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## 12-days Cape Highlights Circular - 4\*





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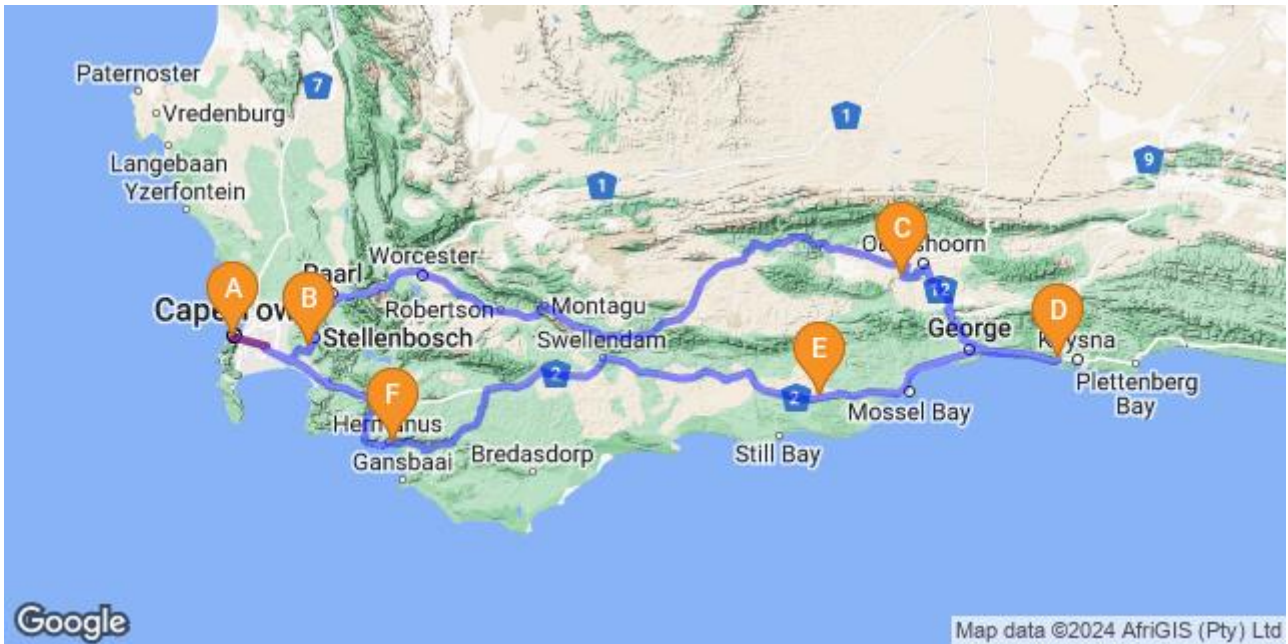
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*Cape Town - Simons Town - Stellenbosch - Franschhoek - Oudtshoorn - Klein Karoo - Knysna - Albertinia - Hermanus*  
*12 Days / 11 Nights*



## Introduction

Start	Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Duration
Day 1	Lion Roars Kloof Street Hotel	Cape Town	B&B	<b>3 Nights</b>
Day 4	De Zalze Lodge	Stellenbosch	B&B	<b>2 Nights</b>
Day 6	La Plume Boutique Guest House	Oudtshoorn	B&B	<b>1 Night</b>
Day 7	Blackwaters River Lodge	Knysna	B&B	<b>2 Nights</b>
Day 9	Garden Route Game Lodge	Albertinia	HB+	<b>1 Night</b>
Day 10	Whale Coast Ocean Villa	Hermanus	B&B	<b>2 Nights</b>

### Key

B&B: Bed and Breakfast

HB+: Half Board Plus - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Activities

### Includes:

- 11 nights accommodation as above
- Breakfast daily
- 1x Dinner at the lodge
- Private airport transfer in Cape Town
- Half day private guided Cape Town City Tour including Table Mountain cableway tickets
- Full day private guided Cape Peninsula Tour, including entrance to Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve and Boulders Beach
- Cango Caves Heritage Tour and Safari Ostrich Farm Tractor Tour
- 1x afternoon and 1x morning game drive at Garden Route Game Lodge

### Private Guided option includes:

- Touring from Cape Town, along the Garden Route and back to Cape Town (9-days) on a private basis with an English-speaking driver-guide
- 2 pax in a sedan
- 3-5 pax in a 7-seater minivan (Hyundai H1 or similar)
- 6-8 pax in a Toyota Quantum 13- seater

### 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)

## Day 1: Lion Roars Kloof Street Hotel, 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 boutique hotel in Camps Bay. 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 on the popular "foodie" Kloof Street, which has a number of great restaurants and bars within walking distance.

