






# South Africa Escape

## Tour Overview

 <b>Start Point</b> Cape Town	 <b>End Point</b> Johannesburg	 <b>Meals</b> 13 Breakfasts   3 Lunches   9 Dinners	 <b>Transport</b> Air- conditioned coach	 <b>Tour Type</b> Fully- guided tour
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## Itinerary

### Day 1: Start of tour in Cape Town

 Dinner  StayEasy Cape Town City Bowl

Your South African tour starts today in Cape Town! Home to the iconic Table Mountain, Cape Town is one of the most beautiful destinations in the world. Meet your tour leader at the hotel and jump right into the action on a city tour. See Signal Hill, District Six and more. Afterwards, enjoy a traditional braai (BBQ) at a local winery!

#### Included:

- SAE - Embark on a Cape Town city tour
- SAE - Enjoy a traditional braai & African drumming

### Day 2: Cape Town: Free Day

 Breakfast  StayEasy Cape Town City Bowl

Today is a free day to explore Cape Town and its surroundings! Join the optional Cape Peninsula Day Trip to experience Cape Point, see the penguins at Boulders Beach and enjoy a lunchtime stop in Kalk Bay. Upon return, the peninsula tour will include a drop off at the V&A Waterfront - a fantastic shopping, eating and entertainment destination!

#### Optionals:

- Cape Peninsula Day Trip

### Day 3: Cape Winelands - Stellenbosch - Hermanus Region

 Breakfast, Lunch  Windsor Hotel Hermanus

Following breakfast, drive through the Cape wine region. Stop in Stellenbosch, a charming university town complete with Cape Dutch architecture. Enjoy lunch at a local winery. Learn all about local varietals and wine-making processes from a local expert during a wine tasting. Then, take a scenic drive to Hermanus and enjoy a free evening in this picturesque seaside town.

#### Included:

- SAE - Visit Stellenbosch
- SAE - Taste local wine in the Cape Winelands
- SAE - Explore Hermanus

### Day 4: Hermanus Region - Swellendam - Mossel Bay

 Breakfast, Dinner  Garden Route Hotel

This morning, join the optional Marine Eco Big 5 Trip to spot whales, sharks, seals, penguins and dolphins! Afterwards, opt for the Spirit of Hermanus and enjoy a craft beer and seafood pairing at a popular waterfront eatery. Then, on to Swellendam, a charming Cape Dutch town. The final stop of the day is Mossel Bay, where an included dinner awaits.

#### Included:

- SAE - Discover Swellendam

#### Optionals:

- Marine Eco Big 5 Trip
- Spirit of Hermanus

## Day 5: **Garden Route: Game Reserve - Knysna - Tsitsikamma**

 **Breakfast, Dinner**       **Tsitsikamma Village Inn**

Travel to Botlierskop Private Game Reserve for a unique safari experience. Encounter rhinos, lions, giraffes and more! Later, find a spot for lunch around the bustling Knysna waterfront. Afterwards, look forward to exciting optional excursions. Roam free with the monkeys at Monkeyland or visit Birds of Eden, the world's largest free-flight aviary and bird sanctuary. Dinner is included this evening.

### **Included:**

SAE - Go on a Garden Route Game Drive

SAE - Visit Knysna

### **Optionals:**

Monkeyland

Birds of Eden

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## Day 6: **Tsitsikamma National Park & Storms River - Eastern Cape**

 **Breakfast**       **Tsitsikamma Village Inn**

The Tsitsikamma forest is calling! This area encompasses rivers, gorges, mountains and lush forests. Consider an optional tree-top canopy tour or Woodcutters Trail Drive. Then, explore the Storms River Mouth. Walk along the coast, cross the impressive 77-metre long Storms River suspension bridge (if you dare!) and enjoy free time for lunch overlooking the ocean.

