

**Group Tour: 13-day South Africa**







Cape Town - Stellenbosch - Oudtshoorn - Knysna - St Francis Bay - Lowveld  
13 Days / 12 Nights



## Introduction

Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Room Type	Duration
<a href="#">SunSquare Cape Town Gardens</a>	Cape Town	B&B	Standard Room	<b>4 Nights</b>
<a href="#">Stellenbosch Hotel</a>	Stellenbosch	B&B	Classic Room	<b>1 Night</b>
<a href="#">La Plume Boutique Guest House</a>	Oudtshoorn	B&B	Luxury Room	<b>2 Nights</b>
<a href="#">aha The Rex Hotel</a>	Knysna	B&B	Standard Room	<b>1 Night</b>
<a href="#">Cape St Francis Resort</a>	Cape St Francis	B&B	Double Room Club Break	<b>1 Night</b>
<a href="#">Muluwa Lodge</a>	Lowveld	D, B&B	Luxury Safari Tents	<b>3 Nights</b>

### Key

B&B: Bed and Breakfast

D, B&B: Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

## Included

- Accommodation on basis advised above
- Included meals - 12 breakfasts & 4 dinners
- All excursions & sight-seeing stated in the itinerary
- Conservation Fees where applicable
- English speaking guide for the duration of the tour: 20-45 pax with separate guide and separate driver
- Luxury coach for the duration of the tour
- Porterage at hotels and airports

## Excluded

- All flights
- Airport taxes
- Visa / passports
- Gratuities
- Travel Insurance
- Items of personal nature
- All drinks
- Optional activities
- Water
- Anything not mentioned in the itinerary

## Rates:

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## Day 1: SunSquare Cape Town Gardens (or similar), Cape Town

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### **Cape Town**

*Resting at the confluence of the Indian and Atlantic Ocean, sandwiched between the slopes of the iconic Table Mountain and the glistening sapphire waters of Table Bay, the exceptionally scenic city of Cape Town is in a class of its own. Some cities boast rich culture, vibrant nightlife, a cosmopolitan atmosphere and extraordinary architecture, while others boast breath-taking landscapes and extraordinary natural wonders. Cape Town is lucky enough to be blessed with all these attractions and so much more. With its bustling harbour, world-class beaches, top-notch vineyards, and its mountainous surroundings brimming with diverse flora and fauna, Cape Town consistently captivates the hearts of all who visit.*

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### **Day Itinerary**

Upon arrival at Cape Town International Airport, guests will be collected by their English-speaking guide. Depending on arrival time, check in to hotel.

Lunch & dinner for guests own account.

### **Overnight: SunSquare Cape Town Gardens**

Beautifully positioned at the base of Table Mountain – one of the new ‘Seven Wonders of Nature’ and is close to Long Street, with its vast selection of chic restaurants and boutique shops, offering an array of daytime and night time activities. The hotel is also located within proximity to main attractions in the area such as the V&A Waterfront, South African National Museum, VOC Company Gardens, Table Mountain Cable Stations and the gorgeous beaches of Camps Bay and Bloubergstrand.

The hotel bedrooms are refreshingly modern and offer comfort and style, featuring stylish furnishings, warm lighting, contemporary flat-screen televisions, ultra-modern writing desks, electronic safes, as well as in-room fridges and super-cool new air conditioning. The en suite bathrooms also sport a new look with beautiful chrome and ceramic tile finishes.

The hotel has 136 beautifully-appointed rooms that have been refurbished to deliver simple comfort and contemporary style. Rooms all have great views of Table Mountain or the vibrant city centre and come with en suite shower-bath combination or a shower only as well as a telephone, DSTV with a wide range of channels and individually-controlled air conditioning units.



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## Day 2: SunSquare Cape Town Gardens, Cape Town

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## Day Itinerary

Today is spent in and around Cape Town city visiting sights such as the **Company Gardens, Houses of Parliament, SA Museum, Castle of Good Hope** and take a trip to the top of **Table Mountain**.

Lunch guests own accounts. In the afternoon, we made our way to the **V&A Waterfront** for leisure.

*At the V&A Waterfront the old-world charm of the historical harbour meets the most modern shopping experience and the gaps in between are filled with fine dining restaurants, down-to-earth food markets, museums, and more leisure activities than you can count on both hands.*

**Welcome dinner at Belthazar Restaurant** in the V&A Waterfront - 3-course dinner and gratuity included (all extras for guests own account).

