

# *HOLA TOURISM NETWORK*

## *2019 TOUR PROGRAM*



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## **Detailed Itineraries with inclusions/exclusions available on request**

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Our focus is still on variety, with some new trips, some shorter trips, some popular trips and special requests. This includes:

- Picking guests up and dropping them off at their homes.
- Travel in small groups, with between 6 and 7 persons in the travelling party.
- Limited driving distances per day in quality vehicle, no travelling at night.
- Traditional "coffee and photo stops" along the road: anywhere safe to stop.
- Visiting "small dorpiess" and doing many convenience stops -every 2 hours.
- Quality star graded and approved accommodation, and excellent meals.

All tours are guided by registered South African Tourist Guides with a valid professional driver's permit + license. Our business and vehicles are fully compliant with all relevant Tourism and Road Transportation authorities, with a valid road transportation permit and passenger liability insurance cover. Proof of all legal requirements are available on request.

**Initial reservations need to be made telephonically or via email, to check and ensure availability. If there is, Annekie will then send a confirmation, invoice and the deposit requirements. A deposit of R2 500 per person travelling will secure the reservation.**

On receipt of the deposit Annekie will confirm your seat on the trip in writing. The full balance needs to be paid at least two months before departure.

### **The banking details are:**

**Account name: Hola Tourism Network**  
**Account no: 9125161522**

**Bank/ branch: Absa bank Cresta**  
**Branch code: 632005**

## **Full terms and conditions and general information are available on request**

### **Guiding principles applied on the design of the tours:**

Passengers will be picked up and dropped off from their homes on all tours in Johannesburg area. Tours are conducted by registered tourist guide. Transportation is in clean and serviced vehicles, fully insured, and well-maintained. The seats are all individual and comfortable with safety belts for each passenger.

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### **Special conditions regarding mobility of guests:**

All effort is made to ensure the places we visit and stay is easily access-able to all. On all tours there are inevitably areas that involve climbing of steps, walking to attractions, walking on uneven ground and surfaces, etc. All persons on tour must be able to do these activities un-assisted and without delaying their fellow passengers.

Should travellers not be able walk freely, climb steps or do any activities un-assisted, they would be required to have their own assistance (a person travelling with them) to ensure fellow travellers



are not affected by this. The Hola Tourism Network, Annekie needs to be informed of any such conditions before the reservation is made.

Although no age limit applies to participation in the tours, it is important to declare any medical conditions on the reservation form which will be sent when the reservation is made. The Hola Tourism Network reserves the right to cancel the reservation if a person's medical condition is too much of a risk to undertake any of the trips.

For everyone's comfort and fairness, seats in the vehicle are rotated on a daily basis. No specific seat can be reserved in the vehicle due to a medical condition or handicap. Everyone needs to rotate seats.

Guests must be aware of the traveling distances covered per day, and that it may be longer on certain days due to continuous road works. Please feel free to inquire about the conditions, activities and access-ability on any of the trips.

**Terms and conditions and relevant useful information:**

**Pricing and departure dates:** All tours for 2019 have been agreed upon and fixed at the published rates. Once you have booked and paid the relevant deposits, these prices will be maintained.

**Only in the event of real dramatic increase in costs or if there are less than the minimum people required, will pricing be changed in consultation with persons inquiring about new reservations.**

**Inclusions and Exclusions on all Itineraries:**

**Included:** Accommodation, breakfast, dinner, entrance fees, flight (s) and transfer (s) where needed, tourist guide, vehicle. (lunch only included on some Itineraries)

**Excluded:** Drinks, lunch (unless stipulated that it is included) laundry, telephone calls, curios, portorage, gratuities and personal items

**Deposits:** Each reservation must be booked telephonic to check availability. Once it has been confirmed telephonically with Annekie, an invoice and reservation form will be forwarded to you. The reservation then requires an initial deposit of R2 500 per person to secure the seat on the trip. Once the deposit and completed reservation form has been received, a confirmation letter will be sent.

Please note if you have booked a trip which includes a flight, the deposit is used to book the flight ticket. If you then want to cancel the trip, there cannot be a refund on the cost of the flight ticket. Unfortunately flights cannot be cancelled any more.

**Minimum numbers:** All tours have been designed for a minimum of 4 to 8 persons on tour. Should it happen that the trip does not get the required minimum passengers a refund will be given

Hola reserves the right to book alternative accommodation on any Itinerary

**Detailed Terms and Conditions available on request**



## **Trip 1 : The Karoo Explorer:**

### **Day 1: 10 February**

Guest will be picked up from their homes, and transferred to OR Tambo airport. Depart on the domestic flight from Johannesburg to George, where your host will be waiting for you. Depart from the airport on a scenic drive towards Prince Albert. We travel over the scenic Outeniqua Mountains, through Oudshoorn and De Rust before arriving in the beautiful Prince Albert valley. Here we then check into our Guesthouse for the first 2 nights of stay.

### **Day 2: 11 February**

The day is set aside to travel along the most scenic and finest mountain passes in the Karoo, which is the Swartberg pass. This 27 km untarred road winds up to a summit at 1583 metres above sea level, with breathtaking views on every turn. The pass descends into the valley close to the famous Cango caves. After visiting the caves we will again return to Prince Albert over the same pass, but this time in the opposite direction. In the afternoon, guest will have time to visit the museum, and explore the town on foot.

**Day 3: 12 February** Today we are travelling to one of the most well - known town of the Karoo, namely Sutherland. We travel through parts of the Greater Karoo towards Matjiesfontein. We stop at this historical town to visit the wonderful museum and Victorian village. Lunch at the village. On arrival in Sutherland, we check into our Guesthouse for next two nights.

**Day 4: 13 February** During the morning, we will participate in an informative tour of this modern facility. After the tour, we explore some of the other attractions of the area. In the evening we participate in a stargazing experience. This is a very informative session, including an initial presentation and DVD to understand the basics of astronomy, followed by stargazing through telescopes.

**Day 5: 14 February** Today we leave this lovely town, and travel back towards main road and Laingsburg, where we visit the Flood Museum. We then travel in an easterly direction to the charming town of Beaufort West. We check into the Lemoenfontein Guest Farm for two nights. From the veranda guests will have a lovely view of the big spaces of the Karoo, as well as the high mountains surrounding the farm. Relax and enjoy the beautiful gardens, and the traditional farm dinners in the evenings.

**Day 6: 15 February** The region has a beautiful National park, and today we will be visiting the Karoo National Park. Be surprised by the variety of animal you will see here, the beauty of the open spaces, and who knows, we may even come across some of the recently introduced Kalahari lions. After lunch at the park, we make our way back to the farm, for some time to relax.

### **Day 7: 16 February**

Sadly we start leaving the Karoo behind us on the route back home. We continue through the Great Karoo, and travel via Richmond and Hanover towards Colesberg, where we will enjoy lunch. We continue on the last leg of the day towards Bloemfontein, where we visit some of its attractions. We check into the Dias Guesthouse, situated in the quiet suburbs of town, for our last stay on tour.

### **Day 8: 17 February**

We travel via Bloemfontein and Kroonstad towards Johannesburg. Guests will be dropped off at their home in the mid-afternoon.

