

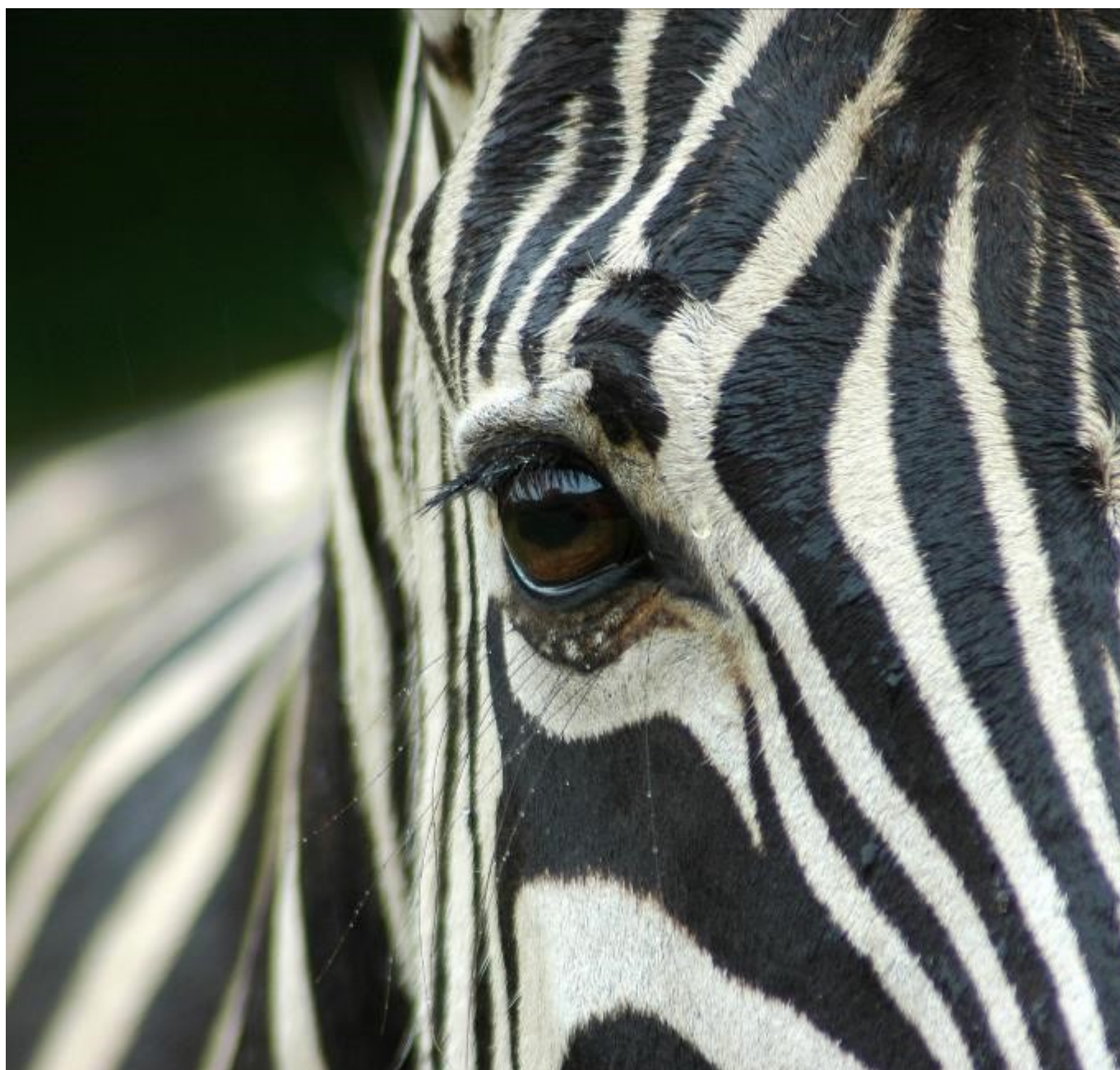
SOUTH AFRICAN JOURNEY

South Africa



14 day guided group tour
(standard and deluxe accommodation)

This journey joins the gold capital of South Africa, Johannesburg, with the vibrant coastal capital of Cape Town. Along the way you will enjoy a plethora of experiences. View the 'big five' in the Kruger National Park, visit coastal resorts along the Western Cape and meet people from eSwatini (Swaziland) and Zululand. As well as visiting the highlights of the rainbow nation you will see many locally known gems.





