

A cheetah is perched on a thick, dark brown tree branch, looking towards the left. The cheetah's fur is a golden-brown color with numerous black spots. The background is filled with green foliage and other tree branches, creating a natural, outdoor setting.

SOUTH AFRICA



Victoria & Alfred Waterfront, Cape Town

A world of awe-inspiring natural wonders from wild untamed coastlines, high mountains and lush forests, varied marine life, vineyards and arguably, the best game experience in the world. The rugged beauty of South Africa will take your breath away. South Africa's scenic wonders are legendary. From Table Mountain to God's Window, the mountains, forests, coasts and deserts are all sure to delight you, but South Africa also offers adventure, mouthwatering food and wine, culture, a fascinating history and, of course, incredible wildlife!



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PLANNING YOUR HOLIDAY



Cape Town

WHY VISIT SOUTH AFRICA?

This intriguing country offers countless holiday experiences and will never cease to amaze you.

South Africa is a huge country and one visit is hardly enough to take in its variety and vastness. South Africa's southern coast, where the Indian Ocean meets the Atlantic, is a place of staggering beauty. From the imposing Table Mountain, which towers over Cape Town to the graceful, old towns of the Winelands, whale-watching in Hermanus and the views of the iconic Garden Route, this region is a holiday delight.

Known as South Africa's Garden Province, KwaZulu Natal's stunning 370 mile Indian Ocean coastline rises up inland to the dramatic heights of the Drakensberg Mountains. The beaches are glorious and benefit from the warmth of the Indian Ocean. Lovers of history will find their home in the historic north, the site of the Boer Wars.

Pursuit of "Big Five" game is an important part of any visit to South Africa. Kruger National Park is the most well-known, however if time is a factor, you may wish to consider one of the many fabulous reserves found along the Eastern Cape in the Garden Route.

We've showcased just a small selection of this great country over the following pages, but our dedicated South Africa brochure also features a wider selection of tours, hotels and game lodges. The brochure also features Namibia, Botswana, Tanzania and Zanzibar, Victoria Falls, Mozambique and, new for 2018, Madagascar.



Kruger

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The prices

All prices shown are based on the best value travel dates in low season.

Getting there

Flight time from the UK to Cape Town is approximately 12 hours (non-stop) and Johannesburg is approximately 11 hours (non-stop).

Best time to go

There is no bad time to visit South Africa. The peak of summer is February and the heart of winter is August. Most rainfall can be expected between Nov-Mar, however it rarely rains all day but there is usually a brief, heavy downpour in the late afternoon. The main exception is the Western Cape region, which has rain in the winter and hot, dry summers.

SMART CHOICE indirect flights, which involve a change of plane, can often save money.

CREATE YOUR PERFECT HOLIDAY

Whether you're planning a first visit or much-anticipated return to South Africa the options are seemingly endless, so let us help...

It's the perfect destination for...

Independent travellers with a sense of adventure and desire to explore. There are some amazing experiences to be had, but if you do want to see as much as possible, bear in mind it won't necessarily be relaxing. Although distances are immense, getting around is very easy. Internal flights may be required or car hire is a great way to see the country, as driving is on the left and roads are generally good.

Classic South Africa

A classic itinerary for South Africa should include Cape Town, the Winelands, the Garden Route and a safari. Cape Town is home to iconic Table Mountain, the bustling Victoria & Alfred Waterfront and legendary Robben Island where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned. Just 45 minutes drive from Cape Town is the Winelands region where

you can visit the wine estates around Franschhoek, Paarl and Stellenbosch. The stunning Garden Route, which stretches between Mossel Bay and Port Elizabeth, is one of the wildest and most staggeringly beautiful stretches of coastline you could ever wish to see. Ideally spread your stay over three or four days and include visits to George, Oudtshoorn, Knysna and Plettenberg along the way. A safari is high on the list of "musts" for many visitors to South Africa, and while most will have heard of Kruger National Park, there are also a large number of private game reserves within easy reach of the Garden Route

Explore more...

For those keen to experience the best of the African bush, the Kruger is arguably one of the finest game parks in the world. Your chances of seeing the "Big Five" - lion, leopard, elephant, rhino and

buffalo - are high. The KwaZulu Natal region has great surfing beaches, the country's highest mountain range - the Drakensberg, and if your interests tend towards history, then the Boer War sites are an obvious draw. Just 90 minutes drive from Johannesburg is Sun City, regarded as South Africa's playground with a theme park, casinos and recreational facilities to enjoy.

South Africa and beyond

Extending your African adventure beyond South Africa couldn't be easier. The dramatic Victoria Falls, the incredible wildlife of Chobe National Park in Botswana or the magnificent landscapes and game of Namibia are all just a short flight from Johannesburg. Alternatively, you may wish to combine the sights and sounds of Africa with an idyllic Indian Ocean beach. We offer a fantastic selection of hotels in The Maldives, Mauritius and The Seychelles within our new Beaches brochure.

OUR FAVOURITE COMBINATIONS

We have handpicked a few of our favourite itineraries to guide and tempt you. Prices are per person.

CAPE TOWN, GARDEN ROUTE & GAME RESERVE

8 nights from £1599



3 nights Protea Breakwater Lodge, Cape Town including breakfast
 6 days Group B car hire
 3 nights Garden Route: Harbour House, Hermanus (1 nt) & Robberg Beach Lodge, Plettenberg Bay (2 nts) including breakfast
 2 nights Kariega Main Lodge, Eastern Cape including full board and two game drives per day

CAPE TOWN, KRUGER & SUN CITY

10 nights from £2149



4 nights Cape Town Hollow, Cape Town including breakfast
 3 nights Elandela Game Reserve, Hoedspruit including full board and 2 game drives per day
 3 nights Sun City Cabanas, Sun City Resort including breakfast

CAPE TOWN, VICTORIA FALLS & CHOBE

7 nights from £2249



3 nights Protea Breakwater Lodge, Cape Town including breakfast
 2 nights Avani, Victoria Falls including breakfast
 2 nights Chobe Safari Lodge, Chobe National Park Botswana including half board

Prices are per person based on two sharing and include return international flights, internal domestic flights, accommodation as indicated and hotel transfers

WANT TO SEE MORE?

