

## South Africa

Depart Cairns 16 March at 12.00PM arrive Sydney 4.00PM – Qantas

Accommodation: Mercure Sydney Airport IN: 16 March OUT: 17 March

Depart Sydney 17 March at 11.35AM arrive Johannesburg 4.35PM – Qantas

Depart Johannesburg 17 March at 7.10PM arrive Cape Town 9.20PM – Comair

Commence the following tour in Cape Town on the 17 March and ending in Johannesburg on the 30 March

### **Day 1 - Cape Town, South Africa.**

Welcome to South Africa! Check in to your hotel and prepare for a fascinating journey.

### **Day 2 - Cape Town.**

This morning, a WALKING TOUR introduces you to Cape Town's famous and historic landmarks. Stroll along Government Avenue to see St. George's Cathedral, Parliament, and much more. Next, you'll enter The Company's Garden, a beautiful oasis in the city, en route to Green Market Square, which at different times has been a fruit and vegetable market and even a slave market. Next, visit Table Mountain for a CABLE-CAR RIDE to the top (weather permitting) for stunning views of the city and its surroundings. In the afternoon, take a scenic drive south through the fishing village of Hout Bay before ascending Chapman's Peak Drive, which skirts the rocky coastline and is one of the most scenic drives in the world. Continue on to CAPE POINT NATURE RESERVE for stops at the Cape of Good Hope and Cape Point, the southwesternmost point on the African continent. Here, take a FUNICULAR RIDE to the steps of the old lighthouse for spectacular panoramic views. Return to Cape Town and enjoy the evening at your leisure. (B) NOTE: Each year, generally in early August, the Table Mountain cableway closes for yearly maintenance. During this time, we will visit Signal Hill for views over the city.

## **Day 3 - Cape Town.**

Enjoy a full day at leisure for your own discoveries. Perhaps explore the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront, take an excursion to the stunning Cape winelands for wine tasting, or cruise to Robben Island, where Nelson Mandela spent 18 of his 27 years in prison. Your Tour Director has suggestions to help you make the most of your day. (B)

## **Day 4 - Cape Town-stony Point Nature Reserve-hermanus-mossel Bay.**

This morning, depart Cape Town and drive to STONY POINT NATURE RESERVE to see a COLONY OF ENDANGERED AFRICAN PENGUINS. Known for the unique sound they make, these penguins grow to an average height of two feet and live in burrows and rock crevices along the beach. Stop in Hermanus for independent exploration before reaching Mossel Bay for the evening. (B)

## **Day 5 - Mossel Bay-oudtshoorn- Knysna.**

Drive north to Oudtshoorn and stop for a visit of the CANGO CAVES to see the stunning limestone rock formations. You will also visit a local OSTRICH FARM. Continue on to Knysna. (B,L)

## **Day 6 - Knysna.**

Today, take a relaxing CRUISE on Knysna Lagoon to see a variety of bird and marine life. You will have some free time to explore the Knysna waterfront in the afternoon. (B)

## **Day 7 - Knysna-tsitsikamma National Park-durban-umhlanga.**

This morning, visit nearby TSITSIKAMMA NATIONAL PARK and walk through the spectacular coastal forest. Continue on to Port Elizabeth, where you will board your flight to Durban. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel in nearby Umhlanga for the evening. (B)

## **Day 8 - Umhlanga-shakaland- Hluhluwe.**

Today, visit SHAKALAND, a replica of a traditional Zulu homestead and living monument to their culture. Here, learn more about Zulu history and see how they hand craft ceramics and brew beer. This afternoon, drive to Hluhluwe. (B,L,D)

## Day 9 - Hluhluwe.

This morning, take a GAME DRIVE in Hluhluwe-iMfolozi Park, the oldest proclaimed wildlife reserve in all of Africa. The park is home to the \"Big 5\"-lion, leopard, elephant, rhino, and Cape buffalo. You also have the chance to see giraffe, zebra, wildebeest, and much more! After time to rest, embark on an AFTERNOON BOAT RIDE on Lake St. Lucia, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. During the cruise, you are likely to spot hippo, Nile crocodile, and a variety of bird life. (B,D)

## Day 10 - Hluhluwe-eswatini.

Today, drive to eSwatini. En route, stop at a LOCAL MARKET and visit a GLASS FACTORY where glass blowers use recycled glass to create stemware, animals, and more. (B)

## Day 11 - Eswatini-kruger National Park Area.

Depart eSwatini and head north for the Kruger area. Enjoy leisure time at your lodge this afternoon in preparation for your day of game viewing in the world-renowned Kruger National Park tomorrow. (B,L,D)

## Day 12 - Kruger Area.

Rise between 5 am and 5:30 am for coffee and tea before your EARLY MORNING GAME DRIVE with an experienced guide. If the timing is right, you might spot some of the big cats after a night of hunting. Spend some time at leisure in the middle of the day. Perhaps book a spa treatment or simply relax at the pool. Be sure to watch for kudu, impala, giraffe, cheetah, spotted hyena, and more on your AFTERNOON GAME DRIVE. As darkness descends, your guide will bring out a spotlight to help you spot nocturnal animals. Return to your lodge for dinner. (B,L,D)

## Day 13 - Kruger Area-mpumalanga.

Today, drive along the PANORAMIC ROUTE known for its dramatic landscapes. Along the way, drive through Blyde River Canyon and stop to see GOD`S WINDOW, the THREE RONDAVELS, and BOURKE`S LUCK POTHOLES with its stunning rock formations carved by the Blyde River. (B)

## Day 14 - Mpumalanga-pretoria- Johannesburg-departure.

Drive to Pretoria to see the Voortrekker Monument and Union Buildings. Continue on to Johannesburg, where your tour ends at the airport. Book homebound flights after 4 pm. (B)

Depart Johannesburg 30<sup>th</sup> March at 6.50PM arrive Sydney 31<sup>st</sup> March at 3.35PM – Qantas

Accommodation: Mercure Sydney Airport IN: 31<sup>st</sup> March OUT: 1<sup>st</sup> April

Depart Sydney 1<sup>st</sup> April at 9.40AM arrive Cairns 11.50AM – Qantas

Cost per person \$6435.00 and includes the following:

- Airfares
- Airport taxes
- 2 nights accommodation in Sydney
- 14-day tour including 12 breakfasts,5 lunches, 4 dinners and sightseeing as per itinerary