Price includes:

- guided group tour with a maximum of 25 guests
- English speaking guide (Cape Town is not escorted, except on the Cape Point Reserve day tour)
- 13 nights' accommodation as listed
- 13 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 3 dinners
- transportation in coach or mini-coach
- meet and greet airport transfers in Johannesburg, departure transfer in Cape Town
- Panorama Route tour, one open vehicle game drive in Kruger National Park, cultural visit and Swazi Candle factory and artists colony in eSwatini, cruise on lake St. Lucia, Tsitsikamma National Park and Storms River Mouth, cruise on Knysna lagoon including lunch, trailer ride to Featherbed lookouts, ostrich farm visit, Cango Caves guided tour, local farm school visit in Barrydale (subject to the school being open), Cape Point Reserve full day guided tour, Cape Town dinner and entertainment show

Price excludes:

- **flight Durban to Port Elizabeth (flight must be before 9:00am)**
- visas and flights
- medical and travel insurance
- escort and ranger gratuities
- meals not listed
- drinks, dining room tips and porterage
- telephone calls and laundry
- purchases of a personal nature.

B - breakfast

L - lunch

D - dinner

Johannesburg to Cape Town

Accommodation: standard

Departs: selected Sundays

Group size: minimum 2 - maximum 25 guests

Product code: SAJOUR

Itinerary overview:

Day 1: Johannesburg - Protea Hotel by Marriot Wanderers or similar

Day 2: Hazyview, Kruger region - Perry's Bridge Hollow or similar

Day 3: Hazyview, Kruger region - Perry's Bridge Hollow or similar

Day 4: Hazyview, Kruger region - Perry's Bridge Hollow or similar

Day 5: eSwatini (previously Swaziland), - Royal Swazi Sun or similar

Day 6: Hluhluwe - Anew Hotel Hluhluwe or similar

Day 7: Durban (Umhlanga) - Protea Hotel by Marriot Umhlanga or similar

Day 8: Knysna - Rex Hotel or similar

Day 9: Knysna - Rex Hotel or similar

Day 10: Oudtshoorn, Hlangana Lodge or similar

Day 11: Cape Town - President Hotel or similar

Day 12: Cape Town - President Hotel or similar

Day 13: Cape Town - President Hotel or similar

Day 14: Cape Town - ends

Optional excursion: overnight in the Cape Winelands

Choose to stay overnight in the quaint Cape Winelands village of Franschhoek on day 11 of this tour, then transfer to Cape Town on day 12. Instead of continuing on to Cape Town on day 11, remain in Franschhoek, a beautiful cobblestone village established by French colonialists. Franschhoek is a major wine-producing region and is known for its culinary highlights. Enjoy a guided walk through Franschhoek village and learn about the French Huguenots at the Huguenot Memorial Museum. Enjoy a wine tasting, before continuing to Cape Town, where you re-join the regular tour itinerary. (An additional cost applies to overnight in Franschhoek).

South African Journey

Day 1: Johannesburg

On arrival at Johannesburg airport meet your transfer representative at the arrivals hall and transfer to your hotel. Today is a joining day for the group. The day is at leisure to enjoy the city. A range of optional excursions can be pre-booked for those arriving early in the day. Your guide will meet you this evening at 7:00pm for a tour briefing where you will meet your fellow travellers. **Protea Hotel by Marriott Wanderers or similar.**

Protea Hotel by Marriott Wanderers

Protea Hotel by Marriot Wanderers location in Sandton, in the Illovo region, offers guests a convenient stay with numerous nearby facilities. Rosebank, and the Melrose Arch precinct, are also just minutes away, offering some of the area's finest shopping and dining experiences in Johannesburg. On-site, guests can enjoy fine cuisine in The Big Apple Restaurant, enjoy a cocktail in the 24-hour bar or request a snack, or meal, from the 24 hour room service. Active guests can pursue their regime at the swimming pool or the well-equipped in-house gym and those wishing to indulge, can choose from a range of treatments at the spa. All guest rooms are en-suite with separate bath and shower, and feature an LCD television, tea and coffee making facilities, free Wi-Fi, individually controlled air-conditioning and an electronic safe.

