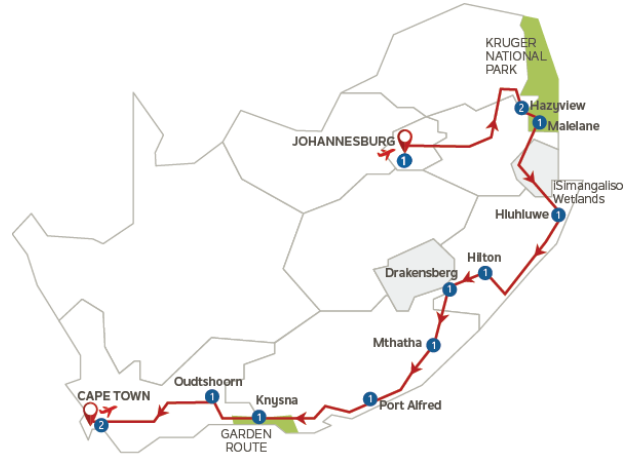


## 14-day South African Highlights

Discover all classic experiences South Africa offers, from finding the 'Big 5' in the Kruger National Park, to the Winelands of the Cape. In between, explore iSimangaliso Wetland Park and the beauty of the Drakensberg and the Garden Route.



## TOUR DETAILS

Tour Code	TIRB	TISD 04	TISD 11	TISD 20
<b>Duration</b>	<b>14 days   13 nights</b> 1 night Johannesburg 2 nights Hazyview 1 night Malelane 1 night Hluhluwe 1 night Hilton 1 night Drakensberg 1 night Mthatha 1 night Port Alfred 1 night Knysna 1 night Oudtshoorn 2 nights Cape Town	6 days   5 nights 1 night Johannesburg 2 nights Hazyview 1 night Malelane 1 night Hluhluwe	9 days   8 nights    1 night Hilton 1 night Drakensberg 1 night Mthatha 1 night Port Alfred 1 night Knysna 1 night Oudtshoorn 2 nights Cape Town	3 days   2 nights      1 night Knysna 1 night Oudtshoorn
<b>Start location</b>	Johannesburg, Gauteng			
<b>End location</b>	Cape Town, Western Cape			
<b>Group size</b>	2 – 30 guests per vehicle			
<b>Departure time</b>	±13h00 from Protea Hotel by Marriott Balalaika Sandton Collection time based on the optional tour departure			
<b>Language</b>	English guided German guided Other language tour guides are available on request if booked on a private basis and a surcharge applies			
<b>Accommodation</b>	3 and 4-star hotels			
<b>Vehicle</b>	Air-conditioned vehicle of appropriate size Minibus or coach			
<b>Included</b>	<b>Entrance Fees</b>	Blyde River Canyon Bourke's Luck Potholes Wonder View Kruger National Park conservation fee Nelson Mandela Capture Site Garden Route National Park conservation fee (Storms River) Hotel Portorage		
	<b>Excursions</b>	River Cruise Short walk in Tsitsikamma across the Storms River Suspension Bridge		
	<b>Green Seat</b>	Endangered Wildlife Trust, Trees for Tourism		
<b>Excluded</b>	Travel insurance, flights, visa fees, airport transfers, 14 lunches, 10 dinners, gratuities and optional excursions: - Day 1 > Afternoon tour of Johannesburg city and Soweto highlights - Day 3 > Full day game drive in an open safari vehicle in the Kruger National Park - Day 6 > Morning game drive in an open safari vehicle in the Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Game Reserve - Day 6 > St Lucia Estuary boat cruise - Day 7 > Afternoon Sani Pass excursion - Day 12 > Cheese and wine pairing, cellar tour - Day 14 > Morning tour of Cape Town City and Table Mountain			

<b>Optional SA Highlights Excursion Package</b>	<b><i>Excursions <u>not sold separately</u></i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Day 4 &gt; Full day game drive in an open safari vehicle in the Kruger National Park on day 4</li> <li>- Day 11 &gt; Cango Caves heritage tour</li> <li>- Day 12 &gt; Ostrich farm tractor tour</li> <li>- Day 13 &gt; Full day Cape Point tour</li> </ul>
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## SCHEDULED DEPARTURE DATES

