

# World in One Country

## 20 days | Johannesburg to Cape Town



*The South African safari that has it all! Exciting wildlife, breathtaking scenery and insights into culture and history. Travel from Jo'burg to Kruger National Park, through the Kingdom of Swaziland and onto Zululand. Hike in the Drakensberg Mountains and go pony trekking in Lesotho. Journey south through Addo Elephant Park with wonderful game viewing and the lush Tsitsikamma Forest. Before reaching Cape Town, visit Oudtshoorn's Cango Caves and go wine tasting in Stellenbosch.*

### HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

#### Trip Highlights

- Kruger National Park - spot the iconic Big Five (lion, elephant, rhino, leopard, buffalo) on safari in South Africa's premier national park
- Hluhluwe-iMfolozi Game Reserve - enjoy a game drive in the oldest game reserve to be found in Africa, home to both black and white rhinos
- Swaziland - explore the Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary and visit the Umphakatsi Chief's homestead

- Cape Town - see the highlights of the southern tip of Africa on a Cape Point tour, including Hout Bay and the penguins at Boulder's Beach
- iSimangaliso Wetland Park - take to the water of the St Lucia estuary on a boat cruise in search of hippos and crocodiles
- Drakensberg Mountains - hike in the incredible scenery of rugged mountains, indigenous forests and rushing streams
- Lesotho - enjoy a pony trek and learn about the distinct culture of the Basotho people
- Addo Elephant National Park - spot elephants, rhinos, lions and more on an included game drive in South Africa's third largest national park
- Tsitsikamma National Park - admire the breathtaking beauty of the Garden Route and hike along the rocky coastline
- Knysna - see 'The Heads' cliffs and enjoy interactive oyster tasting to sample the region's local produce

#### What's Included

- 19 nights mid-range lodges, chalets and tented lodges. **Please Note:** Accommodation named, may be subject to change but will be of a similar standard
- 19 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 2 dinners
- Airport arrival and departure transfers
- Transportation in a fully equipped Toyota Quantums or other appropriate vehicles

- Services of an experienced local guide/driver
- Games drives - Kruger National Park, Hluhluwe Umfolozi Game Reserve, Addo Elephant National Park
- Lesotho - pony trekking and St Lucia Estuary boat cruise
- Oudtshoorn - Cango Caves excursion
- Stellenbosch - wine tasting and cellar tour
- Cape Point Tour

#### What's Not Included

- Tipping - an entirely personal gesture
- Optional activities
- International flights and visas

### ITINERARY

#### Day 1 : Johannesburg

Johannesburg. Welcome to South Africa! An airport transfer is provided by the Safari Club Lodge (our pre tour accommodation) which is close to the airport. Spend the remains of the day at leisure. This evening you will meet your guide and the rest of the group at our pre departure meeting at 18h00. **Overnight - Johannesburg**

#### Day 2 : Graskop

Johannesburg - Mpumalanga. Departing from Johannesburg we head east towards Mpumalanga. A landscape characterized by

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mountains, panoramic passes, valleys, rivers, waterfalls and forests. We spend the night in the town of Graskop, a small forestry town situated on the Drakensberg Escarpment at the start of the panorama route and the gateway to Kruger National Park.

**Overnight - Graskop (B)**

## Days 3-4 : Kruger National Park

Graskop - Kruger National Park. This morning we start with a scenic drive along the Panorama Route. The most spectacular stretch is the Blyde River Canyon, which is the 3rd largest canyon in the world. We make a stop at Bourke's Luck Potholes to view these incredible eroded rock formations. In the afternoon we head into Kruger National Park. Big game country - exciting morning and afternoon game drives provide us with excellent opportunities to encounter wildlife. Spot lion, elephant, rhino and other animals in one of the last African wildernesses. Should you wish to partake on a game drive in an open game-viewer vehicle, these are available for an additional fee. **Overnight - Kruger National Park (B:2)**

## Days 5-6 : Swaziland



Kruger National Park - Swaziland. The mountainous Kingdom of Swaziland, lead by King Mswati III, is one of 3 monarchies in Africa. We spend two nights in Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary, Swaziland's pioneer conservation area situated in the 'Valley of Heaven'. Apart from abundant bird life, there are a number of animal species to be seen including hippo, giraffe, crocodile, zebra and antelope. On day 6 we will visit the Umphakatsi Chief's homestead where we can try our hand at grinding maize, plaiting mountain grass and singing with the children.

**Overnight - Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary (B:2, L:1)**

## Days 7-8 : Zululand and Hluhwe

Swaziland - Zululand. After visiting a craft market en-route, we re-enter South Africa via Northern Kwa-Zulu Natal. The following day we make our way to Hluhluwe-iMfolozi Game Reserve, during a game drive in our tour vehicle. Hluhluwe-iMfolozi is the oldest game reserve in Africa and is a safe haven to both the endangered black and white rhino.

