

South African Surprise

16 days tour to Johannesburg, Kruger National Park, Swaziland, St Lucia, Durban, Drakensberg, Tsitsikamma, Knysna, Oudtshoorn & Cape Town

South African Surprise is a journey through the country's most iconic landscapes and cultural treasures. From Johannesburg and thrilling wildlife encounters in Kruger National Park to the scenic Panorama Route, eSwatini, and Zululand, this tour showcases South Africa's natural beauty and rich traditions. Explore the majestic Drakensberg Mountains, visit the birthplace of Nelson Mandela, travel along the famous Garden Route, and conclude in the vibrant Mother City, Cape Town.

Day 1: (Sat) Arrival 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: (Sun) Johannesburg

Today you will have a half day seat in coach tour in Johannesburg - Today enjoy a half-day seat-in-coach tour of Johannesburg, South Africa's largest city and vibrant financial heart. Discover the city's rich history at Constitution Hill and explore the inner city shaped by the gold rush. Visit the revitalized Maboneng Precinct, now a hub of art, dining and urban culture, before returning via the leafy, upscale suburb of Lower Houghton – a true city of contrasts.

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

[Included Meals: Breakfast]

Day 3: (Mon) Johannesburg - Mpumalanga

This morning, we leave on a long drive to Mpumalanga, dropping several hundred feet into the lush subtropical region of the Lowveld. Travel along the circular Panorama Route, visiting the view sites of the Blyde River Canyon, home to the Three Rondavels and 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 visit Bourke's Luck Potholes.

[Included Meals: Breakfast]

Distance travelled today: 500 kms

Day 4: (Tue) Mpumalanga

We have a bright and early start to the day to experience the wonders of exploring the Kruger National Park in our closed vehicle. You will join a thrilling open-vehicle game safari

through the Kruger National Park. The Kruger National Park is an internationally renowned game reserve of nearly 2 million hectares that support 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 around lunch time, and your afternoon is at leisure to relax. **[Included Meals: Packed Breakfast]**

Day 5: (Wed) Mpumalanga – Eswatini (Swaziland)

This morning, we travel to eSwatini (Swaziland), an independent Kingdom within the borders of South Africa, known for its lovely scenery, crafts and colourful indigenous culture. An interactive cultural experience introduces us to the charming people of eSwatini and their traditions. We travel south to our hotel, nestled in the mountainous peaks of eSwatini (Swaziland) for overnight.

[Included Meals: Breakfast]

Distance travelled today: 200 kms

Day 6: (Thur) Eswatini (Swaziland) – St Lucia and Surrounds

Depart after breakfast on a long drive today, travelling through eSwatini (Swaziland), visiting Ngwenya Glass, where a small group of eSwati craftsmen and women create beautifully handmade items from recycled glass. Our next stop is The Swazi Candles Centre where you will experience local artisans creating colourful, handmade candles. 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. Arrive at your hotel in the late afternoon for overnight. **[Included Meals: Breakfast]**

Distance travelled today: 375 kms

Day 7: (Fri) St Lucia and Surrounds - Durban

Today you take a morning open vehicle game drive in the Hluhluwe-iMfolozi Game Reserve, before heading off to Durban. An orientation tour of Durban, that travels along the Golden Mile, the beachfront promenade, The Point Waterfront, and harbour introduces us to this multicultural, vibrant seaside city. The orientation tour concludes with a visit to the Durban Botanic Gardens before arriving at our hotel late afternoon.

[Included Meals: Breakfast]

Distance travelled today: 320 kms

Day 8: (Sat) Durban - Drakensberg

After breakfast, head into the majestic Southern Drakensberg Mountains. We visit the impressive 300-foot-high Howick Falls, located in the KwaZulu-Natal Midlands town of Howick. Our journey continues through the Southern Midlands Meander Route, arriving at our hotel, situated on a scenic World Heritage site, mid-afternoon. Your afternoon is at leisure to soak up the surroundings, or enjoy fishing, hiking and even horse riding in clean mountain air (all activities are optional and for own account). Sit down to a sumptuous dinner at your hotel.

[Included Meals: Breakfast & Dinner]

Distance travelled today: 280 kms

Day 9: (Sun) Drakensberg

Today you will join a thrilling 4x4 tour up the spectacular Sani Pass into the mountain Kingdom of Lesotho. Enjoy an evening dinner at your hotel with a wide variety of local specialities to choose from.

[Included Meals: Breakfast & Dinner]

Day 10: (Mon) Drakensberg – Eastern Cape Coast

Depart after breakfast, on a long drive to the Eastern Cape entering the fourth of the provinces and the birthplace of Nelson Mandela (fondly known as Madiba). En route we see the old traditional way of life in the former homeland area known as the Transkei and stop for lunch (own account) outside the capital of Mthata.



