

## 16 Day South Africa North to South:



Discover why South Africa is the adventure capital of the world, why our natural beauty and wildlife will leave you awe-struck, why it's possible to afford luxury and why our friendly people, rich culture and freedom struggle will warm your heart! Follow the African drum and gumboot beat; the bright sun, stars and city streets; the bouquet of our prize-winning wines; the invigorating mountain or ocean air. And, most of all follow your desire for a personal journey, one that will change you beyond expectation, starting right here...

### **Day 1: Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Oct Arrive JHB – Airport Grand\*\*\*\***

On arrival and touchdown from your international flight we transfer to our accommodation to allow everyone the opportunity to relax and unwind, a shopping centre is not far from our accommodation and easily reached by taxi. A good opportunity to purchase those items which may have been forgotten in the packing. This evening we will have a thorough breakdown of the tour and what to expect, time dependant, failing this your guide will discuss more detail en route. Please ensure that you a copy of your passport as well as your medical insurance details available for your guide.



Johannesburg, Jo'burg, Jozi . . . Ever evolving, this vibrant city throbs to a heady, relentless beat, fueled by the paradox of its reputation as a crime hub and the tremendous sociability of its inhabitants. Jozi's diverse population is a considerably better reflection of South Africa's burgeoning hegemonic spirit than you'll encounter anywhere else in the country, with a new black aristocracy creating their own cultural stew in the clubs, bars, and restaurants in this city's more cosmopolitan areas.

**Depart: N/A**

**Stops: N/A**

**Activities: N/A**

**Lunch: N/A**

**Dinner: At the Hotel**

### **Day 2: Thu 25<sup>th</sup> Oct Escarpment - Mountain View - Moholoholo or Ya Mati**

We depart the "Big Smoke" generally referred to as Johannesburg and make our way East toward the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest canyon in South Africa and the escarpment. From our various viewpoints you can see where the original Gondwanaland tore itself apart to give birth to the African continent. Also on the cards for the day is a stop at Bourkes Luck Potholes another wonder of nature with a book of history to go with it. We overnight at a hidden gem at the foot of the escarpment on the banks of the Olifants River. Tonight we get together to discuss in detail the rest of the tour.



Mountain View is located in Lowveld Acacia Woodland, approximately 60km from Kruger National Park open gate, and has become a preferred destination for Nature enthusiasts, large School and Wildlife interest groups.

Mountain View Camp is ideal for a bushveld breakaway or as a base to visit many of the other destinations in the Lowveld area. Sit back, relax and enjoy refreshments on the waterhole deck while the sun casts its last rays over the peaks of Moholoholo, providing you with unforgettable African sunsets. Prepare for an evening under millions of stars with friends or family, around a crackling bushveld fire and listen to the sounds of Africa at night ... .. You may even here the roar of resident lion. Mountain View will leave you enthralled and a lot closer to nature ... .. Come experience it!

**Stops: Lydenburg for provisions and snacks**

**Activities: Panorama Route, Bourkes Luck Potholes, Gods Window, 3 Rondawels**

**Lunch: Included**

**Dinner: At your accommodation**

### **Day 3: Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Oct Kruger National Park – Skukuza or similar**

After breakfast we load into our vehicle and head to the Moholoholo Rehabilitation centre for a 2,5 – 3 hour guided walk through the facility. The rehabilitation centre is a project giving hope to injured or orphaned animals as well as wildlife that has suffered due to the habitat loss. Always a popular activity it incorporates a wildlife awareness based message as well as the opportunity to interact with the animals on site. This is also a great way to get background information on species that we are likely to see in Kruger National Park. After this we head back to Mountain View.

Please be aware that although we as a company normally distance ourselves from animals in captivity the good work and awareness which is achieved in the Rehab centre is of huge importance and we fully endorse its ideals.

Nestled in a picturesque setting at the base of the Drakensberg escarpment in the Limpopo Province Lowveld of South Africa, Moholoholo has become a haven for the rehabilitation and care of abandoned, injured and poisoned wildlife.