<b>2025 Season</b> 01 Nov 2024 - 31 Dec 2025  <b>Scheduled Mondays</b>  <b>Block-out dates apply</b>	<b>Language</b>	<b>Starts Monday</b>	<b>Ends Sunday</b>
<b>Group 1</b>	German	<b>04-Nov-24</b>	17-Nov-24
<b>Group 2</b>	English	<b>11-Nov-24</b>	24-Nov-24
<b>Group 3</b>	German	<b>25-Nov-24</b>	08-Dec-24
<b>Group 4</b>	English	<b>02-Dec-24</b>	15-Dec-24
<b>Group 5</b>	German	<b>13-Jan-25</b>	26-Jan-25
<b>Group 6</b>	English	<b>20-Jan-25</b>	02-Feb-25
<b>Group 7</b>	German	<b>03-Feb-25</b>	16-Feb-25
<b>Group 8</b>	English	<b>10-Feb-25</b>	23-Feb-25
<b>Group 9</b>	German	<b>17-Feb-25</b>	02-Mar-25
<b>Group 10</b>	English	<b>03-Mar-25</b>	16-Mar-25
<b>Group 11</b>	German	<b>10-Mar-25</b>	23-Mar-25
<b>Group 12</b>	English	<b>24-Mar-25</b>	06-Apr-25
<b>Group 13</b>	German	<b>31-Mar-25</b>	13-Apr-25
<b>Group 14</b>	English	<b>07-Apr-25</b>	20-Apr-25
<b>Group 15</b>	German	<b>14-Apr-25</b>	27-Apr-25
<b>Group 16</b>	English	<b>05-May-25</b>	18-May-25
<b>Group 17</b>	German	<b>12-May-25</b>	25-May-25
<b>Group 18</b>	English	<b>19-May-25</b>	01-Jun-25
<b>Group 19</b>	German	<b>02-Jun-25</b>	15-Jun-25
<b>Group 20</b>	English	<b>23-Jun-25</b>	06-Jul-25
<b>Group 21</b>	German	<b>07-Jul-25</b>	20-Jul-25
<b>Group 22</b>	English	<b>21-Jul-25</b>	03-Aug-25
<b>Group 23</b>	German	<b>11-Aug-25</b>	24-Aug-25
<b>Group 24</b>	English	<b>18-Aug-25</b>	31-Aug-25
<b>Group 25</b>	German	<b>25-Aug-25</b>	07-Sep-25
<b>Group 26</b>	English	<b>08-Sep-25</b>	21-Sep-25
<b>Group 27</b>	German	<b>15-Sep-25</b>	28-Sep-25
<b>Group 28</b>	English	<b>22-Sep-25</b>	05-Oct-25
<b>Group 29</b>	German	<b>06-Oct-25</b>	19-Oct-25
<b>Group 30</b>	English	<b>13-Oct-25</b>	26-Oct-25
<b>Group 31</b>	German	<b>20-Oct-25</b>	02-Nov-25
<b>Group 32</b>	German	<b>03-Nov-25</b>	16-Nov-25
<b>Group 33</b>	English	<b>10-Nov-25</b>	23-Nov-25
<b>Group 34</b>	German	<b>17-Nov-25</b>	30-Nov-25
<b>Group 35</b>	English	<b>01-Dec-25</b>	14-Dec-25

## ADDITIONAL TOURING OPTIONS

<b>Scheduled Private Guided Tour</b>	<p>The itinerary is available on a private basis departing on scheduled Mondays</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Available on 30-day freesell and on request thereafter</li> <li>- Departure on any other day is subject to availability and a surcharge applies</li> <li>- Public attractions and open safari vehicle game drives will not be private</li> <li>- Other foreign language tour guides are available on request if booked on a private basis and a surcharge applies</li> </ul>
<b>Scheduled Self-drive Tour</b>	<p>The itinerary is available on a self-drive basis departing on scheduled Mondays</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Available on 30-day freesell and on request thereafter</li> <li>- Excluding most entrance fees</li> <li>- Departure on any other day is subject to availability and a surcharge applies</li> </ul>

## EXTEND THE EXPERIENCE Recommendations

Pre-Tour Accommodation in **JOHANNESBURG**: **4-star** Protea Hotel by Marriott Balalaika Sandton

Pre-Touring in **JOHANNESBURG**:

### **My Joburg Flexible Full Day Private Tour**

- No fixed itinerary; limited to 300km / 9 hours
- Places of interest subject to operating hours

