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2021 TOUR PROGRAM

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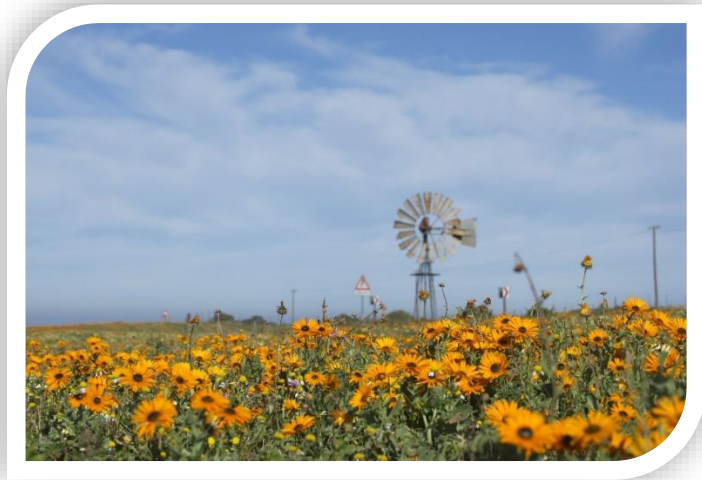
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Detailed Itineraries with inclusions/exclusions available **on request**

All protocols during Covid-19 will be observed and vehicles are sanitised every day.

Please don't wait too long before you decide. And do not hesitate to call Annekie if you have any questions about any of the trips, or want to have a private trip designed according to your needs

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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.
- Private rooms with own bathrooms

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 unless otherwise arranged.

The banking details are:

Account name: Hola Tourism Network

Bank/

branch: Absa bank Cresta

Account no: 9125161522

Branch

code: 632005

Full terms and conditions and general information are available on request

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Hand sanitisers will be supplied. Guests to provide own masks. All accommodations that we visit deep clean their premises regularly and our vehicles are sanitised every day. Whilst every effort will be made to keep you safe and healthy we will have to refuse you entry to the tour should you have any signs of Covid at the start of the tour. All guests must disclose honestly if they have symptoms or were in contact with positive case in the 14 days prior to the tour departure. Any fever or symptoms whilst on tour must be reported immediately to the Guide.

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.

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, Annemie 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 2021 have been agreed upon and fixed at the published rates. Once you have booked and paid the relevant deposits, these prices will be maintained.

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 Annemie, 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

Cancellation fees applicable:

- Notice of a cancellation must be done in writing and is subject to the following penalties:
- More than 60 days prior to departure: 5% of total tour price.
- 59 to 40 days: 50% of total tour price.
- 30 days to 0 days: 100% of total tour price.

Detailed Terms and Conditions available on request

Wildcards: Persons with valid Wildcards need to inform Annekie when making the reservation. A refund of the entry fees will then be arranged, but only if Annekie is informed of their Wildcard status at the time of making the reservation.

Single Supplement: It is purely for the extra cost of a single room, and no extra costs are added. On certain trips, a limited amount of single rooms are available, due to constraints of the size of the guesthouses. On most trips there are always persons that are interested in sharing a room, and the two parties can contact one another to arrange this to bring the costs down. This is not compulsory, however, and single travellers are gladly accommodated.

Insurance cover: Normal insurance and medical cover for traveling passengers is recommended. Please ensure you have the correct insurance cover to cover protection against trip cancellation or interruption for unexpected medical reasons, medical cover for illness or injury whilst on tour, emergency medical evacuation benefits, protection against baggage loss, theft or damage, and 24-hour assistance anywhere on route.

Useful information to plan your trip:

Weather: Depending on the time of the year we travel, the weather will differ. Your host will gladly advise you with what relevant clothing to take on the trip. A suggestion is to always have some layered clothing, at least a warm jacket and raincoat and umbrella. With the weather patterns changing drastically over the past few years, The Hola Tourism Network cannot be held accountable for the weather experienced on trips.

Dress Code: The dress code on all trips is casual.

Luggage: Is limited to one suitcase per person which goes into the trailer, plus a small carry-on bag for inside the vehicle. For the smaller groups of 4 persons there will be no trailer, but the vehicle has enough luggage space for 4 persons.

What else to take: Binoculars, cameras, hat and sunscreen, comfortable walking shoes, and a keen sense of adventure. Insect repellent and malaria prophylactics are advised on certain trips.



TRIP 1: Pilanesberg

A 3 day guided safari around Pilanesberg National Park. One of the largest volcanic complexes of its kind in the world.

Day 1: Sunday 7 February

Depart as early as possible for your safari in Pilanesberg. Enter the Pilanesberg National park and start your game viewing. Book into Bakubung Lodge around midday, enjoy lunch and depart for your late afternoon open vehicle game drive. Dinner at the Lodge.

Day 2 : Monday 8 February

Wake up call early and a game drive in air conditioned vehicle until about 09h00. Back to Bakubung 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. Enjoy another late afternoon open vehicle game drive. Dinner at the Lodge.

