

Cape Town & the Garden Route

8 days | Starts/Ends: Cape Town



SMALL GROUP ACCOMMODATED TOUR: Take in the highlights of South Africa's captivating Mother City and the beautiful Garden Route, on this 8 day tour which starts and ends in Cape Town. Cruise the Knysna lagoon, visit Cango Caves and the Ostrich capital of Oudtshoorn. Enjoy wine tasting in Stellenbosch, explore rugged Cape Point, encounter the Boulders Beach penguins and spend a night in Hermanus, the whale watching capital.

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- Cape Town – explore the Mother City and enjoy spectacular views from the top of Table Mountain
- Cape Point – enjoy one of the world's most breath-taking coastal drives to Cape Point and see the penguins at Boulder's Beach
- Knysna – take an optional cruise to the famous Knysna Heads and soak up the beautiful scenery
- Oudtshoorn – marvel at the Cango Caves, enjoy animal encounters at

the Cango Wildlife Ranch and visit an Ostrich Farm

- Hermanus – spend a day a leisure in the Whale Watching Capital of the World and enjoy the optional activities on offer
- Stellenbosch – go wine tasting in South Africa's beautiful wine region

What's Included

- 7 breakfasts
- 7 nights mid range (3-4 star) hotels
- Transportation in a luxury vehicle with an English speaking driver/guide
- Cape Town Airport arrival and departure transfer on days 1 and 8
- Cape Town – half day City and Table Mountain tour (cable car ticket excluded) and full day Cape Point & Peninsula tour
- Oudtshoorn – tour of Cango Caves, Cango Wildlife ranch and Ostrich Farm
- Stellenbosch – Wine Village wine tasting

What's Not Included

- Tipping – an entirely personal gesture
- Table Mountain cable car ticket and Cape Point funicular
- International flights and visas

ITINERARY

Day 1 : Cape Town



Upon arrival at Cape Town International Airport you will be met and transferred to our centrally located start hotel, for a three night stay. Spend the rest of the day at leisure in South Africa's enchanting Mother City. **Overnight – Cape Town**

Day 2 : Table Mountain



After breakfast set out on a scheduled half day guided tour of Cape Town.

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The tour starts with a visit to the iconic Table Mountain (weather permitting; cable car fee not included). From the top of the mountain enjoy incredible panoramic views over the city and Robben Island. Then stroll through the picturesque Company Gardens where you can soak up some 'Cape Town vibes' and see the aviaries and fishponds. At one end of the gardens, next to St. George's Cathedral, is 'The Arch' - a monument which commemorates the life and work of Desmond Tutu. The step inside the Slave Lodge and learn about the history of these unwilling immigrants. Our tour ends with a stop at the 'steampunk-inspired' Truth Cafe before returning to the hotel.

Enjoy the afternoon at leisure, independently exploring the city. We recommend a visit to Robben Island (weather permitting) or a stroll around the V&A Waterfront, which offers an abundance of shops and entertainment.

Overnight - Cape Town (B)

Day 3 : Cape Point & Peninsula Tour

Embark on a full day Cape Point and Peninsula tour after breakfast today. Travel along the Atlantic Seaboard to Hout Bay, a quaint village and fishing harbour with magnificent mountain views and beach. Carry on over Chapman's Peak, one of the world's most breathtaking coastal drives, to beautiful Cape Point and the Good Hope Nature Reserve. Then travel on to Simon's Town, a village with charming Victorian architecture, a naval base and a large penguin colony at the beautiful Boulders Beach. Wooden walkways allow visitors to view the penguins in their natural habitat. The tour ends with a visit to the beautiful Kirstenbosch National Botanical Gardens which is set against the eastern slopes of Table Mountain.

Overnight - Cape Town (B)

Day 4 : Knysna



Cape Town - Knysna. Bidding farewell to Cape town we travel along South Africa's beautiful Garden Route to the picturesque coastal town of Knysna, where we spend the next two nights. The forested town of Knysna lies at the end of the Garden Route and surrounds a lagoon of the same name. Knysna's most famous attraction is the Knysna Heads, two rugged sandstone formations that mark the treacherous entrance to the Knysna Lagoon, where many an ancient sailing vessel met its doom. This evening there is an optional boat trip across the lagoon and out to The Heads.

Overnight - Knysna (B)

Day 5 : Oudtshoorn & Cango Caves



Today we head inland to Oudtshoorn on another full day of touring, taking in the beautiful rugged Garden Route scenery en route. We visit the world-famous Cango Caves, with their impressive ancient stalagmites and enjoy animal encounters at the Cango Wildlife Ranch, which is home to cheetahs, leopards and ring tailed lemurs. Travelling on to Oudtshoorn we visit an Ostrich Farm in the ostrich capital of the world before returning

to Knysna for the night. **Overnight - Knysna (B)**

Day 6 : Hermanus



Knysna - Hermanus. After breakfast we travel on to the quaint fishing town of Hermanus, where the rest of the day is free to independently explore or enjoy some of the local activities on offer.