Post-Touring in **CAPE TOWN**:

### **My Cape Town Flexible Full Day Private Tour**

- No fixed itinerary; limited to 300km / 9 hours
- Places of interest subject to operating hours

## TOUR SUMMARY

Alternative accommodation may be booked when required and will be communicated 30 days before departure

DAY	ACCOMMODATION	MEALS	ACTIVITIES & ENTRANCE FEES INCLUDED	KM
1 Mon	Protea Hotel by Marriott Balalaika Sandton		Afternoon at leisure	30
2 Tue	ANEW Resort Hazyview	Breakfast	Blyde River Canyon and Three Rondawels Bourke's Luck Potholes Wonder View	500
3 Wed	ANEW Resort Hazyview	Breakfast	Game viewing in the Kruger National Park in a closed vehicle	250
4 Thu	Pestana Kruger Lodge	Breakfast Dinner	Game viewing in the Kruger National Park in a closed vehicle	200
5 Fri	ANEW Hotel Hluhluwe & Safaris	Breakfast	Evening Zulu-cultural experience	420
6 Sat	ANEW Hotel Hilton	Breakfast	Midday leisure time at the beach	400
7 Sun	Premier Resort Sani Pass	Breakfast Dinner	Mandela Capture site Howick Falls Afternoon at leisure	170
8 Mon	Garden Court Mthatha	Breakfast	Morning at leisure	315
9 Tue	The Royal St Andrews Lodge	Breakfast Dinner	Sunset river cruise / morning cruise on Day 10 (weather dependent)	365
10 Wed	Premier Hotel The Moorings Knysna	Breakfast	Morning river cruise / sunset cruise on Day 9 (weather dependent) Storms River Suspension Bridge walk	410
11 Thu	Protea Hotel by Marriott Riempe Estate	Breakfast		180
12 Fri	StayEasy Cape Town City Bowl	Breakfast		450
13 Sat	StayEasy Cape Town City Bowl	Breakfast	Full day at leisure	0
14 Sun	TOUR ENDS IN CAPE TOWN	Breakfast	Morning / full day at leisure	

# DETAILED ITINERARY

Alternative accommodation may be booked when required and will be communicated 30 days before departure

## Day 1 | Monday

### DAY OF ARRIVAL – AFTERNOON AT LEISURE in JOHANNESBURG (±30km)

Arrival at O.R. Tambo International Airport, transfer to hotel (own arrangements and at own expense)  
Lunch (own arrangements and for own expense)  
Hotel check-in - the opportunity to purchase optional day excursions if not pre-booked  
Optional Johannesburg City and Soweto highlights afternoon scheduled tour (own expense)  
Group tour briefing at the hotel  
Dinner at the hotel (own expense)  
Protea Hotel by Marriott Balalaika Sandton or similar – Breakfast (4-star)

## Day 2 | Tuesday

### JOHANNESBURG to HAZYVIEW via PANORAMA ROUTE (±500km)

Breakfast at the hotel (included)  
Lunch en route (own expense)  
Blyde River Canyon and Three Rondawels (included)  
Bourke's Luck Potholes (included)  
Wonder View (included)  
Arrival at the hotel  
Dinner at the hotel (own expense)  
ANEW Resort Hazyview or similar – Breakfast (4-star)

## Day 3 | Wednesday

### FULL DAY IN KRUGER NATIONAL PARK (±250km)

Early breakfast at the hotel (included)  
Game viewing in the Kruger National Park in a closed vehicle  
Optional full day open safari vehicle game drive (own expense)  
Lunch in the Kruger National Park (own account)  
Return to the hotel late afternoon  
Dinner at the hotel or in town (own account)  
ANEW Resort Hazyview or similar – Breakfast (4-star)

## Day 4 | Thursday

### HAZYVIEW to MALELANE via KRUGER NATIONAL PARK (±200km)

Breakfast at the hotel (included)  
Game viewing in the Kruger National Park in a closed vehicle  
Optional full day open safari vehicle game drive (*Available with TIRB-Optional excursion package – not sold separately*)  
Lunch in the Kruger National Park (own expense)  
Arrive at the hotel late afternoon  
Dinner at the hotel (included)  
Pestana Kruger Lodge or similar – Dinner and breakfast (4-star)