Our afternoon finds us in The iSimangaliso Wetland Park, which was listed as South Africa's first World Heritage Site. Here we enjoy a boat cruise on the St Lucia estuary, getting up close to the hippos and crocodiles that inhabit the lake. **Overnight - Hluhluwe iMfolozi National Park (B:2)**

## Days 9-10 : Drakensberg Mountains



Hluhluwe Game reserve - Drakensberg Mountains. Moving further inland, we spend the next two nights in Northern Drakensberg which is an area known for its magnificent scenery of towering mountains, indigenous forests, and cool berg streams. At 3,482 metres in height, The Drakensberg, known in Zulu as uKhahlamba or the "Barrier of Spears", is South Africa's highest mountain range, stretching its rugged form roughly 1,000 km from south-west to north-east. Time will be spent exploring this picturesque World Heritage Site on guided walks. **Overnight - Drakensberg Mountains (B:2, L:1, D:2)**

## Days 11-12 : Lesotho pony trekking



Drakensburg - Lesotho. Today we cross the border into the Kingdom of Lesotho, the southernmost landlocked country in the world, rich in natural beauty, flora, fauna and cultural heritage. Here we have a chance to experience traditional Basotho life, a nation with solid traditions, beliefs and customs. No visit to Lesotho would be complete without a pony trek and the next day we take a ride on the transport of choice for most Basotho, as these sturdy animals handle the narrow trails better than any 4x4 can! **Overnight - Malealea (B:2, L:1)**

## Day 13 : Cradock

Lesotho - Cradock. We leave the beauty of Lesotho behind us and cross the border back into South Africa and drive to the historical Karoo town of Cradock, founded in 1814 as a frontier stronghold. Best known for its natural sulphur spring, Cradock is a place of literary legends and the original part of the town is graced with some of the finest buildings. **Overnight - Cradock (B)**

## Day 14 : Addo Elephant National Park



Cradock - Addo Elephant National Park. A benchmark conservation success, Addo Elephant National Park offers a unique wildlife habitat, famous for the Addo elephants and

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the remaining population of the flightless dung beetle. We spend the afternoon on a game drive in our tour vehicle, in search of elephant, black rhino, lion, buffalo and leopard. Additional game drives conducted in open game-viewer vehicles are available at an extra expense. An evening spent at the floodlit waterhole allows us to watch the nocturnal animals and listen to their calls.

**Overnight - Addo Elephant Park (B)**

## Days 15-16 : Tsitsikamma National Park

Addo Elephant National Park - Tsitsikamma. On day 15 after breakfast our journey takes us to a region of startling beauty along South Africa's southern coastline, known as the Garden Route. We spend two nights in the Storms River Village, in the heart of the Tsitsikamma Forest. We will take a leisurely hike along one of the short trails, which allow you to explore the coastal bush and rocky shoreline. There is also an option to plunge off the world's highest bungee jump at the Bloukrans River (optional pay locally).

**Overnight - Tsitsikamma National Park (B:2)**

## Day 17 : Knysna & Oudtshoorn



Tsitsikamma - Oudtshoorn. After visiting 'The Heads' in Knysna, a town nestled on a tranquil lagoon we travel over the Outeniqua Mountains into the Little Karoo and enjoy an interactive and educational oyster tasting experience. In Oudtshoorn we visit the famous Cango Caves with their impressive ancient stalagmites and stalactites before we overnight in the ostrich capital of the world.

**Overnight - Oudtshoorn (B)**

## Days 18-19 : Stellenbosch & Cape Town

Oudtshoorn - Cape Town. En-route to Cape Town, we visit the pretty university town of

Stellenbosch, for wine tasting and a cellar tour. Once in Cape Town the afternoon is at leisure, enjoy sundowners at one of the fabulous beaches or indulge in some last minute shopping at the V&A Waterfront. The next day we get to explore the many attractions the 'Mother City' has to offer on our Cape Point tour. **Overnight - Cape Town (B:2)**

## Day 20 : Cape Town



Spend the final day at leisure, weather dependent there is the chance to take the cable car up Table Mountain (own expense) and enjoy one last view of the Cape of Good Hope before your transfer to the airport.

If you wish to visit Robben Island and more of Cape Town's many attractions, consider extending your stay. We can book post tour accommodation for you upon request.(B)

### HOTELS

Highlighted below are some of the hotels which we frequently use on this tour, though we reserve the right to substitute these hotels to ones of a similar standard.

**Please refer to your Tour Voucher for your confirmed arrival hotel and further arrival information.**

### The Safari Club

African-themed Safari Club is a luxurious yet homely accommodation close to Johannesburg airport. With just 17 rooms all uniquely styled to represent a specific area on the continent it is easy to make yourself at home here. The hotel boasts a beautiful garden and serves fantastic food for breakfast, lunch and dinner. The friendly bar is the perfect place to relax in the evening whilst sipping on a tasty beverage or two. The hotel is situated just a 4 minute

drive from the airport - so it is the ideal place to start, or finish, your African adventure.



### Graskop Hotel

This unique hotel combines contemporary South African art with culinary delights to offer a memorable experience and stay. Situated on the Drakensberg Escarpment, the hotel is surrounded by spectacular scenery and panoramic views. Guestrooms are designed with comfort in mind and are divided into Artist Rooms and Garden Rooms overlooking the peaceful gardens filled with sculptures. The hotel also has a large outdoor pool, an art gallery and a Harrie's Pancakes restaurant. Well located just a short drive from Pilgrim's Rest.