### **Departure date and costs for the trip:**

Sunday 10 February to Saturday Sunday 17 February 2019.

Cost for the 8-day tour is R15 900 per person sharing. Single supplement is R3 000.

**Included:** Accommodation      Breakfast      Dinner      Tourist guide      Entrance fees      Vehicle  
1flight ticket & 1 transfer

**Excluded:** Drinks      Lunch      Gratuities      Laundry Telephone calls      Curios Personal items

## **Trip 2 – Kruger Park – Olifants & Satara**

### **Day 1: 10 March**

As it is a long day ahead of us, we depart early morning. At either Belfast or Dullstroom we will stop for breakfast. Upon entering the park we start with the first day of game viewing towards the Olifants Rest Camp, where we will check in for the first three night's stay. Dinners for the whole trip will either be prepared by your host, or taken at the restaurant.

### **Day 2/3 : 11 March & 12 March**

We will explore the areas to the north of Olifants and enjoy breakfast either at picnic spots or in camp. Two full days of game viewing. Returning to camp to rest and enjoy a lovely dinner each night.

**Day 4: 13 March** Early morning wake up with coffee and rusks. We check out of the chalets for the day's travel to the next rest camp. We start with viewing the area surrounding Olifants and then continue towards Satara. On arrival, we will check into the chalets for the last two nights.

**Day 5: 14 March** Once again enjoy coffee and rusks before departing on the game viewing for the day. The area around Satara is rich with variety of game, so the days are set out to explore the area. We will do various drives from the camp, enjoying breakfasts and lunches at either picnic spots, or some of the surrounding camp's restaurants. It will be two full days of game viewing in the areas, with time also set out for relaxing.

### **Day 6: 15 March**

Today it's time to leave this beautiful place towards home. We drive towards the Orpen Gate, where we exit the park. Enjoy breakfast on route and arrive home during the late afternoon.

Sunday 10 March to Saturday 15 March 2019.

Cost for the 6-day tour is R13 500 per person sharing. Single supplement is R3 400.

#### **Included:**

Accommodation      Entrance fees      Breakfast      Dinner      Lunch      Vehicle      Tourist guide

#### **Excluded:**

Drinks      Laundry      Telephone calls      Curios      Personal items      Gratuities

## **Trip 3: Pilanesberg**

### **Day 1: 21 April**

Depart as early as possible for your safari in Pilanesberg. Enter the Pilanesberg National park and start your game viewing. Book into Manyane Camp around midday, enjoy lunch and depart for your late afternoon open vehicle game drive. Returning to Manyane for dinner.

### **Day 2 : 22 April**

Wake up call early and a game drive in air conditioned vehicle until about 09h00. Back to Manyane for breakfast. Relax until lunch time, explore the Lodge OR enjoy more game viewing for the rest of the day, visiting hides and Pilanesberg centre. Dinner and overnight at Manyane.

### **Day 3: 23 April**

Early morning game drive and return to Manyane Camp for breakfast. Return to Johannesburg after breakfast

Sunday 21 April to Tuesday 23 April 2019

Cost of the 3-day tour is R 6 000 per person sharing. Single supplement is R 2 000

**Included :** Accommodation      Entrance fees      Breakfast      Dinner      Tourist Guide

One open vehicle game drive      Air conditioned vehicle game drives

**Excluded:** Lunch      Drinks      Laundry      Telephone calls      Curios      Personal items      Gratuities

## **Trip 4: Kwazulu Natal game parks**

This trip varies from the rolling green hills, to high mountains, to the warm Indian Ocean, to its beautiful national parks and private game reserves, and the St. Lucia Wetlands region.

### **Day 1: 7 April**

We firstly travel along the N4 towards Middelburg, (coffee break) where we turn off towards Ermelo, where we will enjoy lunch. After lunch it is another 2 hours comfortable drive towards Piet Retief, where we will stay overnight at the Aloe Country Lodge

### **Day 2: 8 April**

After a wonderful breakfast, we depart along the N2 route, towards Hluhluwe, where we check into the Hluhluwe River Lodge for the next 2 night's stay. It's a great base to explore the area from. The conservancy encompasses 80 hectares of beautiful sand forest with a walking trail that will soothe your soul and remind you that walking is still the best way to connect with nature. A light meal will be enjoyed on arrival, and you can also relax and enjoy the lovely gardens and swimming pool. Dinner at the River Lodge.

**Day 3: 9 April** Today we have a leisurely breakfast before we enjoy an full day game drive in Hluhluwe exploring the park looking for the animals. Lunch in Hluhluwe. Returning to camp and a bit of relaxing before we have dinner at the camp.

\*\*\* Optional spider walk in the evening with game ranger

### **Day 4: 10 April**

After breakfast we pack up and travel to St Lucia. Today is set aside to explore the Greater St. Lucia Wetland Park, which is one of South Africa's 7 World Heritage Sites so we depart after breakfast for St Lucia. It is also known as Isimangaliso. We do a scenic drive towards the town of St Lucia, where we do a morning boat cruise on the estuary to view the crocodile, hippos, wildlife and birdlife that makes the estuary such a great attraction to visit. After the lovely 2- hour boat-trip it is time for lunch in town. This is followed by a pleasant walk alongside the beachfront and river mouth area, and exploring the town on foot. We then travel to Mkuze.

We arrive and check into the Ghost Mountain Inn for 2 nights. It is a beautiful hotel with a lovely history and story. Relax in the beautiful surroundings of the lodge, before dinner.

### **Day 5: 11 April**

We depart around 10h30 on a game drive into the Mkuze Game Reserve. This park is well known for its wonderful birdlife and viewing of animals and birds alongside the rivers and dams. The game drive is approximately 6 hours, which will also include a lovely picnic lunch at a picnic site in the park. We return in the late afternoon.

### **Day 6: 12 April**

Sadly we have to leave this beautiful Hotel after breakfast and travel back to Johannesburg. We enjoy a last lunch on route home, and arrive home in the late afternoon.

### **Departure date and costs for the trip:**

Sunday 7 April to Friday 12 April 2019.

Cost of the 6-day tour is R 13 800 per person sharing. Single supplement is R 2 500

**Included:** Accommodation Vehicle Tourist guide Entrance fees

Breakfast Dinner Game drives Conservation levies

**Excluded:** Lunch Drinks Gratuities Laundry Personal items Telephone calls

Curios Spider walk

## **Trip 5 Mapungubwe World Heritage Site**

### **Day 1: 28 April**

We depart early morning as we have a long drive ahead of us. We travel on the N1 route towards Polokwane and Louis Trichardt. Experience the variety of agricultural farming found along these routes. After lunch in Makhado we continue over the lovely Soutpansberg mountain range, through the tunnels, and onwards towards Musina. At Musina we turn in a westerly direction towards the Mapungubwe National Park.

### **Day 2: 29 April**

It is best to do the tour of Mapungubwe Hill early in the morning, otherwise it becomes too hot. So we will depart early on the short drive to Mapungubwe National Park. On arrival at the park our first guided trip will be to Mapungubwe Hill. On doing the guided trip to the "Hill", guest must also realise that there is a set of steps (easy going, but many – 147steps) to climb to get to the top of the hill. Everyone that has done this previously, made it, and it was absolutely worth it. After doing the 3 hour guided tour to the Hill, we travel back to the lodge for a lovely brunch, and time to relax. Around 14h00 we will have a light meal before returning to the park to visit the wonderful Mapungubwe Museum and Information centre.

