



15 Day Adventure South Africa



Taste the adventure of South Africa! Hike the Blyde River Canyon, track rhino, elephant and lion in the National Parks, taste the great wines of the Cape, cycle along the Peninsula, kayak amongst the penguins at Boulders, climb through the world famous Cango Caves and dare to dive with the White Sharks.

Day 1:

On arrival at Johannesburg International Airport, you will be met and escorted to your first destination, situated on the spectacular Long Tom Pass, nestled in imposing surroundings with majestic views of mountains and timbered valleys. In the afternoon, **walk** through the indigenous forests and open grasslands, listen to the waterfall and partake in a spot of **bird watching**. See if you can identify South Africa's most endangered bird, the Blue Swallow.
Overnight and dinner at Misty Mountain

Day 2:



The most spectacular stretch of the Panorama Route is the Blyde River Canyon. From many well-positioned vantage points one has a view of the 33 km long gorge, which starts at "Bourke's Luck Potholes" and ends at the "Three Rondavels". We drive to "God's Window" and then continue visiting viewpoints en route. After check-in at the lodge, we commence on a ± 2 hour **hike** through the **Blyde River Canyon Nature Reserve**.
Overnight and dinner at Canyon Lodge

Day 3:

After breakfast we visit the **Moholoholo Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre**. Nestled in a picturesque setting at the base of the Drakensberg escarpment in the Limpopo Province Lowveld of South Africa, Moholoholo has become a haven for the rehabilitation and care of abandoned, injured and poisoned wildlife. Continue to the Orpen Gate into the Kruger National Park. Satara is situated in an excellent game viewing area, with the bush relatively open and the animals plentiful and diverse. The camp itself has a rustic charm, with the bulk of the accommodation set out in a series of circles. The camp is well wooded and the bird-life is prolific. Dinner will be a traditional South African barbeque.

Overnight in Kruger National Park rest camp

DAY 4:

Early morning **bush walk**, duration 2 - 4 hours. Trained field guides (with backup rifles) take groups of up to 8 people out into the bush to **track rhino, elephant and lion on foot** and learn and observe fascinating facts about the African bush. Return to camp for a hearty breakfast. Check-out and continue looking for game whilst driving further south of the park. After a day's full game-viewing we check into Lower Sabie camp.

Overnight and Dinner at Kruger National Park rest camp



DAY 5:

We drive southwards and exit the Kruger Gate at Crocodile Bridge and enter the Kingdom of Swaziland. In the vast bushveld expanse of eastern Swaziland where the hot, still sun of Africa beats on the dry but life-giving soils as it has for thousands of years, and the rumbling roars of the lions are heard in the cool dusky evenings, lies Swaziland's largest protected area, Hlane Royal National Park, home to the largest herds of game in the Kingdom. We commence with a 2 hour **mountain bike trail**. Head for the bush and experience the sights and sounds of Hlane against the roar of Hlane's magnificent lions – the symbol of royalty and the pride of Swaziland.

Overnight and dinner at Bush Camp

DAY 6:

Try your hand at tracking the spoor of waterbuck or even elephant or rhino ...probably the most exiting activity at Hlane is the **guided walking safari** with a Swazi field guide, and an inquisitive ostrich or two often accompany you! These last 2 – 3 hours and often bring the walker into close contact with elephant and white rhino as well as a variety of other game. Back at the camp, refreshments will be served before we continue back onto South African soil. We cross the border at Golela and continue southwards to Zululand. You will be able to enjoy an authentic **African cultural experience** in the traditional, ethnic Dumazulu Lodge. We arrive in time for the cultural experience. A qualified guide will accompany you on a tour of the Village and explain the various ancient manufacturing traditions. He will provide insights into the heritage and culture of the Zulu nation. The cultural experience culminates in a variety of spectacular Zulu dances, followed by an authentic dinner.

Overnight and dinner at Game Lodge

DAY 7:

After a hearty breakfast, we depart and travel to Durban International Airport. Here we board a flight to Port Elizabeth. We take a short sight seeing tour around Port Elizabeth and then continue to Nature's Valley and the Tsitsikamma National Park. This is the beginning of one of the most spectacular routes in South Africa, called the Garden Route with indigenous forests with giant yellowwood trees, waterfalls, lakes, mountains, rivers, streams, deep gorges, a rugged coastline and long stretches of white beaches. Spend the remainder of the afternoon at the beach, where you can swim or paddle in the double sit-on-top kayak, exploring the lagoon.

