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# **SOUTH AFRICA**

## **Escorted Tour & Wildlife Safari**

### **19 days from \$3799**

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## **Departs Johannesburg on Mondays in 2021**

### **Tour Package Includes:**

- 18 nights lodge style accommodation in South Africa & eSwatini
- Daily breakfast and other meals as indicated in the itinerary
- Guided wildlife walks & game drives with experienced guides
- St. Lucia Estuary game viewing cruise
- English-speaking tour guide throughout the tour
- All entrance fees and activities, as per the itinerary

### **Excluded:**

- International flights – please contact us for an airfare quote
- Visa fees (if applicable)
- Airport transfers
- Travel insurance (essential)
- Meals not indicated in the itinerary
- Drinks, snacks and other personal expenses (e.g. laundry)
- Tips for guide & driver
- Any other items not mentioned above

*Subject to confirmation by the hotels & local operators.  
Booking conditions & cancellation fees apply.*

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## Tour Itinerary:

### DAY 1: Arrive Johannesburg

Arrive in Johannesburg and be transferred to Greenfire Lodge, a beautiful thatched lodge that is the perfect place to relax and unwind, and to prepare for the adventure ahead!

**Overnight:** Johannesburg

### DAY 2: Greater Kruger National Park

The first stop on your journey is at the historic town of Dullstroom for brunch. Afterwards, you will continue on down the picturesque Drakensberg escarpment and into the untamed Lowveld. The road is filled with scenic beauty, from mountain passes to the Acacia trees scattered across the African bushveld. In the afternoon you will arrive at the Greater Kruger National Park, an area where animals roam naturally and unrestricted. Being on a privately owned reserve allows you the freedom to explore the wilderness in search of a variety of animals both on foot and in open game drive vehicles. Tonight you will stay at the Greenfire Bush Lodge, a tented lodge that blends into the bush and offers comfortable beds, ensuite bathrooms, a refreshing splash pool, and stunning views over wilderness. Dinner tonight will be a traditional meal cooked over an open fire.

**Overnight:** Balule Game Reserve, Kruger National Park

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

### DAY 3: Greater Kruger National Park

As is custom in the bush, you'll start the day with a light breakfast of coffee and rusks before embarking on a guided game walk within this "big five" game area. Explore the area and see the wonderful wildlife that inhabits the region. An experienced guide and/or tracker will lead all walks. Return to the lodge later in the morning for a sumptuous brunch, after which you will have some time to relax and enjoy the serenity of the surrounding wilderness. In the afternoon, you will be taken on an open vehicle game drive which develops into an extensive night drive, all the time searching for animals. Being in the bush at night provides you with a unique opportunity to see nocturnal animals. This evening you'll enjoy a hearty bush "braai" cooked on an open fire.

**Overnight:** Balule Game Reserve, Kruger National Park

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

### DAY 4: Panorama Route to Hazyview

After enjoying a hearty breakfast in the morning, you will set off to explore the highlights of the Panorama Route. The first stop will be to view the impressive Blyde River Canyon, then on to Bourke's Luck Potholes, God's Window and the cozy little town of Graskop for lunch. In the afternoon you will be treated to stunning views as you descend the Kowyn Pass towards Greenfire Lodge Hazyview, a log cabin built spectacularly on stilts in the indigenous forest on the banks of the Sabie River where you will be spending two nights.

**Overnight:** Hazyview

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

### DAY 5: Hazyview to Kruger

At sunrise, you will be taken to another area of the Kruger National Park for a full day of game viewing. Slowly traversing in search of the many animals that inhabit this area, enjoy the high vantage point and comfort of the well-equipped vehicle. Your guide will take the time to explain the behaviour of the animals that you will see in this fascinating environment. Although most of the day will be spent game viewing, you will also be taken to various designated sites to stretch your legs, enjoy brunch, and wander around.

**Overnight:** Balule Game Reserve, Kruger National Park

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

### **DAY 6: Swaziland**

Bright and early in the morning, you will be taken to the Kingdom of the Swazi. A small landlocked country, Swaziland is rich in culture and natural beauty. Your journey takes you into spectacular scenery and past numerous traditional homesteads surrounded by vast fields of sugarcane. First destination is Sibebe Rock, a granite mountain rising some 350m above the Mbuluzi Valley. Spend some time here at the foot of the mountain while your guides explain more about the history and beliefs surrounding Sibebe. Late afternoon you will be driven a short distance via the capital city of Mbabane to your accommodation.

**Overnight:** Mbabane

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### **DAY 7: Zululand**

Today you will voyage along winding roads through Swaziland and cross back into South Africa in the late morning. After completing the border formalities you will enter Zululand, an area once ruled by the infamous Shaka Zulu. The reserves in this area are lush and offer protection to a variety of indigenous animals including black and white rhinos. This afternoon you will enjoy a game experience that will allow you to appreciate the fauna and flora of the Zulu Kingdom.

