



# TRAVEL PASSION INC.

A PASSION FOR TRAVEL

## 11-days Cape Town, Garden Route, Sun City & Mabula



**CAPE TOWN**



**OUTDSHOORN**



**SUN CITY**



**THE WATERBERG BIOSPHERE**

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Cape Town - Simons Town - Oudtshoorn - Klein Karoo - Knysna - Sun City - Pilanesberg National Park - The Waterberg Biosphere  
11 Days / 10 Nights



## Introduction

Start	Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Duration
Day 1	Cresta Grande Cape Town	Cape Town	B&B	3 Nights
Day 4	La Plume Boutique Guest House	Oudtshoorn	B&B	1 Night
Day 5	Blackwaters River Lodge	Knysna	B&B	2 Nights
Day 7	Sun City Hotel	Sun City	B&B	2 Nights
Day 9	Mabula Game Lodge	The Waterberg Biosphere	FB+	2 Nights

### Key

B&B: Bed and Breakfast

FB+: Full Board Plus - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Activities

### Includes:

- 10 nights' accommodation as above
- Breakfast Daily
- Private transfer on arrival in Cape Town
- Half day private guided Cape Town city tour including Table Mountain cableway tickets
- Full day private guided Cape Peninsula tour including Cape of Good Hope entrance and Boulders beach entrance
- Garden Route activities: Cango Wildlife ranch entrance and guided tour, Cango Caves Heritage Tour, Safari Ostrich Farm Tractor Tour
- Return private road transfers between Johannesburg OR Tambo International Airport - Sun City Resort – Mabula Private Game Reserve – Johannesburg OR Tambo International Airport
- Access to resort facilities at Sun City, Valley of the Waves
- Mabula: All meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner) and scheduled morning and afternoon game drives

### Private Guided Vehicle specifications:

2 pax in a sedan

4 pax in a 7-seater minivan (Hyundai Staria or similar)

6-8 pax in a Toyota Quantum or similar

### Excludes:

- All flights (International and Internal)
- Additional meals and all drinks
- Optional activities/entrance fees/excursions
- Personal items & Gratuities
- Travel Insurance (mandatory for travel to South Africa) and Visas
- Anything not mentioned as included (please ask if unclear)

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## Day 1: Cresta Grande Cape Town, Cape Town

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### Day Itinerary

#### Arrival in Cape Town

Upon arrival at Cape Town International Airport you will be met by your driver-guide, who will be with you for the duration of your time in Cape Town, and transferred to your hotel. Your guide will meet you in the arrival hall with a name board showing your name. Please call or WhatsApp the emergency contact number on your travel vouchers in the unlikely event that you do not manage to locate your guide.

Your hotel is located in the heart of Cape Town's vibrant city centre within walking distance of the fashionable foodie district, Bree Street, which offers a variety of dining experiences.

Enjoy the afternoon and evening at your own leisure, depending on your arrival time there are several options of things to do in the city. No driver-guide and vehicle included.

#### Optional Activities (at an additional cost):

- Visit the lively V&A Waterfront where there are a variety of shops, markets, restaurants activities and attractions to enjoy
- Sunset Cruise in Table Bay
- Sunset views from Signal Hill
- Sunset Kayak Experience along Table Bay Coastline

#### Cape Town

Set at the confluence of the Indian and Atlantic oceans and backed by the iconic Table Mountain, the bustling city of Cape Town presents an alluring combination of drawcards. Incredible powdery white beaches, highly acclaimed wine routes, and astonishingly beautiful mountain trails surround a cosmopolitan hub. This diverse metropolis is filled with superb shops and restaurants, extraordinary heritage monuments, a multitude of entertainment venues, and a spectacular, chic waterfront harbour. Highlights include the Zeitz Museum of Contemporary African Art; Table Mountain's jaw-dropping views; Boulders Beach, where penguins might swim right up to you in the warm Indian ocean waters; the Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens, where you can walk along a treetop canopy among incredible native flora or watch an open-air concert at the base of the mountain; Robben Island, where visitors can see the cell where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned for 18 years; and many more.

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#### *V&A Waterfront*

The V&A Waterfront in Cape Town is a vibrant hub of culture, history, and entertainment. Originally a harbour, it has transformed into a world-class destination. With roots dating back to 1860, it seamlessly blends historical landmarks with modern attractions. Visitors can explore its diverse offerings, including luxury accommodations, delectable dining, captivating museums, and thrilling boat rides. The lively atmosphere, breathtaking views of Table Mountain, and bustling markets make it a must-visit location for locals and tourists alike.



