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South African Itinerary

September 2019

Cape Town - Winelands – Garden Route – Safari





Itinerary Map



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Emirates International Flights

Flight	Departure	Arrival
 EK0016	LGW 02-Sep-2019 14:30	DXB 03-Sep-2019 00:35
 EK0772	DXB 03-Sep-2019 03:50	CPT 03-Sep-2019 11:35
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 EK0015	DXB 16-Sep-2019 08:00	LGW 16-Sep-2019 12:35

Accommodation Summary

Accommodation	Destination	Start	End	Basis	Duration
15 On Orange	Cape Town	3 Sep	6 Sep	B&B	3 Nights
Centre Ville Guest House	Franschhoek	6 September	8 Sep	B&B	2 Nights
Oakdene Guest House	Oudtshoorn	8 Sep	9 Sep	B&B	1 Night
Overmeer Guest House	Knysna	9 Sep	12 Sep	B&B	3 Nights
Amakhala Woodbury Tented Camp	Amakhala Game Reserve	12 Sep	15 Sep	FB+	3 Nights

Key

B&B: Bed and Breakfast

FB+: Dinner, Bed, Breakfast, Lunch and Game Drives



Day 1: 15 On Orange Hotel, Cape Town (Tue, 3 Sep)

Car Rental

Start Date	Pick Up	Length	Category	Drop Off	End Date
3 Sep	Cape Town Airport	13 Days	Group A	Port Elizabeth Airport	15 Sep



Cape Town

Resting at the confluence of the Indian and Atlantic oceans, sandwiched between the slopes of the iconic Table Mountain and the glistening sapphire waters of Table Bay, the exceptionally scenic city of Cape Town is in a class of its own. Some cities boast rich culture, vibrant nightlife, a cosmopolitan atmosphere and extraordinary architecture, while others boast breathtaking landscapes and extraordinary natural wonders. Cape Town is lucky enough to be blessed with all of these attractions and so much more. With its bustling harbour, world-class beaches, top-notch vineyards, and its mountainous surroundings brimming with diverse flora and fauna, Cape Town consistently captivates the hearts of all who visit.

Three nights: 15 On Orange Hotel

With its distinctive design, the luxurious 15 On Orange Hotel is set in the upmarket Gardens suburb at the foot of Table Mountain. It features 2 chic bars and a rooftop pool.

All rooms feature designer furniture, plush carpets and mood lighting. Each is equipped with a flat-screen TV, DVD player and iPod docking station. Oversized bathtubs and rain showers are standard in all bathrooms.

Guest can enjoy international cuisine in the vibrant ambience of the Savour Restaurant. Inspired by the chef's travels and South African flavours.

The stylish 15 On Orange Hotel, Autograph Collection is located next door to the Planetarium and only 1.9 miles from the V&A Waterfront, offering valet parking.



Day 2: 15 On Orange Hotel, Cape Town (Wed, 4 Sep)

Suggested Activity - Table Mountain

Without a doubt it is Table Mountain that makes Cape Town the unique city it is. Rising up over 1000m above sea level, it is the icon that makes Cape Town instantly recognizable. It is a symbol, a playground, a spiritual retreat and a big draw card for tourists. So intertwined with the identity of Cape Town is Table Mountain that a visit to the city isn't complete without having walked or taken the cable car to the top.



Suggested Activity - Robben Island

An icon of struggle, freedom and hope made famous by Nelson Mandela's imprisonment here.



Day 3: 15 On Orange Hotel, Cape Town (Thu, 5 Sep)

Suggested Activity - Cape Point Tour Full Day

Highlights of a trip down to Cape Point include; one of the world's most spectacular drives, Hout Bay, Chapman's Peak, Noordhoek Beach, the Cape Point Nature Reserve, two lighthouses on the tip of Africa, Boulders Penguin Colony, Simonstown, Kalk Bay and the Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens.





Day 4: Centre Ville Guest House, Franschhoek (Fri, 6 Sep)

Franschhoek

Idyllically situated in the Cape Winelands, this peaceful country retreat is one of the oldest towns in South Africa. The once sleepy little village was named Franschhoek, meaning 'French Corner' as it was founded by French Huguenots. The fertile valley of Franschhoek boasts a rich heritage showcased at the fascinating Huguenot Memorial Museum and the Cape Dutch architecture in much of the village remains remarkably well preserved. The town's proximity to Cape Town allows for pleasant day trips during which visitors can explore the area's many world-class wine estates and impressive range of excellent restaurants or simply browse the quaint, upmarket boutiques strewn along the town's lovely tree-lined avenues.

