



## 11 Day Drakensberg & Garden Route Explorer - Durban to Cape Town

### Day 1: Durban

Umhlanga is situated just north of Durban and is well known for its great beaches and its great many opportunities for a bit of retail therapy. Today is spent at leisure enjoying the beautiful sea views and excursions this area has to offer. This evening we meet our fellow travellers at the pre-departure meeting.

**Accommodation:** Lodge

### Day 2: South Drakensberg, Sani Pass (B)

This morning we bid farewell to those who finish their tour here, and after saying our goodbyes, we head inland to the magnificent Drakensberg Mountain range. The Drakensberg have long been a favourite for hikers and there are various view points and walking trails scattered along its base.

**Accommodation:** Hotel

### Day 3: South Drakensberg, Sani Pass (B)

After breakfast we enjoy a full day hike into the mountains. For those not wishing to exert themselves, there is an option to enjoy an exciting 4x4 drive to the top of Sani Pass to enjoy a cold drink in the highest pub in Africa.

**Accommodation:** Hotel

### Day 4: Wild Coast, Coffee Bay (B / L)

Today we make our way further south to the beautiful Wild Coast and the little town of Coffee Bay - a quaint little town situated in a stretch of untouched beach. The name is derived from a coffee carrying ship that ran aground here.

**Accommodation:** Hotel

### Day 5: Coffee Bay (B)

We spend the day at leisure exploring the beaches and the famous rock feature 'The Hole in the Wall'. This geological feature is known in the local mythology as a home of angry spirits. Take in the Wild Coast's dramatic scenery by enjoying a walk along the beach or 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.

**Accommodation:** Hotel

### **Day 6: Zuurberg Pass, Addo (B)**

Departing early we make our way towards the dense valley-bushveld of the Eastern Cape and head to the Addo Elephant National Park. After exploring the park's wildlife on a game drive, we drive via the Zuurberg Pass, to our lodgings for the night.

**Accommodation:** Lodge

### **Days 7 & 8: Knysna (B)**

Today we make our way to the popular seaside town of Knysna. On the way, we stop at Bloukrans Bridge where you have the option of doing the highest bungi jump in the world (216m). In Knysna we have a chance to try the excellent locally grown oysters and brewed ale. There are various other optional activities to do here such as the 'Featherbed' 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.

**Accommodation:** Chalet

### **Day 9: Oudtshoorn (B)**

Moving on to the Karoo town of Oudtshoorn we travel via the picturesque Outeniqua Pass on our way to visit one of the ostrich farms that made Oudtshoorn famous. We enjoy a tour around one of these farms and even try your hand at riding an ostrich! We also enjoy a tour into the Cango Caves to view the magnificent stalagmite and stalactite formations.

**Accommodation:** Chalet

### **Day 10: Cape Town (via Stellenbosch) (B)**

We depart early and make our way to our final destination - the 'Mother City' of Cape Town. On our way we stop over at the second oldest town of South Africa, Stellenbosch. Here we have some time to walk around town, visit some of its attractions before having the option to go for wine tasting at one of the local wine farms. In the late afternoon we arrive at our destination. Cape Town has many exciting attractions such as the famous Table Mountain, Robben Island, the beautiful Kirstenbosch 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.

**Accommodation:** Lodge

### **Day 11: Cape Town**

Our tour ends after breakfast from the lodge and we part ways having just experienced a South African overland safari of a lifetime!

We can book airport transfers and additional accommodation through our central reservations office. Please notify us at the time of booking if you wish to make use of this service.

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.

### **Optional excursions**

- Drakensberg, Sani Pass Excursion (min. 2) - US\$ 60
- Coffee Bay, 4x4 Excursion (min 2) - US\$ 25
- Coffee Bay, Guided Walk - US\$ 20
- Coffee Bay, Cultural Visit - US\$ 20
- Bloukrans Bridge, Bungee Jump - US\$ 150
- Knysna, John Benn Boat Cruise - US\$ 30
- Stellenbosch Winelands - US\$ 75
- Cape Town, Robben Island - US\$ 30
- Cape Town, Table Mountain - US\$ 25
- Cape Town, Cape Point - US\$ 75
- Cape Town, Whale Watching - US\$ 75
- Cape Town, Winelands - US\$ 75

(All prices are approximate and are subject to change)