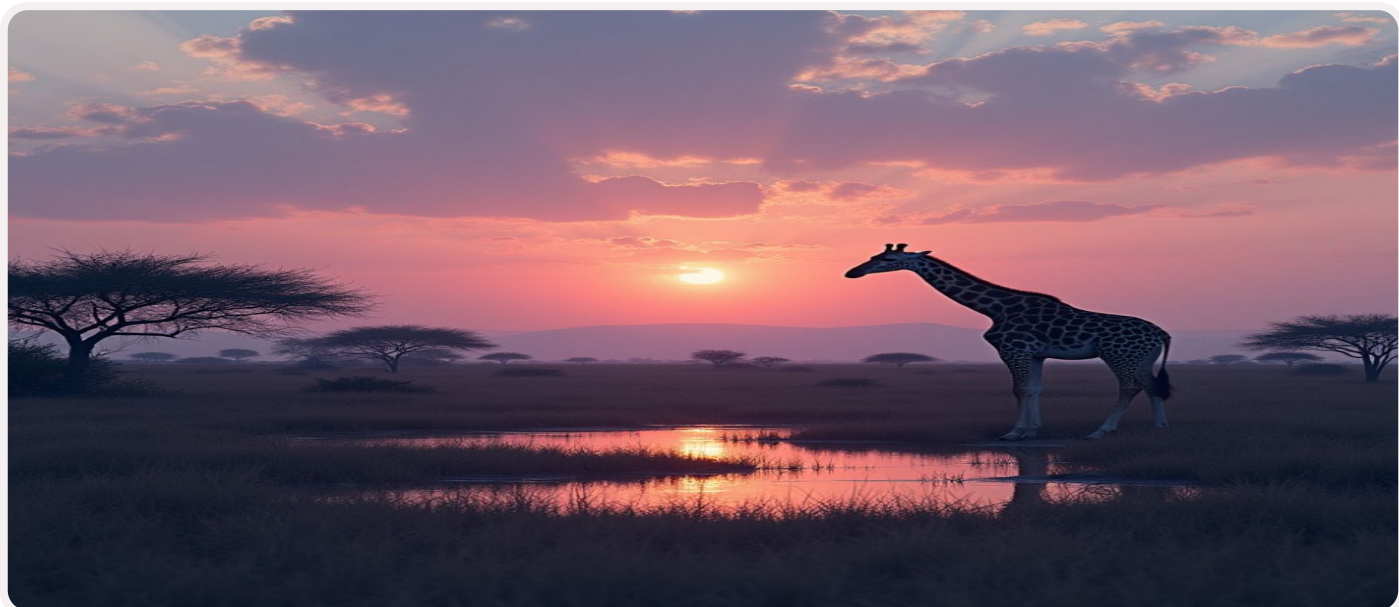




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Visit: Johannesburg-Mpumalanga-Eswatini-St Lucia-Durban (Umhlanga)-Drakensberg-Eastern Cape Coast-Tsitsikamma-Knysna-Oudtshoorn-Cape Town

Detailed Itinerary



Day 01: Sunday - Arrive Johannesburg

On arrival in Johannesburg at OR Tambo International Airport, you'll be met by your representative and assisted to your shuttle transfer service (unescorted, driver only) that will transfer you to your hotel. You have the remainder of the day at leisure until 19h00 when we all meet at the hotel reception for a welcome briefing on the tour and a chance to meet your fellow travellers.

Meal Plan

No Meal

Day 02: Monday - Johannesburg-Mpumalanga

This morning, we leave on a long drive to Mpumalanga, dropping several hundred feet into the lush subtropical region of the Lowveld. Travel along the circular Panorama Route, visiting the view sites of the Blyde River Canyon, home to the Three Rondavels and one of the natural wonders of Africa; gasp at the glory of God's Window, with a boundless view of mountains and fertile plains and visit Bourke's Luck Potholes.

Distance travelled today: 500 kms.

Meal Plan

Breakfast

Day 03: Tuesday - Mpumalanga

We have a bright and early start to the day to experience the wonders of exploring the Kruger National Park in our closed vehicle. Why not join a thrilling open-vehicle game safari through the Kruger National Park (optional and for your own account)? The Kruger National Park is an internationally renowned game reserve of nearly 2 million hectares that supports the largest variety of wildlife species on the African continent. Keep a lookout for the wonderful flora and bird life that abounds. We return to our hotel around lunch time, and your afternoon is at leisure to relax. Distance travelled today: 200 kms.