### Entrance fees included for:

- Table Mountain + return aerial cableway
- Castle of Good Hope
- SA Museum

### *Table Mountain Cableway*

A trip up Table Mountain is quite rightly one of the first things a tourist wants to do when arriving in Cape Town. Once on the top, a 1000 m above the city below, you are rewarded with spectacular 360 views. Take your time and enjoy this unique environment, go for a walk or have a bite to eat at the restaurant with arguably one of the best views possible.

### *Castle of Good Hope*

The Castle of Good Hope is the oldest surviving building in South Africa. Built between 1666 and 1679, this pentagonal fortification replaced a small clay and timber fort built by Commander Jan van Riebeeck in 1652 upon establishing a maritime replenishment station at the Cape of Good Hope for the Dutch East India Company, better known as the VOC (Verenigde Oost-Indische Compagnie).

### *South African Museum*

At the South African Museum, you can see everything from dinosaurs to rock art and fossils to a stuffed quagga, the extinct zebra that once graced Table Mountain. These exhibitions document the evolution of animals and man in Africa. One of the highlights is the Whale Well where you can listen to whale sounds and see a life-size, 20-metre-long skeleton of the planet's largest mammal; the Blue Whale.

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## Day 3: SunSquare Cape Town Gardens, Cape Town

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### Day Itinerary

Today guests enjoy a full day excursion around the **Cape Peninsula**. This tour will include the following highlights - **Seal Island cruise, Cape Point Nature Reserve** and **Boulders Beach**.

Lunch and dinner for guests own account.

### Entrance fees included for:

- Seal Island Cruise
- Cape Point Nature Reserve & return Cape Funicular Ride
- Boulders Beach

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### **Seal Island Cruise**

40-minute cruise from Hout Bay harbour to Duiker Island, the Seal Colony, where you can view thousands of wild Cape Fur Seals close up in their beautiful natural habitat.

### **Cape Point**

Cape Point is a spectacular sight, covered in endemic fynbos and home to breath-taking bays, beaches and rolling green hills and valleys, just 60km outside of Cape Town. Cape Point falls within the Cape Floral Region, a World Heritage Site. The Cape Floral Region is one of the richest areas for plants in the world – it is home to nearly 20% of Africa's flora. Cape Point is open daily and is a must-see. The Flying Dutchman Funicular travels on a railroad on Cape Point, providing a novel and exciting way to travel and see the sights. From the bottom station, you will journey through dense foliage and fynbos to the upper lighthouse.

### **Boulders Beach**

Boulders Beach in Simon's Town has immense boulders which shelter the cove from currents and large waves - but please always take care. It is a rare pleasure to swim with the penguins but don't touch or feed them. They might look cute and cuddly, but their beaks are as sharp as razors and if they feel threatened, they have no qualms about nipping the odd finger or nose.

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## **Day 4: SunSquare Cape Town Gardens, Cape Town**

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### **Day Itinerary**

Today is a **free day** where you have the option to choose any activity.

Lunch and dinner for guests own account.

### **Optional Activities (own account)**

- **Two Oceans Aquarium**
  - **Shark Cage diving**
  - **Sidecar adventures**
  - **Robben Island tour**
  - **Helicopter ride**
  - **Cycle day tours in and around Cape Town**
  - **Cape foodie walking tour & Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens**
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## **Day 5: Stellenbosch Hotel (or similar), Stellenbosch – Winelands**

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### **Stellenbosch**

*A blend of historical architecture, student life, epicurean delights and oak-lined avenues, Stellenbosch is a picturesque university town surrounded by mountains and vineyards. A walking tour of the town centre allows visitors to take in its beautifully preserved Cape Dutch and Victorian architecture, as well as the many enticing art galleries, craft shops, clothing boutiques and gift stores, while foodies may prefer indulging in mouth-watering cuisine and fine wines at one of the chic restaurants or buzzing bistros. Stellenbosch is also the ideal base from which to explore the renowned local wine route, boasting a high proportion of the country's leading wine estates.*

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## Day Itinerary

This morning we drive out to the **Cape Winelands** where we make our way to Paarl to visit the **Spice Route**. Thereafter we proceed to Franschhoek for a **wine tasting** at the Rickety Bridge Wine Estate. Then it is on to the town of Stellenbosch.