## Day 5 | Friday

### MALELANE to HLUHLUWE via ESWATINI (±420km)

Early breakfast at the hotel (included)  
Comfort stop near Malelane  
Enter Eswatini at Jeppes Reef Border (visas - own expense)  
Drive through Ezulwini Valley  
Late lunch en route at Swazi Candle Factory before exiting Eswatini (own expense)  
Enter South Africa at Lavumisa Border (if applicable, multiple entry to SA for own expense)  
Arrive at the lodge late afternoon / evening in time for a Zulu cultural experience (included)  
Dinner at the hotel (own expense)  
ANEW Hotel Hluhluwe & Safaris or similar – Breakfast (3-star)

**NOTE:** When entering the Kingdom of Eswatini, guests must ensure that they have a valid passport and for nationals of applicable countries, multi-entry visa regulations apply.

## Day 6 | Saturday

### HLUHLUWE to HILTON via ST LUCIA (±400km)

Breakfast at the hotel (included)  
Optional morning open safari vehicle game drive in Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Game Reserve (own expense)  
Optional Boat cruise on the St Lucia Estuary (own expense)  
Grab snacks for the road in St Lucia (own expense)  
Late lunch en route at the beachfront Salt Rock Hotel (own expense)  
*TISD 04 guests drop-off and TISD 11 guests pick-up from Salt Rock Hotel at 14h00-15h00*  
Travel through sugarcane fields, and the small town of Wartburg  
Arrive in the quaint village of Hilton, late afternoon  
Dinner at the hotel (own expense)  
ANEW Hotel Hilton or similar – Breakfast (4-star)

**TISD 04 = Day 1 to 6 JNB to DUR** drop-off guests ±14h30 in Salt Rock  
**TISD 11 = Day 6 to 14 DUR to CPT** pick-up guests ±14h30 in Salt Rock

#### **Day 7 | Sunday**

##### **HILTON to DRAKENSBERG via HOWICK (±170km)**

Breakfast at the hotel (included)  
Visit the Mandela Capture Site (included)  
Visit Howick Falls (free and a quick stop)  
Scenic drive to the Drakensberg  
Arrive at the resort around midday -- stunning Drakensberg scenery with hiking trails and other activities available  
Lunch at the hotel (own expense)  
Optional 3-hour excursion to Sani Pass (own expense and visa to Lesotho may be required)  
Dinner at the hotel (included)  
Premier Resort Sani Pass or similar – Dinner and breakfast (4-star)

#### **Day 8 | Monday**

##### **DRAKENSBERG to MTHATHA (±315km)**

Breakfast at the hotel (included)  
Morning at leisure  
Lunch en route (own expense)  
Arrive at the hotel late afternoon  
Dinner at the hotel (own expense)  
Garden Court Mthatha or similar – Breakfast

#### **Day 9 | Tuesday**

##### **MTHATHA to PORT ALFRED via QUNU (±365km)**

Breakfast at the hotel (included)  
Mandela Museum (free)  
View Qunu – Mandela's Route  
Lunch en route (own expense)  
Arrive at the hotel late afternoon  
Dinner at the hotel (included)  
The Royal St Andrews Lodge or similar – Dinner and breakfast (4-star)

#### **Day 10 | Wednesday**

##### **PORT ALFRED to KNYSNA via EASTERN GARDEN ROUTE (±410km)**

Early breakfast at the hotel (included)  
Morning river cruise / sunset cruise on Day 8 (included – weather dependent)  
*TISD 20 guests pick-up in Port Elizabeth (Gqeberha)*  
Lunch in Tsitsikamma (own expense)  
Short walk in Tsitsikamma across the Storms River Suspension Bridge (included)  
Arrive in Knysna, afternoon at leisure  
Dinner at the hotel (own account)  
Premier Hotel The Moorings Knysna or similar – Breakfast (4-star)

**NOTE:** The vehicle may be required to collect guests at the Kelway Hotel or Southern Sun the Marine ±11h30

#### **Day 11 | Thursday**

##### **KNYSNA to OUDTSHOORN via CANGO CAVES (±180km)**

Breakfast at the hotel (included)  
Scenic drive through Knysna and stop at lookout point – views of Knysna Lagoon and Knysna Heads  
Outeniqua Mountain Pass  
Optional Ostrich Farm tractor tour (*Available with TIRB-Optional excursion package – not sold separately*)  
Lunch at the Ostrich Farm (own expense)  
Optional Cango Caves heritage tour (*Available with TIRB-Optional excursion package – not sold separately*)  
Arrive at the hotel, at leisure  
Dinner at the hotel or in town (own expense)  
Protea Hotel by Marriott Riempe Estate or similar – Breakfast (3-star)

