

14 Days | South African Explorer | Small Group Tour

Cape Town - Johannesburg - Kruger National Park - and more...

From **\$7,599** Typically \$8,999 ✈️ pp twin share



Return International Airfares from All Australian Capital Cities to South Africa

Discover the bustling cities of Cape Town and Johannesburg

Come face to face with the Big 5 in Kruger National Park

Enjoy coastal drives and visits to towns and cities along the way in this Small Group Tour

Description



Don't miss out on this opportunity to join the SOUTH AFRICA EXPLORER in a small group of a maximum 10 Passengers!

South Africa, a mesmerizing tapestry of captivating landscapes, beckons wanderers from every corner of the globe, inviting them to partake in an extraordinary odyssey of natural wonders, wildlife spectacles, and abundant sunshine.

As a country boasting an immensely diverse terrain, South Africa stands as a testament to the incredible richness of its ecosystems, playing host to an array of captivating animals, birds, and plant life that collectively paint a vivid portrait of biodiversity.

Embarking on the South Africa Explorer is akin to unlocking the gates to a realm where excellence knows no bounds. The journey commences in the enchanting city of Cape Town, where the interplay of mountains and oceans sets the stage for an awe-inspiring adventure. From there, the route meanders through the celebrated Garden Route, a scenic corridor adorned with the warmth of local hospitality, quaint towns exuding charm, and an undeniable sense of exploration.

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Transitioning onward to Johannesburg, the heart of South Africa, the narrative of the nation's tumultuous history unfolds. Here, a profound journey into the annals of the apartheid struggle reveals a tapestry of triumphs and tribulations, a captivating and heart-wrenching story that demands to be shared. Each step in Johannesburg is a stride through the footsteps of liberation, an exploration of a city that has witnessed the ebb and flow of resilience.

No voyage through South Africa is complete without the pulsating heartbeat of the Kruger National Park. A sanctuary for wildlife enthusiasts, this iconic destination is a canvas upon which the spirit of Africa paints itself in vivid hues. Encounters with majestic creatures, from the regal lion to the graceful giraffe, imbue travelers with an indescribable connection to the untamed essence of the continent.

In essence, South Africa beckons explorers not merely to visit, but to become entwined in its tapestry, to let its landscapes etch memories on the canvas of their souls. From the coastal allure of Cape Town to the historical echoes of Johannesburg and the untamed wilderness of Kruger National Park, the South Africa Explorer unfolds as an epic saga, weaving together the threads of nature, history, and adventure into an experience that lingers long after the journey's end.

Itinerary

Day 1

Australia ✈ South Africa

Today you will check in and board your flight bound for South Africa! Enjoy the services of your flight as you travel West.

Meals: Inflight Menu

Day 2

Cape Town, South Africa

Welcome to South Africa! On arrival make your way through customs, immigration and collect your bag. Make your way to your accommodation and check in. The rest of the day is yours at leisure to explore Cape Town!

Meals: None

Accommodation: TBA on Booking Confirmation

Day 3

CAPE TOWN 🚌 CAPE AGULHAS 🚌 OUDTSHOORN

This morning you will be met by your local tour guide and depart for the scenic Garden Route. Travel along Sir Lowry's Pass, with its magnificent views, to Grabouw and Elgin, a lush landscape surrounded by majestic mountains. Stop en route at a farmstall packed with locally produced products from the area. Our journey continues to Cape Agulhas, the southernmost tip of Africa, where the Atlantic and Indian Oceans meet. The area has largely been untouched and unexplored with its rugged coastline being the graveyard for many a ship. The historic Cape Agulhas Lighthouse is considered the icon that signifies the tip of Africa. After this thrilling experience, we continue via historic Swellendam and the Tradouw Pass to Barrydale and the famous Route 62. Sample top quality port style wines in Calitzdorp, before continuing to Oudtshoorn, the 'ostrich feather capital' and centre of the world's Ostrich farming industry. Enjoy dinner at an Ostrich Farm, dining on local specialties such as Ostrich Steak.

