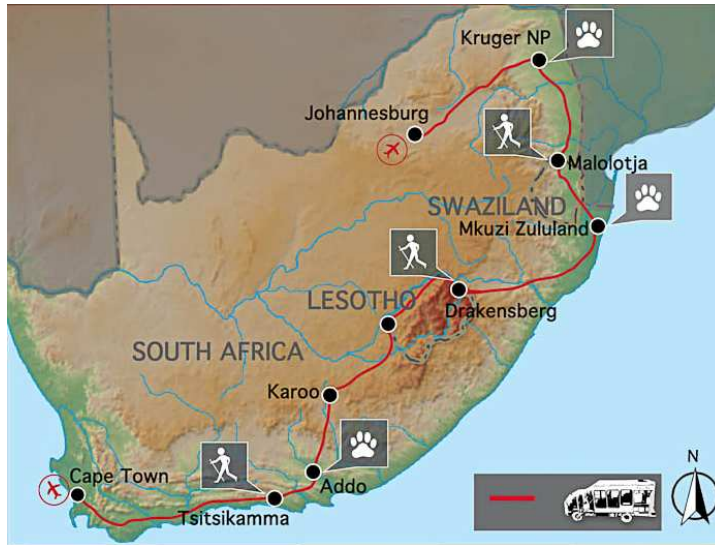


## 18 Day South Africa Scenic Route



### Highlights

- \* Mpumalanga Panorama Route – sight seeing
- \* Kruger National Park – game drives
- \* Swaziland – mountain walks
- \* Zululand – game drives & cultural village
- \* Drakensberg Mountains – mountain walks
- \* Lesotho – trekking with local guide and his pony
- \* Karoo – visit a quaint Karoo town
- \* Addo Game Reserve – game drives
- \* Tsitsikamma – forest and coastal walks
- \* Cape Town – Cape Point & Table Mountain

### Includes

- \* 11 nights camping, 3 nights guest house, 3 nights cabin
- \* Entrance fees
- \* Use of camping equipment (except sleeping bag & pillow)
- \* Transport in minibus / safari truck
- \* Meals as per itinerary
- \* Professional guide

***A wonderful journey through the Rainbow Nation. Camping, hiking, game viewing, historical and cultural visits through South Africa!***



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### Day 1 **JOHANNESBURG to MPUMALANGA** [camping -LD]

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(B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)

Departing from Johannesburg at 06:30am we head east towards Mpumalanga. A landscape characterised by mountains, panoramic passes, valleys, rivers, waterfalls and forests. We will camp the night in the old gold rush town of Pilgrims Rest, a living museum dating back to 1873. We explore the quaint town, visit Bourkes Luck Potholes

and the viewpoint at God's Window.

- Includes:** Entrance to God's Window & Bourkes Luck Potholes
- Overnight:** Campsite – good ablution facilities & hot showers
- Distance/time:** 350kms, ± 5 hours, excluding stops for sightseeing & lunch
- Optional Activities:** N/A

### Day 2 - 3 **KRUGER NATIONAL PARK** [camping BLD]

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Big game country - exciting game drives provide us with excellent game viewing. Spot lion, elephant, rhino and other animals in one of the last African wildernesses. Early morning & afternoon game drives get us close to the wildlife.

- Includes:** Entrance to Kruger National Park, morning & afternoon game drives
- Overnight:** Campsite – good ablution facilities, hot showers, swimming pool, restaurant & shop
- Distance/time:** 150kms, ± 2 hours + 3x 3 hour game drives
- Optional Activities:** Night game drives in National Park open game viewing vehicles

### Day 4 **KINGDOM OF SWAZILAND** [cabins BLD]

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The mountainous Kingdom of Swaziland, led by King Mswati III, is one of only 3 monarchies in Africa. Swazis are proud of their traditional lifestyle & cultures. We explore the Malalotja reserve on foot to enjoy the mountain scenery, rare birdlife, and the 95m high Malalotja waterfall. Overnight in log cabins with fantastic panoramic views.

- Includes:** Entrance to Malalotja Game Reserve
- Overnight:** Cabin – each cabin sleeps a maximum of 6 people in 2 bedrooms and a loft room which share a ablution facilities, hot showers
- Distance/time:** 200kms, ± 4 hours, excluding 2-3 hour morning drive out of Kruger, shopping stop in Malelane, Jeppes Reef border formalities & stops for sightseeing etc
- Optional Activities:** N/A



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### Day 5 - 6 ZULULAND [camping BLD]

After visiting craft markets near Mbabane, we re-enter South Africa. Mkuzi Game Reserve is a safe haven for the endangered black rhino. We have a full day to game drive and stop at waterhole hides and watch game come down to drink.

- Includes:** Entrance to Mkuzi Game Reserve, morning and afternoon game drive  
**Overnight:** Campsite – good ablution facilities, hot showers & swimming pool  
**Distance/time:** 300kms, ± 4 hours, excluding border formalities + game drives in Mkuzi  
**Optional Activities:** N/A

### Day 7 - 8 DRAKENSBERG MOUNTAINS [camping BLD]

Moving further south to the base of the Drakensberg (Dragon Mountains). We have two nights at the foot of the mountains allowing time for walking along beautiful mountain stream paths, or just enjoying spectacular views.