Meal Plan

Breakfast

Day 04: Wednesday - Mpumalanga - Eswatini

This morning, we travel to eSwatini (Swaziland), an independent Kingdom within the borders of South Africa, known for its lovely scenery, crafts and colourful indigenous culture. An interactive cultural experience introduces us to the charming people of eSwatini and their traditions. We travel south to our hotel, nestled in the mountainous peaks of eSwatini (Swaziland), for an overnight. Distance travelled



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today: 200 kms.

Meal Plan

Breakfast

Day 05: Thursday - Eswatini - St Lucia & Surrounds

Depart after breakfast on a long drive today, travelling through eSwatini (Swaziland), visiting Ngwenya Glass, where a small group of eSwati craftsmen and women create beautifully handmade items from recycled glass. Our next stop is The Swazi Candles Centre, where you will experience local artisans creating colourful, handmade candles. Our journey continues into the Kingdom of KwaZulu-Natal, where ancient traditions and modern cultures of both Zulu and Settler have combined into a vibrant society living in peace and harmony. Arrive at your hotel in the late afternoon for an overnight. Distance travelled today: 375 kms.

Meal Plan

Breakfast

Day 06: Friday - St Lucia and Surrounding - Durban (Umhlanga)

Guests have the option to take a morning optional open vehicle game drive in the Hluhluwe-iMfolozi Game Reserve (optional and for their own account) before heading off to Durban. An orientation tour of Durban, which travels along the Golden Mile, the beachfront promenade, The Point Waterfront, and the harbour, introduces us to this multicultural, vibrant seaside city. The orientation tour concludes with a visit to the Durban Botanic Gardens before arriving at our hotel late afternoon. Distance travelled today: 320 kms.

Meal Plan

Breakfast

Day 07: Saturday - Durban (Umhlanga) - Drakensberg

After breakfast, head into the majestic Southern Drakensberg Mountains. We visit the impressive 300-foot-high Howick Falls, located in the KwaZulu-Natal Midlands town of Howick. Our journey continues through the Southern Midlands Meander Route, arriving at our hotel, situated on a scenic World Heritage site, mid-afternoon. Your afternoon is at leisure to soak up the surroundings, or enjoy fishing, hiking, and even horse riding in clean mountain air (all activities are optional and for your own account). Sit down to a sumptuous dinner at your hotel. Distance travelled today: 280 kms.

Meal Plan

Breakfast and Dinner



Day 08: Sunday - Drakensberg

Enjoy a full day at leisure to soak up the surroundings of the magnificent Southern Drakensberg Mountains. There are also many leisure activities to be enjoyed at the Resort. Consider joining a thrilling 4x4 tour up the spectacular Sani Pass into the mountain Kingdom of Lesotho (optional and for your own account). Enjoy an evening dinner at your hotel with a wide variety of local specialities to choose from.

Meal Plan

Breakfast and Dinner

Day 09: Monday - Drakensberg - Eastern Cape Coast

Depart after breakfast, on a long drive to the Eastern Cape, entering the fourth of the provinces and the birthplace of Nelson Mandela (fondly known as Madiba). Enroute we see the old traditional way of life in the former homeland area known as the Transkei and stop for lunch (own account) outside the capital of Mthata. We travel past Nelson Mandela's birthplace and house, arriving late afternoon at our accommodation in Chinsta East, on the beautiful, unspoilt Eastern Cape Coast. A delicious dinner with local delicacies awaits you at your lodge. Distance travelled today: 520 kms.

Meal Plan

Breakfast and Dinner

Day 10: Tuesday - Eastern Cape Coast - Tsitsikamma

We awake to the sounds of the crashing waves. The beach stretches on uninterrupted for many kilometres, and the thick indigenous beach forest is a haven for an amazing variety of birdlife. We set off on a long drive today, heading to the Tsitsikamma Forest. Distance travelled today: 510 kms.

Meal Plan

Breakfast

Day 11: Wednesday - Tsitsikamma - Knysna

After breakfast, visit the spectacularly beautiful Tsitsikamma Forest, which provides scenic walking opportunities. A short walk to the Storms River Mouth offers some magnificent views of the gorge and river below. Arrive in Knysna, known as the oyster box of South Africa, for check-in at your hotel. Enjoy a dinner filled with culinary delights at the hotel's trendy restaurant. Distance travelled today: 92 kms.



Meal Plan

Breakfast and Dinner

Day 12: Thursday - Knysna - Oudtshoorn

After breakfast, we travel inland over the spectacular Outeniqua Pass to Oudtshoorn, known as the 'feather capital of the world' because of its ostrich industry. We visit a working ostrich farm and then explore the famous Cango Caves, with a walk around its magnificent dripstone formations of stalactites and stalagmites. Overnight in Oudtshoorn. Distance travelled today: 180 kms.