### Berg en Dal Camp

Perched on the banks of the Matjulu Spruit, Berg en Dal is a comfortable lodge set in lush green gardens. Rooms vary from bungalows to family cottages and are all en suite. There is a refreshing outdoor pool for guests to enjoy and it is well worth heading out on the local Bushman trails where the only remnants of these people are on display. Well located in the south western corner of world famous Kruger National Park.



### Mlilwane Rest Camp

A semi-circle of rustic huts and rondavels make up the Mlilwane Rest Camp. These

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traditional huts are ensuite, very comfortable and have a real African feel. The camp itself is a great place to relax or head to the outdoor pool. Head out for a hearty meal at the Hippo Haunt Restaurant or cook up a feast in the Braai area. Just watch out for the resident inquisitive warthogs! The camp is found in the southern corner of the reserve, in the midst of a well-matured rehabilitated area.



## Ezulwini Lodge

Nestled amongst towering trees in a private game park, the Ezulwini game lodge offers a relaxed atmosphere with comfortable accommodation. Stylish interiors and spacious gardens create a pleasant and warm ambience in the guest rooms, which feature the practical conveniences of en suite bathrooms and air-con. The lodge offers a number of activities including game drives, boat cruises and horse riding. The lodge is located just a 20 minute drive from the Hluhluwe game reserve.



## The Cavern

Named after a massive cave above the hotel, the Cavern sits within 3000 hectares of private mountain reserve. Guest rooms are beautifully designed with spacious interiors and excellent amenities. The lodge boasts a beautiful outdoor pool and some of the best views of the area. When staying at the Cavern guests can take advantage of a plethora of activities on offer including trout fishing, guided hikes and horse rides. Well located in the heart of the Drakensberg mountains just north of neighbouring Lesotho.



## Malealea Lodge

Surrounded by beautiful landscapes and spectacular mountain passes, the Malealea Lodge is a great place to base yourself when visiting the area. Guest rooms are made up of traditional Rondavels and farmhouse bedrooms - all with en suite facilities. The on site Pony Trekking Centre offers a great selection of rides - a must do when in Lesotho. The really adventurous can even head out on an overnight trek! Situated in the remote rural region of south-wester Lesotho.



## Die Tuishuise

Built in 1840, Die Tuishuise has been beautifully restored to their former splendour to recreate the gracious bygone era. All rooms are tastefully decorated with their own distinctive theme of antique furniture and period prints. Guests can enjoy dinner in the Manor House that serves delicious Karoo and South African cuisine. Guests can also indulge in a unique African Hum and Sun massage at the onsite spa. It is a great way to feel rejuvenated after a long day in the African sun. This accommodation is perfectly located on Market Street in Cradock.



## Addo Elephant Rest Camp

Offering a wide selection of accommodation, Addo Elephant Rest Camp is a popular

spot next to Addo Elephant Park. Guest rooms vary from chalets to rondavels and cottages. All are comfortable with en suite facilities. The unique feature of the camp is the waterhole look out point that is floodlit at night. Sitting here listening and watching is the perfect way to end a busy day on safari. The main Rest Camp in The Addo Elephant Park is situated near Addo and close to the entrance gate.



## Tsitsikamma Village Inn

Established in 1946, the Tsitsikamma Village Inn is a village style accommodation close to Tsitsikamma National Park. The 49 guest rooms are all individually decorated in a number of free standing buildings. All are decorated in the colonial style famous on the Garden Route. The Inn is home to the relaxed Hunter's Pub which serves a good range of refreshing beverages. There is also a beautiful outdoor pool - perfect for an early morning dip. This accommodation is well located at the end of the Garden Route, in beautiful Tsitsikamma.



## The Townhouse

Modern and intimate, the Townhouse is a luxury hotel in the heart of cosmopolitan Cape Town. Guest rooms are all beautifully appointed, have luxury en suite facilities and are provided with Free WiFi. The in house 'Trees' restaurant offers an exciting menu from a Michelin-trained chef. Being in such a great location, why not grab a complimentary walking map and head out to explore Cape Town - right on your doorstep! Well located in down town Cape Town, adjacent to the South African Parliamentary Precinct.

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## PRICES / DATES INFO

Departure dates noted with a 'G' are guaranteed to operate. All other departure dates are guaranteed to run subject to a minimum of 4 travellers. This safari has a maximum group size of 14. Prices shown are per person travelling. 'Twin/Double' prices per person apply when there are 2 people travelling, sharing a room. The 'Single supplement' applies for single travellers who require their own room and needs to be added to the 'Twin/Double' price.

## PRICES / DATES 2020

Date	Twin Share	Single
16 May	CAD 5,795	CAD 7,245
26 Jun	CAD 5,795	CAD 7,245
01 Aug	CAD 5,795	CAD 7,245
12 Aug	CAD 5,795	CAD 7,245
02 Sep	CAD 5,795	CAD 7,245
21 Oct	CAD 5,795	CAD 7,245
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