#### **Day 12 | Friday**

##### **OUDTSHOORN to CAPE TOWN via WINELANDS (±450km)**

Breakfast at hotel (included)  
Drive via Route 62 through small towns or villages  
Lunch en route (own expense)  
Optional Cheese and wine pairing, cellar tour (own expense)  
Arrive at the hotel in the afternoon  
Dinner at hotel or in town (own expense)  
StayEasy Cape Town City Bowl or similar – Breakfast (3-star)

### Day 13 | Saturday

#### FULL DAY AT LEISURE in CAPE TOWN

Breakfast at the hotel (included)

Full day at leisure

Optional Cape Point full day scheduled guided tour (*Available with TIRB-Optional excursion package – not sold separately*)

Dinner in town/V&A Waterfront (own expense)

StayEasy Cape Town City Bowl or similar – Breakfast (3-star)

### Day 14 | Sunday

#### MORNING AT LEISURE in CAPE TOWN

Breakfast at the hotel (included)

Time at leisure

Optional Table Mountain and City morning scheduled guided tour (own expense)

Airport transfer (own arrangements and at own expense)

## DAY-BY-DAY BREAKDOWN

Alternative accommodation may be booked when required and will be communicated 30 days before departure

### Day 1 | Monday

#### DAY OF ARRIVAL – AFTERNOON AT LEISURE in JOHANNESBURG (±30km)

Johannesburg, also known as Egoli, the City of Gold, is alive with adventure. Beginning as a tent city during the gold rush, its eclectic mixture of diverse cultures reflects the uniqueness of South Africa. You'll soon get used to the sound of hooting taxis and chatter of street vendors rising against the distinctive, modern city skyline. Enjoy the day at leisure or take an optional, guided afternoon tour of Johannesburg and Soweto's highlights (at your own expense). Discover the history of Johannesburg, the city of gold and experience the vibrant and upbeat, Soweto. Visit Constitution Hill which is home to the Constitutional Court and the site of Johannesburg's Old Fort Prison, Kliptown Open Air Museum, Hector Pieterse Memorial, view the iconic Soweto towers and experience Vilakazi Street and an authentic street market. Return to the hotel late afternoon. Meet your tour guide at the hotel for the tour briefing at 18h00. Enjoy dinner (at your own expense) either at the hotel or in the Sandton City complex with its giant statue of Mandela in the Square. Overnight at Protea Hotel by Marriott Balalaika Sandton or similar – Breakfast

### Day 2 | Tuesday

#### JOHANNESBURG to HAZYVIEW via PANORAMA ROUTE (±500km)

After breakfast, we leave the city and head towards the scenic Panorama Route. Passing rolling grasslands and small towns, the road eventually climbs an escarpment of the Drakensberg Mountains to enter a scenic wonderland. Blyde River Canyon, the world's largest green canyon, filled with waterfalls and ancient geological features, will take your breath away. Spot the Three Rondavels - three conical peaks resembling African huts. Stand on the bridges over the Bourke's Luck Potholes, where millennia of swirling water have carved giant holes into the sandstone. Get your cameras ready for the panoramic vistas of Wonder View, the highest point of the day. The town of Graskop (grassy peak), established in the 1880s at the height of gold rush, is now part of the local timber industry. Visit one of its famous pancake bars and then browse the many curio shops to find unique artifacts. The scenic drive to Hazyview winds through rolling hills and dense forests. Take a breath and soak in the outstanding natural beauty of Mpumalanga as we head for your hotel.

Overnight at ANEW Resort Hazyview or similar – Breakfast

### Day 3 | Wednesday

#### FULL DAY IN KRUGER NATIONAL PARK (±250km)

After an early breakfast, a full day of adventure awaits you in the world's premier safari destination. The Kruger National Park will immerse you in the world of the 'Big 5': lion, rhinoceros, leopard, buffalo, and elephant. The Park, sprawling over 20,000 km<sup>2</sup>, is slightly smaller than Belgium and supports a staggering variety of fauna and flora - including rare bird species. The slow pace of the touring vehicle and the focus on the bush will take your mind to a place as quiet as an elephant's footfall. Enjoy lunch (at your own expense) at one of the park's rest camps, before continuing on the bush adventure. An optional full day safari in an open safari vehicle with an expert guide is available (at your own expense, excluding lunch). We exit Kruger National Park and head back to the hotel to freshen up and enjoy pre-dinner drinks before dinner (both at your own expense).