Pick up a copy of our dedicated South Africa brochure which along with a wider selection of tours, hotels and game lodges in this captivating county also showcases Namibia, Botswana, Tanzania and Zanzibar, Mozambique, the incredible Victoria Falls region and, new for 2018, Madagascar.

We also highly recommend combining a stay in South Africa, be it a simply city stay or longer tour and safari with the idyllic islands of the Indian Ocean. We have a new dedicated Beaches brochure which includes a fantastic selection of hotels and resorts in The Maldives, Mauritius and The Seychelles, all just an easy flight from several cities in South Africa.





Kruger



Storms River Canyon, Tsitsikamma



Swaziland

GLIMPSES OF SOUTH AFRICA ESCORTED COACH TOUR

14 nights from
£2299

cities and incredible national parks • Zulu culture • varied landscapes

SMART CHOICE

Johannesburg 1 night ~ **Hazyview** 1 night ~ **Kruger** 1 night ~ **Swaziland** 1 night ~ **Umfolozzi** 1 night ~ **Durban** 1 night ~ **Drakensberg** 2 nights ~ **Eastern Cape Coast** 1 night ~ **Port Elizabeth** 1 night ~ **Knysna** 1 night ~ **Mossel Bay** 1 night ~ **Cape Town** 2 nights

SMART CHOICE - Travel, accommodation and sightseeing are all included on this comprehensive two-week adventure where you can tick off your South African bucket list.

Day 1: Fly to Johannesburg.

Day 2 Johannesburg: On arrival transfer to your hotel.

Day 3 Johannesburg/Hazyview: Morning departure along the circular Panorama route, via Graskop, visiting the viewing points of Blyde River Canyon, one of the natural wonders of Africa; gasp at the glory of God's Window with a boundless view of mountains and fertile plains; and finally visit Bourke's Luck Potholes before heading to Hazyview.

Day 4 Kruger National Park: A bright and early start for game viewing in Kruger watching for all manner of wildlife. Hopefully, you will spot lion, elephant, buffalo, rhino and leopard along with all the wonderful flora and bird life that abounds. Should you wish to take a safari by open-vehicle, this is available at a supplement. Afternoon at leisure.

Day 5 Kruger National Park/Swaziland: Enjoy an enchanting drive to the tiny Kingdom of Swaziland and visit a real Chief's village to gain authentic knowledge of traditional Swazi culture.

Day 6 Swaziland/St Lucia and surrounds: Journey into Zululand stopping en route at the roadside markets for the chance to bargain for curios and souvenirs. Continue into the Kingdom of KwaZulu Natal where ancient traditions and modern cultures of both Zulu and settler have combined into a vibrant society living in peace and harmony. Afternoon arrival in Umfolozzi.

Day 7 St Lucia and surrounds/Durban: Morning at leisure, with an option to enjoy a morning boat cruise (additional expense) or simply soak up the atmosphere of this town. Late morning departure for Durban and on arrival enjoy an introductory tour of this exciting seaside city.

Day 8 Durban/Drakensberg: Take a stroll along Durban's golden mile before your departure into the majestic southern

Drakensberg Mountains. Visit the 300 feet high Howick Falls before continuing through the Southern Midlands Meander Route. At leisure on arrival to soak up the stunning scenery and fresh, mountain air.

Day 9 Drakensberg: A day at leisure in Drakensberg or take an optional 4x4 adventure tour up the Sani Pass and into Lesotho (additional expense).

Day 10 Drakensberg/Eastern Cape Coast: Head south to the Eastern Cape, the birthplace of Nelson Mandela. En route see the old traditional way of life in the homeland area known as the Transkei. Continue via Nelson Mandela's birthplace and house, arriving late afternoon in Chintsa East, on the beautiful unspoilt Eastern Cape Coast.

Day 11 Eastern Cape Coast/Port Elizabeth: Morning at leisure to unwind on the beach which stretches for many miles, while the thick indigenous beach forest is a haven for a variety of bird life. Afternoon departure for Port Elizabeth.

Day 12 Port Elizabeth/Knysna: En route to Knysna visit the Tsitsikamma Forest and walk the suspension bridge over the Storms River.

Day 13 Knysna/Mossel Bay: Depart for Oudtshoorn to visit the famous Cango Caves and an ostrich farm, before travelling onwards to Mossel Bay.

Day 14 Mossel Bay/Cape Town: Explore Mossel Bay before driving via Swellendam, Worcester and through the Huguenot Tunnel to Cape Town.

Day 15 Cape Town: A day at leisure for independent sightseeing. A stroll around the V&A Waterfront is recommended or perhaps hop on the cable car for a ride up to the summit of iconic Table Mountain.

Day 16 Cape Town: Your tour concludes with a transfer to the airport for your onward journey.