### **Day 3: 30 April**

After a relaxing breakfast, it's time to visit the nature side of the Mapungubwe National Park on an open vehicle. The Northern boundary of the Park is the Limpopo River, and on its banks it has giant fever trees, Mashatu or Nyala berry trees and Sycamore fig trees. The look - out point overlooking the confluence of the Shashe and Limpopo rivers is an awe-inspiring vista where three countries - Zimbabwe, Botswana and South Africa - meet. This is where will enjoy a picnic lunch. Wildlife at present includes elephant, white rhino, leopard, hyena, giraffe, eland, gemsbok, blue wildebeest, red hartebeest, zebra, kudu, waterbuck, impala, bushbuck, klipspringer and other plains game. This experience lasts for about 6 hours, where after guests will enjoy tea and cake on our return at the lodge, followed by time to relax and dinner.

### **Day 4: 1 May**

A more relaxed but very exciting day lies ahead. After a leisurely breakfast, we do a short drive to a private game farm adjoining the Mapungubwe. Here we will do a short nature walk to a very well preserved Rock art site. We return to the lodge for lunch, time for relaxation, and in the late afternoon, a sunset bush drive on the Mapesu Game Farm.

### **Day 5: 2 May**

After an early breakfast it is time to leave this beautiful area. We follow a different route towards Polokwane, where we join the N1 again, towards Johannesburg. Enjoy lunch on route home, and arrive home during the mid - afternoon.

#### **Departure date and costs for the trip:**

Sunday 28 April to Thursday 2 May 2019.

Cost for the 5-day tour is R17 800 per person sharing.

Single supplement is R2 000.

#### **Included:**

Accommodation    Breakfast    Dinner    Lunch    Tourist guide    Entrance fees    Vehicle

**Excluded:** Drinks    Gratuities    Laundry    Telephone calls    Curios    Personal items

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## **Trip 6 – Kruger Park – Far North**

**Day 1: 19 May** As it is a long day ahead of us, we depart early morning from Johannesburg to avoid any peak hour traffic. We will enjoy a brunch on the way to Kruger Park. Upon entering the park we start with the first day of game viewing towards Punda Maria Rest Camp, where we will check in for the first 2 night's stay. Relax in the camp until it is time for dinner.



## Day 2: 20 May

Enjoy breakfast and lunch at either picnic spots, or in Camp. The area around Punda Maria is rich with variety of game and majestic trees, so the days are set out to explore the area. It will be a full day of game viewing in the areas, with time also set out for relaxing. Guests can also use the game hide by the camping area as this is the water hole is visited quite a lot by various animals.

## Day 3: 21 May

Early morning wake up with coffee and rusks. We check out of the chalets for the day's travel to the next rest camp searching for the elusive big 5. We will stop at Babalala picnic spot to enjoy a lovely brunch. Visit Shingwedzi camp for coffee and tea. On arrival at Mopanie camp, we will check into the chalets for the next three nights stay in the park.

## Day 4/5: 22 & 23 May

The area around Mopani is rich with variety of game. It will be a full day of game viewing in the area, with time also set out for relaxing and explore Mopani camp. Should any guest be interested in a game drive (morning or evening) on an open vehicle, it can be done (own account).

## Day 6: 24 May

We depart after breakfast for the Phalaborwa gate for our return. Lunch on route  
Overnight in Dullstroom and dinner at a local restaurant.

## Day 7: 25 May

We depart after breakfast for our return to Johannesburg. Arrival in Johannesburg will be late afternoon

### Departure date and costs for the trip:

Sunday 19 May to Saturday 25 May 2019.

Cost of the 7-day tour is R 16 000 per person sharing. Single supplement is R 4 000

### Included:

Accommodation	Entrance fees	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner
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### Excluded:

Drinks	Laundry	Telephone calls	Curios	Personal items	Gratuities
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## Trip 7: Kwazulu Natal – South Coast

We visit the south coast and have some relaxing time on the beach. We will also visit the Oribi Gorge one day and uShaka Sea World on the day tours or relax and enjoy the ocean and Hotel.

**Day 1: 8 June** Travel along the N3 via Heidelberg, Harrismith and the van Reenen's pass. Breakfast/lunch on route, we will be travelling via the N1 to reach our Hotel in Scottsburg where we will be staying for 4 nights. Book in, unpack and enjoy your first walk on the beach. Blue Marlin Hotel.

**Day 2: 9 June** Today is a day of rest, just enjoying the Hotel, beach and surrounds. Breakfast and lunch at the Hotel at your own leisure. Dinner at 19h00 in the Hotel restaurant.

**Day 3: 10 June** For those that want to stay at the Hotel, the day will be at leisure for you to do whatever you desire. For the rest we will depart after breakfast for the Oribi Gorge. A wonderfully scenic area, the Oribi Gorge offers excellent hiking opportunities where you may catch a glimpse of several antelope species and an array of birdlife, particularly five species of kingfisher and seven species of eagle that inhabit the reserve. Lunch at Oribi Gorge. Returning to the Hotel in the afternoon. Dinner at the Hotel.

## Day 4: 11 June

After breakfast, we travel to Durban to visit Ushaka Marine World, enjoy dolphin and seal show. Lunch at Ushaka returning to the Hotel in the afternoon. Dinner at the Hotel.

**Day 5: 12 June**

After a last morning's breakfast it is time to leave this beautiful region. We drive through more scenic areas and towns, stop over at Montusi Lodge in the Drakensberg where we will overnight.

**Day 6: 13 June**

Enjoy a great breakfast with the view of the Drakensberg before we head back to Johannesburg

**Departure date and costs for the trip:**

Saturday 8 June to Thursday 13 June 2018.

Cost for the 6-day tour is R12 800 per person sharing. Single supplement is R 1 700.

**Included:**Accommodation Entrance fees Breakfast Dinner Vehicle

**Excluded:**Lunch Drinks Laundry Telephone calls Curios Gratuities

**Trip 8 - The Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park:****Day 1: 15 July**

We depart early morning from Johannesburg. On route to Kuruman, we travel through Ventersdorp and Vryburg, where we have lunch. On arrival in Kuruman we visit the Eye of Kuruman and depart for Kathu not far from Kuruman. Check in and overnight stay at Red Sands outside Kuruman.

**Day 2: 16 July**

After breakfast, we continue the journey toward the Kgalagadi Park. The route is via Olifantshoek towards Upington where we will have lunch. We then drive in a northerly direction towards the town of Askham. It is a slow drive, and around every corner you will see more dune landscapes. We arrive at the Kgalagadi Lodge (5km from the gate) and check into the well-appointed chalets tonight. We relax for the remainder of the afternoon before dinner is enjoyed at the Restaurant.

**Day 3: 17 July**

Depart early to Nossop for a full day safari with brunch at a picnic spot, looking for animals in the dry Auob riverbed. Stay over in Nossop for 2 nights

**Day 4: 18 July**

After a healthy breakfast, we will drive in the dry river beds going further north and visit various water holes and picnic spots during the day before we return to camp for a lovely dinner.

