



***“Travelling leads us back to ourselves.”***

*(Albert Camus, French author, 1913-1960)*

## **Highlights SA Tour...**

*Wild Animals, the Country and its People*

**Kruger Park – Panorama Route – Little Karoo - Winelands Cape Town – Cape of Good Hope**

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### **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: Welcome to Africa! (400 km)**

Land in Johannesburg before the journey continues through fertile plains to scenic landscape of Northern Drakensberg, largest man-made forest district via a masterpiece of road construction, 46km long Long Tom Pass, meanders through the hills. Dinner and overnight in Hazyview.

### **Day 3: 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 4: 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 Kraal to witness cultural performances telling stories of a proud Shangaan nation while you feast on traditional food.

### **Day 5: Panorama Route (200 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 the 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 the escarpment to plains 1000 metres below.

### **Day 6: Change of Scene (450 km)**

Early departure from Johannesburg Airport to George. Take a leisurely drive to Mossel Bay, a seaside resort very popular with South Africans, where Portuguese King of the Seas, Bartholomeu Diaz cast anchor in the vast bay in 1488. The Bay is famous for its “Post Office Tree”, where seafarers of old, hung their boots from branches of this old Milkwood tree with messages for fellow sailors passing by.

### **Day 7: Oudtshoorn (140km)**

In the morning, explore Mossel Bay before crossing the Robinson Pass to Oudtshoorn. An ostrich-feather fashion frenzy during the roaring 20’s in Europe and US lead to a tremendous demand and a huge economical upswing for the Ostrich Capital. Visit an ostrich show farm where secrets about the world’s largest running birds will amaze you. A traditional Karoo lunch followed by a visit to the Cango Caves - one of the largest stalactite caves systems in Southern Africa. This spectacular world of millions of years of old stone formations will leave you breathlessly in awe. Take a few moments to look heavenward at the most famous starry skies in Africa. Overnight in Oudtshoorn

### **Day 8: Little Karoo (440 km)**

Say goodbye on a scenic drive through ever-changing landscapes via Calitzdorp, the most eastern village of the Karoo wine region towards Cape Winelands on Route 62 where semi-desert becomes more and more green. Rolling Hills, rich green pasture, fruit farms,

vineyards and wineries are typical for this region. Franschhoek Pass with its impressive panoramic views leads to the village of the same name. Home to French Huguenots in 1688, who, thanks to their knowledge of viticulture, established world-renowned wineries, La Motte, Mont Rochelle and La Couronne. Visit a historical winery to taste and learn why South African wines are a must for lovers of the fruit of the vine. Then over Helshoogte Pass to Stellenbosch. Dinner and overnight in Stellenbosch.

#### **Day 9: Cape Town (100 km)**

Morning sightseeing in the university city of Stellenbosch. Stop at the museum, where exhibits tell the story. From there to Bloubergstrand, and the most famous view across the bay of Cape Town with Table Mountain as a backdrop. "Mother City", "Fairest Cape on Earth", "Tavern of the Seas", "Gateway to Africa" – oldest settlement founded by Europeans in South Africa has many names and deserves them all. Once established as a supply-point for Dutch East-Indian Company, "Garden Eden" rapidly developed into a vibrant metropolis. A city tour includes St. George's Cathedral, City Hall, Company Garden – just to mention a few. In case of clear skies, a visit to Table Mountain by cable car is a must. Dramatic city, harbour and hinterland views will take your breath away...

#### **Day 10: Cape of Good Hope (180 km)**

Coastline meanders through upmarket suburbs of Clifton and Camps Bay to Hout Bay. Just offshore "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's spectacular panoramic views over False Bay and Cape Peninsula complete the picture. Visit an amazing penguin-colony near Simon's Town. 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. Cellar tour unlocks the secrets of this

perfection, ending with your taste of the fruit of the vine. Romantic dinner at a V&A Waterfront Restaurant

#### **Day 11: Souvenirs (30 km)**

Spend a leisurely morning at V&A Waterfront for last minute shopping. Or simply soak in the very last moments of Sunny South Africa as you savour the hustle and bustle of Cape Town's most favourite tourist attraction. Transfer to Cape Town International Airport for your homeward journey as you say "Totsiens" to the "World in one Country" and our Rainbow Nation ...

#### **Day 12: Memories Welcome home!**

Time to remember and secretly plan your next visit for more of your African Dream....

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#### **Services included in the price:**

- ☺ Travel/transfers in air-con coaches
- ☺ Same qualified English speaking local tour guide throughout tour
- ☺ 9 x accommodation incl. breakfast
- ☺ 8 x Dinner
- ☺ 1 x Lunch
- ☺ 2 x ca 8h Safari in open vehicles (days 3 & 4)
- ☺ Cultural programme at Shangana Village
- ☺ Visit Ostrich farm and Cango Caves
- ☺ Winetasting in Franschhoek
- ☺ Boat Trip to Seal Island
- ☺ All entrance fees (except Table Mountain which is weather permitting)
- ☺ Gratuity with meals incl in programme
- ☺ Porterage at hotels and airports
- ☺ Value-added tax and 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 R12 800 per person sharing (excluding airfares)

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