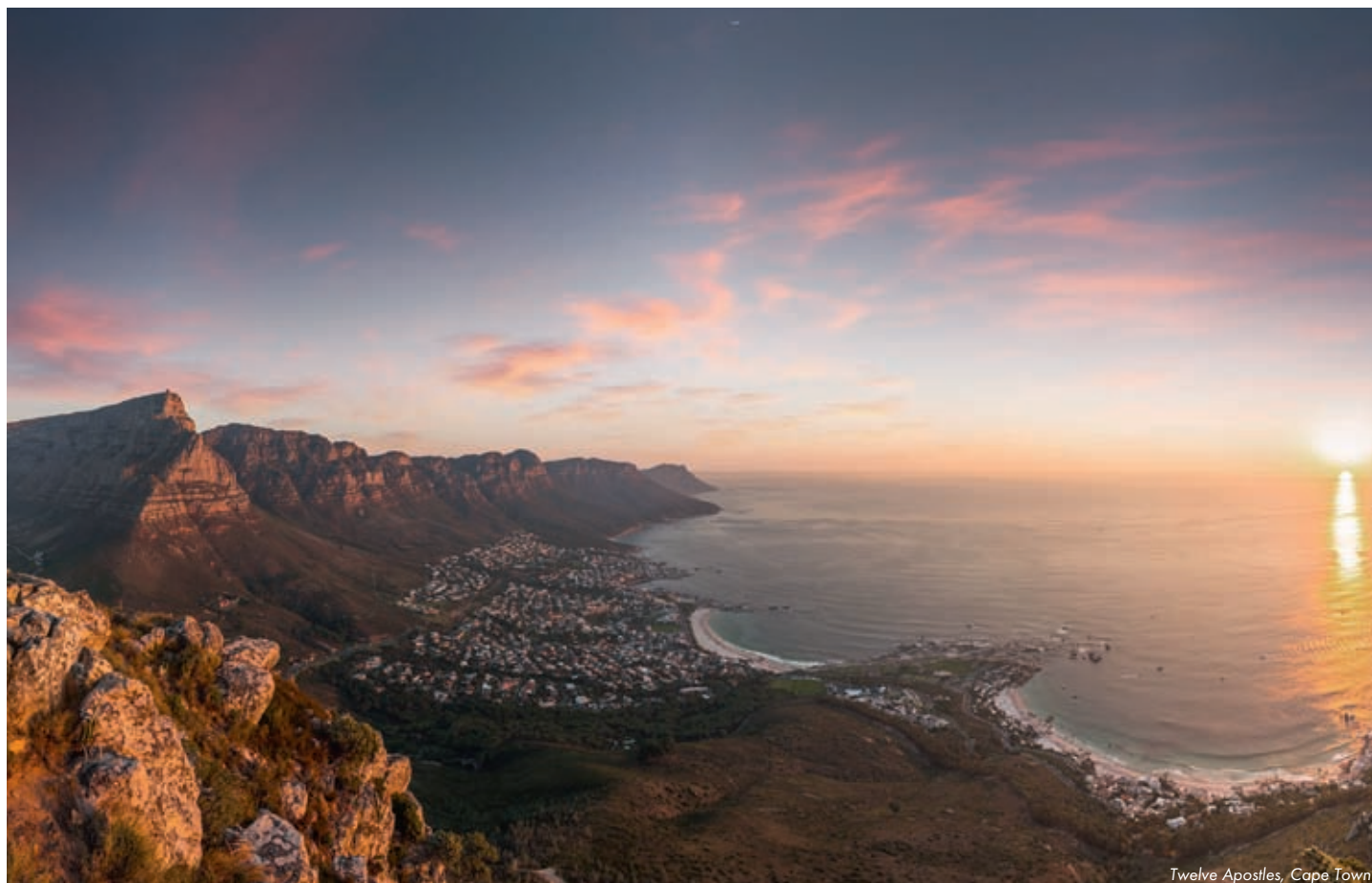
WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Departures: Tour departs on specific dates.

Accommodation: 3☆ accommodation throughout.

Meals: Breakfast. Dinner is also included on days 8, 9, 10 and 12.

Tour price: The price shown for this escorted coach tour is based on the best value travel dates in low season and includes international flights, transfers pre and post tour, 14 nights accommodation and sightseeing as outlined.



Twelve Apostles, Cape Town

WORLD IN ONE COUNTRY

ESCORTED COACH TOUR

13 nights from
£2999

chance to spot the Big Five on safari • unforgettable scenic vistas • fascinating culture

Johannesburg 1 night ~ **Hazyview (for Kruger)** 3 nights ~ **Swaziland** 1 night ~ **Zululand** 1 night ~ **Durban** 1 night ~ **Knysna** 2 nights ~ **Oudtshoorn** 1 night ~ **Cape Town** 3 nights

Day 1: Fly to Johannesburg.

Day 2 Johannesburg: On arrival transfer to your hotel.

Day 3 Johannesburg/Pretoria/Hazyview: Early morning departure from Jo'burg. Head for South Africa's capital city, Pretoria (Tshwane) where you'll enjoy a short tour. The journey continues in to the lush subtropical region of the Lowveld towards Mpumalanga via the historic towns of Witbank, Dullstroom and Lydenburg. Travel over the Long Tom Pass onto the small town of Sabie before arriving in Hazyview late afternoon.

Day 4 Panorama Route: This morning's journey gives you a boundless view of forested mountains and fertile plains. Explore Bourke's Luck Potholes then continue to Tufa Falls and the famous Three Rondavels.

Day 5 Kruger National Park: Set off before breakfast in open safari vehicles for a morning in search of wildlife, and in particular the Big Five - lion, elephant, buffalo, rhino and leopard, along with all manner of birds and plant species. The afternoon is at leisure.

Day 6 Hazyview/Swaziland: Enjoy an enchanting drive to the tiny Kingdom of Swaziland, a former British Protection Territory. Witness a Swazi cultural experience which will introduce you to the charming people of Swaziland and their traditions before visiting the famous Ngwenya Glass Factory. Continue through the capital city, Mbabane, known for its vibrant markets packed with woven baskets, beadwork and carvings before reaching your hotel within the Ezulwini Valley.

Day 7 Swaziland/Kingdom of the Zulus: Start the day with a true African shopping experience at the lively Ezulwini Craft Market before continuing into Zululand, passing traditional round huts and endless vistas. Arrive mid-afternoon in St Lucia, a World Heritage Site which is home to hippo, crocodile and no less than 367 bird species.

Day 8 Kingdom of the Zulus/Durban: The day begins with a cruise on Lake St Lucia before departing for Durban, a journey which takes you along the KwaZulu Natal coastline passing sugar cane fields. On arrival the afternoon is at leisure to either relax on the golden beach or perhaps take a stroll on the bustling promenade.