Overnight at ANEW Resort Hazyview or similar – Breakfast

### Day 4 | Thursday

#### HAZYVIEW to MALELANE via KRUGER NATIONAL PARK (±200km)

After a good night's rest, enjoy an early breakfast before spending a second day in the park, as we drive from Phabeni Gate to exit at Malelane Gate in the south. If you want to feel the air of adventure on your face, pre-book the optional full day safari in an open safari vehicle (Optional Excursion Package own expense and excluding lunch). Be ready to add to your game and bird viewing list and look out for unique flora. There's a lot to look for, with 336 tree, 49 fish, 34 amphibian, 116 reptile, 507 bird, and 147 mammal species. For birders, there is the chance to find a lifer. Use the lunchtime spent in a rest camp to look for one of the 'Little 5': the ant lion, the buffalo weaver, the elephant shrew the leopard tortoise, or the rhino beetle. One of those would be a find! Our time in the park ends in the late afternoon as we exit at the Malelane Gate. The overnight accommodation is situated on the border of the famous Park. You will be able to enjoy drinks on a deck overlooking the Crocodile River and watch the animals come down to the river to drink as the sun sets on the experience of a lifetime.

Overnight at Pestana Kruger Lodge or similar – Dinner and breakfast

### Day 5 | Friday

#### **MALELANE to HLUHLUWE via ESWATINI (±420km)**

After an early breakfast, the adventure will continue as you depart for Hluhluwe via the often misty mountains of the Kingdom of Eswatini and into the Ezulwini Valley. The valley is aptly named - Ezulwini means 'place of heaven' - and provides panoramic views of the Kingdom and access to several notable wildlife sanctuaries. Craft markets, overflowing with carvings, beadwork and colourful materials, provide wonderful shopping opportunities. Sample local food specialties, such as Baganu, a marula fruit drink, or Sishwala porridge, served with a meat stew or vegetables. Swazi cuisine is a celebration of traditional ingredients and cooking. Continuing a magical tour of three different regions in a day, you will re-enter South Africa via KwaZulu-Natal. There will be a stop for lunch on the way to Hluhluwe, where you will arrive at your hotel in the early evening in time for a Zulu cultural experience and dinner (at your own expense).

Overnight at ANEW Hotel Hluhluwe & Safaris or similar – Breakfast

**NOTE:** When entering the Kingdom of Eswatini, guests must ensure that they have a valid passport and for nationals of applicable countries, multi-entry visa regulations apply.

### Day 6 | Saturday

#### **HLUHLUWE to HILTON via ST LUCIA (±400km)**

There is an opportunity to go on a morning open safari vehicle game drive in Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Game Reserve (time permitting and at own expense). After breakfast, we visit the coastal town of St Lucia, at the heart of South Africa's first UNESCO World Heritage Site, the iSimangaliso Wetland Park. Go on an optional boat cruise on the St Lucia Estuary (at your own expense). The Estuary, with its island-like setting, is one of the largest estuaries in Africa and a recognised natural wonder. This rich wetland is home to a mind-boggling 2,180 plant species, over 1000 Nile crocodiles, more than 800 hippos and many prehistoric-looking monitor lizards. With over 400 species of birds, it is a watery paradise. Gliding over the water will be a very different experience from the Kruger safari but equally exciting. Load up with snacks before we leave St Lucia, as there will be a late lunch (at your own expense) at Salt Rock Hotel. Take a short stroll on the beach before we journey inland through miles of golden sugarcane fields and the small, previously predominantly German town of Wartburg. We arrive in the quaint village of Hilton in the late afternoon. Enjoy your evening in this historic hotel.