Day 2: Hazyview, Kruger Region

As we leave we take a short orientation tour of Pretoria, one of South Africa's capital cities, before continuing to the Mpumalanga Province, known as "Paradise Country". Dropping several hundred feet into the lush subtropical region of the Lowveld, we travel via the historic towns of Dullstroom and Lydenburg. After traversing the famous Long Tom Pass, we travel via Sabie and arrive late afternoon into Hazyview, the safari hub of the Kruger National Park and our base for our stay in this region. **Perry's Bridge Hollow Boutique Hotel or similar (B).**

Perry's Bridge Hollow Boutique Hotel

Set amongst Baobab, Fig and Acacia trees in the heart of Perry's Bridge Trading Post, Perry's Bridge Hollow is only minutes from the Kruger National Park and a short drive to the Panorama Route. The 31 spacious rooms and three family suites offer relaxed, yet sophisticated accommodation in an indigenous garden setting with a stunning pool. Fine dining meets café culture at hotel's Kuka Café, which offers generous meals. Guests can wander to local craft shops and restaurants, or the popular craft markets across the road. This popular and friendly hotel is well situated to access all that the Kruger region has to offer.

Day 3: Hazyview, Kruger Region - Panorama Route day tour

This morning we depart for our tour of the stunning Panorama Route. This drive is best known for its cultural heritage and its dramatic landscapes, and is undoubtedly one of South Africa's most popular travel destinations. One of the major highlights of the region is the Blyde River Canyon Reserve, home to spectacular wildlife, birdlife and some of the best scenery in South Africa. The Blyde River Canyon is the third largest canyon of its kind in the world.

During your drive you will also stop at 'God's Window' for a truly breathtaking view of canyons, rock formations and waterfalls. God's Window offers a panoramic view of the lowveld more than 900 m down into a lush indigenous forest-clad ravine. Your day also includes a visit to the lookout at the three rondavels, which is known as one of the best views in South Africa. In the early afternoon you return to your overnight accommodation where an optional (own expense) afternoon game drive can be taken. **Perry's Bridge Hollow Boutique Hotel or similar (B).**





Day 4: Hazyview, Kruger Region

Early this morning we head into the Kruger National Park; this is when the animals are at their most active. Covering an area of just under 20,000 square kilometres, Kruger National Park is one of the most famous wildlife parks in the world. Established in 1898 by Paul Kruger, the park is home to an impressive number of species, including the 'big five' (elephant, lion, leopard, buffalo and rhino). Approximately 2,000 plants, 53 fish, 34 amphibians, 118 reptiles, 517 birds and 147 mammals live within the park.

Our early morning game drive is taken in an open safari vehicle, affording us close encounters of the wildlife living in the park. The afternoon is at your leisure. Late afternoon open vehicle safaris taken within the Kruger National Park are available (optional and for own account). **Perry's Bridge Hollow Boutique Hotel or similar (B).**

Day 5: eSwatini (previously Swaziland)

This morning we travel to the recently renamed eSwatini, an independent Kingdom set within the borders of South Africa. This small pocket of land is known for its lovely scenery, crafts and colourful indigenous culture. On arrival at the capital, Mbabane, we continue to the Ezulwini valley where we visit an artist's colony which produces woven baskets, beadwork, tie dye clothing and carvings. The most popular craft centre is the Swazi candle factory, where visitors can watch Swazi wax artists make beautiful candles in the shape of African animals - perfect as great souvenirs and gifts. We also enjoy an interactive cultural experience which introduces you to the friendly Swazi people. **Royal Swazi Sun or similar (BLD).**

Royal Swazi Sun

A member of the Sun International group, this sprawling hotel offers plenty of facilities, landscaped gardens and scenic views. At the heart of lush hills of the Ezulwini Valley lies the gracious old-world charm of the Royal Swazi. The hotel is built in a regal colonial style, with verandas spilling out onto a breathtaking landscape shaded by large gum trees. This hotel offers the perfect place to explore and enjoy the facilities and activities of this beautiful section of Swaziland.