- Includes:** Morning and afternoon hikes in the Drakensberg Mountains  
**Overnight:** Campsite – good ablution facilities, hot showers  
**Distance/time:** 400kms, ± 6 hours, excluding stops for sightseeing & lunch.  
**Optional Activities:** N/A

### Day 9 - 10 LESOTHO [chalets BLD]

We travel through the towering red sandstone cliffs of Golden Gate en route to Lesotho. Quaint villages and towns offer interesting stops along the way. We cross the border and head to southern Lesotho to our overnight chalets at Malealea. This lodge nestled in the mountains forms our base for two nights. The next morning we are up early and spend the day trekking with a local guide and his pony through the rugged mountains.

- Includes:** Trekking with local guide and his pony  
**Overnight:** Chalets – twin rooms with shared ablutions, hot showers restaurant & bar  
**Distance/time:** 370kms, ± 8 hours, excluding stops for border formalities sightseeing & lunch.  
**Optional Activities:** N/A

### Day 11 KAROO [guest house BL-]

Descending from the Lesotho highlands we make our way into the great Karoo. It covers most of central South Africa and is a vast semi desert. It has become famous for its sheep and ostrich farming industries, and roadside stalls selling handmade windmills.

- Includes:** N/A  
**Overnight:** Guest house – twin rooms with shared ablutions & restaurant.  
**Distance/time:** 370kms, ± 8 hours – a long day! excluding stops for border formalities sightseeing & lunch.  
**Optional Activities:** N/A



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### Day 12 **ADDO ELEPHANT NATIONAL PARK** [camping BLD]

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A conservation success, Addo Elephant N.P. offers a unique wildlife area, famous for the Addo Elephants. We head out on game drives in search of elephant, black rhino, lion, buffalo and leopard. Evening viewing at the floodlit waterhole allows us to watch the nocturnal animals.

- Includes:** Entrance fees to Addo Elephant National Park, afternoon & morning game drives
- Overnight:** Campsite – good ablution facilities, hot showers, restaurant, bar, shop & floodlit waterhole
- Distance/time:** 276kms, ± 3½ hours excluding stops for sightseeing & lunch + game drives
- Optional Activities:** Night game drives in National Park open game viewing vehicles

### Day 13 - 14 **TSITSIKAMMA NATIONAL PARK** [camping BLD]

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Indigenous Tsitsikamma forests surround the campsite at Storms River mouth, and there are walks up the Storms River Gorge and along the rocky coastline. There is an option of the world's highest bungi jump (own expense). Whales may be seen in season (July to November).

- Includes:** Entrance fees to Tsitsikamma National Park
- Overnight:** Campsite – good ablution facilities, hot showers, restaurant, bar & shop
- Distance/time:** 220kms, ± 3 hours excluding stops for sightseeing
- Optional Activities:** Bungi jumping, whale watching & treetop canopy tour

### Day 15 **WESTERN CAPE** [camping BLD]

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After visiting "The Heads" in Knysna, a town nestled on a tranquil lagoon we travel south along the Garden Route towards the famous wine regions of the Cape. We pass the Hottentots Holland Nature Reserve and Threewaterkloof Dam before heading over Franschoek pass to our campsite near Franschoek for the evening.

- Includes:** N/A
- Overnight:** Campsite – good ablution facilities, hot showers.
- Distance/time:** 510kms, ± 7 hours excluding stops for sightseeing & lunch
- Optional Activities:** N/A



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### Day 16 – 17 CAPE TOWN [guest house B--]

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We enjoy a morning walk in the vineyards then visit Stellenbosch, for wine tasting and a cellar tour. Explore Cape Town and the “mother city’s” many attractions; visit Cape Point, the Cape of Good Hope, Chapman’s Peak drive, the harbour at Hout Bay, enjoy the famous beaches and the V&A Waterfront. Optional visit to Robben Island (own expense). Meals at a variety of local restaurants (own expense).

- Includes:** Cellar Tour, entrance fees to Penguin colony & Cape Point National Park  
**Overnight:** Guest house – twin rooms with en-suite facilities, swimming pool & restaurant  
**Distance/time:** 160kms, ± 2 hours + winelands tour & full day Cape Peninsular tour on day 17  
**Optional Activities:** Robben Island cruise, Shark Cage diving, Seal Colony visit

### Day 18 TOUR ENDS - TRANSFERS [- B--]

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We climb Table Mountain in the morning admiring the views over Table Bay and Cape Town. Spend the afternoon catching up on last minute curio shopping or just lazing on the beach absorbing the Cape’s sunshine.

Tour ends at +/-18:00pm.

- Includes:** Guided walk up Table Mountain  
**Overnight:** N/A  
**Distance/time:** N/A  
**Optional Activities:** N/A

**Please note:**

This tour covers a great distance. You’ll see all the highlights of this diverse country but this means we have to spend several days travelling. This involves long days on the road, generally followed by a full day to explore the area. This is an all encompassing tour and a fantastic way to explore South Africa.

The distances and times are an estimate only, and subject to local road conditions.

