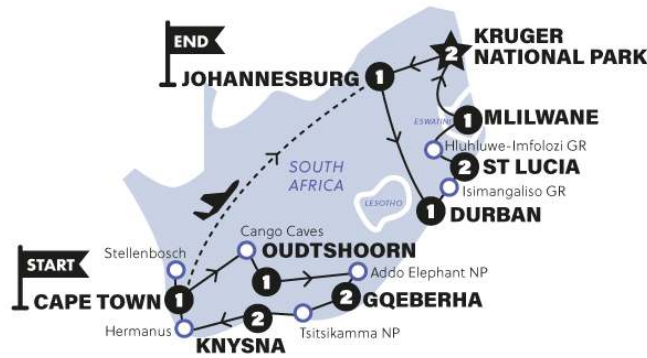


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DAYS

The Garden Route and its varied beauty. Hippo-spotting on one of Africa's largest lakes. Camping under the stars at Kruger National Park as hyenas call in the distance. There's South Africa... and then there's SOUTH AFRICA. On this jaw-droppingly awesome adventure, you'll meet the locals, discover the history and sample the Cape's finest wines in 14 days – with beach life, city life and safari life all high on the agenda.

ITINERARY

DAY 1

CAPE TOWN TO OUDTSHOORN VIA CANGO CAVES

Cape Town

Hello Africa... and hello Cape Town. Ready to get going? It's off to the Karoo desert via the famous 'Route 62'.

Cango Caves

An included guided tour of Africa's LARGEST show cave system. The Cango Caves are replete with cavernous halls, limestone formations, cave paintings and artefacts (which indicate they were in use throughout the Middle Ages)! How's that for a pitstop?

Oudtshoorn

Welcome to the 'Ostrich Capital of the World'. After passing vineyards and mountain passes along the way, we'll check into Oudtshoorn. You can choose to take a scenic bike ride to the Swartberg Mountains. And finish off with a Karoo braai dinner right inside a local farmer's house! (Don't forget to keep an eye out for the fabled Ostriches!)

Hotel

Riempie Estate (or similar)

Included Experiences

- Explore Cango Caves

Tour Africa's largest limestone caves system. At over 20 million years old, it makes our nan look like a spring chicken.

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Swartberg Bike Ride and Dinner -

Take a bike ride down the spectacular Swartberg mountains, a UNESCO Heritage site, at sunset and end with a Karoo braai dinner at a local farmers house. During wet weather or for those not interested in riding a bike, a scenic bus tour and dinner is still offered along the same route.

Adult: 1220.00 ZAR

ITINERARY

DAY 2

OUDTSHOORN TO GQEBERHA VIA ADDO ELEPHANT NATIONAL PARK

Oudtshoorn

Good morning! Let's continue heading East towards one of South Africa's most loved National Parks: Addo Elephant. (Anyone guess which animal this place is famous for?)

Addo Elephant National Park

That's right, it's elephant time. After lunch, we'll set out in search of Africa's largest land mammal here at the Addo National Park, home to over 600 of these tusk-tastic creatures. (Keep your eyes peeled for lions, buffalo, and antelope too though!)

Gqeberha

We'll retreat here for the night but fear not, more safari adventures await in the morning. Stuck for something to do this evening? Let us introduce you to the karaoke bar just around the corner. (Cue your fave Lion King jams.)

Meals

Breakfast

Hotel

Town Lodge Port Elizabeth (or similar)

Included Experiences

- Take a Game Drive in Addo Elephant National Park

See these gentle giants in their natural habitat as you cruise through this scenic conservation park.

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DAY 3

GQEBERHA AND PRIVATE GAME RESERVES

Gqeberha

Ready for the second chance at wildlife spotting? We thought so. Today is all about wildlife, both on land and in the ocean. We'll start with a morning tour of the SANCCOB Penguin Rehabilitation Centre, who give sick and injured penguins the care they deserve and help them to return to the wild.