Day 9 Durban/Port Elizabeth/Knysna: Early flight to Port Elizabeth and onward drive through the Tsitsikamma section of the Garden Route National Park. Here you are treated to magnificent coastal views and the chance to soak up the beauty of the glorious, indigenous Tsitsikamma Forest. Late this afternoon, arrive in Knysna, a visually stunning resort.

Day 10 Knysna: Cruise on the vast Knysna Lagoon and visit the Featherbed Nature Reserve. Take in the amazing view of the imposing 'Heads' which guard the sea entrance to Knysna's huge tidal lagoon, and the forests, marshes and pristine beaches beyond. After lunch, the remainder of the day is at leisure to explore this lovely town.

Day 11 Knysna/Oudtshoorn: Take in wonderful views of the spectacular Outeniqua Pass en route to Oudtshoorn, known as the 'feather capital of the world' due to its many ostrich farms. After lunch, visit a farm to learn more about these hardy, enigmatic creatures before heading underground for a tour of the incredible Congo Caves.

Day 12 Oudtshoorn/Hermanus/Cape Town: Early this morning you have the option of taking a Meerkat Safari (additional expense). After breakfast, journey through the Little Karoo to Barrydale before travelling to Montagu, a picturesque and historic spa town. Continue to Franschhoek in the Winelands and then onwards to Cape Town.

Alternatively, why not extend your tour with an overnight stay in Franschhoek before continuing to Cape Town?

Day 13 Cape Town: A full day at leisure. Perhaps join a tour to Table Mountain (additional expense) or simply explore the city, which is packed with attractions, craft markets and excellent bars and restaurants.

Day 14 Cape Peninsula: A day to tour the ruggedly beautiful Cape Peninsula, which winds its way through some of the world's most spectacular coastal scenery. Stop at the fishing village of Hout Bay for an optional cruise (additional expense) to Seal Island to watch these natural performers. Continue to the Cape Point Nature Reserve, before stopping at Boulders Beach for close encounters with penguins. Drive through quaint Simon's Town en route back to Cape Town.

Day 15 Cape Town: Your tour concludes with a transfer to the airport for your onward journey.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Departures: Every Saturday.

Accommodation: 4★ accommodation throughout.

Meals: Breakfast. Lunch included on days 6, 10 and 11. Dinner included on days 6, 9 and 13.

Tour price: The price shown for this escorted coach tour is based on the best value travel dates in low season and includes international flights, onward domestic flights, transfers between your hotels, 13 nights accommodation and sightseeing as stated.



Boulders beach



Lake St Lucia



Kruger



Oudtshoorn



Knysna

CAPE TOWN & KRUGER

INDEPENDENT TOUR

7 nights from
£1899

city landmarks • explore at leisure • go on safari in search of the Big Five

SMART CHOICE

Cape Town 4 nights ~ Johannesburg 1 night ~ Kruger 2 nights

SMART CHOICE - City and wildlife wrapped up in one tour – your chances of spotting the Big 5 are high!

Day 1 Cape Town: On arrival at Cape Town airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Spend the rest of the day at leisure in this historic and culturally diverse city, fondly known as the Mother City.

Days 2-4 Cape Town: Three days for you to explore vibrant Cape Town. You are free to sightsee at your own pace or we can offer a multitude of sightseeing excursions at an additional cost. You'll find much to see and do in Cape Town and the surrounding area, with a visit to iconic Table Mountain by cable car (weather permitting) highly recommended for panoramic views of the city. The Victoria & Alfred Waterfront is a great place to while away a few hours with an array of shops, fantastic restaurants and entertainment, while Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens offers a lovely spot for a picnic and the chance to commune with Cape Town's great outdoors. Do also take the ferry across to Robben Island which was where Nelson Mandela and many other political prisoners were imprisoned during the apartheid era. If you can bear to wrench yourself away from the city, exchange urban landscapes for the charming towns, villages and estates of The Winelands, particularly Stellenbosch and Franschhoek.



Victoria & Alfred Waterfront, Cape Town

Day 5 Cape Town/Johannesburg: Transfer to Cape Town airport for your flight to Johannesburg. On arrival take the hotel shuttle bus to your hotel.

Day 6 Johannesburg/Kruger National Park: Early morning shuttle transfer by road to Hoedspruit. On arrival, at around midday, you will be transferred to your game lodge on the border of the renowned Kruger National Park. The largest game reserve in South Africa, Kruger boasts vast landscapes and the most diverse game viewing experience in South Africa. Truly the flagship of the South African national parks, Kruger is home to an impressive number of species: 336 trees, 49 fish, 34 amphibians, 114 reptiles, 507 birds and 147 mammals.

Day 7 Kruger National Park: The day begins with an early morning game drive in the Kruger National Park on an open safari vehicle with an experienced ranger and tracker. Kruger is home to the Big Five – lion, elephant, rhino, buffalo and leopard – so be sure to keep your eyes peeled. Return to the lodge for time to relax before setting off this afternoon for a further game drive into the magnificent Kruger National Park. Along with the Big Five this premier game-watching destination has hippopotamus, giraffe, zebra, warthog and many antelope species, while large carnivores also include wild dog and spotted hyena. This evening feast on South African specialities and share the exciting events of your day with your fellow travellers.

Day 8 Kruger National Park/Johannesburg: Return transfer by shuttle to Johannesburg where your tour concludes.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Departures: Daily.

Accommodation: Protea Hotel Sea Point, Cape Town; Garden Court O.R. Tambo International Airport, Johannesburg; Kubu Safari Lodge, Kruger.

Meals: Breakfast. Half board at Kubu Safari Lodge.

Tour price: The price shown is based on the best value travel dates in low season and includes, return transfers from Cape Town airport to hotel, flight from Cape Town to Johannesburg, return road transfer from Johannesburg to Hoedspruit, accommodation, one morning and one afternoon game drive in Kruger National Park. International flights are not included.

