



# TRAVEL PASSION INC.

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## 13-days Cape Town, Winelands, Garden Route & Safari



**CAPE TOWN**



**FRANSCHHOEK**



**STELLENBOSCH**



**OUTDSHOORN**



**KLEIN KAROO**



**PLETTENBERG BAY**



**KNYSNA**



**AMAKHALA GAME RESERVE**

### 13-days Cape Town, Winelands, Garden Route & Safari

Cape Town - Simons Town - Franschhoek - Stellenbosch - Oudtshoorn - Klein Karoo - Plettenberg Bay - Knysna - Amakhala Game Reserve

13 Days / 12 Nights



## Introduction

Start	Accommodation	Destination	Basis	Duration
Day 1	Lion Roars Kloof Street Hotel	Cape Town	B&B	3 Nights
Day 4	Lion Roars Franschhoek Boutique Hotel	Franschhoek	B&B	2 Nights
Day 6	La Plume Boutique Guest House	Oudtshoorn	B&B	2 Nights
Day 8	Lion Roars Plett Quarter Hotel	Plettenberg Bay	B&B	3 Nights
Day 11	Amakhala Hlosi Game Lodge	Amakhala Game Reserve	FB+	2 Nights

### Key

B&B: Bed and Breakfast

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

## Day 1: Lion Roars Kloof Street Hotel, Cape Town

### 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 in the heart of one of Cape Town's top dining destinations; Kloof Street's eight-block strip is dotted with buzzy restaurants, cafés and bars.

#### 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**

### **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

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***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: Lion Roars Kloof Street Hotel, 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

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.



### **Basis**

Bed and Breakfast

## **Day 4: Lion Roars Franschhoek Boutique Hotel, Franschhoek**

### **Day Itinerary**

**Transfer from Cape Town to Franschhoek 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 Franschhoek

**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 spoilt 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

#### **Franschhoek**

Set just over an hour from Cape Town, within the inspiring landscapes of the Cape Winelands, Franschhoek is a heritage town and a world-renowned food and wine destination. Travellers could choose to focus their visit on any one aspect alone - nature, cuisine or culture - and find plenty to keep them busy. The estates here attract wine experts from around the globe with their Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Cap Classique sparkling wine (among others). Five-star restaurants alongside the cellars are surrounded by the same jaw-dropping valley scenes that have brought artists and writers to the area for centuries. A superb literary festival takes place around May every year, and, combined with the town's Cape Dutch manor houses, fascinating museums, and charming boutiques, makes Franschhoek a wonderful place to visit in winter. Summer provides endless hiking, cycling and other outdoor opportunities among the lush farmlands and mountains.

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#### ***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.



#### ***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.



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### **Overnight: Lion Roars Franschhoek Boutique Hotel**

An eclectic mix of old-world sophistication and contemporary design, Franschhoek Boutique Hotel offers high-end hotel style service with the comfort of country living.

Situated just off the Franschhoek main street lined with high-end boutiques, fine dining restaurants and amazing art galleries, it is perfect for that special occasion, romantic getaway or honeymoon, in winter or summer.

Each of the 12 rooms are uniquely and luxuriously decorated, though visitors are likely to spend most of their time out and about visiting the nearby historical Cape Dutch Wineries. The Franschhoek area is world renowned for making excellent versions of almost every varietal of wine and if sparkling wine appeals, there's also a dedicated Cap Classique route here in the area.




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## Basis

Bed and Breakfast

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## Day 5: Lion Roars Franschoek Boutique Hotel, Franschoek

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### Day Itinerary

#### Franschoek Wine Tram

Enjoy a full day at your own leisure to explore and discover Franschoek and enjoy some more wine tasting in the Franschoek Valley on the fun Wine Tram.

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#### *Franschoek Wine Tram*

The Franschoek Wine Tram hop-on hop-off tour is one of the best ways to discover the true essence of the Franschoek Valleys' picturesque vineyards, breath-taking scenery, warm hospitality, world-class cuisine, fine wines, and a 300-year history. The tour takes passengers right into the heart of the Franschoek Valley, with a narration focusing on the history of Franschoek and wine cultivation in the valley, complimentary wine tastings and unparalleled views of the valley and vineyards. Passengers aboard the hop-on hop-off tour will experience a unique and leisurely way to see the Franschoek Valley as they journey through rolling vineyards in an open-sided tram and open-air tram-bus, stopping in at some of South Africa's oldest and most distinguished wine estates. During each stop, passengers can experience various activities, be it wine tasting, a cellar tour, lunch or simply a stroll through the vineyards.




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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

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

*(Self-Drive):*

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.

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### Oudtshoorn

Located along the well-known Route 62 in South Africa's beautiful Klein Karoo, the charming town of Oudtshoorn is known as the ostrich capital of the world. It is surrounded by numerous ostrich farms and the golden arid landscape of the Karoo. Visitors can enjoy the locally produced wine and port; sample ostrich meat and biltong; learn about the ostrich feather boom at the C.P. Nel Museum; and visit the world-renowned 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.”



