



## **20 day South African Explorer**

### **Day 1 Stellenbosch Wine Route**

We depart for the beautiful wine region of Stellenbosch. En route to our camp we will visit a wine farm to sample some of the excellent wines.

In Whale season (between June and November) we will drive along the coast in hope to see some of these huge mammals.

Meals: Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Camp: Swellendam Backpackers

Facilities: Drinkable water, good ablutions

Route: Cape Town to Stellenbosch.  $\pm 50$  km + 150km to Swellendam

Travel time:  $\pm 6-8$  hrs including wine tasting

### **Day 2 Oudtshoorn**

Leaving the coast behind us we drive inland to visit the Cango Caves. After taking a tour of this amazing natural wonder we have the opportunity to visit an Ostrich farm. Optional Activities: Ostrich Farm visit and Ostrich Riding.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Camp: Kleinplaas Holiday Resort

Facilities: Drinkable water, good ablutions, laundry facilities, swimming pool

Route: Swellendam to Oudtshoorn.  $\pm 250$  km

Travel time:  $\pm 6$  hrs

### **Day 3 Knysna**

Returning to the coast via some lovely country roads we drive to the picturesque seaside village of Knysna. Optional Activities: Canoeing, Abseiling, Hiking, Lagoon Cruise.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Camp: Woodbourne Resort

Facilities: Drinkable water, good ablutions, hot showers

Route: Oudtshoorn to Knysna. ±150 km

Travel time: ±4hrs

#### **Day 4/5 Tsitsikamma National Park**

It is a short drive to Stormsriver, our base for the next two nights. From here we will explore the coastal region in the Tsitsikamma National Park. The hiking here is some of the best anywhere and includes the option to walk the first few kilometres of the Otter Trail. Optional Activities:

Bungee Jumping, Treetop Tours, Hiking.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Camp: Tube'n Axe

Facilities: Drinkable water, bar, good ablutions, hot showers, laundry, Internet

Route: Knysna to Tsitsikamma. ±90 km

Travel time: ±2- 3 hrs

#### **Day 6 Addo Elephant National Park**

The journey continues further East into the Eastern Cape Province where we spend our time in Addo Elephant National Park. Game driving in the Park allows us good opportunity to take some wonderful photos.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Camp: Addo Elephant Park

Facilities: Drinkable water, bar, shop, restaurant, good ablutions, hot showers

Route: Tsitsikamma to Addo. ±300 km

Travel time: ±4-5 hrs

#### **Day 7/8 Coffee Bay**

After a last game drive in Addo we depart the Park and drive north along the sunshine coast towards Coffee Bay. It is a long but scenic drive to this beautiful coastal area. We have a full day to relax on the beach and hike to the famous 'Hole in the Wall'. Optional Activities: Hiking, Horse riding

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Camp: Bomvu paradise

Facilities: Drinkable water, bar, good ablutions

Route: Addo to Coffee Bay. ±670 km

Travel time: ±8-9 hrs (Long Day)

#### **Day 9/10 Lesotho**

After a long but scenic drive we enter the Mountain Kingdom of Lesotho. The next day we get up early and those going on the Pony Trek will ride into the remote hills of Lesotho accompanied by local guides. If you choose to remain behind you can just relax or visit the local village, school or craft market. Optional Activities: Pony Trekking Excursion, Hiking, Village and School visit.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Camp: Malealea Lodge

Facilities: Drinkable water, bar, restaurant, basic shop, generator for electricity

Route: Coffee Bay to Malealea Lodge. ±650 km

Travel time: ±11–12 hours hrs plus a border crossing (Long Day)

### **Day 11/12 South Africa – Drakensberg**

Today we return to South Africa where we drive towards the Royal Natal National Park. We spend the next two nights in this majestic area

exploring mountain paths and enjoying the beautiful scenery of the Drakensberg.

Optional horse riding trails are an easier way to reach some

of the more remote viewpoints. Optional Activities: Horse Riding, Hiking.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Camp: Drakensville Resort

Facilities: Drinkable water, good toilets, sometimes hot showers,

Restaurant/Bar/Lounge area, Pool

Route: Malealea Lodge to Royal Natal. ±550 km

Travel time: ±7-8 hrs plus a border crossing (Long Day)

### **Day 13 Kwa-Zulu Natal Coast - Durban**

Our journey today takes us through some amazing scenery as we return to the coast. In the late afternoon we arrive in Durban. In the evening

it is possible to go out for a meal at one of the excellent Indian restaurants.

