



## South Africa Tour: A World in One Country

13 Nights

May – October 2018



### Summary

This comprehensive Guided Tour Of South Africa is ideal for traveler's visiting Africa or South Africa for the first time. Whilst covering a diverse spectrum of South Africa's most exciting and popular highlights, there is also plenty of free time to unwind and see the sights at your leisure. This tour also journeys through the beautiful Kingdom of Swaziland, a country bursting with terrific activities for its tiny size. This 14 day tour of South Africa commences in Johannesburg in the Highveld province of Gauteng before meandering east, via Pretoria, to scenic Mpumalanga. After some game spotting in the Kruger National Park, the tour heads south through Swaziland, Zululand and Durban on the east coast of South Africa and continues west along the Garden Route to its finale in Cape Town. This extensive tour will really leave you with the feeling that you have experienced a world in one country!

### Wild Discovery Advantages

- A proven expertise in organizing successful
- Experienced and knowledgeable staff
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### Overview

**Dates:** May – October 2018

**Interest:** group - family

**Level of Comfort:** 3/5

**Minimum # of passengers:** 2

**Maximum # of passengers:** 20

### Information about the destination

- **Currency:** South African Rand
- **Language:** Zulu, Xhosa, Afrikaans, Sotho Southern, Swati, South Ndebele and English
- **Dialing Code:** 27
- **Recommended vaccines:** the Malaria medication and the Yellow fever vaccine are obligatory
- **Banks & currency exchange:** avoid exchanging money at hotels and airports unless you have no other choice

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**Day 1: Johannesburg**

Upon arrival at Johannesburg's airport, meet greet and transfer to the hotel

The remainder of the day is yours to spend at leisure

There is a host of nearby sights and activities to keep you occupied - bargain hunting at some of the nearby shopping malls, riding on the Gautrain, or take an optional Soweto Tour

**Day 2: Pretoria - Mpumalanga**

We depart your hotel in Johannesburg at 07h30 and head north to Pretoria, South Africa's capital city, for a brief orientation tour. Continuing east to the province of Mpumalanga we pass through the quaint country town of Dullstroom, one of the fly fishing Mecca's of South Africa, and Lydenburg in the foothills of the Long Tom Pass. A little further along in the heart of the infamous Long Tom Pass, we arrive at your accommodation for the evening. The afternoon is at leisure to soak up the tranquility whilst admiring the views of the Lowveld across the escarpment, or partake in one of the many activities on offer at the hotel including mountain biking, hiking or trout fishing

**Day 3: Tour Mpumalanga Escarpment**

Be sure to have your camera batteries recharged for this morning, as we explore some of the breathtaking vistas of the Panorama Route. God's Window, a seemingly never ending view of indigenous forested mountains and fertile plains, and the Blyde River Canyon may leave you a little lost for words.

Immerse yourselves in the magnitude of these natural wonders of Africa. We then take a look at the charming village of Graskop, an industrious gold mining camp in years gone by, nestled on the edge of the escarpment. From our starting point in Johannesburg, we have now gradually descended several hundred feet into the luxuriant subtropical region of the Lowveld, and midafternoon we arrive at our overnight hotel in the area of Hazyview.

**Day 4: Kruger National Park**

Today, have your wildlife checklists at the ready for an exciting half day 'Five' game viewing experience in the world famous Kruger National Park. We set off early before breakfast in an open safari vehicle in search of lion, elephant, buffalo, rhino and leopard, and a multitude of other captivating wildlife, birds and plants species.

Savour the magic of this enormous wilderness, one of the largest game reserves in Africa, naturally bordered by the Limpopo and Crocodile rivers and the Lebombo Mountains to the east.

**Day 5: The Kingdom of Swaziland**

Sit back and relax for an enchanting drive to the tiny Kingdom of Swaziland, a former British Protection Territory currently ruled by King Mswati III. Culture and heritage are deeply embedded in all aspects of Swazi life, and we gain an insight into these traditions by way of a Swazi cultural experience. We continue through Swaziland's capital Mbabane on the Mbabane River, and onto the picturesque rolling hills of the Ezulwini Valley for an authentic African shopping experience at the colourful Ezulwini Craft Market. Swazi artisans have a well deserved reputation for their skills in creating fine handcrafts and some have reached 'Master' status, so be sure to leave some space in your suitcase. Our overnight lodging is in the Ezulwini Valley.

**Day 6: The Kingdom of the Zulu's**

We begin our day with a leisurely breakfast before resuming our journey south through Swaziland to Zululand in the province of KwaZulu-Natal, passing traditional round huts in a peaceful rural setting. We arrive mid-afternoon at our hotel in the Umfolozi area. This region is renowned for its wildlife conservation efforts, in particular with the White Rhinoceros, and is a prime birding destination.

