



South African Highlights

10 nights / 11 days

Experience the outdoors of South Africa!

Enjoy the panoramic Blyde River Canyon, raft on the Sabie River, search for the Big 5 on safari, glide through the giant trees of Tsitsikamma Forest on a canopy tour, explore the Garden Route's scenic beauty, cycle along the Peninsula, kayak amongst the penguins at Boulders...

Day 1: Johannesburg – Hazyview (± 430km / ± 4hrs)



On arrival at Johannesburg International Airport, you will be met and escorted to your first destination, situated in the beautiful Mpumalanga region on a 500 ha nature reserve. We drive via the Long Tom Pass and Lone Creek Waterfall and enjoy a lunch-stop en route to clients' own account. On arrival at the hotel there will be time for you to relax, or you may have the unique pleasure of walking through the bush on the extensive marked trails on your own in complete safety. There are on site hiking trails, all weather floodlit tennis courts and swimming pools. Late afternoon, proceed to **Shangana Cultural Village** for the Evening festival and dinner. The residents of the traditional villages of Shangana invite you to share in the way of life of the Shangaan people. The picturesque villages are set in the shade of ancient trees in a reserve of forest and grassland, and are open every day. A bustling African market village forms the centre of Shangana, where local craftspeople make and trade their craft. Shangana has been created and built by local Shangaan people, and forms a place of great pride and a way of preserving a rich heritage for us, and an example of South Africa's great cultural diversity. Duration: 4 hrs with dinner

Overnight and breakfast at Casa do Sol or similar (DBB)

Day 2: Panorama Route (Roundtrip ± 200km / 3 hrs incl. stops)



The most spectacular stretch of the Panorama Route is the Blyde River Canyon. From many well-positioned vantage points one has a view of the 33 km long gorge. We start at Graskop and visit Bourke's Luck Potholes and the Three Rondavels. We return to the hotel for lunch (own account). After lunch we conquer the Sabie River which provides 20 rapids (grade 2 – 3) with areas of scenic vegetation and outstanding wildlife viewing for a **rafting** experience. This 8km route is yielding to the novice, yet accommodating to the thrill seeker. Duration: 2.5 hrs

Part of the fun includes swimming, bum sliding and wave surfing with a boogie board. We return to the hotel for dinner.

Overnight, dinner and breakfast at Casa do Sol or similar (DBB)

Day 3: Hazyview – Kapama (± 110 km / 1.5 hrs)



After breakfast the adventure seekers have a selection of *optional activities*, duration 1 – 2 hours. All these optional activities have to be pre-booked with us prior to arrival in the country: Choose between

- quad biking,
- horse-riding or
- a guided hike.

Thereafter we continue to Kapama Private Game Reserve, one of South Africa's largest privately owned game reserves, perfectly positioned in the Limpopo province safari area, renowned for its high density of big game animals. We arrive in time for lunch. Here your guide departs to return the vehicle to Johannesburg, but will meet up with you again in Port Elizabeth. Your ranger will take over for these 2 days and commence with the afternoon/evening game drive. At sunset you will stop for sundowner drinks (extra cost). Return to the camp and freshen up for dinner.

Overnight, breakfast, lunch, dinner and game activities at Kapama Buffalo Camp or similar (FB)

Day 4: Kapama Game Reserve (game drives / ± 3 hrs)



Your experienced game ranger and tracker are keen to share their extensive knowledge and love of the African bush with you. There are two **game drives** per day in open top Landrovers. Each drive lasts about three hours with an intermediate break. During the morning game drive break you will enjoy coffee and rusks and in the afternoon your ranger will find a suitable spot where you can enjoy the stunning views, while enjoying a sundowner (extra cost). After sundowners your tracker will use the spotlight to find nocturnal animals before returning to the lodge for dinner.

Overnight, breakfast, lunch, dinner and game drives at Kapama Buffalo Camp or similar (FB)

Day 5: Hoedspruit via Johannesburg to Port Elizabeth (flight times ± 2 h55min / stopover ± 2 hrs)



After your early morning game drive and breakfast, check out and transfer to the airport, which is only 18km away from the lodge. Today you fly from Hoedspruit Eastgate Airport via Johannesburg to Port Elizabeth. Your guide meets up with you at the airport. Transfer to hotel in Port Elizabeth for overnight and dinner. Take a walk on the beach directly opposite from the hotel before or after dinner.

