



South African Surprise

17 day tour to Johannesburg, Hazyview, Kruger National Park, Swaziland, St Lucia, Durban, Drakensberg, Eastern Cape, Port Elizabeth, Knysna, Oudtshoorn & Cape Town

It's an adventure unlike any other - South Africa, a vast land of unimaginable beauty and diversity of experiences, is set to take your breath away. Tour starts from Johannesburg, the largest city, financial and commercial heart in South Africa; then take game drives in Kruger Park, which are famous for the Big Fives sightings. Travel along the Garden Route, which is universally known for its spectacular natural beauty. The startling out-of-the-ordinary vistas will generously reward your eastward journey. Last stop-Cape Town has it all – a fascinating mix of up-to-the-minute vibrancy, memorable history and culture, and spectacular natural beauty – all rubbing shoulders under the iconic magic of Table Mountain.

Day 1 (Sat) Australia ✈ Johannesburg
Today you will fly to Johannesburg. Upon arrival you will be met and assisted to your shuttle transfer service to the hotel. You have the remainder of the day at leisure until 19h00 when we all meet at the hotel reception for a briefing on the tour and a chance to meet up with your fellow travellers. Accommodation: Protea Hotel or Tambo or similar.

Day 2 (Sun) Johannesburg Meal: B
Today you will have a half day seat-in-coach tour in Johannesburg. South Africa's largest city remains its financial and commercial heart. It's in this fast-paced metropolis that the country's radical political and social transformation is most evident – this is the 'Rainbow Nation' at work. It's a heady experience, with contrasts of every kind round every single corner. Our tour sets off for Constitution Hill, home of South Africa's architectural marvel, the Constitutional Court. We explore the inner city of Johannesburg and the influence the discovery of gold brought to this city and indeed South Africa. We visit and explore the Maboneng Precinct, a wonderful example of urban regeneration of the eastside of the Johannesburg CBD which is now home to several independent retail, restaurant, art and entertainment venues – fresh and unique lifestyle offerings of this new exciting development. We return to your hotel via the flipside of the coin, the lush, up market suburb of lower Houghton. A city of contrasts, that's for certain. Accommodation: Protea Hotel or Tambo or similar.

Day 3 (Mon) Johannesburg 🚗 Hazyview Meal: B

This morning we leave for Mpumalanga, dropping several hundred feet into the lush subtropical region of the Lowveld. Travel along the circular Panorama Route via Graskop, visiting the view sites of the Blyde River Canyon, one of the natural wonders of Africa; gasp at the glory of God's Window, with a boundless view of mountains and fertile plains and finally a visit to Bourke's Luck Potholes before heading to Hazyview. Accommodation: Hippo Hollow Country Estate or similar. Distance travelled today: 500 kms.

Day 4 (Tue) Hazyview (Kruger National Park) Meal: B

We have a bright and early start to the day in order to experience full day open vehicle Game Drive. Spend a morning with the Big Five in the Kruger National Park. The Kruger National Park is an internationally renowned game reserve of nearly 2 million hectares and supports the largest variety of wildlife species on the African continent. Keep a lookout for the wonderful flora and bird life that abounds. We return to our hotel in the evening. Accommodation: Hippo Hollow Country Estate or similar. Distance travelled today: 200 kms.

Memorable Moment: Seeing the Big Five in the wild is one of the most memorable things one can ever experience. The African continent is the only place in the world where big game still roams freely in great numbers.



Day 5 (Wed) Hazyview 🚗 Swaziland Meal: B

This morning after breakfast, we check out and depart on our journey to Swaziland. We proceed south to Malalane and then onto Swaziland where this afternoon you will visit a real Chief's village and have the fantastic opportunity to gain an authentic knowledge of traditional Swazi culture.

Accommodation: Lugogo Sun or similar.
Distance travelled today: 261 kms.

Day 6 (Thu) St Lucia and Surrounds Meal: B

This morning we journey through Swaziland into Zululand. Our journey continues into the Kingdom of KwaZulu-Natal where ancient traditions and modern cultures of both Zulu and Settler have combined into a vibrant society living in peace and harmony. Enjoy a 3 hr game drive in Hluhluwe National Park. This is the legendary park where a dedicated team made worldwide conservation history with their successful efforts to bring the white rhino back from the brink of extinction. You won't simply be enthralled with this game-rich reserve and the extraordinary beauty of the terrain, but also with the sense



of history having been made here. Arrive this afternoon in the Umfolozi area for your overnight stay.

Accommodation: Protea Hotel Umfolozi or similar.

Distance travelled today: 435 kms.

