

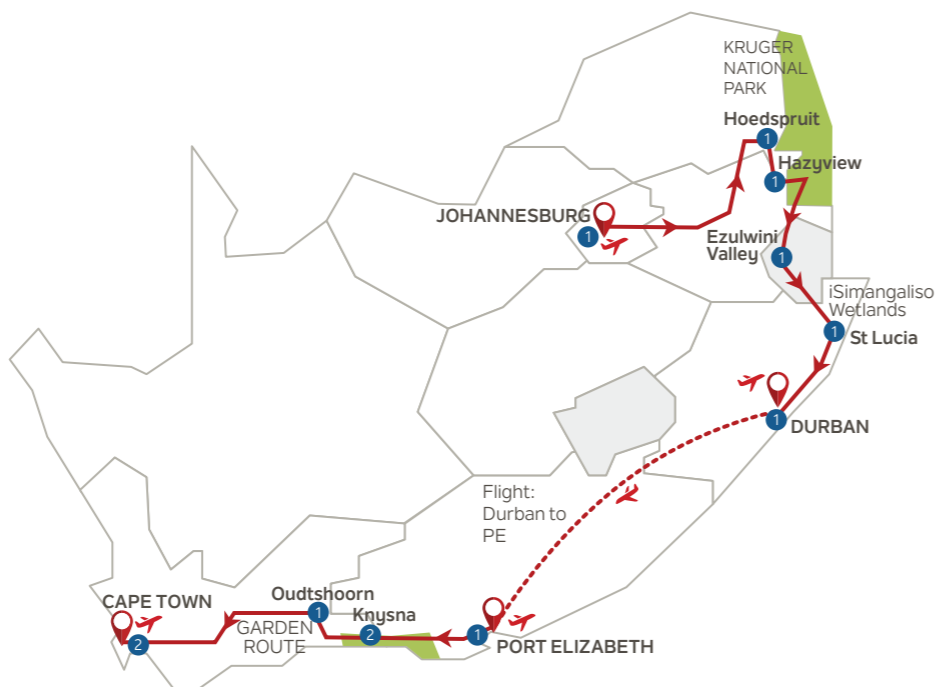


13 days SOUTH AFRICAN EXPLORER

Travel with a Purpose

Enjoy game viewing in 3 different areas; stay at a private game lodge and see Africa's 'Big 5'.

Spot unique wildlife at a World Heritage Site; board an ocean safari; enjoy a sunset oyster cruise on the Knysna Estuary and walk through the Tsitsikamma Forest.



Highlights

- 'Big 5' private 5-star game lodge
- Kruger National Park game viewing
- Tick off the Panorama Route sights
- Game viewing in a World Heritage Site
- Dolphin watching on an ocean safari
- Township school visit
- Sunset Knysna oyster cruise
- Tractor tour on an ostrich farm
- Olive and wine tasting

Guests travelling on this tour support **GREEN SEAT** to conserve South Africa's



Group size:

2 – 8 guests per vehicle
2 – 20 guests per vehicle TICP (day 12)

Departure details:

By arrangement from O.R. Tambo International Airport
Language: 🇬🇧 Bilingual - English and German | 🇫🇷 French

Departure days:

Bilingual - Sundays

NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR
5, 12, 26	3, 10, 17, 24, 31	7, 21, 28	4, 11, 25	3, 10, 17, 24, 31	7, 21, 28
MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT
5, 12, 19, 26	2, 9, 16, 23	7, 14, 21, 28	11, 18, 25	1, 8, 15, 22, 29	6, 13, 27

■ 2023 ■ 2024

French - Selected Sundays

NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR
19	-	14	18	-	14
MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT
-	30	-	4	-	20

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Inclusions:

Accommodation: 3 and 4-star hotels; 5-star private game lodge
Meals: 12 breakfasts and 4 dinners
Entrance fees: Blyde River Canyon, Bourke's Luck Potholes, God's Window, conservation fee into Kruger National Park and private game reserve and Garden Route National Park (Storms River) conservation fee
Transfers: All airport transfers (2 days before or after the tour)
Excursions: 2 open safari vehicle game drives in private game reserves and 1 game drive in iSimangaliso Wetland Park, St Lucia Estuary boat cruise, sunset Knysna oyster cruise, ocean safari, ostrich farm tractor tour, Cango Caves heritage tour, olive and wine tasting, Cape Point full day tour
Green Seat: Endangered Wildlife Trust, Trees for Tourism

