

Garden Route & Safari Self Drive

10 days | Cape Town to Port Elizabeth



PRIVATE SELF DRIVE TOUR: Explore Cape Town, take in the natural wonders of beautiful Garden Route and enjoy a three-night safari in the malaria-free Eastern Cape on this 10 day South Africa self drive holiday. Stop in the picturesque Klein Karoo valley and Knysna to discover local highlights such as Cango Caves, Oudtshoorn and Plettenburg Bay. Then go in search of the Big Five in Amakhala Game Reserve before ending in Port Elizabeth.

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- Cape Town – explore the Mother City on a guided tour and enjoy spectacular views from the top of Table Mountain
- Cape Point – enjoy a full day tour of the picturesque Cape Peninsula, travelling to the towering Cape Point headland and visiting the penguins at Boulders Beach
- Klein Karoo – discover the natural beauty of this long valley and opt to independently explore attractions in area such as the famous Cango

Caves and the ostrich farms of Oudtshoorn

- Knysna – admire the lovely lagoons and pristine beaches, book a sunset cruise to Knysna Heads or perhaps visit Monkeyland and Birds of Eden
- Port Elizabeth – spend a night in “the windy city” at the eastern end of the Sunshine Coast and visit its beautiful beaches
- Amakhala Game Reserve – go in search of the Big Five on a three night safari in the malaria-free Eastern Cape

What's Included

- 9 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 3 dinners
- 6 nights 3-4 star hotels on a Bed & Breakfast basis
- 3 nights at Hlosi Game Lodge in a luxury suite on a Fully Inclusive basis (all meals, fees and activities)
- 7 days car hire – Group E: Toyota Corolla or similar – upgrades available on request
- **Car hire inclusions:** Contract Fee, Super Collision Damage Waiver, Super Theft Loss Waiver, Airport Surcharge, Tourism Levy, Unlimited Mileage & vehicle assist, Tyre & Windscreen Waiver
- Cape Town International Airport arrival transfer on day 1

- Scheduled Half Day Cape Town & City Tour (upgrade to private tour available on request)
- Scheduled Full Day Cape Point & Peninsula Tour including: Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve, Boulders Beach & Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens (upgrade to private tour available on request)
- Amakhala Game Reserve – morning and evening game drives in open Land Rovers

What's Not Included

- International flights and visas
- **Car hire exclusions:** Rental Deposit, Refuelling Fee, Additional Driver per rental, Young Driver Surcharge (18-20) per day, Fine Handling Fee & Claim Handling Fee per occurrence, Babyseat and Booster Seat per rental, GPS Units, Delivery/collection Fee per km in excess of 25km from rental location, Towing Charges (if not mechanical), No Show Fees, Assessor's Fee & Overdue Rental Administration Fee, Toll Fees & Fuel, After Hours charges, Water and Undercarriage Damage
- Table Mountain Cableway Ticket

DETAILED ITINERARY

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Day 1 : Cape Town

On arrival at Cape Town International Airport you will be met by our representative, who will transfer you to your hotel. You have the remainder of the day at leisure to explore the city or relax at the hotel.

Accommodation: Cape Milner Hotel or similar **Overnight – Cape Town**

Day 2 : Cape Town city tour



Become acquainted with South Africa's enchanting 'Mother City' on a scheduled half day city tour this morning. After breakfast meet your local guide in the hotel foyer and set out to explore the city, including Company Gardens, the Slave Lodge and iconic Table Mountain (Cable car ticket not included; weather permitting). After the tour spend 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.

Accommodation: Cape Milner Hotel or similar

Overnight – Cape Town (B)

Day 3 : Cape Point & Peninsula tour



Embark on a full day scheduled tour of Cape Point and the Peninsula today. The Cape Peninsula is one of the world's most scenic areas and stretches from Cape Town's city centre to the towering headland of Cape Point, encompassing magnificent beaches, breath-taking views and picturesque coastal villages.

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.

Note: The drive via Chapman's Peak is subject to the road being open. Ou Kaapse Weg will be used as an alternative route when necessary.

Accommodation: Cape Milner Hotel or similar

Overnight – Cape Town (B)

Day 4 : Klein Karoo



Cape Town – Klein Karoo. This morning your rental vehicle will be dropped off at your hotel. After breakfast embark on a scenic drive Klein Karoo in the Western Cape, travelling via Route 62,

the longest wine route in the Western Cape, where magnificent landscapes and towering cliffs abound.

Check into your hotel and independently explore the area. The beautiful valley of the Klein Karoo has a wide range of attractions including the mystical Cango Caves, Cango Wildlife Ranch and the famous ostrich farms of Oudtshoorn.

