



# Discover South Africa Odyssey - 14 Days (#17067)

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## Overview

The South Africa Odyssey is an exceptional, long wandering journey through South Africa. From city life to adventure, wildlife to culture, breathtaking scenery to sun-soaked coasts, South Africa is a premier travel destination.

Our Odyssey begins in Johannesburg and travels through Mpumalanga, with visits along the Panorama Route as well as the Kruger National Park, a safari extravaganza. Once you have encountered the wildlife of the country, you will then travel to the Kingdom of eSwatini, where a vibrant cultural journey inspires. Zululand is where ancient kings once hunted, where the Big Five now roam, conserved, and protected. The last leg of the odyssey is a Garden Route journey ending with a few days spent in the city of Cape Town.

14 Days Tour - Minimum 2 guests/Maximum 10 guests.

Departure Day - Sunday, selected departure dates.

## Trip Highlights



Johannesburg - Mpumalanga- Kruger National Park - Mpumalanga – Eswatini - Zululand - Umhlanga - Knysna - Oudtshoorn – Cape Town

## Detailed Itinerary

### Day 01

#### Day 1, Sunday - Arrival Johannesburg

On arrival in Johannesburg at OR Tambo International Airport, you'll be met by your representative and transferred to your hotel. Johannesburg is the largest and most populous city in South Africa. It is also the source of a large-scale gold and diamond trade due to its location on the mineral-rich Witwatersrand range of hills. The remainder of the day is at leisure and unescorted. Why not enjoy an optional (own account) sightseeing tour of Soweto, learning more about the struggle for freedom in South Africa, or simply relax at your hotel? At 19h00 we will meet at reception for a briefing on the tour and a chance to meet fellow travellers.

Distance travelled today: 35 kms

### Day 02

#### Day 2, Monday - Johannesburg - Mpumalanga

Depart Johannesburg after breakfast and head for Pretoria, South Africa's capital city, for a short orientation tour, before continuing to the Mpumalanga Province, known as "Paradise Country". Dropping several hundred feet into the lush subtropical region of the Lowveld, we travel via the historic towns of Dullstroom and Lydenburg. After traversing the famous Long Tom Pass, we travel via Sabie and arrive late afternoon into Hazyview, the safari hub of the Kruger National Park. [Breakfast & Dinner].

Distance travelled today: 425 kms

**Meal:** Breakfast and Dinner

### Day 03

#### Day 3, Tuesday - Mpumalanga

After an early morning breakfast, we'll drive along the spectacular 'Panorama Route', offering views of amazing scenery including the 26-kilometre long Blyde River Canyon (home to the Three Rondavels), Bourke's Luck Potholes and historic



God's Window, a breath-taking view (weather permitting) of the edge of the escarpment taking in the Kruger National Park. We arrive back in Hazyview in the late afternoon where the remainder of the day is at leisure to relax. [Breakfast & Dinner]

Distance travelled today: 320 kms

**Meal:** Breakfast and Dinner

**Day 04****Day 4, Wednesday - Mpumalanga**

The day begins with early morning coffee or tea, followed by a thrilling open vehicle game safari (with English speaking game ranger) through the Kruger National Park with pre-packed breakfast. Kruger is one of the world's greatest national parks, home to a stunning array of wildlife. Search for the 'Big Five' (rhino, buffalo, lion, leopard, and elephant) as well as prolific birdlife and numerous other game species. The game safari includes an introduction to the Anti-Poaching Dog Unit (Project Watchdog), that was established because of the increase in rhino poaching worldwide. Learn about the dogs that are trained to track poachers in the field, detect firearms, ammunition and wildlife products that enter and exit through the Kruger National Park gates. A portion of the trip price of this MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience goes towards ensuring that these dogs receive the best possible care in support of the vital work they do. The experience directly advances UN Global Goal 15: Life on Land. The afternoon is at leisure at your hotel. An afternoon open vehicle game drive is available as an extension to the morning game drive (optional and for own account). [Breakfast & Dinner]

Distance travelled today: 120 kms

**Meal:** Breakfast and Dinner

**Day 05****Day 5, Thursday - Mpumalanga - Eswatini (Swaziland)**

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 inclusive of lunch, introduces us to the charming people of eSwatini (Swaziland) and their traditions. We travel via the capital city, Mbabane, to the beautiful Ezulwini Valley for overnight in eSwatini (Swaziland) and a sumptuous dinner at your hotel. [Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner]

Distance travelled today: 310 kms

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner



**Day 06****Day 6, Friday - Eswatini (Swaziland) - Zululand**

After breakfast we will continue south through eSwatini (Swaziland), before re-entering South Africa. Travel into Zululand, passing traditional round huts and endless vistas. There is an option to enjoy an afternoon open vehicle game safari (optional and for own account with an English-speaking game ranger) in the Hluhluwe-iMfolozi Game Reserve, which contains an immense diversity of fauna and flora and is particularly famous for its conservation of black and white rhino.