**Day 5/6: 19 & 20 July**

After breakfast either in the chalets or at a picnic spot, we continue on our way to the Mata Mata camp for the next 2 nights, enjoy game viewing every day. Stopping at picnic spots and water holes. Once booked into Mata Mata camp you can either sit at the Hide at Mata Mata or on your front porch watching the animals coming to the waterhole. Your host will prepare meals for you in camp every night.

**Day 7: 21 July**

After another early morning wilderness drive followed by breakfast, it will be time to leave Mata Mata and make our way to Twee Rivieren gate. Enjoy a picnic lunch on route at a picnic site or at Twee Rivieren. Overnight at the Molopo Kalahari Lodge.

**Day 8: 22 July**

Depart after breakfast travelling via Kathu where we will stop for a nice lunch and then on to Vryburg where we will overnight at the Lavender Guesthouse.

**\*\*\* optional fly back from Upington for own account.**

**Day 9: 23 July**

This is your last day with the Kgalagadi tour and after breakfast, we depart for Johannesburg.

**Departure date and costs for the trip:**

Tuesday 15 July to Wednesday 23 July 2019

Cost of the 9-day tour is R20 500 per person sharing. Single supplement is R 3 800

**Included:**Accommodation Entrance fees Breakfast lunch Dinner

**Excluded:**

Drinks Laundry Telephone calls Curios Personal items Gratuities Flights

## **Trip 9 – Kruger Park – Berg en Dal & Letaba**

### **Day 1: 21 July**

We depart early morning from Johannesburg to avoid any peak hour traffic. We travel via Nelspruit with lunch on route. We will enter the Malelane Gate starting with the first day of game viewing towards Berg en Dal Rest Camp, where we will check in for the first two night's stay. Dinners for the whole trip will either be prepared by your host, or taken at the restaurant.

### **Day 2: 22 July**

The area around Berg en Dal is rich with variety of game, so the day is set out to explore the area. Full day game viewing around the area, returning to camp for dinner.

### **Day 3: 23 July**

Early morning wake up with coffee and rusks. We check out of the chalets for the day's travel to the next rest camp Letaba. On route we stop at the Tshokwane Picnic Spot to enjoy a lovely brunch at the restaurant.. On arrival, we will check into the chalets for the last two nights stay in the park.

### **Day 4: 24 July**

Once again enjoy coffee and rusks before departing on the game viewing for the day. We will do various drives from the camp, enjoying breakfast and lunch at either picnic spots, or some of the surrounding camp's restaurants.

### **Day 5: 25 July**

Today it's time to leave this beautiful place towards home. We drive towards the Phalaborwa Gate, where we exit the park. Enjoy breakfast in Phalaborwa. Arrive home during the late afternoon.

#### **Departure date and costs for the trip:**

Sunday 21 July to Friday 25 July 2019

Cost of the 5-day tour is R15 400 per person sharing. Single supplement is R3000

#### **Included:**

Accommodation Entrance fees Breakfast lunch Dinner

#### **Excluded:**

Drinks Laundry Telephone calls Curios Personal items Gratuities

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## **Trip 10 – Namaqualand**

### **Day 1: 17 August**

We depart early morning from Johannesburg. On route to Kuruman, we travel via Ventersdorp, Coligny, Sannieshof towards Vryburg. Then we continue towards Kuruman, where we visit the Eye of Kuruman. Overnight stay in Kathu.

### **Day 2: 18 August**

After breakfast, we depart towards Kakamas. On route we have rest stops at Olifantshoek and Upington. After lunch in Upington, we travel via Keimoes, exploring the Green Kalahari before arriving in Kakamas. This afternoon we will visit the spectacular Augrabies Waterfall on the outskirts of the town. The overnight stay and dinner is in Kuruman.

### **Day 3: 19 August**

We depart for Springbok, with a rest stop at Pofadder, and on route we start seeing the first of the wild flowers. We visit the Goegap nature reserve in the afternoon, together with the Hester Malan Wildflower Garden. Overnight stay (for 1 night) in Springbok

### **Day 4: 20 August**

After breakfast we travel slowly southwards towards Kamieskroon. This is where we visit the famous Skilpad Wildflower Reserve with its spectacular display of Namaqualand daisies. We spend quality time in this spectacular reserve before we travel south, through the well-known "Knersvlakte". The overnight stay for the next two nights is in VanRhynsdorp.

**Day 5: 21 August**

Today is set out to view the flowers of the Nieuwoudville area, visiting the Nieuwoudville Waterfall, the Hantam national botanical gardens and the Quiver Tree Forest. Enjoy the variety of bulb and plant species found in the area. Enjoy lunch in town. Return late afternoon the VanRhynsdorp

**Day 6: 22 August**

After a leisurely breakfast we travel to Clanwilliam to visit the town and the beautiful Ramskop Wildflower Garden. After spending quality time in these magnificent gardens, it is time for lunch in town. In the afternoon we do a guided tour of a Rooibos Tea Farm (done by a specialist nature guide), before travelling onwards to Lamberts Bay. Overnight stay for the next 1 night is in Lambertsbay

**Day 7: 23 August**

Today we continue to explore the wonders of the West Coast, travelling along the coastline towards Saldanha Bay and Langebaan. We stay over for the last 2 nights in Langebaan.

**Day 8: 24 August**

The West Coast area offers a large and different variety of fauna and flora. Enjoy the day exploring the area, including a visit to Darling with its various wildflower reserves in and around town, the Tienie Versveld Wildflower Reserve. We end the day by visiting the West Coast National Park

**Day 9: 25 August**

Depart after breakfast so that you are in time for your flight departure from Cape Town to Johannesburg. On arrival in Johannesburg, you will be met by a colleague and transferred back home.

**Departure date and costs for the trip:**

Saturday 17 August to Sunday 25 August 2018

Cost of the 9-day tour is R15 800 per person sharing.

Single supplement is R 3 500

**Included:**

Accommodation Entrance fees Breakfast Dinner 1 Flight & transfer

**Excluded:**

Lunch Drinks Laundry Telephone calls Curios Personal items Gratuities

**Trip 11: Flowers of Namaqualand**

This second flower trip is to save time travelling and flying to Cape Town from Johannesburg and back. We will visit the region of Namaqualand and the West Coast that transforms into a kaleidoscope of colour.

**DAY 1: 29 August**

Pickup early from your home for your flight to Cape Town. On arrival at the Cape town airport you will be met by your guide and depart north for our first overnight in Langebaan, visiting the West Coast national Park in the afternoon.

**Day 2: 30 August**

After breakfast we travel via the Knersvlakte and stop for lunch in Garies We have time to enjoy the harsh beauty of the an area that appears to be a wasteland at first sight, but in fact is home to one of the richest flowering succulent populations on earth.

We arrive at Kamieskroon, a small village just off the main road, chosen as our base because it's the geographical center of Namaqualand's best flower areas. We will overnight here for 3 nights.

Dinner at the Hotel

**Day 3: 31 August** We will visit the Skilpad Section of the Namaqua National Park. We spend as much time as possible among the flowers and return to the hotel for some free time before dinner.