Wildlife is brought to the center from all corners of South Africa, and once healthy enough are re-introduced into their natural environments. Those creatures who cannot be returned to the wild due to the nature and extent of their injuries, are cared for at the center and are used to educate the many people who visit us each year, both from across South Africa and abroad.

Another important function of the center is breeding. We have successfully bred and released into the wild the endangered Crowned Eagle, Serval and many others.

This Centre is a non-profit organization, relying completely on the support of the public.

**Depart: N/A**

**Stops: N/A**

**Activities: Moholoholo Rehabilitation and Training Centre, Kruger National Park Game Drive**

**Lunch: Included**

**Dinner: At your accommodation**

### **Day 4: Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Oct Kruger National Park – or Skukuza Similar**

The most famous park in South Africa is our destination today. We overnight this evening in the Central Portion of the park and settle in for the night. Available for those who would like to make use of the facility are night game drives offering the opportunity of seeing cats and other nocturnal creatures by way of spot lamps a eerily different way of seeing anything in the night.

Time here is dedicated to game, walk within the safety of the camps fence and try and spot a Hyena or one of the multitudes of nocturnal animals to be seen.





The area hosts White Rhino, Kudu, Impala, Giraffe, Elephant, Reedbuck, Klipspringer, Grey Rhebok and Warthog. Leopard are seen regularly in the region - some lucky people have even seen them drinking at the dam in front of the camp, while on a Kruger National Park safari tour. Wild Dogs are also found in the area. Lion are usually found in the lower plains on the roads to Skukuza and Crocodile Bridge. Not that this guarantees sightings of course – luck is always a part.

#### **Birding:**

The camp is an excellent venue to see fantailed flycatchers, Heuglin's and Whitethroated robins. Scarlet chested sunbird is particularly prominent. The adjacent Matjulu Dam attracts a constant supply of water birds and African Fish Eagle is usually present and viewed at close quarters. The surrounding hills host a wealth of species and are a good place to search pennant winged nightjar (in summer and at dusk) and croaking cisticola.

Kruger National Park is the largest game reserve in South Africa. It covers 18,989 square km (7,332 sq mi) and extends 350 km (217 mi) from north to south and 60 km (37 mi) from east to west.

To the west and south of the Kruger National Park are the two South African provinces of Limpopo and Mpumalanga. In the north is Zimbabwe, and to the east is Mozambique. It is now part of the Great Limpopo Transfrontier Park, a peace park that links Kruger National Park with the Gonarezhou National Park in Zimbabwe, and with the Limpopo National Park in Mozambique.

The park is part of the Kruger to Canyons Biosphere, an area designated by the United Nations Education and Scientific Organisation (UNESCO) as an International Man and Biosphere Reserve (the "Biosphere").

The park has 8 main gates that allow entrance to the different camps. The names of these gates are Paul Kruger, Numbi, Malelane, Crocodile Bridge, Punda Maria, Orpen, Phabeni, Phalaborwa and Pafuri.

The park is the site of the popular eyewitness viral video Battle at Kruger.

**Depart: 09:00**

**Stops:**

**Activities: Game Drive, Optional Sunset Drive with Parksboard Vehicles, approx 3 hours.**

**Lunch: Included**

**Dinner: At your accommodation**

#### **Day 5: Sun 28<sup>th</sup> Oct Kruger National Park – Berg en Dal or similar**

For those wanting to go out on an (optional) early game drive your guide will arrange this for you, alternatively after breakfast we head South and have a slow game drive down to our next accommodation in our vehicle and arrive early to mid afternoon. After checking in the afternoon is free.

Berg en Dal Rest camp, Kruger National Park, was opened in 1984, meaning 'mountain and dale' aptly named for its superb location. Great care has been taken to preserve the natural vegetation in the camp area, which comprises Malelane Mountain Bushveld (woodland), **attracting a variety of grazers**. The area hosts White Rhino, Kudu, Impala, Giraffe, some Elephant, Reedbuck, Klipspringer, Grey Rhebok and warthog. Leopard and Wild Dog are regularly seen in the region.