Stop en-route for lunch (for guests own account).

We arrive at our accommodation in the area in the afternoon.

Dinner for guests own account.

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### Entrance fees included for:

- Wine Tasting
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### *Spice Route*

13 artisans in one scenic location. Every artisan invited to be part of the Spice Route Destination community is handpicked and different. From chocolate making and beer brewing, to wine tasting, distilling and a taste from all corners of the world, the shared goal is to bring a unique strength and art to the whole collective while supporting each other's individual trade.

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### Overnight: Stellenbosch Hotel

The Stellenbosch Hotel is a 43-room boutique style hotel. The hotel was built on land granted by Gov. Simon van der Stel between 1692 and 1701. The building was restored in 1987 and has been declared a national monument. The TGCSA 3-star hotel is strategically located in the heart of the beautiful and historical town of Stellenbosch. Museums, art galleries and curio shops are all within safe walking distance. It is the ideal destination from which guests can explore the heart of South Africa's Wine Country. Breakfast in the morning is served in the new Stellenbosch Kitchen where lunch and dinner can also be enjoyed from the a la Carte menu. Stellenbosch Kitchen dishes are adapted from classics found around the world.




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## Day 6: La Plume Boutique Guest House (or similar), Oudtshoorn

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### *Oudtshoorn*

*Located along the well-known Route 62 in South Africa's beautiful Klein Karoo, the charming town of Oudtshoorn is known as the ostrich capital of the world. It is surrounded by numerous ostrich farms and the golden arid landscape of the Karoo. Visitors can enjoy the locally produced wine and port; sample ostrich meat and biltong; learn about the ostrich feather boom at the C.P. Nel Museum; and visit the world-renowned Congo Caves, the largest cave system in Africa featuring ancient rock formations and sparkling stalactites and stalagmites. Other popular activities include mountain biking, paragliding, horse riding, and taking a day trip to the quaint town of Prince Albert over the scenic Swartberg Pass.*

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## Day Itinerary

This morning we leave for the Oudtshoorn area. We drive via the **scenic Route 62** and enjoy various sights and stops along the way. We pay a visit to the quirky Diesel & Creme restaurant in Barrydale, for lunch (own account), before making our way to Calitzdorp for **port tasting** at the Calitzdorp Cellar.

Dinner for guests own account.

## Overnight: La Plume Boutique Guest House

La Plume is a Boutique Guest House with Spa on a working ostrich, alfalfa, and cattle farm offering spectacular views of the Swartberg Mountains and the Olifants River Valley. A warm welcome awaits you at this charming 1902 Victorian homestead with its tranquil surroundings where old-world charm is combined with modern comforts to ensure extraordinary service and personal attention. With private entrances, sunny verandas and elegant, comfortable antiques, each of the 20 individually furnished air-conditioned units offer satellite television, free WiFi, minibar and abundant comforts. The restaurant serves a full English Breakfast Buffet, lunch menu, picnic baskets, cheese platters and for dinner enjoy a Four Course Buffet with exceptional local wine in the candlelit dining room of the 1902 Victorian homestead. Join the owner for an informative tour of this working ostrich, alfalfa and cattle farm. Learn about the day to day activities in the life of a full-time farmer and one of the few experts on the ostrich industry. "Our philosophy is exclusivity and exceptional comfort with warm, personal attention in an environment conducive to the art of gracious living. La Plume welcomes you."



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## Day 7: La Plume Boutique Guest House, Oudtshoorn

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### Day Itinerary

This morning, drive out to the **Cango Caves**, situated at the foothills of the Swartberg Mountains for a 1-hour Heritage Tour.

Lunch at the quirky Boer en Vark restaurant (for own account).

After lunch we visit an **Ostrich Farm** for a tour of the farm where we learn all about ostriches, feed one by hand, and watch as the staff expertly demonstrate the various crafts using the ostrich's exquisite feathers, eggs and leather.

Dinner for guests own account.