Overnight and dinner at Lodge

DAY 8:

In the morning we participate in the **Canopy Tour**; the first of its kind in Africa. Explore the Tsitsikamma forest while traversing 30m above the forest floor on cable slides – no experience is needed.

We also visit to Monkeyland Primate Sanctuary and Birds of Eden, a **living forest experience** that will stay with you forever. Visit the Bloukrans Bridge where adrenaline junkies experience a seven second freefall going down 180 m. (Optional) This is the highest commercial bungee jump in the world.

Overnight at Log Inn or similar

DAY 9:

Knysna is famous for its spectacular environment and natural beauty, which promises hours of fun for the outdoor enthusiast and adventurer. Today we participate in the **Featherbed Nature Hike**. This spectacular 4 hour eco-experience includes:

A return ferry, walk and lunch

A 25 minute ferry trip on the Knysna Lagoon to the Western head (The Reserve is only accessible by ferry.)

Upon arrival, guests board a Unimog drawn trailer and drive up to the top of the Reserve. While stopping

at a scenic lookout point, our specialist guides will share with you some fascinating tales about Knysna and the surrounding area while you enjoy the panoramic views. A 2, 2 km guided nature walk takes you through the forest, onto the cliffs, into the caves and along the scenic coast. Once back in the Food Forest, a unique outdoor restaurant situated under the Milkwood Trees, guests can enjoy a spectacular 12 dish buffet lunch. *The Featherbed Nature Hike is gentle, but good walking shoes are a must.*

After lunch the ferry returns to Knysna.

End the day with a **sailing trip** on the Outeniqua yacht. Champagne and Oysters will be served.

Dinner at own arrangements.

Overnight at the Inn or similar



DAY 10:

Today we travel to Oudtshoorn via George and the majestic Outeniqua Mountain Pass.

Oudtshoorn is known as the Ostrich capital, where you explore Ostrich farming of today. Visit and tour an Ostrich Show farm, where after we visit the amazing Cango Caves and participate in the **Adventure Tour**.

Modern-day adventure pilgrims can experience this "soft adventure" route, providing that you are not claustrophobic and in good health. Fitness, suitable shoes and sporty clothing (and a bit of guts) are all the gear needed to enjoy the oldest and famous adrenalin icon in South Africa. (Duration ± 90 minutes)

Overnight and dinner at Oue Werf Country House

DAY 11:

After a typical Karoo farm-style breakfast we travel via Barrydale over the Tradouw Pass to Swellendam where we break for lunch (own account). We continue to Hermanus, the whale watching capital. Each year Southern Right whales, among other species, migrate into the coastal waters to calve (July – November). Observe the whales as they frolic in the water close to the shoreline

Afternoon **hike** through the Fernkloof Nature Reserve. The reserve lies on the northern side of the town with a 60 km network of trails. These provide the opportunity for people of all fitness levels to go out and enjoy some exercise and fresh air. The various trails offer magnificent and unequalled views of Walker Bay, the Hemel en Aarde Valley (Valley of Heaven & Earth) and Maanskynbaai (Moonshine Bay).

Dinner and overnight at Hotel

DAY 12:

Optional early morning boat excursion from Gansbaai to Dyer Island with the opportunity to go **Shark Cage Diving**. For those who don't go down in the cage, there is still plenty to view from the boat, as sharks come up close and break the surface. Often dolphins can be seen from the boat and during whale season, these large mammals can be observed at close range. The excursion takes approximately 5 hours. Refreshments are served on the boat. Once back on dry land, we enjoy a light lunch. For those not wishing to participate in the boat cruise, we arrange a walking tour of Walker Bay, de Kelders and Stanford with a specialist guide. 18 km of pristine beach awaits you with a variety of bird life to entertain you between whales and dolphins, the endangered Black Eyed Oyster Catcher, tiny Strandloper, gulls and even hunting falcon. Duration: ± 3 hours. We end with a tour of the brewery Birkenhead, to find out about the exceptional beer, the country estate, brewery, restaurant and pub where you can enjoy a delicious lunch and freshly brewed beer. After lunch we depart for Stellenbosch via the Franschoek and Helshoogte Passes. Check into our accommodation and freshen up for dinner which may be enjoyed in the Moyo Restaurant at Spier Wine Estate.