Overnight: Centre Ville Guest House

This Gracious Victorian House was built in 1905 and now fully renovated without losing the old world charm, Origin floors , high ceilings and the loft tastefully decorated rooms Victorian style. All the rooms has TV , Hairdryers , Fridges, Air con, Tea/ Coffee facilities. A swimming pool to cool down and a deck to enjoy and relax with glorious views of the village and surrounding mountains.

Day 5: Centre Ville Guest House, Franschhoek (Sat, 7 Sep)



Suggested Activity - The Franschhoek Wine Tram

The Franschhoek Wine Tram hop-on hop-off tour is one of the best ways to discover the true essence of the Franschhoek Valley – picturesque vineyards, breath-taking scenery, warm hospitality, world-class cuisine, fine wines and a 300 year history.

Passengers aboard the hop-on hop-off tour will experience a unique and leisurely way to see the Franschhoek Valley as they journey through rolling vineyards in an open-side tram and open-air tram-bus stopping in at some of South Africa's oldest and most distinguished wine estates.

A combination of tram and tram-bus transports passengers around a loop of stops allowing them to hop-off at each stop and experience the activities on offer, be it wine tasting, a cellar tour, lunch or simply a stroll through the vineyards and when they are ready, hop-on to continue the tour.

The tour takes passengers right into the heart of the Franschhoek Valley, with a narration focusing on the history of Franschhoek and wine cultivation in the valley, complimentary wine tastings and unparalleled views of the valley and vineyards.



Day 6: Oakdene Guest House, Oudtshoorn (Sun, 8 Sep)

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.



Overnight: Oakdene Guest House

Oakdene is situated in the centre of historic Oudtshoorn. It captures all the character and heritage of a bygone era – the ostrich feather boom. This charming Victorian home was built in 1853 and declared a National Monument in 1988.

Oakdene is sheltered under Oak trees in the centre of town, on the main tourist route.

Oakdene is within walking distance from well known restaurants to enjoy local wines and delicious Ostrich steaks. 6 newly styled en-suite rooms with bath or shower. All rooms are individually, remote controlled air- conditioning, satellite flat panel TV, WiFi, coffee/tea trays, safe, hairdryer and bath accessories. Electric blankets in winter and other amenities to make you stay a pleasant one.

Newly designed tropical garden with swimming pool, garden furniture, sun loungers and parasols to enjoy our sunny days.



Suggested Activity - Congo Caves

The spectacular Congo Caves are a subterranean wonderland of magnificent stalactite and stalagmite rock formations that attracts thousands of visitors annually. They extend more than two kilometres into the Swartberg Mountains and visitors can take guided tours that wind through narrow passageways and steep stairways linking the massive caverns.



Suggested Activity - Safari Ostrich Showfarm

Safari Ostrich Show Farm is an operating farm where visitors will see large flocks of ostriches at different stages of development in the surrounding fields. Visitors are assured of personal attention and upon their arrival are greeted by one of our multi-lingual guides who will, during the course of the tour explain every aspect of ostrich farming, from breeding to rearing. The tour starts in the breeding camp, with a nest of ostrich eggs, where the first stage of the ostrich life cycle is explained. Visitors will get the opportunity to test the strength of the eggs by standing on them - a great photo opportunity. During the breeding season visitors get to see ostrich eggs hatching in the incubator rooms. Visitors get to sit on an ostrich and those who are brave enough can even try their hand at riding one. A highly entertaining and educational tour is guaranteed.



Day 7: Overmeer Guest House, Knysna (Mon, 9 Sep)

Knysna

Sandwiched between the towering Outeniqua Mountains and the Indian Ocean, Knysna is known as the 'Garden of Eden'. It is surrounded by world-renowned forests, lovely lagoons and pristine beaches. Visitors can look forward to an array of markets offering delicious food and organic locally-made goods, explore the town's picturesque waterfront and quaint streets, adventure through the lush forest, skip over streams and catch a glimpse of the multicoloured Knysna Loerie, take a ferry trip to the famed Knysna Heads and sample the local oysters. Don't miss the opportunity to enjoy a wide range of exciting activities including: surfing, swimming, yachting, jet skiing, boating, fishing, and golfing.

Overnight: Overmeer Guest House

Set high on the hills overlooking the breathtaking Knysna estuary (Knysna lagoon) you will discover the heartfelt hospitality of Overmeer Guest House. Here luxury, comfort and the surrounding beauty are all carefully harmonised to create the ultimate venue for an unforgettable stay in Knysna - one of the most scenic places in the world. Overmeer offers the discerning traveller a luxurious experience that is second to none. With some of the most breathtaking views that the Garden Route has to offer, these views can be enjoyed from virtually any area of this unique property. All of the five star quality appointed rooms feature a spa bath, tea & coffee making facilities as well as a private patio providing sweeping views of the mountains, estuary and the famous Knysna Heads. We invite you to explore our guest house through our website unlock the magic of Overmeer Guest House.



