



The Wonders of South Africa Tour

Trip Code: **WSA-GT** Start: **Port Elizabeth** End: **Nelspruit**

Countries Visited: **South Africa**

DAY 1

Welcome to South Africa!

You have been travelling for what probably seems like days to get here so our first day is simply spent relaxing and unwinding from those long flights. Your driver will be waiting for you once you clear arrivals and will bring you straight to the hotel where your Tour CSO will be waiting excitedly to meet you. The group will gather at 6:30pm for introductory drinks and a low down of our first few days, before heading out for a group dinner where we can spend time getting to know our new family.

ACCOMMODATION: Boardwalk Hotel or similar

MEALS: D

INCLUDED ACTIVITIES: Airport transfer

DAY 2

After a hopefully restful night's sleep with the memory of yesterday's journey fully put to bed, we head off this morning on an island cruise in the hopes of spotting whales, dolphins and penguins along the way. We then enjoy a delicious lunch before travelling to the magnificent Addo National Park to enjoy an afternoon game drive in the third largest park in South Africa. Fingers crossed we might have a chance at spotting the big 7 all in one day!

ACCOMMODATION: Boardwalk Hotel or similar

MEALS: BLD

INCLUDED ACTIVITIES: Whale, dolphin & penguin island cruise, afternoon game drive

DAY 3

We depart Port Elizabeth after breakfast and make our way to an area known as the Craggs Winelands. Here we enjoy a horse and carriage wine tasting experience, with a sumptuous lunch at one of the vineyards and 3 wine tastings, our day promises to be wonderfully fun and relaxing. From here we take the short journey to Plettenberg bay which will be our home for the next 2 nights.

ACCOMMODATION: Plettenberg Hotel or similar

MEALS: BL

INCLUDED ACTIVITIES: Horse & Carriage Wine Trail



DAY 4

Craving a lie in and a lazy day to do what you like? We hear you! Today is a completely free day so if you need some time out then today is the day. Are you more of a “hell no give me more to see and do” kinda person? Don’t worry, there are a lot of activities for you to immerse yourself in should you want to, from another ocean safari to surfing, or maybe you fancy a good hike? There’s also an option to head back to where we were yesterday for a leisurely kayak and lilo tour or even canopy ziplining through Tsitsikamma National Park if you are up for a bit of an adventurous day! You will NOT be bored unless you want to be! Just in case you’ve missed the group today, we’ll meet in the evening for dinner to catch up on what we’ve all been up to.

ACCOMMODATION: Plettenberg Hotel or similar

MEALS: BD

DAY 5

Awake this morning to the waves crashing and take a stroll around Plettenberg Bay to soak up this fabulous beachside town. We only have a short drive today the lagoon town of Knysna, where we will enjoy a fabulous sunset sail so that we can fully appreciate the beauty of land!

ACCOMMODATION: Turbine Hotel or similar

MEALS: B

INCLUDED ACTIVITIES: Sunset sail

DAY 6

Enjoy another lazy morning or get up early and grab an electric bike to explore the Knysna Heads. If you fancy more water-based activities, you can try stand-up paddling, or stay dry and take another whale watching cruise. For a more relaxing day, head to the waterfront to browse the shops and enjoy a some of the oysters that this town is renowned for.

ACCOMMODATION: Turbine Hotel or similar

MEALS: B

DAY 7

It’s an early start this morning as we embark on our longest journey so far. From Knysna we head to Cape Agulhas to stand on the very Southernmost point of the African continent, putting one foot on the Atlantic Ocean side and one on the Indian Ocean side. It is a beautiful spot and the perfect way to break up our day and stretch the legs. We then head a short distance to a nearby vineyard for some local wine and lunch, before heading to our final destination, Hermanus, the whale watching capital of South Africa, where if you are lucky enough you may spot whales as close as 5 meters from the shoreline.

