

42-Day Cape Town to Cape Town – ACS0410

Day 1 South Africa – Cederberg Mountain Region

Two per room Lunch, Dinner

We leave the beautiful city called the Mother City (Cape Town) heading north for the spectacular Cederberg mountain region. On this first afternoon we spend some time learning about tour-life, the vehicle and equipment, and then we go to one of the local wine farms to learn about the area and a wine tasting.

Day 2 Namibia - Namaqualand Gariep River

Two per room Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Traveling north through Namaqualand on the way to the Gariep/Orange River. The night is spent sitting around the campfire getting to know one another.

Day 3 Gariep/Orange River - Fish River Canyon

Two per room Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

We wake up to the river and a canoe for an experience on the Gariep/Orange River. If you prefer relax by the river then you have the morning to lie on the banks or take part in the half-day canoe adventure. After lunch we travel north to visit the Ai-Ais Hot Springs and overnight next to Fish River canyon (2nd Largest Canyon in the World).
Optional Activities: Half-Day Canoe Adventure.

Day 4 Fish River Canyon - Kokerboom Forest

Two per room Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

We wake up for our early start and make our journey to the mighty Fish River Canyon, we take a scenic walk along the rim of the canyon. After visiting the canyon we travel further inland to the Kalahari area of Namibia. On the way we will visit the Quiver tree Forest.

Day 5 Bushman Community - Namib Naukluft Park

Two per room/permanent tent Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

This morning starts with an option activity of visiting the (i) Kung tribe. This activity is a local community project and all fees are payable directly to the community. Later we drive west towards the massive dunes of Sossusvlei. The drive will take you thorough beautiful Barren Landscapes. Optional Activities: African Tribal interaction, Sunrise game drive into Kalahari desert.

Day 6 Namib Naukluft National Park

Two per room/permanent tent Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

You will be rising early to beat the heat of the day and the rising sun and drive into the Namib-Naukluft National Park, where we will set off into the desert with a local expert, for a guided tour, to learn about all the different life in the sands. After the tour you can hike up Dune 45, and gain a different perspective of the desert. This afternoon you can walk down into the smaller Sesriem canyon, before heading back to your lodge.

Day 7/8 Swakopmund

Two per room Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner (D day 8 only)

A scenic drive through the arid Namib-Naukluft, crossing the Tropic of Capricorn (great photo opportunity at the road sign) sees us arrive at Walvis Bay. We stop to view the flamingos before we head towards the seaside resort town of Swakopmund with its German influence. Here we will be briefed on the many optional activities available for the following day. Day 8 is left free for each individual to pursue their own interests including many adventure activities. Optional Activities: Quadbiking, Sandboarding, Sky Diving, Scenic Flights, Fishing etc.

Day 9 Himba Tribe

Two per room Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Heading inland in Namibia, we drive north towards Kamanjab where we will meet with some of the local people of the area. The Himba are a pastoral people and predominantly breed cattle or goats. The Himba traditionally lead a nomadic life and are easily recognizable by their unique style of dress. Encountering a totally different way of living is mind opening and a moving experience for many people.

Day 10/11 Etosha National Park

Two per room Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

We wake early on our way to the Etosha National Park and some of most unique game viewing experiences in Africa. We spend our days game viewing in the truck and visiting the abundant water holes for some excellent game photography. After our evening meal we relax at some of the finest floodlit waterholes in the world to watch the wildlife come down for the evening drink. **Occasionally it is not possible to stay inside the park at night, in which case we overnight at a local guest farm.**

Day 12 Windhoek

Two per room Breakfast, Lunch

After an early morning game drive we bid farewell to Etosha on our way to the centre of Namibia and Windhoek. On route we stop at a craft market. Windhoek is the capital of Namibia, and is located in a basin between the Khomas Highland, Auas and Eros Mountains. Whether due to pure luck or a brilliant stroke of Germanic planning, Windhoek is situated in almost the exact centre of Namibia. In the afternoon we'll take you on a short tour of the city. Optional Activities: Dinner at Joe's Beer House.

Day 13 Botswana - Ghanzi

Two per room Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

An early morning as we start off east towards the Buitepos border, where we then cross over into Botswana. Once at the lodge we'll get to meet with a local Bushmen community and see some traditional Tribal Dancing.

Day 14/15/16 Botswana Maun - Okavango Delta

Two per room/permanent tent Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Our journey takes us from Ghanzi towards Maun. We spend the night here in this gateway to the Okavango Delta preparing for our two night bush experience. Your guides will provide you with a briefing about the next few days' activities, the environment and the community run tourism operation. In the morning we board small planes that transport us over the Delta to our destination. The aerial arrival gives you a memorable opportunity to see the meandering waterways. During our three days in the Delta we will go on a nature walk and if possible we will take mokoro (dugout canoes) rides with the local people.

Day 17 Botswana - Gweta

Two per room Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Flying out of the Delta we head east to Gweta. Gweta is located halfway between Maun and Nata, right next to the Makgadikgadi Pans National Park. The Makgadikgadi Pans National Park area was once a super lake almost 30 meters (100 feet) deep, over an area of 80,000 sq. km. When the climate changed 10,000 years ago Lake Makgadikgadi was well on the way to drying up. As the water evaporated, huge glistening salt-encrusted pans were left.

Day 18 Botswana – Kasane - Chobe National Park

Two per room/permanent tent Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Leaving Gweta we head towards sleepy town of Kasane, where we stay on the banks of the Chobe River. The afternoon is spent game viewing on a boat cruise, into the renowned Chobe NP. Viewing game from a boat is one of the most successful ways to see the animals in their own environment particularly the hippos wallowing in the water.