### Overnight: Cresta Grande Cape Town

The Cresta Grande Cape Town is located in the heart of the city and within walking distance to most tourist attractions, popular shopping areas, museums, award winning Restaurants and nightlife. The hotel offers 242 newly renovated, comfortable rooms with free high-speed Wi-Fi, private bathrooms with separate showers and bathtubs, satellite TV, mini-bar fridge, in-room safe, and in-room tea and coffee making facilities. Rooms have spectacular views of either the city, Table Mountain, or Lion's Head Mountains. 24-hour in-room dining, various bars, and an extended buffet restaurant are available, offering local and international cuisine with a live cooking station. Enjoy cocktails at the hotel's outdoor pool overlooking the city. A 24-hour gymnasium is also available. Cape Town International Airport is 25 minutes from the hotel. The CTICC is five minutes from the hotel and the vibrant V&A Waterfront is just 10 minutes away.



### Basis

Bed and Breakfast

## Day 2: Cresta Grande Cape Town, Cape Town

### Day Itinerary

#### Private Half Day Cape Town City Tour & Table Mountain

**Pick-Up Time:** 09.00 at hotel reception

**Drop-Off Time:** 13.00 at hotel

**Included:** Table Mountain Aerial Cableway return tickets

**Excluded:** All entrance fees to museums – for own account if interested to visit and time depending.

**Note:** Services of driver-guide and vehicle end after the tour finishes unless booked on a full day basis with driver-guide and vehicle at disposal – additional cost.

You will be met by your guide in your hotel reception area and taken on a Half Day Cape Town City Orientation Tour to learn about Cape Town's rich history and vibrant cultures. The day starts with a cableway trip to the top of one of the World's Natural Wonders – Table Mountain, also the city's most iconic and recognisable landmark. Explore the

walking trails at the top and take in the many different views point across the City Bowl, Table Bay, Atlantic Seaboard and Peninsula.

From Table Mountain your guide will take you back down into the city to visit the colourful Bo Kaap (Cape Malay Quarter), enjoy a walk through the Company Gardens and Greenmarket Square and an orientation drive taking in some of the important historical buildings (for example the Castle of Good Hope – South Africa’s oldest building), streets and features.

#### Highlights:

- Table Mountain and the aerial cableway (weather depending)
- Bo-Kaap – one of the city’s most Instagrammable spots thanks to its picturesque colourful houses and cobblestone streets
- The Company Gardens – a large public park lined with oak trees and surrounded by iconic historical buildings, museums and art galleries
- Vibrant Greenmarket Square market offering a wide range of African arts and crafts
- Orientation drive to see The Castle of Good Hope, City Hall, Grand Parade and Adderley Street with its many statues and historical buildings

The rest of the day will be at your own leisure, you can choose from a wide range of optional activities and excursions that Cape Town has to offer.

#### Optional Activities (at an additional cost):

- Visit to the lively V&A Waterfront where there are a variety of shops, markets, restaurants activities and attractions to enjoy
- City Tour by Bicycle or E-Bike
- Paragliding from Signal Hill or Lions Head
- Scenic helicopter flight
- Lions head guided hike (morning or sunset)
- Robben Island Excursion - with option of a private guided tour with Christo Brand as the guide (Nelson Mandela's prison guard who became his friend)
- A visit to Kirstenbosch National Botanical Gardens for a walk, including the Boomslang Treetop Canopy Walkway
- Cape Malay Cooking experience in the Bo Kaap
- If this day falls on a Saturday or Sunday a visit to a local Food Market (e.g. Oranjezicht City Farm or Neighbourgoods Market at the Old Biscuit Mill)
- Constantia Winelands Zip and Sip Trip (half day Ziplining and Wine Tasting in the Constantia Valley) or half day wine tour in the Constantia Valley

#### ***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 1000m 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 bit to eat at the restaurant with arguably one of the best views possible.



### ***South African Museum***

Iziko South African Museum in Cape Town is a cultural gem showcasing the natural and cultural heritage of South Africa. The museum houses fascinating exhibitions on palaeontology, archaeology, anthropology, and natural history, featuring impressive collections of fossils, artefacts, and indigenous flora and fauna. It offers an enriching experience for visitors seeking to explore the country's diverse past and natural wonders.

### ***Company's Garden***

The Company's Garden, located in Cape Town, is a tranquil oasis in the heart of the city. This historic garden dates back to the 17th century and was originally established as a refreshment station by the Dutch East India Company. Today, it is a popular public park that offers a serene escape from the bustling city streets. The garden features lush lawns, beautiful flower beds, and majestic trees, providing a peaceful setting for leisurely strolls and picnics. It is also home to several notable landmarks, including the South African Museum, the Planetarium, and the famous Delville Wood Memorial Garden.

### ***Bo-Kaap***

Bo-Kaap is a neighbourhood in Cape Town set on the slopes of Signal Hill and was originally established by members of the Cape Malay community who were brought to Cape Town during the 18th century as slaves. Bo-Kaap is known for its brightly coloured homes, beautiful mosques and vibrant culture. It is a popular tourist attraction and one of the most photographed areas in Cape Town. Visitors can explore the area on foot or take a guided tour to learn about its history and culture. Bo-Kaap is also home to many restaurants, cafes and shops offering traditional cuisine and handmade crafts from local artisans.