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**Day 7: Durban**

Our morning begins with a short drive to Lake St Lucia where we join a cruise and take in this world-class wilderness area, separated from the Indian Ocean by a massive dune system. Hugging the lush KwaZulu-Natal coastline we head south to the tropical city of Durban, watching field upon field of sugar cane swaying in the breeze like nature's version of the Mexican wave. KwaZulu-Natal is the hub of South Africa's sugar industry for both national and international markets. Check into your hotel just before lunch (own account). While away the afternoon at leisure, or you may decide to enjoy an optional afternoon Durban City Tour (own account).

**Day 8: Port Elizabeth - Knysna**

The morning is free time until your collection and transfer to the airport for a mid-morning flight to the Eastern Cape city of Port Elizabeth (cost of flight not included). 'PE' as the city is affectionately known, on Algoa Bay, is one of the major seaports in South Africa. Once everyone's flight has arrived, you will be greeted by a new guide who will take you on this next part of your journey through South Africa to the Tsitsikamma National Park. This magnificent wilderness, with its deep gorges, cliffs, tidal pools and evergreen indigenous forests will leave you spellbound. Continuing on into the Western Cape, we reach our overnight resting place, Knysna, a popular holiday destination in the heart of the famous Garden Route.

**Day 9: Knysna**

Enjoy a unique perspective of Knysna and its surrounds as we cruise on the peaceful Knysna Lagoon and visit the Featherbed Nature Reserve. Have your cameras ready for the amazing view of the 'Knysna Heads', imposing sandstone sentinels at the sea entrance to the huge tidal lagoon and its forests, marshes and pristine beaches. After lunch the remainder of the day is at leisure to enjoy the sights of Knysna. Learn more about the regions famed oysters perhaps, or explore the interesting array of boutiques, curio shops and cafes along the waterfront area.

**Day 10: Oudtshoorn**

We spend the morning taking in the spectacular views of the coastal plateau from Outeniqua Pass en route to Oudtshoorn in the Klein Karoo region. Known as the 'feather capital of the world', Oudtshoorn is the heart of South Africa's ostrich industry dating back to the mid-1800's.

After lunch we learn more about these inquisitive, flightless birds during a tour of an ostrich farm followed by a fascinating tour of the Cango Caves. This elaborate underground fairyland, one of South Africa's unique natural landmarks, is truly a sight to behold.

**Day 11: Cape Town**

Enjoy a day of incredible vistas and a kaleidoscope of scenery as we make our way to the effervescent city of Cape Town. During the whale season we travel via the charming seaside village of Hermanus where we may be lucky enough to catch a glimpse of the majestic and playful Southern Right Whales frolicking offshore (July to November only). Out of season, our journey to Cape Town is along the renowned 'Route 62', a picturesque drive that meanders through mountain passes, by rivers and past fruit orchards and world class vineyards.

**Day 12: Cape Peninsula**

A full day touring Cape Town's rugged Cape Peninsula along the stunning Atlantic seaboard enveloped by the glistening Atlantic Ocean and the indomitable slopes of Lion's Head and the Twelve Apostles. We take a breather at the attractive fishing village of Hout Bay, where you may opt to join a cruise (own account) to Seal Island to be entertained by the crazy antics of the local seals or just sit back and enjoy the authentic harbour-side ambience.

We continue to the Cape Point Nature Reserve before stopping off to see the affable penguins of Boulders Beach. On returning to Cape Town, we pass through the quaint naval village of Simon's Town overlooking beautiful False Bay.

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#### Day 13: Cape Winelands

Today we soak up the fresh, tranquil scenery of the Cape Winelands, an area well known for its white Cape Dutch homes. This eye-catching and timeless style, with its ornate rounded gables was developed by Dutch and French settlers in the 17th and 18th centuries. Traditionally, the central gable of each house furnished a distinctive design which represented the unique signature of each home. We take a look at the towns of Paarl and Stellenbosch, the elegant heart of the Cape's wine region, before wine tastings at two well-known wine estates. A visit to the Huguenot Memorial Museum and the Afrikaans Language Monument provides a historical perspective.

#### Day 14: Cape Town

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight

#### Prices Include

Round trip ticket to Johannesburg return from Cape town ( economy class )  
Round trip transfer: airport – hotel – airport  
13-night accommodation in hotels  
Meals: daily breakfast, 3 lunches & 4 dinners  
Entrance fees and excursions  
Services of a professional driver and experienced tourist guide  
Tours and excursions as per program  
Assistance of our representative in South Africa

#### Prices Exclude

Airport taxes  
Fuel surcharge  
DIP surcharge \$5/ticket  
Visa fees  
Travel insurance  
All other expenses

#### Starting price per person in US\$

Hotel	Period	Double	Single
3* Hotel	01/01/17 - 30/04/17	4300	5088

- Prices may change without prior notice and subject to availability at time of booking

#### Flight Schedule

From	To	Flight No	Departure	Arrival
Beirut	Doha	QR 419	00:45	05:05
Doha	Johannesburg	QR 1359	08:30	16:00
Cape Town	Doha	QR 1370	12:50	23:20
Doha	Beirut	QR 426	02:20	05:25

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