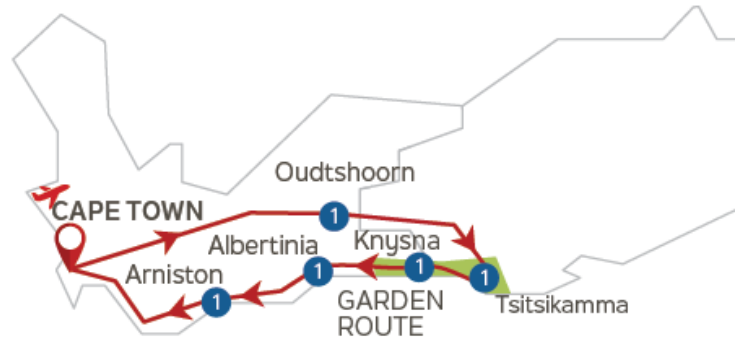


6-day Cape Kaleidoscope

Live the sights and sounds of the Klein Karoo; meander along the Garden Route and send a postcard from the iconic Post Office Tree. View the 'Big 5' on safari and visit the southern tip of Africa.



TOUR DETAILS

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| Tour Code | TISD 42 | |
| Duration | 6 days 5 nights 1 night Oudtshoorn 1 night Tsitsikamma 1 night Knysna 1 night Albertinia 1 night Arniston | |
| Start location | Cape Town, Western Cape | |
| End location | Cape Town, Western Cape | |
| Group size | 2 – 8 guests per vehicle | |
| Departure time | ±07h30 from Sea Point hotels ±08h00 from Waterfront hotels ±08h30 from City hotels - Collection times vary; are subject to the hotel collection route and will be confirmed, via the hotel, the day before departure - Selected pick-up and drop-off hotels list available on request | |
| Language | English guided German guided Other language tour guides available on request if booked on a private basis and a surcharge applies | |
| Accommodation | 4-star hotels and private game lodge | |
| Vehicle | Air-conditioned vehicle of appropriate size Sedan or minibus | |
| Included | Meals | 5 breakfasts and 5 dinners |
| | Entrance Fees | Garden Route National Park (Storms River) conservation fee Diaz Museum Cape Agulhas Lighthouse Museum Hotel Porterage |
| | Excursions | Cango Caves heritage tour Ostrich farm tractor tour Short walk in Tsitsikamma across the Storms River Suspension Bridge Sunset Knysna oyster cruise 2 open safari vehicle game drives |
| | Green Seat | Endangered Wildlife Trust, Trees for Tourism |
| Excluded | Travel insurance, flights, visa fees, airport transfers, 6 lunches and gratuities | |

SCHEDULED DEPARTURE DATES

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

ADDITIONAL TOURING OPTIONS

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| Scheduled Private Guided Tour | <p>The itinerary is available on a private basis departing on scheduled Mondays</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Available on 30-day freesell and on request thereafter - Departure on any other day is subject to availability and a surcharge applies - Public attractions and open safari vehicle game drives will not be private - Other foreign language tour guides are available on request if booked on a private basis and a surcharge applies |
| Scheduled Self-drive Tour | <p>The itinerary is available on a self-drive basis departing on scheduled Mondays</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Available on 30-day freesell and on request thereafter - Excluding most entrance fees - Departure on any other day is subject to availability and a surcharge applies |
| Motorcycle experience | <p>Motorcyclists may join the tour</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Motorcycle rental at own arrangement and risk - Standard per person rate (single or sharing) will apply - Motorcyclists to remain in front of the touring vehicle at all times |

EXTEND THE EXPERIENCE Recommendations

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

4-star SunSquare Cape Town City Bowl

5-star The Dock House Boutique Hotel & Spa

Pre-Touring in **JOHANNESBURG/KRUGER:**

5-day Wild and Scenic Kruger Joburg to Joburg, Starts Tuesdays; Ends Saturdays

Post-Touring in **CAPE TOWN/GARDEN ROUTE:**

Cape Highlights 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 Mon | Hlangana Lodge | Dinner | Ostrich farm tractor tour | 420 |
| 2 Tue | Tsitsikamma Village Inn | Breakfast Dinner | Cango Caves heritage tour | 295 |
| 3 Wed | Protea Hotel by Marriott Knysna Quays | Breakfast Dinner | Storms River Suspension Bridge walk Sunset cruise on Knysna Estuary | 115 |
| 4 Thu | Garden Route Game Lodge | Breakfast Dinner | Mossel Bay: Diaz Museum and Post Office Tree Afternoon open safari vehicle game drive | 160 |
| 5 Fri | The Arniston Hotel | Breakfast Dinner | Morning open safari vehicle game drive | 220 |
| 6 Sat | TOUR ENDS IN CAPE TOWN | Breakfast | Visit Cape Agulhas Lighthouse Museum Visit Cape Agulhas map of Africa monument and the southernmost tip of Africa | 290 |