### ***Greenmarket Square***

Greenmarket Square, situated in Cape Town, has a rich history that dates back to the 17th century as a trading hub for fresh vegetables sourced from the Company's Garden. Today, Greenmarket Square is a bustling public square renowned for its vibrant flea market. Visitors can explore an array of stalls offering local crafts, artwork, clothing, and souvenirs. The square also hosts live performances, adding to its lively atmosphere. Greenmarket Square remains a popular destination for both locals and tourists, serving as a vibrant cultural and commercial centre in Cape Town.

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## **Basis**

Bed and Breakfast

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## Day 3: Cresta Grande Cape Town, Cape Town

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### Day Itinerary

#### Private Full Day Cape Peninsula Tour

**Pick-Up Time:** 08.30 at hotel reception

**Drop-Off Time:** 17.30-18.00 at hotel

**Included:** Chapman's Peak toll fee (weather depending), entrance fees for Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve (Cape Point) and Boulders Beach (Penguins)

**Excluded:** Seal Island boat excursion and entrance to Kirstenbosch Gardens – for own account and subject to availability and time – note that there is only time for ONE of these two activities. Funicular at Cape Point.

**Lunch:** For own account

**Note:** Services of driver-guide and vehicle end after the tour finishes unless dinner transfers are booked – additional cost.

You will be met by your guide in your hotel reception area and taken on a Full Day Cape Peninsula Tour. Cape Town is frequently acknowledged and awarded as being one of the world's most beautiful places – this tour will show you why! Experience the spectacular natural splendour and abundance of life of the Cape Peninsula. With scenic views to take your breath away and photo opportunities galore this trip also takes you through a World Heritage Site – the Cape Floral Kingdom.

Travel along the Atlantic Seaboard to Hout Bay, passing magnificent beaches and the coastal suburbs of Clifton, Camps Bay and Llandudno. From the busy fishing harbour at Hout Bay you have the option of a boat trip to see the thousands of Cape Fur Seals living on a rocky outcrop. Browse for souvenirs at the Hout Bay Craft Market or take a walk on the beach and paddle your feet in the sea.

The tour continues over Chapman's Peak, known as one of the most spectacular scenic drives in the world, all the way along the Peninsula to the southern tip at Cape Point. An invigorating walk takes you to the two lighthouses at the top and bottom of the headland, from where you will enjoy extraordinary views of the cliffs and the ocean below. Alternatively, you could take an optional short funicular ride to the top. Take a photo down at the most south-western point of the African continent at the Cape of Good Hope beach.

Lunch will be enjoyed at a seaside restaurant (excluded and for your own account) before we make our way along the False Bay coastline to the Naval village of Simon's Town. We will visit the delightful African Penguins of Boulders Beach and then the drive takes us back via Cape Town's coastal and southern suburbs.

#### Highlights:

- Drive along the Atlantic Sea Board passing the beautiful beaches of Clifton and Camps Bay
- Photo stop at Maidens Cove to take in the views of the Twelve Apostles mountain range, Camps Bay Beach and Lions Head
- Stop at Hout Bay Harbour – a busy fishing harbour
- Optional boat ride to Duiker Island to see the Cape Fur Seals
- Chapman's Peak Drive – known as one of the World's most beautiful drives
- Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve and Cape Point – most South-Western point of Africa and the southern tip of the Cape Peninsula, spectacular scenery
- False Bay Coastal Road – look out for whales between June and November
- Visit the comical African Penguins at Boulders Beach



- Simon's Town – home to South Africa's Naval Base
- Picturesque drive past Kalk Bay and Muizenberg – see the famous colourful beach huts
- Kirstenbosch National Botanical Gardens – optional and time dependent

There are also a number of other exciting ways to explore the Cape Peninsula and fun activities which can be included as an alternative to the standard routing above:

Optional Activities (at additional cost):

- Snorkelling with Seals from Hout Bay
- Kayaking with Penguins from Simon's Town
- Waterbike Ocean Adventure from Simon's Town
- Surfing lesson in Muizenberg
- Explore the Peninsula or a section thereof via Side-car
- Self-drive the Peninsula in a classic convertible Cobra

### ***Camps Bay***

Camps Bay is a wealthy coastal suburb located just ten minutes from the city bowl. Set on the slopes of Table Mountain, it overlooks a series of beautiful sandy bays and the Atlantic Ocean beyond. Camps Bay is home to Cape Town's most glamorous beach.



### ***Hout Bay***

The originally small fishing village of Hout Bay is now a popular suburb of Cape Town. Over and above being a lovely family beach, it has many tourist attractions which include the World of Birds, a township tour to the vibrant Imizamo Yethu, arts and crafts, boat rides out to Seal Island and some great, casual restaurants where you can relax and enjoy the surroundings.