GARDEN ROUTE DISCOVERY

ESCORTED SMALL GROUP TOUR

5 nights from **£1049**

wine tasting • natural wonders • wildlife

Hermanus 1 night ~ Oudtshoorn 1 night ~ Knysna 2 nights ~ Tsitsikamma 1 night

Day 1 Cape Town/Hermanus: You will be collected from your Cape Town hotel or airport. The journey begins with a stunning coastal drive to the Harold Porter National Botanical Garden before continuing to Stony Point to see African penguins. This afternoon explore one of South Africa's newest wine routes. Continue to Hermanus.

Day 2 Hermanus/Oudtshoorn: Hermanus has the status of being the best land-based whale watching destination in the world as Southern Right whales visit Walker Bay from June to December. Depart late morning for a spectacular drive through the heart of the Cape Folded Mountains before visiting the pretty village of Barrydale. Continue along the scenic Route 62 towards Oudtshoorn.

Day 3 Oudtshoorn/Knysna: Go underground to see the magnificent stalactites and stalagmites in the Congo Caves, then take a guided tour of an ostrich farm to see why Oudtshoorn is known as the 'feather capital of the world'. Drive via Outeniqua Pass to Knysna.

Day 4 Knysna: Cruise on the vast Knysna Lagoon, then visit the Featherbed Nature Reserve. A specialist guide shares the history and fascinating facts on the flora and fauna of the area before you have the option to take a guided walk through the coastal forest. The afternoon is at leisure to explore Knysna or to relax.

Day 5 Knysna/Tsitsikamma: Set off on an ocean safari from the delightful holiday resort of Plettenberg Bay. During the summer you may see Bottlenose and Common dolphins, while in the winter both Southern Right and Humpback whales are likely to be seen. Those brave enough may like to attempt the world's highest commercial bungee jump at Bloukrans Bridge before continuing to Storms River.

Day 6 Tsitsikamma/Port Elizabeth: Enter the Tsitsikamma National Park and head to the Storms River Mouth for unrivalled views of the Indian Ocean, then explore one of the nature trails. The tour ends early afternoon in Port Elizabeth with a drop off at a central hotel or at the airport.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Departures: Two Monday departures every month.

Meals: Breakfast. Lunch included on day 4.

Tour price: The price shown for this small group coach tour is based on the best value travel dates in low season and includes, 3★ accommodation and sightseeing as stated. International flights are not included.

Alternative tours include the Garden Route Experience Private Tour or the Garden Route Explorer which is a self-drive tour. Please ask for details and prices.

CAPE TOWN



CAPE TOWN



Getting there: Cape Town is approximately 12 hours flying time from the UK. Private transfers are included.

SMART CHOICE opt for shared transfers rather than private transfers in Cape Town and save £55 per person.

Best time to go: This region of South Africa typically enjoys long, warm and dry summers (October to April). Winter months (May to September) can be cooler but there are still many perfect sunny days.

The Mother City is probably the most popular starting point for any visit to South Africa and so it should be!

Magical Cape Town is a fascinating mix of up-to-the-minute vibrancy, beautiful natural attributes, colourful culture and fascinating history, all rubbing shoulders under the iconic Table Mountain. Add to this the sensational Victoria & Alfred Waterfront, Robben Island and Cape Peninsula and it's easy to understand why it's voted one of the world's most beautiful cities!

No visit to the city would be complete without a trip to the top of Table Mountain via the rotating cable car. Another 'must see' is Robben Island, where Nelson Mandela, amongst others, was imprisoned.

Tours of the jail buildings are conducted by former political prisoners, who relate stories of their experiences.

The Victoria & Alfred Waterfront is a redeveloped working port which now boasts a wide range of shops, restaurants and hotels and is a great place to spend time. Other sights include City Hall and Grand Parade, Company's Gardens and the city's many fascinating museums.

Within a short drive is Camps Bay and the Cape Peninsula.



Robben Island

SMART CHOICE



Standard room

PROTEA BREAKWATER LODGE

☆☆☆☆ Cape Town from **£57** per person per night

SMART CHOICE - affordable 4★ luxury on the waterfront

Perfectly positioned in the heart of the V&A Waterfront, with spectacular views over the bay and up onto Table Mountain.

Features: 191 rooms • 2 restaurants • bar • gym

Accommodation: In standard rooms with air-conditioning, shower and safe.

Meals: Breakfast.

Transfers/driving time: 30 minutes from Cape Town airport.

Save £s - ask about smart choice transfers

Premier Plus

FREE nights

3 for 2: Aug-Sep 17 & Apr-Sep 18.

FREE discount booklet: For activities in V&A Waterfront.

FREE parking.

Honeymoons: Receive an upgrade to a higher room category, subject to availability on arrival.



WINCHESTER MANSIONS

☆☆☆☆PLUS Cape Town from **£69** per person per night

This elegant beach hotel is situated at the famous Sea Point Promenade facing the Atlantic coastline, only minutes from the V&A Waterfront.

Features: 76 rooms and suites • restaurants & bars • swimming pool • spa • free shuttle to waterfront • free WiFi in rooms

Accommodation: In classic rooms with air-conditioning, bath/shower, mini bar and safe.

Meals: Breakfast.

Transfers/driving time: 35 minutes from Cape Town airport.

Premier Plus

FREE nights

4 for 3: Aug-Sep 17 & Apr-Sep 18.

FREE open-top bus city tour: Aug-Dec 17 & Apr-Sep 18 if you stay 3 nights.

180 Rand food voucher for hotel (per person): Aug-Dec 17 & Apr-Sep 18 if you stay 5 nights.

Honeymoons: Receive a room upgrade, subject to availability.

TWELVE APOSTLES

☆☆☆☆ Cape Town from **£139** per person per night

Just 15 minutes drive from the V&A Waterfront, this luxury hotel perches on the edge of the Atlantic Ocean.

