



# 16 days SOUTH AFRICAN Discovery

## Travel with a Purpose

Discover South Africa from the beautiful Cape to the bustling city of Johannesburg. Experience the Cape Winelands and journey to 2 World Heritage Sites. Celebrate various cultures' success stories, relish in the scenery on the Panorama Route and encounter the 'Big 5' in the Kruger National Park.



## Trip Highlights

- Stand on top of Table Mountain
- Walk along Cape Point
- Route 62 wine cellar tour, cheese and wine pairing
- Experience crossing the Storms River suspension bridge
- Explore the untamed Wild Coast
- Game viewing in a World Heritage Site
- Experience Eswatini hospitality
- Kruger National Park 'Big 5' safari
- Tick off the Panorama Route sights

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



## Group size

14 guests per vehicle

## Departure details

**Time:** Selected Saturdays  
La Splendida Hotels ±13h00  
Collection times vary; are subject to the hotel collection route and will be confirmed, via the hotel, the day prior to departure

### Departure Days:

<b>Tour Language:</b>	Bilingual - English and German	
<b>Departure days:</b>	SATURDAYS	
<b>2020</b>	<b>November</b>	07
	<b>December</b>	-
	<b>January</b>	16
	<b>February</b>	20
<b>2021</b>	<b>March</b>	13
	<b>April</b>	10
	<b>May</b>	08
	<b>June</b>	05
	<b>July</b>	10
	<b>August</b>	14
	<b>September</b>	11
<b>October</b>	09	

## Inclusions

**Accommodation:** 3 and 4-star hotels and guesthouses  
**Meals:** 15 breakfasts and 6 dinners  
**Entrance Fees:** Taalmonument, Garden Route National Park conservation fee (Storms River Bridge), Kruger National Park conservation fee, Blyde River Canyon, Bourke's Luck Potholes, and Wonder View  
**Excursions:** Cheese and wine pairing, wine cellar tour, Stellenbosch walking tour, Cango Caves heritage tour, ostrich farm tractor tour, iSimangaliso Wetlands Park open safari vehicle morning game drive, and St Lucia Estuary boat cruise  
**Green Seat:** SANParks Honorary Rangers, Endangered Wildlife Trust, Trees for Tourism

## Exclusions

Travel insurance, flights, 2 airport transfers, visa fees, porterages, 16 lunches, 10 dinners, optional excursions, gratuities and personal expenses

## Optional experiences en route

- Afternoon tour of Cape Town and Table Mountain
- Full day tour of Cape Point and Boulders penguin colony
- Midday Featherbed Nature Reserve eco experience including lunch in Knysna
- Wild Coast activities
- Xhosa home visit tour and hiking excursion
- Full day game drive in an open safari vehicle in the Kruger National Park

## Private guided tour

- Itinerary available on a private basis departing on selected days
- On request and subject to availability (not available on Freesell)
- 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

#### CAPE TOWN

- La Splendida Hotel
- My Cape Town Private Flexible Full Day Tour (PVT TIMC)

### POST-TOUR RECOMMENDATIONS

#### JOHANNESBURG

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



#### Day 1 | Saturday

##### DAY OF ARRIVAL – AFTERNOON AT LEISURE in CAPE TOWN

Guests arrive at the hotel (airport transfer own account). Enjoy a day at leisure or join an optional Table Mountain and city afternoon tour (own account). Visit one of the seven natural wonders of the world and take in the exceptional beauty of Table Mountain (weather permitting; cableway ticket is for own account). Travel through the Malay Quarter, city centre, Company Gardens, diamond merchants and if time permits, the Castle of Good Hope. Return to the hotel late afternoon and meet the tour guide for a tour briefing at 6:30pm and opportunity to buy other optional excursions for the remainder of this tour. Dine at the hotel (own account).

**Overnight at La Splendida Hotel or similar – Breakfast.**

#### Day 2 | Sunday

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

Cape Town is as diverse as its history is eclectic. This bustling metropolis boasts a full offering of excursions and activities. After breakfast spend the day at leisure discovering the Mother City or join an optional full day Cape Point tour (own account) which includes Cape Point, Boulder's Beach (entrance fee for own account) and the Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden. Enjoy dinner at the hotel or a restaurant in town (own account).