Exclusions:

Travel insurance, flights, visa fees, portorage, 13 lunches, 8 dinners, gratuities, and personal expenses

Private guided tour:

- Itinerary available on a private basis departing on scheduled dates
- Available on freesell departing on the scheduled dates
- Departure on any other day is subject to availability and a surcharge may apply
- Public attractions will not be private
- Other language tour guides available on request

Self-drive tour:

- Available on freesell departing on the scheduled dates
- Excluding most entrance fees and excursions
- Other day departures are subject to availability and a surcharge may apply

Extend the experience:

PRE-TOUR RECOMMENDATIONS

- JOHANNESBURG
- Protea Hotel by Marriott Balalaika Sandton
 - My Joburg Private Flexible Full Day Tour (PVT TIMJ)

POST-TOUR RECOMMENDATIONS

- CAPE TOWN
- SunSquare Cape Town City Bowl
 - My Cape Town Private Flexible Full Day Tour (PVT TIMC)

**Day 1 | Sunday****DAY OF ARRIVAL (±30km)**

On arrival at the airport, guests will be collected and transferred to the hotel. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure or explore the famous suburb of Sandton offering many shops and restaurants within walking distance from the hotel. Dine at the hotel or in the city (own account).

Overnight at Protea Hotel by Marriott Balalaika or similar - Breakfast.

Day 2 | Monday**JOHANNESBURG to MAKALALI GAME RESERVE via DULLSTROOM (±456km)**

Guests are collected from the hotel and travel east to the province of Limpopo, via Dullstroom. Guests will stop for lunch (own account) en route and arrive at a private game reserve, to enjoy a guided, open vehicle game drive. Return to the lodge for pre-dinner drinks (own account) and dinner.

Overnight at aha Makalali Main Lodge or similar – Dinner, breakfast, and 2 game drives.

Day 3 | Tuesday**MAKALALI GAME RESERVE to HAZYVIEW via PANORAMA ROUTE (±180km)**

Experience an early morning start in the bushveld on a guided, open vehicle game drive. Guests will enjoy coffee and rusks in the bush before returning to the lodge for breakfast. Check-out and head to Mpumalanga's most magnificent attractions: the Blyde River Canyon and the Three Rondavels. The Panorama Route affords guests memorable views of the more significant sites in this area, including God's Window and Bourke's Luck Potholes. Lunch (own account) is enjoyed along this scenic route. The tour stops in Hazyview for the evening.

Overnight at ANEW Resort Hazyview or similar – Dinner and breakfast.

Day 4 | Wednesday**HAZYVIEW to ESWATINI via KRUGER NATIONAL PARK (±160km)**

Guests enjoy an early breakfast before departing the hotel for the Kruger National Park. A closed vehicle game drive allows guests to take in the park and view the 'Big 5' and other fauna and flora. Enjoy lunch

(own account) en route to the Kingdom of Eswatini. Guests enter at the Jeppes Reef border, arriving at the hotel later in the afternoon. Dinner is at the hotel.

Overnight at Mantenga Lodge or similar - Dinner and breakfast.

NOTE: When entering the Kingdom of Eswatini, guests must ensure they are in possession of a valid passport and for nationals of applicable countries, multi-entry visa regulations apply (own account).

Day 5 | Thursday**ESWATINI to ST LUCIA (±335km)**

After an early breakfast, guests stop to visit the Swazi Candle Factory and Crafts Market. Exit Swaziland at the Lavumisa Border post and enter South Africa's KwaZulu-Natal province in an area colloquially referred to as the Elephant Coast. In the late afternoon guests arrive at the hotel and have the opportunity to freshen up before pre-dinner drinks and dinner (both own account).

Overnight at Forest Lodge or similar – Breakfast and 1 game excursion.

Day 6 | Friday**ST LUCIA to uMhlanga (±225km)**

Before breakfast, guests embark on an open safari vehicle and enjoy a game drive through South Africa's first World Heritage Site, the iSimangaliso Wetland Park, roughly translated as 'miracle and wonder'. Observe hippos, crocodiles, and an abundance of birds on an eco-friendly boat cruise on the lake. Guests can have lunch (own account) while taking in the lake vista before departing for the coastal town of uMhlanga. Enjoy dinner at the beachfront hotel or in town (own account).

