



19 Day Best of South Africa - Rainbow Nation ACS0801

Note:

* Prices for Optional Activities are approximate and are supplied and controlled by the independent activity operators. The operator makes every effort to keep the site accurate and updated, but will not be held responsible for rate changes or inaccuracies in these prices.

* Accommodation and camps used may change from that stated and the operator reserves the right to change these as and when necessary.

PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION

Meeting Point:

Arcadia Hotel

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Meeting Time:

18h30 pm on Day 1

Tour Start Time: 07h00 am on Day 2

Tour End Time:

Tour ends after breakfast on Day 19

Tour End Point:

Saasveld Lodge

Address:

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On Day 1, clients should meet at Arcadia Hotel at 18h30 pm for the pre-departure meeting. PLEASE LOOK FOR THE TOUR OPERATOR SIGN IN THE RECEPTION AREA OF THE HOTEL FOR MORE INFORMATION WITH REGARDS TO THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE MEETING.

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE:

Itinerary as specified, highlighted text is also included, fully equipped safari vehicle, services of tour leader and camp courier, all accommodation, all catering equipment and scheduled National Park entrance fees. **Breakfast (B) Lunch (L) Dinner (D) where specified.** Meals not shown will be to the clients account. Occasionally breakfast and lunch may be combined into a brunch where necessary e.g. mornings with early game drives.

EXCLUDED FROM THE TOUR PRICE:

International airfares, arrival and departure transfers, travel and medical insurance, personal spending money, visas, passports, vaccinations, personal taxes (including departure and border taxes) all optional activities, unscheduled or optional National Parks / Reserves entrance fees, gratuities, restaurant meals and all other items of a personal nature. All drinks, even on days with full board basis.

PRE-DEPARTURE:

The pre-departure meeting will give you all a chance to meet your fellow travellers and get to know your guides. The meeting will cover all the aspects of the trip. Please bring with you to this meeting: your passport with relevant visa's and evidence of medical and personal insurance. Please also bring the Local Payment to the pre-departure meeting. **The local payment is required to cover a wide variety of our on-tour expenses, which can include National Park entrance fees, excursions and activities, certain fresh foods, vehicle tolls and entrance fees, as well as some accommodation costs whilst travelling throughout Africa. The local payment is the final tour fare instalment which must be paid in ZAR cash to the tour leader at the pre-departure meeting.** If you are unable to attend the pre-departure meeting, please let us know at least one week prior to your arrival in the country so the message can be passed on to all relevant parties.

Most clients arrive a few days prior to day 1 of the tour. Arriving a few days early will give them plenty of time to enjoy all that Gauteng has to offer. We can arrange any accommodation or activities you may require if you want to arrive early or stay on in Africa after your tour ends. Please contact us for assistance.

RAINBOW NATION - THE BEST OF SOUTH AFRICA:

South Africa, they call it the Rainbow Nation - a kaleidoscope of colours, cultures and traditions - a land of great deserts, thundering oceans and golden bushveld with a myriad of plant and animal species. Visit Kruger, Hluhluwe/ Umfolozi National Parks for the full safari experience. Trek through the dramatic mountain scenery of the Drakensberg. Take a walk on the wild side, along the Wild Coast, and explore the full splendour of the Garden Route. Discover cosmopolitan Cape Town, and gaze out across Table Bay from perhaps the most famous mountain in Africa. Become a connoisseur of wine in the renowned wine lands. South Africa is not called a world in one country for nothing.

DAY 1 - Pretoria

Day at leisure to enjoy all that this vibrant city has to offer. Clients are to meet at Arcadia hotel at 18h30pm for the pre-departure meeting. Here you will meet your crew. All meals at your own expense.

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DAY 2 - Graskop (390 km - 4 hours)

Departure will be early this morning to make our way to the beautiful undulating landscape of the Mpumalanga province. Our first stop will be the historical town of Pilgrims Rest where we will have some time to explore the town. In the afternoon we will visit one of the well-known waterfalls, the Mac Mac Falls. Breakfast from hotel and dinner from truck. Lunch will be at your own expense.

CHALET

DAY 3 - Kruger National Park (250 km - 6 hours)

This morning we shall take a leisurely drive to the awe-inspiring viewpoints of Blyde River Canyon and God's Window. Then we will head to the famous Kruger National Park for an afternoon game drive where we have the opportunity to experience close encounters with game such as elephant, lion, rhino and buffalo in their natural, environment. An optional night drive is available at some of the camps. You can arrange a booking directly with your tour leader. Breakfast and lunch from the truck. Dinner will be at your own expense.

CHALET

DAY 4 - Kruger National Park

The best time to see the game is early morning and late afternoon. So you will have an early start for the first game drive, setting out to spot some of the Big 5, then return to camp for brunch. We relax during the heat of the day and go out on a second game drive in the afternoon. Breakfast from truck. Dinner to your own expense.

CHALET

DAYS 5 & 6 - Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary - Swaziland (250 km - 6 hours)

Set out early this morning for some more game viewing in Kruger National Park. Then we will make our way south to the little Kingdom of Swaziland. We head to Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary, which was the first of Swaziland's wildlife refuges. We will have a full day to enjoy some optional activities in this beautiful reserve such as horse-riding, mountain bike riding and game walking. Breakfast and lunch from truck on Day 5. Breakfast from lodge on Day 6. Rest of meals at your own expense.