Private Game Reserves

Later this morning, we'll set out on the first of today's two private game drives. (IKR?) The Eastern Cape's game reserves are some of South Africa's best spots for seeing the Big 5, home to valleys, plains, rivers and much more. We'll head in for an included lunch, then back out again for the day's second game drive. Yes, yes that is three game drives in 36 hours giving you the best chance of spotting the Big 5. Lucky you, right?

Gqeberha

Tonight we'll head back to the city where a free evening awaits. Karaoke round two? We won't stop ya.

Meals

Breakfast

Hotel

Town Lodge Port Elizabeth (or similar)

Included Experiences

- Support the SANCCOB Penguin Centre (MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience)

The good folks at the SANCCOB Penguin Rehabilitation Centre work around the clock to rescue injured seabirds and help them make their way back into the wild. On this visit, we'll see first hand how they work – and meet plenty of adorable penguins too.

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

See the 'Big 5' -

Be on the look out for the famous 'Big 5' - plus Africa's other incredible wildlife - in an open safari vehicle in Amakhala Game Reserve. Ending with a delicious lunch and two included drinks to reminisce over the mornings sightings.

Adult: 1490.00 ZAR

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Take an Afternoon Game Drive with Dinner -

Hop on open safari vehicles and head off into the sunset. Stay on the look out (again!) for more of Africa's iconic wildlife, including the Big 5. We'll dine on a buffet dinner around the campfire. And finish up the night with a short spotlight drive in search of nocturnal animals.

Adult: 1690.00 ZAR

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DAY 4

GQEBERHA TO KNYSNA VIA JEFFREYS BAY AND TSITSIKAMMA NATIONAL PARK

Gqeberha

Beach time. Desert? Tick. Caves? Tick. Safari? Tick. Now it's time to make our way along the famous Garden Route to our next destination, Knysna – with a few sensational stop-offs on the way.

Jeffreys Bay

Known as one of the best surf spots in the world, it'd be wrong not to start our day with some chill time on J-Bay... which is exactly what we'll do.

Tsitsikamma National Park

Welcome to our next pitstop, known for the infinitely Instagramable Storms River Bridge – which we'll take a picturesque hike to so you can get all the legendary snaps you need. After that, you'll have the chance to up the adrenaline, with a spot of kayaking up the mouth of Storms River.

Knysna

And then we pull into the beautiful coastal town of Knysna, ready to explore all the sights and activities the Garden Route is known for. (We've got two nights here too!)

Meals

Breakfast

Hotel

Knysna Quays (or similar)

Included Experiences

- Discover One of the World's Best Surfing Beaches

Known for its waves, its calamari and its natural beauty, there's no beach quite like Jeffreys Bay Beach. Don't forget your sunscreen!

- Hike Tsitsikamma National Park

If you're looking for dramatic scenery, a trek through Tsitsikamma National Park will give you plenty of ops to fill up your memories and Insta feed.

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Explore Storms River by Kayak & Lilo -

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Today we'll take to our kayaks (or our lilos) and head up the river. As we paddle, we'll marvel at the jaw-dropping Storms River Gorge at Tsitsikamma National Park, plus some ocean views too.

Adult: 820.00 ZAR

ITINERARY

DAY 5

KNYSNA AND PLETTENBERG BAY

Knysna

Rise and shine, team. Today starts with an included breakfast, overlooking the Knysna lagoon, and then we're off again once more.

Plettenberg Bay

It's ocean time... Join our optional marine safari and set out in search of whales, dolphins, seals and more spectacular sea life. Afterwards, we'll spend the rest of the day relaxing on Plettenberg's main beach, catching those rays and helping ourselves to some splendid seafood.

Knysna

This evening, we'll embark on a Township visit here in Knysna, where you'll meet the locals and have the chance to make a positive impact for the children who live here. Afterwards, we'll tuck into a group dinner on the Knysna lagoon, followed by a night on the town.

Meals

Breakfast

Hotel

Knysna Quays (or similar)

Included Experiences

- Kick Back at Plettenberg Bay Beach

Stretch out on the golden sands and enjoy some sea air at one of South Africa's best beaches.