Day 6: Hluhluwe

On exiting eSwatini, we enter the sub-tropical Zulu Kingdom of KwaZulu-Natal, in South Africa. We make our way towards our overnight stay close to the Hluhluwe Umfolozi Park, where, in the late afternoon, you have the option to join an open vehicle game drive in the nearby Hluhluwe-Umfolozi Park (own account). This park is the only area in KwaZulu-Natal where the 'Big Five' can be found. Historically the hunting grounds of the Zulu kings, Hluhluwe and Umfolozi are world famous reserves. **Anew Hotel Hluhluwe or similar (B).**

Anew Hotel Hluhluwe

Located in the heart of the Elephant Coast, 18 km from Hluhluwe Game Reserve, Anew Hotel Hluhluwe is the perfect stop over point between Swaziland and the South African coast. With a distinctively African rhythm, the hotel treats guests to comfortable accommodation, daily game drives with qualified guides, a curio shop and a traditional Zulu Boma.

Day 7: Durban (Umhlanga Rocks)

After breakfast, we travel further into Zululand. The Zulu people are one of the most famous tribal groups in Africa. Today they live in communal villages through this region and retain some of their traditions, which are quite fascinating. We continue south to St Lucia. At St Lucia we enjoy a boat cruise around the estuary. See rare wildlife and birdlife, mangrove swamps and vegetated sand dunes that make for an interesting cruise.

South African Journey

St Lucia is the only town in South Africa that lies inside a World Heritage Site, the iSimangaliso Wetland Park. This is the largest estuarine system in Africa. The journey continues to Durban (Umhlanga), passing traditional Zulu Kraals, eucalyptus plantations and sugar cane fields.

Our afternoon is at leisure to take to the beach, enjoy some retail therapy or linger over a sundowner beachfront. **Protea Hotel by Marriott Umhlanga or similar (B).**

Protea Hotel by Marriott Umhlanga

Located in Durban's ritzy northern seaside suburb of Umhlanga, and just minutes driving distance from the main beachfront, Protea Hotel Umhlanga Ridge offers 205 spacious rooms. Facilities include a roof-top swimming pool, gym, restaurant and bar. Protea Hotel Umhlanga Ridge is located in the upmarket suburb of Umhlanga. Adjoining the hotel is the two hectare Chris Saunders Park, a popular destination with water features, flower gardens and lawns offering visitors a sanctuary within the city of Durban.

Day 8: Knysna

After an early breakfast, transfer to Durban (Umhlanga) airport for a short southward flight to Port Elizabeth (flight not included). Departing Port Elizabeth we travel along the Garden Route and the Tsitsikamma Mountains. The Garden Route derives its name from the ecologically diverse vegetation present in the area, which lies between the Indian Ocean and the Tsitsikamma Mountains. Tsitsikamma is the ancient San name meaning 'place of abundant water', but is today known as one of South Africa's most famous national parks. We stop to cross the suspension bridge at Storms River mouth, where the Storms River meets the Indian Ocean. In the afternoon we continue to the resort town of Knysna. This lovely town is located on the Knysna lagoon making it a great place to enjoy the harbour. **The Rex or similar (BD).**

Rex Hotel

A warm welcome and timeless elegance ensure that you enjoy your stay at The Rex Hotel. Located on the world-famous Garden Route, The Rex Hotel is a combination of urban style and impeccable service making it one of the most popular hotels in the region. The hotel is an eclectic mix of modern and classic comforts and captures the essence of 4-star accommodation. A perfect base from which to explore the beauty of one of South Africa's most beautiful tourist destinations; Rex Hotel is friendly hotel which appeals to small groups and self-drive travellers.

Day 9: Knysna

After a leisurely breakfast we'll enjoy a lagoon cruise to the Featherbed Nature Reserve, where we can take a trailer ride to the top of the Western Head to enjoy panoramic views of the town and lagoon, returning for lunch under the milkwood trees. The afternoon is at leisure to further explore this charming town set around a natural harbour lagoon. **The Rex or similar (BL).**

Day 10: Oudtshoorn

We head to the semi-arid Klein Karoo by driving over the Outeniqua Pass, where we stop at an ostrich farm on the outskirts of our overnight stop in Oudtshoorn. A tour of the farm introduces you to these strange and exotic birds as well as the ostrich industry, which accounted for much of South Africa's wealth in the Victorian era. In the Cango Valley we discover the spectacular subterranean world of the Cango Caves. These 20 million year old caves feature an impressive display of stalagmites and stalactites. We take a guided tour before continuing to the rural capital of the Karoo, Oudtshoorn, for the night. **Hlangana Country Lodge or similar (BL).**