DAY-BY-DAY BREAKDOWN

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

Day 1 | Monday

CAPE TOWN to OUDTSHOORN via ROUTE 62 (±420km)

Breakfast (own arrangements and for own expense)
Lunch in Barrydale (own expense)
Wine tasting en route (own expense)
Ostrich farm tractor tour (included)
Arrive at hotel late afternoon
Dinner in town (included)
Hlangana Lodge or similar – Dinner and breakfast (4-star)

Day 2 | Tuesday

OUDTSHOORN to TSITSIKAMMA via PRINCE ALFRED'S PASS (±295km)

Breakfast at the hotel (included)
Cango Caves heritage tour (included)
Prince Alfred's Mountain Pass drive
Late lunch en route (own expense)
Arrive at hotel late afternoon
Dinner in town or at the hotel (included)
Tsitsimamma Village Inn or similar – Dinner and breakfast (4-star)

Day 3 | Wednesday

TSITSIKAMMA to KNYSNA (±115km)

Breakfast at the hotel (included)
Morning at leisure
A short walk in Tsitsikamma across the Storms River Suspension Bridge (included)
Lunch in Tsitsikamma Forest (own expense)
Sunset cruise on Knysna Estuary (included – weather permitting)
Dinner at an estuary restaurant (included)
Protea Hotel by Marriott Knysna Quays or similar – Dinner and breakfast (4-star)

Day 4 | Thursday

KNYSNA to ALBERTINIA via MOSSEL BAY (±160km)

Breakfast at hotel (included)
Wilderness lookout point – Map of Africa (weather permitting)
Mossel Bay: Diaz Museum and Post Office Tree (included)
Lunch in Mossel Bay (own account)
Arrive at lodge; time at leisure
Afternoon open safari vehicle game drive (included)
Dinner at lodge (included)
Garden Route Game Lodge or similar – Dinner, breakfast, and 2 game viewing excursions (4-star)

Day 5 | Friday

ALBERTINIA to ARNISTON via SWELLENDAM (±220km)

Morning open safari vehicle game drive (included)
Breakfast at the lodge (included)
Berry and other local produce tasting in Swellendam (time permitting – own expense)
Lunch en route (own expense)
Arrive at hotel; time at leisure
Dinner at hotel (included)
The Arniston Hotel or similar - Dinner and breakfast (4-star)

Day 6 | Saturday

ARNISTON to CAPE TOWN via HERMANUS (±290km)

Breakfast at the hotel (included)
Visit Cape Agulhas Lighthouse Museum (included)
Visit Cape Agulhas map of Africa monument and the southernmost tip of Africa (free)
Hermanus
Lunch en route (own expense)
Drop-off at a Cape Town hotel

DETAILED ITINERARY

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

Day 1 | Monday

CAPE TOWN to OUDTSHOORN via ROUTE 62 (±420km)

Our adventure starts in Cape Town, South Africa's most beautiful city. Leaving your hotel, we travel towards Oudtshoorn through the Cape Winelands along Route 62, the longest wine route in the country. You will be treated to breathtaking scenery and stunning vistas of lush valleys and vineyards, and through character-filled farming towns. We lunch in Barrydale (at your own expense), a quaint town nestled between the Langeberg Mountains and the semi-arid Klein Karoo. Take in the slow pace of life and the breathtaking views as you sample the local cuisine. After lunch, it's a scenic drive to Calitzdorp, South Africa's port wine capital where you can treat your palate at a wine tasting (at your own expense). Oudtshoorn, the ostrich capital of the world, is a short drive from Calitzdorp with over 400 hundred ostrich farms and the so-called Feather Mansions. Learn about different species of ostrich on a tractor tour through the farm's breeder bird camps. 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. Spend the evening at leisure and enjoy the friendly Klein-Karoo hospitality as you dine in town.

Overnight at Hlangana Lodge or similar – Dinner and breakfast

Day 2 | Tuesday

OUDTSHOORN to TSITSIKAMMA via PRINCE ALFRED'S PASS (±295km)

Breakfast at the hotel and then experience the subterranean, enchanted realm of the Congo Caves, which are approximately 20 million years old. Don't worry about claustrophobia; the Van Zyl's Hall cave is 107m long and 54m in width. Back on the surface, travel through the beautiful Karoo, passing villages such as De Rust and De Vlucht before experiencing a section of the longest publicly accessible mountain pass in South Africa – Prince Alfred's Pass. Continue to the coastal town of Keurboomstrand for lunch (at your own expense) at a beachfront restaurant. The road then wanders to the misty, primal forests of the Tsitsikamma forest where elephants once roamed. Close to the powerful rush of the Storms River, the forests were once a haven for San hunter-gatherers. Tsitsikamma is a San word meaning "place of abundant water". The ancient yellowwood, pear and stinkwood trees are part of a diverse ecosystem alive with animals and birds that inhabit the fern and moss-rich forest. Feel the ancient power of the forest as you enjoy dinner and local hospitality in Storms River Village.