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Take an Ocean Safari -

Keep your eyes peeled for your fave marine creatures on this truly unique ocean safari. An exclusive boat (with specialist guides) will take us around Plettenberg Bay. And if you're lucky, you might just spot seals, whales, dolphins, sharks, and marine birds!

Adult: 940.00 ZAR

Take a Township Tour (MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience) -

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Meet the locals and learn about Xhosa culture on a Knysna Township Tour. You'll learn all the in's and out's of the community along with an expert guide (who is also from the township!). The best part? Every penny you spend goes towards children's education and well-being.

Adult: 450.00 ZAR

Eat Dinner in Knysna -

This gorgeous coastal town is famous for its seafood, especially the oysters. Tonight, we'll enjoy a three-course meal out on the lagoon. Perfecto? If you say so.

Adult: 500.00 ZAR

DAY 6

KNYSNA TO CAPE TOWN VIA HERMANUS

Knysna

Make sure you call dibs on a window seat. As we drive back to Cape Town, you'll watch the magnificence of the Garden Route unfold as we pass coastal towns, forests, gorges and some jaw-dropping ocean views.

Hermanus

Marine mania... We'll have lunch and some free time here in the coastal town of Hermanus, which is one of the world's best areas for spotting whales – between July and November at least – so have your binoculars at the ready. Before hitting the road once more, we'll spend some time learning all about shark conservation too.

Cape Town

And here we are, back in the city where it all began. Grab your group for dinner – followed by a night out, of course!

Meals

Breakfast

Hotel

Waterfront Breakwater Lodge (or similar)

Included Experiences

- Visit a Shark Conservancy NGO

Learn more about these majestic sea creatures and see the work being done to protect them.

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DAY 7

CAPE TOWN TO JOHANNESBURG VIA STELLENBOSCH

Cape Town

Fine wine, all in good time. Today we'll add a touch of class to proceedings with a trip to Stellenbosch – the Cape's famous wine region.

Stellenbosch

After some free time to explore (and shop till you drop) we'll set out to discover Stellenbosch's awesome wine farms, sampling the very finest of the Cape's fine wines. With spectacular views, and a traditional South African braai for lunch, this really is one tasty excursion indeed. We'll then make our way to Cape Town and board our flight to the next destination - the biggest city in South Africa!

Johannesburg

Touching down, we'll head straight to our hotel for the evening. The second half of our South African adventure awaits us in the morning...

Meals

Breakfast

Hotel

OR Tambo Protea Hotel (or similar)

Included Experiences

- Explore Stellenbosch

Get to know the photogenic wine town of Stellenbosch. Rich in vineyards, but even richer in history.

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Sample The Finest Tastes of the Capes -

Love fine wines and fine views? This is the experience for you. We'll tour the wine farm region of Stellenbosch (also a vibey student town), sampling a myriad of wines, beers, gins and non-alcoholic delights too... we'll also visit a locally sourced food market, with a traditional South African braai (BBQ) to top it all off.

Adult: 750.00 ZAR

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DAY 8

JOHANNESBURG TO DURBAN

Johannesburg

A day of history. Here in the City of Gold, we'll take a drive through the heart of South Africa to the coastal city of Durban. Along the way, we'll stop off for a sobering exploration of the nation's troubled history, with a visit to the site of Nelson Mandela's capture during the apartheid era. We'll then take a trip to the museum – yes, you'll confront the history, but you'll leave feeling hopeful as you learn how apartheid was finally brought to an end.

Durban

Tonight's accom is conveniently located next to plenty of shops and restaurants... So you can go right ahead and treat yourself.

Meals

Breakfast

Hotel

Royal Palm Hotel (or similar)

Included Experiences

- Visit the Site of Nelson Mandela's Capture

Harrowing and hopeful at the same time, you'll delve deeper into the troubled history of South Africa – with the chance to visit the Nelson Mandela museum too, where you'll learn about his life and work, as well as how apartheid was brought to an end.