Day 8: Overmeer Guest House, Knysna (Tue, 10 Sep)

Suggested Activity - Knysna Heads

'Knysna' is a Khoi word but its exact meaning is uncertain. One possibility is 'straight down', which is an obvious reference to the Knysna Heads. This striking geological feature is famous along the entire southern African coastline. The Knysna lagoon opens to the ocean after passing between these two large, statuesque headlands. The Heads have become infamous due to the numerous wrecks that have resulted from boats trying to pass through the treacherous and unpredictable waters between them.



Suggested Activity - Featherbed John Benn

The John Benn is a double-decker floating restaurant offering daily lagoon cruises to the Knysna Heads. A memorable family activity on Knysna Lagoon. One of the best floating restaurants in Knysna. The John Benn is a fully enclosed luxury ferry, beautifully appointed with her upper and lower decks constructed from Yellowwood sourced from the Knysna Forest.

This legendary floating restaurant is for eating, drinking and having fun! The galley team onboard the vessel is young and energetic, serving tasty food made from the freshest local selection. Eating out in Knysna can become a whole new experience as a family activity.

This wonderful floating restaurant offers a wide dining selection from the a la carte menu, has a bar on each of the upper and lower decks and is fully enclosed.



Day 9: Overmeer Guest House, Knysna (Wed, 11 Sep)

Suggested Activity - Knysna Elephant Park

The Knysna Elephant Park was founded in 1994 and was the first facility in South Africa to house and care for orphaned African elephants. This world-class facility provides a sanctuary for relocated animals, orphaned calves, elephants rescued from culls and ex-circus animals.

The park offers an interpretation centre, where guests are introduced to the elephants through beautiful photographs and informative displays. Activities within the park include volunteer programs, elephant back rides, a sunrise walk with the elephants or special exclusive sundowner tours. Sleepovers in the Elephant Lodge are also provided. Guests may remain with the elephants as long as they wish, before being transported back to the restaurant, curio shop and education centre. The Knysna Elephant Park is open daily from 09h00 to 16h00.



Day 10: Amakhala Woodbury Tented Camp, Amakhala Game Reserve (Thu, 12 Sep) X1 Game Drive

Amakhala Game Reserve

Located between Port Elizabeth and Grahamstown and just east of the Addo Elephant Park, the Amakhala Game Reserve is an ideal choice for 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 also boasts fantastic bird watching opportunities, and idyllic boat cruises offer a delightful way to experience this. Other highlights include 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.



Overnight: Amakhala Woodbury Tented Camp

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Woodbury Tented Camp is set in the vibrant heart of the Amakhala Game Reserve. Emerged in open plains of bushveld this tented getaway is a combination of nature and relaxation. A contented lodge that provides a quiet getaway.

The camp revolves around an exciting, open planned entertainment area that merges the realms of nature and manmade. This is where you can soak up the African sun, appreciate traditional meals and relish in magnificent game filled views. After a day of relaxation and entertainment it is blissful to retire to your comfortable bedroom fitted tent with en-suite bathroom.

Woodbury tented camp also offers a view of the impressive historical site that is home to the first dinosaur fossil found in South Africa.



Day 11: Amakhala Woodbury Tented Camp, Amakhala Game Reserve (Fri, 13 Sep) X2 Game Drives



Day 12: Amakhala Woodbury Tented Camp, Amakhala Game Reserve (Sat, 14 Sep) X2 Game Drives



Day 13: Departure Day (Sun, 15 Sep) X1 Game Drive

Drive to Port Elizabeth Airport and return your hire car

Domestic Flight

Date	Flight	Departure Airport	Time	Arrival Airport	Time
15 Sep	Scheduled	Port Elizabeth Airport [PLZ]	13h25	OR Tambo International Airport [Johannesburg]	15h00

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End of Arrangements

Total Cost per person: £1,739

- *Including all elements within the itinerary
- *Based on 2 adults sharing
- *Subject to availability
- *All flights in economy class
- *Fully flexible itinerary



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Travel Information



This vast country is undoubtedly one of the most culturally and geographically diverse places on earth. Fondly known by locals as the 'Rainbow Nation', South Africa has 11 official languages and its multicultural inhabitants are influenced by a fascinating mix of cultures. Discover the gourmet restaurants, impressive art scene, vibrant nightlife and beautiful beaches of Cape Town; enjoy a local braai (barbecue) in the Soweto township; browse the bustling Indian markets in Durban; or sample some of the world's finest wines at the myriad wine estates dotting the Cape Winelands. Some historical attractions to explore include the Zululand battlefields of KwaZulu-Natal, the Apartheid Museum in Johannesburg and Robben Island, just off the coast of Cape Town. Above all else, its remarkably untamed wilderness with its astonishing range of wildlife roaming freely across massive unfenced game reserves such as the world-famous Kruger National Park. With all of this variety on offer, it is little wonder that South Africa has fast become Africa's most popular tourist destination.