### **Included:**

SAE - Explore Storms River Mouth in Tsitsikamma National Park

### **Optionals:**



Tree Canopy Zip-Lining

Woodcutters Trail Drive

Kayak & Lilo Adventure

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## Day 7: **Route 62 - Oudtshoorn Ostrich Farm - Cango Caves Experience**

 **Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**       **Protea by Marriott Hotel Oudtshoorn Riempie Estate**

Travel along Route 62 today. Nestled between the Kouga and Tsitsikamma Mountains, this area offers spectacular views. Arrive in Oudtshoorn and enjoy a guided tour of a working ostrich farm before enjoying a three-course lunch. Later, explore the Cango Caves, a series of dripstone caverns more than 20 million years old! This evening, sit down for a buffet dinner.

### **Included:**

SAE - Visit a Klein Karoo ostrich farm

SAE - Visit the Cango Caves

### **Optionals:**

Oudtshoorn Stargazing

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## Day 8: **Oudtshoorn - Route 62 - Cape Winelands - Cape Town**

 **Breakfast, Lunch**       **StayEasy Cape Town City Bowl**

The tour turns back towards Cape Town today. Stop in Robertson, another fantastic wine-producing region, to enjoy an included lunch before the tour continues to Paarl in the Cape Winelands. Here, enjoy a cheese and wine tasting. On your last night in Cape Town, make the most of a free evening in this city abuzz with world-class restaurants and bars!

### **Included:**

SAE - Visit a winery in Robertson

SAE - Enjoy a cheese and wine tasting in Paarl

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## Day 9: **Cape Town - Johannesburg - Kruger National Park Region**

 **Breakfast, Dinner**       **Hazyview Sun**

Head to Cape Town airport first thing in the morning. Catch an included flight to Johannesburg, known as the "City of Gold". Arrive and travel east towards South Africa's Mpumalanga province. The day ends as the tour arrives at tonight's accommodation located on the outskirts of the Kruger National Park. Look forward to an included dinner with the group.

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## Day 10: Kruger National Park Region

 Breakfast, Dinner  Timbavati Safari Lodge

Experience a full-day game drive of the famous Kruger National Park! In this vast safari park, you can spot incredible wild animals like cheetahs, wild dogs, leopards, elephants and rhino. Later, head to the safari lodge/hotel on the western edge of the park. Time for a relaxing swim and a sun-downer or two before tonight's included dinner!

### Included:

SAE - Embark on a full-day Kruger National Park game drive

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## Day 11: Kruger National Park Region: Free Day

 Breakfast, Dinner  Timbavati Safari Lodge

Further explore the Kruger National Park! You have the option to embark on a safari in open safari vehicles led by local wildlife specialists. A full-day safari drive offers the opportunity to spend the day driving in prime game viewing areas, stopping at various waterholes and rest camps. Enjoying an included dinner in true African style.

### Optionals:

Half-Day Game Drive

Full-Day Game Drive

Sunset Game Drive

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## Day 12: Kruger National Park Region: Free Day

 Breakfast, Dinner  Timbavati Safari Lodge

Today, choose between a full-day, half-day or sunset safari and enjoy thrilling wildlife encounters. As the sun dips below the savanna, watch wildlife stir in golden light. This evening, enjoy the last dinner in the African bush. Spend time around the campfire exchanging safari stories and sipping Amarula, an African liqueur.

### Optionals:

Half-Day Game Drive

Full-Day Game Drive

Sunset Game Drive

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## Day 13: Three Rondavels - Blyde River Canyon Viewpoint - Bourke's Luck Potholes -

 Breakfast, Dinner  Garden Court O.R. Tambo International Airport

Discover the Panorama Route on an enchanting drive through Mpumalanga. The first destination is the Three Rondavels viewpoint with a stunning vista over the Blyde River Canyon. Next is Bourke's Luck Potholes, a natural water feature with hundreds of natural potholes and plunge pools. Continue back to Johannesburg for a farewell dinner with new friends!

### Included:

SAE - Visit the Three Rondavels for Blyde River Canyon views

SAE - Explore Bourke's Luck Potholes

SAE - Enjoy a farewell dinner in Johannesburg

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## Day 14: End of tour in Johannesburg

 Breakfast

The South Africa Escape tour concludes after breakfast. Have one last breakfast together to say bon voyage. Guests are welcome to stay on to explore Soweto, Johannesburg's most vibrant and historic township. Dive into its rich cultural legacy with an optional guided tour!

### Optionals:

Soweto Half-Day Tour

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