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## 11-day Romantic Honeymoon Escape



**CAPE TOWN**



**OUTDSHOORN**



**KLEIN KAROO**



**KNYSNA**



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*Cape Town - Oudtshoorn - Klein Karoo - Knysna - Pumba Private Game Reserve - Port Elizabeth*  
11 Days / 10 Nights



### Introduction

Start	Accommodation	Type	Destination	Basis	Duration
Day 1	Hyatt Regency Cape Town		Cape Town	B&B	<b>4 Nights</b>
Day 5	La Plume Boutique Guest House		Oudtshoorn	B&B	<b>1 Night</b>
Day 6	St James of Knysna		Knysna	B&B	<b>2 Nights</b>
Day 8	Pumba Msenge Bush Lodge		Pumba Private Game Reserve	FI	<b>2 Nights</b>
	→ Pumba Water Lodge	alternate			
Day 10	Hacklewood Hill Country House		Port Elizabeth	D,B&B	<b>1 Night</b>

#### Key

B&B: Bed and Breakfast

D,B&B: Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

FI: Fully Inclusive - Bed, All Meals, Fees and Activities



**Includes:**

- 10 nights 5-star accommodation
- Breakfast daily, all meals and local drinks at the lodge, dinner in Port Elizabeth
- Private airport transfer in Cape Town
- 2x full day private guided tours in Cape Town
- Table Mountain cableway tickets, entrance to Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve and Boulders Beach, Seal Island Excursion
- 1-hour champagne cruise in Table Bay
- Tours at Safari Ostrich Farm, Cango Caves and Cango Wildlife Ranch
- 90-minute boat cruise on the Knysna Lagoon
- Morning and afternoon game drives at Pumba Private Game Reserve
- Self-drive on Garden Route includes: 7-days vehicle hire (Group D, Auto hatch), contract fee, delivery fee (weekday, working hours), one-way rental (pick-up in Cape Town, drop-off in Port Elizabeth), super insurances (zero excess), tyre and windscreen waiver, 1x additional driver, GPS.

**Value Adds for Honeymooners:**

- Complimentary upgrade from half day to full day City tour in Cape Town
- Free 1-hour champagne cruise in Table Bay
- Road-trip snack pack with an assortment of Indian sweet and savoury treats
- Complimentary room upgrade at La Plume Boutique in Oudtshoorn (subject to room availability)
- Complimentary, 90-minute cruise on pontoon barge boat to explore the upper reaches of the Knysna Lagoon
- 3-course dinner at Hacklewood Hill's award-winning fine-dining restaurant
- Private plunge pool and outdoor shower at Pumba Bush or Waterlodge
- Romantic turndowns and honeymoon surprises at each accommodation

**Unique safari experience:**

There are fewer than 500 White Lions left in the world and Pumba Private Game Reserve is one of the few places these can be seen in South Africa.

Home to a flourishing pride of free-roaming white lions, Pumba also offers the best chance of seeing these rare animals due to the smaller size of the reserve.

**Excludes:**

- All flights (international and domestic)
- Additional meals and drinks
- Optional/additional activities/Excursions/Entrance fees not mentioned as included
- Visas
- Travel Insurance
- Gratuities & Personal Items
- Anything not mentioned as included (please ask if unclear)

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## Day 1: Hyatt Regency 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 in the colourful Bo Kaap and within walking distance of the fashionable foodie district, Bree Street, which offers a variety of dining experiences. Your hotel offers a complimentary shuttle service to the V&A Waterfront.

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 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: Hyatt Regency Cape Town**

Located on the border of the historical Bo-Kaap neighbourhood in Cape Town, Hyatt Regency Cape Town is an ideal option for both business and leisure travellers looking for a luxurious and convenient accommodation option. The hotel offers a selection of modern rooms and suites, all of which feature air-conditioning, flat-screen TVs, and free Wi-Fi access. During their stay, guests can enjoy delicious locally and internationally inspired dishes at the on-site restaurant. Other facilities include a swimming pool, a fitness centre, and meeting facilities. Nearby attractions include Table Mountain, V&A Waterfront, and the Bo-Kaap Museum.



### **Basis**

Bed and Breakfast

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## Day 2: Hyatt Regency Cape Town, Cape Town

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### Day Itinerary

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

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

**Drop-Off Time:** 18.00 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.

In the later part of the afternoon you will enjoy a 1-hour champagne pre-sunset cruise. With the bubbles of sparkling wine and superb views of the coastline from the Atlantic, it's the perfect precursor to evening fun or the perfect ending to a busy day.

