

SOUTH AFRICA EXPLORER TOUR



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South Africa Explorer Escorted Tour & Flights

Duration: 14 days

Departs: 2023 & 2024

Stay: 13 nights hotels/lodges

Travel style: Escorted tour with Flights from Australia

Booking code: SAEXP14M

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14 Days South Africa Escorted Tour with Flights

About the holiday

Welkom in Suid-Afrika! Wamkelekile eMzantsi Afrika! Welcome to South Africa!

This adventure-packed tour has been designed to introduce you to the best of the Rainbow Nation. Travel along the Atlantic and Indian Coastlines, head south to Cape Point and visit quaint and historic destinations dotted along the way.

Adventure along the famous Garden Route, experience the highlights of Route 62 and explore the Great Karoo. Venture north on a four-night visit to the Kruger National Park Region and see amazing African wildlife!

Why you'll love this trip...

It's great value for a tour with comfortable accommodation & flights from Australia

Solo travellers have the option of sharing or paying a supplement for private rooms

The tour leader will be on hand to ensure you get the most from your trip

Explore Cape Town and the Cape Winelands

Admire the beautiful landscapes of the Garden Route

Visit Hermanus, Mossel Bay and Knysna

Experience a South African safari with 3 full days of wildlife spotting in the renowned Kruger National Park Region

Travel dates

2023 & 2024 - Monthly departures, please contact us for your preferred date

Note: Departures are subject to confirmation at time of booking. Price can vary depending on your travel date. Not available during school holidays, Easter and Christmas periods.

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Holiday Inclusions

Escorted Package Includes:

Flights - Return economy airfares from Australia to Cape Town & from Johannesburg
Internal flight from the Garden Route to Johannesburg

Accommodation - 13 nights accommodation

Standard twin rooms with private en-suite facilities

Single travellers have the option to pay a single supplement for private room

Meals - 13 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 9 dinners

Vegetarian options available for all meals on request

Tour - Sightseeing & Game Drives per itinerary

Services of English-speaking tour manager throughout

All taxes & fees are included

Transport - Modern air-conditioned coach with reclining seats & toilet on board

Package excludes:

Visa fees (where applicable)

Airport transfers

Meals & sightseeing not specified in the inclusions or itinerary

Optional tours & activities

Personal items, such as drinks, snacks, laundry etc.

Gratuities for tour manager, guides & drivers

Travel insurance is essential

Prices are based on twin share, please contact us for single rates

Subject to confirmation by airlines, tour company, hotels & local operators.

Cancellation fees & booking conditions apply.

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Special experiences:

- Take a driving and walking tour of the city of Cape Town
- Enjoy a welcome dinner in Cape Town
- Visit Stellenbosch; a picturesque university town
- Taste local wine in the Cape Winelands
- Explore Hermanus; a stunning seaside town
- Discover Swellendam; South Africa's third-oldest town
- Explore an Aloe Vera Farm in the Hessequa region
- Visit Pinnacle Point Caves in Mossel Bay
- Go on a Garden Route Game Drive
- Discover Knysna; a stunning seaside town
- Explore Tsitsikamma National Park and visit Storms River Mouth
- Visit a Klein Karoo ostrich farm
- Explore the Cango Caves
- Sit down for a traditional Great Karoo dinner
- Explore Robertson; a beautiful wine-producing destination
- Enjoy a cheese and wine tasting in Paarl
- Embark on a full-day Kruger National park game drive
- Visit the Three Rondavels viewpoint
- Explore Bourke's Luck Potholes
- Admire the scenery of the Blyde Canyon Viewpoint
- Enjoy a farewell dinner in Johannesburg

Itinerary:

Day 1: Fly to South Africa - Start tour in Cape Town

Wamkelekile e iKapa! Welcome to Cape Town! Home to the iconic Table Mountain, Cape Town is one of the most beautiful destinations in the world! The "Mother City" is South Africa's oldest city and one of the country's three official capitals. Meet your tour leader at the hotel and jump right into the action on a city tour! Explore the city highlights in the heart of Cape Town on a driving and walking tour, see Signal Hill, District Six, Bo Kaap and more. After the city tour, freshen up at the hotel before enjoying a welcome dinner with the group tonight. Get to know your new travel companions and celebrate the first night of the tour!