**Overnight:** Zululand

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### **DAY 8: Drakensberg**

Traveling inland today, you will pass through a tranquil region of rolling hills. But don't be fooled - this region has hosted many historic wars fought over time by the Zulus, the Boers (pioneer settlers), the British, and many others fighting for a stake in Africa.

Today's lunch stop will be at one of the famous battlefields in the area, where you will have time to learn a bit more about this fascinating time in South Africa's history.

In the afternoon you will reach the majestic Drakensberg mountain range, also known as the "Barrier of Spears" where you will visit one of the largest vulture colonies in the world, and will have the chance to view some of the ancient Bushman Paintings found in the area. Upon reaching the foothills, you will be transferred to a 4x4 vehicle to enjoy an exciting drive on mountain tracks high up to the Greenfire Lodge Drakensberg. Guests are also welcome to skip the drive and walk up the mountain to the lodge.

**Overnight:** Drakensberg

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### **DAY 9: Drakensberg free day**

Enjoy a day of hiking, exploring, and enjoying the wonders of this national heritage site.

**Overnight:** Drakensberg

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### **DAY 10: Dolphin Coast**

It's time to head towards the Indian Ocean. Your journey today will take you through the rolling hills and natural beauty of the Natal Midlands to the Nelson Mandela Capture Site for a short visit. From there, you will continue down to Dolphin Coast, where you will be spending the next two nights.

**Overnight:** Umdloti

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

### **DAY 11: Dolphin Coast free day**

Today is a free day for you to explore scenic Dolphin Coast. Spend the day soaking up the sun and beach, or stroll through the village and explore some local shops and restaurants.

**Overnight:** Umdloti

**Meals:** Breakfast

### **DAY 12: Wild Coast**

Setting off early, today you will pass through the outskirts of Durban and follow the coast south into an area that can only be described as one of the highlights of the tour - the Wild Coast. Formerly an independent homeland, there has been little development in this area, resulting in the preservation of unspoiled beaches, natural estuaries, rolling grassland, and a tapestry of traditional Xhosa villages.

**Overnight:** Lambazi Bay

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### **DAY 13: Wild Coast free day**

Spend a full day exploring this rugged but stunningly beautiful area. Your guide will take you on an extended hike along this stretch of coastline that offers some of the best hiking routes in the country. Alternatively, you can choose to relax on the private beach in front of the lodge or to swim in a nearby waterfall.

**Overnight:** Lambazi Bay

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### **DAY 14: Frontier Country**

Leaving the lush coastal forests behind, your journey will take you to what is known as the "Frontier Country", a region that was settled in the 1820s by European immigrants and that was the host to many frontier wars. The road is defined by scattered hills and deep valleys with distant glimpses of the ocean. You will spend the night in comfortable accommodation overlooking the city of Grahamstown.

**Overnight:** Grahamstown

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### **DAY 15: Garden Route**

Entering the renowned Garden Route today, your first stop will be at the Tsitsikamma Coastal National Park. Located in a marine reserve, enjoy a short hike offering spectacular views. Enjoy a walk along the rugged coast and over the suspension bridge spanning the Storms River, where you will be spending the night.

**Overnight:** Storms River

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### **DAY 16: Knysna**

Departing from Storms River, you will make your way to the beautiful town of Knysna, where you will spend the night.

**Overnight:** Knysna

**Meals:** Breakfast

### **DAY 17: Travel to Cape Town**

Today you will be taken through the wonderful lakes of the Garden Route, before following the "Whale Route" through Hermanus and around the Hottentots Holland Mountains. Arriving in Cape Town - also known as the "Mother City" - in the late afternoon, you will check into your accommodation which is conveniently situated in the beautiful suburb of Sea Point.

**Overnight:** Cape Town

**Meals:** Breakfast

### **DAY 18: Cape Town**

Undoubtedly one of the most beautiful cities in the world, today you will be taken on a journey to explore all that the stunning city of Cape Town has to offer. Visit Cape Point National Park, Hout Bay, the Cape of Good Hope, and a vineyard for a taste of the local wine. You will also have a chance to hike up Table Mountain. Spend the evening at leisure.

**Overnight:** Cape Town

**Meals:** Breakfast

### **DAY 19: Cape Town**

Your tour finishes in Cape Town today.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Please note: The day by day descriptions published are intended as an indicative guide only. Travel by nature is unpredictable. Weather patterns, road conditions, public holidays, animal migrations, travel restrictions and a multitude of other factors may necessitate itinerary changes that ultimately are for the client's benefit. It is essential that clients are flexible and open minded in this regard.**

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- \$75 per person to reissue any travel documents lost in the mail.
- \$100 per person to process travel insurance claims and provide a statement for your insurance company.
- \$50 per person travel document printing fee

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Cancellation fees will be levied relative to the amount of notice given as follows:

Days Notice	90 or more	90-75	74-65	64-1
	Loss of Deposit and 50% loss of fare	75%	85%	100%

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