You will also have the chance to experience an optional early morning game drive the next day.

Day 19 Zimbabwe - Victoria Falls

Two per room Breakfast, Lunch

We arrive early in Zimbabwe on our way to the spectacular Victoria Falls and experience the thundering sound of the mighty Zambezi. The popular optional sunset cruise includes dinner and drinks. Optional Activities: Chobe Game Drive, Zambezi Sunset Cruise, dinner in local restaurant.

Day 20 Victoria Falls

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Most people will spend the day white water rafting, a not-to-be-missed experience of a lifetime! Vic Falls offers many exciting alternatives. Optional Activities: White Water Rafting, Bungee Jump, Elephant Excursion and many more.

Day 21/22 Transit from Victoria Falls to South Africa - Johannesburg

Two per Room No Meals

It is a long and uneventful drive through Botswana to the border at Martinsdrift where we will spend the night. Another early morning will take us through to Johannesburg the following day.

Day 23 South Africa – Panorama Route

Two per room Lunch and Dinner

We leave Johannesburg, the city of gold, and head through the province of Mpumalanga and some breathtaking vistas of the Lowveld. Blyde River Canyon, God's Window and Bourke's Luck Potholes will be some of today's highlights. We will spend the evening just outside of Kruger National Park.

Day 24/25 Kruger National Park

Two per room Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Up early again for a visit to a wildlife rehabilitation centre, before we enter Kruger National Park. We spend the next two days exploring the southern part of this vast reserve and we stand a good chance of sighting Africa's famed big five. An optional night drive with one of the South African National Park (SANP) rangers is an excellent way to see some of the nocturnal animals. Optional Activities: SANP Night Drive or Dawn Game Walk.

Day 26/27 Swaziland - Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary

Two per Beehive Hut Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Leaving the Kruger Park we cross the border into Swaziland. We spend the next two nights in the Mlilwane Nature Reserve where we are able to explore the area on foot (Guided hikes). We will also experience the wonderful Swazi culture first hand by while enjoying a display of some traditional dancing. Optional Activities: Mountain Biking, Hiking, Horse Riding and Game Viewing.

Day 28/29 South Africa – The Greater St Lucia Wetland Park – Durban

Two per room Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner (D day 6 only)

Leaving Swaziland, we travel through the subtropical region towards the warm waters of the Indian Ocean. We spend the afternoon exploring the Greater St Lucia Wetland Park and enjoying the unique sights on a lagoon boat cruise. The following day we enjoy a morning game drive in the Hluhluwe/Umfolozi game reserve before journeying down the coast to Durban. We will spend the night in this vibrant city. It is a great option to go out this evening to try one of Durban's famous Indian restaurants. Optional Activities: Dinner and night out in Durban.

Day 30/31 Drakensberg

Two per room Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

We depart Durban and the Kwa Zulu Natal coast and travel to the Royal Natal National Park and the mighty Drakensberg escarpment. The next day is spent at leisure. You can choose any of the local activities such as horse riding or take an included short guided hike in the spectacular surroundings to Bushmen paintings. Optional Activities: Horse Riding, Hiking.

Day 32/33 Lesotho - Malealea

Two per room Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

After a long and scenic journey we arrive in Lesotho the Mountain Kingdom. When border formalities are completed we ascend into the mountains to our rustic overnight spot. The next day we get up early and those going on the Pony Trek will ride into the remote hills of Lesotho accompanied by local guides. If you choose to remain behind you can simply relax or go visit the local village and school or craft market. Optional Activities: Pony Trekking Excursion, Hiking.

Day 34/35 South Africa - Hogsback

Two per room Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

We leave Mountain Kingdom and aim south to the beautiful mountain valleys of Hogsback. It is a long but scenic drive to this beautiful mountain valley. We have a full day to relax in the forest or next to the water falls, such as the famous 'Madonna & Child' and 'kettle spout' falls. Your guides will lead you on a gentle hike into the surrounding forest. Optional Activities: Horse riding, mountain biking

Day 36 Addo Elephant National Park

Two per room Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

We depart on our way to the famous Addo Elephant National Park getting ready for our game driving while surrounded by elephants! These magnificent creatures are always a highlight and Addo provides us with many fantastic photographic opportunities.

Day 37/38 Bloukrans / Tsitsikamma National Park

Two per room Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

After an early morning game drive we bid farewell to the elephants and drive further coast until we reach Bloukrans. This beautiful coastal area provides us with some amazing hikes, including the first section of the well-known Otter Trail. Optional Activities: Bungee Jumping (highest in the world), Treetop Canopy Tour.

Day 39/40 Knysna / Oudtshoorn

Two per room Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

It is only a short distance to Knysna, where you can relax by the lagoon and explore this quaint town. The next day we travel on via the Outeniqua Mountains as we head for Oudtshoorn and the Klein Karoo, where we take an included tour of the Cango Caves. Later in the day you have the option of visiting an Ostrich Farm. Optional Activities: Ostrich Farm visit and Ostrich Riding.

Day 41 Stellenbosch Wine Route

Two per room Breakfast and Lunch

After breakfast we set off for student and wine town of Stellenbosch. As this is the last night on tour we will go out to a local restaurant for dinner. In whale season (between June and November), we spend the day in Hermanus where there is a possibility of encountering world famous whales. Optional Activity: Meal Out.

Day 42 Cape Town

Tour ends Own Arrangements Breakfast

After a relaxing breakfast, we set off to do some wine tasting and meet the big cats at the Cheetah Breeding Project, before reaching Cape Town. The journey ends in the vibrant Greenmarket Square.