Day 2: Cape Town Peninsula Tour - Free Day

Today is a free day to explore this wonderful city and its surroundings! There are several incredible travel attractions including Robben Island, Table Mountain, Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden, the Two Oceans Aquarium and much more!

Travellers also have the option to join the Cape Peninsula Day Trip. Experience a scenic drive to Cape Point, see the penguins at Boulders Beach and enjoy a lunchtime stop in Kalk Bay. After the tour, the rest of the day is yours to spend at your leisure. Upon return, the peninsula tour will include a drop off at the V&A Waterfront - a fantastic shopping, eating and entertainment destination!

Day 3: Cape Winelands - Stellenbosch - Hermanus Region

It's time to explore the Cape Winelands! Following breakfast, take a scenic drive through the Cape wine region. The first stop is Stellenbosch, a university town in the heart of the Cape Winelands. Explore the Cape Dutch architecture and laid-back coffee shops, boutiques and art galleries. Lunch is a delicious meal served among the vineyards at a winery. This is your chance to taste South Africa's signature wine, Pinotage. Learn all about Cape district wines and the wine-making process from a local wine expert. After one more wine tasting tour this afternoon, admire the views on a coastal drive to Hermanus. This evening you will have free time to explore this delightful seaside town before heading to tonight's accommodation.

Day 4: Hermanus Region - Swellendam - Mossel Bay

Today, the Garden Route adventure begins! This morning, why not embark on one of today's optional excursions? Go Shark Cage Diving, which includes a short drive to Gansbaai and a chance to see great white sharks in their natural habitat, or enjoy a Whale and Eco tour. The tour continues to Swellendam with free time for lunch. Next up is a visit to a fascinating Cape Aloe Vera farm. Today's last stop is Mossel Bay. This coastal village is the stop for tonight and is a popular holiday destination. Upon arrival, visit Pinnacle Point Caves; this archaeological site is home to fossils dating back 170,000 years! Finally, enjoy dinner at the hotel with the group tonight.

Day 5: Garden Route: Game Drive - Knysna - Tsitsikamma

See more of the gorgeous Garden Route today. First thing this morning, travel to Botlierskop Private Game Reserve for a unique safari experience. Enjoy close encounters with impala, wildebeest, rhinos, lions, giraffes and more! Next up is a visit to Knysna. Enjoy free time to explore and find a great spot for lunch around the bustling waterfront - the fresh oysters are well worth a taste! Afterwards, it's time for more animal adventures and optional excursions! Roam free with the monkeys at Monkeyland, a multi-species monkey sanctuary. Alternatively, visit Birds of Eden, a unique eco-tourism experience, and the world's largest free-flight aviary and bird sanctuary. Dinner is included this evening after which you can kick off your shoes for some rest

Day 6: Tsitsikamma National Park & Storms River - Eastern Cape

The outdoors are calling today! The Tsitsikamma forest forms part of the greater Garden Route National Park. The area encompasses rivers, gorges, mountains and lush forests and plantations - the perfect place to get adventurous! The morning is yours to explore as you choose.

Options to consider include tree-top canopy tours, bungee jumping at Bloukrans Bridge (the highest bridge bungee in the world!) or the Woodcutters Trail Drive. Then it's onto the Storms River Mouth in Tsitsikamma National Park. Take a walk along the coast, cross the longest suspension river in South Africa and enjoy some free time to enjoy lunch overlooking the ocean.

Day 7: Fruit Route: Route 62 - Oudtshoorn Ostrich Farm - Cango Caves

Explore a different region of South Africa today. Leave the Garden Route behind and travel along Route 62. Heading for the arid Karoo, the drive meanders through the Langkloof valley. Nestled between the Kouga and Tsitsikamma Mountains, this area offers spectacular views. Next, arrive in Oudtshoorn, South Africa's famous ostrich capital! Enjoy a guided tour of a working ostrich farm, learn more about these big feathered animals and sit down for an included lunch. While here, take advantage of the opportunity to explore one of South Africa's hidden treasures on a heritage walking tour of the Cango Caves. This cave valley is a series of dripstone caverns that are more than 20 million years old! This evening, sit down for a traditional Karoo dinner.