Overnight at ANEW Hotel Hilton or similar – Breakfast

**TISD 04 = Day 1 to 6 JNB to DUR** drop-off guests ±14h30 at Salt Rock Hotel

**TISD 11 = Day 6 to 14 DUR to CPT** pick-up guests ±14h30 from Salt Rock Hotel

### Day 7 | Sunday

#### **HILTON to DRAKENSBERG via HOWICK (±170km)**

After breakfast, you will visit the place that changed the course of South Africa's history. The Mandela Capture site marks where the apartheid police apprehended Mandela in 1962. We continue to the small town of Howick for a stop at the beautiful Howick Falls. It is the second-highest waterfall in South Africa, with a drop of 95m into a large pool. We head for the majestic Drakensberg (Dragon's) Mountains via the country villages of Underberg and Himeville. The mountains are a UNESCO World Heritage Site with a high point of 3,482m. You will arrive at the hotel by midday with plenty of time to enjoy lunch (at your own expense). Spend the afternoon taking in the mountain scenery, stretch your legs on one of the hiking trails, or enjoy the many resort activities. If you want an exhilarating mountain experience, take the 3-hour excursion up the Sani Pass (at your own expense; a multiple entry visa may be required for Lesotho). The Pass is a rugged dirt road only accessible in 4x4 vehicles. Ascend through breathtaking landscapes, winding roads, and dramatic cliffs. Experience the thrill of crossing into Lesotho, immersing in its rich culture. Dine at the hotel restaurant.

Overnight at Premier Resort Sani Pass or similar – Dinner and breakfast

### Day 8 | Monday

#### **DRAKENSBERG to MTHATHA (±315km)**

Enjoy breakfast and take time to drink in the champagne air. Enjoy the majestic peaks as you spend the morning at your leisure or take a walk and look out for black eagles or Cape vultures. On the mountain slopes, you will find proteas, South Africa's national flower, growing amongst the fynbos. Be ready to leave later in the morning as the coach takes us back down the mountain roads, over rivers and through valleys. There will be a stop en route to Mthatha for lunch (at your own expense). With a late afternoon arrival in Mthatha, we visit the Nelson Mandela Museum in town (time permitting). After checking in, there will be time to relax before dinner (at your own expense) at the hotel restaurant.

Overnight at Garden Court Mthatha or similar – Breakfast

### Day 9 | Tuesday

#### **MTHATHA to PORT ALFRED via QUNU (±365km)**

After breakfast, we continue to the coast. The road winds through the green hills of Nelson Mandela's heartland, to the cluster of tiny villages that make up Qunu, and the village of Mvezo, where Nelson Mandela was born and buried. This is a rural area, where goats roam the streets and many of the inhabitants are subsistence farmers. Mandela first built a small home on his family plot and then a larger home where he stayed on his visits to Qunu. He never forgot his humble roots and his childhood shaped by the tradition, customs, and power of this close-knit community, was a deep part of the man who walked out of a narrow, grassy valley to become a legend. After a morning spent soaking in history, we will be back on the road, reaching the beautiful marina town of Port Alfred in the late afternoon. End the day with a sunset cruise along the tranquil Kowie River. Keep an eye out for kingfishers, water monitors and crocodiles. Enjoy dinner at the hotel.

Overnight at The Royal St Andrews Lodge or similar – Dinner and breakfast

### Day 10 | Wednesday

#### **PORT ALFRED to KNYSNA via EASTERN GARDEN ROUTE (±410km)**

After an early breakfast, we depart for Knysna along the N2 highway via Gqeberha, a route famous for its outstanding natural beauty. One of the many gems of the Garden Route is the Tsitsikamma Forest, where we will enjoy lunch (at own expense). As we enter the Storms River section of the Garden Route National Park, watch for when the road suddenly tops a rise, offering a breathtaking view

of the ocean and a deep, emerald-green gorge. Cross the famous Storms River suspension bridge and experience the thrill of standing high above the vast rocky chasm below you. There are a series of 3 bridges with stable wooden paths and stairs. This hour-long walk offers spectacular views of the gorge and ocean. The afternoon continues with a scenic drive through Plettenberg Bay to Knysna. The beauty of Knysna is found in its inland waterways and the Heads rock formations, towering over each side of a vast lagoon. Spend your afternoon at leisure, relaxing or exploring the many craft shops and art galleries, or Gin Distillery before heading back to your hotel for dinner.

