

TRAVELZOO SOUTH AFRICA TOUR



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South Africa Escorted First Class Tour

Duration: 11 days

Departs: 2023

Stay: 10 nights accommodation

Travel style: Escorted tour

Booking code: SACGTZ11M

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11 Days Classic South Africa Tour

About the holiday

Experience the worry-free convenience of an escorted tour, with sightseeing and stunning wildlife viewing during this value-packed African adventure!

Begin in Cape Town, with city sightseeing and tours of Table Mountain and the Cape Peninsula. After a quick flight to Durban (included), swap the city for an extraordinary cruise on St Lucia Estuary, home to Nile crocodiles, hippopotami, sea turtles and even sharks. Spend a night immersed in the local culture of the independent Kingdom of eSwatini. There's more amazing wildlife viewing with game drives in Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Game Reserve and famous Kruger National Park.

After driving the spectacular Panorama Route to Johannesburg and taking a tour of Soweto, it's time to leave South Africa and reflect on this extraordinary trip!

Why you'll love this trip...

See the best of South Africa on value-packed 10-night tour.

Loads of inclusions, with many meals, sightseeing and wildlife viewing opportunities. Enjoy comfortable accommodation, with the majority of stays of 2 nights or more. Expert local guides will look after you and proudly share their Africa with you!

Travel dates

2023 & 2024 - Departs Thursdays and select dates throughout the year.

Note: Departures are subject to confirmation at time of booking. Price will vary depending on your travel date. International flights can be added on request.

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Holiday Inclusions

Escorted Package Includes:

Flights - Intra-flight Cape Town-Durban

Accommodation - 10 nights quality accommodation

4 nights Cape Town, 4-star hotel

1 night Hluhluwe, 3-star hotel

1 night Mbabane (eSwatini), 3-star hotel

2 nights Hazyview, 3- to 4-star hotel

2 nights Johannesburg, 4-star hotel

Hotel taxes, fees & service charges

Hotel portorage

18 meals - 10 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 5 dinners

Escorted tour - Services of English-speaking tour manager throughout

Sightseeing as per itinerary in air-conditioned motor coach

Game drives in modern, 10-seater safari vehicles

Entrance fees as per itinerary

Package excludes:

International flights to South Africa - contact us for the latest airfare deals

Airport transfers - can be pre-booked on request

Meals & sightseeing not specified in the inclusions or itinerary

Optional tours & activities

Personal items, such as drinks, snacks, laundry, WiFi 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 the tour company, hotels & local operators.
Cancellation fees & booking conditions apply.***

Special features:

- Experience Cape Town, during the city tour pass by Castle of Good Hope, the Grande Parade and visit Table Mountain
- During the Cape Peninsula Tour, visit the Cape of Good Hope reserve and view the penguin colonies at Boulders Beach
- Game viewing cruise on the St Lucia Estuary, a uniquely diverse ecosystem
- Game drive through Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Game Reserve
- A thrilling game drive in an open-vehicle through Kruger National Park
- In the metropolitan township of Soweto, visit Nelson Mandela's former home

Itinerary:

DAY 1, Thursday - Arrive in Cape Town

Arrive in Cape Town. As you make your way to the hotel, you'll see the towering symbol of the city - Table Mountain. The rest of the day is at leisure

Overnight: Cape Town

DAY 2, Friday - Cape Town City Tour

After an orientation meeting with your Tour Manager, depart on a half day Cape Town city and Table Mountain tour. Drive past famous landmarks such as the Castle of Good Hope, City Hall, the Grand Parade, and St. George's Cathedral. The route then leads to Kloof Nek and Table Mountain. Ascend to the top (weather permitting) by means of a cable car.* Later, descend and proceed to the Milnerton Lighthouse. Afterward, you will have the opportunity to learn the three-billion-year-old story of diamonds while touring the prominent Shimansky Jewellers. Following the tour (or for those who do not wish to participate) stroll through the V & A Shopping Mall before returning to your hotel. Conclude the day with dinner

**Table Mountain Aerial Cableway closes for annual maintenance in July & August.*

Exact dates will be advised.