Day 7 (Fri) St Lucia and Surrounds 🚗 Durban Meal: B

Guests have the option to lie in or take an optional morning boat cruise (own account) or simply soak up the atmosphere of this tourist town St Lucia before heading off later in the morning towards Durban. An orientation tour introduces us to this multicultural, vibrant seaside city before arriving at our hotel late afternoon.

Accommodation: Protea Hotel Umhlanga Ridge or similar.

Distance travelled today: 290 kms.

Day 8 (Sat) Durban 🚗 Drakensberg Meal: B/D

This morning, enjoy a leisurely breakfast or perhaps take an early morning cab ride for a stroll along the Umhlanga Beach Promenade which buzzes with energy as surfers, joggers and cyclists take to this seaside playground. Then we head into the majestic Southern Drakensberg Mountains. We proceed on a visit to the 300 foot high Howick Falls, continuing through the Southern Midlands Meander Route, arriving at our hotel mid-afternoon. Your afternoon is at leisure to soak up the surroundings, or go fishing, hiking and even horse riding in clean mountain air (own account).

Accommodation: Drakensberg Gardens Resort Hotel & Spa or similar.

Distance travelled today: 255 kms.

Memorable Moment: The massive Drakensberg mountain range forms the border between Kwa-Zulu Natal and the Kingdom of Lesotho. Its towering basalt peaks and buttresses offer dramatic vistas, the highest peak reaching a spectacular 3,482 metres, which is the highest in southern Africa.

Day 9 (Sun) Drakensberg Meal: B/D
Full day at leisure to soak up the surroundings of the magnificent Southern Drakensberg Mountains. Today a host of leisure activities awaits you against a breath-taking backdrop of tranquil beauty.

Accommodation: Drakensberg Gardens Resort Hotel & Spa or similar.

Day 10 (Mon) Drakensberg 🚗 Eastern Cape Coast Meal: B/D

This morning we continue south to the Eastern Cape entering the fourth of the provinces and the birth place of Nelson Mandela (fondly known as Madiba). En route we see the old traditional way of life in the homeland area known as the Transkei and stop for lunch outside the capital of Umtata. We continue via Nelson Mandela's birth place and house, arriving late afternoon at our accommodation in Chintsa East, on the beautiful, unspoilt Eastern Cape Coast.

Accommodation: Crawford's Beach Lodge or similar.

Distance travelled today: 520 kms.

Memorable Moment: Drive past Nelson Mandela's birth place and home. Nelson Mandela was known by many names.... Rolihlahla, literally meaning 'pulling the branch of a tree' and figuratively meaning 'trouble-maker', was his birth name.

Day 11 (Tue) Chintsa Bay 🚗 Port Elizabeth (Eastern Cape Coast) Meal: B

We awake to the sounds of the crashing waves and have the morning at leisure to unwind... beach sand between our toes. The beach stretches on uninterrupted for many kilometres and the thick indigenous beach forest is a haven for an amazing variety of birdlife. In the mid-morning, we set off heading south to Port Elizabeth.

Accommodation: Garden Court King's Beach or similar.

Distance travelled today: 340 kms.



Day 12 (Wed) Port Elizabeth 🚗 Knysna

Meal: B/D

Today our journey continues towards the Cape. Visit the Tsitsikamma Forest, which provides scenic walking opportunities. A short walk to the Storms River Mouth offers some magnificent views of the gorge and river below. Arrive in Knysna late afternoon for check in at our hotel.

Accommodation: Knysna Hollow Country Estate or similar.

Distance travelled today: 300 kms.

Day 13 (Thu) Knysna 🚗 Oudtshoorn

Meal: B

After breakfast, we travel inland over the spectacular Outeniqua Pass to Oudtshoorn, known as the 'feather capital of the world' because of its ostrich industry. We visit a working ostrich farm and then explore the famous Cango Caves. Walk (the more adventurous may crawl!) around the famous Cango Caves with their magnificent dripstone formations of stalactites and stalagmites. Travelling back to the Eastern seaboard, we arrive in Mossel Bay in the afternoon for a visit to the famous Post Office Tree, the Bartholomeus Diaz Museum and Shell Museum. Accommodation: Garden Court Mossel Bay or similar.

Distance travelled today: 315 kms.

Memorable Moment: Visit a working ostrich farm in Oudtshoorn, known as 'the feather capital of the world'. The flightless ostrich is the world's largest bird.

Day 14 (Fri) Knysna 🚗 Cape Town

Meal: B

After breakfast we head for Cape Town via the towns of Swellendam, Robertson and Worcester. After traveling through the Huguenot Tunnel, iconic Table Mountain greets us as we arrive in Cape Town in the afternoon.