#### **Day 4: 1 September**

On one of the days we visit the Springbok area with its massive granite domes and multitude of quiver trees. Lunch at the Springbok Lodge

We visit the Goegap Nature Reserve, with its Hester Malan Succulent Garden and seasonal flower displays

We return to Kamieskroon for dinner.

#### **DAY 5: 2 September**

After breakfast we will travel south to Clanwilliam. On the way we stop at Klawer Wine Cellar for a wine and rooibos food pairing. Visit the Ramskop Nature Reserve with lunch in town and a visit to the Strassbergers Leather Shop and Rooibos promotional shop where there is an audio visual presentation on the history, production and health properties as well as an extensive product range on sale. Overnight in Clanwilliam with dinner.

#### **Day 6: 3 September**

Depart for Cape Town International Airport after breakfast. On arrival back in Johannesburg you will be transferred to your home.

#### **Departure date and costs for the trip:**

Thursday 29 August to Tuesday 3 September 2019.

Cost for the 6-day tour is R13 900 per person sharing. Single supplement is R2 000.

**Included:** Accommodation Breakfast Dinner Lunch Tourist guide Vehicle

Entrance fees 2 flight tickets and transfers

#### **Excluded:**

Drinks Gratuities Laundry Telephone calls Curios Personal items

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### **Trip 12 – Overberg and whale watching**

#### **Day 1: 7 September**

Guest will be picked up from their homes, and transferred to the airport. Time for the pickup, transfer and flight will be confirmed closer to the date. It will be around 07h30. Depart on domestic departing around 10h00, from Johannesburg to Cape Town.

Your host will be waiting for you on arrival. Depart from the airport on a scenic 3 hour drive towards Swellendam. A convenience and lunch stop will be done on route. Arrive in the scenic town of Swellendam, where we will be staying for the first 2 nights of the trip. Relax, unpack, and enjoy the beautiful gardens at the Guesthouse.

The town has a great village atmosphere, and it is easy to explore it and the wonderful gardens on foot. Dinners will be enjoyed at some of the many restaurants in the area.

#### **Day 2: 8 September**

It is a day for nature, the ocean, whale watching and scenic mountains. A leisurely drive takes us towards the ocean. We travel to the famous De Hoop Nature Reserve, which is a big breeding area for the Southern Right whales. We view these gentle giants from the cliffs above and spend quality time here. We then return to town, relax until dinner time.

#### **Day 3: 9 September**

It is time to move on, and to do another coastal visit in the Overberg region. We travel amongst the rolling hills filled with wheat and canola fields towards Bredasdorp, Struisbaai and the southernmost point of South Africa at Agulhas. We also visit the lighthouse and maritime museum. We also visit the famous Kapula Candle Factory and Julien's Pottery Galleries in Bredasdorp.

From Bredasdorp we continue towards Caledon and Rouxwil Country House. It is situated on a working wheat and sheep farm. We check in at the country house for the remaining three nights, and relax before dinner. Experience the Overberg hospitality. All dinners will be enjoyed at the farm, which is always a wonderful experience.

#### **Day 4: 10 September**

A forty five minute drive takes us to the coastal town of Hermanus, where it is easy to view the southern right whales that are usually found in the bay below. Walk along the cliffs of Walker bay, and enjoy these unique giants of the sea. We spend quality time viewing the whales, and also explore the town. Lunch will again be taken on route at an interesting coastal venue. For those interested, we can arrange viewing of the whales from a boat. This needs to be arranged beforehand and at an additional cost. We return to the farm via the Hemel and Aarde Valley road.

#### **Day 5: 11 September**

Today we will explore the wonderful Franschhoek Valley. We will visit the wonderful Huguenot Museum and its lovely gardens as well as the wonderful Dutch Reform church. We will also do some wine tasting and allow time for guests to explore all the wonderful art galleries and shops in town. Lunch will be enjoyed in town, and we return to the guest farm via Elgin, and do a very informative farm tour.

#### **Day 6: 12 September**

After a last farm breakfast, it's time to return to Cape Town for your return flight to Johannesburg. On arrival in Johannesburg, guest will again be met by a colleague and transferred home.

#### **Departure date and costs for the trip:**

Saturday 7 September to Thursday 12 September 2019

Cost for the 6-day tour is R15 800 per person sharing. Single supplement is R 2 500

#### **Included:**

Accommodation    Entrance fees    Breakfast    Dinner    2 flights & transfers

#### **Excluded:**

Lunch    Drinks    Laundry    Telephone calls    Curios    Personal items    Gratuities

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### **Trip 13: 6 National Parks of the Cape**

The trip was designed so you could visit 6 of our national parks in one trip. Each one very unique with lots of animals to find. Our route will take us from Cape Town to the Karoo National Park, Camdeboo, Mountain Zebra, Addo Elephant Park, Tsitsikamma and Bontebok National

#### **DAYS 1 : 28 Aug**

You will be picked up early from your home for your flight to Cape Town. On arrival in Cape Town you will be met by a tourist guide and depart immediately for Karoo National Park. Travelling through the Great Karoo with its wind-swept, arid countryside.

Soon the white turrets of Matjiesfontein's Lord Milner Hotel come into view, and we stop here to overnight and have a lovely dinner at this world famous Hotel.

#### **Day 2: 29 Aug & 30 Aug – Karoo National Park**

After a great breakfast we continue our journey to the Karoo National Park - our home for the next (2) nights. We settle in to our comfortable chalets, and relax, you can visit the Fossil Trail that is inside the camp to stretch your legs and also look at the prehistory of the region before we have dinner at the Camp's restaurant

#### **Day 3 – 1 Sept – Karoo National Park**

Breakfast and then a drive up the Klipspringer Pass, constructed in the "dry stone retaining wall" technique which was perfected by Thomas Bain. We will be looking for the ever elusive lions. We return to camp for a bit of relax and either dinner again at the restaurant or a lovely braai with the view of the mountains and maybe the roar of the lions close by.

#### **DAY 4 : 2 Sept – Camdeboo & Mountain Zebra National Park**

Breakfast and then we head for the plains of the Camdeboo, and historic Graaff-Reinet, the 4th oldest town in South Africa.

The road to the top of the valley was tarred in 1978 and today provides tourists with easy access to the viewpoints with their panoramic views of the landscape.

After a light lunch, we travel eastward toward the higher lying grassland of the Eastern Cape Midlands. In the late afternoon we reach Mountain Zebra National Park near Cradock, and check in at this relatively remote and less visited wildlife sanctuary.

#### **DAYS 5 - 6 : 3 & 4 Sept – Addo Elephant Park**

We set out for a game drive through the varied scenery of the park, stopping frequently to observe and enjoy sightings of local wildlife. Many endemic species find refuge here, including cheetah, buffalo and black rhino, a number of antelope and bird species, and, of course, the rare Cape mountain zebra. A breeding nucleus of lion was released into the park during 2013. We then leave the park and drive to Cradock for a light lunch before turning south for Addo Elephant National Park. We arrive at Addo in time to settle into our chalets, and then to explore the camp, browse through the curio shop or spend time at the waterhole.

We spend the next two days in the park, slowly driving through the variety of landscapes that have shaped Addo.. Addo is, of course, famous for its elephants - now well over 500 in number. A wide diversity of other wildlife, such as lion, buffalo, spotted hyena, black rhino red hartebeest, kudu, and many others, also find sanctuary here. We return to camp for a light lunch and some free time, before going out on an afternoon game drive. Dinner at the Camps restaurant.

