

# South Africa

16 Day South Africa Grand Adventure Tour

# **Package Details**

## **Prices**

Low Season Twin share	\$3,195
Low Season Single Supplement	\$1,125
High season Twin Share	\$3,465
High Season Single Supplement	\$1,045

## Number of Days: 16

Low Season:	01 Jul to 30 Nov 2014
High Season:	01 Dec 13 to 30 Nov 2014

## Note:

(1) Price is valid until 30 November 2014. If travelling after this date please contact us for revised prices.

(2) Price does not include flight from Durban to Port Elizabeth

(3) Accommodation may be different from properties listed due to availability but will be of a similar standard.

(4) Tour departs on selected Sundays.

Please contact use or see our website for exact departure dates.

(5) Minimum of 2 and maximum of 20 people on the tour

(6) Vehicle for tour a 7 seater microbus, 18 seater mini coach or 28 seater luxury coach (all air-conditioned)

## Package includes:

- 15 nights accommodation with buffet breakfast
- 2 lunches
- 2 dinners
- · English speaking guide
- 2 x game drives with experienced guide in Kruger National Park
- 1 x game drive with experienced guide in Hluhluwe-Imfolozi National Park
- Cultural show at Zulu Village
- Featherbed Nature Reserve Tour
- Ostrich Farm Tour
- Cango Caves Tour
- Wine Tasting in Stellenbosch
- ½ day guided Table Mountain and Cape Town city tour including cable car
- Return ferry to Robben Island and guided tour through Robben Island Museum
- All sightseeing specified in the itinerary
- All transfers & transportation specified in the itinerary
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# **Overview**

This 16 day escorted tour takes you through the very best South Africa has to offer.

You will depart the highveld from Johannesburg and travel through some spectacular countryside to the lowveld and one of the most famous wildlife reserves on the planet, Kruger National Park. Here you will have the opportunity to undertake game drives with experienced rangers in the park.

The tour then takes you south through Swaziland and into the province of Kwazulu Natal, home to the once feared Zulu warriors. You will visit a traditional Zulu village and also enjoy open vehicle game drives in Hluhluwe-Imfolozi National Park. You will then travel to Durban which with its long white sand beachfront, stylish cafes, lively nightlife, good shopping and cultural attractions is the summer holiday capital of South Africa and a very pleasant place to spend a few days.

From Durban you will take the short flight to the "friendly city" of Port Elizabeth from where you will begin the journey to Cape Town along the picturesque garden route, spending a night in the beautiful winery district of Stellenbosch. Your tour will finish with 3 nights Cape Town, considered by many to be one of the cities of the world. Here you will be taken on guided tours of the city and Table Mountain as well as to Cape Point and also visit Robben Island, the prison home to Nelson Mandela for more than 2 decades.







# **Flights**

Wild Africa Travel Company has excellent return airfares from Australia to South Africa and prices for return economy class flight with South African Airways can be found on our website.

# Itinerary

## Day 1 - Johannesburg

On Arrival at Johannesburg International Airport you will be met by your Wild Africa Travel representative and transferred to your hotel where the remainder of the day is at your leisure.

# Day 2 - Johannesburg to Mpumalanga

After breakfast you will be collected and will travel through some of the most spectacular scenery South Africa has to offer as you move from the Highveld of Gauteng Province to the Lowveld regions of Mpumalanga Province. You will enjoy the panorama route taking in attractions such as Blyde River Canyon and God's Window before arriving at your hotel on the edge of Kruger National Park.

#### Day 3 - Mpumalanga

Enjoy an early morning game drive in the Kruger National Park with a packed breakfast. Kruger is one of the world's greatest national parks, home to a stunning array of wildlife. Search for the 'Big Five' (rhino, buffalo, lion, leopard, and elephant) as well as prolific birdlife and numerous other game. The afternoon is at leisure at your hotel. Late afternoon open vehicle game drives are available (optional & for own account)

#### Day 4 - Mpumalanga

The day begins with early morning coffee or tea, followed by a thrilling open vehicle game drive through Kruger National Park with pre-packed breakfast. The afternoon is at leisure at your hotel or you can join us on our Community visit to the Sizabantwana Children Care Centre for a tour and a brief look into the lives of the children that attend the centre. Return to your hotel where open -vehicle game drives are available (optional and for own account).

#### Day 5 - Mpumalanga to Swaziland

After breakfast you will travel to the Kingdom of Swaziland, one of the three remaining monarchs in Africa which amazingly withstood brutal advances from the Boers, British and Zulu's.

## Day 6 – Swaziland to Zululand

After breakfast you will depart Swaziland and re-enter South Africa and the province of Kwazulu-Natal and travel to Hluhluwe-Imfolozi National Park for an afternoon game drive in open  $4 \times 4$  vehicles with experienced rangers. At the completion of the game drive you will be transferred to your hotel located close by.

