



Spectacular South Africa

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3 Nights Cape Town + 01 Night Franschhoek + 2 Nights Knysna + 1 Night Port Elizabeth

Situated at the southern tip of Africa, South Africa is 1 233 404km² in size and is edged on three sides by nearly 3 000km of coastline, with the Indian Ocean to the east and the Atlantic Ocean to the west. The country is bordered in the north by Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe and Mozambique, and also encloses two independent countries, the kingdoms of Lesotho and Swaziland. Every country in the world displays some diversity, but South Africa, stretching from the hippos in the Limpopo River to the penguins waddling on the Cape, takes some beating. It befits its position at the southern end of the world's most epic continent, with more types of terrain than photographers can shake their zoom lens at. There's the deserted Kalahari, Namakwa's springtime symphony of wildflowers, iconic Table Mountain and Cape Point, Kruger National Park's wildlife-stalked savannah (scene of the famous lion-buffalo-crocodile battle watched more than 40 million times on YouTube) and, running through the east of the country and into Lesotho, the Drakensberg. KwaZulu-Natal's iSimangaliso Wetland Park alone has five distinct ecosystems, attracting both zebras and dolphins. At the very tip of the continent, this country is an excellent introduction to Africa. South Africa is the continent's most developed country and is many worlds in one: modern bustling cities, ancient rock art, gorgeous beaches, fabulous game lodges and national parks, mountain ranges, desert, wildlife, and wine lands. South Africans are among the most welcoming people and the country's emergence from its turbulent past provides a dramatic history and the promise of something new every time you visit.

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DAY 1

Arrive Cape Town

Today, embark on your exciting tour of South Africa. On Arrival at Cape Town, you will be transferred to your hotel. Check-in and relax as rest of the afternoon is at leisure. Cape Town is the Mother City of South Africa and it occupies one of the world's most stunning locations, with an iconic mountain slap-bang in her centre. Complementing the mountain's natural beauty is Cape Town's eye-catching way with design and colour in everything from the brightly painted façades of the Bo-Kaap and the Victorian bathing chalets of Muizenberg, to the contemporary Afro-chic décor of the many excellent guesthouses, restaurants and bars. Overnight at your hotel in Cape Town.

***Cape Town**, known as the chic city of South Africa; Cape Town is famous world-wide for its Table Mountain, vast lands of Cape Wine lands and beautifully-decorated coastline. The Wine lands of Cape have a distinct flavor of their ancestral cultural heritage, natural beauty and wines to die-for. Hospitable and warm places like Stellenbosch, Pearl, Wellington, Franschhoek and Robertson in the Breede River Valley are a must on the itinerary. Also, visit the World Heritage Site of Robben Island and the Cape of Good Hope on a Peninsula Tour to learn more about its history.*

DAY 2

Cape Town - City Tour & Table Mountain (B)

After breakfast at the hotel, you will proceed on an exciting Half Day Morning City Tour of Cape Town. This tour gives you the opportunity to discover the spirit of the Mother City, experience her vibrant cultures and history and enjoy botanical scenery. Highlights include: Table Mountain – weather permitting (otherwise Signal Hill) for a breathtaking view over the city, Scenic coastal drive through Clifton & Sea Point. You pass through the Houses of Parliament, the Castle, the SA Museum, and a few other historical sights – District Six, Bo-Kaap, Slave Lodge & ending at the bustling Greenmarket Square. The rest of the day is free for you to enjoy shopping on your own at the Canal Walk Shopping Centre which has 400 Shops! Overnight stay at your hotel in Cape Town.

DAY 3

Cape Town - Peninsula Tour (B)

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel. Depart on a full day Peninsula tour - Africa's premier tour route to the romantic meeting place of the Indian & Atlantic Oceans. This comprehensive tour shows you the best of the spectacular Cape Peninsula and why it is called the Fairest Cape. Travel past Sea Point and Camps Bay, past the famous beaches of Clifton and Llandudno towards Hout Bay. Drive along the Atlantic Seaboard. Pass through Noordhoek and Scarborough. Later you will take to the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve. Enjoy the funicular ride aboard the "Flying Dutchman" and enjoy the unforgettable spectacular views. Later, get the photo opportunity to take some pictures at the second southernmost tip of the African continent. Visit the beautiful Boulders Beach and have the option to sit among the famous colony of Jackass Penguins. Thereafter we enjoy a short stop at the naval port of Simon's Town and know about the legend of "Able Seaman Just Nuisance" the Great Dane Dog that was inducted in Royal Navy. Return for your overnight stay at the hotel.

DAY 4

Cape Town - Franschhoek (B)

After breakfast, check-out and leave for Franschhoek. As you make your way into Franschhoek, you will notice that most of the farms still bear their original French names, some complete with a spectacular Cape Dutch homestead, towering oaks and rolling vineyards. The fertile Franschhoek Wine Valley is home to some of South Africa's noble cultivars and classic styles. These range from superb whites such as Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Semillon and Chenin Blanc, to the full-bodied reds of Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz, Pinot Noir and Merlot. The area also produces some of the country's extraordinary Méthode Cap Classiques. After a visit to a winery, return for your overnight stay at the hotel.

Franschhoek may be South Africa's Culinary Capital, but you are bound to want to explore further than our award-winning restaurants and wineries. If the options are simply too many for you to decide, contact one of our local tour operators who have distilled what's available into itineraries for all tastes. For a wine tasting take a ride on the Franschhoek Wine Tram. For the more energetic, there are numerous walking trails in the surrounding mountains – particularly in the Mont Rochelle Nature Reserve. You can also hire a bicycle and explore on your own, or go wine tasting on horseback. Venture out to Val de Vie for some polo or opt for an exciting game of golf at the breath-taking and award-winning Pearl Valley golf course.

DAY 5

Franschhoek – Knysna (B)

Start your day with a scrumptious breakfast, after which you leave for Knysna.

After arriving in Knysna, we set sail on a cruise on the vast Knysna Lagoon.

Be spell bounded by the amazing view of the grandiose sandstone 'Heads' which guard the sea entrance to Knysna's huge tidal lagoon.

Check-in at the hotel by afternoon and relax.

Overnight stay at your hotel in Knysna.

Knysna stands out on South Africa's famed Garden Route thanks to the limestone cliffs that dramatically separate its tranquil lagoon from the pounding surf of the Indian Ocean. It's also home to the country's largest indigenous forest.

DAY 6

Knysna - Oudtshoorn – Knysna (B)

Start your day with a delightful breakfast.

Today visit Ostrich Farm and experience the beauty of the world's largest bird which lays the largest egg and has the most beautiful feathers and most expressive eyes. Stand on their eggs, touch the birds and cuddle the chicks.

Afterwards, visit the Cango Wildlife Ranch to experience animal species that inhabited the Karoo region in the early day.

Cango Caves – The Klein Karoo's oldest and most popular attraction and one of the world's natural wonders.

Check-in at the hotel by afternoon and relax.

Stay overnight at your hotel in Knysna.

DAY 7

Knysna – George – Johannesburg (B)

After breakfast transfer to the airport to board a flight to Johannesburg. On arrival, you will be transferred to the hotel. Rest of the day is free at leisure. Overnight stay at your hotel.

Johannesburg is often called the gateway to Southern Africa. Growing as a commercial hub, it has one of the world's best infrastructure facilities making it a young major city. Soweto in the city is a great crowd-puller while its Apartheid Museum brings to light the era of South Africa's previous regime.

DAY 8

Depart Johannesburg (B)

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel. Later today, proceed to OR Tambo International Airport as this fantastic tour comes to an end. Return home with wonderful memories of your tour.

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