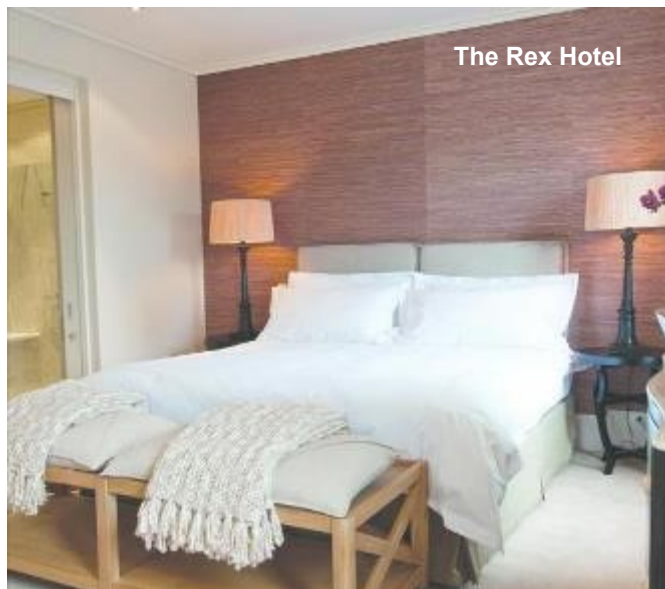


Table Mountain, Cape Town



Hlangana Country Lodge

One of the most popular boutique establishments in the Karoo, Hlangana Lodge is perfectly situated on the quiet outskirts of Oudtshoorn, en route to the Cango Caves and within walking distance to the best restaurants in town. Every room has a private veranda overlooking the exotic gardens and saltwater swimming pool. The wide selection at the full buffet and champagne breakfast will be just what you need in preparation for a day's exploring and activities.

Day 11: Cape Town

In Oudtshoorn you have the option (own account) to enjoy an early morning meerkat safari* (weather permitting). Witness these incredible wild habituated creatures emerging out of their burrows in time to soak up the sun before they set about their daily activities. After this truly special and heart-warming experience, head back to our lodge for breakfast. **Please pre-book the meerkat safari at the time of deposit as numbers are limited.*

After breakfast, the journey continues through the 'Little Karoo' to Barrydale, where you will have the opportunity to visit a local farm school to interact with the children and teachers. You can spend time with them in the classroom to learn about the local farming community. (The school visit is subject to school being open). We continue to Montagu, a picturesque and historic spa town. Then continue onto Franschhoek, a picturesque village surrounded by spectacular vineyards. It is here that French Huguenots settled more than 300 years ago, bringing with them their age-old French wine and food culture. From here you will be transferred (with a driver only) to Cape Town for your three night stay (Franschhoek overnight option available - see next page).

Cape Town is one of the world's most picturesque tourist destinations and is a city offering a mix of attractions. Situated amidst majestic mountains and surrounded by pristine white beaches, the city is truly very beautiful. Often called the 'cosmopolitan hub of Africa', Cape Town is home to a rich cultural and historical heritage, vibrant restaurants, scenic cruises and world-class, affordable shopping. **President Hotel - mountain facing room or similar (B).**

President Hotel

Located on the beachfront at Bantry Bay, the President Hotel offers access to all major tourist attractions in the city of Cape Town, whilst providing a variety of resort style facilities. The hotel's position and layout is such that most of the spacious rooms 116 apartments and 233 rooms overlook the Atlantic Ocean and Table Mountain, with both sea and mountain facing rooms available. For those wishing to self-cater, or families, apartments offer a separate lounge and dinette. Soak up the resort-style vibe as you enjoy a refreshing cocktail, while overlooking the rim-flow pool and Atlantic Ocean, indulge in a spa treatment or dine at the onsite restaurant. This sprawling property, with its extensive pool and terraced areas, is great value for all those wanting to add some rest and relaxation to their time spent in the Cape.