Overnight: Cape Town

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 3, Saturday - Cape Peninsula Tour

Depart on a full day Cape Peninsula Tour with lunch along the way. After a stop at the fishing village of Hout Bay, continue to the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve. After lunch, follow the coastline along False Bay and stop in Simon's Town to visit the penguin colonies at Boulders Beach. Lastly, visit the Kirstenbosch National Botanical Gardens before arriving to Cape Town. Tonight, experience local culture at the *optional* Home Hosted Dinner

Optional: Home Hosted Dinner in Cape Town

Overnight: Cape Town

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 4, Sunday - Full Day in Cape Town

Enjoy the day at leisure in Cape Town. Perhaps join the *optional* South African Wine Tour* which takes you along the country's principal wine route to the towns of Paarl, Franschhoek and Stellenbosch with tastings along the way. Alternatively, thrill seekers will not want to miss the *optional* excursion to "Shark Alley" to experience great white shark cage diving.* Tonight, attend the *optional* Traditional African Dinner Experience

**The South African Wine Tour and Full Day Great White Shark Cage Diving operate simultaneously. Passengers may opt to participate in only one of these tours*

Optional: South African Wine Tour

Optional: Full Day Great White Shark Cage Diving

Optional: Traditional African Dinner Experience

Overnight: Cape Town

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 5, Monday - Flight to Durban, Game Viewing Cruise on the St. Lucia Estuary

This morning transfer to the airport for your flight to Durban. Upon arrival in the early afternoon, drive to St. Lucia. Later, embark on a game viewing cruise that takes you on the St. Lucia Estuary, home to Nile crocodiles, hippopotami, sea turtles, and even sharks. This evening, enjoy dinner at the hotel

Overnight: Hluhluwe

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 6, Tuesday - Game Drive in Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Game Reserve, Travel to eSwatini

After an early breakfast, travel to the Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Game Reserve, situated in northern KwaZulu Natal, which is famous for its conservation of black and white rhinos. Home to Africa's "Big Five." You may have a chance to see elephant, Cape buffalo, lion, leopard, and rhino during your morning game drive through the reserve. Following the safari, continue to the border of the Kingdom of eSwatini,* an independent kingdom within the borders of South Africa. Stop at a handicraft market this afternoon before arriving at your hotel in the early evening

**eSwatini is an independent country from South Africa and therefore has different entry requirements. Non-US passport holders are responsible to check if a visa is required for eSwatini in addition to all other countries on their itinerary*

Overnight: Mbabane (eSwatini)

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 7, Wednesday - eSwatini Sightseeing and Matsamo Village Visit

After breakfast visit the Ngwenya glass factory, where visitors can watch glass blowers create a range of African animals, and tableware made from recycled glass that is collected by the children of eSwatini. Transfer to the South African border and visit Matsamo Cultural Village where you can learn more about the Swati traditions and customs.

Enjoy traditional Swati cuisine along with dance and song performances. Later, continue to the hotel in time for dinner

Overnight: Hazyview

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 8, Thursday - Kruger National Park Game Drive

Today, a pre-packed breakfast will be provided for you. Then, on to Kruger National Park for a full day open-vehicle game drive. You may have a chance to see lion, elephant, giraffe, or zebra in their natural habitat. After stopping at a rest camp for lunch, continue your game drive. End the day with dinner at the hotel

Overnight: Hazyview

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 9, Friday - Panorama Route to Johannesburg

Depart after breakfast and travel to Mpumalanga Province. Stop to admire the scenery along the 16-mile-long Blyde River Canyon, cut deep into red sandstone, and God's Window (weather permitting), overlooking Kruger National Park. Visit Bourke's Luck Potholes, before proceeding this afternoon to Johannesburg. Stop at a family-run curio shop before arriving at the hotel

Overnight: Johannesburg

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 10, Saturday - Soweto Tour

Depart on a half day tour of Soweto. Drive by the former residence of Bishop Desmond Tutu and visit Nelson Mandela's former home. Continue to the Apartheid Museum, where you will journey through the racial segregation experienced by millions of South Africans. Cap off the day with dinner tonight

Overnight: Johannesburg

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 11, Sunday - Depart South Africa

Make your own way to the airport for your flights to Australia.

Meals: Breakfast

***Note:** 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 and open minded in this regard.*

Have any questions?

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Is this trip right for me?

This active program covers a good amount of ground each day. Expect from three to four hours walking on some touring days. The pace is moderate, however you will encounter some uneven surfaces, stairs, steps and significant slopes. A few early wake-ups are required. There are two long days spent on the coach between eSwatini and Hazyview, as well as between Hazyview and Johannesburg. For your comfort, several stops will be made along the way including a lunch break. While the majority of the tour will be performed in an air-conditioned motor coach, game drives will be conducted in small safari vehicles that cannot be air-conditioned. While the majority of South Africa is malaria-free, visitors to Kruger National Park are encouraged to consult their health-care providers regarding malaria prophylaxis. We suggest you check with your health-care provider before signing up for this tour. During this tour, you may come into proximity of wild animals whose actions can be unpredictable. Certain inherent risks are involved which should be considered at your own discretion. This tour is not designed for children and children under 12 years are not permitted on open vehicle game drives in Kruger National Park.

Optional tours

Book your optional tours before you to travel, to see more and save money.

