

20-Day South African Explorer – ACS0412

Day 1 South Africa – Panorama Route

Two per room L,D

Leaving behind Johannesburg, the city of gold, we 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 2/3 Kruger National Park

Two per room B,L,D

We get up early and visit a wildlife rehabilitation centre for an educational experience before we enter Kruger National Park. The next two days are spent 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 4/5 Swaziland - Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary

Two per Beehive Hut B,L,D

Today we leave the Kruger Park and 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 6/7 South Africa – The Greater St Lucia Wetland Park – Durban

Two per room B,L,D (D day 6 only)

Leaving Swaziland, we travel through the subtropical region towards 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/Umfolosi 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 8/9 Drakensberg

Two per room B,L,D

We leave 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 10/11 Lesotho - Malealea

Two per room B,L,D

After a long but scenic drive we arrive in the Mountain Kingdom of Lesotho. 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 12/13 South Africa - Hogsback

Two per room B,L,D

We leave Lesotho 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 14 Addo Elephant National Park

Two per room B,L,D

We spend our time in Addo Elephant National Park game driving while surrounded by elephants! These magnificent creatures are always a highlight and Addo provides us with many fantastic photographic opportunities.

Day 15/16 Bloukrans / Tsitsikamma National Park

Two per room B,L,D

After an early morning game drive we bid farewell to the elephants and drive further along the sunshine 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 17/18 Knysna / Oudtshoorn

Two per room B,L,D

It is only a short distance to Knysna, where you can relax by the lagoon and explore this interesting town. The next day we travel on via the Outeniqua Mountains as we head for Oudtshoorn, 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 19 Stellenbosch Wine Route

Two per room B,L



After breakfast we set off for 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 20 Cape Town

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After a leisurely 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 on arrival in central Cape Town.



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