

SEA, SAFARI, SOUTH AFRICA

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South Africa & Eswatini | 14 Days | 13 Meals

Host + Expert Trip Manager + Trip Driver + Local Guides | Average Group Size: 20 people

All Accommodations included: 10 nights in hotels + 3 nights in special stay. (*Special stays are unique accommodation experiences carefully curated based on the cultures and traditions of the country you're visiting*)

Trip Highlights:

- **Make Travel Matter® experiences:** Visit and support the SANCCOB penguin Centre where injured seabirds are rescued and nurtured back into the wild. You'll get to meet plenty of adorable penguins too! – (*included in price*)
- Explore a wine town filled with rich vineyards and history. (*included in price*)
- Look out for antelopes, wildebeest and more on your walking tour through Mlilwane. (*included in price*)
- Kayak through the jaw-dropping Storms River Gorge at Tsitsikamma National Park.
- Enjoy a sundowner cruise at Lake St Lucia, the home to over 800 hippos and 1200 crocodiles (keep your eyes peeled & your camera ready). Then gorge on a buffest feast while being entertained by Zulu dancing around the fires.

Included experiences:

- Explore Cango Caves, Africa's largest limestone cave system that is over 20 million years old!
- Visit the Addo Elephant National Park – See the gentle giants in their natural habitats and cruise through the scenic park.
- Visit Jeffreys Bay Beach, one of the world's best surfing beaches – known for its waves & it's natural beauty.
- Hike through a National Park that promises dramatic scenery.
- Visit a shark conservancy – Learn about these creatures and see the work being done to protect them.
- Visit the Site of Nelson Mandela's Capture: where you'll learn about his life and work.
- Visit one of South Africa's best beaches.
- **Make Travel Matter®:** Cross over the boarder to Eswatini and travel to local villages where you'll meet some locals, spend time with them and find out all about their culture & everyday life.
- Look out for antelopes, wildebeest and more on your walking tour through Mlilwane.
- An afternoon game drive in the worlds famous Kruger National Park.
- **Make Travel Matter®:** Jump on a morning game drive in Kruger Park for another chance to spot incredible animals.

Free time add-ons (*Free Time Add Ons are optional enhancements to your trip. These can be booked through your trip manager and in some cases can be pre-purchased through Contiki*):

- Take a bike ride down the mountains at sunset and end with a Karoo braai dinner at a local farmers house.
- Take a ride in an open safari vehicle and be on the look out for the famous 'Big 5' (lions, leopards, rhino's, elephants- and buffalo's) then end with a delicious lunch and two included drinks.
- Take an afternoon game drive (open safari vehicles and be on the look out (again!) for more of Africa's iconic wildlife, including the Big 5). Then enjoy a buffet dinner around the campfire and finish up the night with a short spotlight drive in search of nocturnal animals.
- Kayak through the jaw-dropping Storms River Gorge at Tsitsikamma National Park.
- Take an ocean safari on an exclusive boat with specialist guides.
- **Make Travel Matter®:** Take a Township Tour and learn all the in's & out's of the community along with an expert guide.
- Eat dinner in Knysna, the gorgeous coastal town is famous for its seafood, especially the oysters. You'll enjoy a three-course mean out on the lagoon.
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- Tour a wine farm and sample myriad of wines, beers, gins and non-alcoholic delights too, you'll also visit a locally sourced food market, with a traditional South African braai (BBQ) to top it all off.
- **Make Travel Matter®:** A unique visit to meet some Zulu locals to experience their way of life and partake in their local customs and traditions and find out what life is like in their village.
- A game drive to an outstandingly beautiful area that is home to hippos, crocodiles, warthogs, elephants, giraffes, leopards and more!
- Enjoy a sundowner cruise at Lake St Lucia, the home to over 800 hippos and 1200 crocodiles (keep your eyes peeled & and your camera ready. Then gorge on a buffest feast while being entertained by Zulu dancing around the fires.
- A game drive with a local guide and an open game-viewer where you'll of course see the Big 5, but also spot cheetahs and wild dogs too. Finishing off with a picnic lunch under the trees.
- Take a mountain Bike Safari and spot wildebeest, warthogs and more.
- Get your Wildlife Fix with another Thrilling Game Drive: from sunrise to sunset - with a expert local guides to share their wildlife wisdom.
- Enjoy a traditional African feast (South African braai or BBQ) served with traditional sides and local desserts by the campfire under the stars.
- Embark On One More Morning Game Drive and spot some more safari animals.

Make Travel Matter® experiences help you give something back to the people, wildlife, or places that you visit. These experiences are chosen with care, for travellers who care to make a difference. Each MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience meets criteria set out in the UN's 11 Global Goals.

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