



“A Journey is a Drink from the Fountain of Life.”
(Christian Friedrich Hebbel, German poet and dramaturge 1813-1863)

BREATH OF AFRICA SHOWCASE TOUR

Showcases Diversity of South Africa

Cape Town – Cape of Good Hope – Winelands – Karoo – Garden Route – Pretoria - Kruger National Park – Panorama Route – Joburg

(tour starts either in Cape Town or Johannesburg)

Day 1: HEAD South to Africa

Journey to South Africa, the “world in one country” situated at the Southern most tip of Africa. Relax and dream of wonderful days to come...

Day 2: Mother-City (60 km)

Just after sunrise, land in Cape Town, a city of many names. “Mother City”, “Fairest Cape on Earth”, “Tavern of the Seas”, “Gateway to Africa”, Cape Town is the oldest settlement founded by Europeans in South Africa first as a supply-point for Dutch East-Indian Company, before rapidly developing into a vibrant metropolis. An informative tour of major city attractions, St. George’s Cathedral, City Hall, Company Gardens, ends at V&A Waterfront, formerly an uninviting dock area now the most famous tourist attraction for visitors to the City is home to restaurants, cafés, shops, cinemas, artists, buskers and a large aquariums.

Day 3: Cape of Good Hope (180 km)

Coastline meanders through upmarket suburbs of Clifton and Camps Bay to Hout Bay. Just offshore is “Seal Island” where thousands of seals romp and play. Take a boat trip to watch them up close. Wind through picturesque mountain scenery to Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve, where special climatic conditions result in unique Cape Flora characteristics. Dense vegetation showcases shrub-like plants, Fynbos or sugar-bushes and most famous Protea species *Protea cynaroides*, King Protea, the country’s national flower. Cape Point spectacular panoramic views over False Bay and Cape Peninsula complete the picture. Visit an amazing penguin-colony near Simon’s Town and make your way back via South Africa’s oldest winery, Groot Constantia, producer of highest quality wine, founded in 1685 by Simon van der Stel, the then Governor of the Cape. A cellar tour unlocks secrets of this perfection, ending with your taste of the fruit of the vine. Romantic dinner at a V&A Waterfront Restaurant

Day 4: Cape Winelands (270 km)

Rolling hills, green pastures, fruit farms, vineyards, wineries are typical for this region. Sightseeing in

the university city of Stellenbosch with a quick stop at the museum, where exhibits tell the story. Over Hellshoogte Pass to Franschhoek. Back in 1688 this area was given to French Huguenots, and who, with knowledge of viticulture, established the now world-renowned wineries, La Motte, Mont Rochelle and La Couronne. Tastings at historical winery before travelling via Worcester, South Africa’s Brandy-capital, to the Little Karoo. Over Kogmansklou Pass to the quaint town of Montague, founded in 1851, surrounded by majestic mountains where time has stood still and remains untouched and unspoilt. Rejuvenate your soul when you relax in hot thermal springs that made Montague famous.

Day 5: Ostriches & Caves (370 km)

Today another a scenic drive along Route 62 through the ever changing landscapes of South Africa and the area gets more barren and the climate more arid. Arrive in Oudtshoorn. An ostrich-feather fashion frenzy during the roaring 20’s in Europe and US, lead to a tremendous demand and huge economical upswing for the Ostrich Capital. Visit an ostrich show farm where secrets about the world’s largest running birds will amaze you. Traditional Karoo lunch is followed by visit to Cango Caves, one of the largest stalactite caves systems in Southern Africa. A spectacular world of millions of years of old stone formations will take your breath away and keep you in awe. On to Mossel Bay, very popular seaside resort where seasoned portuguese sailor, Bartholomeu Diaz cast anchor in this vast bay in 1488. Mossel Bay is well known for its Post Office Tree, where ancient sailors hung boots with messages from branches for fellow mariners in other ships sailing by

Day 6: Garten Route (390 km)

Say goodbye to MBay and travel along a coast line of fantastic views, endless beaches, forests and awesome impressive lake district of Wilderness. Co-existence of salt- and fresh water results in a myriad of spectacular floral species. Rustic Knysna, in the heart of the Garden Route, is a timber industry centre, home to artists and even a famous community of Forest people. Intimate

cafés with excellent restaurants are dotted around the old part of town which makes it easy to explore on foot! Tsitsikamma National Park is the next highlight featuring indigenous plant species, dense forests with very old trees, of which the 800 year old “Big Tree” is an excellent example. An optional boat trip, is the best way to explore the immense Storms River mouth gorge. Sheer cliffs with hidden concealed caves are home of the famous Knysna Lourie, as well as the African Fish Eagle and rare bat species. Overnight at the friendly city of Port Elizabeth.