#### Day 7 – Zululand to Durban

This morning after breakfast you will be taken to a traditional Zulu village for lunch and a cultural show presented by the local village people. You will then travel south to the seaside city of Durban.

#### Day 8 - Durban to Port Elizabeth

This morning you will be transferred to Durban airport for your short flight to Port Elizabeth. On arrival in Port Elizabeth you will be transferred to your hotel where you have the afternoon at your leisure.

#### Day 9 - Port Elizabeth to Knysna

After breakfast you will depart Port Elizabeth on your journey along the picturesque garden route that runs between Port Elizabeth and Cape Town. The tour will stop in Tsitsikamma National Park which lies at the foot of the Tsitsikamma Range and is cut by rivers that have carved ravines into the ancient forest. The flora varies from huge stinkwood and yellowwood trees to ferns, lilies and proteas making it a spectacular area to walk through. You will then travel onto the beautiful township of Kynsna.

#### Day 10 - Knysna

Located on the edge of a serene lagoon and surrounded by forests, Knysna is the perfect placed to spend two nights to take in the beauty of this region. This morning after a leisurely start you will embark on a lagoon cruise to Featherbed Nature Reserve where you will be taken in 4x4's through the reserve for lunch and leisurely walks through forest. After lunch you will cruise back through the lagoon and have the afternoon at leisure.

#### Day 11 - Knysna to Oudtshoorn

This morning after breakfast we will travel to Oudtshoorn and you will be taken for a tour of the limestone Cango Caves. Named after the Khoesaan word for 'a wet place' the Cango Caves are located 30km's from Oudtshoorn and are one of the major tourist attractions of the region. From the caves we will travel to one of the large ostrich farms in the area where you will be taken on a guided tour.

#### Day 12 –Oudtshoorn to Stellenbosch

You will travel on Route 62 from Odtshoorn to the beautiful winery district of Stellenbosch via the Little Karoo and onto the picturesque town of Montagu with its art deco architecture and fine national monuments.

#### Day 13 - Stellenbosch to Cape Town

This morning after breakfast you have the chance to visit some of the famous wineries in the area for wine tasting before travelling onwards to one of the true cities of the world, Cape Town.

#### Day 14 - Cape Town

This morning you will be collected from your hotel and taken on a half day guided tour of Table Mountain and Cape Town. You will take the cable car to the top of the mountain for a breathtaking view of the city and its surrounding coastline. Your tour will then take you to the Malay Quarter, city centre, company gardens, Castle of Good Hope and the Diamond works.

#### Day 15 – Cape Town

This morning you will make your way to the V&A Waterfront for your ferry ride to Robben Island. On arrival at Robben Island you will be taken on a 45 minute guided coach tour of the island before entering the former maximum security prison for a tour with an ex political prisoner. On completion of this tour you will board your return ferry back to Cape Town.

#### Day 16 – Cape Town

This morning you will be transferred to Cape Town International Airport for your departure.



# Accommodations

#### Protea Hotel Balalaika

The Protea Hotel Balalaika Sandton is a home away from home ideally located in the financial epicentre and commercial hub of Sandton. The Balalaika is just 200 meters from Sandton City Shopping Centre, Sandton Convention Centre and Nelson Mandela square. The Protea Hotel Balalaika Sandton was established in 1949. An ongoing refurbishment and renewal programme has enabled us to offer the most modern facilities such as WiFi throughout the hotel, a business centre and state of the art conference facilities while retaining the classic colonial ambience and a level of service not found elsewhere. The Hotel has 330-bedrooms spread over two sections - the Balalaika and the Crown Court - each room is air-conditioned and tastefully furnished in a classic, comfortable style with its own en suite bathroom featuring a separate shower.

#### Sabi River Sun

The Sabi River is located on the tranquil banks of the Sabi River, surrounded by the scenic beauty of the Lowveld. The guestrooms offer comfortable accommodation, with private bathrooms, air conditioning and satellite TV. The resort boasts unrivalled sporting facilities, including an 18 hole golf course, 5 swimming pools, 3 floodlit tennis courts, a bowling green, squash court, volleyball and a jogging trail. The Hippopotamus Restaurant offers mouth-watering breakfasts and dinners. Light snacks are available on the terrace overlooking the golf course. The Waterhole Bar is a popular venue for guests to get together and enjoy a pre-dinner drink or an after-dinner liqueur.

### Lugogo Sun Hotel

Set in the natural tranquility of the Ezulwini Valley, Royal Swazi Spa Valley Resort beckons guests from all corners of the world. Facilities at the resort include the Casino, The Royal Swazi Spa, the Convention Centre, an 18-hole championship golf course, lawn bowls, squash, tennis and horse riding. A variety of retail shops are available, providing stationery, clothing, newspapers and curios. The Lugogo Sun has 202 rooms, catering for a variety of requirements, including sports groups, conference delegates and families.