### Optional Activity (2019 Rack rate):

- **Early morning Meerkat Safari**

### Entrance fees included for:

- Cango Caves Heritage Tour
- Ostrich farm

#### *Cango Caves*

Africa's largest show cave system consists of a 4-kilometer-long series of hidden chambers cut deep into a thick limestone rock layer. A quarter of the chambers are open to the public and qualified cave guides accompany visitors on tours.

#### *Ostrich Farm*

45-minute educational tours, ostrich interaction and feeding, as well as visits to the egg incubation area. Riding of ostriches is no longer permitted.

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## Day 8:      **aha The Rex Hotel (or similar), Knysna**

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### **Knysna**

*Sandwiched between the towering Outeniqua Mountains and the Indian Ocean, Knysna is known as the 'Garden of Eden'. It is surrounded by world-renowned forests, lovely lagoons and pristine beaches. Visitors can look forward to an array of markets offering delicious food and organic locally-made goods, explore the town's picturesque waterfront and quaint streets, adventure through the lush forest, skip over streams and catch a glimpse of the multicoloured Knysna Loerie, take a ferry trip to the famed Knysna Heads and sample the local oysters. Don't miss the opportunity to enjoy a wide range of exciting activities including surfing, swimming, yachting, jet skiing, boating, fishing, and golfing.*

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### **Day Itinerary**

This morning we make our way to **Plettenberg Bay for optional activities**.

Lunch for clients own account.

### **Optional Activities (for own account) -**

- **Surfing Lesson**
- **SUP (Stand up paddle boarding) lesson**
- **Dolphin Encounter**
- **Shark & Seal watching**
- **Whale watching (Jun-Nov)**
- **Wine tasting in a Vintage horse drawn carriage**

- **Visit to Birds of Eden & Monkeyland combo**

In the evening, **cruise on the beautiful Knysna Lagoon** aboard the John Benn with spectacular views of the famous Knysna Heads. Dinner for guests' own account.

### Entrance fees included for:

- Featherbed John Benn

### *Featherbed John Benn*

The John Benn is a double-decker floating restaurant offering daily lagoon cruises to the Knysna Heads. The John Benn is a fully enclosed luxury ferry, beautifully appointed with her upper and lower decks constructed from Yellowwood sourced from the Knysna Forest.

This legendary floating restaurant is for eating, drinking and having fun! The galley team onboard the vessel is young and energetic, serving tasty food made from the freshest local selection.

This wonderful floating restaurant offers a wide dining selection from the a la carte menu, has a bar on each of the upper and lower decks and is fully enclosed.

### Overnight: aha The Rex Hotel

Knysna is a haven of beaches, forests, lakes and sea, and aha The Rex Hotel is one of this coastal town's most sophisticated accommodation offerings. A warm welcome and timeless elegance ensure guests enjoy a special experience during their stay at aha The Rex Hotel, as they promise superior service and exceptional comfort time and again.

Located on the world-famous Garden Route, aha The Rex Hotel is a celebration of urban style, making it one of the most exhilarating getaway destinations in its class. Expect an eclectic mix of modern and classic comforts that capture the essence of 4-star luxury. The O Bar & Eatery menu matches the contemporary setting with cuisine that is beautifully presented and prepared using only the freshest ingredients. aha The Rex Hotel offers travellers a gateway to Knysna's outstanding restaurants, blossoming forests, nature reserves, arts and crafts, and the shores of the serene lagoon.



## Day 9: Cape St Francis Resort (or similar), Cape St Francis

### *Cape St Francis*

Located along South Africa's spectacularly scenic Sunshine Coast, just west of Port Elizabeth, Cape St Francis is a picturesque holiday village known for its excellent surfing and pristine white-sand beach. Visitors can enjoy a variety

of water activities along the canals and in the ocean, such as swimming, boating and fishing. Don't miss the opportunity to explore the century-old Seal Point Lighthouse.

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## Day Itinerary

This morning we visit the picturesque suspension bridge in **Tsitsikamma National Park** and pay a visit to **The Big Tree**.

Thereafter we make our way to Storms River Village where we have lunch at Marilyn's Diner (own account).

Afternoon **Optional Activities (own account) -**

- **Treetop canopy tour**
- **Kayak & Lilo adventure**
- **Craft beer tasting & Art gallery visits in Storms River village**

In the late afternoon, we make our way to the small coastal town of Cape St. Francis for a walk on the picturesque beach before dinner (own account).