Features: 70 rooms and suites • 2 restaurants • bar • 2 swimming pools • cinema • spa • free transfers to Camps Bay and V&A Waterfront

Accommodation: In classic rooms with air-conditioning, bath/shower, safe and patio.

Upgrade supplements (per person per night): mountain facing rooms from £33 • superior seafacing rooms from £124.

Meals: Breakfast.

Transfers/driving time: 40 minutes from Cape Town airport.

Premier Plus

FREE nights

3 for 2: Aug-Sep 17 & May-Sep 18.

4 for 3: 01 Aug-19 Dec 17 & 06 Jan-19 Dec 18.

FREE afternoon tea: 01 Aug-19 Dec 17 & 06 Jan-19 Dec 18 if you stay 3 nights.

WINELANDS



Stellenbosch

Just 45 minutes drive from Cape Town, it's an easy day out, but why not stay a couple of nights and sample the produce in a more leisurely fashion?

South Africa's wines are internationally renowned but the Winelands region is fast turning into a foodie destination too. It's also incredibly scenic with picturesque vineyards that extend as far as the eye can see and traditional Cape Dutch architecture. At the region's heart is Stellenbosch, South Africa's second oldest town, whose oak-shaded streets are lined with cafes, restaurants, boutique shops and art galleries. The town's famous wine route comprises some 100 estates, which are open to the public for tours and tastings.

Franschhoek, lying around 17 miles north of Stellenbosch is within a valley of spectacular peaks with vineyards clinging to the slopes. The town of Paarl has the same name as the mountain which rises up behind it and like its neighbours it offers a wine route and a range of excellent restaurants. Just outside the Winelands is Hermanus, a scenic fishing village rich in breathtaking scenery and endless adventure options. In addition, from June to November, Hermanus offers the best land based whale watching in the world.



Getting there: All of the towns in the Winelands region are within around 45 minutes driving distance of Cape Town, while Hermanus is 1 ½ hours drive from Cape Town.

SMART CHOICE opt for shared transfers rather than private transfers in the Winelands and save up to £59 per person.

Best time to go: This region of South Africa typically enjoys long, warm and dry summers (October to April). Winter months (May to September) can be cooler but there are still many perfect sunny days.



SMART CHOICE

RIVER MANOR ☆☆☆☆PLUS

Stellenbosch from **£58** per person per night

SMART CHOICE - stay two nights and sample South African wine for free!

Only a two minute stroll from the centre of Stellenbosch, this graciously restored boutique hotel is perfect for those looking for complete relaxation and comfort.

Features: 18 rooms • restaurant • bar • 2 swimming pools • spa

Accommodation: In standard rooms with air-conditioning, shower, mini bar and safe.

Upgrade supplements (per person per night): classic rooms from £17 • superior rooms from £39.

Meals: Breakfast.

Transfers/driving time: 25 minutes from Cape Town airport.

Save £s - ask about smart choice transfers

Premier Plus

FREE nights

3 for 2: 01-31 Aug, 03-18 Dec 17 & 01 Apr-31 Aug 18.

FREE nights in superior rooms

2 for 1: 01-31 Aug & 03-18 Dec 17.

FREE wine tour voucher or wine tasting: Aug-Dec 17 if you stay 2 nights. Stay at least 3 nights and also receive a bottle of wine.



CASCADE COUNTRY MANOR

☆☆☆☆ Paarl from **£54** per person per night

Once a royal homestead this luxurious boutique retreat is family run and sits amongst picturesque olive orchards and vineyards in the heart of the Paarl Winelands.

Features: 15 rooms • restaurant • swimming pool • walking trails • mountain bikes • spa • abseiling

Accommodation: In classic rooms with air-conditioning, bath & separate shower (some have shower only), mini bar and safe.

Upgrade supplements (per person per night): deluxe rooms from £17.

Meals: Breakfast. **Transfers/driving time:** 1 hour from Cape Town airport.

Premier Plus

FREE nights

3 for 2: Aug-Sep 17 & May-Sep 18.

One FREE 3 course dinner: Oct 17-Apr & Oct-Dec 18 if you stay at least 3 nights.

FREE mountain bike and helmet hire.



HARBOUR HOUSE

☆☆☆☆ Hermanus from **£69** per person per night

Set in the heart of Hermanus, above the Old Harbour, close to restaurants, markets, shops and natural attractions.

Features: 42 rooms • restaurant • bar • swimming pool • wellness salon • bicycle rentals • lookout terrace

Accommodation: In Harbour Square classic rooms with air-conditioning, bath and separate shower and mini bar.

Upgrade supplements (per person per night): Harbour House classic rooms either in the seaside Manor House or the contemporary new wing from £5 • Harbour House premier rooms offer partial ocean views from £16 • Harbour House luxury suites offer an open-plan living area, dining space and kitchen from £26. **Meals:** Breakfast.

Transfers/driving time: 1 ½ hours from Cape Town airport.

Premier Plus

FREE nights

3 for 2: May-Jul 18.

GARDEN ROUTE



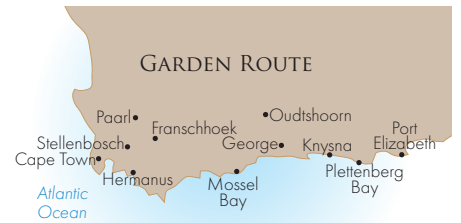
Mossel Bay

The Garden Route, which starts from Mossel Bay and ends at Port Elizabeth, is one of the wildest and most staggeringly beautiful stretches of coastline you will ever see.

The glorious natural beauty of the Garden Route is sure to seduce you. The coast is dotted with excellent beaches, while inland you'll find picturesque lagoons and lakes, rolling hills and eventually the mountains of the Outeniqua and Tsitsikamma ranges. Adventure seekers will find an array of outdoor activities including hiking trails, canoeing and forest canopy tours while wildlife enthusiasts will discover a profusion of mammals, birds, reptiles and marine animals.