Banking and Currency

Currency

The currency is the Rand, which is divided into 100 cents. There are R200, R100, R50, R20 and R10 notes. Coins come in R5, R2, R1, 50c, 20c, 10c and 5c.

Banking

Banks are found in most towns, and are generally open from 09h00 to 15h30 on weekdays and 08h30 to 11h00 on Saturdays (Closed Sundays and Public Holidays). Most of them offer foreign exchange services - with cash, bank & credit cards as well as travellers cheques. You can also obtain cash from automatic teller machines (ATMs). Several international banks have branches in the main city centres. Always advise your bank that you are travelling outside of the country as they might block your purchases if they are not informed.

Travel, Transport and Getting Around

Travelling around South Africa is relatively easy by air, road and rail.

Principal air routes are serviced by SAA and British Airways, operated by Comair. There are 2 low-cost carriers on main routes, namely Kulula.com and Mango.

Facilitating travel around South Africa are 10 airports managed by the Airports Company South Africa (Acsa). In addition, there are some 90 regional airports, including the Kruger Mpumalanga

International Airport in Nelspruit and the Skukuza Airport, offering access to the Kruger National Park.

An extensive tarred road system makes travelling in South Africa by vehicle convenient and easy. You will find gravel roads in rural areas though. Note:

- A valid international driver's licence is required.
- We drive on the left hand side of the road.
- Wearing seat belts is compulsory and cell phones can only be used 'hands free'.
- Speed limits are generally set at 120km on freeways, 100km on secondary roads and 60km in urban areas.
- Toll fees apply on certain national roads.
- Petrol stations are widespread.
- Most global car hire firms have branches in South Africa

Another means of getting around South Africa are luxury inter-city bus services such as Greyhound and Trans-Lux. Metrobus buses are available for in-city transport. Metered taxis must be ordered by telephone. There is a hop-on-hop-off bus in Cape Town and Johannesburg.

Our rail system includes the long-haul, inexpensive Shosholoza Meyl Metrorail trains. More luxurious options are the Blue Train, Premier Classe and the steam train Rovos Rail. There is also the new Gautrain rapid transit railway system in Gauteng Province which links Johannesburg, Pretoria, Ekurhuleni and OR Tambo International Airport.

Food, Drink and Cuisine Advice

Standards of hygiene in relation to food health and safety in South Africa, are generally high in hotels, restaurants, pubs and nightspots. Tap water in South Africa is safe to drink and cook with when taken from taps in urban areas. Not all tap water in rural areas is safe for consumption, so take precautions if necessary.

It is safe to eat fresh fruit, vegetables and salads, and put ice in your drinks. South Africa's fish, meat and chicken are of excellent quality, so there is no need to limit yourself when enjoying the local cuisine.

Restaurants are subject to South Africa's food safety control legislation, which is implemented by local government. Regulations include certification and regular inspections by health inspectors to ensure hygienic standards are maintained.

Street food is not as common in South Africa as it is in other countries, although vendors selling traditional snacks and meals can be found in city centres and townships. Food safety in such instances cannot always be guaranteed.

Climate and Weather

South African temperatures, which are measured in centigrade, average at highs of 28°C to average lows of 8°C in the summer months while winter temperatures range from 1°C at night to around 18°C in the day. Average annual rainfall is on the low side at under 500mm a year, making the country somewhat dry. Much of the rain falls in the Western Cape in the winter, differing from the rest of the country, which experiences summer rainfall. On the plus side, the South African climate boasts more than its fair share of sunshine, recording an average of 8.5 hours a day.

Clothing and Dress Recommendations

Summer

Bring clothes that are cool, light and comfortable because summer temperatures can get well into the 30 - 40 degree Celsius range in some areas. Also bring an umbrella or raincoat during summer as this is when most of the country gets its rain, but don't forget a swimming costume (bathing suit).

Winter

The winters are generally mild, comparing favourably with European summers. But there are days when temperatures dive, especially in high-lying areas such as the Drakensberg, so be prepared with jerseys and jackets. Cape Town gets its rain during the winter season so it's advisable to bring rain gear along.