Meals: Dinner

Accommodation: TBA on Booking Confirmation

Day 4

OUDTSHOORN

After a leisurely breakfast take a tour of the spectacular limestone caverns of the Cango Caves, one of the world's great natural wonders, sculpted by nature through the ages. Afterwards, enjoy a wine tasting at a local wine estate in the scenic Schoemanshoek Valley. Return to Oudtshoorn for a fun-filled interactive guided tour at a working Ostrich Farm.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: TBA on Booking Confirmation

Day 5

OUDTSHOORN 🚌 KNYSNA

After breakfast, travel over the Outeniqua Pass to George, the sixth oldest town in South Africa, with many historical landmarks like the Slave Tree and King Edward VII Library building; said to be the best example of Edwardian architecture in the town. The tour travels via Wilderness, an attractive holiday resort, to Knysna, known as the oyster box of South Africa, nestling on the banks of a beautiful lagoon in the heart of the Garden Route. Journey into the magical Knysna Forests (weather & road conditions dependent), the stamping ground of the elusive Knysna elephants. Discover the stories of the woodcutters who worked the forests, the elephants that were hunted to extinction and the discovery of gold. Visit the Dalene Matthee Big Tree Memorial. The enormous Yellowwood tree of over 880 years was named after Matthee, best known author of four books on the Knysna Forest. Enjoy a delicious lunch of traditional cuisine and local treats.

Meals: Breakfast and Lunch

Accommodation: TBA on Booking Confirmation

Day 6

KNYSNA

Today you'll have the opportunity to further explore the natural beauty of the Garden Route. Visit Monkeyland Primate Sanctuary, where you will be able to see a variety of primates, roaming free in the forest. This award-winning sanctuary is well known for its efforts to rehabilitate and free previously caged primates. A portion of the trip price of this MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, goes towards ensuring that these already endangered species can survive and reproduce for a future reintroduction into the wild. The experience directly advances UN Global Goal 15: Life on Land. The tour continues to the famous Eastern Head, where you will enjoy spectacular views of the Knysna Heads (weather permitting). Afterwards you'll travel to Brenton on Sea, a breathtaking holiday location and a nature lover's paradise with its unspoiled beaches and peaceful surroundings. The remainder of the afternoon will be at leisure.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: TBA on Booking Confirmation

Day 7

KNYSNA TSITSIKAMMA

Travel to Plettenberg Bay, considered the jewel of the Garden Route, for a visit to the Birds of Eden sanctuary, the biggest single free flight aviary in the world. The sanctuary was developed to create a safe environment in which to release a large collection of free-flight African birds. A portion of the trip price of this MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience goes towards protecting genetically pure species of various Taxa in a semi-wild state and holding the seeds of these Taxa for future reintroduction into the wild. The experience directly advances UN Global Goal 15: Life on Land. Our journey continues to Bloukrans Bridge, the highest single-span arch bridge in the world, currently offering the highest commercially operated Bungy Jump in the world. Visit the Tsitsikamma National Park and Storms River Mouth (weather permitting). The Tsitsikamma National Park incorporates 80 km of rocky coastline with spectacular sea and landscapes, a remote mountainous region with secluded valleys covered in mountain Fynbos and temperate high forests with deep river gorges leading down to the sea.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: TBA on Booking Confirmation

Day 8

TSITSIKAMMA GQEBERHA (PORT ELIZABETH) ✈ JOHANNESBURG

Head eastwards along the Tsitsikamma Forest to Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth), affectionately known as the "friendly city". Travel to Chief Dawid Stuurman Airport for an onward flight to Johannesburg, where you'll be met and transferred to your hotel. The remainder of the day is yours to relax.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: TBA on Booking Confirmation

Day 9

JOHANNESBURG

Spend a full day exploring Soweto and its surrounds, where some of the watershed events in the struggle against apartheid occurred. The tour starts with a drive past the FNB Stadium, also known as Soccer City and the venue for the 2010 FIFA World Cup Final. It was the site of Nelson Mandela's first speech in Johannesburg after his release from prison in 1990. The drive continues through Diepkloof, home to Soweto's richest and then to Kliptown, where the Freedom Charter was officially adopted in 1955. Drive past the Regina Mundi Church that played a pivotal role in the township's history of resistance against apartheid. Then onto Vilakazi Street, the most famous street in Soweto, where two Nobel Prize winners once lived, Nelson Mandela and Desmond Tutu. The afternoon will conclude with visits to the Hector Pieterse Memorial and Museum which commemorates the role of the country's students in the struggle against apartheid and the prestigious Apartheid Museum, which covers the full history of the Apartheid era in South Africa. Return to your hotel for overnight in Johannesburg.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: TBA on Booking Confirmation

Day 10

JOHANNESBURG

Enjoy a full day at leisure and unescorted. Perhaps join a tour to Maropeng, the Cradle of Mankind (optional and for your own account) or enjoy some shopping at Nelson Mandela Square, home to a variety of shops and boutiques catering for all tastes and budgets.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: TBA on Booking Confirmation