Overnight in Hluhluwe-iMfolozi region. [Breakfast]

Distance travelled today: 360 kms

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 07****Day 7, Saturday - Zululand - Durban (Umhlanga)**

This morning we will join a cruise on Lake St Lucia (depending on favourable weather conditions) before departing for Durban.

Our journey takes us past traditional Zulu Kraals, Eucalyptus plantations and sugar cane fields. We arrive early afternoon and the remainder of the afternoon is at leisure and unescorted to enjoy the golden beaches of the Indian Ocean. Overnight in Durban (Umhlanga). [Breakfast]

Distance travelled today: 275 kms

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 08****Day 8, Sunday - Durban (Umhlanga) - Knysna**

This morning we will join a cruise on Lake St Lucia (depending on favourable weather conditions) before departing for Durban.

Our journey takes us past traditional Zulu Kraals, Eucalyptus plantations and sugar cane fields. We arrive early afternoon and the remainder of the afternoon is at leisure and unescorted to enjoy the golden beaches of the Indian Ocean. Overnight in Durban (Umhlanga). [Breakfast]

Distance travelled today: 275 kms





**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 09****Day 9, Monday - Knysna-Tsitsikamma - Knysna**

After breakfast, visit the spectacular Tsitsikamma National Park, Storms River Mouth (weather permitting) and the magical Knysna Forests, the stamping ground of the elusive Knysna elephants. Discover the stories of the woodcutters who worked the forests, the elephants that were hunted to extinction and the discovery of gold. Our expedition into the forest starts with a visit to the Dalene Mathee Big Tree Memorial. The enormous Yellowwood tree of over 880 years was named after Mathee, best known author of four books on the Knysna Forest. Enjoy a delicious lunch en route of traditional cuisine and local treats. Overnight in Knysna with dinner at Drydock Restaurant, renowned for dishes with glorious aromas and flavours, using the finest local ingredients and freshly picked herbs from the region. [Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner]

Distance travelled today: 300 kms

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

**Day 10****Day 10, Tuesday - Knysna - Oudtshoorn**

Travel through the Outeniqua Pass to Oudtshoorn, known as the “ostrich capital” and the centre of the world’s Ostrich farming industry. Along the way, visit ‘Dolphin Point’, an extraordinary viewpoint in Wilderness. In Oudtshoorn, we’ll visit an Ostrich Farm for a fun filled interactive tour and light lunch that includes local specialities such as Ostrich Steak, before taking a tour of the spectacular limestone caverns of the Cango Caves, one of the world’s great natural wonders, sculpted by nature through the ages. We will arrive at our hotel in the late afternoon, in time to check in and relax before dinner (for own account). Overnight in Oudtshoorn. [Breakfast & Lunch]

Distance travelled today: 210 kms

**Meal:** Breakfast and Lunch

**Day 11****Day 11, Wednesday - Oudtshoorn - Cape Town**

There is an option (for own account and subject to availability) to enjoy an early morning Meerkat Safari. Witness these incredible wild habituated creatures emerging out of their burrows, in time to soak up the sun before they head about their



daily activities (weather permitting). A portion of the monies paid by guests for this MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience go towards the Buffelsdrift Foundation, that focusses on Wildlife conservation in the Klein Karoo region, habitat conservation and the local community. The experience directly advances UN Global Goal 15: Life on Land. After this thrilling experience, head back for a delicious breakfast. After breakfast, the journey continues through the 'Little Karoo' to Barrydale, where you will have the opportunity to visit a local farm school, to interact with the children and teachers, spending time with them in the classroom, learning more about this rural community. A portion of the trip monies go towards our Barrydale Farm School Development Fund, that supports local education of underprivileged children in rural communities. (The school visit is subject to the school being open). Continue to Cape Town, spectacularly set at the foot of Table Mountain. Overnight in Cape Town [Breakfast]

Distance travelled today: 468 kms

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 12****Day 12, Thursday - Cape Town (Unescorted)**

There is an option (for own account and subject to availability) to enjoy an early morning Meerkat Safari. Witness these incredible wild habituated creatures emerging out of their burrows, in time to soak up the sun before they head about their daily activities (weather permitting). A portion of the monies paid by guests for this MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience go towards the Buffelsdrift Foundation, that focusses on Wildlife conservation in the Klein Karoo region, habitat conservation and the local community. The experience directly advances UN Global Goal 15: Life on Land. After this thrilling experience, head back for a delicious breakfast. After breakfast, the journey continues through the 'Little Karoo' to Barrydale, where you will have the opportunity to visit a local farm school, to interact with the children and teachers, spending time with them in the classroom, learning more about this rural community. A portion of the trip monies go towards our Barrydale Farm School Development Fund, that supports local education of underprivileged children in rural communities. (The school visit is subject to the school being open). Continue to Cape Town, spectacularly set at the foot of Table Mountain. Overnight in Cape Town [Breakfast]