### Entrance fees included for:

- Tsitsikamma National Park
  - The Big Tree
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### *Tsitsikamma National Park*

Tsitsikamma National Park is part of the Garden Route National Park, which encompasses a marine reserve made up of 80km of coastline and offers magnificent scenery, walks and a small beach. The famous Storms River suspension Bridge spans the river mouth.

### *The Big Tree*

Standing guard over the treetop canopy in the heart of the forest is The Big Tree - an eight hundred year-old Yellowwood. This majestic tree towers over the rest of the canopy; standing 36+m tall and with a trunk circumference of 9m - this is a giant among giants.

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## Overnight: Cape St Francis Resort

Situated 108 kms west of Port Elizabeth in the quaint village of Cape St Francis lies the Cape St Francis Resort. Privately owned and family run you can choose accommodation ranging from luxury beach villas set on the edge of the dunes where you have a choice of a sea or garden facing room or the entire villa. Club Break rooms, (the more hotel room option) are set around a communal swimming pool. Facilities at the Resort include Joe Fish Restaurant, Full Stop Cafe, a Health and Beauty Studio as well as a convenience shop.

The area is rich in activities such as walking and hiking, golf, surfing, cultural excursions, whale and dolphin trips, visits to the lighthouse, canal and river cruises to name but a few. Any of these can be booked through the front desk at Resort Adventures.



### *Double Room Club Break*

Open plan double room with seating area, kitchenette and bathroom with shower only. Rooms can be a double or twin with 2 single beds

## **Day 10: Muluwa Lodge (or similar), Greater Kruger National Park**

### ***Greater Kruger National Park***

*Sandwiched between Mozambique and the Mpumalanga area of the Drakensberg, the Greater Kruger National Park area is renowned for its subtropical climate, abundant wildlife, and ancient history. This area encompasses several spectacular game reserves including the world-famous Kruger National Park, vast farmlands, and the popular Panorama Route. This area serves as an excellent base from which to explore the Kruger.*

### **Day Itinerary**

Early morning departure for Port Elizabeth International Airport for **flight to O R Tambo International Airport** in Johannesburg.

On arrival in Johannesburg we **depart to the Lowveld** area of South Africa, stopping en-route at Kloppenheim Country Estate for lunch (own account).

Arrival in the Greater Kruger National Park area in the late afternoon. Dinner at the lodge this evening (included).

### **Overnight: Muluwa Lodge**

Muluwa Lodge is ideally situated in the Mpumalanga Lowveld region of South Africa, boasting incredible views out and over the valleys and mountains of the area. The view, beautiful sunrises and sunsets, as well as a wonderful array of “plains” game species that graze close by creates a wonderful “Serengeti” type ambience. Located just 10 minutes’ drive from Kruger International Airport (KMI), and 4 hours from OR Tambo International Airport, between the small artistic town of White River (10 minutes’ drive to the north), and the larger city of Nelspruit/Mbombela (20 minutes’ drive to the south). We are a 35-minute drive from the “Numbi” Kruger Park entrance. This unique location provides the perfect base for relaxation, and exploration of some of Southern Africa’s most precious natural attractions, including the world-renowned Kruger National Park, Blyde River Canyon and the scenic and historical - Panorama Route




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## Day 11: Muluwa Lodge, Greater Kruger National Park

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### Day Itinerary

Today we visit the world-famous **Kruger National Park** for a full day open vehicle game drive.

The lodge will provide breakfast packs and lunch (own account) can be enjoyed at a rest camp in the park. Dinner included at the lodge.

### Entrance and conservation fees included for:

- Full day Kruger National Park safari in an open vehicle

### *Kruger National Park*

The Kruger National Park is one of the largest game reserves in Africa. Covering an area of well over two million hectares, the size of Wales, it is no wonder that this reserve is one of the world's top game viewing destinations.

The Kruger National Park lies across the provinces of Mpumalanga and Limpopo in the north of South Africa, just south of Zimbabwe and west of Mozambique. It now forms part of the Great Limpopo Transfrontier Park - a peace park that links Kruger National Park with game parks in Zimbabwe and Mozambique, and fences are already coming down to allow game to freely roam in much the way it would have in the time before man's intervention.