Drive time: approx 5 hrs – 420 kms

Accommodation: Swartberg Country Manor or similar

Overnight – Klein Karoo (B)

Day 5 : Knysna



Klein Karoo – Knysna. Head south from Klein Karoo along the beautiful Garden Route to the sleepy coastal town of Knysna today, which is nestled between lush forests and a peaceful estuary. There are plenty of attractions in and around this picturesque town. You can explore the many beautiful beaches around Knysna and Plettenberg Bay, book a sunset cruise to Knysna Heads or perhaps visit Monkeyland and Birds of Eden.

Drive time: approx 2.15 hrs – 163 kms

Accommodation: Knysna Log Inn or similar **Overnight – Knysna (B)**

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Day 6 : Tsitsikamma & Port Elizabeth



Knysna - Port Elizabeth. Complete your journey along the Garden Route today as you travel from Knysna, through spectacular coastal scenery, to the sunny city of Port Elizabeth. Consider stopping to explore Tsitsikamma National Park en route. The indigenous forest of Tsitsikamma has an incredible array of vegetation, birds and wildlife and there is a wonderful winding board walk through the forest which leads to the famous suspension bridge at Tsitsikamma Mouth.

Upon arrival at in Port Elizabeth check into your centrally located hotel and head out to explore the city.

Drive time: approx 3 hrs - 273 kms

Accommodation: The Kelway Hotel or similar

Overnight - Port Elizabeth (B)

Days 7-9 : Amakhala Game Reserve



Port Elizabeth - Amakhala Game Reserve. After breakfast drive to Amakhala Game Reserve in the Eastern Cape of South Africa. Spend the next three nights at Hlosi Game Lodge where you can enjoy a family-friendly Big Five safari in a wildlife-

rich, malaria free reserve. The daily programme at the lodge includes morning and evening game drives through Amakhala Game Reserve, guided by professional rangers in open Land Rovers. During the day relax by the swimming pool, perhaps indulge in some spa treatments or enjoy some of the other optional activities on offer, such as night drives, birding safaris, wilderness walks, bush walks and archery.

Drive time (day 7): approx 1.15 hrs - 80 kms

Accommodation: Amakhala Game Reserve or similar

Overnight - Amakhala Game Reserve (3) (B:3, L:3, D:3)

Day 10 : Port Elizabeth

Amakhala Game Reserve - Port Elizabeth. Wake early to enjoy a final early morning game drive before breakfast. Then check out and drive back to Port Elizabeth Airport. Upon arrival at Port Elizabeth Airport, drop your rental vehicle off at the car rental terminal then check-in 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.

Cape Milner Hotel

Set against the majestic backdrop of Table Mountain, the boutique Cape Milner Hotel is an eclectic mix of contemporary design and old-world charm with the ornate details of Cape Town's Victorian heritage combined with splashes of African craft. The neutral palette of the guestrooms create a spacious feel with beautiful views of the mountains and a great selection of amenities including WiFi

and a beverage station. Guests can enjoy a relaxing afternoon at the pool deck, a quick workout at the in-house gym or a quiet cocktail in the chic Glass Lounge. The Cape Milner is centrally situated in Cape Town in a secluded location only 1.2 miles from the coast.



Swartberg Country Manor

A historic 19th-century farm nestled at the foot of the Swartberg Mountains that has now been converted into luxury accommodation. With sweeping mountain views and a relaxed atmosphere, it's the perfect base for exploring this part of the Garden Route. Rooms are modern but with a rustic feel, boasting ensuite bathrooms and verandahs. There's an outdoor pool and onsite restaurant serving classic South African cuisine. Complimentary Wi-Fi is available throughout the property.



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.

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The Kelway Hotel

The elegant timber-structured Kelway Hotel is warm & inviting, located just 5 minutes from some of the best beaches in Port Elizabeth and conveniently close to the airport. The rooms are comfortable and well-appointed, with ensuite bathrooms, TV, air-conditioning, and complimentary Wi-Fi. Dining is in the onsite restaurant and the wine bar has a 10 yards glass wall offering sweeping vistas of the bay. Eagle-eyed guests can search for whales and dolphins in Nelson Mandela Bay from the hotel's plunge pool.



Amakhala Hlosi Game Lodge

A fenced camp situated in a tranquil grassland setting, Amakhala Hlosi Game Lodge offers six suites and eight luxury safari tents, creating an intimate and personal game viewing experience. Ensuite bathrooms all come with a bath and the accommodation is of a high standard. Wildlife can be seen from private viewing decks and there's an onsite lounge and restaurant, swimming pool, and waterhole, where more local wildlife comes to visit. Wi-Fi connection is available in communal areas of the lodge.