### ***Chapman's Peak***

Chapman's Peak Drive winds its way between Noordhoek and Hout Bay. Situated on the Atlantic Coast, at the southwestern tip of South Africa, it is one of the most spectacular scenic drives in the world. The 9km route, with its 114 curves, skirts the rocky coastline of Chapman's Peak. The drive offers stunning 180-degree views with many areas along the route where visitors can stop and take in the scenery or sit down for a relaxing picnic.



### ***Cape of Good Hope***

Cape of Good Hope is located near the southernmost tip of the African continent in South Africa. The cape is surrounded by beaches, coves, and cliffs, making it a popular location for sightseeing. The Cape of Good Hope is well known for its rich history. It was an important stop on the early trade routes between Europe and Asia. Today, the location is a popular tourist attraction. It provides visitors with stunning views and is also home to a variety of wildlife.

### ***Cape Point***

Cape Point is a spectacular sight, covered in endemic fynbos and home to breathtaking 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.



### ***Boulders Beach***

Boulders Beach is located in Cape Town, South Africa. It is a sheltered beach made up of inlets between granite boulders and crystal clear waters. The area is home to one of the largest breeding colonies of African penguins. Visitors can observe the penguins close up from elevated boardwalks while enjoying beautiful views. It is a popular location for swimming, snorkelling, and birdwatching.



### ***Simons Town***

Simon's Town (sometimes spelled Simonstown, is a town near Cape Town, which is home to the South African Navy. It is located on the shores of False Bay, on the eastern side of the Cape Peninsula. For more than two centuries it has been a naval base and harbour (first for the Royal Navy and now the South African Navy). The town is named after Simon van der Stel, an early governor of the Cape Colony.



### **Muizenberg**

Muizenberg is a vibrant coastal town with a rich history and stunning beach. Its origins date back to the 18th century, and it has grown into a popular destination for surfers and beach enthusiasts. The beach is renowned for its consistent waves, attracting surfers of all skill levels. Along the shoreline, you'll find iconic and colourful bathing boxes that add a touch of charm to the area. History buffs can explore the Rhodes Cottage Museum and Het Posthuys Museum, which provide insights into the town's past. The Battle of Muizenberg's historical site commemorates a significant event during the Anglo-Dutch war. For entertainment, the Masque Theatre offers a diverse program of live performances. Additionally, Casa Labia, a stunning Italian-inspired mansion, houses an art gallery, café, and cultural centre.




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### **Basis**

Bed and Breakfast

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## **Day 4: La Plume Boutique Guest House, Oudtshoorn**

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### **Day Itinerary**

#### **Cape Town to Oudtshoorn via Route 62**

**420km Approximate driving time 5 hours (7 hours with stops)**

This morning your driver-guide will meet you at your hotel reception (please ensure your bags are packed and you have checked out of the hotel) at 09.00 to depart on the next leg of your South African adventure – exploring the beautiful Garden Route.

Travel along the famous Route 62 from the Cape Winelands en route to Oudtshoorn. This route has previously been named "World's Best Road Trip Destination" by CNN! There are lots of interesting stops and places to discover along the way and it is also known to be "The World's Longest Wine Route". A good place to stop about half way through the journey is Barrydale, where there a few options for lunch (for your own account).

Check-in at your accommodation and enjoy the peaceful and picturesque setting on a working ostrich farm. Dinner (for your own account) can either be enjoyed at your accommodation or at a restaurant in the town – dinner transfers are included in the services.

## 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 Cango 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.

### Route 62

Meandering from the cosmopolitan city of Cape Town to the Karoo town of Oudtshoorn, through a series of fascinating small towns and breathtaking scenery, Route 62 is the longest Wine Route in the world. Lush greenery and fertile valleys form a stark contrast against the semi-desert of the Klein Karoo, while towering mountains and their rivers and streams provide an awe-inspiring backdrop throughout. Some of the renowned attractions visitors will spot as they follow the route are the Winelands of the Breede River Valley, the majestic Swartberg Mountains, the Cango Caves and ostrich farms of Oudtshoorn, and the fruit orchards of the Langkloof Valley.



### 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.

La Plume offers stylish luxury with a diverse range of accommodation from a Cottage, Private Farm Villa, Luxury Rooms to Luxury Junior Suite, Honeymoon and Superior Suites. 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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## Basis

Bed and Breakfast

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## Day 5: Blackwaters River Lodge, Knysna

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### Day Itinerary

#### Full day Oudtshoorn and Transfer to Knysna

**Pick-Up Time:** 09.00 at hotel reception – please note a prompt departure is essential in order to fit in all the planned activities of the day

**Drop-Off Time:** 18.00 at hotel in Knysna

**Included:**

Standard Heritage Tour at the Cango Caves at 10.00 (1-hour tour)

Entrance to and Standard Tour at Cango Wildlife Ranch from 12.00 (1-hour tour)

Tractor Tour at Safari Ostrich Farm at 15.00 (1-hour tour)

Note: All the above tours are on a scheduled/shared basis at each attraction.