#### **DAY 6 : 5 Sept – Tsitsikamma National Park**

Leaving Addo, we head for the Tsitsikamma Section of the Garden Route National Park. En route there is an opportunity for a walk through the indigenous forest along the eco-friendly boardwalk.. We check into the Storms River Mouth section of the Garden Route National Park, with its dramatic coastal scenery and comfortable wooden cabins. The fit and adventurous can walk the thrilling series of suspension bridges at the river mouth. We return to our cabins for free time, to relax and enjoy the sunset over the ocean. Dinner either at the restaurant or a braai watching the sunset.

#### **Day 7: 6 Sept Bontebok**

We set off westward for the resort towns of Plettenberg Bay, Knysna and Wilderness. The scenery en-route is interesting and varied, from high forest and coastal bush to striking river and sea views. Lunch on route before we check into our chalets at the Bontebok national park. Relax, take a walk and enjoy dinner

#### **DAY 8 : 7 Sept**

We depart early with breakfast on route to drop you off at the Cape Town International Airport for your flight home. In Johannesburg you will be taken by to your homes.

#### **Departure date and costs for the trip:**

Wednesday 28 August to Saturday 7 September 2019.

Cost for the 8-day tour is R19 900 per person sharing.

Single supplement is R5 000.

#### **Included:**

Accommodation Breakfast Dinner Tourist guide Entrance fees  
Vehicle 2 flight tickets & transfers

#### **Excluded:**

Drinks Lunch Gratuities Laundry Telephone calls Curios  
Personal items

## **Trip 14: Drakensberg**

### **Day 1: 29 September**

We travel along the N3 via Heidelberg, Harrismith and the van Reenen's pass. After travelling through the pass, we turn towards the mountains and the town of Bergville. We arrive in the mid afternoon at the lovely Montusi Mountain Lodge for a 3 night' stay.

### **Day 2+3: 30 Sept & 1 October**

We will include a trip to the Champagne Castle and Cathedral Peak region in the central part. We will visit the Monks Cowl reserve, with an opportunity to do some hiking as well. On route home from this region, we will also visit the Bird of Prey Centre. On another trip we will also do a trip to the Royal National Park. Here you will be able to view the Amphitheatre and Northern parts of the Mountain, and the origin of the Tugela Waterfall.

### **Day 4: 2 October**

After a last breakfast it is time to leave this beautiful region. We drive through more scenic areas and towns, over the van Reenen's pass towards Gauteng. Enjoy lunch on route home, and arrive home in the mid to late afternoon.

### **Departure date and costs for the trip:**

Sunday 29 September to Wednesday 2 October 2019.

Cost for the 4-day tour is R12 200 per person sharing. Single supplement is R2 000.

### **Included:**

Accommodation

Breakfast Dinner Tourist guide Entrance fees Vehicle

**Excluded:** Drinks Lunch Gratuities Telephone calls Curios Personal items

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## **TRIP 15: Entabeni Lodge at Welgevonden Game Reserve:**

This tour provides a wonderful summer break and the opportunity to experience a 3 night safari in a Malaria free area in the Waterberg in Limpopo. This is a 4 hour drive to the Limpopo and an excellent experience to see wild life with great hospitality.

### **Day 1: 20 October**

We depart towards Pretoria and Bela Bela and after a breakfast and coffee stop at Kranskop) Around 12h00, we will arrive at the main gate and here, guests will be transferred to open vehicles for the drive into Welgevonden. This is when your game viewing starts and once at the lodge, guests will have time to check in and freshen up before lunch.

At 15h00 Tea is served and we then depart on the first game drive in an open vehicle.

Experienced rangers accompany you and will provide you with information on the animals and nature you see. Especially on species that are endemic to this region. After sundowner drinks at a lookout point watching the sunset, we depart back to the lodge so that you can freshen up for dinner in the boma . This is always a nice treat.

### **Day 2 & 3: 21 and 22 October**

Experience 2 days of typical lodge and safari activities. Enjoy an early morning safari seeing Africa coming to life and perhaps meet those elusive big cats on the prowl. We head back to the lodge for breakfast before you settle down for your midday siesta. The rest of the day is the same as day one so be prepared to be spoilt rotten.

**Day 4: 23 October** A last opportunity for an early morning game drive followed by breakfast and checking out. We depart at 09h00 and travel on the same route towards JHB. Convenience stops will be made along the route and you arrive home in the early afternoon.



**Departure date and costs for the trip:**

Sunday 20 October to Wednesday 23 October 2019

Cost of the 4-day tour is R 12 900 per person sharing. Single supplement is R 3 000.

**Included:**

Accommodation 3 meals per day Tourist guide Entrance fees

Vehicle Teas, coffees and snacks 2 game drives a day

**Excluded:**

Drinks Gratuities Laundry Telephone calls Curios Personal items

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**Trip 16 – Namibia****Day 1:**

Welcome to Namibia. You will be met by your private tour guide who will take you first to Windhoek city for a short sight seeing tour, before you will be transferred to a great lodge, 25 km south of Windhoek in the Auas Mountain area. Gocheganas is built on a hilltop overlooking a spectacular landscape and offering a unique combination of Wildlife, Nature and Wellness experiences. The Lodge offers game drives, walking activities on the 6000 hectare Nature Reserve. We recommend you to visiting the Wellness Centre at the lodge to relax after the flight while enjoying some treatments (not included in price)

[www.gocheganas.com](http://www.gocheganas.com)

**Accommodation: Gocheganas Lodge - including dinner, bed & breakfast**

**Day 2 & 3:**

Today your guide will take you to the famous Sossusvlei, it is one of the main visitor attractions in Namibia. Your domicile for the next two nights is the Desert Homestead Outpost, situated about 30 km from the entrance to the Namib Naukluft Park. The Sesriem Canyon is 18 million years old and 30 meters deep. The canyon is small but very picturesque – many plants grow in the shade and shelter offered by the canyon, and water pools attract several species of birds and animals and the remarkable depths of the Canyon. The name Sesriem is Afrikaans and means six belts. Early settlers attached six belts together, (made of oryx hides), in order to lower buckets down into the canyon to scoop up water, from the pools that were inaccessible to their livestock.

The next morning you will visit some of the highest, bright-red sand dunes in the world on the Sossusvlei excursion. The colours of the dunes seem to change depending on the sun light a real photographer's delight! Visit the Dead Vlei, where red dunes provide a breathtaking backdrop to centuries old, dry scorched black trees standing in the desert. The area itself is a vast depression or clay pan, towered over by sand dunes up to 300 m high. A picnic breakfast will be served under a shady tree before return to the lodge.

