winelands



Next, we stop at the largest breeding colony of the African Penguin, Stony Point Nature Reserve, before travelling along the coast to a wine farm in the Stellenbosch region to sample pairings of chocolates and wine. Our journey comes to an end upon arrival in mother city of Cape Town. **(BL)**.

Important information:

- It is the responsibility of the client to be at the tour departure point at the time assigned by the tour operator. On completion of the tour, flights must be booked taking into consideration the time recommended by the tour operator.
- The tour operator may re-route the itinerary or change the accommodation in rare cases of non-availability, or if local conditions restrict accessibility.
- The tour operator has the right to use an alternative or replacement vehicle if necessary.
- There is no air-conditioning or toilet onboard the overland truck. Convenience stops are made along the way at regular intervals.
- Bedding is provided, however passengers must bring their own towels.
- Suitcases are unsuitable for overland safaris due to limited space. We recommend luggage packed in inexpensive barrel style bags or soft sided bags not exceeding 15kgs.
- This tour includes some long days of road travel which are necessary in order to visit all the listed regions.
- Prices for flights, airport taxes, park fees and applicable government taxes and levies may be changed without prior notice. Any change is beyond our control and any increase levied will be passed on.
- As prices are calculated in foreign currencies it may become necessary to add a currency surcharge.
- A single supplement is compulsory for solo travellers on this tour.
- Children between 16 – 18 years are accepted on this tour but they must be accompanied by an adult. Children between 8 – 16 years are only able to travel on a request basis. Children under 12 years of age are not permitted on several activities included in the itinerary.
- Passengers over 65 years are required to complete a medical form, which is then assessed by the tour operator to ascertain suitability of the client to the tour.