Bird watchers will find the appeal of Berg en Dal Restcamp irresistible as a wide variety of birds species can be seen here.



Berg-en-Dal Camp's location in Kruger National Park, in a ruggedly beautiful mountainous terrain, makes for **pleasant weather all year round**. The summer months are hot with occasional bursts of quick summer storms, which cools the air and settles the dust. Winters are warm and mild. Berg-en-Dal is situated in Malelane Mountain Bushveld. Many unusual plants grow in the mountain landscape. The plains between the mountains are covered in sweet grass, which attracts a variety of grazers. Prominent trees are the red bush-willow and the magic guarri. The chalets in Berg en Dal Restcamp, Kruger National Park are set within natural bush and the gardens planted with flowering shrubs and aloes, leaving much of the natural habitat unchanged within the camp. Berg en Dal is one of the **newest camps in the Kruger National Park** and offers visitors outstanding accommodation and lodging facilities.

**Depart: 09:00**  
**Stops: N/A**  
**Activities: Optional Game Drive in our vehicle**  
**Lunch: Included**  
**Dinner: At your accommodation**

**Day 6: Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Oct Port Elizabeth – The Kelway \*\*\***

After breakfast we load up and head back toward Johannesburg where we will catch our internal flight to Nelson Mandela bay and the industrial heartland town of Port Elizabeth. Your guide will accompany you on the flight on arrival at the PE Airport he will arrange the vehicle and pick you up at the exit doors. On arrival we will be transferred to our accommodation venue overlooking the ocean and a jump away from the Aquarium. Just down the road is the casino and The Boardwalk Centre. The evening is free for you to do as you please but your guide will be happy to accompany or make relevant dinner bookings for you on request.

Arrival in Port Elizabeth marks the beginning of our Garden Route leg of the journey and often referred to as the paradise of South Africa. Your guide will give you an overview and orientation on the drive from the Airport to the hotel.

From the lofty heights of Brooke's Hill, overlooking the shores of Algoa Bay, you'll receive the warmest welcome the Friendly City has to offer. Brooke's Hill Suites is the ideal stay in Port Elizabeth for either the family or the businessman. Wake up to Port Elizabeth's best panoramic views of the azure Indian Ocean, take long walks along the unspoiled beaches or take a scenic drive to the friendly city of Port Elizabeth.

Brookes Hill Suites is within walking distance of the beach and provides you with easy access to tourist attractions and the Port Elizabeth CBD.

**Depart: TBC**  
**Stops: N/A**  
**Activities: N/A**  
**Lunch: Included**  
**Dinner: At your accommodation**

**INTERNAL FLIGHT: JOHANNESBURG - PORT ELIZABETH - TBC**

**Day 7: Tue 30<sup>th</sup> Oct Port Elizabeth – The Kelway \*\*\***

Relax during the day or opt to partake in an optional real City tour of Port Elizabeth, have a swim in the tempting waters of the bay. Alternatively why not have a round of golf at The Humewood Golf Club. Just down the road is the casino and The Boardwalk Centre. Then time to relax in the late afternoon.

**Depart: 09:00**  
**Stops: N/A**  
**Activities: Optional visit to Aquarium in Port Elizabeth, Casino, Boardwalk or a last swim in warm water.**  
**Lunch: N/A**  
**Dinner: N/A**

**Day 8: Wed 31<sup>st</sup> Oct Knysna – The Log Inn \*\*\*\***

Leave Port Elizabeth and make our way to Knysna on the N2. There are a few areas of interest we may stop at if you wish beside the scheduled stop off at Tsitsikamma National Park for Lunch and a stroll to the Hang Bridge if desired.

Second stop at Monkeyland Sanctuary and then into Knysna. Monkeyland has as one of its aims, to create awareness about the plight of primates and to show that with a greater understanding of our primate cousins, that we can all live in harmony. A small town with a big presence... Knysna has a well-deserved international reputation as the Garden Route's vacation hot-spot. It remains a characterful village set in an area of outstanding natural beauty, yet offers an astonishing array of activities and attractions



Your guide will point out areas of interest. Being situated in town makes exploring a pleasure. The Graywood Hotel is a short 300m walk from both the town centre and Knysna Waterfront, which is the departure point for boat cruises and ferry rides to the Knysna Heads and Featherbed Nature Reserve.