ACCOMMODATION: Hermanus Boutique Hotel or similar

MEALS: BL

INCLUDED ACTIVITIES: Cape Agulhas entry and wine tasting



DAY 8

Having covered some 500km yesterday, we thought you might like a lie in this morning? If you are up bright and early, we thoroughly recommend taking a walk along the Cliff Path for some land-based whale watching. This afternoon we go out on a whale watching trip to get up close and personal with several pods of whales and marvel at how truly huge these beautiful creatures are. After so much excitement, it's only right we toast the evening at a group dinner.

ACCOMMODATION: Hermanus Boutique Hotel or similar

MEALS: BD

INCLUDED ACTIVITIES: Whale watching trip

DAY 9

After a leisurely breakfast, we take to the road and head to the Mother City, the fabulous Cape Town, where we drop our luggage and get orientated with a short drive around the main areas of the city, before we take to the skies in a cable car to the top of Table Mountain where the views are nothing short of spectacular. Our base is in the hub of the bustling waterfront and Cape Town has some of the best restaurants and food we have ever tasted, right on the hotel doorstep.

ACCOMMODATION: Victoria & Alfred Hotel or similar

MEALS: B

INCLUDED ACTIVITIES: Orientation drive and return cable car journey

DAY 10

Did someone say wine? Now we know it has been 3 whole days since our last wine tasting, so today we are venturing to Franschhoek to board the hop-on hop-off wine tram bus, spending as much time as the day will allow sampling the best of the wines in this region. With 5 routes to choose from and a variety of different vineyards to suit everyone's taste, we know you are going to have and a lot of fun along the way!

ACCOMMODATION: Victoria & Alfred Hotel or similar

MEALS: B

INCLUDED ACTIVITIES: Wine tram bus ticket and tasting fees

DAY 11

Craving some me time? Love the group so much you can't bear to be apart? Today is a free day so take some time out or grab a friend and pick exactly the activity YOU want to do. Robben Island is a great option weather permitting, the waterfront has lots of shops to browse if you fancy a mooch, or maybe you'll head out for the day to Cape Point and the penguins at Boulders Beach. There is so much to do and see, so make the most of it! Tonight we regroup for dinner as the Garden Route part of our journey comes to an end.

ACCOMMODATION: Victoria & Alfred Hotel or similar

MEALS: BD



DAY 12

IT'S BUSH TIME PEOPLE! That's right, get those binoculars out and don't forget your camera! After a couple of hours flight to the other side of the country, we head to our private game reserve with just enough time to freshen up before our afternoon game drive. Here you will get to experience a different kind of safari altogether with both a tracker and a ranger who aim to get you very up close and personal with the wildlife!

ACCOMMODATION: Private 4* lodge in the Greater Kruger **MEALS:** BLD

INCLUDED ACTIVITIES: Afternoon game drive

DAYS 13 & 14

There's lots of time to get into the safari way of life in this fabulous private reserve as we are here for 2 more nights. Each day we will rise early in the hope of finding some active cats on the hunt, or at the very least watching a spectacular sunrise. After hearty breakfasts back at the lodge, you have time to just relax, have a snooze and take a dip in the pool before we head out again late afternoon for our sundowner game drives.

ACCOMMODATION: Private 4* lodge in the Greater Kruger **MEALS:** BLD x 2

INCLUDED ACTIVITIES: Two game drives per day

DAY 15

Another super early morning as we embark on our final morning game drive (sob!). Breathe in the fresh bush air and take a moment to realise just how special this place is. Departure day is here and it is time to say farewell after breakfast. As Toto once said "it's gonna take a lot to drag me away from you". Until the next time!

MEALS: B

INCLUDED ACTIVITIES: Morning game drive and airport transfer

SUMMARY

MEALS: 14 Breakfasts, 6 Lunches, 8 Dinners

INCLUDED ACTIVITIES: as specified

ROAD TRANSFERS: From arrival at Port Elizabeth airport right through to departure from Nelspruit airport

EXCLUDES: all flights, travel insurance, visas, meals not specified, all drinks unless specified, gratuities and items of a personal nature

MEETING POINT: Port Elizabeth Airport (South Africa)

ENDING POINT: Nelspruit Airport (South Africa)