



South African Surprise

17 day Tour to Johannesburg, Mpumalanga, Swaziland, St Lucia, Durban, Drakensberg, Eastern Cape Coast, 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.
 Accommodation: Protea Hotel or similar.

Day 2 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. You have the remainder of the day at leisure until 7.00pm when we all meet at the hotel reception for a briefing on the main tour and a chance to meet up with your fellow travellers.
 Accommodation: Protea Hotel or Tambo or similar

Day 3 Johannesburg 🚗 Mpumalanga 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. Check in at Hippo Hollow Country Estate or similar.
 Distance travelled today: 500 kms

Day 4 Mpumalanga (Kruger National Park) Meal: B
 We have a bright and early start to the day in order to experience the wonders of exploring the Kruger National Park in our closed vehicle. You will take full day open vehicle safari 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





surroundings of the magnificent Southern Drakensberg Mountains. There are also many leisure activities to be enjoyed at the Resort. Check in at Drakensberg Gardens Hotel or similar.

Day 10 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 our journey via Nelson Mandela's birth place and house, arriving late afternoon at our accommodation in Chinista East, on the beautiful, unspoilt Eastern Cape Coast. Stay at Crawford's Beach Lodge or similar.

Distance travelled today: 520 kms

Day 11 Eastern Cape Coast 🚗 Port Elizabeth **Meal: B**

We awake to the sounds of the crashing waves and have the morning at leisure to unwind with the sand between our toes. The beach stretches uninterrupted for many kilometres and the thick indigenous beach forest is a haven for an amazing variety of birdlife. We set off heading south to Port Elizabeth. Stay at Garden Court Kings Beach or similar.

Distance travelled today: 340 kms

Day 12 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.

Check in at Knysna Hollow Country Estate or



the largest variety of wildlife species on the African continent. Keep a lookout for the wonderful flora and bird life that abounds. Stay at Hippo Hollow Country Estate or similar.

Distance travelled today: 200 kms

Day 5 Mpumalanga 🚗 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.

Hotel: Lugogo Sun or similar.

Distance travelled today: 261 kms

Day 6 Swaziland 🚗 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. Check in at Anew Hotel Hluhluwe and Safaris or similar.

Distance travelled today: 435 kms

Day 7 St Lucia and Surrounds 🚗 Durban **Meal: B**

Guests have the option to lie in or take an optional morning boat cruise (own expense) 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. Stay at Protea Hotel Umhlanga Ridge or similar.

Distance travelled today: 290 kms

Day 8 Durban 🚗 Drakensberg **Meal: B/D**

This morning, enjoy a leisurely breakfast or perhaps take an early morning cab ride to the bustling Umhlanga Beach for a stroll along the Promenade mile 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 expense).

Check in at Drakensberg Gardens Hotel or similar.

Distance travelled today: 255 kms

Day 9 Drakensberg **Meal: B/D**

Enjoy a full day at leisure to soak up the

similar.

Distance travelled today: 300 kms

Day 13 Knysna 🚗 Oudtshoorn 🚗 Mossel Bay 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. Overnight in Mossel Bay. Check in at Garden Court Mossel Bay or similar.

Distance travelled today: 315 kms

Day 14 Mossel Bay 🚗 Cape Town Meal: B

Today's journey ends in Cape Town. On the way we stop off to visit the famous Post Office Tree, the Bartholomew's Diaz Museum and Shell Museum. We drive via Swellendam, Worcester and through the Huguenot Tunnel before arriving in Cape Town late in the afternoon. Check in at Sun Square Cape Town Gardens or similar.



