

## FULLY ESCORTED TOURING SOUTH AFRICAN SURPRISE

15 Days

Johannesburg • Hazyview • Kruger National Park • Swaziland • St Lucia • Durban • Drakensberg • Transkei • East London • Port Elizabeth • Knysna • Oudtshoorn • Cape Town

### Day 1: (Sun) Johannesburg

You are under own arrangements until 19h00 when we all, after making your own way to the hotel, meet at the hotel reception for a briefing on the tour and a chance to meet up with your fellow passengers.

### Day 2: (Mon) Johannesburg / Hazyview

This morning we leave for Mpumalanga, dropping several hundred feet into the lush subtropical region of the Lowveld. Travel along the circular Panorama Route via Graskop, visiting the view sites of the Blyde River Canyon, one of the natural wonders of Africa; gasp at the glory of God's Window, with a boundless view of mountains and fertile plains and finally a visit to Bourke's Luck Potholes before heading to Hazyview.

### Day 3: (Tue) Kruger National Park

A bright and early start to the day in order to enjoy the wonders of exploring the Kruger National Park in your closed vehicle. Enter the park and keep a lookout for the wonderful flora and bird life that abounds. The Kruger National Park is an internationally renowned game reserve of nearly 2 million hectares and supports the largest variety of wildlife species on the African continent. Spend the day in search of game before returning to your hotel.

### Day 4: (Wed) Hazyview / Swaziland

This morning after breakfast, check out and depart on your journey to Swaziland. We proceed south through to Malelane and then onto Swaziland. Visit the famous Ngwenya Glass Factory before arriving at the hotel for overnight stay.

### Day 5: (Thu) Swaziland / St Lucia

This morning we journey through Swaziland into Zululand stopping en route to bargain for curios and souvenirs at the roadside markets. Our journey continues into the Kingdom of KwaZulu-Natal where ancient traditions and modern cultures of both Zulu and Settler have combined into a vibrant society living in peace and harmony. The World Heritage Site of St Lucia offers the opportunity of sighting many hippos, crocodile and bird life.

### Day 6: (Fri) St Lucia / Durban

Guests have the option to lie in or take an optional St Lucia Boat Cruise (own account) before heading off later in the morning towards Durban. We visit the Botanic Gardens and continue with a city centre orientation tour, including a stop at the famous Indian Market.

### Day 7: (Sat) Durban / Drakensberg

A very early start this morning as we head into the majestic Drakensberg Mountains. Day at leisure soaking up the surroundings, or go fishing, hiking, playing bowls or tennis and even horse riding in clean mountain air.

### Day 8: (Sun) Drakensberg / Wild Coast

After breakfast this morning, we depart and set off for the wild untamed coast of the Transkei. We make our way south towards the coast but not without first visiting Umtata to visit the area where our most famous citizen, Nelson Mandela, was born and grew up. After visiting the town, we continue and arrive mid afternoon at our coastal hotel, which offers some of the most incredible views of this spectacular coastline.

### Day 9: (Mon) Wild Coast / East London

Spend the morning taking in more of the magnificent scenery before we depart and continue south to East London, the only river port in Southern Africa. Check in for your overnight accommodation.

### Day 10: (Tue) Port Elizabeth

After breakfast, check out and travel through East London for a short orientation city tour. Continue through 'Settler Country' via Port Alfred towards Grahamstown. Visit the 1820 Settler Memorial before continuing onto Port Elizabeth. The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure. Port Elizabeth's beaches are magnificent and justifiably world famous.

### Day 11: (Wed) Port Elizabeth / Knysna

Check out of your hotel after breakfast and our journey continues towards the Cape. Visit the Tsitsikamma Forest, which provides scenic walking opportunities. A short walk to the bridge over the Storms River offers some magnificent views of the gorge and river below. Arrive in Knysna mid afternoon and check in at the charming overnight accommodation.

### Day 12: (Thu) 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 the famous Cango Caves and an Ostrich Farm where you have the opportunity of riding one of these giant birds. Return to Knysna for overnight.

### Day 13: (Fri) Knysna / Cape Town

Today's journey ends in Cape Town. On the way we stop off in Mossel Bay to visit the famous Post Office Tree, the Bartholomew Diaz Museum and Shell Museum. We drive via Swellendam, Worcester and through Huguenot Tunnel before arriving in Cape Town in the late afternoon.

### Day 14: (Sat) Cape Town

Enjoy a day of leisure in the 'Mother City' and a visit to the V&A Waterfront is recommended. Optional full day Winelands or Peninsula tour is available.

### Day 15: (Sun) Cape Town

This morning after breakfast, you will be under own arrangements until you transfer to the airport for your international flight home.

ACCOMMODATION	LOW	MID	HIGH
Standard	915	915	915

Prices are based on twin sharing and are for the duration of the tour as stated. Price does not include international airfares.

## FULLY ESCORTED TOURING KRUGER & THE KINGDOMS

6 Days

Johannesburg • Pilgrim's Rest • Kruger National Park • Swaziland • Zululand • Durban

### Day 1: (Mon) Pretoria & Mpumalanga

Leave Johannesburg's distinctive skyline and head for Pretoria, South Africa's capital city. On to the world famous Premier Diamond Mines, which produced Africa's biggest diamond, The Cullinan, from which the 'Great Star of Africa' was cut to grace the sceptre of the British Crown Jewels. After lunch we leave for Mpumalanga, dropping several hundred feet into the lush subtropical region of the Lowveld.

### Day 2: (Tue) Pilgrim's Rest & the Kruger National Park

Explore living history in the form of Pilgrim's Rest, the old mining village where gold was first discovered, gasp at the glory that is God's Window, a boundless view of forested mountains and fertile plains, and visit the spectacular Blyde River Canyon, one of the natural wonders of Africa. We arrive at our Kruger National Park Rest Camp in time for a welcome sundowner (own account) in the African bushveld.

### Day 3: (Wed) A Full Day 'Big Five' Game Viewing in Kruger

Set off before breakfast in open safari vehicle in search of lion, elephant, buffalo, rhino and leopard, and all manner of wondrous wildlife, birds and plant species.

### Day 4: (Thu) The Kingdom of Swaziland

Drive to the tiny Kingdom of Swaziland, a former British Protection Territory, now ruled by King MsWati III. Enjoy a Swazi cultural experience, then visit the famous Ngwenya Glass Factory to see master craftsmen fashion collectable figures and functional art out of molten glass. Our next stop is the capital city Mbabane, known for its vibrant markets packed with woven baskets, beadwork and carvings.

### Day 5: (Fri) The Kingdom of the Zulu's

Visit the Swazi Candle Factory, teeming with exquisite wax artworks in every shape and colour imaginable. Then on to Zululand, arrive mid afternoon at the town of St Lucia, a World Heritage Site and home to hippo, crocodile and no less than 367 bird species.

### Day 6: (Sat) Durban

This morning enjoy a cruise on Lake St Lucia before departing for Durban. Hug the lush KwaZulu-Natal coastline en route to Durban, watching the sugar cane fields do their own version of the Mexican wave at the urging of the wind. End the tour before lunch, either at the airport or at a central Durban hotel.

ACCOMMODATION	LOW	MID	HIGH
Standard	629	645	649

Prices are based on twin sharing and are for the duration of the tour as stated. Price does not include international airfare or car hire.