[www.deserthomesteadoutpost.com](http://www.deserthomesteadoutpost.com)

**Accommodation: Desert Homestead Outpost - including dinner, bed & breakfast**

**Day 4 & 5:** On this day your guide drives you towards Swakopmund via the scenic Kuiseb- and Gaub Pass, where stops are recommended at the view points for photo shooting and to enjoy the great views. After about 3 ½ hours you will reach the port town of Walvis Bay, from there you drive the last 35 kilometers along the coastal road to Swakopmund. This is a very scenic route with the Atlantic on your left and the dunes of the desert on your right side The main beach area is called the Mole, and is the result of a largely unsuccessful attempt to construct the artificial harbour (as South Africa owned the only natural harbor in the area at Walvis Bay). Explore the lovely town in the afternoon and visit the old colonial buildings like the Lighthouse and the Otavi Bahnhof. A visit to the Museum is to recommend, which offers great information on Namibias History, ethnic groups. The most iconic symbol is the Swakopmund jetty, initially used as mooring for ships it later became a popular are for anglers and walkers, it has fallen into disrepair on numerous occasions and has been subject to several attempts to rescue it from complete dereliction. Recently large scale work has been completed on the jetty which now proudly boasts a small restaurant and bar area.

The next morning you depart at 07h45 to Walvis Bay for a Catamaran Ocean and dolphin cruise to Pelican Point is today's treat. Enjoy the antics of the seals jumping onboard and a good possibility of sightings of dolphins frolicking along-side the boat. Sparkling wine, fresh oysters and snacks are on the menu. Return to the harbor at 12h30 and Swakopmund, where the rest of the day is to your disposal. The tour is led by experienced guides and well-qualified and experienced skippers.

[www.strandhotelswakopmund.com](http://www.strandhotelswakopmund.com)

**Accommodation: Strand Hotel Swakopmund – including bed & breakfast**

**Day 6:**

Your route will take you to the next beautiful accommodation, which opened in November 2016. The Spitzkoppe Lodge is situated between huge granite boulders, which were created more than 150 million years ago. Here breath taking views onto the Brandberg and Erongo Mountains are guaranteed. Each stylish and private chalets has a outside viewing deck, which connects the guest with the vast stretches of untouched sand and boulders beyond. The Spitzkoppe is one of the most photographed mountains in Namibia and a popular attraction. The best photos can be taken just after sunrise or just before sunset. The light is then truly amazing. The peak of the mountain stand out dramatically from the flat surrounding plains. Many examples of Bushmen artwork can be seen painted on the rock in the Spitzkoppe

From here your guide takes you on an excursion to a Living Museum of the San, on Farm Omandumba. The many rock paintings in the Erongo region are evidence that the San lived here. Through colonization and conflicts with other language groups the cautious Bushmen were driven out of this area a long time ago. Omandumba now attempts to give the San the opportunity to make a living with their Living Museum in an area where their ancestors used to live. The name Omandumba is derived from one of the many Namibian languages, meaning "the place where the bitter bush grows".

[www.spitzkoppenlodge.com](http://www.spitzkoppenlodge.com)

**Accommodation: Spitzkoppe Lodge - including dinner, bed & breakfast**

**Day 7:**

On this day your guide will take you back to Windhoek via Okahandja. Here you can stop at the popular Wood Craft market to buy some souvenirs, before the last leg to Windhoek international airport for your flight back to SA.

**\*\*\* Price and departure dates on request**

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## **Trip 17 – Addo & Bedford**

**Day 1: 16 October**

Guest will be picked up from their homes, and transferred to OR Tambo airport. Depart on domestic departing around 11h00, from Johannesburg to Port Elizabeth. On arrival your host will be waiting for you. We depart from the airport on a 2 hour drive to the Addo Elephant Park. A convenience and lunch stop will be made on route.

We will check into the well-appointed chalets at Addo National Park for the first 2 nights of the tour. Around 16h00 we will do a first afternoon game drive in this wonderful park. Dinners and breakfasts at Addo will be prepared by your host.

**Day 2: 17 October**

Today we will do game drives into the park to view the variety of animals, and especially the elephants. We will set aside some time as well for a bit of relaxation, where guest can view the water hole from their chalets. Enjoy the beauty of this park.

**Day 3: 18 October**

After a last drive through the park it will be time to move on again. We travel from Addo towards the town of Somerset East. This is where we will check into our Guesthouse which will be our base for the 3 days. We are staying here as quality accommodation in Bedford itself is very limited.. We will drive along the very scenic Blue Crane route towards the town of Pearston. After this lovely drive, we return to the guesthouse to relax before dinner.

#### **Day 4 & 5: 19 and 20 October**

Over the next two days we will travel towards Bedford- 50 km away. The Bedford Garden festival has more than 40 gardens that are open to the public.. So we will follow various routes to get too many of the prize winning gardens. We also visit the town Country Fair, where you can meander through craft stalls and sock up on local pantry fillers. We will learn more about heritage roses at the SA Rosarium. Over the two days we will do the best of the festival.

#### **Day 6: 21 October**

The journey home starts today, and we follow the N10 route via Middelburg, Noupoot, Colesberg and Springfontein. Being typical Karoo areas the landscape continuously changes from high mountain ranges and passes to open plains areas. After enjoying lunch in Colesberg we also visit the Gariep Dam before the last part of the drive towards Bloemfontein. Arrive in the mid afternoon for the last evening at the Diaz Guesthouse. Relax in the gardens before dinner.

#### **Day 7: 22 October**

Our last day will be all along the N1 route to Johannesburg, which is a good double carriageway. We travel via Venterburg and Kroonstad towards Johannesburg. Guests will be dropped off at their home in the mid afternoon.

#### **Departure date and costs for the trip:**

Wednesday 16 October to Tuesday 22 October 2019.

Cost of the 7-day tour is R 16 500 per person sharing. Single supplement is R 2 500

#### **Included:**

Accommodation Entrance fees Breakfast Dinner 1 flights & transfer

#### **Excluded:**

Lunch Drinks Laundry Telephone calls Curios Personal items Gratuities

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### **Trip 18 – Hogsback & Cradock**

#### **Day 1: 8 October**

Today we follow the main N1 route, travelling through the Free State, with stops on route made at Kroonstad and Bloemfontein to view the sights of these historical towns. We will check into our Hotel for the night.

#### **Day 2: 9 October**

We continue the drive today and stop in Queenstown for lunch. The last part of the drive takes us through the towns of Fort Beaufort and Alice, and then it is uphill towards the charming village of the Hogsback. On arrival, we check into the Arminel Hotel for a 3 night stay.

#### **Day 3 + 4: 10 & 11 October**

The next two days are set out to explore this wonderful mountain area, and the charming attractions, and gardens in the area. . Some of the attractions to be visited will be, the Eco Shrine, the Labyrinth, the Edge, views of the 3 “Hogs”, the Arboretum, and various gardens that are open to the public during spring time. It is truly a delight for garden lovers.

#### **Day 5: 12 October**

Today we travel down the mountain on a scenic route to the town of Bedford. Here we will be visiting the museum and experience the hospitality of the locals. After lunch, we drive alongside the Fish River towards the charming historical town of Cradock. On arrival in Cradock, we check into the “Tuishuise” for the next two nights’ stay. It is a collection of wonderfully restored old houses depicting the Dutch and English Settlers period.

#### **Day 6: 13 October**

The town of Cradock and its surroundings have many interesting attractions. Visit the Olive Schreiner Museum and then we also visit the Mountain Zebra National Park to explore the unique landscapes and animals of this park. The scenery in the park varies from grass covered plateaus to wooded ravines, and is a sanctuary for the rare Cape Mountain Zebra, and herds of Eland,

Springbok, Kudu, Black wildebeest, Blesbok, Red Hartebeest, Cheetah, Meerkat and over 200 species of birds.