#### 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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### Overnight: Lion Roars Kloof Street Hotel

Kloof Street Hotel is situated within the hustle and bustle of Cape Town's central business district. Surrounded by a mirage of different restaurants, galleries and even fashionable shops, this hotel is set in an ideal location. There are 66 different rooms available but the hotel keeps its unique boutique feel. Each of the rooms come fully equipped with TVs and complimentary Wi-Fi. The hotel also boasts its own sundeck with a rooftop deck and bar, there is also an on-site coffee shop as well as a restaurant on the ground floor, perfect for guests to start their day with a hearty meal and a coffee.



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**Basis**Bed and Breakfast

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**Day 2: Lion Roars Kloof Street Hotel, 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:** 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.

### **Basis**

Bed and Breakfast

## **Day 3: Lion Roars Kloof Street Hotel, 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

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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#### ***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.



## **Basis**

Bed and Breakfast

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## Day 4: De Zalze Lodge, Stellenbosch

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### Day Itinerary

#### Private Guided Option: Transfer from Cape Town to Stellenbosch via a Private Full Day Cape Winelands Tour

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

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

**Included:** 3 wine tastings at 3 different wine estates (3-5 wines per tasting – minimum 12 wines tasted), a chocolate OR cheese and wine pairing is included in these

**Excluded:** Additional and premium wine tastings and purchase of wine – for own account

**Lunch:** For own account

You will be met by your guide in your hotel reception area and taken on a Full Day Cape Winelands Tour. Situated only 45 minutes away from Cape Town, the Cape Winelands are surrounded by majestic mountains, beautiful vineyards and typical Cape Dutch style architecture. The Cape Winelands include the towns of Stellenbosch, Franschhoek and Paarl and are home to more than 200 wine estates and wine farms producing top-quality world-class wines. This region is also highly acclaimed for its many award-winning restaurants.

Head off to the heart of South Africa's wine industry, Stellenbosch, boasting great beauty and culture that is steeped in South African history. Walk down the canal-lined avenues, in the shade of giant oak trees and beautifully preserved historical buildings. With the sheer vastness of wine estates on offer, we are truly spoiled for choice. Enjoy wine tastings at 3 different estates in the Stellenbosch area, with a lunch stop in between.

#### Highlights:

- Stellenbosch historical walk
- Visit Oom Samie se Winkel an interesting and old fashioned general dealer
- 3 Wine Tastings, with a chocolate OR cheese and wine pairing included, at various wine estates

#### Self-Driven Option: Drive from Cape Town to Stellenbosch

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.

Your self-drive adventure now begins! Head off into the beautiful Cape Winelands and discover the many wineries, boutique shops, markets and much more!

#### Stellenbosch

Just 45 minutes from Cape Town, Stellenbosch is an enticing Western Cape destination with an exciting culinary scene, photogenic historic buildings, and a youthful atmosphere. The beautiful university town is surrounded by mountains, vineyards, and nature reserves (Jonkershoek and Simonsberg), making it a charming base for wine tours, day trips and outdoor adventure. The town centre is characterised by both a "holiday feeling" - sublime art galleries, award-winning restaurants and alluring boutiques fringe leafy cobbled streets - and a sense of aliveness as students bustle between faculties. Architecture enthusiasts will enjoy the numerous Cape Dutch and Victorian buildings, while music lovers can look forward to world-class classical music concerts at the grand Music Conservatory. Two dreamy botanical gardens (with gorgeous tea rooms under the trees) add to the unique character of this special town.

### ***Cape Winelands***

Resting at the feet of the Boland Mountains in South Africa's Western Cape Province, the Cape Winelands area is renowned for producing some of the world's finest wines. The enthralling mountainous landscape boasts an impressive list of luxury wine farms, stretching across lush fertile valleys. Visitors can look forward to a variety of wonderful activities suited to all types of travellers. Explore a collection of historic little hamlets and towns dotting the countryside, sample a wide selection of world-class wine at historic Cape Dutch farmsteads and other wine estates; and make your way through a sublime network of hiking and biking trails. The culinary scene here is world-class and constantly improving; visitors who don't drink alcohol will also enjoy discovering this destination as part of a 'food tour' - numerous superb restaurants are on offer.