BEFORE YOU GO

Visa Requirements

Please ensure that you have at least two blank pages in your passport, plus an additional blank page for each visa/ African country you are visiting.

Please also note that your passport must be valid for a minimum of six months from the end date of your trip.

Visa requirements and fees are subject to change. It is essential that you check the current entry requirements with each relevant embassy/consulate prior to departure. Visa procurement is the responsibility of the traveller and not of On The Go.

Car Hire

Vehicle – Group B (Toyota Yaris 1.5 Xl or similar)

Option to upgrade your car hire upon request at time of booking.

Inclusions – Vehicle Hire:

Rental Contract Fee, Rates including STW; SCDW, Airport Surcharge, Tourism Levy, Vat @15%, Unlimited Mileage, Vehicle Assist, Tyre Damage Waiver – Tyre Rim Hubcap, Windscreen Damage Waiver – All Glass, Water; Sand & Undercarriage Damage *** Conditions apply, Third Party Liability

Exclusions – Vehicle Hire:

Rental Deposit, E-Toll Admin Fees, E-Toll Fees, Additional Driver, Young Driver Surcharge, Baby / Child Seat, GPS, Claim Administration Fee, Assessor's Fee, Traffic Fine Administration Fee, Overdue Rental Administration Fee, One Way Fees, One Way Cross Border Fees, Delivery / Collection Fee – Office / After Hours, Delivery / Collection Fee per km in excess of 25km from rental location, Hail Damage Waiver, Towing Charges (if not mechanical), Cancellation / No Show Fees, Refueling Fee, Fuel

Credit Card Required For Car Hire

IMPORTANT: please note that the primary (named) driver must hold a valid license and have a valid credit card in their name for the car rental.

Debit cards will not be accepted and a credit card will not be accepted if it belongs to anyone other than the named driver. A temporary hold / security deposit will be placed on this card by the car rental company when you collect the vehicle (until the vehicle is returned safely to the depot).

Rental companies 'hold', 'block' or 'pre-authorise' the security deposit amount on a credit card, rather than actually charging the amount. This means that while the deposit is held, you will not be able to use that part of your credit allowance. It also means you will not pay interest on that part of the balance.

Accommodation ratings

On our Private trips, you can often choose your style of accommodation. The price quoted on our website is reflective of the included accommodation, please see the "included" section on the first page of this document for details. Should you opt for an alternative hotel category, this will be confirmed in writing with the respective price on your invoice.

For further details about the indicative hotels, please see the "hotels" tab on our website. Here we rank hotel's in their respective country (REGIONAL CATEGORY) – but we also tell you how it ranks by Western standards (OUR CATEGORY).

STANDARD – Equates to a Western 3-star standard, always featuring en-suite rooms and usually a restaurant.
SUPERIOR – Equates to a Western 4-star standard, featuring en-suite rooms and usually a restaurant and often a swimming pool and/or a fitness centre.
DELUXE – Equates to a Western 5-star standard, usually featuring spacious,

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en-suite rooms, a restaurant, swimming pool and fitness centre and an array of amenities, excellent service and customer care.

LUXURY - Equates to a Western 5-star plus standard - the creme de la creme. Featuring spacious, en-suite rooms, a restaurant, swimming pool and fitness centre and an array of amenities, this accommodation is a cut above the rest. Sheer opulence!

COVID-19 Vaccination requirements

As of 01 November 2021 it is a condition of travel, as detailed in our Terms & Conditions that all travellers over 18 years provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination.

We recognise any vaccine that has been authorised for use in the country where the vaccine was administered. This includes vaccines such as AstraZeneca, Covaxin, Johnson & Johnson, Moderna, Pfizer-BioNTech, Sinopharm, Sinovac and Sputnik.

In all instances, you must be fully immunised. This means you must receive the full dosage of the COVID-19 vaccine and allow a minimum of 14 days before travelling in order for immunity to take effect. Each COVID-19 vaccine has different dosages and timeframes for immunisation, so please check the related medical advice associated with your vaccine. Children under 18 years are not required to provide evidence of vaccination to travel at this time.

If you are unable to be vaccinated due to medical reasons, you may apply for an exemption. Exemptions will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. To apply, you must provide supporting documentation from a medical professional.

Proof of COVID-19 immunisation must be provided to us **no less than 4 weeks prior to travel**. We accept COVID-19 digital certificates, NHS Covid Pass or

Vaccination Record Cards e-mailed to info@onthegotours.com or you can upload your vaccination history yourself via our traveller login. <https://www.onthegotours.com/Login>

The information you will need to upload includes: Administering national authority or government, document No, name of Vaccine, date/s of vaccination.