- Tours purchased while travelling may cost 10% more
- Tours often sell out, so avoid disappointment
- Save your cash, credit card processing may not be available locally
- Travel insurance may only cover services that are purchased before departure
- Contact us to book these tours up to one week prior to departure

Home Hosted Dinner in Cape Town

This dinner will allow you to meet a local South African family and visit their home. You will have the opportunity to enjoy a home cooked three course meal with wine typical to South Africa. Give yourself the chance to experience local culture in a relaxed and comfortable environment with fascinating conversation about the way of life in South Africa, while also exchanging views as well as experiences with your hosts.

Approximate tour duration is 4 hours.

Full Day Great White Shark Cage Diving

Join a thrilling full day excursion to "Shark Alley" to experience great white shark cage diving. Early this morning depart Cape Town and head east to the coastal fishing town of Gansbaai. Upon arrival, the crew of your expedition boat will review the day's activities, safety etiquette and provide fascinating insight to these marine predators. Enjoy a light breakfast before boarding your boat and heading out into the open waters between Geyser Rock and Dyer Islander where great white hunt for seals and penguins.

Outfitted with a wetsuit, lifejacket and snorkelling mask, climb through the top of the cage secured to the boat. You will take turns with your fellow divers watching these predators under water and from the comfort of the ship deck. Return to the port in the early afternoon where you will be greeted with a hot bowl of soup and bread. Relax as the marine biologist recaps your adventure and answers any remaining questions before your return to Cape Town.

*Departure from the hotel will be as early as 4 AM and the drive from Cape Town to Gansbaai is approximately 2.5 hours (one way). The boat will be launched around 9 AM and the boat trip will last between 3-5 hours depending on the weather and sea conditions. Shower facilities will be available after the ship returns from the dive. The return transfer to Cape Town will be at approximately 2 PM and arrival at 4:30 PM. Pick-up and drop-off times are approximate and will be advised locally.

*Due to limited capacity, advanced booking is recommended for this tour. This is not an exclusive tour and therefore you may be with passengers from other tour companies. Shark sightings are not guaranteed and are dependent upon weather and sea conditions. Due to inclement weather and/or rough seas, this tour may be cancelled and refunded.

*Sea conditions can be unpredictable and may become choppy or very rough at times. As a result, some customers experience discomfort and/or seasickness. Some over-the-counter medications, such as Dramamine or Benadryl, may help reduce or prevent seasickness. Clients who are prone to seasickness are advised not to participate in this tour.

South African Wine Tour

Wind through South Africa's fertile valleys, prized for their renowned vintages, and discover the rustic beauty of sprawling estates shaded by giant oaks and rows of vines running as far as the eye can see. Travel the country's principal wine route and enjoy tastings at some of the excellent vineyards along the way. Begin with a visit to Stellenbosch, South Africa's second oldest town and the historic heart of the country's wine region. First recognized as an ideal location for vineyards in 1679, viticulture has been entwined with the town's history ever since. Also of interest is the town's fascinating variety of architecture, including buildings in Cape Dutch, Georgian, and Victorian styles. Then continue northwest to the old, scenic village of Franschhoek, founded near the Drakenstein Mountains in 1688 by French immigrants, whose descendants eventually supplied highly sought-after wine to Napoleon, Bismarck, and even King Edward VII. Stop for lunch on your own, and then enjoy a final tasting before bidding farewell to the wine country and returning to Cape Town. Approximate tour duration is 8 hours.

*Optionals "Full Day Great White Shark Cage Diving" and "South African Wine Tour" operate at the same time and should not be booked together.

Traditional African Dinner Experience

Treat yourself to a memorable evening of entertainment and traditional African gastronomy. Enjoy an exciting interactive djembe drumming session before dinner. Then, savor a 14-course meal with dishes from several African nations, accompanied by live performances. While dining, you will also witness an extraordinary Mali puppet show.

Approximate tour duration is 4.5 hours.

Add a Victoria Falls extension

Complete your amazing African adventure with a visit to UNESCO World Heritage-listed Victoria Falls. “Mosi o Tunya,” means “The smoke that Thunders,” and you’ll see why as you admire this wonder of the world.

During your stay various other attractions can be visited, like the tribal village or curio market. Vic Falls is also home to a multitude of adventure activities, such as an aircraft flight over the falls or a boat trip on the Zambezi River, white water rafting or bungee jumping, but allowance must be made for the extra expense.

We spend two nights here, thus allowing time to explore the town and all it has to offer. Relax to the sound of the African night and the distant roar of the falls and drink the farewell toasts to your adventure.

Vic Falls extension includes:

- Return economy airfare from Johannesburg to Victoria Falls
- Airport transfers
- 2 nights at Pamusha Lodge or Crest Spray View Hotel
- Victoria Falls day tour

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