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### **Overnight: De Zalze Lodge**

De Zalze Lodge is the farm's very own Cape Dutch vernacular style guest lodge overlooking the lush vineyards and breathtaking Stellenbosch mountains. Nestled against the first fairway of the De Zalze Golf Course, this luxurious four-star establishment provides relaxed yet pristine accommodation with an array of leisurely pastimes guaranteed to unwind the stresses of modern day living.

Guests are invited to enjoy wine tastings, cycling trails through the rolling vineyards, or simply to relax by the pool. All in all, a selection of offerings – coupled with the exquisite location and impeccable service – make for a pleasurable, revitalising and unforgettable stay.




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**Basis**

Bed and Breakfast

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**Day 5: De Zalze Lodge, Stellenbosch**


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**Day Itinerary**
**Day at leisure in Stellenbosch with Optional Wine activities**

Enjoy a full day at your own leisure to explore and discover Stellenbosch. You might choose to take the day at complete leisure and enjoy the stunning views and setting of your hotel which is located on a wine estate. Or you might choose to head out and enjoy some more wine tasting, we can arrange a private guided tour with a wine expert who will take you to some of the surrounding vineyards depending on your wine preferences.

For the more active there are some great hikes from Stellenbosch and you could do a guided wine tour by bicycle!

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***Stellenbosch Wine Region***

South Africa's most famous wine region, Stellenbosch was earmarked as a prime area for viticulture in the late 17th century, when the Cape's first governor, Simon van der Stel, recognised the potential of the region's unique terroir. Three centuries later, in 1971, Stellenbosch was also the first area to establish a designated wine route and today, it is still considered the country's leading wine-producing district.




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**Basis**

Bed and Breakfast

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## Day 6: 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)**

*(Private Guided):*

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. 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.

#### Cape Town to Oudtshoorn via Route 62

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*(Self-Drive):*

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Check-in at your accommodation and enjoy the peaceful and picturesque setting. 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.”



### Basis

Bed and Breakfast



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## Day 7: Blackwaters River Lodge, Knysna

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### Day Itinerary

#### Full day Oudtshoorn Tour and Travel to Knysna

*(Private guided)*

**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:** 17.00 at hotel in Knysna

**Included:**

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

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

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

**Excluded:** All meals and drinks any other activity/excursion not mentioned as included.

**Lunch:** For own account

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.

*(Self-Drive)*

**Self-Drive Departure 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

**Self-Drive Return Time:** 17.00 at hotel in Knysna

**Included:**

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

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

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

**Excluded:** All meals and drinks and any other activity/excursion not mentioned as included.

**Lunch:** For own account

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.

Your next 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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### **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 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.

### ***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.



### ***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: 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.




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## Basis

Bed and Breakfast

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## Day 8: Blackwaters River Lodge, 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. Vehicle and driver-guide will be at your disposal for the full day, including dinner transfers if required.

#### 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

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## **Day 9: Garden Route Game Lodge, Albertinia**

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### **Day Itinerary**

#### **Knysna to Garden Route Game Lodge**

**150km, Approximate driving time 2 hours**

This morning after a leisurely morning in Knysna you will make your way to the Garden Route Game Lodge for your safari experience. Arrive in time for lunch and to check into your accommodation for some relaxation time before the afternoon game drive departs.

Enjoy sunset and sunrise game drives in an open Landrover with your experienced game ranger who will bring you sightings of lion, elephant, white rhino, buffalo and cheetah. Garden Route Game Lodge is also home to giraffe, zebra and numerous antelope species such as bontebok, red hartebeest, kudu, eland, impala, springbuck and many more.

Game drives will take between 2 and 3 hours depending on how much time is spent at each sighting. There will be a coffee stop on the morning drive and a sundowner stop on the evening drive. It is advisable to bring warm clothes along for the drive even in the hot summer months. Your game ranger will provide ponchos and warm blankets and has a bird book and binoculars. Remember to bring your camera and video camera with you.

### **Albertinia**

Nestled at the base of the Langeberg Mountain range, Albertinia is a serene town renowned as the home of the Aloe, specifically the indigenous Aloe ferox, or Cape Aloe. The region's favourable conditions allow the Aloe plants to flourish, and their leaves are collected and processed to extract the bitter-tasting sap used in the health and skincare industries. Apart from its association with Aloe, the town offers opportunities to explore the area's natural beauty. Visitors can hike through the scenic Reins Nature Reserve in nearby Gouritsmond or experience an adrenaline rush by bungee jumping from the Gourits River Bridge.