Passports & visas

Please ensure that you have at least two blank pages in your passport, plus an additional blank page for each visa/African country you are visiting. If travelling on one of our longer overland safaris we recommend that you have at least 12 blank pages in your passport.

Please also note that your passport must be valid for a minimum of six months from the end date of your trip.

Visa requirements and fees are subject to change. It is essential that you check the current entry requirements for all of the countries visited on your safari, with each relevant embassy/consulate prior to departure. Visa procurement is the responsibility of the traveller and not of On The Go.

Booking your flights

When booking your departure flight you should allow time at the end of your African safari for any unexpected delays. We recommend that you book your onward flight no earlier than 24 hours after the end of your safari. In the case of our longer overland camping safaris (22 days or more) we advise against making any firm arrangements for at least 48 hours after the scheduled departure date. We can arrange post tour accommodation for you upon request.

South Africa Country Guide

Health & Vaccinations

You should seek medical advice before travelling to South Africa

from your local health practitioner and ensure that all you receive all of the appropriate vaccinations. As a guide tetanus, diphtheria, polio, hepatitis A (for stays over 4 weeks) and hepatitis B (for stays over 3 months) are recommended.

A yellow fever vaccination certificate is required from travellers over one, coming from infected areas.

A low malaria risk occurs in northern parts of Mpumalanga (as well as Kruger National park, northern and northeastern parts of KwaZulu-Natal). If travelling to these regions and/or the countries north of South Africa, where there is a high malaria risk, we strongly recommend that you take anti-malaria medication. Precautionary measures to take to prevent contact with mosquitoes include: insect repellent, cover up at sundown, sleep under a mosquito net and wear long sleeve clothing and long trousers in the evenings.

Under 18s Travelling To Or Through South Africa

Parents travelling with children (under 18) into or out of South Africa, or transiting in South Africa will be asked to show the child's unabridged (full) birth certificate which lists the child's details and both parents' details. The abridged (short) birth certificate which only lists the child's details won't be accepted. Uncertified copies of birth certificates or copies of the parents/guardians identification will not be accepted. A parental consent affidavit (PCA) must have a certified copy of the parent's/guardian's identification (ie passport) attached to it.

Where only one parent is accompanying a child, parental or legal consent for the child to travel (eg an affidavit from the other parent or - if applicable - a death certificate) is required and there are other requirements for children travelling

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unaccompanied or with adults who are not their parents.

If you are travelling with children (under 18) it is essential that you contact the South African High Commission or the South African Department of Home Affairs for further information relating to these regulations. If you do not carry the correct documentation you will not be allowed to enter the country. Obtaining the correct paperwork is the responsibility of the traveller and not On The Go Tours.

Currency

The currency in South Africa is Rand (ZAR; symbol R)

1 Rand = 100 cents. Notes are in denominations of R200, 100, 50, 20 and 10. Coins are in denominations of R5, 2 and 1, and 50, 20, 10 and 5 cents.

Obtaining local currency within South Africa is very easy. ATMs are widely accessible and very reliable and offer the best rates of exchange. International credit cards are accepted in almost all shops, restaurants, hotels and game reserves.

Bureau de changes offer a quick and commission free service but are only found in the main centres such as Cape Town and Johannesburg. Travellers cheques can be changed at banks. These should be in US Dollars or Pound Sterling to avoid additional exchange rate charges. Please note that proof of identity may be requested in some instances, so it's useful to carry a passport or some form of photo identification. Travellers cheques can be difficult to exchange and tend to attract high commission fees.

Banking hours: Mon-Fri 0900-1530, Sat 0830-1100.

Rand can be used in Botswana, Namibia and South Africa, so if you are travelling on one of our overland safaris ample money for these three countries can be obtained prior to beginning your trip in Cape Town

or Johannesburg. The Rand and Namibian dollar are tied to each other on an equal level and can be used interchangeably in Namibia. The Rand can also be easily converted to Pula in Botswana at good rates.

Time & Voltage

Time Zone - South Africa is 2 hours ahead of GMT. Daylight saving time is not observed

Standard voltage is 220-230V. Primary sockets require a 'Type M' - South African, electrical plug which has three thick circular pins. You will need a voltage converter, and plug adapter in order to use U.S. appliances.

Climate

Climatic conditions generally range from Mediterranean in the south western corner of the country to temperate in the interior plateau, and subtropical in the northeast. A small area in the northwest has a desert climate. Most of the country has warm, sunny days and cool nights. Rainfall generally occurs during summer (November-March), although in the southwest, around Cape Town, rainfall occurs in winter (from June-August). Temperatures are influenced by variations in elevation, terrain, and ocean currents.

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