A drive along the Garden Route should ideally be spread out over four or five days which gives ample time to stop and savour some of the towns and villages. We highly recommend stops at Mossel Bay, which is a popular starting point for boat trips to Seal Island; the historic town of George, which lies at the base of the Outeniqua mountains; Oudtshoorn, famous for its ostrich farms; busy Knysna, which is built around a huge, natural lagoon and connected to the ocean by a narrow gap between two cliffs, known as The Heads; and Plettenberg Bay, South Africa's most upmarket seaside resort with its long golden beaches

GARDEN ROUTE



Getting there: Many of the towns along the Garden Route are within driving distance of Cape Town.

Best time to go: In this region of South Africa summer runs from October to April with warm weather and some rain (and more wind in Cape Town). During the winter, May to September, the weather is cool and usually wetter.



BELVIDERE MANOR

☆☆☆☆PLUS Knysna

from **£64** per person per night

This historic country estate sits amid the Garden Route's treasure trove of beaches, forests and tranquil estates.

Features: 28 cottages • restaurant • bar • swimming pool

Accommodation: In single storey garden classic cottages with ceiling fan, bath/shower, safe, separate lounge, kitchen and terrace.

Upgrade supplements (per person per night): double storey garden deluxe cottages and single or double storey lagoon classic cottages with views of the pool and lagoon on request.

Meals: Breakfast.

Transfers/driving time: 1 hour from George airport.

Note: Children under 5 years not permitted.

Premier Plus

FREE nights

3 for 2: Aug-Sep 17 & May-Sep 18.

Up to 20% room discount: Aug 17-Dec 18. Min stays apply.

FREE high tea served on your private terrace: If you stay at least 3 nights.



ROBBERG BEACH LODGE

☆☆☆☆PLUS Plettenberg

from **£59** per person per night

Nestled at the heart of the Garden Route this understated private retreat boasts 29 rooms in four luxurious adjacent villas at Robberg Beach in Plettenberg Bay. Close to bustling restaurants, galleries, bars and shops.

Features: 29 rooms • 2 lounges • 2 honesty bars • 2 swimming pools • rooftop viewing deck

Accommodation: In luxury rooms with air-conditioning, bath/shower, mini fridge and safe.

Upgrade supplements (per person per night): Beachy Head villa garden rooms from £12 • Robberg house suites from £12.

Meals: Breakfast.

Transfers/driving time: 1½ hours from George airport.

Premier Plus

FREE nights

3 for 2: Aug-Sep 17.



THE PLETTENBERG

☆☆☆☆ Plettenberg Bay

from **£126** per person per night

This Relais & Chateaux Hotel is built on a rocky headland in the heart of Plettenberg Bay which is home to pristine beaches and numerous activities.

Features: 37 rooms & suites • restaurant • bar • 2 swimming pools • spa • free WiFi

Accommodation: In standard rooms with air-conditioning, bath and separate shower and mini bar.

Upgrade supplements (per person per night): luxury rooms offer side views of the garden or bay from £40 • luxury sea view rooms which also offer a step out balcony from £62. **Meals:** Breakfast.

Transfers/driving time: 1½ hours from George airport.

Premier Plus

FREE nights

3 for 2: Aug-Sep 17 & Apr-Sep 18.

4 for 3: 01 Oct-19 Dec 17.

FREE room upgrade: Apr-Sep 17 & Apr-Sep 18 if you stay 2 nights (3 nights from Apr 18), subject to availability at time of booking.



EASTERN CAPE GAME RESERVES



Wild, untamed and full of contrasting surprises.

Port Elizabeth, the gateway to the Eastern Cape is steeped in history and home to wide expanses of beach and an impressive promenade. However, the real attraction of this region is the first-class private game reserves offering the chance to see Africa's great beasts up close. As well as the Big Five - elephant, buffalo, leopard, lion and rhino, this region is also home to many other species of game, birdlife, flora and fauna. All of the game reserves are non-malarial - a big bonus if you want to avoid the need to take medication and even more so, if you are planning to take children along too. They are also ideal if time is short, as in the main they're easily reached from the Garden Route. Soak up the breathtaking scenery and immerse yourself in one of the many experiences around the Eastern Cape.



Bayethe pool

SHAMWARI GAME RESERVE

from **£299** per person per night

Eastern Cape, Garden Route

One of the most famous game reserves in South Africa, Shamwari sits in 25,000 hectares of magnificent bush land and is home to the world renowned Born Free Foundation.

Features: 5 lodges • dining facilities at each lodge • lounges • swimming pool at each lodge • spa at Long Lee Manor & Eagles Crag
Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner.
Game drives: Two game drives per day.
Transfers/driving time: 45 minutes from Port Elizabeth.
Note: From May 18 a conservation levy of R140 per adult per stay will apply.

Long Lee Manor ★★★★★
Accommodation: In luxury rooms with air-conditioning and bath/shower. Built in 1910 this distinctive Edwardian style manor house has 15 rooms in the house and surrounding gardens.
Riverdene Lodge ★★★★★
Accommodation: In a restored settler's home with an ethnic African interior. All 9 luxury rooms have air-conditioning, bath/shower and patio. Children must be over 4 years for game drives.
Bayethe at Shamwari ★★★★★ **Luxury Accommodation:** In one of 9 luxury tents offering ample privacy and superb comforts. Each tent is air-conditioned with bath/shower, plunge pool and deck.

Premier Plus

10% room discount: On selected dates Aug-Dec 17 & Mar-Nov 18 if you stay 3 nights.



River Lodge

KARIEGA GAME RESERVE ★★★★★PLUS

from **£199** per person per night

Eastern Cape, Garden Route

Kariega stretches across 10,000 hectares of pristine wilderness in the picturesque Kariega River Valley, boasting a stunning array of fauna, flora and birdlife, as well as superb game drives and viewing. Four unique lodges, differing in price and luxury combined with excellent views and facilities, ensures Kariega Game Reserve is the perfect destination for a spectacular game experience.