CHALET

DAY 7 - St Lucia (415 km - 6 hours)

Today we will make our way to St Lucia, a world heritage site. You have the option of snorkelling at Cape Vidal or going on a sun downer cruise on lake St Lucia or simply relaxing in the village. Breakfast from lodge and lunch from truck. Dinner will be at your own expense.

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DAY 8 - Hluhluwe

We shall head out early this morning for a game drive in Hluhluwe/Umfolozzi National Park, home to the largest population of black and white rhino in the world. It is about a 60 km drive to the entrance gate of the park. Enjoy some close encounters with game in this well known reserve. Afterwards we return to our lodge where we spend the rest of the afternoon. Breakfast from lodge. Lunch and dinner at your own expense.

LODGE

DAY 9 - South Drakensberg - Sani Pass (470 km - 8 hours)

Kruger and KwaZulu Safari is a module of the "Rainbow Nation" tour, and all clients booked on this module will be dropped off in Durban on this day. Drakensberg and Garden Route Explorer is also a module of the "Rainbow Nation" tour, and all clients booked on this tour will be collected in Durban on this day before departing to the Drakensberg. If clients are being dropped off or picked up at this point, we will travel via north Durban. After this short stop, we will head to the hills as we make our way to the dramatic mountain scenery of the southern Drakensberg. Breakfast from lodge. Lunch and dinner at your own expense.
HOTEL

DAY 10 - South Drakensberg - Sani Pass

After breakfast we will enjoy a full day hike into the mountains or alternatively enjoy an exciting optional 4x4 drive to the top of Sani Pass to enjoy a cold drink in the highest pub in Africa. Breakfast from hotel. Lunch and dinner at your own expense.
HOTEL

DAY 11 - Wild Coast - Coffee Bay (300 km - 8 hours)

We make our way further south to the beautiful Wild Coast and the little town of Coffee Bay. A misty, untouched bay - haunted by friendly ghosts of shipwrecked sailors. The name is derived from a coffee carrying ship that ran aground here. Breakfast and dinner from hotel. Lunch at your own expense.
HOTEL

DAY 12 - Wild Coast - Coffee Bay

Day at leisure here! Visit the much photographed rock feature "The Hole in the Wall", known in Transkei mythology as a home of angry spirits. Take in the Wild Coast's dramatic scenery by enjoying a walk along the beach. Enjoy some of the optional activities that are available here, such as 4x4 excursions, abseiling, inflatable boat excursions or visit the traditional Xhosa craft centre. Breakfast and dinner from hotel.
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DAY 13 - Zuurberg Pass, Addo (580 km - 8 hours)

Departing early we make our way towards the Zuurberg Pass, which is quietly tucked away in the dense valley-bushveld of the Eastern Cape. Before our arrival we drive via Addo Elephant National Park and do some game viewing from our truck. Breakfast from hotel & lunch from truck. Dinner at your own expense.
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DAYS 14 & 15 - Tsitsikamma National Park (250 km - 6 hours)

After breakfast we make our way to Tsitsikamma National Park and the Storms River Mouth, the start of the renowned Garden Route. We have the afternoon to hike along some of the walking trails, or the option of taking a relaxing boat cruise up the Storms River. We then have a full day to enjoy some of the many optional activities offered in this region. Breakfast and lunch from lodge or truck on Day 14. Other meals at your own expense.
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DAY 16 - Knysna (90 km - 1 hour)

Today we make our way to the popular holiday town of Knysna. On the way there, we will stop at Bloukrans Bridge where you have the option of doing the highest bungi jump in the world (216m). In Knysna we will have a chance to try the excellent locally grown oysters and brewed ale. There are various other optional activities to do here such as a boat ride across the Knysna lagoon, abseiling off the cliffs at the Knysna heads or a township tour. Your tour leader will assist with bookings. Breakfast and



lunch from truck. Dinner at your own expense.
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DAY 17 - Oudtshoorn (140 km - 2 hours)

Moving on to Oudtshoorn we visit one of the ostrich farms that made Oudtshoorn famous. Try your hand at riding an ostrich! Then we make our way to the Cango Caves to enjoy a tour into the caves to view the magnificent stalagmite and stalactite formations. Breakfast from lodge. Lunch and dinner at your own expense.
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DAY 18 - Cape Town, via Stellenbosch (450 km - 8 hours)

Depart early and head towards the "Mother City" of Cape Town. On our way we stop at the second oldest town of South Africa, Stellenbosch. We will have some time to walk around town, visit some of its attractions and then go for wine tasting at one of the local wine farms. Then we make our way to Cape Town, the final destination of our adventurous tour. Cape Town has many exciting attractions such as the famous Table Mountain, Robben Island, Kirstenbosch's beautiful botanical gardens, The Cape Peninsula and much more. Your tour leader will assist with bookings. Spend your time here discovering all it has to offer. Breakfast from lodge. Lunch and dinner at your own expense.
LODGE

DAY 19 - Cape Town - Tour Ends

Our tour ends after breakfast from lodge.

Please note: While it is our intention to adhere to the itinerary described above, there is a certain amount of flexibility built into the itinerary and on occasion it may be necessary, or desirable to make alterations. On Day 1 of your tour, you will be advised of any amendments.



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