Meal Plan

Breakfast

Day 13: Friday - Oudtshoorn - Cape Town

Today is a long journey travelling along the famous Route 62 and through the Little Karoo, ending in Cape Town. On the way, we stop off to sample top-quality port-style wines in Calitzdorp, before continuing via Worcester and the Huguenot Tunnel, arriving in Cape Town in the late afternoon. Distance travelled today: 420 kms.

Meal Plan

Breakfast

Day 14: Saturday - Cape Town

Enjoy a full day at leisure. Perhaps join a sightseeing tour of Table Mountain and Kirstenbosch Gardens (optional and for own account), or spend the day exploring the magnificent Cape Peninsula and Constantia Winelands (optional and for own account) or join a Robben Island and Cape Town's Anti-Apartheid Struggle tour (optional and for own account). Although a small city, Cape Town is packed with sightseeing attractions, excellent bars, cafes, and restaurants, as well as colourful craft markets. Alternatively, relax on one of Cape Town's many pristine beaches. Overnight in Cape Town.

Meal Plan

Breakfast

Day 15: Sunday - Cape Town Departure (Unescorted)

This morning, after breakfast, check out of the hotel by 11h00. The remainder of the day will be at leisure until your transfer to Cape Town International Airport.



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Meal Plan

Breakfast

Inclusion

- 18 Meals: 14 breakfasts, 4 dinners, including gratuities (excluding all beverages)
- 14 Nights' accommodation including portorage
- Transportation, including toll fees in air-conditioned vehicles
- Services of a professional English-speaking tour guide
- Entrance fees as specified in the itinerary

Exclusion

- International / Domestic airfares.
- Optional activities.
- Other meals, drinks, tips and other personal expenses or services not specified in the program.
- Travel insurance.
- Voluntary tips for guides or drivers.
- Travel and medical insurance.
- Any items not mentioned as included.
- Check visa requirements for Eswatini (Swaziland).

Note

Accommodation included:

- 4* Protea Hotel OR Tambo or similar x 1 night
- 3* Hazyview Sun Hotel or similar x 2 nights
- 3* Piggs Peak Hotel or similar x 1 night
- 3* Anew Hotel Hluhluwe or similar x 1 night
- 4* Protea Hotel Umhlanga Ridge or similar x 1 night
- 3* Drakensberg Gardens Hotel or similar x 2 nights
- 4* Crawford's Beach Lodge or similar x 1 night



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3* Tsitsikamma Village Inn or similar x 1 night

4* The Rex Hotel or similar x 1 night

3* Protea Hotel Riempië Estate or similar x 1 night

3* Anew Hotel Green Point or similar x 2 nights

Transportation:

Transportation is in air-conditioned touring vehicles appropriate to the requirements of the tour

- 2 guests will travel in a sedan vehicle
- 3-10 guests will travel in a 13-seater vehicle
- 11-14 guests will travel in a 15-seater vehicle
- 15-40 guests will travel in a coach

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit the spectacular scenic Three Rondavels, Bourke's Luck Potholes and God's Window
- Experience a game safari in the Kruger National Park
- Meet the friendly people of eSwatini (Swaziland) and experience their culture through singing and dancing
- Orientation tour of Durban including a visit to the Durban Botanic Gardens
- Visit to the charming village of Howick and its impressive waterfall
- Overnight in the magnificent Southern Drakensberg Mountains and experience the unspoilt Eastern Cape Coast
- Travel past Nelson Mandela's birthplace and house
- Visit Tsitsikamma National Park and the scenic Storms River Mouth
- Overnight in Knysna, known as the oyster box of South Africa
- Guided tour of the Cango Caves and a guided tractor tour of a working ostrich farm in Oudtshoorn
- Explore the small towns along the famous Route 62 between Cape Town and Oudtshoorn
- Sample top-quality Port-style wines in Calitzdorp, a town well known for its fortified wines
- Two overnights in Cape Town, spectacularly set at the foot of Table Mountain
- Enjoy a variety of carefully chosen optional experiences that positively impact our travellers and the communities we visit.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

This tour travels through eSwatini (Swaziland) and Lesotho. Please check visa requirements, as certain nationalities may require visas to travel through eSwatini (Swaziland) and Lesotho.

NOTE

Accommodation check-in on Day 1 is from 14h00. Shuttle service on Day 1 starts at 05h15 and ends at 23h00. If you are arriving on a very early morning or late evening flight, please inform your Travel Agent to make alternative transfer arrangements.



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Minimum 2 guests / Maximum 40 guests.

LANGUAGE: English commentary on all departures.

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Departure from Cape Town on Sunday.



Tour Dates & Pricing

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