#### 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***

Table Mountain is the most iconic landmark of South Africa. Aside from being the country's most photographed attraction and the perfect place to take photos of the landscape of Cape Town, it is also home to about 2,200 species of plants and 1,470 floral species, many of which are endemic to the mountain. Animal species that can be spotted on the mountain include caracals, rock hyraxes and chacma baboons. The flat top peak of the mountain reaches 1,086 metres above sea level, but being so close to the sea and to the city, its features look more imposing.



### ***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.



### ***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.





### ***Cape Town City Walk***

Take a guided walk of the City or simply guide yourself as you take in the museums, squares, street markets, coffee shops and restaurants. Look under the Insider's Guide for Walk the City to see the major attractions.



### ***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.

### **Basis**

Bed and Breakfast

## **Day 3: Hyatt Regency Cape Town, Cape Town**

### **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
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### ***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.



### ***Hout Bay Harbour***

Hout Bay's active harbour serves a variety of fishing boats, charter boats and yachts. It is also the departure point for boat trips to the nearby Seal Island, home to a colony of around 6 000 Cape Fur Seals. The bustling port area also has a well-known seafood restaurant and a shop selling fresh fish.



### ***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 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.





### ***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.

### ***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.



### ***Simon's Town***

Nestled on False Bay within easy distance of Cape Town, South Africa, Simon's Town is rich in history, character, atmosphere and warmth. The neighbours are whales, penguins and seals with world heritage status bird life. Simon's Town offers one of the best holiday accommodation in Cape Town. Featuring the beauty of the Table Mountain range, Cape Point and the Cape of Good Hope, the town has stunning views in the most beautiful environment of the Cape Peninsula.



### ***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: Hyatt Regency Cape Town, Cape Town

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### Day Itinerary

#### Full Day at Leisure in Cape Town

Today you will enjoy a full day at leisure to relax and enjoy some down time or to take part in some of the other exciting activities on offer in and around Cape Town. Vehicle and driver-guide at disposal / No driver-guide and vehicle included in today's services.

#### 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
- Paragliding from Signal Hill or Lions Head
- Sky Diving
- Quad biking, sandboarding and/or bumper balls in the Atlantis sand dunes
- Shark Cage Diving in Gansbaai or Simon's Town
- Scenic helicopter flight
- Lions head guided hike (morning or sunset) or Table Mountain guided hike
- 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)
- 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

## Basis

Bed and Breakfast

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## Day 5: 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 a representative from the car rental company will deliver your rental vehicle to you at your hotel at 08.30. Please ensure that you have a copy of your valid driver's license, your car rental voucher and a valid credit card in order for the delivery to take place. Cheque cards and cash will NOT be acceptable, only a credit card for the holding deposit.

We suggest a 09.00/10.00 departure for 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 halfway through the journey is Barrydale, where there are 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.

### 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.

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### 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 6: St James of Knysna, Knysna

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### Day Itinerary

#### Full day Oudtshoorn and Self-Drive to Knysna

**Self-Drive Departure Time:** 09.00 from hotel – please note a prompt departure is essential in order to fit in all the planned activities of the day

**Self-Drive Return 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

Depart your hotel at 09.00 sharp for your full day self-drive 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.

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### ***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 Caves Heritage Tour***

Cango Caves Heritage Tour is a 60 minute tour, lead by experienced, knowledgeable and accredited cave guides. All tours are offered in English, but provision can be made for Afrikaans, German and French speakers when booking. The heritage tour gives visitors insight into the six halls, chambers and rooms within the caves, as well as a close up view of stalactites, stalagmites, and a colony of bats that have made the cave their home.

### ***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 Ostrich Tractor Safari***

The Ostrich Farm Tour is an unforgettable experience on Safari Ostrich Farm. During the tour you will learn more about these remarkable birds and their fascinating nature. Your guide will explain every aspect of ostrich farming, from breeding to rearing.



### **Overnight: St James of Knysna**

Welcome to the independent, owner-run The St. James of Knysna – a five-star country house on the banks of the idyllic Knysna Lagoon. With its awe-inspiring views across the Lagoon to the Knysna Heads, luxury suites, bed and breakfast accommodation, guest lounge, exclusive gift boutique, two swimming pools and numerous seating areas it is the perfect place to relax and enjoy the casual and relaxed Knysna lifestyle.

As guests of the St. James, you’ll be treated to a complimentary, 90-minute cruise on our pontoon barge, ‘The Boat,’ which departs from our private jetty to explore the upper reaches of the Lagoon. A romantic, relaxing introduction to the Knysna River estuary in the central region of South Africa’s largest unfenced wildlife preserve: the Garden Route National Park.