This is the land of baobabs, fever trees, knob thorns, marula and mopane trees underneath which lurk the Big Five, the Little Five (buffalo weaver, elephant shrew, leopard tortoise, ant lion and rhino beetle), the birding Big Six (ground hornbill, kori bustard, lappet-faced vulture, martial eagle, pel's fishing owl and saddle-bill stork) and more species of mammals than any other African Game Reserve.

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## Day 12: Muluwa Lodge, Greater Kruger National Park

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### Day Itinerary

Today is a **free day** and you have the option to choose any of the activities listed below.

Lunch for clients own account, while dinner is included.

#### Optional Activities (own account) -

- Full day Kruger National Park game drive
- Lowveld Art route tour
- Township bike ride & Chimp Eden (a Jane Goodall Institute) tour
- Graskop Glass Lift & Toboggan Tour

## Day 13:

### Day Itinerary

Today we depart for Johannesburg via the **Panorama Route**.

Included highlights along the Panorama Route would be **Three Rondavels, Bourke's Luck Potholes** and **God's Window**.

Lunch (own account) at the Boskombuis near Graskop.

Arrival at O.R. Tambo International Airport in Johannesburg in the late afternoon.

#### Entrance fees included for:

- Three Rondavels
- Bourke's Luck Potholes
- God's Window

#### *Three Rondavels Lookout*

The Three Rondavels Lookout is famous for its view of the 33 kilometre long gorge that forms the Blyde River Canyon. Its name is due to three hills that resemble African huts and were once called round hovels by the British.

#### *Bourke's Luck Potholes*

The Treur River plunging into the Blyde River has caused waterborne sand and rock to create huge potholes, some six metres deep, into the bedrock of the river. This natural water feature is known as Bourke's Luck. There is a well-developed picnic area here and a series of walkways and bridges that enable visitors to get great views of this amazing geological feature. Another attraction at Bourke's Luck is the visitors' centre, which has numerous interesting displays. A newly developed, 180 m circular trail, accessible to the physically disabled, starts at the visitors' centre and has as its main theme the lichens found in the area.

#### *God's Window*

God's Window looks out over the Drakensberg escarpment dropping 1000m below, offering a view of the lowveld stretching out towards the Kruger National Park. Magnificent montane forest, canyons, rock formations and waterfalls can all be seen.

## Travel Information



This vast country is undoubtedly one of the most culturally and geographically diverse places on earth. Fondly known by locals as the 'Rainbow Nation', South Africa has 11 official languages and its multicultural inhabitants are influenced by a fascinating mix of African, Asian and European cultures. Spend your days: discovering the gourmet restaurants, impressive art and nightlife scenes and fine beaches of Cape Town; browsing the bustling Indian markets in Durban; or sampling some of the world's finest wines at the myriad wine estates dotted around the picturesque Cape Winelands. Due to its rich and turbulent history there are plenty of historical attractions to explore including the Zululand battlefields of KwaZulu-Natal, the Apartheid Museum in Johannesburg and Robben Island, just off the coast of Cape Town. Above all else, South Africa's attraction lies in its remarkably untamed wilderness with its astonishing range of wildlife roaming freely across massive unfenced game reserves such as the world-famous Kruger National Park. With all this variety on offer, it is little wonder that South Africa has fast become Africa's most popular tourist destination.

### *Banking and Currency*

#### **Currency**

The currency is the Rand, which is divided into 100 cents. There are R200, R100, R50, R20 and R10 notes. Coins come in R5, R2, R1, 50c, 20c, 10c and 5c.

#### **Banking**

Banks are found in most towns and are generally open from 09h00 to 15h30 on weekdays and 08h30 to 11h00 on Saturdays (Closed Sundays and Public Holidays). Most of them offer foreign exchange services - with cash, bank & credit cards as well as travellers' cheques. You can also obtain cash from automatic teller machines (ATMs). Several international banks have branches in the main city centres. Always advise your bank that you are travelling outside of the country as they might block your purchases if they are not informed.

### *Travel, Transport and Getting Around*

Travelling around South Africa is relatively easy by air, road and rail.

Principal air routes are serviced by SAA and British Airways, operated by Comair. There are 2 low-cost carriers on main routes, namely Kulula.com and Mango.

Facilitating travel around South Africa are 10 airports managed by the Airports Company South Africa (Acsa). In addition, there are some 90 regional airports, including the Kruger Mpumalanga International Airport in Nelspruit and the Skukuza Airport, offering access to the Kruger National Park.