Accommodation: Sun Square Hotel – Cape Town or similar.

Distance travelled today: 540 kms.

Day 15 (Sat) Cape Town

Meal: B

Today you will have a seat-in-coach peninsular tour. Cruise along the exquisite stretch of coastline known as Millionaire's Paradise – from Clifton to Camps Bay, to the exclusive beach hamlet of Llandudno towards the charming working harbour of Hout Bay. Embark on an up-close-and-personal Seal Island cruise (included). Wind along the legendary Chapman's Peak Drive, hugging the cliffs and relishing the breathtaking ocean views, before arriving at our lunch spot of choice (own account) at the Cape of Good Hope Section of the Table Mountain National Park. Meander back along the coast towards the City, visiting the historic naval port of Simon's Town and the endearing penguin colony at Boulder's Beach (included). During the summer months we venture inland to our last stop of the day at Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens. With the sun setting over the tall peaks of Table Mountain the last rays sparkle on the trees and flowers. In winter, we will visit Groot Constantia instead, for a wine tasting and cellar tour at South Africa's oldest wine estate where they have been producing legendary wines for over 300 years!

Accommodation: Sun Square Hotel – Cape Town or similar.

Memorable Moment: The 'Mother City' is an affectionate nickname for Cape Town, which is widely known and used among locals and visitors to Cape Town alike.

Day 16 (Sun) Cape Town ✈ Johannesburg

Meal: B

This morning is at leisure. In time you are transferred to the airport for your flight to Australia via Johannesburg.

Day 17 (Mon) Australia

Arrive in Australia in the morning.



South African Surprise Dates & Prices



Tour code	Start Johannesburg Saturday	End Cape Town Sunday	Full package with international airfare departing from Sydney / Melbourne / Brisbane / Adelaide / Perth	
			South African	Qantas Airways
SA170114	14-Jan-17	29-Jan-17	\$5,580	\$5,690
SA170211	11-Feb-17	26-Feb-17	\$5,580	\$5,690
SA170311	11-Mar-17	26-Mar-17	\$5,580	\$5,690
SA170415	15-Apr-17	30-Apr-17	\$5,580	\$5,690
SA170513	13-May-17	28-May-17	\$5,440	\$5,550
SA170610	10-Jun-17	25-Jun-17	\$5,440	\$5,550
SA170708	08-Jul-17	23-Jul-17	\$5,680	\$5,790
SA170722	22-Jul-17	06-Aug-17	\$5,580	\$5,690
SA170805	05-Aug-17	20-Aug-17	\$5,580	\$5,690
SA170819	19-Aug-17	03-Sep-17	\$5,580	\$5,690
SA170909	09-Sep-17	24-Sep-17	\$5,580	\$5,690
SA171007	07-Oct-17	22-Oct-17	\$5,680	\$5,790
SA171021	21-Oct-17	05-Nov-17	\$5,680	\$5,790
SA171104	04-Nov-17	19-Nov-17	\$5,680	\$5,790
SA171118	18-Nov-17	03-Dec-17	\$5,680	\$5,790
# Land Only: \$3,680			Single supplement: \$850	

* This tour is guarantee departure based on a minimum of 2 people and maximum of 40 people. All prices above include airport taxes and fuel surcharges. This tour is a seat-in-coach join-in group tour.

* Please refer to Page 5 for [Tour Inclusions](#) and [Extending Your Holiday](#) details.

* Land only price: Tour starts from Arrival transfer in Johannesburg to [Departure transfer in Cape Town](#); excludes any international flights.

* South Africa visa, Swaziland visa, Lesotho Visa and Botswana visa could be obtained upon arrival with no fees; Zimbabwe double entry visa could be obtained upon arrival with USD45 per person at your expenses.

Package prices of South African Airways are for departures from Sydney / Melbourne / Perth; all clients from Sydney / Melbourne need to fly with Virgin to Perth and connect South African Airways flight. Stop over in Perth permitted.

Package prices of Qantas are for departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth.

Hotels used for this tour (3-4 star): Johannesburg Protea Hotel; Hazyview Hippo Hollow Country Estate; Swaziland Lugogo Sun Hotel; Umfolozi Protea Hotel; Durban Protea Hotel Umhlanga Ridge; Drakensberg Gardens Hotel; Chinsta Bay Crawford's Beach Lodge; Port Elizabeth Garden Court Kings Beach Hotel; Knysna Hollow Country Estate; Oudtshoorn Garden Court Mossel Bay Hotel; Cape Town Sun Square Hotel or similar.