Overnight at The Capital Pearls or similar - Breakfast.

Day 7 | Saturday**uMhlanga to PORT ELIZABETH – flight (own account and own arrangements)**

Breakfast is enjoyed at the hotel and the morning spent at leisure. Guests have the options to take a walk along the promenade or spend time on the beach. Guests are collected from the hotel and transferred to King Shaka International Airport for a flight to Port Elizabeth (flight

not included). On arrival, guests are met and transferred to their hotel. Dine (own account) at the hotel or at a restaurant of choice.

Overnight at Southern Sun The Marine or similar - Breakfast.

Day 8 | Sunday**PORT ELIZABETH to KNYSNA via TSITSIKAMMA FOREST (±285km)**

Guests are collected from their hotel and head west to Knysna via Storms River and the Tsitsikamma Forest; in the heart of the Garden Route. Guests will stop at Storms River and enjoy a short walk to the suspension bridge to take in the views.

Lunch is enjoyed (own account) in the Tsitsikamma Forest area, home to century-old trees, continuing on to the picturesque town of Knysna. After arrival and check-in, guests board the Knysna oyster cruise to sample oysters and enjoy a sundowner. Guests savour an evening's dinner next to the Knysna Estuary (own account).

Overnight at Protea Hotel by Marriott Knysna Quays or similar – Breakfast.

Day 9 | Monday**KNYSNA to PLETTENBERG BAY and back (±60km)**

After breakfast, guests make their way to Plettenberg Bay. Guests depart from Lookout Beach on a marine excursion (weather permitting) dedicated to the observation and conservation of marine mammals. This Fair Trade Tourism certified ocean safari affords guests extensive and memorable whale, dolphin and seal watching opportunities.

Back on shore guests can enjoy a relaxing lunch (own account). In the afternoon, guests take a guided tour to Qolweni Township, school, and crèche. This is a community development programme whose allocated tour proceeds fund the education of Qolweni's children.

Guests are invited to donate pencils, books and other stationary. Take the scenic drive back to Knysna; spending the afternoon at leisure or exploring the village of Knysna. In the early evening, guests enjoy dinner at one of the many restaurants at the Knysna Waterfront (own account).

Overnight at Protea Hotel by Marriott Knysna Quays or similar – Breakfast.

Day 10 | Tuesday**KNYSNA to OUDTSHOORN via WILDERNESS (±125km)**

After breakfast, the tour departs for Oudtshoorn, in the Klein Karoo via the Outeniqua Mountain Pass. Lunch en route (own account). Oudtshoorn is the principal town of the Klein Karoo and the ostrich capital of the world. Guests visit the Cango Caves in the Cango Valley before an olive tasting, paired with Protea rosé or juice. Dinner is enjoyed in a quaint setting.

Overnight at Surval Boutique Olive Estate or similar – Dinner and breakfast.

Day 11 | Wednesday**OUDTSHOORN to CAPE TOWN via ROUTE 62 (±420km)**

After breakfast guests visit a working ostrich farm for an informative tractor tour of the farm on the outskirts of Oudtshoorn. Departing the farm, the tour traces Route 62, the region's iconic freeway.

Guests can enjoy a wine tasting (own account) and the sweeping views of the Tradouw Valley. Lunch is enjoyed en route (own account). Guests arrive at a Cape Town hotel in the late afternoon. Guests dine at the hotel or a city restaurant (own account).

Overnight at Sun Square City Bowl or similar – Breakfast.

Day 12 | Thursday**CAPE POINT FULL DAY TOUR**

After breakfast, guests join a guided full day Cape Point tour and travel along the Atlantic seaboard to Cape Point via Chapman's Peak and the Cape Peninsula. Visit the Cape Point Nature Reserve and Boulders penguin colony (own account). Dine at one of many city restaurants (own account).

Overnight at Sun Square City Bowl or similar – Breakfast.

Day 13 | Friday**DAY OF DEPARTURE**

Guests enjoy breakfast and spend the day at leisure. A scheduled transfer to the Cape Town International Airport concludes the tour.