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#### ***Game Drive - Garden Route Game Lodge***

Departure Times: 11AM and 2PM

Enjoy a 3hr Safari game Drive in the beautiful Garden Route Game Lodge Reserve. And experience the stunning wildlife and flora in this area.



### Overnight: Garden Route Game Lodge

Set against the backdrop of the majestic Langeberg mountain Range, the Garden Route Game Lodge guards the entrance to South Africa's world famous Garden Route Coast.

Only 3½ scenic hours drive from Cape Town, this malaria free, family owned and operated private game reserve is home to an abundance of animal and birdlife including the Big 5.

Visitors to the Garden Route Game Lodge can enjoy game viewing in open Landrovers, luxury accommodation and a memorable dining experience in one of our African style restaurants. Our friendly staff and management are there to anticipate your every need to complete your unforgettable stay.



### Basis

Half Board Plus - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast and Activities

All Local Brands (Spirits, Wine and Beers) Included

## Day 10: Whale Coast Ocean Villa, Hermanus

### Day Itinerary

#### Garden Route Game Lodge to Hermanus

**270km, Approximately 3 hours drive**

An early start to the day with a morning game drive on the reserve, followed by breakfast and check out. Today you travel to the Whale Watching Capital, Hermanus. Southern Right Whales can be seen here between May and November each year, at other times of the year it is a lovely coastal town with lots to see and do.

Enjoy the evening at leisure, take a walk along the cliff top walk way looking out for whales during season or explore the vibrant town centre and enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

## Hermanus

Situated just 140 kilometres from Cape Town and built between the beautiful shores of Walker Bay, Hermanus has grown from a small seaside resort town to become arguably the best-known place for whale watching in the world. This town is also famed for its natural scenic beauty, featuring long stretches of pristine beaches. An excellent variety of restaurants, cafes and bars are also on offer. Today, Hermanus is more than just a popular holiday destination and offers visitors all kinds of activities, both energetic and relaxing. Visitors can explore the Old Harbour Museum, which is comprised of the charming fisherman's village, the old harbour, and the Whale House Museum; hike through the nearby Fernkloof Nature Reserve, and sample an array of top-quality wine along the famous Hermanus Wine Route.

### Overnight: Whale Coast Ocean Villa

Whale Coast Villa is located in the popular Voelklip suburb of Hermanus, a town famous for sightings of the Southern Right Whales during whale season. The property is only 2 minutes away from the Blue Flag Grotto Beach, and offers beautiful ocean and mountain views.

Whale Coast Villa offers 7 luxurious rooms which all have air-conditioning, flat-screen television with satellite TV channels, a safe, mini fridge, coffee / tea making facilities and an en-suite bathroom. The guesthouse and its modern rooms has just been refurbished to offer guests the ultimate comfort during an unforgettable holiday in Hermanus.

Hermanus is famous for its world class restaurants, boutique shops and art galleries, a scenic wine route and any adventure activities including whale watching and shark cage diving. The guest house is also close to the famous cliff path that provides a scenic walk along the coast all the way to the town centre.



## Basis

Bed and Breakfast

## Day 11: Whale Coast Ocean Villa, Hermanus

### Day Itinerary

#### Full day at Leisure in Hermanus

Enjoy a full day to explore Hermanus and its surrounding areas.

#### Optional activities:

- Zip-lining
- Quad biking
- Fat bike excursion
- Beach horse riding
- Sand boarding

- Shark cage diving
- During whale season you can enjoy a beautiful walk along the cliff tops looking out for whales which often come really close to shore, or
- Join a boat based whale watching trip

Hermanus also has a stunning wine valley - Hemel en Aarde which is particularly known for its pinot noir wines. There are also a number of excellent restaurants in scenic settings to enjoy lunch and dinner.

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### ***Hermanus Whale Walk***

Hermanus offers some of the best shore-based whale watching in the world, with a seaside trail that runs for miles along the coastal cliffs. The land drops off sharply into a deep bay below where whales come to cruise or play, sometimes as little as 20 metres away from the shore. To ensure that visitors are kept in the know, a designated 'whale crier' patrols the trail, sounding his kelp horn when he spots these majestic ocean mammals.



### **Basis**

Bed and Breakfast



**Day 12: End of Itinerary**

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**Day Itinerary**

**Hermanus to Cape Town International Airport**

**110km, Approximately 2 hours drive**

Your circular journey has sadly come to an end and it is time to make your way back to Cape Town International Airport for your departure flight.

**Basis**

Bed and Breakfast

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