

SOUTH AFRICA

**Scheduled Guided Tour Itinerary | TISD 21**

Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth) to Cape Town

Validity 01 November 2024 to 31 December 2025



**4-day Klein Karoo and Garden Route**

Embark on an oyster cruise on the Knysna Estuary and enjoy whale- and dolphin watching on an ocean safari. Travel from Oudtshoorn to Cape Town along the scenic Route 62 and Klein Karoo.



**TOUR DETAILS**

<b>Tour Code</b>	TISD 21	
<b>Duration</b>	<b>4 days   3 nights</b> 2 nights Knysna 1 night Oudtshoorn	
<b>Start location</b>	Port Elizabeth (Gqeberha), Eastern Cape	
<b>End location</b>	Cape Town, Western Cape	
<b>Group size</b>	2 – 8 guests per vehicle	
<b>Departure time</b>	±08h30 from Port Elizabeth (Gqeberha) central hotels - Collection times vary; are subject to the hotel collection route and will be confirmed, via the hotel, the day prior to departure - Selected pick-up and drop-off hotels list available on request	
<b>Language</b>	English guided German guided French guided Other language tour guides available on request if booked on a private basis and a surcharge applies	
<b>Accommodation</b>	4-star hotels	
<b>Vehicle</b>	Air-conditioned vehicle of appropriate size Sedan or minibus	
<b>Included</b>	<b>Meals</b>	3 breakfasts, 1 dinner
	<b>Entrance Fees</b>	Garden Route National Park (Storms River) conservation fee Hotel Porterage
	<b>Excursions</b>	Short walk in Tsitsikamma to the Storms River Suspension Bridge Sunset Knysna oyster cruise Ocean safari in Plettenberg Bay Qolweni Township visit Ostrich farm tractor tour Cango Caves heritage tour Olive and wine tasting
	<b>Green Seat</b>	Endangered Wildlife Trust, Trees for Tourism
<b>Excluded</b>	Travel insurance, flights, visa fees, airport transfers, 4 lunches, 2 dinners and gratuities - Day 2 > Guests are invited to donate stationery to Qolweni School in Plettenberg Bay	

## SCHEDULED DEPARTURE DATES

2025 Season 01 Nov 2024 - 31 Dec 2025	Language		Start Sunday	End Wednesday	
	Scheduled Sundays	Group 1	English	10-Nov-24	13-Nov-24
Group 2		German	17-Nov-24	20-Nov-24	
Group 3		French	24-Nov-24	27-Nov-24	
Group 4		German	01-Dec-24	04-Dec-24	
Group 5		German	08-Dec-24	11-Dec-24	
Group 6		English	15-Dec-24	18-Dec-24	
Block-out dates may apply		Group 7	German	22-Dec-24	25-Dec-24
		Group 8	English	29-Dec-24	01-Jan-25
		Group 9	German	05-Jan-25	08-Jan-25
		Group 10	English	12-Jan-25	15-Jan-25
		Group 11	French	19-Jan-25	22-Jan-25
		Group 12	German	26-Jan-25	29-Jan-25
		Group 13	German	02-Feb-25	05-Feb-25
		Group 14	English	09-Feb-25	12-Feb-25
		Group 15	German	16-Feb-25	19-Feb-25
		Group 16	French	23-Feb-25	26-Feb-25
		Group 17	German	02-Mar-25	05-Mar-25
		Group 18	English	09-Mar-25	12-Mar-25
		Group 19	German	16-Mar-25	19-Mar-25
		Group 20	English	23-Mar-25	26-Mar-25
		Group 21	German	30-Mar-25	02-Apr-25
		Group 22	English	06-Apr-25	09-Apr-25
		Group 23	German	13-Apr-25	16-Apr-25
		Group 24	French	20-Apr-25	23-Apr-25
		Group 25	German	27-Apr-25	30-Apr-25
		Group 26	English	04-May-25	07-May-25
		Group 27	German	11-May-25	14-May-25
		Group 28	English	18-May-25	21-May-25
		Group 29	German	25-May-25	28-May-25
		Group 30	English	01-Jun-25	04-Jun-25
		Group 31	German	08-Jun-25	11-Jun-25
		Group 32	English	15-Jun-25	18-Jun-25
		Group 33	German	22-Jun-25	25-Jun-25
		Group 34	English	29-Jun-25	02-Jul-25
		Group 35	French	06-Jul-25	09-Jul-25
		Group 36	German	13-Jul-25	16-Jul-25
		Group 37	German	20-Jul-25	23-Jul-25
		Group 38	English	27-Jul-25	30-Jul-25
		Group 39	German	03-Aug-25	06-Aug-25
		Group 40	French	10-Aug-25	13-Aug-25
		Group 41	German	17-Aug-25	20-Aug-25
		Group 42	English	24-Aug-25	27-Aug-25
		Group 43	German	31-Aug-25	03-Sep-25
		Group 44	French	07-Sep-25	10-Sep-25
		Group 45	German	14-Sep-25	17-Sep-25
		Group 46	English	21-Sep-25	24-Sep-25
		Group 47	German	28-Sep-25	01-Oct-25
		Group 48	English	05-Oct-25	08-Oct-25
		Group 49	German	12-Oct-25	15-Oct-25
		Group 50	English	19-Oct-25	22-Oct-25
		Group 51	German	26-Oct-25	29-Oct-25
		Group 52	English	02-Nov-25	05-Nov-25
		Group 53	German	09-Nov-25	12-Nov-25
		Group 54	English	16-Nov-25	19-Nov-25
		Group 55	French	23-Nov-25	26-Nov-25
		Group 56	German	30-Nov-25	03-Dec-25
		Group 57	German	07-Dec-25	10-Dec-25
		Group 58	English	14-Dec-25	17-Dec-25
		Group 59	German	21-Dec-25	24-Dec-25
		Group 60	French	28-Dec-25	31-Dec-25
		Group 61	German	04-Jan-26	07-Jan-26