We travel past Nelson Mandela's birthplace and house, arriving late afternoon at our accommodation in Chinsta East, on the beautiful, unspoilt Eastern Cape Coast. A delicious dinner with local delicacies awaits you at your lodge. **[Included Meals: Breakfast & Dinner]**

Distance travelled today: 520 kms

Day 11: (Tue) Eastern Cape Coast – Tsitsikamma

We awake to the sounds of the crashing waves. The beach stretches on uninterrupted for many kilometres and the thick indigenous beach forest is a haven for an amazing variety of birdlife. We set off on a long drive today, heading to the Tsitsikamma Forest.

[Included Meals: Breakfast]

Distance travelled today: 510 kms

Day 12: (Wed) Tsitsikamma - Knysna

After breakfast, visit the spectacularly beautiful 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, known as the oyster box of South Africa, for check in at your hotel. Enjoy a dinner filled with culinary delights at the hotel's trendy restaurant.

[Included Meals: Breakfast & Dinner]

Distance travelled today: 92 kms



Day 13: (Thur) Knysna – Oudtshoorn

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, with a walk around its magnificent dripstone formations of stalactites and stalagmites. Overnight in Oudtshoorn. **[Included Meals: Breakfast]**

Distance travelled today: 180 kms

Day 14: (Fri) Oudtshoorn – Cape Town

Today is a long journey travelling along the famous Route 62 and through the Little Karoo, ending in Cape Town. On the way we stop off to sample top quality port style wines in Calitzdorp, before continuing via Worcester and the Huguenot Tunnel, arriving in Cape Town in the late afternoon. **[Included Meals: Breakfast]**

Distance travelled today: 420 kms

Day 15: (Sat) Cape Town

Today you will have a seat in coach FULL DAY TABLE MOUNTAIN, CAPE PENINSULA & CONSTANTIA WINELANDS Tour: Your local guide will show you where to snap the best photos of Cape Town’s most iconic sights. First stop is Table Mountain (cable way ticket for own account), followed by Cape Point Nature Reserve, for a picture of the famous Cape Point lighthouse dating back to 1859. Visit Boulders Beach (entrance fee for own account), home to a colony of African Penguins and then to Muizenberg Beach, one of the most popular Cape Town beaches, dotted with colourful beach huts along the sand and locally known as ‘surfers paradise’. Head to Groot Constantia Wine Estate, for a wine tasting (with souvenir crystal glass included) and wander through the vineyards. Overnight in Cape Town.

[Included Meals: Breakfast]

Day 16: (Sun) Cape Town Departure

This morning after breakfast, check out of the hotel by 11h00. The remainder of the day will be at leisure until your transfer to Cape Town International airport.

[Included Meals: Breakfast]

Extension to Victoria Falls

Tour Highlights:

- Visit the spectacular scenic Three Rondavels, Bourke’s Luck Potholes and God’s Window
- Experience a game safari in the Kruger National Park
- Meet the friendly people of eSwatini (Swaziland) and experience their culture through singing and dancing
- Orientation tour of Durban including a visit to the Durban Botanic Gardens
- Visit to the charming village of Howick and its impressive waterfall
- Overnight in the magnificent Southern Drakensberg Mountains and experience the unspoilt Eastern Cape Coast
- Travel past Nelson Mandela’s birthplace and house
- Visit Tsitsikamma National Park and the scenic Storms River Mouth
- Overnight in Knysna, known as the oyster box of South Africa
- Guided tour of the Cango Caves and a guided tractor tour of a working ostrich farm in Oudtshoorn
- Explore the small towns long the famous Route 62 between Cape Town and Oudtshoorn
- Sample top quality Port style wines in Calitzdorp, a town well known for its fortified wines
- Two overnights in Cape Town, spectacularly set at the foot of Table Mountain