**Day 7: 14 October**

On this last day we travel down towards Port Elizabeth. It is again a very scenic and mountainous route. We will arrive in Port Elizabeth around lunchtime and in time for the afternoon flight home around 14h00. On arrival in Johannesburg, guests will again be met by a colleague and transferred home.

**Departure date and costs for the trip:**

Tuesday 8 October to Monday 14 October 2019

Cost of the 7-day tour is R12 400 per person sharing. Single supplement is R 2 000

**Included in the costs above:**

Accommodation Entrance fees Breakfast Dinner 1 flights & transfers

**Excluded in the costs above:** Lunch Drinks Laundry Telephone calls Curios Gratuities

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**Trip 19 : KwaZulu Natal Battlefields**

**Day 1: 1 November**

We travel towards Dundee with a stop for lunch along the way. On arrival in Dundee we will visit the Talana museum. This museum exhibits the battle of Talana and also a display of the coal & glass of the region.

After Talana, we make our way to our Guesthouse where we can relax until dinner time.

**Day 2: 2 November**

After breakfast we depart for the heart of the battlefields to the Isandlwana open museum with an experienced battlefield Guide for a tour. Also visit the Rorkes Drift Battlefield/Museum.

We return to the for our second night in this beautiful area. Dinner at the Guesthouse or in town.

**Day 3: 3 November**

Today after breakfast at the guesthouse we depart for some Boer & Zulu history and visit the famous battleground of Blood River.

After the tour we have lunch in the town of Vryheid and have the afternoon at leisure. Dinner at the Guesthouse or in town.

**Day 4 : 4 November**

After breakfast, we drive to Ladysmith. Visit Spioenkop battlefield before we return to Johannesburg via the N3. Arrive in Johannesburg late afternoon

**Departure date and costs for the trip:**

Friday 1 November to Monday 4 November 2019

Cost of the 4-day tour is R9 800 per person sharing.

Single supplement is R 1 700.

**Included:**

Accommodation Breakfast Dinner Tourist guide Entrance fees  
Vehicle Battlefield specialist guide for Isandlwana / Rorkes Drift

**Excluded:** Drinks Lunch Gratuities Laundry Telephone calls Curios Personal items

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## **Trip 20 – Cherry Festival**

### **Day 1: 15 November**

We travel via Villiers, Frankfort, Reitz and Bethlehem to visit and view these quaint little towns. Lunch will be enjoyed in one of these towns. After lunch we continue with the scenic drive. We visit the Ash River Fallout before arriving in the town of Clarens. Here we then check into our Guesthouse, where we be staying over for the duration of the trip. After checking in at the guesthouse, it is time to relax or to start exploring the town on foot. Dinners will be at different restaurants in town.

### **Day 2: 16 November**

Today is the best day to attend the Cherry festival, as it becomes very busy over the weekend itself. We take the very scenic Highlands route towards Ficksburg. The town nestles between the foot of the Imperani Mountain and the banks of the Caledon River, the border with Lesotho. The district is renowned for the breathtaking sandstone formations of the mountains here. Many of the older buildings in and around the town were built of sandstone. The Cherry Festival is the oldest crop festival in South Africa. It is estimated that there are 500 hectares of cherry trees in the Eastern Free State concentrated mainly in the Ficksburg, Clocolan and Fouriesburg area. There are approximately 250 trees per hectare and the average yield per hectare is 10 tons.

On arrival in Ficksburg, we first drive through the town to visit the main features and buildings in town, and enjoy a lovely cup of coffee. Thereafter guests have the opportunity to explore the festival area and town, and attend events as per the festival program. Enough time is allowed to explore the whole festival area. At around 15h00, it is time to do a tour of a Cherry farm. We visit the cherry orchards at Ionia farm. This tour includes a tractor trip to the orchards on the farm for some picking, a tour of the packing shed, information on the cultivation and packing of cherries, plus a punnet to fill and take home. Jams, liqueur, wine, fresh cherries etc, will be on sale. The farm is on route back to Clarens, so the drive back home will be shorter than this morning.

### **Day 3: 17 November**

It is time to focus on the natural beauty of the area. During the morning, we travel to Golden Gate National Park. We travel through the park to view the wildlife and birdlife, and interesting rock formations of the park. It is a real photographic delight. After spending quality time in the park we return towards Clarens. The town has a big variety of art galleries and craft shops, all within very close distance from the main square, and the guesthouse. Guest will have the afternoon to spend at leisure roaming the town and enjoy the real village life

### **Day 4: 18 November**

Guests will have a last opportunity to visit the many craft shops and galleries in Clarens. We then start with the journey back towards the city. We will arrive back in the city in the early to mid-afternoon.

#### **Departure date and costs for the trip:**

Friday 15 November to Monday 18 November 2019

Cost of the 4-day tour is R9 600 per person sharing. Single supplement is R 2 000

#### **Included:**

Accommodation Entrance fees Breakfast Dinner Lunch

#### **Excluded:**

Drinks Laundry Telephone calls Curios Personal items Gratuities

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TRIP	DATES	DAYS	TOUR NAME	PPS	Single
1	10 Feb - 17 Feb	8 days	The Karoo explorer 2 meals 1 flight/trns	15900	3000
2	10 March - 15 March	6 days	KNP Olifants / Satara	13500	3400
3	21 April - 23 April	3 days	Pilanesberg (2 meals)	6000	2000
4	7 April - 12 April	6 days	KZN game parks (2 meals)	13800	2500
5	28 April - 2 May	5 days	Mapungubwe	17800	2000
6	19 May - 25 May	7 days	KNP Punda / Mopani	16000	4000
7	8 June - 13 June	6 days	Durban South Coast (2 meals)	12800	1700
8	15 July - 23 July	9 days	Kgalagadi	20 500	3800
9	21 July - 25 July	5 days	KNP Berg en Dal / Letaba	15 400	3000
10	17 Aug - 25 Aug	9 days	Namaqualand 2 meals 1 flight/trns	15800	3500
11	29 Aug - 3 Sep	6 days	Namaqualand 2 flights 2 transfers	13900	2500
12	7 Sept - 12 Sept	6 days	Overberg 2 meals 2 flights/trns	15800	2500
13	28 Aug - 7 Sept	8 days	6 Nat Park of the Cape 2 meals 2 flights/trns	19900	5000
14	29 Sept - 2 Oct	4 days	Drakensberg 2 meals	12200	2000
15	20 Oct - 23 Oct	4 days	Entabeni - Limpopo	12900	3000
16	Dates to be finalised	10 Days	Namibia 2 flights & 2 transfers	On req	On req
17	16 Oct - 22 Oct	7 days	Addo / Bedford	16500	2500
18	8 Oct - 14 Oct	7 days	Hogsback & Cradock	12 400	2000
19	1 Nov - 4 Nov	4 days	Battlefields	9800	1700
20	15 Nov - 18 Nov	4 days	Cherry Festival	9400	2000

A hand holding a dandelion seed head against a sunset sky with birds and floating seeds.

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