Day 8: Oudtshoorn - Route 62 - Cape Winelands - Cape Town

The tour turns back towards Cape Town today. Travel along Route 62 and enjoy a comfort stop at one of the many quirky and charming restaurants and shops along the way. Next, head for Robertson, another fantastic wine-producing region, to enjoy an included lunch before the tour continues to Paarl in the Cape Winelands. Paarl is home to a number of award-winning wine estates. Here, enjoy a cheese and wine tasting and free time to explore the Spice Route which is home to wonderful artisanal shops and restaurants. Finally, arrive at the hotel in Cape Town. Make the most of a free evening in the city. Why not visit Camps Bay or book a table at one of Cape Town's marvellous restaurants?

Day 9: Cape Town - Johannesburg - Kruger National Park Region

Tuck into breakfast in Cape Town before travelling to the airport. Catch an included flight to Johannesburg in the Gauteng province, known as the "City of Gold". Soon after, it's time to travel east towards South Africa's Mpumalanga province. The day ends as you arrive at tonight's accommodation located on the outskirts of the Kruger National Park. Settle down for an included meal under the African sky on arrival.

Day 10: Kruger National Park Region

Time for a full-day game drive of the park. Sitting elevated in the tour bus you can easily spot animals in the bush, perhaps even the iconic Big 5! The Kruger National Park stretches over 20,000 square km and is just a bit smaller than the country of Belgium. In the park you can see all African game in their natural habitat. Spot wild animals like cheetahs, wild dogs, leopards, elephants and the white and black rhino.

En route, stop at rest camps like Skukuza, Tshokwane and Satara. Around late afternoon, make your way to the safari lodge/hotel on the western edge of the park, for a multi-night stay. Time for a relaxing swim in the pool and a sun-downer or two before our included dinner this evening!

Day 11: Kruger National Park Region - Free Day

Time to further explore the Kruger National Park! Embark on a safari from the safari lodge/hotel in open safari trucks led by local wildlife specialists. A full-day safari drive gives you the chance to spend the day driving in prime game viewing areas, stopping at various waterholes and rest camps. Snacks and lunch are served picnic style along the way. Try to spot some of the resident antelope, birds and wildlife from your truck. Fingers crossed you'll be able to tick off more animals on your list! Did you know that Kruger National Park is home to 114 different species of reptiles, 507 kinds of birds and 147 mammal species? You are sure to come across some of the most amazing creatures in Africa. Slip into the pool on return to cool down before enjoying an included dinner - in true African style.

Day 12: Kruger National Park Region - Free Day

Today you have the option to go on a full-day, half-day or sunrise safari. The sunrise safari offers you the chance to be outside in the African bush during an enchanting time of day. Listen to the chorus of animals as they awake and the sun rises over the savanna. As it gets cooler the animals move around to find food, and your guide will follow to see if there's anything interesting to see. This evening, enjoy our last dinner in the African bush. Spend time around the campfire exchanging safari stories and sipping Amarula (an African liqueur made with fruit of the Marula tree).

Day 13: Three Rondawels - Bourke's Luck Potholes - Blyde River Canyon Viewpoint - Johannesburg

Leave the Kruger National Park behind, discover the Panorama Route through the Mpumalanga province. The first destination is the renowned Three Rondawels viewpoint with a stunning vista over the Blyde River Canyon. This canyon forms part of the Drakensberg ridge and known for storybook views. Next is Bourke's Luck potholes, a natural water feature with hundreds of natural potholes and plunge pools. This area marks the beginning of the Blyde River Canyon. On a clear day, you can see the Kruger and even Mozambique in the distance. Continue the final leg of the tour back to Johannesburg. Sit down for a farewell dinner with new friends!

Day 14: Johannesburg: End of tour

The South Africa Escape tour concludes after breakfast. Have one last breakfast together to say bon voyage, then make your way to the airport in time for flights back to Australia. Let us know if you'd like stay on to explore Jozi, as the locals call Johannesburg.

Note: Depending on flight schedules, it may be necessary to depart Australia the day before the tour commences. The day by day descriptions published are intended as a rough guideline only. Travel by nature is unpredictable, weather patterns, game migrations, road conditions, public holidays, travel restrictions and a multitude of other factors may necessitate itinerary changes that ultimately are for the client's benefit. It is essential that clients are flexible in this regard.

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