#### Protea Hotel Umfolozi River

Protea Hotel Umfolozi River the perfect home-away-from home destination for conference, business and leisure. Ideally located in the Greater Hluhluwe - Umfolozi Game Reserve, making it the perfect base to explore Zululand's diverse attractions and only 1 hour and 45 minutes from King Shaka Airport. This hotel offers guests a truly memorable experience in the heart of Zululand. The hotel boasts 68 luxurious and spacious rooms, including 2 tastefully decorated family suites. These rooms offer balcony or patio, satellite TV, telephone, air conditioning, tea and coffee making facilities, work stations, room service, and all essential amenities. "The Rivers Restaurant" and "Inkosi Bar" are situated on the property and provide delectable meals, whilst sundowners can be enjoyed on the deck or in the lounge. With the warm African sun, experience summer all year round, 2 swimming pools are available for your leisure. Looking for a morning or noon walk? An on-site walking trail is also available. Come enjoy the Diversity in the Wetlands of Central Zululand.

#### Southern Sun Elangeni

Southern Sun Elangeni is situated on Durban's North Beach with breathtaking views of Durban's Golden Mile and the warm Indian Ocean. All 449 air-conditioned rooms are well furnished and offer every amenity. The hotel has three superb cosmopolitan restaurants which provide a choice of cuisine from authentic Japanese to ethnic Indian. Two bars offer light snacks and a range of South African wines. The comprehensive Conference Centre is a favourite venue for national and international conferences and events. There are two outdoor pools, a relaxing Chill Area and a Fitness

Centre. As well as these, a variety of sporting activities can be arranged. Flea markets, amusement parks and other opportunities for fun, are all within walking distance.

#### **Garden Court Kings Beach**

With spectacular views of Algoa Bay, Garden Court King's Beach exposes guests to the scenic beauty of Port Elizabeth. For business travellers, the hotel's proximity to the airport, harbour and national highway assure convenience. Guests will feel at home in spacious en-suite rooms with shower-bath combinations. Each room at the Garden Court King's Beach also sports direct-dial telephone with voice mail and wakeup call facilities, computer modem point, wireless internet connectivity, television with enhanced DSTV channels, individually controlled air conditioning, hairdryer, bathroom amenities and tea and coffee making facilities. There is also a room for physically challenged guests.

#### Protea Hotel Knysna Quays

One of the best hotel sites in South Africa, the 4-Star Protea Hotel Knysna Quays offers premium lodging in the beautiful Garden Route region of the Western Cape. This quality 4-Star Hotel is centrally located on the Knysna Quays Waterfront. Protea Hotel Knysna Quays offers a tranquil stay in spacious bedrooms that overlook the Knysna lagoon.

Facilities at the Hotel are 4-Star including a heated outdoor swimming pool, the Wellness centre for massages, a boardroom and a variety of restaurants to choose from

#### **Queens Hotel Oudtshoorn**

The Queen's Hotel is nestled in the heart of Oudtshoorn, and is situated in close proximity to a multitude of restaurants, curio and coffee shops. The Queen's Hotel is the third oldest hotel in South Africa and was built in 1880. The original building was made of stone and had a thatched roof. The hotel offers 40 stylishly decorated ensuite double bedrooms providing individually remote controlled aircconditioning and television, with M-net, clock radio and direct dial telephone.

#### **D'Ouwe Werf Hotel**

Established in 1802, d'Ouwe Werf is South Africa's oldest and most historic hotel and has defined hospitality and fine dining for centuries. Guests enjoy the wonders of the Cape Winelands from the repose of the luxurious accommodation, situated in the historical core of the university town of Stellenbosch, only 45km from Cape Town, 20km from the sea and surrounded by beautiful mountains. Stellenbosch is famous as the premier wine region of South Africa.

Located on vibrant Church Street, d'Ouwe Werf retains the graceful ambience of Georgian style throughout. Soft hues and antique furniture have been tastefully aligned with the comforts of modern living to create a calm haven from which to base your exploration of Stellenbosch.

The hotel consists of 32 en suite bedrooms and 6 Courtyard Apartments which are individually styled with antiques collected over the years. Modern facilities, and staff who pride themselves on their friendly, personal and professional service, make each visit an enjoyable and memorable one.

#### Southern Sun Cape Sun

Situated at the southern tip of Africa, this is where traditional Cape hospitality is at the heart of your experience. The luxury and elegance of Southern Sun Cape Sun lies in the centre of the Cape Town CBD, and is complimented by spectacular views over Table Mountain, Robben Island, Table Bay and the spectacular Green Point Stadium. Rooms are luxurious, spacious and offer all the amenities required to ensure a relaxing stay. Offering business travellers easy access to the Cape Town Convention Centre and other key business areas, the hotel also offers great appeal to holiday makers in search of an indulgent escape. The gym with splash pool and Health & Beauty spa are situated on the premises and promise a healthy, rejuvenating experience.