Built along the beautiful shores of Walker Bay, Hermanus is the official Whale Watching Capital and offers the best land-based whale watching in the world. The Southern Right Whales visit Walker Bay from July until December every year and tourists are often treated with close-up displays as these creatures often come to within 10 meters of the coast. Besides whale watching, there are a variety of activities on offer; from horse riding, paragliding, kayaking, shark cage diving, fishing, hiking, plane trips to simply swimming and sunbathing at one of many gorgeous beaches.

Overnight - Hermanus (B)

Day 7 : Stellenbosch



Knysna - Stellenbosch. Bidding farewell to Hermanus we travel along the N2 over Sir Lowry's pass to Stellenbosch, the second oldest town of South Africa. En route to this pretty university town in

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the heart of South Africa's wine region, we stop for a spot of wine tasting.

Overnight – Stellenbosch (B)

Day 8 : Cape Town

Stellenbosch – Cape Town. After breakfast, check out and transfer to Cape Town International Airport for your onward flight. (B)

ACCOMMODATION

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

Please refer to your Tour Voucher for your confirmed arrival hotel or start point and further arrival information.

SunSquare Cape Town City Bowl

Located in the shadow of Table Mountain and just off buzzing Bree Street, the SunSquare Cape Town City Bowl is a contemporary award-winning hotel in the heart of the city. The hotel boasts modern, elegant rooms with ensuite bathrooms, free uncapped Wi-Fi, air-conditioning, and a rooftop bar. The onsite ground floor restaurant Vigour and Verve features a wood-fired pizza oven and breakfast is served buffet style. There's also a rooftop gym with views of Table Mountain, and an indoor pool.



Knysna Log-Inn Hotel

Built in 1998, the Knysna Log-Inn Hotel embodies an "indigenous" concept that combines the character and the spirit of the surrounding indigenous forests with Knysna's romantic history. The hotel is very centrally located, right in the middle of town, and is ideally situated for sight seeing. Within easy

walking distance of the hotel – about 200m – are the Knysna Quays (better known as the Knysna Waterfront), as are the ferries to the Knysna Heads.



Misty Waves Boutique Hotel

A boutique hotel situated in the heart of Hermanus and right on the coast, this is a picturesque place to base yourself in South Africa's whale-watching capital. Elegant decor and furniture, satellite TV, and free Wi-Fi are available in all rooms, and many boast a balcony and a sea view. The Heritage Restaurant is housed in the hotel garden, serving a daily buffet breakfast and a la carte dinner menu. And there's also a swimming pool with sun terrace and a private cinema for guests to use.



Hermanus Boutique Guest House

The Hermanus Boutique Guest House sits in an idyllic ocean front location overlooking Walker Bay. Guest rooms are elegant and decorated in neutral tones with modern amenities including free Wi-Fi and air conditioning. The property also features a small pool and stylish restaurant offering a delicious breakfast. Sit across the road from the scenic coastal path and the famous Fick's Pool, this is a prime location to base yourself for whale watching.



The Devon Valley Hotel

Hidden away in a lush corner of South Africa's Winelands, every room in The Devon Valley Hotel boasts an amazing view out of the window. The 1947 cedarwood main building endures today, and houses many of the hotel's rooms, mixing colonial charm and modern elegance. Ensuite bathrooms house walk-in showers and the majority have access to their own private courtyard or decking area. All rooms feature satellite TV, minibar, Wi-Fi access, and air-conditioning. Guests can eat at the signature Flavours restaurant or the Cedarwood Lounge & Bar, while breakfast is served buffet style. The Vineyard Terrace is the perfect place to unwind in the evening and there's a swimming pool for cooling down in the day.



Hotel Krige

Centrally located in Stellenbosch close to quaint eateries and wine bars is the stylish and brand new, Hotel Krige. The apartment-style guest rooms are individually decorated with modern furnishings and include a kitchenette area, air conditioning and free Wi-Fi. Easily accessible to the beautiful winelands that surround Stellenbosch and only 20 minutes from Cape Town's International Airport, make this a desirable stay.

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PRICES / DATES INFO

Departure dates are guaranteed with a minimum of 2 persons. The maximum group size is 7. The 'Twin Share' price is per person when there are 2 people sharing a room. The 'Single Room' price is applicable to all solo travellers, or if your booking party cannot reach the minimum of 2 persons in a room. Single Rooms can also be booked by any other person wanting the comfort and privacy of their own room.

PRICES / DATES 2022

Date	Twin Share	Single
16 Oct	EUR 1,585	EUR 2,025
30 Oct	EUR 1,585	EUR 2,025

PRICES / DATES 2023

Date	Twin Share	Single
12 Mar	EUR 1,575	EUR 2,035
07 May	EUR 1,425	EUR 1,855
04 Jun	EUR 1,425	EUR 1,855
09 Jul	EUR 1,425	EUR 1,855
20 Aug	EUR 1,425	EUR 1,855
10 Sep	EUR 1,655	EUR 2,165
15 Oct	EUR 1,655	EUR 2,165
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