### Basis

Bed and Breakfast



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

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### Day Itinerary

#### Full day Oudtshoorn

*(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

**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.

*(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

**Included:**

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

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

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.

### ***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 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.



### ***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.



### **Basis**

Bed and Breakfast

## **Day 8: Lion Roars Plett Quarter Hotel, Plettenberg Bay**

### **Day Itinerary**

#### **Oudtshoorn to Plettenberg Bay via Knysna**

**160km Approximate driving time 2.5 hours**

Those who are up for an early start to the day can opt for a Meerkat Safari

Depart Oudtshoorn after a leisurely morning and breakfast at your accommodation. Cross over the spectacular Outeniqua Pass and onto the Garden Route. Stop en-route in Knysna for lunch before reaching your accommodation in Plettenberg Bay situated in the heart of the town centre.

#### 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

### **Plettenberg Bay**

The seaside town of Plettenberg Bay is a popular holiday destination situated just 2.5 hours' drive west of Gqeberha, on the spectacular coastal Garden Route, The Portuguese explorers called it the 'Beautiful Bay', and it's easy to see why – Plettenberg Bay is a picturesque, charming town with endless pristine beaches, tranquil lagoons, clean rivers, indigenous forests, and a dramatic rocky peninsula. Playground to the wealthy, beach mansions overlook the Indian Ocean, often dotted with luxury yachts, while leisure time is given over to polo and golf, among other things. However, all kinds of visitors will feel at peace here as simply swimming in the warm water on a safe beach is a great way to experience the beauty of Plettenberg Bay. Adrenaline seekers can visit Bloukrans Bridge, a 30-minute drive away, to do the highest bungee jump on earth.

## ***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.



## ***Knysna Waterfront***

Knysna Waterfront is a very popular attraction in Knysna and the surrounding area. The exciting destination is well-loved by both national and international guests and boasts a number of shops and restaurants constructed around Knysna Harbour. All of the restaurants have picturesque views overlooking the lagoon. Visitors can enjoy ferry trips from the waterfront to the famous Knysna Heads.



## ***Robberg Beach***

Robberg Beach in Plettenberg Bay is a premier destination boasting kilometres of pristine shoreline stretching from central Plettenberg Bay towards the Robberg Peninsula. With its Blue Flag status, the beach offers excellent facilities and ideal conditions for swimming in its warm, calm waters. The long sandy shores are perfect for romantic walks, and visitors can enjoy shore-based dolphin, seal, and whale watching during the winter months. Lifeguards ensure safety throughout the season, making Robberg Beach a top choice for beach enthusiasts.

## ***Buffelsdrift Meerkat Safari***

The Meerkat Safaris at Buffelsdrift Game Lodge brings visitors up close to the amazing meerkats. A trained ranger will meet the guests in the Lookout Lounge, where they will enjoy a warm cup of coffee and rusks, before heading to the Safari vehicle by which they will be taken to the Meerkat burrows. On the way to the burrows, guests are usually lucky to spot some of the 22 species of animals on the reserve. At dawn, the wild habituated creatures can be seen emerging out of their burrows, just in time to soak up the sun before they head about their daily activities. The ranger will educate the guests on all the interesting facts and behaviour throughout the experience.




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### Overnight: Lion Roars Plett Quarter Hotel

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Greenery abounds throughout Plett Quarter Hotel, with a coastal chic modern aesthetic that embraces Plett's sunny climate and al fresco lifestyle. The room types on offer include deluxe rooms and luxury suites. Depending on preference, certain rooms offer terraces, whilst some are more compact for the traveller who prefers to spend more time outdoors, exploring the many activities of the surroundings.

Plett Quarter Hotel's sky bar and rooftop pool deck take full advantage of its elevated position, embracing the expansive views across the bay. Its convenient location on vibey Main Street means you can enjoy all the charming seaside town has to offer, including great restaurants, wonderful bars, shops and art galleries.




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### Basis

Bed and Breakfast

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## Day 9: Lion Roars Plett Quarter Hotel, Plettenberg Bay

### Day Itinerary

#### Full day at leisure in Plettenberg Bay

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 Riding Trails
- Learn to surf
- Keurbooms River boat trip with Stand-Up-Paddling
- Keurbooms River Gorge boat trip

**Basis**

Bed and Breakfast

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**Day 10: Lion Roars Plett Quarter Hotel, Plettenberg Bay****Day Itinerary**

Another full day at leisure in Plettenberg Bay to enjoy some down time, or enjoy more exciting activities and excursions in the area.

**Basis**

Bed and Breakfast

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**Day 11: Amakhala Hlosi Game Lodge, Amakhala Game Reserve****Day Itinerary****Plettenberg Bay to Amakhala Private Game Reserve****325km Approximate driving time 4.5 hours**

The exciting safari part of your tour starts today! Travel into the Eastern Cape province to the Amakhala Private Game Reserve.

You will be greeted on arrival at your Amakhala's Lodge with refreshing hand towels and served drinks in the lounge or on the pool deck overlooking the swimming pool. While baggage is delivered to their room, you will be advised of your itinerary.