Distance travelled today: 468 kms

**Meal:** Breakfast and Dinner

**Day 13****Day 13, Friday - Cape Town**

Enjoy a full day tour of the Cape Peninsula, offering some of the most spectacular coastal scenery in the world. Drive through Sea Point, the seaside village of Hout Bay (where you can enjoy an optional and for own account seal island boat cruise) and then on to Cape Point where (by tradition) it is said that the Atlantic and Indian Oceans meet. We'll return to Cape Town by way of Simon's Town, where we visit the Penguin colony at Boulders Beach (entrance fee for own account) and Fish Hoek fishing village. Overnight in Cape Town. [Breakfast]

Distance travelled today: 200 kms

**Meal:** Breakfast

## Day 14

## Day 14, Saturday - Cape Town

Enjoy some last-minute shopping (unescorted) or sightseeing (own account). The Robben Island Tour (for own account & time permitting), which departs from the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront, offers a fascinating excursion, or perhaps just wander through the variety of shops and boutiques catering for all tastes and budgets. Later you will be transferred to the airport, harbour, or railway station for your onward journey. [Breakfast]

**Meal:** Breakfast

## Inclusions

- 22 Meals: 13 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 6 dinners including gratuities.
- 13 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.
- Bottled water in eco-friendly packaging.

## Exclusions

FLIGHT: DURBAN (UMHLANGA) – GQEBERHA (PORT ELIZABETH) (DUR/PLZ) and departure tax on Day 8.

**Recommended flight – FA421 departing Durban at 14h05, arriving Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth) 15h35.**



- International / Domestic airfares.
- Optional activities.
- Other meals, drinks, tips and other personal expenses or services not specified on the program.
- Personal equipment.
- Travel insurance.
- Voluntary tips for guides or drivers.
- Travel and medical insurance.
- Any items not mentioned as included.

## Note

### Hotels Envisaged OR Similar

Johannesburg - 4\* Protea Hotel Balalaika or similar x 1 night

Mpumalanga - 3\* Hazyview Sun Hotel or similar x 3 nights

Eswatini (Swaziland) - 5\* The Royal Villas or similar x 1 night

Zululand - 3\* Anew Hotel Hluhluwe or similar x 1 night

Durban (Umhlanga) - 4\* Protea Hotel Umhlanga or similar x 1 night

Knysna - 4\* Rex Hotel or similar x 2 nights

Oudtshoorn - 4\* Hlangana Lodge or similar x 1 night

Cape Town - 4\* President Hotel or similar x 3 nights

**Important Note:** Prices are subject to alteration without prior notice. Prices are also subject to adjustment in the event of changes in government imposed taxes, fuel price, airfares, hotel charges, tourism levies and the introduction of national, regional or local taxes or levies of whatever nature.

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Traverse the famous Long Tom Pass en route from Johannesburg to Mpumalanga
- Visit the spectacularly scenic Three Rondavels, Bourke's Luck Potholes and God's Window.
- Experience an open vehicle game safari in the Kruger National Park including an introduction to the KNP anti-poaching Dog Unit.
- Meet the friendly people of eSwatini (Swaziland) and experience their culture through singing and dancing.
- Boat game cruise on Lake St Lucia.
- Visit Tsitsikamma National Park and the scenic Storms River Mouth.
- Enjoy a delicious dinner at a delightful lagoon side restaurant in Knysna.
- Immersive journey into the mythical Knysna Forests, discovering the legends build around woodcutters, elephants, steam trains and gold miners.





- Visit the ‘Dolphin Point’ lookout in Wilderness, with spectacular views of Wilderness beach and beyond.
- Guided tour of the Cango Caves and a guided tour of a working ostrich farm in Oudtshoorn.
- Visit a rural farm school in the Barrydale area with the opportunity to interact with the children. This visit supports our Barrydale Farm School Development Fund that encourages local education of underprivileged children in rural communities. School will be closed 01 – 16 Jan; 21 Mar - 02 April; 15 Jun.– 08 Jul; 21 – 30 Sep; 11 - 31 December 2024.
- Explore the small towns along the well-known Route 62 between Oudtshoorn and Cape Town.
- Authentic African dinner experience with a 14-dish taste safari paired with entertainment.
- Three overnights in Cape Town, spectacularly set at the foot of Table Mountain.
- Full Day Cape Peninsula Tour including the Cape of Good Hope, ‘the fairest cape in the whole circumference of the earth’.
- Meals included in this trip support sustainable food production with at least 30% of the food on the menu being sourced locally (within 50-80km) of where it’s prepared
- Enjoy a variety of carefully chosen optional MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experiences that positively impact our travellers and the communities we visit.

### VISA REQUIREMENTS

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

LANGUAGE: English commentary on all departures.

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS: Enhance your journey with optional excursions, available for pre booking, subject to a minimum of 2 adults travelling. (Rates on request).

Departure from Johannesburg on Sundays.

## Program Touring / Guide

Escorted Experience

## Fixed Departure

**08 Sep, 2024**

Package Cost  
 AUD 5,604 P P twin share  
 AUD 6,801 P P single  
 AVAILABLE

**15 Sep, 2024**

Package Cost  
 AUD 5,604 P P twin share  
 AUD 6,801 P P single  
 AVAILABLE

**22 Sep, 2024**

Package Cost  
 AUD 5,604 P P twin share  
 AUD 6,801 P P single  
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