Knysna nestles on the banks of a beautiful lagoon in the heart of South Africa's popular Garden Route. Surrounded by ancient indigenous forests, tranquil lakes and golden beaches, this popular holiday destination is a haven for nature lovers and is a world-class playground for adventure and outdoor enthusiasts. At the same time, the quaint and atmospheric town is bursting with alternatives for those who prefer to immerse themselves in culture, history, arts and crafts, shopping and the pursuit of culinary excellence.

**Depart: 09:00**

**Stops: N/A**

**Activities: Tsitsikamma National Park, Monkeyland Sanctuary, Sormsriver Bridge**

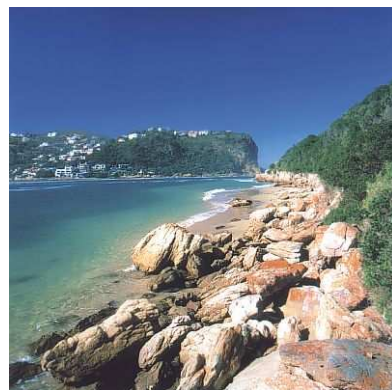
**Lunch: Included**

**Dinner: Local Restaurant**

#### **Day 9: Thu 1<sup>st</sup> Nov Knysna – The Log Inn \*\*\*\***

This morning is free then at 14.30 we depart for the Featherbed Nature Reserve for outstanding views of the towering Knysna Heads, The Knysna "Lagoon" and Thesens Island. This is a half day activity which includes a journey over the lagoon by boat as well as entry into the reserve and a ride up the mountain.

In the morning you will have a host of options to choose from, our personal favourite activity here is the Elephant Park, an amazing experience as well as an ideal awareness campaign. Guests are transported to the elephants on a tractor & trailer where they will have the opportunity to touch, feed and photograph our gentle giants. Elephants love eating so don't forget your bucket elephant feed. There are no barriers or fences to spoil the close encounter. Guests are then transported back to unique elephant curios shop and Askaris restaurant.



However there are a multitude of activities to indulge in, chat to your guide who can assist you.

Knysna is one of the Southern Cape coast's best known holiday destinations, situated between lush forests and the shores of the peaceful lagoon - it offers many activities and attractions of a wide variety. The most well known attraction being the heads - two great sandstone cliffs guarding the mouth of the lagoon which connects the estuary with the sea. A lookout has been erected on the Eastern Head, commanding spectacular views of the lagoon, Leisure Isle and Knysna. The Western Head is a privately owned nature Reserve - Featherbed Bay. The Knysna Lagoon is one of the few places along the coast and in the world that supports a oyster hatchery. And the Knysna oysters are reputedly among the tastiest in the world. Millwood House Museum in Queen Street houses material relating to the history of the town, and includes artifacts once owned by George Rex. It was built from yellowwood at the end of the previous century during the gold rush. From Millwood, it was later moved to Knysna

**Depart: 08:30**

**Stops: N/A**

**Activities: Featherbed Nature Reserve**

**Lunch: Included**

**Dinner: Local Restaurant**

#### **Day 10: Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov Montagu – Montagu Hotel \*\*\*\***

We move North today and cross the imposing Outeniqua Mountain Range en route to Oudtshoorn for an hour in the underground labyrinth of the Cango Caves one of the most extensive Limestone cave structures in the world. At 12.30 we depart and make our way East to the heart of the infamous Route 62 and overnight in the slumber town of Montagu set in the heart of the wine producing region of the Overberg Region. We also have a visit to the Ostrich Farm where we will indulge in a three course lunch.



We then follow the famous route 62 through beautiful Karoo lands to the quaint town of Montagu where we will overnight.