Overnight at Lodge or similar

DAY 13:

After breakfast we meet at reception for a walking tour of Stellenbosch. We then proceed into the winelands. Our hike meanders through vine-clad hills before starting the ascent to The Lookout Point from where one is greeted with unsurpassed views over the entire Stellenbosch Mountain Range. The wine estates form a chequer Board of colours, the colours and hues tinted by each passing season. The trail passes five wine estates where hikers may choose to linger and sample the fruit of the vine.

This is a moderate hike of 6,6 km with an estimated duration of 3 hours.

We drive to Cape Town and take the cable car up Table Mountain (weather permitting). Once on top you will be rewarded with breathtaking panoramic views across the city, the Cape Flats, Blouberg Strand, Robben Island, the Atlantic Coast and the Twelve Apostles. We take the cable car back down and check into our accommodation. Dinner at your own arrangements.

Overnight at Sundown Manor or similar

DAY 14:

Today we explore the beauty of the Cape Peninsula. We follow the Atlantic Seaboard and proceed along the scenic Chapman's Peak Drive to the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve where you swap four wheels for two and **cycle** around the Reserve to Cape Point and **hike** up to the light house, recuperating with a delicious picnic lunch. Duration of cycle: ± 1 hour. We then head to Simon's Town to meet up with guides and the **kayaks**. Double kayaks are very stable and perfect for those with no paddling experience. We leave from Simon's Town Waterfront and **paddle** past the civilian and Naval Harbour and out to Boulder's Beach. After visiting the penguins we stop on a lovely semi-private beach for refreshments, swimming and **snorkeling** (we provide the snorkels and refreshments!) Duration: ± 2 – 2 ½ hours.

Don't forget comfortable shoes, a sweater/windbreaker and bathers! The cycle is easy-going, with some slight inclines. It lasts approx. 1 hour. The hike up to the lighthouse is more demanding as it is quite steep but very short. A funicular cable car is available.

Return to the lodge by vehicle. Tonight enjoy a farewell dinner at the famous Africa Café.

Overnight at Sundown Manor or similar

DAY 15:

In case we did not manage to ascend Table Mountain on the previous days, this is our last chance to do so. The remainder of the morning is at leisure. **Optional activities** are available on request, such as a helicopter flip over Cape Town or a walking tour of the city.

You will be transferred to the Cape Town International Airport in time for your return flight home. End of journey.

Activities & Entrance fees included:

Moholoholo Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre
Kruger National Park daily conservation levy
Early morning bush walk from Satara with trained field guides
Hlane Royal National Park entrance fee
Guided mountain bike trail in Hlane
Guided walking safari with Swazi field guide
Cultural experience at Dumazulu
Canopy Tour in the Tsitsikamma forest
Entrance fee to Monkeyland Primate Sanctuary
Featherbed Nature Hike and lunch
Sunset cruise on the Outeniqua Yacht incl. champagne, oysters and sushi
Cango Caves Adventure tour
Visit to Ostrich farm
Entrance fees to Tsitsikamma National Park & Fernkloof Nature Reserve
Walk, tour and lunch at Birkenhead Brewery
Guided Vintner's Route Hike with refreshments & wine-tasting
Cape Peninsula tour with mountain bikes
Sea kayaking from Simons Town to view penguins at Boulders

Excludes :

All other meals, entrance fees and optional excursions (to be paid directly)
All personal expenses such as telephone calls, beverages, laundry and gratuities.
Table Mountain cable car ticket (R 120.00 pp)
Boat cruise to Dyer Island including shark cage diving, refreshments & lunch (R1'200.00 pp)
All international flights and flight reservations
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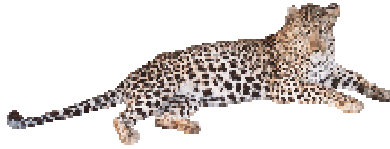
Departure Dates:

Next adventure departure on 16 - 30 July!
We only have 2 seats available for 13 - 27 August departure!

More departures:

07 - 21 September; 15 - 29 October; 19 November - 03 December;
19 December - 02 January 2008

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