Day 11

JOHANNESBURG 🚗 KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

This morning you will be collected from your hotel, heading east to the Mpumalanga region. After freshening up at your lodge enter the world-famous Kruger National Park and spend the afternoon game viewing in your closed touring vehicle. The Park offers some of the best game viewing and wildlife opportunities in the world – and you'll soon appreciate the challenges of managing this unique reserve. After an action-packed afternoon in the Kruger Park, enjoy authentic cuisine from the region at your hotel.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

Accommodation: TBA on Booking Confirmation

Day 12

KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

The day begins with early morning coffee or tea, followed by a thrilling open vehicle game drive (with English speaking game ranger) through the Kruger National Park with pre-packed breakfast. Your guide will endeavour to spoil you with sightings of the “Big Five”, general game and prolific bird life. There is an option (for your own account and subject to availability) to learn more about the Kruger Park Anti-Poaching Dog Unit. This specialist unit trains dogs to track poachers in the field, and detect firearms, ammunition and wildlife products that enter and exit through the Kruger National Park gates. A portion of the trip price of this MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience goes towards ensuring that these dogs receive the best possible care in support of the vital work they do. The experience directly advances UN Global Goal 15: Life on Land. Return to the lodge for lunch (own account) and a short siesta. In the afternoon we will journey once again through the magnificent expanses of the Kruger National Park, unrivaled in its diversity of flora and fauna. Enjoy an afternoon of game viewing in your closed touring vehicle pursuing the Big Five and other rare and endangered species. Optional (own account) open vehicle game drives are available. Return to your hotel for dinner.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

Accommodation: TBA on Booking Confirmation

Day 13

KRUGER NATIONAL PARK 🚗 MPUMALANGA

Enjoy breakfast before setting out to explore the magnificent Panorama Route, one of the most scenic routes in the region, offering glorious views, spectacular landscapes, and exquisite waterfalls. Visit majestic sights including God's Window, the Three Rondavels and Blyde River Canyon – the third largest canyon of its kind in the world, Bourke's Luck Potholes, and the charming village of Graskop, one of the first gold mining camps in the country. Optional (own account) open vehicle game drives are available, should you prefer not to join the Panorama Route tour. Return for a delectable dinner at your hotel.

Day 14

MPUMALANGA 🚗 JOHANNESBURG ✈ Australia

Enjoy breakfast before starting the return journey to Johannesburg. Arrive in Johannesburg, at OR Tambo International Airport, at approximately 230PM, where the tour ends on arrival. Check in for your return flight home and enjoy the services of the airline as you head East!

Meals: Breakfast and Inflight Menu

Day 15

Australia

Welcome Home! We trust you have enjoyed this amazing experience on safari in Africa and immersing yourself in the ever amazing Turkey! We look forward to helping you booking your next Traveldream!

Inclusions & Exclusions

Inclusions

- Return International Airfares form All Australian Capital Cities to Cape Town and from Johannesburg
- 16 Meals: 11 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 4 dinners
- Gratuities
- 12 Nights' Accommodation including portorage
- Transportation including toll fees in air-conditioned vehicles
- Services of a professional English-speaking tour guide
- Entrance fees as specified in the itinerary
- Bottled water in eco-friendly packaging

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit Dassiesfontein, a farmstall packed with locally produced products from the Overberg region
- Visit to Cape Agulhas (the southernmost tip of Africa)
- Travel via the scenic Tradouw Pass
- Sample top quality Port style wines in Calitzdorp, a town well known for its fortified wines
- Guided tour of the Cango Caves, wine tasting in the scenic Schoemanshoek Valley, guided tour of an ostrich farm in Oudtshoorn
- An immersive journey into the mythical Knysna Forests, discovering the legends build around woodcutters, elephants, steam trains and gold miners
- Visit Monkeyland Primate Sanctuary & Birds of Eden Sanctuary in Plettenberg Bay
- Visit to Tsitsikamma National Park and scenic Storms River Mouth
- Visit to vibrant Soweto, Apartheid Museum, and the Hector Pieterse Memorial & Museum
- Two days of game viewing in the Kruger National Park including a thrilling open-vehicle game safari with a packed breakfast
- Experience the spectacularly scenic Panorama Route with visits to God's Window, Three Rondavels, Blyde River Canyon, and Bourke's Luck Potholes
- Enjoy carefully chosen optional MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experiences that positively impact our travellers and the communities we visit
- Meals included in this trip support sustainable food production with at least 30% of the food on the menu being sourced locally (within 50-80km) of where it's prepared

Exclusions

- Travel Insurance
- Visas
- Optional Activities

Want to stay earlier/later: Please contact our friendly Customer Service team about extending your trip and add ons!

Single Supplement: There is a single supplement on this program of \$2500 available on checkout.

Group Size: Min group size is 2, with a Max of 10.

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