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DAY 9

DURBAN TO ST LUCIA

Durban

You have a free morning here at one of the finest coastal spots in South Africa. You can check out the uShaka Marine World, rent a bike and cruise down the 'Golden Mile' (AKA the 6km promenade) or you can simply sit back and soak up those rays like the sun junkie you are. Afterwards, we'll make our way to St Lucia.

St. Lucia

Keep your eyes peeled for wildlife by day and hippos by night here in St Lucia (we're right by the UNESCO World Heritage listed iSimanagaliso Wetlands Park after all). On a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® experience this afternoon, we'll visit a local Zulu village, learning all about the Zulu people and their traditions with a chance to meet some of the locals.

Meals

Breakfast

Hotel

Forest Lodge (or similar)

Included Experiences

- Discover Durban's Golden Mile

You'll have the chance to check out one of South Africa's best beaches – in all its craft stall-, fishing spot- and pavement-cafe-lined glory!

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Visit a Local Zulu Village (MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience) -

On this unique visit, we'll 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.

Adult: 480.00 ZAR

ITINERARY

DAY 10

ST LUCIA

St. Lucia

Beach or bush? Why decide when you can do both? This morning we'll head out to the iSimangaliso Wetland Park, so watch out for elephants, buffalo, rhinos, antelope... plus whales (coz we're right on the coast, baby). We'll stop off at Cape Vidal for some snorkelling and all-round beach vibes (weather permitting, obv). You'll then have some free time to explore St Lucia or kick back at the hotel. This evening, we'll embark on a Sunset Hippo Boat cruise on Lake St Lucia (Africa's largest estuary – home to over 800 hippos and 1200 crocodiles). Afterwards, we'll round things off with a traditional South African braai dinner. Yup, this day's as action-packed as it is awesome.

Meals

Breakfast

Hotel

Forest Lodge (or similar)

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

iSimangaliso Game Drive -

This outstandingly beautiful area is home to hippos, crocodiles, warthogs, elephants, giraffes, leopards and more – and that's only on land. With viewpoints over the ocean, be on the look out for whales and other marine life as well before we land up on Cape Vidal beach. Snorkelling anyone?

Adult: 870.00 ZAR

Search For Hippos on Lake St Lucia -

Don't miss your chance to set sail on Lake St Lucia, the 350-square-kilo juggernaut that's home to over 800 hippos and 1200 crocodiles. Keep your eyes peeled, and your camera at the ready during this sundowner cruise. Then head back to the lodge to gorge on a buffet feast. Oh, and did we mention? There'll be Zulu dancing to entertain us around the fires.

Adult: 700.00 ZAR

ITINERARY

DAY 11

ST LUCIA TO MLILWANE WILDLIFE SANCTUARY VIA HLUHLUWE-IMFOLOZI GAME RESERVE

St. Lucia

It's an early start today – we're heading inland to the Hluhluwe-iMfolozi Game Reserve and we aim to be there by sunrise.

Hluhluwe-iMfolozi Game Reserve

The Big Five. A half-day game drive at the reserve instrumental for bringing the White Rhino back from the brink of extinction. Even a picnic lunch. Today's excursion is a biggie indeed.

Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary, Lobamba, Eswatini

With our wildlife bucket lists sufficiently checked, it's time to set off for a brand new country. Passports at the ready folks – here in Eswatini, we'll meet some of the locals and learn about their culture and language on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience. You've learnt from locals. Now its time to sleep like them too. Tonight you will stay at Mlilwane's Main Lodge - unique beehive thatched huts with ensuite bathrooms (and hotel room amenities for a bit of comfort).

Meals

Breakfast

Hotel

Mlilwane Beehive Huts (or similar)

Included Experiences

- Meet Swati Locals in One of Africa's Smallest Countries

We'll cross the border to Eswatini and travel to a local village where we'll meet some locals, spend time with them and find out all about their culture and everyday life.