Optional Activities: Dinner and night out in the city.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Hostel (Dorm room): Happy Hippo

Facilities: Hot showers, TV room, pool table

Route: Royal Natal to Durban. ±350 km

Travel time: ±5-6 hrs

### **Day 1 Greater St Lucia Wetland Park**

We drive up along the Kwa Zulu Natal coast to the well known Greater St Lucia Wetland Park. We will spend tonight near this amazing wetland

and there are various optional activities available to enhance the time spent here.

Optional Activities: Lagoon Cruise and Traditional Zulu

Village visit.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Hostel: Fish Eagle

Facilities: Drinkable water, good ablutions

Route: Durban to St. Lucia. ±280 km

Travel time: ±4-5 hrs

### **Day 15/16 Swaziland – Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary**

Today we enter Swaziland where we will experience some more of Southern Africa's cultural diversity. We spend the next two nights in the

Mlilwane Nature Reserve where we are able to hike on foot. We experience the wonderful Swazi hospitality first hand while visiting a traditional

village. Optional Activities: Mountain Biking, Hiking, Horse Riding, Game Viewing.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Beehive huts: Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary

Facilities: Drinkable water, swimming pool, bar, supply shop, restaurant

Route: St. Lucia to Mlilwane. ±300 km  
Travel time: ±6-7 hrs including border crossing

### **Day 17/18 South Africa - Kruger National Park**

We return to South Africa and drive to the Kruger National Park for two unforgettable days of game viewing. Kruger National Park is home to Africa's Big 5 as well as a multitude of other beautiful African animals, both small and large. To increase your chances of seeing the rare nocturnal animals a night drive with the South African National Park Services is highly recommended. Optional Activities: Night Drive and Dawn Game Walk.

Day 17:

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Camp: Berg en Dal (Or other SANP site)

Facilities: Good ablutions, hot showers, bar, shop, swimming pool, mail box, restaurant

Route: Mlilwane to Kruger. ±300 km

Travel time: ±5-6 hrs plus a border crossing

Day 18:

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Camp: Satara (Or other SANP site)

Facilities: Good ablutions, hot showers, bar, shop

Route: Game driving through the park for the day

### **Day 19 Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre**

With our minds full of memories of the most famous nature conservation area in the world, we leave the Park. En route to our next camp we visit a Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre. Here we will go on an educational tour.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Camp: Timbavati lodge

Facilities: Good ablutions, swimming pool, drinkable water, bar, restaurant, hot showers

Route: Kruger Park to Timbavati. ±200 km

Travel time: ±5-6 hrs, including the educational visit

### **Day 20 Johannesburg**

On the last day we enjoy the Panorama Route, visiting Blyde River Canyon, Bourke's Luck Potholes and God's Window before our arrival in Johannesburg. Although the tour has ended it is quite common for the group to spend this last night together at one of Johannesburg's excellent restaurants. Optional Activities: Dinner Out.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Own Arrangements

Route: Timbavati to Johannesburg. ±500 km.

Travel time: ±9-10 hrs. (Long Day)

Tour dates:

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| Departs: 10-Sep-2007 Returns: 29-Sep-2007 | AVAILABLE    |
| Departs: 24-Sep-2007 Returns: 13-Oct-2007 | AVAILABLE    |
| Departs: 08-Oct-2007 Returns: 27-Oct-2007 | FULLY BOOKED |
| Departs: 22-Oct-2007 Returns: 10-Nov-2007 | AVAILABLE    |
| Departs: 05-Nov-2007 Returns: 24-Nov-2007 | ON REQUEST   |
| Departs: 19-Nov-2007 Returns: 08-Dec-2007 | AVAILABLE    |
| Departs: 03-Dec-2007 Returns: 22-Dec-2007 | AVAILABLE    |
| Departs: 17-Dec-2007 Returns: 05-Jan-2008 | AVAILABLE    |
| Departs: 31-Dec-2007 Returns: 19-Jan-2008 | AVAILABLE    |