Overnight at Premier Hotel The Moorings Knysna or similar – Breakfast

**NOTE:** *The vehicle may be required to collect guests at the Kelway Hotel or Southern Sun the Marine in Gqeberha ±11h30*

#### **Day 11 | Thursday**

##### **KNYSNA to OUDTSHOORN via CANGO CAVES (±180km)**

After a hearty breakfast, there will be a photo opportunity from a panoramic lookout point with sweeping views of the Knysna Heads and Lagoon before leaving for Oudtshoorn. The drive to Oudtshoorn runs through pretty seaside towns, past lakes, and mountains. From the town of George, the road turns inland and up the 13km Outeniqua Pass, with waterfalls and views of the ocean. The Pass exits into the semi-desert of the Klein Karoo where we find the town of Oudtshoorn, the ostrich capital of the world. See an ostrich farm the traditional way by taking a fun and interactive tractor tour of the farm. You will be served a farm lunch (at your own expense) and be sure to try ostrich biltong (dried meat). You will have travelled through game parks, up mountain passes and across estuaries, but the Cango Caves Heritage Tour will take you into an astounding subterranean world. The Caves, approximately 20 million years old, are an underground wonder. Don't worry about claustrophobia; the Van Zyl's Hall cave is 107m long and 54m in width. With leisure time in the evening, you can have dinner at the hotel (at your own expense).

Overnight at Protea Hotel by Marriott Riempe Estate or similar – Breakfast

#### **Day 12 | Friday**

##### **OUDTSHOORN to CAPE TOWN via WINELANDS (±450km)**

Enjoy breakfast as you prepare to head to one of South Africa's premier destinations, the magnificent city of Cape Town. The road twists along Route 62, the longest and most mountainous wine route in the world. Your touring vehicle window will feel like a series of picture postcards as you pass through the changing landscape. There will be time for lunch in one of the charming towns along the way (at your own expense). After lunch, indulge in a cheese and wine pairing and cellar tour of one of the many fine vineyards on the route (at your own expense). South Africa is justifiably famous for its wine industry, which dates back to the 17th century, making it one of the oldest in the world. There are 148 wine farms along our route but we will not have time for all of them. Table Mountain awaits and you will soon be in the most beautiful city in South Africa. With an afternoon arrival in Cape Town, enjoy a relaxing dinner at the hotel or adventure out to a restaurant in the city where you will be spoiled for choice. There is so much on offer so make the most of your time in the Mother City.

Overnight at StayEasy Cape Town City Bowl or similar – Breakfast

#### **Day 13 | Saturday**

##### **FULL DAY AT LEISURE in CAPE TOWN**

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel and prepare for a full day at leisure, or pre-book a full day guided tour of the Cape Peninsula. Cape Town is built on a mountainous peninsula. Travel along the Atlantic seaboard with its white beaches and rugged mountains to Hout Bay. If time permits, there is the option of taking a half hour boat trip to Duiker Island to see a Cape Fur Seal colony (at your own expense). If open, continue on Chapman's Peak Drive, noted as one of the most stunning roadways in the world. Visit the Cape Point Nature Reserve and the tip of the Cape Peninsula, which has captivated travellers for centuries. The return journey to Cape Town takes us along the False Bay coast with the option of visiting the colony of rare African Penguins at Boulders Beach (entrance fee at your expense). We will pass through the naval village of Simon's Town, Fish Hoek, Kalk Bay and Muizenberg. Visit the Rhodes Memorial viewpoint and learn about the significance of this historical site before returning to the hotel. After a full day, enjoy dinner in town or choose a restaurant at the fabulous and cosmopolitan V&A Waterfront.

Overnight at StayEasy Cape Town City Bowl or similar – Breakfast

#### **Day 14 | Sunday**

##### **MORNING AT LEISURE in CAPE TOWN**

After breakfast at the hotel, spend the morning at leisure or take the option of a Table Mountain and City guided tour (at your own expense). The tour will squeeze the last precious drops out of your African adventure. Cape Town's origins as a city can be traced back to 1652 when the Dutch East India Company set up a refreshment station for its ships. The city is a colourful mix of old and new with history embedded in its streets. Travel through the Malay Quarter, city centre, Company Gardens, diamond merchants and if time permits, the Castle of Good Hope. End the tour with a visit to one of the seven natural wonders of the world and take in the exceptional beauty of Table Mountain (weather permitting; cableway ticket is at your own expense). Cape Town has a deep and complex history but there is no doubt that is one of the most beautiful cities that you will ever visit. As you prepare to leave, know that you take with you the traveller's treasure – experiences made in a moment that will last a lifetime.