Distance travelled today: 540 kms

Day 15 Cape Town Meal: B

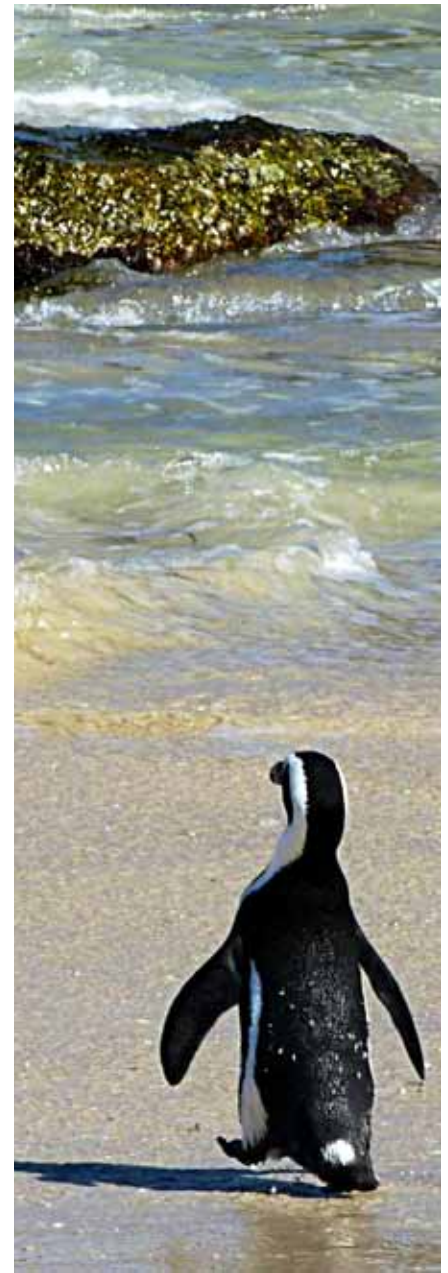
Today you will have a seat-in-coach peninsular tour. Cruise along the exquisite stretch of coastline known as Millionaire's Paradise – from Clifton to Camps Bay, to the exclusive beach hamlet of Llandudno towards the charming working harbour of Hout Bay. Embark on an up-close-and-personal Seal Island 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! Check in at Sunsquare Cape Town Gardens or similar.

Day 16 Cape Town ✈️ Australia Meal: B

This morning after breakfast, check out of the hotel by 11:00 am. The remainder of the day will be at leisure until your transfer to Cape Town International Airport for your flight to Australia via Johannesburg.

Day 17 Australia

Arrive in Australia.



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		* This tour is guaranteed 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.
			South African	Qantas	
SA180113	13-Jan-18	28-Jan-18	\$5,640	\$5,790	* Please refer to Page 5 for <u>Tour Inclusions</u> .
SA180210	10-Feb-18	25-Feb-18	\$5,640	\$5,790	
SA180310	10-Mar-18	25-Mar-18	\$5,640	\$5,790	* Land only price: Tour starts from <u>Arrival transfer in Johannesburg to Departure transfer in Cape Town</u> ; excludes any international flights.
SA180414	14-Apr-18	29-Apr-18	\$5,740	\$5,890	
SA180512	12-May-18	27-May-18	\$5,530	\$5,680	* Visa: South Africa, Swaziland & Lesotho visa could be obtained upon arrival with no fees.
SA180609	09-Jun-18	24-Jun-18	\$5,530	\$5,680	
SA180707	07-Jul-18	22-Jul-18	\$5,630	\$5,780	# 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.
SA180721	21-Jul-18	05-Aug-18	\$5,530	\$5,680	
SA180804	04-Aug-18	19-Aug-18	\$5,640	\$5,790	# Package prices of Qantas are for departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth.
SA180818	18-Aug-18	02-Sep-18	\$5,640	\$5,790	
SA180908	08-Sep-18	23-Sep-18	\$5,640	\$5,790	Hotels used for this tour (3-4 star): Johannesburg Protea Hotel; Hazyview Hippo Hollow Country Estate; Swaziland Lugogo Sun Hotel; St Lucia Hluhluwe & Safaris Hotel; Durban Protea Hotel Umhlanga Ridge; Drakensberg Gardens Hotel; Chinstas Bay Crawford's Beach Lodge; Port Elizabeth Garden Court Kings Beach Hotel; Knysna Hollow Country Estate; Mossel Bay Garden Court Hotel; Cape Town Sun Square Gardens Hotel or similar.
SA181006	06-Oct-18	21-Oct-18	\$5,740	\$5,890	
SA181020	20-Oct-18	04-Nov-18	\$5,640	\$5,790	
SA181103	03-Nov-18	18-Nov-18	\$5,640	\$5,790	
SA181117	17-Nov-18	02-Dec-18	\$5,640	\$5,790	
SA181208	08-Dec-18	23-Dec-18	\$5,740	\$5,890	
Land only: \$3780			Single supplement: \$980		