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Hluhluwe Game Drive & Lunch -

Don't miss your chance to immerse yourself in the bastion of biodiversity - Hluhluwe. Of course, you'll see the Big 5, but keep your eyes open to spot Cheetahs and Wild Dogs too. You'll be blessed with a diverse scenery of ravines, mountains and the golden Savannah (all while you roll through in our open game-viewer with a local guide). A picnic lunch under the trees will end off our time in this natural gem.

Adult: 1300.00 ZAR

ITINERARY

DAY 12

MLILWANE WILDLIFE SANCTUARY TO KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary, Lobamba, Eswatini

Ah, to wake up in nature. We'll kick off the day with a hearty breakfast and then join the Trip Manager for a morning safari walk. Don't forget to sign up for a guided Mountain bike ride through the wilderness. There is no Big 5 here so feel free and safe to explore as you choose. Keep an eye out to spot some antelopes and warthogs!

Kruger National Park

Next up, it's the big one. The world famous one. Here in Kruger, we'll stay at an exclusive safari campsite – located right in the middle of the park. (Struggling to picture it? Think glamping canvas tents with mattresses, linen and stretchers, a roaring bonfire burning all the while.) This is a true Once in a Lifetime experience, where you'll fall asleep to the nocturnal calls of hyenas, jackals and lions.

Meals

Breakfast

Hotel

Contiki Safari Camp (or similar)

Included Experiences

- Walk on the Wild Side on a Walking Safari

Traverse through Mlilwane on your own two feet, keeping your eyes peeled for antelope, wildebeest and more as you go. With a local guide on hand to make sure everyone is going the right way.

- Afternoon Game Drive

We'll go on an adventure in the world famous Kruger National Park, keep your eyes peeled for animal sightings!

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Take a Mountain Bike Safari -

Wildebeest, warthogs and more. On two wheels. It's one unforgettable experience indeed.

Adult: 520.00 ZAR

ITINERARY

DAY 13

KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

Kruger National Park

Wakey wakey! You're free to spend your time in the Savannah however you like. But if you're adventure-hungry, we've got two epic game drives waiting for us today. We'll begin our game of hide-and-seek at sunrise and stop off for some spectacular view points. (And try our luck at catching a glimpse of the elusive cheetahs, leopards and African wild dogs). Afterwards, we'll take a pause for some tea, rusks and refreshments before getting on our game-viewers for the second one! Tonight after our evening game drive, we'll tuck into a final bush dinner... and let the wild reminiscing begin.

Meals

Breakfast

Hotel

Contiki Safari Camp (or similar)

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Get your Wildlife Fix with Thrilling Game Drives -

Insane views of the Savannah. Exciting wildlife encounters. And a sundowner to beat the heat. Be prepared for some epic game drives (in our very own game-viewers) from sunrise to sunset - with a expert local guides to share their wildlife wisdom.

Adult: 1540.00 ZAR

Enjoy a Traditional African Feast -

Don't miss your chance to enjoy a South African braai or BBQ, complete with traditional sides and local desserts – enjoyed by the campfire under the stars with your Contiki crew.

Adult: 420.00 ZAR

ITINERARY

DAY 14

KRUGER NATIONAL PARK TO JOHANNESBURG

Kruger National Park

Our final day. But is there time for one last morning game drive? You bet there is. We'll head out bright and early before making our way back to Johannesburg. If you prefer to do your last game drive in an open safari vehicle with a local guide rather than on our Contiki transport - you'll also have a last chance to spot some spellbinding safari animals IRL. Have we saved the best for last? Let's hope so!

Johannesburg

And now, with heavy hearts (and even heavier camera rolls) we'll make our way back to either the Kruger Mpumalanga Airport (Vic Falls anyone?) or Johannesburg International Airport. It's been a thrill... we've seen wildlife, we've made friends for life. The only question is: where next?

Meals

Breakfast

Included Experiences

- Take a Morning Game Drive in Kruger Park (MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience)

Jump on a morning drive for another chance to spot this Park's incredible animals.

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

Embark On One More Morning Game Drive -

Our last chance to spot some spellbinding safari animals IRL. Have we saved the best till last? Let's hope so!

Adult: 560.00 ZAR