

## 10 Day Garden Route – Family Tour

**Highlights:**

Port Elizabeth, Knysna, Plettenberg Bay, Oudtshoorn, Garden Route, Route 62, Cape Point, Table Mountain, Two Oceans Aquarium

**Accommodation:**

During 9 nights of your safari, you will stay in mid-range Lodges, Chalets and Tented Lodges. Accommodation is situated either in National Parks, on the banks of a river, or in other places of interest. Most accommodation options have a private bathroom with a shower and toilet, whilst others have shared ablutions available. Some properties are equipped with swimming pools and/or bar areas.

**Included in the price:**

Meals as per itinerary, accommodation, activities stated in the itinerary, transport, services of a qualified tour guide  
Not included in the price: Travel insurance, flights, pre and post tour accommodation, optional activities, all drinks, tips and curios, all personal expenses.

**Tailor-Made Travel:**

This safari runs on scheduled dates throughout the year. We can tailor-make a private safari to meet your departure date, time period, group size and budget. Contact the office for further information.

### Day 1: Port Elizabeth to Addo National Park

On arrival at Port Elizabeth Airport you will be met by your guide and we make our way to Addo Elephant Park. Later today, we check into our accommodation. Deep within the shadows of the dense valley bushveld of the Sundays River region of the Eastern Cape lays the Addo Elephant National Park.

Here, the evenings are punctuated by the strident howl of the black-backed jackal, and the francolins call heralds each new dawn. This finely tuned ecosystem is sanctuary to over 450 elephants, Cape buffalo, black rhino, a variety of antelope species, as well as the unique flightless dung beetle, found almost exclusively in Addo. (Entrance fees included)

Accommodation: Addo Rest Camp (Chalets with private bathroom) or similar

### Day 2: Addo National Park

This day is yours to spend at leisure. You can visit the nearby Kenton on Sea Beach, visit a private game reserve, go on a game drive in the Addo National Park, bird watching (own expense). [B]

Accommodation: Addo Rest Camp (Chalets with private bathroom) or similar



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### Day 3: Addo National Park to Plettenberg Bay

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Driving via Port Elizabeth along the scenic Garden Route, we make our way to Plettenberg Bay. The Garden Route is world renowned and stretches along the southern Cape coast from Slang River near Heidelberg, eastwards to the Tsitsikamma Forest and Storms River. It is an area of outstanding scenic beauty with indigenous forests, lakes and meandering rivers. Along the coast are towns and villages, each with a distinct character of their own. [B]

Accommodation: Piesang Lodge or similar (Rooms with en-suite bathrooms)

### Day 4: Plettenberg Bay

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After breakfast, we visit the Knysna Elephant Park. Daily tours leave on the half hour every day from 8.30 to 16.30. Guests are transported to the elephants on a tractor & trailer where they will have the opportunity to touch, feed and photograph the gentle giants. Elephants love eating, so don't forget your bucket of elephant feed. There are no barriers or fences to spoil the close encounter. Guests are then transported back to unique elephant curios shop and Askaris restaurant. This afternoon a visit to Monkeyland Primate Sanctuary is planned. Expect to see many species of monkeys as well as a large variety of forest dwelling birds. After soaking up the splendor of a living forest, you can relax on the sunny deck of the restaurant while enjoying a light meal or a sundowner. [B]

Accommodation: Piesang Lodge or similar (Rooms with en-suite bathrooms)

### Day 5: Plettenberg Bay to Oudtshoorn

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Today we head to the ostrich capital of South Africa - Oudtshoorn, travelling along the Outeniqua Pass. We check into La Plume Guesthouse. This is a Victorian homestead on a working ostrich, alfalfa and vine farm. Set in the tranquil Olifantsrivier Valley it offers spectacular views of the Swartberg Mountains. The rolling lawns and the sparkling pool are ready for you and your family's enjoyment. [B]

Accommodation: De Zeekoe Guest Farm (rooms with en-suite bathrooms) or similar

### Day 6: Oudtshoorn

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Today we visit the Cango Wildlife Ranch and an Ostrich farm. The Wildlife Ranch is an endangered species breeding facility extraordinaire. This oldest and biggest cheetah contact centre offers visitors the rare opportunity of interacting with our hand reared cheetahs. The whole family will enjoy exploring the facts and fiction surrounding crocodiles, view elegant cheetahs and Bengal tiger cubs. For the adventurous, there will be an opportunity to touch a cheetah, enjoy the closeness of a tiger cub, wrap oneself in a python and even dive with Nile crocodiles in the Natural Encounters program. [B]

Accommodation: De Zeekoe Guest Farm (rooms with en-suite bathrooms) or similar



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### Day 7: Oudtshoorn to Cape Town

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Today we make our way to South Africa's Mother City – Cape Town. Once we arrive here, we check into our hotel. Situated on the fringe of Cape Town's CBD it has easy access to the hub of the daily city life. The Lodge is ideally positioned, making tourist attractions like V&A Waterfront, Table Mountain, Robben Island, Winelands, Kirstenbosch Gardens and Cape Point easily accessible. [B]

Accommodation: Lady Hamilton (Family Rooms with en suite bathrooms) or similar

### Day 8: Cape Point Tour

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Today, we explore Cape Point and Kirstenbosch Gardens on a full day tour. After breakfast, we head off to Cape Point – the most South Westerly point of Africa. Breathe the freshest air in the world – straight from the Atlantic. This is where the cold Benguela current on the West coast and the warm Agulhas current on the East coast merge. As one of the highest sea cliffs in the world (249 meters above sea level), it is a sight to behold. Afterwards we visit the African penguins at Boulder's Beach. [B]

Accommodation: Lady Hamilton (Family Rooms with en suite bathrooms) or similar

### Day 9: Day at leisure

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You can spend the day at your leisure and do exactly the things that you and your family want to do. We however do have a few suggestions for you:

You have the opportunity to take a cable car up Table Mountain (weather-permitting). There are more than 100 scenic ways to climb the mountain, which stands at 1086 metres above sea level, but most people take the revolving cable car, which whisks you to the top in just a few minutes. The views from the top are magnificent. Afterwards, visit the Two Oceans' Aquarium – a window on the oceans of South Africa. Ideally positioned to showcase the incredible diversity of marine life found in both the Atlantic and Indian Oceans, the Aquarium is one of the top tourist attractions in Cape Town. The kids are sure to love it. [B]

Accommodation: Lady Hamilton (Family Rooms with en suite bathrooms) or similar

### Day 10: End of tour

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After breakfast and depending on your departure time, we will take you to Cape Town Airport for your onward journey. [B]



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