

## 13 DAY LESOTHO & GARDEN ROUTE

### Day 1/2 Ukhahlamba Drakensberg Park

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After meeting your guides and group we leave behind the beautiful beaches of KwaZulu Natal and travel inland to the Ukhahlamba Drakensberg or Royal Natal National Park, part of the huge, and incredibly scenic, Drakensberg escarpment. The Drakensberg is South Africa's highest mountain range with peaks at over 3000 metres. Hiking is the most popular activity here and your guides will take you on a lovely hike if you are not already busy with optional activities, such as horse riding, which can be a very satisfying way to explore this mountainous area. *Optional Activities: Abseiling, Horse Riding, Hiking.*

Meals: Breakfast x 1, Lunch x 2, Dinner x 2

Overnight: Drakensville Resort: [www.drakensville.co.za](http://www.drakensville.co.za)

### Day 3/4 Lesotho - Malealea

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It's a visually impressive drive up to the Lesotho border, where the popular pony trekking excursion (optional) requires an early morning start. Before we depart there is an included visit to the local village and primary school. On the overnight trek Lesotho villagers will guide you along remote trails where there are spectacular views. You can also remain at the lodge and relax, or experience a shorter ride. *Optional Activities: Pony Trekking Excursion, Hiking, Village market.*

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Malealea Lodge: [www.malealea.co.ls/accommodation.html](http://www.malealea.co.ls/accommodation.html)

### Day 5/6 South Africa – Hogsback

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Leaving the 'Kingdom in the Skies' behind we travel south to the picturesque Hogsback Valley that some claim to be an inspiration for JRR Tolkien who spent time here as a child. You can choose to relax, or join our guide in a hike to the Swallow Falls, Bridal Veil Falls or Madonna and Child Falls, or even all 3! *Optional Activities: Horse riding, Mountain biking.*

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Kings Lodge: [www.kingslodgehogsback.co.za](http://www.kingslodgehogsback.co.za)

### Day 7 Addo Elephant National Park

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This unique Eastern Cape Park is home to one of the densest concentration of African elephants on earth as well as boasting the 'Big Seven' (elephant, rhino, lion, buffalo, leopard, southern right whale and great white shark) as Addo is a land and marine park. *Optional Activities: Night Game Drive with SANP and Horse Riding*

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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Overnight: Addo Elephant NP Chalet: [www.sanparks.org/parks/addo](http://www.sanparks.org/parks/addo)

### Day 8/9 Tsitsikamma National Park

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After a final early morning game drive we bid farewell to the elephants, take a quick stop at Port Elizabeth's airport and arrive in the afternoon at Tsitsikamma National Park. The name means 'place of abundant water' and it does not disappoint, with its indigenous forests and dramatic coastline. This area is home to the famous multi-day Otter Trail hike and your guide will accompany you on the very first section of it should you wish to participate. *Optional Activities: Bungee Jumping (highest in the world), Treetop Canopy Tour, Hiking*

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Protea Hotel Tsitsikamma: [www.proteahotels.com/protea-hotel-tsitsikamma.html](http://www.proteahotels.com/protea-hotel-tsitsikamma.html)

### Day 10 Keurbooms River - Knysna

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It is a short distance to Keurbooms River, near Plettenberg Bay, where our accommodation is set on the river and within walking distance of a secluded beach. In the afternoon you can choose between remaining to relax at the hotel or taking a short excursion in to nearby Knysna to explore and later enjoy dinner at one of the lovely local restaurants.

*Optional Activities: Knysna Lagoon Cruise, Dinner Out.*

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Overnight: Dunes Hotel: [www.dunepark.co.za/hotelunit.html](http://www.dunepark.co.za/hotelunit.html)

### Day 11 Oudtshoorn

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Today we travel through the Outeniqua Mountains towards Oudtshoorn where we visit the world-famous Cango Caves. On the way we have the option to go on the power van that runs the old coastal railway track between Knysna and George. The caves contain spectacular halls and grand limestone formations, and a local guide will tell you all about the cave system, which extends for over 4km. *Optional Activities: Outeniqua Power Van excursion*

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Overnight: Kleinplaas: [www.kleinplaas.co.za](http://www.kleinplaas.co.za)

### Day 12 Stellenbosch Wine Route

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We take a scenic drive to Stellenbosch taking in some of Route 62 and a possible stop at Ronnie's Sex Shop, not a sex shop at all, but a rather interesting country pub... Stellenbosch forms the heart of the Western Cape's wine region and second oldest European settlement in the Western Province. As this is the last night on tour we head to a local restaurant for dinner. *Optional Activity: Ostrich Farm Visit, Dinner Out.*



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Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Overnight: Cultivar Guest Lodge: [www.comfortstay.co.za/guest-lodges/cultivar](http://www.comfortstay.co.za/guest-lodges/cultivar)

### Day 13 Cape Town

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After a leisurely breakfast, we stop at The Spier Wine Estate to taste some of South Africa's finest wines. We also visit the Cheetah Breeding Project to meet these beautiful animals up close and finally the tour ends in Cape Town.

Meals: Breakfast



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