Tsitsimamma Village Inn or similar – Dinner and breakfast

Day 3 | Wednesday

TSITSIKAMMA to KNYSNA (±115km)

Enjoy breakfast and spend the morning at leisure to explore this unique forest village on foot. You have the option to join an hour guided forest walk through the forest (2km Goesa Hiking Trail at your own expense and subject to availability). We leave the village in the late morning and enter the Storms River section of the Garden Route National Park for a walk across the unique Storms River Suspension Bridge. 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. Leaving the forest behind, we take a short drive to the popular coastal town of Plettenberg Bay for lunch (at your own expense) before ending the day in Knysna. The town is famous for its inland waterways and the Knysna Heads, the sandstone cliffs towering over the entrance to a vast lagoon. Spend an afternoon exploring Knysna with its fine art galleries, craft markets, Gin Distillery and Motorcycle Museum to name a few. The Thesen Island marina is an ideal place to enjoy the slow pace of the town. End a perfect day cruising the lagoon, tasting oysters, and watching dolphins at the river mouth as kingfishers hover and dive for fish. Listen to the cry of the wetland resident, the African Fish Eagle. Another day winds to a beautiful close, with dinner at your hotel.

Overnight at Protea Hotel by Marriott Knysna Quays or similar – Dinner and breakfast

Day 4 | Thursday

KNYSNA to ALBERTINIA via MOSSEL BAY (±160km)

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel and then it's a short drive to Mossel Bay via the town of Wilderness and the Map of Africa viewpoint, where the Kaaimans River creates a clear map of Africa. Mossel Bay is a beautiful seaside town featured in the Guinness Book of Records for having the mildest all-year climate. Discover the rich history of the town with a visit to the Bartholemew Dias Museum with its 500-year-old Post Office tree; a living relic, used by sailors to leave letters hanging in a shoe. Board the replica of the ship (subject to availability) sailed by Bartholemew Dias, the first European to round the Cape of Good Hope. Have lunch (at your own expense) in town before we move on to Albertinia, the aloe capital of South Africa. Relax before the thrill of an afternoon safari in an open game viewing vehicle. Have your binoculars ready to look for lion resting in the shade. The endangered white rhino shares the plains with towering elephants and herds of buffalo. We may encounter a cheetah, the world's fastest land animal. The reserve, close to the Langeberg Mountains, is a bird haven for 207 different species, including Rock Kestrels, Peregrine Falcons, Booted Eagles and the Blue Crane. There will be plenty to see before returning to our lodge beneath a star-studded African sky.

Overnight at Garden Route Game Lodge or similar – Dinner, breakfast, and 2 game viewing excursions

Day 5 | Friday

ALBERTINIA to ARNISTON via SWELLENDAM (±220km)

It's an early start with the thrill of a game drive in an open safari vehicle. Listen to a riot of birdsong as the sun floods the plains and animals make their way to drinking holes. Add to your animal checklist, and be on the alert for the 'Big 5'. After breakfast, the drive takes us past fertile farmlands, across rivers and past fields dotted with aloes and proteas to Swellendam. Sample the youngberries and blackberries for which the town is renowned. Try a berry liquor or the export quality citrus fruit, peaches, and plums (all at your own expense). It's a scenic drive from Swellendam to Arniston. Spend an afternoon at leisure in this seaside village. Arniston is a kaleidoscope of colour with white beaches and brightly painted fishing boats bobbing on a turquoise sea. The town is famous for an enormous sea cave, "Wagon House Cliff" (Waenshuiskraal), large enough to hold a wagon and a span of oxen. The name of the town was changed from Waenshuiskraal after "The Arniston" was wrecked on the rocks in 1815. The town, with its natural beauty and whitewashed cottages, is an artist's paradise. End the day with a relaxed dinner at your hotel.

Overnight at The Arniston Hotel or similar - Dinner and breakfast

Day 6 | Saturday

ARNISTON to CAPE TOWN via HERMANUS (±290km) | Day of departure

After breakfast at the hotel, we make the most of the last day with a visit to the Cape Agulhas National Park. The Park stretches along 200km of coastal plain between the towns of Gansbaai and Struisbaai and covers 20,959 hectares. You will stand at the southernmost tip of the African continent and see the official line that divides the cold Atlantic and warm Indian Oceans at the Map of Africa Monument. Visit the beautiful lighthouse and its museum. Cape Agulhas, the “Cape of Needles”, named by Portuguese navigators, is where the compass needle always points to true north. Our compass points us to Hermanus, a town renowned for its whale watching and natural beauty. Set against the majestic backdrop of the Overberg Mountains and with its toes in the Indian Ocean, you will be in another world. With luck, we may even see whales (depending on the season). Find a spot for lunch (at your own expense) before we head back to Cape Town for the finale of our grand exploration.