Day 3: Tuesday 9 February

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

Departure date and costs for the trip:

Sunday 7 February to Tuesday 9 February 2021

Cost of the 3-day tour is R 8 000 per person sharing.

Single supplement is R2 800

Included:

Accommodation Entrance fees Breakfast Dinner Tourist Guide

One open vehicle game drive per day Air conditioned vehicle game drives

Excluded: Lunch Drinks Laundry Telephone calls Curios
Personal items Gratuities

Trip 2: Kruger Park – Lower Sabie & Satara area (Roodewaal)

This trip is designed to visit the most popular region of Kruger Park, which is the central and southern part of the Park.

Day 1: Monday 8 March

We depart early morning from Johannesburg to avoid any peak hour traffic. We travel via Nelspruit with lunch on route. We will enter the Crocodile Bridge starting with the first day of game viewing towards Lower Sabie Camp, where we will check in for the first three night's stay.

Day 2: Tuesday 9 March

Early morning wake up with coffee and rusks before we head out towards Skukuza camp where we will have breakfast. Returning to Lower Sabie mid morning to relax and enjoy the camp. Late afternoon game drive around Lower Sabie with sunset at Sable Dam.

Day 3: Wednesday 10 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 Satara. On route we stop at the Tshokwane Picnic Spot to enjoy a lovely brunch at the restaurant.. On arrival, we will check into the Roodewaal Bush Lodge near Satara camp for the last two nights stay in the park.

Day 4: Thursday 11 March

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: Friday 12 March

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

Departure date and costs for the trip:

Monday 8 March – Friday 12 March 2021

Cost of the 5 day tour is R14 700 per person sharing.

Single supplement is R2000

Included:

Accommodation Entrance fees Breakfast lunch Dinner

Excluded:

Drinks Laundry Telephone calls Curios Personal items

TRIP 3: The game / nature parks of northern Kwazulu Natal:

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: Saturday 10 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 a Guesthouse

Day 2: Sunday 11 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: Monday 12 April

Today we have a leisurely breakfast before we enjoy a full day game drive in Hluhluwe exploring the park looking for the animals. Lunch in Hluhluwe. Returning to camp

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

Day 4: Tuesday 13 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: Wednesday 14 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: Thursday 15 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:

Saturday 10 April to Thursday 15 April 2021.

Cost of the 6-day tour is R 14 600 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 4: The Mapungubwe World Heritage Site:

The purpose of this specific tour is to expose more visitors to the wonderful Mapungubwe World Heritage Site. Come experience the natural beauty of this region.

Day 1: Saturday 8 May

We depart early morning as we have a long drive ahead of us. It fortunately is all on the N1, which is a double highway. We travel on the N1 route towards Polokwane and Makhado (Louis Trichard). Over the lovely Soutpansberg mountain range, through the tunnels, and onwards towards Musina. The whole route from Makhado to Mapungubwe is covered by giant Baobab trees. At Musina we turn in a westerly direction towards the Mapungubwe National Park. We stay in the park at a lovely self-catering guest house. We will for the duration of the tour have breakfast & dinner at the guest house.

Day 2: Sunday 9 May

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. We do the climbing very slowly. After doing the 3 hour guided tour to the Hill, we travel back to the guest house 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, where many of the artefacts and information of Mapungubwe Hill is on display. For persons who perhaps do not want to do the climb of the hill in the morning, the information centre will be a good substitute. We then return to the guest house, for another wonderful dinner.

Day 3: Monday 10 May

After a relaxing breakfast, it's time to visit the nature side of the Mapungubwe National Park on an open vehicle. We will travel via various paths in the park. Please note the drive focuses mainly on the natural beauty of the park – its fantastic landscapes, rock formations and Baobab trees, and not the animals only. 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 4 hours, where after guests will enjoy tea and cookies on our return at the guest house, followed by time to relax and dinner.

Day 4: Tuesday 11 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. Our Guide will give us a very informative description of this very important site, which is in my own personal opinion, one of the best sites in the country. We return to the guest house for lunch, time for relaxation. Our last dinner will be at the guest house.

Day 5: Wednesday 12 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:

Saturday 8 May – Wednesday 12 May 2021.

Cost of the 5-day tour is R13 700 per person sharing.

Single supplement is R 2 300

Included:

Accommodation Breakfast lunch Dinner
Tourist guide fee Entrance fees Vehicle Activities as per
Itinerary

Excluded:

Drinks Gratuities Laundry Telephone calls Curios Personal
items Any extra activities

Trip 5 – Kruger Park – Far North

This trip is designed to visit the northern region of Kruger Park with Pafuri and Mopanie camps as a base. Please keep in mind that Kruger Park is within a malaria area, and appropriate prevention is advised.

Day 1: Thursday 27 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. We will travel towards Punda Maria gate on the N1 towards Polokwane. Upon entering the park we start with the first day of game viewing towards the Rest Camp, where we will check in for the first 3 night's stay.