Lunch is served at 2:00pm, after which you will have a chance to relax, read a book from the library or try your hand at Hlosi's other activities such as archery. The afternoon game drive will then depart in the late afternoon, the duration of a game drive is usually 3 hours depending on the amount of time spent stationary while viewing game. Bottled water, beverages and light snacks such as biltong are provided en route and the vehicle will stop in order for guests to alight and enjoy a sundowner at sunset.

Dinner back at the lodge may consist of a three course meal served by the crackling fireplace in the warm atmosphere of the lodge. After enjoying dinner, you are invited to socialise until the small hours of the morning or to retire to the comfort and luxury of your suite.

## Amakhala Game Reserve

Located between Port Elizabeth and Grahamstown and just east of Addo Elephant Park, the Amakhala Game Reserve is the perfect place to enjoy Big Five Safaris. Featuring spectacular topography created by the Bushman's River, the reserve is home to a huge array of animal species - besides the big five, visitors can also spot cheetah, giraffe, zebra, wildebeest, plenty of antelope species, and many other smaller interesting animals.

Amakhala is also inhabited by prolific birdlife (the majestic African Fish Eagle is a particular highlight), and idyllic boat cruises provide a delightful way to see this. Visitors can also enjoy a variety of fantastic game drives, guided walks, and horse trails. Just outside the park, there are plenty of attractions to discover, including the Amakhala Craft Centre, and the Bushman Sands Golf Course and Health Spa.

### *Safari Game Drives*

Become part of Africa as you experience our Big 5 Safari Adventure on malaria free Amakhala Game Reserve in the Eastern Cape of South Africa..

Included in your stay are morning and evening game drives leaving from your lodge. You will be guided by informative, professional rangers through Amakhala Game Reserve in open Land Rovers. Here you can return to nature and explore the abundant wildlife, the diverse vegetation and the dramatic landscape of the Eastern Cape.

We also offer Day Safari options, find out more: <https://www.hlosilodge.com/activities/day-safaris>

### **Overnight: Amakhala Hlosi Game Lodge**

Hlosi Game Lodge is a tranquil grassland retreat offering rich game-viewing and luxurious accommodation for the whole family. Lying along a gentle curve of a hill above the river plain, our suites offer wide-open views with four-star comforts. The main lodge includes elegant lounge and dining areas, and a splendid bar overlooking the swimming pool and waterhole.

Our fenced camp is perfect for families with small children, or for those who aren't comfortable with a chance-meeting with wild animals. Watch breathlessly from the privacy of your own viewing deck or luxurious deep-soaking tub at the array of wildlife and bird life from a safe and comfortable distance.

With only six suites and eight luxury tents it is our privilege to create intimate, personal game-viewing experiences for our guests and to share our love for conservation, food and life. Our four double suites and two 2-roomed family suites may also be booked exclusively as an intimate venue for small team-building events, conferences and weddings.



### **Basis**

Full Board Plus - Dinner, Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Activities  
All Local Brands (Spirits, Wine and Beers) Included

## Day 12: Amakhala Hlosi Game Lodge, Amakhala Game Reserve

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### Day Itinerary

#### Full day on safari

Awaken to the chorus of an African dawn and ready for another day of adventure! You will be served coffee, tea and cereals and yoghurts in the main lodge half an hour before the morning game drive commences. Game rangers will halt whenever requested and share their expertise with guests. Game rangers will also stop and allow guests to alight from the vehicle for a steaming cup of coffee which is traditionally enjoyed with rusks (a South African biscuit).

On returning from the morning game drive, you will have 30 minutes at disposal to freshen up before brunch is served. Breakfast/brunch is usually buffet style with a choice of fresh fruit, as well as sweet pastries, toast and jams. Following this, a full cooked breakfast is available.

After brunch you are welcome to relax at the refreshing pool or enjoy a nap after the excitement of the game drive, depending on your preference. You will have enough time to relax and the lodge staff will strive to accommodate every need. Books of an African theme, cards, board games such as chess as well as television and internet facilities are available in the main lodge for guests' conveniences.

From here your day will follow the same routine as the previous - an afternoon game drive and dinner.

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#### *River Cruise*

A fun add on to your stay on Amakhala Game Reserve is our river cruise. The boat meanders down the Bushman's river, bursting with incredible bird and plant life.

The cruise is an hour long and to be enjoyed at your leisure with mouth-watering snacks and ice-cold beverages. Perfect way to spend your day during the warm weather. All river cruises are made by prior arrangement.

#### *Extra Activities at Hlosi*

Enjoy the various extra activities that Hlosi Game Lodge has to offer, from Night Drives, Star Gazing, Birding, Bush Walks, Archery, Spa Therapy and Fishing.

There's something for everyone. Extra activities are charged as optional extras at the lodge and can be settled on site.

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#### **Basis**

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

All Local Brands (Spirits, Wine and Beers) Included

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## Day 13: End of Itinerary

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### Day Itinerary

#### Amakhala Private Game Reserve to Port Elizabeth

#### 80km Approximate driving time 1.5 hours

This morning you should have time for your final morning game drive and breakfast, before you travel to Port Elizabeth Airport for your departure flight.



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