**Excluded:** All meals and drinks, Animal Encounters at Cango Wildlife Ranch and any other activity/excursion not mentioned as included.

**Lunch:** For own account at Cango Wildlife Ranch

You will be met by your guide in your hotel reception area at 09.00 sharp and taken on a full day trip in Oudtshoorn. After the tour you will travel to Knysna which lies 120km (2-hours drive) from Oudtshoorn, traveling over the spectacular Outeniqua Pass and onto the Garden Route.

Your first stop will be at the **Cango Caves**, which are situated 30km / 30-minutes' drive outside of Oudtshoorn. Here you will join the Heritage Tour at 11.00 - an easy walk through the first six largest and most spectacular halls and continuing through to the "African Drum room". This tour commences with information on the real discoverers and inhabitants of the cave and then winds its way through the rest of the Caves' cultural and historical heritage. A comfortable walk through the most majestic of the cave chambers. Experienced and knowledgeable guides will accompany you on this journey of discovery and knowledge which takes around 1-hour to complete.

Next you will go on to the **Cango Wildlife Ranch** in time for a quick lunch at the restaurant there, followed by a guided 1-hour tour of the facility. The ranch has been in existence for 35 years and comprises of over 90 different species of animals. The guided tours provide a voice for each species and create animal and environmental awareness. Enveloped in a fun and unique setting, this is a one-of-a-kind centre that has something for everyone, 365 days of the year!

Your last stop for the day is Safari Ostrich Farm for a guided tractor tour where you will get to meet and learn more about these large flightless birds that have had such a big impact on the economy of the town. This tour also takes 1-hour, after which you can shop for some ostrich leather products in the shop.

You will then travel to Knysna, arriving at your hotel in the early evening.

### **Knysna**

Sandwiched between the towering Outeniqua Mountains and the Indian Ocean, Knysna is a large town often referred to as the 'Garden of Eden', surrounded by stunning bays perfect for sailing, boating, and swimming; picturesque beaches and lagoons; and world-renowned forests. This well-catered town is also a perfect base for safari expeditions at nearby parks such as Knysna Elephant Park, and close-up animal experiences at centres such as Jukani Wildlife Sanctuary, Tenikwa Wildlife Awareness Centre, Birds of Eden, and Monkeyland Primate Sanctuary. From here, enjoy ample opportunities for surfing, swimming, yachting, jet-skiing, boating, fishing, and golfing. Visitors can also look forward to an array of wonderful markets, a picturesque waterfront filled with superb restaurants and shops, and several fantastic art galleries. Make sure to take a ferry trip to the famed Knysna Heads and sample the local oysters.

### ***Cango Caves***

Set on the foothills of the Swartberg Mountains near Oudtshoorn, South Africa, the Cango Caves are a mesmerizing natural wonder. These limestone caverns, formed over millions of years, boast a labyrinth of awe-inspiring chambers and breathtaking formations where visitors can embark on guided tours that take them through a series of magnificent chambers, such as the Great Hall and Cleopatra's Needle. Marvel at the stalactites, stalagmites, and stunning dripstone formations that adorn the cave walls. The Cango Caves offer different tour options, catering to varying levels of difficulty and adventure. The experience is enhanced by knowledgeable guides who provide insights into the geology, history, and folklore associated with the caves.



### ***Cango Wildlife Ranch***

The Cango Wildlife Ranch promotes awareness and conservation of endangered species, while encouraging supervised interaction – making this a wonderful destination for children of all ages. Housing the oldest and largest cheetah contact centre worldwide, visitors can view these powerful, speedy cats in a natural bushveld environment from elevated walkways. From predators of the land to predators of the water, visitors can then move on to the crocodile and alligator enclosures to study more of the world's most dangerous beasts.



### ***Safari Ostrich Showfarm***

The Safari Ostrich Showfarm is an ostrich farm located in Oudtshoorn, Garden Route, South Africa. The farm is approximately 1800 hectares in size and boasts a beautiful old homestead build with sandstone called a "Feather Palace".

This is the first ostrich farm in Oudtshoorn and South Africa where the Kenyan Red and Zimbabwe Blue Ostriches can be seen. Visitors will also get to see White Ostriches and the second biggest bird in the world, namely the Emu from Australia.

The tour also consists of a visit to the Incubator Room where chicks are hatched inside incubators. The room is fitted with a “Spy-Camera” which allows for a real close and personal perspective of the hatching process.