**Cango Caves: 29kms** from oudtshoorn, at the head of the picturesque Cango Valley, lies the spectacular underground wonder of the Klein Karoo – the Cango Caves. Situated in a limestone ridge parallel to the well know Swartberg Mountains, you will find the finest dripstone caverns, with their vast halls and towering formations.

**Ostrich Farm:** The tour starts in the breeding camp, with a nest of ostrich eggs, where the first stage of the ostrich life cycle is explained. Visitors will get the opportunity to test the strength of the eggs by standing on them - a great photo opportunity. During the breeding season visitors get to see ostrich eggs hatching in the incubator rooms. Visitors get to sit on an ostrich and those who are brave enough can even try their hand at riding one. Every tour ends with an "Ostrich Derby" where local jockeys display their riding skills. A highly entertaining and educational tour is guaranteed.

**Depart: 08:30**

**Stops: N/A**

**Activities: Cango Caves, Route 62**

**Lunch: Included**

**Dinner: Local Restaurant**

**Day 11: Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov Montagu – Montagu Hotel \*\*\*\***

We leave leisurely this morning and head toward **Graham Beck** for a wine tasting at this institution on the longest wine route. Having produced quality **Cap Classique Methode** bubbly since 93 they carry a reputation for one of the most prolific producers in South Africa with quality being carried with the Beck name. We will have a wine tasting with the winemaker and the possibility of a cellar tasting of their bubbly range. Following this we head toward **Springfield** for some fabulous wines... especially the Methode Ancienne and Life from Stone Range and a finger lunch.

The real magic of Springfield lies in the bottles of hand-crafted wine it produces, true gems of tradition, which offer both quality and individuality in keeping with the estate's motto: from the grape to the bottle with care and passion.

As we love our wines we believe there is always time for another farm, so if time is available we will make more stops.

**Depart: 09:00**

**Stops: N/A**

**Activities: Cap Classique Tasting / Wine Tasting**

**Lunch: Included**

**Dinner: Home Visit**



**Day 12: Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Nov The Windsor Hotel \*\*\* ( Whale viewings July – November )**

We head due South today and follow the back roads through farmlands to the quaint town of Hermanus. We will stop for a beer tasting en route. Famous for its awesome whale sightings and of course the only whale crier in the world. Amongst all the craft shops and hidden in nooks is a town vibrant and offering a host of activities and restaurant options. We arrive late afternoon and check into our hotel directly. Everyone is free to enjoy dinner at their own time, your guide will assist with any bookings.

**Tour Departs: 09:00**

**Activities: Drive Day to Hermanus, gorgeous vineyards and wheat lands stretching forever.**

**Lunch: N/A**

**Dinner: N/A**

**Day 13: Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Nov Cape Town – Best Westin Grand \*\*\***

Leaving Hermanus we follow the unsurpassed beauty of Clarens Drive hugging the coastline toward Gordons Bay. From here we divert to the ever popular Cape Point tour, through Simons Town and the Riviera of Cape Town on the Clifton and Camps bay road.

The Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve via the winding passes through the peninsula region offers many interesting stories from Naval bases to secret tactical bunkers.

We stop for lunch at The Two Oceans Restaurant. Staying with marine life we stop at the largest Jack Ass penguin colony in Africa ( Not really there name has only recently been changed to the African Penguin due to irreversible psychiatric problems experienced by the species. )



**Depart: 08:30**

**Stops: N/A**

**Activities: Clifton / Camps Bay Drive, Chapmans Peak, Cape Point, Boulders Beach.**

**Lunch: Included**

**Dinner: At Hotel**

Situated at the south-western tip of Africa, the Table Mountain National Park (TMNP) encompasses the incredibly scenic Table Mountain Chain stretching from Signal Hill in the north to Cape Point in the south and the seas and coastline of the peninsula. The narrow finger of land with its beautiful valleys, bays and beaches is surrounded by the waters of the Atlantic Ocean in the west and the warmer waters of False Bay and has within its boundaries two world-renowned landmarks - majestic Table Mountain and the legendary Cape of Good Hope. The Park is recognised globally for its extraordinarily rich, diverse and unique fauna and flora - with rugged cliffs, steep slopes and sandy flats - is a truly remarkable natural, scenic, historical, cultural and recreational asset both locally and internationally. Nowhere else in the world does an area of such spectacular beauty and such rich bio-diversity exist almost entirely within a metropolitan area - the thriving and cosmopolitan city of Cape Town.