**Overnight at La Splendida Hotel or similar – Breakfast.**

#### Day 3 | Monday

##### CAPE TOWN to WELLINGTON via CAPE WINELANDS (±115km)

After breakfast, guests are collected from the hotel, and travel northeast to Wellington via the Cape Winelands. Journey into the heart of the Winelands and enjoy a craft beer tasting (own account) before arriving at the university town of Stellenbosch. Embark on a walking tour of Stellenbosch which includes the town's historic sites and colonial Cape Dutch architecture. These structures are some of the country's oldest buildings. Stop for lunch (own account) at one of the many wine farms and eateries near Paarl. Guests visit the town of Paarl, South Africa's third oldest town. At Paarl Rock, the second largest granite projection on the planet, guests visit the Afrikaanse Taalmonument (Afrikaans Language Monument) and learn more about the museum. Found in the heart of the Cape Winelands, Wellington is home to Cape Dutch homesteads and beautiful gardens and wineries, as well as South Africa's only whisky producer. Check in at the guest house, and enjoy time at leisure before drinks and dinner (own account) at one of the guest house's restaurants.

**Overnight at Val du Charron Guest House or similar – Breakfast.**

#### Day 4 | Tuesday

##### WELLINGTON to OUDTSHOORN via ROUTE 62 (±390km)

Enjoy breakfast at the guest house before departing Wellington en route to Oudtshoorn, in the Klein Karoo, via the scenically-attractive Bainskloof Pass and Route 62. Built in 1854, the 18km Bainskloof Pass was an engineering masterpiece known as the 'Gateway to the North'. It is now a national monument and offers unsurpassed views of the area.

Enjoy a cheese and wine pairing followed by a cellar tour at an estate in the Robertson wine valley, located off the world's longest wine route, the Route 62. Savour lunch en route (own account). Arrive at the guest house on the outskirts of Oudtshoorn. Spend the late afternoon and evening at leisure. Enjoy dinner and warm hospitality (own account).

**Overnight at De Zeekoe Guest Farm or similar – Breakfast.**

#### Day 5 | Wednesday

##### OUDTSHOORN to KNYSNA via CANGO CAVES (±160km)

After breakfast, guests journey south via the Outeniqua Pass, to Knysna. Stop outside Oudtshoorn, in the Cango Valley and discover the spectacular subterranean world of the Cango Caves. Back above ground, tour a nearby ostrich farm and learn about for the ostrich-farming industry. Enjoy lunch at the ostrich farm's restaurant (own account). The tour travels southwards to Knysna via the Outeniqua Pass. Stop in Wilderness to enjoy photo opportunities and sweeping views from the Map of Africa lookout point (weather permitting) before continuing on to Knysna. Guests enjoy dinner at the boutique hotel (own account).

**Overnight at Madison Manor Boutique Hotel and Spa or similar – Breakfast.**

#### Day 6 | Thursday

##### FULL DAY AT LEISURE in KNYSNA

Following breakfast, guests spend the day at leisure, or on optional excursions in and around Knysna. Guests can board a ferry to the Featherbed Nature Reserve (own account, including lunch). The local tour guide will share tales about Knysna whilst guests enjoy panoramic views on board the ferry and a 4WD vehicle. An optional 2.2km guided nature walk, through the forest and along the coast, is recommended. Enjoy a buffet lunch at a unique outdoor restaurant under a canopy of milkwood trees, on the edge of the lagoon. Guests spend time at leisure before dinner (own account).

**Overnight at Madison Manor Boutique Hotel and Spa or similar – Breakfast.**

#### Day 7 | Friday

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

After an early breakfast, the tour departs for the marina town of Port Alfred, via the Garden Route. Travel to the Storms River Mouth and experience unique views from a suspension bridge of the Tsitsikamma. Drive along the coastal road to Port Alfred, on the banks of the Kowie River, in the heart of the Sunshine Coast. The tour arrives late afternoon at the hotel. Guests enjoy refreshing drinks (own account) and savour local cuisine.

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

#### Day 8 | Saturday

##### PORT ALFRED to WILD COAST (±300km)

Guests enjoy an early breakfast before the tour departs for the Wild Coast.

Stop for lunch en route before arriving at the quaint beach resort in the afternoon. Views from the hotel range from the stunning Wild Coast beaches to the green, lush, tropical vegetation. Guests can freshen up before dinner.

**Overnight at Trenner's Hotel or similar – Dinner and breakfast.**

#### Day 9 | Sunday

##### FULL DAY AT LEISURE – WILD COAST

Guests spend the day at leisure after breakfast. They can join one or more optional activities on offer such as extreme golf, a lagoon cruise, canoeing, hiking or enjoy any of the recreational hotel facilities. Visit a traditional homestead and experience authentic, local hospitality (own account). Excursions are operated by a local guide and all funds go to the community. Lunch at the hotel (own account). Enjoy pre-dinner drinks (own account) and a scrumptious, fresh seafood buffet.