Features: 4 lodges • indoor/outdoor dining • lounges • swimming pool at all lodges
Meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner and local beverages (excluding Kariega Main Lodge).

Kariega Main Lodge ★★★★★

Accommodation: In one of 21 African style chalets commanding panoramic views with air-conditioning, bath/shower, private deck and some also have a private pool.

Ukhozi Lodge ★★★★★Plus

Accommodation: In one of 10 African style suites commanding panoramic views with air-conditioning, bath/shower, mini bar, private deck and private plunge pool.

Game drives: Two game drives per day.

Transfers/driving time: 1 1/2 hours from Port Elizabeth airport.

Note: From Jan 18 conservation levy of R148 per adult per night applies.

River Lodge ★★★★★Plus

Accommodation: In one of 10 superbly appointed spacious and luxurious thatched suites with air-conditioning, bath/shower, mini bar and private deck. The suites have a beautiful setting on the banks of Bushman's River and offer exclusivity, comfort and spectacular views.

Settler's Drift ★★★★★

Accommodation: In one of 9 luxury tented suites with air-conditioning, indoor/outdoor shower, opulent bedroom and living area, mini bar and viewing deck. Perfectly positioned in a remote untouched part of Kariega offering complete privacy.



Settler's Drift



Premier Plus

FREE nights

4 for 3: May-18. Not applicable to Settler's Drift and maximum one free night.

Honeymoons: Receive a bottle of wine or champagne and if you stay 3 nights also receive a free spa treatment up to 500 Rand per person.

KRUGER GAME RESERVES



You could not imagine a finer area for big game viewing than this.

An hour's flight from Jo'burg, the world-famous Kruger National Park has the largest concentration of game species on earth, so your chances of seeing the Big Five are high. Most game lodges offer two game drives a day, which are generally offered early in the morning (before breakfast) and in the late afternoon.

To reach Kruger, most people fly to either Nelspruit (Mpumalanga) for the southern properties or Hoedspruit for the northern part of the park.

While it would be easy to stay put at your chosen game lodge, we'd highly recommend exploring the wider Kruger area taking in such sights as Blyde River Canyon, the Three Rondavels and the gold rush town of Pilgrim's Rest.

A visit to Kruger has to be high on the list of "musts" for any visit to South Africa, but make sure you book early as these lodges are very popular.



JOCK SAFARI LODGE ☆☆☆☆☆ from £399 per person per night

Kruger National Park

One of the few lodges situated inside the Kruger National Park, Jock Safari Lodge enjoys stunning views of the riverbed and watering holes for game viewing. Enjoy thrilling game drives with experienced rangers, or venture even closer to the African bush-land on a professionally guided walking tour.

Features: 12 suites • indoor/outdoor dining • lounge • 2 swimming pools • spa

Accommodation: In individual luxury suites with air-conditioning, bath and outdoor shower, mini bar, safe and private plunge pool overlooking the river. For guests seeking a more personal and intimate experience, 3 luxury suites are also available at Jock Safari's sister property Fitzpatrick's at Jock.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Game drives: Breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Transfers/driving time: 30 minutes from Skukuza airport, 1½ hours from Nelspruit/Mpumalanga airport.

Note: Conservation fee 30 Rand per person payable locally.

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10% suite discount: 01 Aug-14 Dec 17, 01-29 Mar & 03 Apr-30 Nov 18 if you stay at least 3 nights.

SMART CHOICE



ELANDELA ☆☆☆☆☆

Hoedspruit

from **£199** per person per night

SMART CHOICE - Superb game viewing, luxury accommodation and some fabulous offers

Set on a private game sanctuary adjacent to the Kruger National Park, Elandela offers sweeping views of the nearby Drakensberg Mountains. The lodge overlooks an active waterhole lit by spotlight, perfect for unforgettable game viewing. Rhino, lion, leopard, buffalo and hippo can all be spotted in the reserve whilst game drives into the surrounding Kruger National Park give the chance for further spectacular game sightings.

Features: 16 rooms • indoor/outdoor dining • lounge • bar • swimming pool • spa

Accommodation: In standard lake or river view suites with air-conditioning, shower, mini bar and safe.

Upgrade supplements (per person per day): larger deluxe suites from £48.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and 5 course evening meals served in the private dining room or the open air boma.

Game Drives: Includes 2 game drives a day in the private reserve and nearby Kruger National Park. Game drives are in open-top four wheel drive vehicles with an experienced ranger.

Transfers/driving time: 20 minutes from Hoedspruit airport.

Note: 10% of the accommodation price goes towards the Elandela Rhino Survivor Trust.

Premier Plus

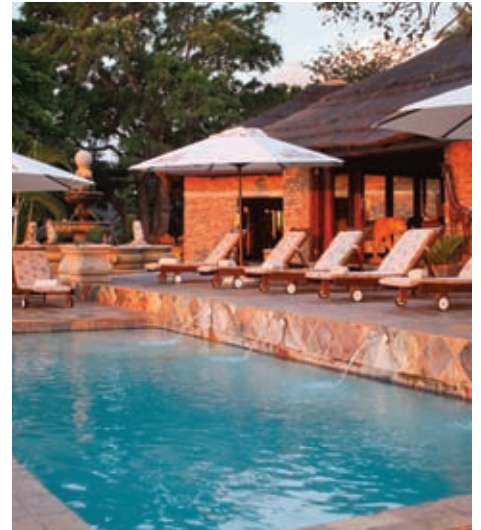
FREE nights

3 for 2: Aug 17-Dec 18.

FREE upgrade to a deluxe suite: Aug-Dec 17 if you stay at least 4 nights. Subject to availability on arrival.

FREE transfers: From Hoedspruit airport.

Honeymoons: Receive a bottle of champagne in room on arrival and a private romantic dinner.



Deluxe suite

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