### Overnight: Blackwaters River Lodge

“Explore & feel our place of magic”

Blackwaters River Lodge is a 4 star graded country lodge situated on the banks of the Goukamma river with 20 beautifully decorated rooms surrounded by indigenous forests. This magical piece of paradise is centrally and conveniently situated on the N2 between the quaint towns Knysna and Sedgefield and 10 minutes away from Buffalo Bay, one of South Africa’s Blue Flag beaches

Our beautiful “place of magic” offers so much more to guests when booking with us - Par 3 Golf Course, canoeing and stand up paddling on the river, freshly made meals in our Earth & Fire Dining Facility, river picnics, wine tastings and a bird lovers paradise - experience the Knysna Turaco in its natural environment. All luxury units overlook the river and forest and classic units are situated in the gardens overlooking the Par 3 golf course. All our units have fridges, baths and showers with private patios and the luxury units have extra length beds

Al La Carte all day menu for golfers and in house guests to enjoy and Set Menus for dinner time. Guests can enjoy a relaxing day around the pool or have a drink in the Ladies Bar in the lounge.



### Basis

Bed and Breakfast

## Day 6: Blackwaters River Lodge, Knysna

### Day Itinerary

#### Full day at leisure in Knysna

Enjoy the day exploring the area, there is a wide variety of activities and excursions to enjoy around Knysna. All

entrance fees, activities and excursions will be at an additional cost and for your own account – pre-booking is recommended.

Optional Activities Tsitsikamma Area:

- Visit to Tsitsikamma National Park Storms River Mouth - walk to the suspension bridges
- Kayak & Lilo Adventure
- Zip Lining, Quad Biking, Scootours or Segways in the Tsitsikamma Forest

Optional Activities Plettenberg Bay Area:

- Bloukrans Bridge Bungee Jump - highest in the world
- Hiking in the Robberg Nature Reserve
- Boat-based marine life encounters - dolphin and whales
- Visit to animal sanctuaries: Birds of Eden, Monkeyland, Jukani Cats, Tenikwa Wild Cats, Wolf Sanctuary, Elephant Park
- Wine tasting in South Africa's smallest wine growing region
- Horse Drawn Carriage ride or wine tour
- Horse Riding Trails
- Learn to surf
- Keurbooms River boat trip with Stand-Up-Paddling
- Keurbooms River Gorge boat trip

Optional Activities Knysna Area:

- Featherbed Eco Experience with lunch
- Kayak or SUP (stand up paddle) on the Lagoon
- Whale Watching boat excursion
- Sunset Cruise or Sunset Sail
- Champagne & Oysters Cruise
- Lagoon Cruise
- Hiking Trails
- Paragliding in nearby Sedgefield

**Basis**

Bed and Breakfast

**Day 7: Sun City Hotel, Sun City**

**Day Itinerary**

**Fly George to Johannesburg, Road Transfer to Sun City**

Drive to George Airport for your flight to Johannesburg. On arrival you will be met and transferred privately by road (approximately 2.5 hours drive) to the Sun City Resort where you will spend the next 2 days enjoying some rest and relaxation as well as the many opportunities for fun and excitement with all of the activities and entertainment on offer at the resort.

**Sun City**

Stretching along the border of the Pilanesberg National Park, in the North West Province, Sun City is internationally renowned as South Africa's premier holiday resort and offers a multitude of attractions and activities. With its



combination of golfing, gaming, and gambling, as well as world-class hotels, this destination is often referred to as a 'mini Las Vegas in the African bush'. Families can enjoy the impressive waterpark and maze, while nature lovers can explore the incredible Pilanesberg National Park, where they can see all of the Big Five. Make sure to take the fascinating Leeto-Kgolo Village Tour to get an idea of the area's ancient culture. Sun City is also known as the only surf-and-safari destination within a two-hour drive of the landlocked city of Johannesburg.

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### **Overnight: Sun City Hotel**

Often referred to as the Main Hotel, Sun City Hotel and casino was the first hotel to be built on the resort. This 4-star Sun City accommodation is located right at the heart of Sun City, and is central to all the activities and things to do at the resort.

Top reasons to stay at Soho hotel and casino:

- The rooms and suites are near the Soho casino, keeping you close to the action.
- The 340 rooms are all pool and lake facing, and the hotel is on the edge of the world-famous Gary Player Golf Course.
- There are 6 luxury suites, 2 presidential suites, 14 ground floor luxury rooms, 20 superior luxury rooms, 36 ground floor superior luxury family rooms, 53 superior luxury family rooms, 85 luxury family rooms, 120 luxury twin rooms and 4 paraplegic suites.
- There is a free shuttle every 15 minutes taking you to the Valley of Waves, Sun Central entertainment centre and other activities within the resort.
- This Sun City accommodation is ideal for delegates attending conferences at the resort.



**Basis**

Bed and Breakfast

**Day 8: Sun City Hotel, Sun City****Day Itinerary****At leisure - Sun City Resort**

Enjoy a full day at leisure to enjoy the wide variety of entertainment, activities and dining options at the Sun City resort.

***Valley of Waves***

The Valley of Waves water park is Sun City's legendary hub for all kinds of water fun. Offering family-friendly water activities that appeal to adventurers of all ages, there is something for everyone at this iconic Sun City water park. Both day visitors and Sun City Resort guests are invited to enjoy a full day of exciting activities, with a designated children's area and lifeguards on duty. The main attraction at Valley of Waves is the Roaring Lagoon – a 6 500 square metre wave pool with hydraulic mechanisms that generate waves of nearly 2 metres high every 90 seconds.