Simon's Town owes its name and original importance to Governor Simon van der Stel, who personally surveyed False Bay in 1687. He recommended Simon's Bay as a sheltered safe winter anchorage - but it was only in 1741, after many shipwrecks in Table Bay, that the Dutch East India Company decreed that their vessels anchor in Simon's Bay from May to August.

**Day 14: Tue 6<sup>th</sup> Nov Cape Town – Best Westin Grand \*\*\***

This morning weather permitting we head straight to the emblem of the city, Table Mountain. Time availing we may stroll down parliament lane and The Company Gardens whilst your guide will explain in more detail the establishment of the Cape Colony under Dutch rule and significant historical points building up to the democratic South Africa we have today.

We then make our way to Stellenbosch for some wine tasting in this region.

**Depart: 08:30**

**Stops:**

**Activities: Table Mountain ( Weather permitting ), Company Gardens**

**Lunch: Included**

**Dinner: N/A**

**Day 15: Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Nov Cape Town – Best Westin Grand \*\*\***

Delve into our rich and at times shady history from the arrival of the first representative of the VOC in 1652 to the forced removals in district six. Join us on a comprehensive tour of Robben Island – a true testament to the human spirit and determination. The day is designed to give you a better understanding of where South Africa comes from and its role in broader African politics. Most importantly though what the future may hold in store for us. After our journey to Robben Island we meet up with one of our local Langa guides who will show us through the oldest group areas act African town and the vibrance which streams out of it. An amazing experience which focuses not on the hardships but the need of joy in survival. Truly moving and humbling.

**Depart: 08:45****Stops: N/A****Activities: Robben Island, Langa Township, Apartheid Museum, Waterfront****Lunch: N/A****Dinner: Local Restaurant****Day 16: Thu 8<sup>th</sup> Nov Flight Home – preferably a late afternoon or evening flight**

We have some time in the morning to do some last minute shopping or see Table Mountain if the weather hasn't been kind to us before. This is also an opportunity to take part in activities that you may have liked to. Museums, helicopter flights, Golf, etc etc. Your guide will assist you.

This is also an opportunity for those who would like to partake in a round of golf before flying home.

**FOR EXTENSION TOURS OR POST ACCOMMODATION TO SEE MORE OF CAPE TOWN PLEASE ASK...****Inclusions:**

All accommodations stated on the itinerary

All breakfasts included

All other meals as indicated. ( Restaurant Venues may change – Quality will not! )

Champagne Tasting at Graham Beck Cellars

Wine Tasting at Springfield Estate

Water on bus

Luxury Vehicle Throughout, Fuel and Road Tolls

Guide accommodation and meal allowance

Tips with all meals included in tour and Porterage

Flight from JHB – PE excluding taxes

**Entrance Fees and Conservation Fees for National Parks:**

Panorama Route

Kruger National Park

Tsitsikamma National Park

Cape Point National Park

Boulders Beach

Table Mountain National Park ( Weather Dependant )

**Sightseeing included:**

Bourkes Luck Potholes

Gods Window, 3 Rondawels

Moholoholo Rehabilitation and Training Centre

Stormsriver Bridge

Monkeyland Sanctuary

Featherbed Excursion – weather dependant.

Cango Caves in Oudtshoorn

Ostrich Visit

Seal Island

Cape Peninsula National Park

Penguin Colony

Table Mountain

Kirstenbosh Gardens

3 Hour Robben Island Excursion including Ferry

3 Hour Langa Township Visit



**Tour Exclusions:**

Meals / Drinks not listed in the itinerary

Personal Insurance

Any visas you may require – these are entirely your responsibility.

All items of a personal nature

Any and all incidentals not listed expressly in the itinerary.

All Golf course fees

All airfare taxes