**Overnight at Trenner's Hotel or similar – Dinner and breakfast.**

#### Day 10 | Monday

##### WILD COAST to HARDING (±380km)

Guests enjoy an early breakfast at the hotel and depart for Kokstad, via Mthatha sites (time permitting) on the Mandela Route. The Mandela Route takes a scenic drive on the N2 highway to Mthatha, which is home to the Nelson Mandela Museum. The museum hosts a display reflecting the life and times of Mandela. Visit other prominent Mthatha sites (time permitting). Lunch en route (own account). The tour arrives at the resort, late afternoon. Guests spend the late afternoon at leisure, freshen up and dine at the hotel.

**Overnight at ANEW Ingeli Forest Resort or similar – Dinner and breakfast.**

#### Day 11 | Tuesday

##### HARDING to ST LUCIA (±460km)

After an early breakfast, guests depart for St Lucia at 7:30am. South Africa's KwaZulu-Natal province is colloquially referred to as the Elephant Coast. This region is acclaimed for its towering mountains, the warm Indian Ocean, tropical vegetation and a myriad of animal species. Lunch en route (own account). The tour arrives at the hotel in the late afternoon. Dine in town (own account).

**Overnight at Forest Lodge or similar – Breakfast.**

#### Day 12 | Wednesday

##### ST LUCIA to ESWATINI (±335km)

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, a colloquial reference roughly translated as 'miracle and wonder'. Observe hippos, crocodiles, and an abundance of birds on an eco-friendly boat cruise on the estuary. Have lunch (own account) while taking in the lake-vista. The tour departs for the Kingdom of Eswatini entering at the Lavumisa Border post. Eswatini is culturally diverse, an absolute monarchy and one of Africa's smallest countries. The tour stops at the Swazi Candle factory where each candle is made and finished by hand using the millefiori technique. Lunch en route (own account). The tour arrives at the lodge in the

late afternoon. Guests spend the evening at leisure, freshen up and dine at the hotel or in town (own account).

**Overnight at Mantenga Lodge or similar – Breakfast.**

**NOTE: When entering the Kingdom of Eswatini guests must ensure they are in possession of a valid passport and for nationals of certain countries, multi-entry visa terms and conditions apply.**

#### Day 13 | Thursday

##### ESWATINI to HAZYVIEW via KRUGER NATIONAL PARK (±250km)

Guests enjoy breakfast at the hotel. The tour exits Eswatini at the Jeppe's Reef border post and arrives at the Kruger National Park's Malelane Gate. Guests enjoy a guided game drive through the Kruger National Park to Hazyview. The Kruger National Park, forms part of the Great Limpopo Transfrontier Park. Lunch (own account) in one of the park's rest camps before continuing to Hazyview, the gateway to the spectacular Panorama Escarpment. Arrive at the hotel and enjoy dinner before retiring for the night.

**Overnight at Casa do Sol Hotel & Resort or similar – Dinner and breakfast.**

#### Day 14 | Friday

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

After an early breakfast, guests spend the day exploring the Kruger National Park. They will board a closed vehicle for a guided game drive in Kruger and see Africa's iconic mega-fauna and endemic birdlife. The tour stops at one of the park's rest camps for lunch (own account). An optional full day safari in an open safari vehicle is available (own account and excluding lunch). Guests exit Kruger National Park late afternoon and return to the hotel to freshen up and enjoy pre-dinner drinks (own account) before dinner.

**Overnight at Casa do Sol Hotel & Resort or similar – Dinner and breakfast.**

#### Day 15 | Saturday

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

After breakfast, guests travel to Johannesburg via the scenic Panorama Route. Wonder View, the highest viewpoint on this route, is at the start of this day's trip on the Panorama Route. The tour visits Bourke's Luck Potholes and stops at the Blyde River Canyon and the Three Rondavels, the world's largest green canyon. These sites are included in the country's list of natural marvels. Guest stop for lunch (own account) en route. The tour arrives in Johannesburg late afternoon. Spend the evening at leisure. Guests dine at the hotel (own account).

**Overnight at Protea Hotel by Marriott Balalaika or similar – Breakfast.**

#### Day 16 | Sunday

##### DAY OF DEPARTURE – MORNING AT LEISURE in JOHANNESBURG

Guests spend the day at leisure before the transfer to the airport (own arrangement and own account).