Day 12: Cape Town - free day to explore (unescorted)

Today you enjoy a full day at leisure. Perhaps join a sightseeing tour to Table Mountain (own account) or simply explore the city on the hop-on-hop-off buses that offers several fascinating routes around the city and its surrounds. Although a wedged between the ocean and Table Mountain, Cape Town is packed with sightseeing attractions, excellent bars and restaurants, as well as colourful craft markets. Alternatively, relax on one of Cape Town's many pristine beaches. This evening the group will be collected from hotel reception for a cultural dinner which includes delicious Cape food, captivating theatre and entertaining tales and songs about the people of the Cape. **President Hotel - mountain facing room or similar (BD).**

South African Journey

Day 13: Cape Town - Cape Point Reserve day tour

This morning the group will be collected from hotel reception to join a full day guided tour of Cape Point. This tour is an ideal way to appreciate the surrounding natural beauty. You will travel along the Atlantic seaboard to Hout Bay, following gorgeous white beaches and rugged mountains. You continue on Chapman's Peak Drive, renowned as one of the most stunning roadways in the world. Visit the Cape Point Nature Reserve at the tip of the Cape Peninsula to view the dramatic surrounding scenery and learn about the point's fascinating history. The return journey to Cape Town takes you along the False Bay coast with the option of visiting the colony of African penguins at Boulders Beach (small entry fee applicable) Pass through the naval village of Simon's Town, Fish Hoek, Kalk Bay and Muizenberg. **President Hotel - mountain facing room or similar (B).**

Day 14: Cape Town - ends

Today you farewell your travelling companions as your tour comes to an end. Optional excursions are available for those flying later in the day (own expense). After check-out you are transferred to Cape Town airport for your onward flight (flight not included) **(B).**

Optional excursion: overnight in the Cape Winelands (pricing on request)

The below itinerary variation includes an optional night in the scenic Cape Winelands village of Franschhoek:

Day 11: Franschhoek

Day 11 is as per previously outlined, however instead of continuing on to Cape Town, you remain in Franschhoek for an overnight stay. Established by the early French colonialists, Franschhoek remains a culinary highlight of South Africa. A range of exceptional restaurants line the main street. **Protea Hotel Franschhoek or similar. (B)**

Day 12: Cape Town

After a leisurely breakfast, meet your guide who will take you through Franschhoek village, sharing with you the fascinating history of the French Huguenots and the Huguenot Memorial Museum. Enjoy a wine tasting before continuing to Cape Town, where you will re-join the regular tour itinerary. **President Hotel or similar (B).**

Optional excursions: the below activities can be pre-booked prior to departure at an additional cost

Day 1: Johannesburg - Soweto tour

Soweto (South Western Township) is unlike any suburb you have ever seen or been to. Home to anti-apartheid activists, Nobel Prize winners and uprisings that rocked the world the township encapsulated the South African struggle and is a cornerstone of South Africa's story.

Day 4: Kruger National Park - afternoon open-vehicle safari

For wildlife enthusiasts, opt to enjoy a second open-vehicle safari in one of the world's most renowned game reserves.

Day 6: Hluhluwe - Umfolozi National Park - open vehicle safari

Enjoy a three-hour afternoon open-vehicle safari in the Hluhluwe-Umfolozi Park. The park is Africa's oldest game reserve and is world renowned for its highly successful white rhino conservation programme.

Day 11: Oudtshoorn - meerkat safari

Observe a family of wild meerkats as they start their day. These tiny wonders will fascinate any wildlife fan.





Flight from Durban to Port Elizabeth

This flight is a compulsory addition to this tour. It is not included in the tour price (passengers own expense) in order to make use of dynamic airfare prices at the time of booking. This flight must be booked to depart Durban prior to 9.00 am. Please request a quote from our reservations staff for the flight.

Important information:

- It is the responsibility of the client to be at the departure point at the time assigned by the operator. On completion of the package, flights must be booked taking into consideration the time recommended by the operator.
- Transport may be in a sedan, minibus, or coach, dependent upon the final group size.
- It is the responsibility of the client to have all necessary documentation, including visas and inoculation certificates relating to this tour.
- At times, the sequence or inclusion of activities may vary due to local conditions, arrival and departure times, opening hours or non-availability.
- The tour operator reserves the right to replace accommodation with alternative similar standard properties in rare cases of non-availability.
- Children under the age of eight are not accepted on this tour. Alternatively, this tour can be booked as a private departure to suit travellers of all ages.
- Prices may vary when booking seasons overlap. Bookings over Christmas, New Year and Easter incur holiday supplements. Please ask for a date-specific quote for travel during these dates.
- Prices for 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 will be passed on to the client.
- As prices are calculated in foreign currencies it may become necessary to add a currency surcharge.
- Please refer to our terms and conditions for amendments and cancellation policies if necessary.