Overnight, dinner and breakfast at Beach Hotel or similar (DBB)

Day 6: Port Elizabeth – Tsitsikamma (±181.5 km / 2hrs)



After breakfast we depart and continue to Nature's Valley and the Tsitsikamma National Park. This is the beginning of one of the most spectacular routes in South Africa, called the **Garden Route** with indigenous forests with giant yellowwood trees, waterfalls, lakes, mountains, rivers, streams, deep gorges, a rugged coastline and long stretches of white beaches. Participate in the **Canopy Tour**, the first of its kind in Africa. Explore the Tsitsikamma forest while traversing 30m above the forest floor on cable slides – no experience is needed. Lunch on own account at Trees Restaurant.

Visit the *Bloukrans Bridge* where adrenalin junkies experience a seven second freefall going down 180 m (bungy jumping optional). This is the highest commercial bungy jump in the world.

Continue to the lodge for dinner.

Overnight, dinner and breakfast at Tsitsikamma Lodge or similar (DBB)

Day 7: Tsitsikamma – Plettenberg Bay (± 120km / 1.5 hrs roundtrip)

After breakfast we visit **Tenikwa Wildlife Awareness Centre** and if there is time you may opt to continue to Monkeyland Primate Sanctuary and Birds of Eden, a living forest experience that will stay with you forever (own account).

*In the afternoon you can participate in optional activities: **Advance bookings are a must!***

- Guided mountain biking tour on some of the best trails in the Garden Route.
- Marine Encounter, whale & dolphin watching boat cruise.
- Qolweni Township Tour, Plettenberg Bay

Overnight, dinner and breakfast at Knysna Log Inn or similar (DBB)

Day 8: Tsitsikamma via Route 62 to Franschhoek (±510km / ± 5.5 Std.)



After an early breakfast depart Knysna and travel to Franschhoek, nestled between towering mountains in the heart of the beautiful Cape Winelands. Stop at various wine farms en route for stretching the legs and wine tasting. In the village you will find wonderful crafts, art and antique shops and galleries. We stop for a light lunch (own account). Dinner at the hotel.

Overnight and breakfast at Cathbert Inn or similar (DBB)

Day 9: Franschhoek to Cape Town (± 80 km / 45 min)

Optional activities: cycling through the vineyards or horse-riding. This has to be requested and booked well in advance and is subject to minimum numbers.

In the afternoon we depart for Cape Town. On arrival in Cape Town, depending on time and weather conditions, our first stop will be Table Mountain. Once on top you will be rewarded with breathtaking panoramic views across the city, the Cape Flats, Blouberg Strand, Robben Island, the Atlantic Coast and the Twelve Apostles. Continue with an orientation tour of Cape Town and its beaches. Check into your hotel. Dinner at leisure on own account.

Overnight with breakfast at The Vineyard Hotel (Courtyard room) or similar (BB)

Day 10: Cape Peninsula (± 105km / full day tour)



After breakfast you will be met by a specialist guide today to explore the beauty of the Cape Peninsula. We first head to Simon's Town to meet up with the **kayaks**. Double kayaks are very stable and perfect for those with no paddling experience.

We leave from Simon's Town Waterfront and **paddle** past the civilian and Naval Harbour and out to Boulder's Beach. After visiting the penguins we stop on a lovely semi-private beach for refreshments, swimming and **snorkelling** (we provide the snorkels and refreshments!) Duration: ± 2 – 2 ½ hours.

We proceed to the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve where you swap four wheels for two and **cycle** around the Reserve to Cape Point and **hike** up to the light house, recuperating with a delicious picnic lunch. Duration of cycle: ± 1 hour.

Don't forget comfortable shoes, a sweater/windbreaker and bathers! The cycle is easy-going, with some slight inclines. It lasts approx. 1 hour. The hike up to the lighthouse is more demanding as it is quite steep but very short. A funicular is available.

Return to the hotel.

Tonight enjoy a farewell dinner Marco's Africa Place or similar.

Overnight with breakfast at The Vineyard Hotel (Courtyard room) or similar (DBB & picnic lunch)

Day 11: Hotel to airport (± 25 min)



In case we did not manage to ascend Table Mountain on the previous days, this is our last chance to do so. The remainder of the morning is at leisure. *Optional activities* are available on request, such as a helicopter flip over the Cape Peninsula or shark cage diving at Simon's Town/Seal Island.

Depending on your return flight you may have the opportunity to do some last minute shopping at the V&A Waterfront.

You will be transferred to Cape Town International Airport in time for your return flight home.

Pre- and Post-tour extensions are available. On request we can tailor-make extensions in Cape Town, or Victoria Falls (Zambia), Botswana and Kenya!

Price on request.

Departure dates 2010:

01/02/2010

22/03/2010

05/04/2010

31/05/2010 (Pre-World-Cup Special)

12/07/2010 (Post-World-Cup Special)

27/09/2010

25/10/2010

29/11/2010

13/12/2010