***Temple of Courage***

Perhaps even more famous than the Valley of Waves, the Temple of Courage promises an exhilarating adrenalin rush with a 17-metre drop down a 70-metre slide. The almost vertical slide takes riders hurtling under a bridge and splashing into a small pool. There are also two body slides – the Tarantula and the Scorpion, and two tube rides – the Viper and the Mamba.

***The Royal Baths***

This private adult pool located above The Brew Monkey at the Valley of Waves will inspire you to dive in and swim laps. Surrounded by lush jungle, The Royal Baths is also the perfect place to unwind after an active day at Sun City.

- Operating hours: 08h00 - 19h00 (Valley of Waves times – peak periods) thereafter it will be open as per normal Valley of Waves times
- Free entry to all hotel and Sun Vacation Club residents on presentation of their resident cards
- Day visitor entry fee: R50 (guest will receive an armband for identification)
- Complimentary fruit skewer
- Complimentary non-alcoholic cocktail
- Guest to present ID on request
- Max capacity: 200 people
- Gazebos are available for private massages
- Observatory Bar is exclusively for guests at The Royal Baths

### ***The Maze of The Lost City***

The largest permanent maze in the Southern Hemisphere, The Maze of the Lost City is constructed from artificial stone and wood, creating the illusion of an ancient archaeological discovery. It's just as much fun for families to explore, as it is for team building and corporate functions. The Maze of the Lost City was added to Sun City Resort in September 2012 and covers a half-acre. The Maze is accessed via a 100 metre-long suspension bridge from the Entertainment Centre and offers some of the most spectacular views of the resort, particularly of The Palace of the Lost City and the Gary Player Golf Course. When night falls, flaming torches light the paths along the chambers. At the end of The Maze of the Lost City is the Maze Bar that has a selection of ice-cold craft beers on tap. The craft beer menu is updated regularly so you can always expect something new at this unique Sun City maze bar. This Sun City maze can be hired out for private parties, conferences or as a dining area, hosting up to 200 people.



### ***The Gary Player Country Club Golf Course***

The Gary Player Country Club Golf Course, designed by Gary Player, is an 18-hole par-72 walking course, with a 5km running trail along the course. Built in an extinct volcanic crater, this immaculate golfing paradise conforms to the stringent US PGA specifications and was recently named South Africa's Best Golf Course in the World Golf Awards 2015. It is also home to the annual Nedbank Golf Challenge which plays host to some of the world's golfing legends.

When construction of the Sun City Resort began in 1978, the decision was taken to build a golf course that would rival the best in the world. Today, in spite of stiff competition, the Gary Player Country Club is deservedly ranked as one of the most prestigious golf courses on the African continent.



### ***Lost City Golf Course***

The popularity of the Sun City Resort led to the design and development of the Lost City Country Club. Gary Player was called upon again to extend his professional expertise by designing the golf course. Covered in the hardy Kikuyu grass, much like the Gary Player Country Club golf course at Sun City, the course offers undulating plains, expansive fairways, mountainous areas and small patches of desert. This superlative golf course also offers players a distinctive region covered with a series of lakes that separate the 9th from the final hole. The 13th hole offers a green in the shape of the African continent, complete with a pond that is home to numerous Nile Crocodiles; adding to the true African appeal of this course.

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## **Basis**

Bed and Breakfast

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## Day 9: Mabula Game Lodge, The Waterberg Biosphere

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### Day Itinerary

#### Sun City to Mabula Private Game Reserve (Approximate driving time 2.5 hours)

This morning after breakfast you will be transferred by road to the Mabula Private Game Reserve, where you will spend the next 2 days on safari.

Enjoy your first afternoon game drive, enjoy a sundowner while the sun sets over the magnificent Waterberg Mountains. The game drive will be followed by dinner at the lodge.

#### The Waterberg Biosphere

Situated amidst the towering Waterberg Mountains in the Limpopo Province, the Waterberg Biosphere, as the name suggests, serves as a water reservoir for the region. Renowned for its rugged beauty, the landscape is characterised by low-lying mountain ranges and escarpments, as well as a network of streams, rivers and lakes. It is the home of South Africa's first-ever savannah biosphere reserve and is also home to many other nature reserves which provide a protected habitat for an array of wildlife. Visitors can enjoy a relaxing soak in natural hot springs, discover the ancient World Heritage-listed archaeological site in Makapans Valley, and view abundant birdlife at the Nylsvley Wetlands.

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#### Safaris

Guests can enjoy a morning and afternoon safari in open 4 x 4 vehicles. The early morning safaris are very rewarding with light for photography. Lions are still lively and on the move at this time, antelope are more energetic and an abundance of birds may also be seen. The afternoon safaris provide an opportunity to see nocturnal animals.