## ADDITIONAL TOURING OPTIONS

<b>Scheduled Private Guided Tour</b>	The itinerary is available on a private basis departing on scheduled Sundays <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 available on request if booked on a private basis and a surcharge applies</li> </ul>
<b>Scheduled Self-drive Tour</b>	The itinerary is available on a self-drive basis departing on scheduled Sundays <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>
<b>Motorcycle experience</b>	Motorcyclists may join the tour <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Motorcycle rental at own arrangement and risk</li> <li>- Standard per person rate (single or sharing) will apply</li> <li>- Motorcyclists to remain in front of the touring vehicle</li> </ul>

## EXTEND THE EXPERIENCE Recommendations

Pre-Tour Accommodation in **Port Elizabeth:**

**4-star** Southern Sun The Marine

**5-star** Radisson Blu Hotel Port Elizabeth

Pre-Tour **SAFARI extension:**

**5-day Wild and Scenic Kruger** starts Tuesdays from Joburg, Ends in Joburg on Saturdays

**5-day Wildlife Discovery** starts Mondays from Joburg, Ends in Durban on Fridays

Post-Tour Accommodation in **Cape Town:**

**4-star** SunSquare Cape Town City Bowl

**5-star** The Dock House Boutique Hotel & Spa

Post-Touring in **CAPE TOWN:**

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

## 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 Sun	Protea Hotel by Marriott Knysna Quays		Short walk to Storms River Bridge Sunset Knysna oyster cruise (weather permitting)	285
2 Mon	Protea Hotel by Marriott Knysna Quays	Breakfast	Marine excursion in Plettenberg Bay (weather permitting) Qolweni Township visit	60
3 Tue	Surval Boutique Olive Estate	Breakfast Dinner	Cango Caves heritage tour Olive tasting, paired with Protea Rose or juice	125
4 Wed	TOUR ENDS IN CAPE TOWN	Breakfast	Ostrich farm tractor tour	440

## DAY-BY-DAY BREAKDOWN

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

### Day 1 | Sunday

#### **PORT ELIZABETH (GQEBERHA) to KNYSNA via TSITSIKAMMA FOREST (±285km)**

Breakfast (own arrangements and own account)  
Storms River Suspension Bridge walk (included)  
Lunch in Tsitsikamma Forest (own expense)  
Arrive at the hotel  
Sunset Knysna oyster cruise (included – weather permitting)  
Dinner at a restaurant next to Knysna Estuary (own expense)  
Protea Hotel by Marriott Knysna Quays or similar – Breakfast (4-star)

### Day 2 | Monday

#### **KNYSNA to PLETTENBERG BAY and back (±60km)**

Breakfast at the hotel (included)  
Marine excursion in Plettenberg Bay (included - weather permitting)  
Qolweni Township visit (included)  
Lunch en route (own expense)  
Dinner at a restaurant next to Knysna Estuary (own expense)  
Protea Hotel by Marriott Knysna Quays or similar – Breakfast (4-star)

### Day 3 | Tuesday

#### **KNYSNA to OUDTSHOORN via WILDERNESS (±125km)**

Breakfast at the hotel (included)  
Outeniqua Mountain Pass  
Cango Caves heritage tour (included)  
Lunch en route (own expense)  
Arrive at the hotel late afternoon  
Olive tasting, paired with Protea Rose or juice (included)  
Dinner at the hotel (included)  
Surval Boutique Olive Estate or similar – Dinner and breakfast (4-star)

