



ITINERARY: 16 DAYS-2 COUNTRIES-08 TO 24 JULY 2019
Johannesburg • Hazyview • Kruger National Park • eSwatini (formerly Swaziland) • St Lucia • Durban • Drakensberg • Eastern Cape • Port Elizabeth • Knysna • Oudtshoorn • Mossel Bay • Cape Town

MON 08 JUL 19: DEPART AUSTRALIA

Depart Australia via Perth on your overnight flight to Johannesburg.

TUE 09 JUL 19: JOHANNESBURG

On arrival transfer by shuttle bus to the hotel for early checkin. The rest of the day is at leisure before meeting for a briefing with your fellow travellers in the evening.
Accommodation: Protea Hotel OR Tamboor similar (B)

WED 10 JUL 19: HAZYVIEW

This morning we leave for Mpumalanga, dropping several hundred feet into the lush Lowveld. Travel along the Panorama Route visiting the view sites of the Blyde River Canyon, God's Window, the Three Rondavels and Bourke's Luck Potholes before heading to Hazyview.

** Memorable Moment: Viewing the spectacular Panorama route for magnificent scenery.*

Accommodation: Hippo Hollow Country Estate or similar (B)

THU 11 JUL 19: KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

Today is an early start in order to experience the wonders of exploring Kruger National Park in our closed touring vehicle. Spend a morning searching for the Big Five in the famous Kruger National Park, which supports the largest variety of wildlife species on the African continent. Keep a lookout for the wonderful flora and bird life that abounds. Return to the hotel for afternoon at leisure.

** Memorable Moment: Seeing the Big Five in the wild is one of the most memorable things one can ever experience.*

Accommodation: Hippo Hollow Country Estate or similar (B)

FRI 12 JUL 19: eSWATINI (formerly Swaziland)

After breakfast, depart for eSwatini. Proceed south to Malalane and onto eSwatini where you will visit a real Chief's village and have the fantastic opportunity to gain an authentic knowledge of traditional Swazi culture.

** Memorable Moment: Visiting a real Chiefs vilage and learning about Swazi culture.*

Accommodation: Lugogo Sun or similar (B)

SAT 13 JUL 19: ST LUCIA AND SURROUNDS

This morning we journey through Swaziland into Zululand and into the Kingdom of KwaZulu-Natal where ancient traditions and modern cultures of both Zulu and Settler have combined, living in peace and harmony. Arrive in the Umfolozi region for your overnight stay.

Accommodation: Anew Hotel Hluhluwe or similar (B)

SUN 14 JUL 19: ST LUCIA AND DURBAN

Guests have the option to lie in or take an optional morning boat cruise (own account) or simply soak up the atmosphere of this tourist town St Lucia before heading towards Durban. An orientation tour introduces us to this vibrant seaside city.

Accommodation: Protea Hotel Umhlanga Ridge or similar (B)

MON 15 JUL 19: DRAKENSBERG

After a leisurely breakfast we head into the majestic Southern Drakensberg Mountains. Proceed on a visit to the 300 foot high Howick Falls, continuing through the Southern Midlands Meander Route, arriving at our hotel with afternoon at leisure.

** Memorable Moment: The massive Drakensberg mountain range forms the border between Kwa-Zulu Natal and the Kingdom of Lesotho. Its towering basalt peaks and buttresses offer dramatic vistas, the highest peak reaching a spectacular 3,482 metres, the highest in southern Africa.*

Accommodation: Drakensberg Gardens Resort or similar (BD)

TUE 16 JUL 19: DRAKENSBERG

Day at leisure to soak up the surroundings of the magnificent Southern Drakensberg Mountains. Today a host of optional leisure activities await you.

Accommodation: Drakensberg Gardens Resort or similar (BD)

WED 17 JUL 19: EASTERN CAPE COAST

This morning we continue south to the Eastern Cape entering the birth place of Nelson Mandela (fondly known as Madiba). Enroute we see the old traditional way of life in the homeland area known as the Transkei and stop for lunch outside the capital, Umtata. Continue via Nelson Mandela's birth place and house, arriving late afternoon at our accommodation in Chintsa East, on the beautiful, unspoilt Eastern Cape Coast.

** Memorable Moment: Drive past Nelson Mandela's birth place and home.*

Accommodation: Crawford's Beach Lodge or similar (BD)

THU 18 JUL 19: EASTERN CAPE COAST

Awake to the sounds of the crashing waves and enjoy the morning at leisure. The beach stretches on uninterrupted for many kilometres and the indigenous beach forest is a haven for amazing birdlife. Continue south to Port Elizabeth.

Accommodation: Garden Court King's Beach or similar (B)

FRI 19 JUL 19: KNYSNA

Journey towards the Cape with a visit the Tsitsikamma Forest, which provides scenic walking opportunities. A short walk to the Storms River Mouth offers great views of the gorge and river below. Arrive in Knysna.

Accommodation: Premier Hotel, The Moorings or similar (BD)

SAT 20 JUL 19: OUDTSHOORN

After breakfast, travel inland over the spectacular Outeniqua Pass to Oudtshoorn, known as the 'feather capital of the world' because of its ostrich industry. Visit a working ostrich farm and then explore the famous Cango Caves with their magnificent dripstone formations of stalactites and stalagmites. Continue to Mossel Bay for a visit of the famous Post Office Tree, the Bartholomew Diaz museum and shell museum.

** Memorable Moment: Visit a working ostrich farm in Oudtshoorn, known as 'the feather capital of the world'.*

Accommodation: Diaz Hotel or similar (B)

SUN 21 JUL 19: CAPE TOWN

After breakfast we head for Cape Town via the towns of Swellendam, Robertson and Worcester. After travelling through the Huguenot Tunnel, iconic Table Mountain greets us as we arrive in Cape Town in the afternoon.

Accommodation: Sun Square Hotel - Cape Town or similar (B)

MON 22 JUL 19: CAPE TOWN

Enjoy a day at leisure in the 'Mother City' with time to explore this beautiful city with its many attractions.

** Memorable Moment: Visit the V & A Waterfront at leisure - the day is free for you to enjoy.*

Accommodation: Sun Square Hotel - Cape Town or similar (B)

TUE 23 JUL 19: DEPART CAPE TOWN

This morning after breakfast, check out of the hotel by 11h00. The remainder of the day will be at your leisure until your transfer to Cape Town International Airport for your overnight flight via Johannesburg to Australia.

WED 24 JUL 19: ARRIVE AUSTRALIA

Arrive in Perth and exit customs before your flight to your applicable capital city.

Optional Day Tour Activities can be purchased during the tour.