During the winter months the morning safaris depart at 06h30 and the afternoon safaris depart at 15h30. In summer the times change to 05h30 for the morning and 16h15 for the afternoon safaris.

Tea and coffee is served before the morning and afternoon safari departs.



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#### Overnight: Mabula Game Lodge

Exuding elegance and understated luxury, an Extraordinary encounter with South Africa's bushveld awaits, located just two hours' drive from Johannesburg in the Malaria free Waterberg region of the Limpopo Province. Diverse landscapes, including grassland plains and rocky outcrops create the ideal habitat for the free roaming Big Five.

Distinctly African in style, Mabula Game Lodge offers comfortable suites with luxury finishings. The soft neutral bushveld colours are complemented by large windows which allow the African Bushveld indoors.

World class cuisine in a variety of dining venues, combines the enjoyment of rich tantalizing menus with the tranquillity of the bushveld. Numerous activities such as open vehicle safaris, bush walks and horse trails ensure that Mabula is a place where memories are made.




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## Basis

Full Board Plus - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Activities

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## Day 10: Mabula Game Lodge, The Waterberg Biosphere

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### Day Itinerary

#### Full Day on Safari

The varied habitats on Mabula Private Game Reserve provide ideal conditions for an astounding selection of large mammals including the Big Five, other predators such as Hyena and Jackal, and a variety of antelope from Red Hartebeest to Eland, Gemsbok to Blesbok. That's not to mention the elusive cheetah, cheeky honey badger and the omnipresent crèches of warthogs that flit across one's path during your safari at Mabula Game Lodge.

Safaris are offered to lodge guests twice a day – once early morning and again in time for sundowners in the late afternoon, and depending on the time of year you visit, each experience can be unique. Watch the vivid change of the seasons as the green thickets and grasslands give way to the bushveld greys and yellows of autumn. Feel the chilly winter air on your cheeks before sunrise and witness the rebirth of the bush as the first summer rains fall and with it the exciting arrival of lambing season.

#### Daily Summer Safari Schedule

05h30 Wake up and morning tea  
 06h00 Morning safari Departs  
 09h00 Return for breakfast  
 Optional Activities - discuss time with ranger  
 13h30 Lunch  
 16h00 Afternoon tea  
 16h30 Afternoon safari departs  
 19h30 Return from safari  
 20h00 Dinner

The winter safari schedule starts half an hour later in the morning and earlier in the afternoon.

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### ***Restaurant***

Offering buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner, or a set menu during low season, Mabula Game Lodge's main restaurant, the restaurant seats 160 guests.

Open daily for:

Breakfast: 07h30 to 09h00  
 Lunch: 12h30 to 14h00  
 Terrace menu: 14h00 to 16h00  
 Dinner: 19h30 to 21h00

### ***The Terrace***

Eat breakfast, lunch or dinner al fresco in tranquil surroundings with nothing but the sounds of Grey loeries and the tranquil sound of trickling of water to keep you company on Mabula's Lodge Terrace.

Breakfast: 07h30 to 09h00  
 Lunch: 12h30 to 14h00  
 Terrace menu: 14h00 to 16h00  
 Dinner: 19h30 to 21h00

### ***The Boma***

Dine under the stars in Mabula Game Lodge's Boma, for dinners (weather permitting) usually every second or third night. The Boma offers seating up to 180 guests for gala dinners and theme evenings. Enjoy traditional Tswana dancing and a breathtakingly brilliant starry sky while you tuck in to tasty South African and Indian cuisine.

Dinner: 19h30 to 21h00



### ***Guided Walks***

The guided bush walks allows one to get close up and have an intimate experience of the local flora and fauna. Walks are available on request, subject to availability and at an additional charge. No children under 14 years are permitted.

### ***Horse Back Safaris***

Experience getting really close to the animals in their natural environment, with no vehicles close by. This 2 hour activity will take you off the road and deep into the bush, on the paths where the animals wander. No need to be an experienced rider to enjoy getting up and close and personal with nature.

Horse back Safaris can be booked at the lodge and there is an additional charge, or alternatively you can swap one of your game drives for a horseback safari.

### ***Quad Bike Safari Trail***

Guests can enjoy an eco-adventure trail on our 4x4 quad bikes in an allocated area within the Reserve. This allows for an alternative guided game viewing experience at the helm of one of our 450 cc quad bikes. There are five quads, one for the guide and four for guests. This activity is for four people but can accommodate up to eight if you want take along a passenger on the back.




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### **Basis**

Full Board Plus - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Activities

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## **Day 11: End of Itinerary**

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### **Day Itinerary**

#### **Mabula to OR Tambo International Airport for Departure**

After your last morning game drive followed by breakfast and check-out you will be transferred back to OR Tambo Airport in Johannesburg for your departure flight.

### **Basis**

Bed and Breakfast

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