Only 2.5 km from the centre of town – and 2.8 km from the popular The Waterfront Knysna Quays (with its restaurants, shops, etc.) – The St. James is also just a few minutes’ drive from Knysna’s championship golf courses: Simola, Pezula, and the Knysna Golf Club.

And if you love the water – for canoeing, kiteboarding, or just paddling about – well, the Lagoon’s right there at the end of our lush and expansive gardens.




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## Basis

Bed and Breakfast

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## Day 7: St James of Knysna, Knysna

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### 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 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

### ***Boat trip exploring the upper lagoon***

Enjoy a complimentary 90 min cruise on "The Boat" at the St James. Skipper Alex Mvandaba will take guests upriver to the Belvidere and the White bridge section of the lagoon. This section is only really accessible by private boat as most of the other cruises are to the Heads and back. This area is steeped in history – in fact the early ships used to moor in front of the Belvidere area, rather than the current harbor area.

The Knysna Estuary is biologically the richest estuary in the Cape, and one of the largest. "A remarkable diversity of species is recorded here, the highest of any South African estuary. It is of course also home to the unique Knysna Seahorse, *Hippocampus capensis*."



### **Basis**

Bed and Breakfast

## **Day 8: Pumba Msenge Bush Lodge, Pumba Private Game Reserve**

### **Day Itinerary**

#### **Knysna to Pumba Private Game Reserve**

**370km Approximate driving time 4.5 hours (6 hours with stops)**

This morning you will depart Knysna and the Western Cape and drive to your safari destination, a private game reserve in the malaria-free Eastern Cape.

Home to the rare white lion, Pumba Private Game Reserve is the ultimate destination for an authentic African Safari experience. Encounter free roaming wildlife, reconnect with nature and create memories that will last you a lifetime in complete luxury.

There are two 5-star lodges on the reserve, each with its own distinctive character and aesthetic. Unwind in your spacious chalet, with a luxurious en-suite bathroom, freestanding bathtub and a private deck and plunge pool.

The highlight of your stay will be the game drives with our trained Rangers. Experience the thrill of spotting wildlife in their natural habitat and feel the heartbeat of Africa as you explore the reserve!

### **Pumba Private Game Reserve**

Pumba Private Game Reserve, set against the beautiful Eastern Cape landscape, is the perfect destination for a Big Five African Safari. Experience Africa's wildlife in their natural habitat, from the rare white lion to hippo, hyena, giraffe, wild dog, and cheetah, as well as 21 antelope species and over 250 bird species. The area provides amazing



photographic opportunities of the beautiful Cariega River floodplain, complete with waterholes, as well as of the magnificent Zuurberg Mountains. Activities include fishing, birding safaris, guided bush walks, and stargazing.

#### **INCLUSIVE ACTIVITIES**

- Stargazing (Ranger on duty)
- Archery (Water Lodge & Bush Lodge)
- Bass Fishing (Water Lodge)
- Msenge Gym & Steamroom (Bush Lodge)
- Meal with Ranger (Water & Bush Lodge)



#### **Overnight: Pumba Msenge Bush Lodge**

The Bush Lodge, also known as Msenge, is all about the relaxation that can only be experienced within the serenity of the African bush. This Eastern Cape safari lodge guarantees a unique experience as it displays breath-taking views over the watering hole, flood plains and mountain ranges. This means that, while basking in all of the luxury and warmth for which Pumba is so well known, guests enjoy spectacular views of some of Africa's wildest and most beautiful animals as they drink, play and interact within their natural habitat.

Feel one with nature in your own private glass enclosed chalet, as you watch the South African sun bid you goodnight over the distant hills. Complete relaxation is yours as you gaze out from your wooden deck, cool down in your private plunge pool or take a refreshing evening shower surrounded by the African bushveld. Unrivalled cuisine or a traditional African braai in a bush boma under the starlit sky will provide a sumptuous close to each day.



#### **Alternate: Pumba Water Lodge**

Pumba Private Game Reserve's very own Water Lodge provides the perfect balance between an idyllic African safari and true 5-star luxury. Guests of the Water Lodge will be privy to unrivalled views over Lake Kariega, complemented by inviting hospitality and a warm atmosphere. All nestled within the malaria-free province of the Eastern Cape, guests can look forward to spotting the Big 5 (leopards, lions, elephants, buffaloes and rhinoceroses) as well as the free-roaming pride of magnificent White Lions, wild dogs, hyenas and cheetahs.



In addition to the ultimate safari experience, this lodge also offers romance, intimacy and convenience, making it the ideal retreat for honeymooners, families or corporate guests. Conference and wedding venues complete the world-class experience within the Eastern Cape beauty.