South African Surprise Dates & Prices

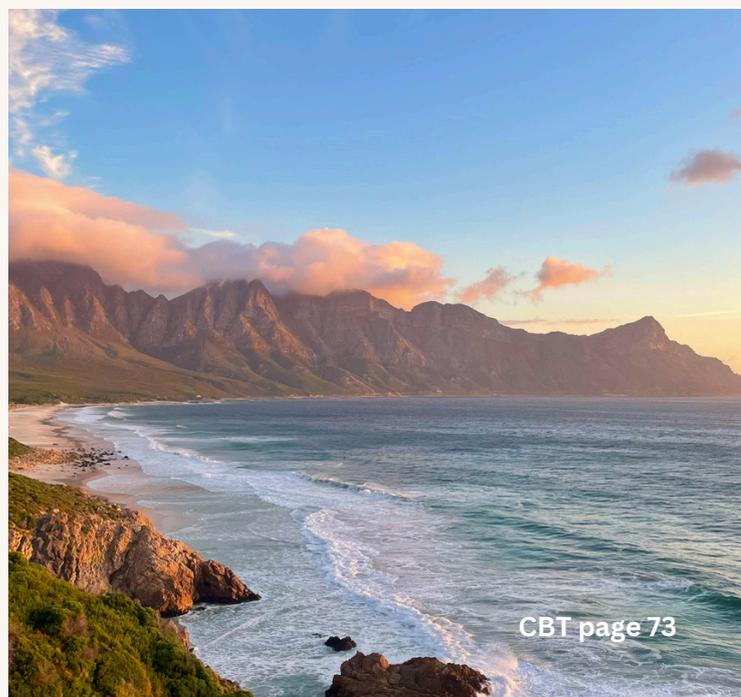
Tour Code	Johannesburg	Cape Town	Land Only
SA260502	02-May-26	17-May-26	\$4,880
SA260606	06-Jun-26	21-Jun-26	\$4,880
SA260704	04-Jul-26	19-Jul-26	\$4,880
SA260801	01-Aug-26	16-Aug-26	\$4,980
SA260905	05-Sep-26	20-Sep-26	\$4,980
SA261003	03-Oct-26	18-Oct-26	\$5,160

Inclusions:

- This group tour is guaranteed to depart with a minimum of 2 participants and max 40 people.
- 18 Meals: 14 breakfasts, 4 dinners including gratuities (excluding all beverages)
- 14 Nights’ accommodation including portorage
- Transportation including toll fees in air-conditioned vehicles
- Services of a professional English-speaking tour guide
- Entrance fees as specified in the itinerary

Hotel References:

- 4* Protea Hotel OR Tambo; 3* Hazyview Sun Hotel
- 3* Piggs Peak Hotel 3* Anew Hotel Hluhluwe
- 4* Protea Hotel Umhlanga Ridge 3* Drakensberg Gardens Hotel
- 4* Crawford’s Beach Lodge 3* Tsitsikamma Village Inn
- 4* The Rex Hotel 3* Protea Hotel Riempi Estate
- 3* Anew Hotel Green Point **Single Supplement: \$1050**





Majestic Victoria Falls

3 days tour to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe

Day 1: Arrival Victoria Falls

Zambezi River Sunset Cruise

Fly to Victoria Falls. On arrival, you are met and transferred to your hotel. Explorers Village offers the modern pioneer a perfect haven from which to explore Victoria Falls which is widely recognized as the adventure capital of the African continent and is centrally located to all the amenities of Victoria Falls town. In the afternoon, take a cruise on the upper stretches of the Zambezi River where David Livingstone canoed on his quest to discover the falls over way back in 1855. Enjoy viewing the abundant wildlife and incredible variety of birds whilst a mesmerizing Zambezi sunset will leave you breathless.

Distance Travelled Today: 20 kms

[Included Meals: Dinner]

Day 2: Walking Tour of Victoria Falls

This morning, we enjoy a guided tour of the Victoria Falls stopping at various vantage points to view the falls and walk through the rain forest. Seeing the rainbows, feeling the spray and hearing the thundering noise of water crashing down into the 108-metre gorge serves as a testimony to the awesome power of the mighty river. The remainder of your afternoon is spent at leisure, where you can enjoy one of the many optional activities available (own account).

[Included Meals: Breakfast]

Distance Travelled Today: 10 kms

Day 3: Victoria Falls

Enjoy a hearty breakfast before checking out and being transferred to the Victoria Falls Airport.

[Included Meals: Breakfast]

Spend three magnificent days exploring this legendary African icon and experiencing the scenic beauty of the area. It is known as 'Mosi-oa-Tunya' which translates as 'The Smoke That Thunders'. The awe-inspiring views and historical mythology of Victoria Falls serve its authority as the 7th Natural World Wonder. It is quite a spectacle seeing the rainbows, and feeling the spray from Victoria Falls, which makes the River Zambezi Rain Forest one of the only places on earth that receives rainfall 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Price: \$790 per person

Single room extra: \$160

Inclusions:

- Scheduled Return Transfer from Victoria Falls International Airport - Hotel - Airport.
- Scheduled Sunset Boat Cruise
- 2 Nights at Explorer's Village, Deluxe Chalet – Bed & Breakfast (Dinner included on the first night only: 3 Course Dinner)
- Scheduled Half Day Guided Tour of the Falls

Exclusions: Any air tickets; Travel Insurance; Tipping; Personal expenses; Visa fees

Please note this itinerary is subject to a minimum of 2 participants, departing daily, subject to final availability and confirmation.