### Day 4 | Wednesday

#### **OUDTSHOORN to CAPE TOWN via ROUTE 62 (±440km)**

Breakfast at the hotel (included)  
Ostrich farm tractor tour (included)  
Lunch en route (own expense)  
Wine tasting en route (own expense)  
Drive via Route 62 and Stellenbosch  
Arrive at the hotel in the late afternoon

## DETAILED ITINERARY

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### Day 1 | Sunday

#### PORT ELIZABETH (GQEBERHA) to KNYSNA via TSITSIKAMMA FOREST (±285km)

After breakfast, be ready to meet your local tour guide for the journey through the Garden Route to Cape Town. The road takes us to Knysna along the Garden Route, famous for its outstanding natural beauty. The excellent road ensures a smooth trip past coastal vistas and indigenous forests on our way to one of the gems of the Garden Route. We enter the Storms River section of the Garden Route National Park for a walk across the unique 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. After enjoying lunch in the forest (at your own expense), the afternoon brings us to Knysna, famous for its inland waterways and the Knysna Heads, the twin sandstone cliffs towering over the entrance to a vast lagoon. End a perfect day with a sunset oyster cruise on the lagoon. The sun will set on the day as you enjoy the local delicacy of fresh oysters. Watch for dolphins at the river mouth and enjoy the abundant birdlife. After your cruise, dine (at your own expense) at a restaurant on the shores of the Estuary. Overnight at Protea Hotel by Marriott Knysna Quays or similar – Breakfast

### Day 2 | Monday

#### KNYSNA to PLETTENBERG BAY and back (±60km)

After breakfast at the hotel, it's a short drive to Plettenberg Bay. This little town, with its blue flag beaches and sweeping bay is a premier tourist destination and one of the best whale spotting areas in the world. Your marine adventure starts at Central Beach, from which the boats are launched. In the impossibly blue ocean, you will have the opportunity to see humpback or southern right whales. The excitement of seeing whales breaching and crashing back into the ocean is unforgettable. These waters are home to large schools of dolphins and there are often great white sharks cutting through the waves. The protected beaches of the Robberg Nature Reserve are home to large seal colonies. Keep your binoculars ready for elegant Swift Terns, Cormorants, or a rare sighting of a Frigatebird. Back on dry land, we visit Qolweni Township, a vibrant Xhosa community. A representative of the Qolweni Community Development Trust will share insight into the project and how your contribution is utilized to pay teachers' salaries and towards the maintenance of the Qolweni crèche and its 188 children. The locals invite visitors to experience an authentic African way of life and happily share their history and culture. The children in the crèche will soften your heart with their beautiful singing. Visit a spaza shop or have a traditional drink in a shebeen. We head back to Knysna for dinner (at your own expense) at the Waterfront. Overnight at Protea Hotel by Marriott Knysna Quays or similar – Breakfast

### Day 3 | Tuesday

#### KNYSNA to OUDTSHOORN via WILDERNESS (±125km)

After breakfast, we continue along the Garden Route past lakes and wooded mountains to the town of Wilderness and the Map of Africa viewpoint, where the Kaaimans River creates a clear map of Africa. We turn inland and climb the Outeniqua Pass. The Pass takes us to the semi-desert of the Klein Karoo and Oudtshoorn, the ostrich capital of the world. 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 are considered one of the great wonders of the world. The Caves, approximately 20 million years old, are an underground marvel. Don't worry about claustrophobia; the Van Zyl's Hall cave is 107m long and 54m in width. We will have lunch (at your own expense) before arriving at your lodge in Oudtshoorn in the late afternoon. The dry climate here is ideal for olive growing. The estates in the region produce award-winning handpicked olives, which create exceptional quality extra virgin olive oil. Enjoy an olive tasting, paired with a Protea Rosé or fruit juice, while taking in spectacular views of the Swartberg Mountains. With leisure time in the evening, enjoy dinner at the hotel.

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

### Day 4 | Wednesday

#### OUDTSHOORN to CAPE TOWN via ROUTE 62 (±440km)

After breakfast at the hotel, it's time to visit one of the famous ostrich farms. A fun and interactive tractor tour will take you through the farm's breeder bird camps where you will learn about and see three different species of ostrich. The ostrich feather trade boomed during the Victorian era but collapsed during World War I. Modern farmers have successfully adapted and now farm mainly for meat, leather, and eggs. Grab some ostrich biltong (dried meat) to enjoy on the drive along Route 62, the world's longest wine route. The scenery is captivating, with wine and orchards greening the countryside. We stop for lunch along the route and your will have an opportunity to taste local wines (all at your own expense). The scenery on the way to Cape Town via Stellenbosch is a canvas of beauty. The road wanders through valleys and past farmhouses with historic Cape Dutch architecture in Stellenbosch. The road into Cape Town presents a panoramic view of the Atlantic Ocean and of the most beautiful South African city where your journey will end at a city, waterfront or Sea Point hotel.