Water Lodge, set amongst dense bush veld overlooking Lake Kariega, offers 12 stone walled, thatched chalets leading off into meandering timber footpaths. All Chalets open onto private game viewing decks boasting plunge pools and outdoor showers. The indulgent bathrooms offer free-standing tubs and double basins, and each room is fitted with an earthenware fireplace



### Basis

Fully Inclusive - Bed, All Meals, Fees and Activities  
All Local Brands (Spirits, Wine and Beers) Included

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## Day 9: Pumba Msenge Bush Lodge, Pumba Private Game Reserve

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### Day Itinerary

#### Full Day on Safari

Experience the thrill of spotting wildlife in their natural habitat while exploring the reserve in an open Land Rover or on a walking safari. Our passionate rangers are committed to providing guests with memorable wildlife encounters, while instilling a deeper appreciation and love for nature.

There are 2 game drives per day included in a stay at Pumba, providing guests the opportunity to see various different animals as well as participate in other exciting activities.

#### Daily Safari Schedule:

##### SUMMER (15 OCTOBER TO 14 APRIL)

06h00: Wake-up call

06h30: Depart for morning game drive

09h00: Breakfast

11h00: Departing guests to vacate their suite

13h30: Lunch

16h30: Depart for afternoon game drive

19h30: Dinner

##### WINTER (15 APRIL TO 14 OCTOBER)

06h30: Wake-up call

07h00: Depart for morning game drive

09h30: Breakfast

11h00: Departing guests to vacate their suite.

13h30: Lunch

15h30: Depart for afternoon game drive

18h30: Dinner

### Unique safari experience at Pumba:

There are fewer than 500 White Lions left in the world and Pumba Private Game Reserve is one of the few places these can be seen in South Africa. Home to a flourishing pride of free-roaming white lions, Pumba also offers the best chance of seeing these rare animals due to the smaller size of the reserve.

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### **Day 10: Hacklewood Hill Country House, Port Elizabeth**

#### **Day Itinerary**

#### **Pumba Private Game Reserve to Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth)**

**113km Approximate driving time 1.5 hours**

After your morning game drive and breakfast at the lodge you will take a leisurely drive to Gqeberha.

Spend the afternoon exploring and discovering South Africa's "Friendly City".

Your final evening in South Africa will be a special treat at your hotel where you will enjoy a fine dining 3-course dinner at the award winning restaurant.

#### **Port Elizabeth**

Set on Algoa Bay in South Africa's Eastern Cape Province, Port Elizabeth also referred to as PE, is known as the Friendly City as well as the Windy City. Port Elizabeth was established to home British settlers who were brought out on a

government-sponsored programme to provide a buffer between the Cape Dutch and the Xhosa conflict. The little port grew from there and today it is the gateway to the beautiful Garden Route and serves as an excellent base to explore the Eastern Cape's magnificent game reserves and pristine beaches. Visitors can explore the Addo Elephant National Park, inhabited by hundreds of elephants and other wildlife; climb the area's largest dune at Maitland's Beach, and jump on a boat tour to spot rare seabirds and whales.

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### **Overnight: Hacklewood Hill Country House**

Hacklewood Hill Country House, a gem in the African Pride Collection. It is an elegant blend of five-star luxury and homely charm.

Built in 1898 and tucked away in a lush English Country Garden setting, this private retreat offers guests a secure, exclusive and intimate experience where their every wish is met with impeccable efficiency.

Furnished with fascinating period pieces and sumptuous fabrics reminiscent of Victorian sophistication, the house exudes unsurpassed comfort and style.

The restaurant at Hacklewood Hill offers exquisite award winning dining in an elegant silver and crystal setting. Our talented chef is passionate about creating five-star dishes in generous portions to satisfy the most discerning of diners. In the true turn-of-the-century tradition, silver service is the order of the day.

The Hacklewood Wine cellar is a delightful underground treasure trove, where guests are invited to browse an impressive selection of imported white wines and champagnes, as well as a rare collection of vintage reds.

A range of facilities adds to the overall appeal of Hacklewood Hill. Guests can enjoy a bracing game of tennis or croquet before languishing around the sparkling pool. An assortment of indoor games is also available.

The fragrant, leafy garden invites guests to immerse themselves in fresh floral scents, bright colours and cheerful birdsong for a truly relaxing experience.




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### **Basis**

Dinner, Bed and Breakfast

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

#### **Day Itinerary**

After breakfast at your hotel make your way to Port Elizabeth Airport to return your rental car and catch your departure flight.



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