Day 7: Change of Scene (130 km)

A morning flight to Johannesburg. After landing you visit the country’s capital – Pretoria. Founded in 1855 by Marthinus Wessel Pretorius the town quickly developed into a lively university- and governmental city. The interesting city tour takes you to the Union Buildings – the seat of government. Via the Church Square where the statue of Paul Kruger can be viewed you get to the house of the former president of the Transvaal Republic. Many personal items of the Kruger-couple are exhibited in the rooms that have been left in their original state. The granite-built Voortrekker Monument, the ‘national shrine’ of all Boers, depicts the life of the Boers and the story of the ‘great trekk’ on 27 marble reliefs.

Day 8: Mpumalanga (440 km)

Today the journey continues through fertile plains to the scenic landscape of the ‘Norhtern Drakensberg’ and to the largest man-made forest district. A masterpiece of road construction, the 46 km long Long Tom Pass, meanders through the hills. Dinner and overnight in Hazyview.

Day 9: Kruger National Park (100 km)

Kilometres from Hazyview, world famous Kruger National Park! Declared a game reserve in 1896, an area of more than 30,000 square kms, hosts more animal species than any other game park in the world and home to the “Big Five” - Elephant, Buffalo, Rhino, Leopard, Lion. Antelope, Giraffe, Zebra make excellent photographic subjects. Enjoy lunch at your next accommodation, a luxurious lodge with its own private concession within the Kruger Park. Another safari takes you to the wild animals of Africa before dinner in the ‘boma’ under your African Sky.

Day 10: Animal Kingdom (100 km)

Rise Early for another full safari in the Kruger Park followed by a real African experience at Chief Soshangana’s Kraal ending with an evening banquet the African way! Warriors escort you to the centre of the circular Kraal to witness cultural performances telling stories of a proud Shangaan nation while you feast on traditional food.

Day 11: Panorama Route (250 km)

Mountains and valleys, waterfalls and gorges are why the Panorama Route is so named. A visit to an old gold diggers national monument village of Pilgrim’s Rest takes you back to an era long gone-by. Followed with a visit to Blyde River Canyon, third largest canyon on earth! Home to ‘Three Rondavels’, mountains whose shape and form are similar to traditional African huts as well as ‘Bourke’s Luck Potholes’. A plethora of spectacular awesome mind-blowing photographic sights await. At the confluence of Treur and Blyde Rivers time has eroded very unusual rock formations, one of which is Gods Window with unforgettable views of escarpment to plains 1000 metres below.

Day 12: Souvenirs (390km)

After a leisurely breakfast drive to Johannesburg International Airport. for your homeward journey as you say “Totsiens” to the “World in one Country” and our Rainbow Nation ...

Day 13: Memories

Early morning arrival in Frankfurt. Time to remember and secretly plan your next visit for more of your African Dream....

Services included in ground-programme:

- ☺ Travel/transfers in air-con coaches
- ☺ Same qualified English speaking local tour guide throughout the tour
- ☺ 10x accommodation incl. breakfast
- ☺ 10x dinner
- ☺ 1 x lunch
- ☺ 2 x ca 8h Safari in open vehicles
- ☺ Boat Trip to Seal Island
- ☺ Wine Tasting Franschhoek
- ☺ Visit Ostrich Farm and Cango Caves
- ☺ Cultural programme in Shangana Village
- ☺ All entrance fees (except Table Mountain as this weather permitting!)
- ☺ Tips with all meals in programme
- ☺ Porterage at hotels and airports
- ☺ Value-added tax (VAT) & tourism levy

Services not included in price:

- ☹ Expenses of a personal nature
- ☹ All meals not mentioned above
- ☹ Flights (international and domestic)
- ☹ Visa-fees (if applicable)

Price: From R14500 per person sharing (excluding airfares).

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