An extensive tarred road system makes travelling in South Africa by vehicle convenient and easy. You will find gravel roads in rural areas though. Note:

- A valid international driver's licence is required.
- We drive on the left-hand side of the road.
- Wearing seat belts is compulsory and cell phones can only be used 'hands free'.
- Speed limits are generally set at 120km on freeways, 100km on secondary roads and 60km in urban areas.
- Toll fees apply on certain national roads.
- Petrol stations are widespread.
- Most global car hire firms have branches in South Africa

### *Food, Drink and Cuisine Advice*

Standards of hygiene in relation to food health and safety in South Africa, are generally high in hotels, restaurants, pubs and nightspots. Tap water in South Africa is safe to drink and cook with when taken from taps in urban areas. Not all tap water in rural areas is safe for consumption, so take precautions if necessary.

It is safe to eat fresh fruit, vegetables and salads, and put ice in your drinks. South Africa's fish, meat and chicken are of excellent quality, so there is no need to limit yourself when enjoying the local cuisine.

Restaurants are subject to South Africa's food safety control legislation, which is implemented by local government. Regulations include certification and regular inspections by health inspectors to ensure hygienic standards are maintained.

Street food is not as common in South Africa as it is in other countries, although vendors selling traditional snacks and meals can be found in city centres and townships. Food safety in such instances cannot always be guaranteed.

### *Climate and Weather*

South African temperatures, which are measured in centigrade, average at highs of 28°C to average lows of 8°C in the summer months while winter temperatures range from 1°C at night to around 18°C in the day. Average annual rainfall is on the low side at under 500mm a year, making the country somewhat dry. Much of the rain falls in the Western Cape in the winter, differing from the rest of the country, which experiences summer rainfall. On the plus side, the South African climate boasts more than its fair share of sunshine, recording an average of 8.5 hours a day.

### *Clothing and Dress Recommendations*

#### **Summer**

Bring clothes that are cool, light and comfortable because summer temperatures can get well into the 30 - 40-degree Celsius range in some areas. Also bring an umbrella or raincoat during summer as this is when most of the country gets its rain, but don't forget a swimming costume (bathing suit).

#### **Winter**

The winters are generally mild, comparing favourably with European summers. But there are days when temperatures dive, especially in high-lying areas such as the Drakensberg, so be prepared with jerseys and jackets. Cape Town gets its rain during the winter season so it's advisable to bring rain gear along.

#### **General**

Always bring a hat, sunglasses and sunblock as the sun can be strong even in the winter months.

Walking shoes are a good idea all year-round, with warm socks in the winter.

If you are doing business in the country, business attire (suit and tie) is generally called for in the corporate sector, but media for example generally dress more casually.

For game viewing, a couple of neutral-toned items will be useful, but there's no need to go overboard. A good pair of walking shoes is also advisable.

For the evening, if you are dining at an upmarket restaurant or seeing a show, smart-casual attire is recommended.

### *Electricity and Plug Standards*

Current is 220/240 volts at 50 cycles per second. A three-point round-pin adapter plug should be brought for your electrical appliances - such adapters are also available at major airports.

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### **Terms and Conditions**

**PLEASE NOTE: THE PROPOSAL IS SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF HOTELS, TRANSPORT AND OTHER SERVICES. PRICES WILL BE CONFIRMED ONLY ONCE ALL THE ROLE-PLAYERS HAVE CONFIRMED THEIR CONTRACTED RATES (SEASONALITY AND OTHER FACTORS OUT OF OUR CONTROL MIGHT HAVE AN IMPACT). BOOKINGS OR PART THEREOF, FALLING OUTSIDE OF THE INDICATED VALIDITY PERIOD, WILL BE SUBJECT TO PRICE ADJUSTMENTS. HIGHLINE TOURS & TRAVEL'S GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS (AVAILABLE ON REQUEST), INCLUDING DEPOSIT DATES AND CANCELLATION FEES, ARE AUTOMATICALLY DEEMED ACCEPTED BY YOU AS SOON AS A BOOKING REQUEST RESULTING FROM THIS OR A SUBSEQUENT PROPOSAL IS RECEIVED IN WRITING.**