Day 2 & 3: Friday 28 May & Saturday 29 May

We will do various drives from the camp, enjoying breakfasts and lunches at either picnic spots, or at some of the surrounding camp's restaurants. Enjoy coffee and rusks before departing on the game viewing for the day. The area around Pafuri and Punda Maria is rich with variety of game and majestic trees, 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.

Day 4: Sunday 30 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 two nights stay in the park.

Day 5: Monday 31 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: Tuesday 1 June

We depart after breakfast for the Phalaborwa gate for our return. On our way back we will stop at the Blyde River Canyon, God's window and the Potholes. Overnight and dinner in Graskop

Day 7: Wednesday 2 June

We depart after breakfast for our return to Johannesburg.

Departure date and costs for the trip:

Thursday 27 May to Wednesday 2 June 2021.

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

Single supplement is R 2 500

Included:

Accommodation Entrance fees Breakfast Lunch Dinner
Tourist Guide Vehicle

Excluded:

Drinks Laundry Telephone calls Curios Porterage
Gratuities

Trip 6 – Kruger Park – Biyamiti & Satara

This trip is designed to visit the most popular region of Kruger Park, which is the central and southern part of the Park.

Day 1: Wednesday 28 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 Biyamiti Bushveld Camp

Day 2: Thursday 29 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: Friday 30 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 Satara. 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: Saturday 31 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: Sunday 1 August

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

Departure date and costs for the trip:

Wednesday 28 July – Sunday 1 August 2021

Cost of the 5 day tour is R13 400 per person sharing.

Single supplement is R2500

Included:

Accommodation Entrance fees Breakfast Lunch Dinner

Excluded:

Drinks Laundry Telephone calls Curios Personal items

Trip 7 – Namaqualand

During August and September, the region of Namaqualand and the West Coast transforms into a kaleidoscope of colour which is brought on by the wildflowers of the area after the winter rains. The trips are real speciality trips, designed to visit many of these wonderful sights.

Day 1: Saturday 21 August

We depart early morning from Johannesburg. On route to Kuruman, we travel via Ventersdorp, Coligny, Sannieshof towards

Vryburg. Then we continue towards Kuruman. Overnight stay in Kathu.

Day 2: Sunday 22 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 in Kakamas.

Day 3: Monday 23 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: Tuesday 24 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: Wednesday 25 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: Thursday 26 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 travel onwards to Lamberts Bay. Overnight stay for the next 1 night is in Lambertsbay

Day 7: Friday 27 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: Saturday 28 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: Sunday 29 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 21 August to Sunday 29 August 2021

Cost of the 9-day tour is R16 800 per person sharing.

Single supplement is R2 000

Included:

Accommodation Entrance fees Breakfast Dinner 1 Flight & transfer

Excluded:

Lunch Drinks Laundry Telephone calls Curios
Personal items Gratuities

Trip 8 – Overberg and whale watching

The Overberg region is beautiful during the springtime. We will be exploring this region with its rolling wheat and canola fields, visit the southernmost point of South Africa, do whale watching, and visit many other exciting attractions.

Day 1: Wednesday 1 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: Thursday 2 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: Friday 3 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, where we enjoy lunch. We also visit the region's long stretches of beach and the

lighthouse and maritime museum. It is a beautiful area, and we spend quality time here. On the return trip, we visit the famous Kapula Candle Factory and Julien's Pottery Galleries in Bredasdorp.

From Bredasdorp we continue with another scenic drive towards Caledon and Rouxwil Country House. It is situated on a working wheat and sheep farm. You will find it nestled between vast, rolling hills of wheat fields, orchards and majestic mountains covered in Protea fynbos-providing an ever changing kaleidoscope of colours, a paradise for landscape photographers. 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: Saturday 4 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. (If the roadworks are completed)

Day 5: Sunday 5 September

Today we will explore the wonderful Franschoek Valley. We travel to Villiersdorp and visit some of the wonderful art galleries in the region. Then we travel alongside the Theewaterskloof dam, and over the Franschoek mountain pass (a lovely Fynbos region), with its stunning views of the valley below. In Franschoek, 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: Monday 6 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:

Wednesday 1 September – Monday 6 September 2021

Cost for the 6-day tour is R15 500 per person sharing.

Single supplement is R 2 000

Included:

Accommodation Entrance fees Breakfast Dinner 2 flights
& transfers

Excluded:

Lunch Drinks Laundry Telephone calls Curios
Personal items Gratuities

TRIP 9 : Drakensberg and the Big 5 in Kwazulu Natal

It is to visit the lovely Drakensberg Mountains, which is a world heritage site. And whilst we are there, we also visit the lovely Nambiti Private Game Reserve to view the big 5.

Day 1: Sunday 19 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. It is a very scenic route, travelling through real rural countryside. Lunch will be enjoyed on route. We arrive in the mid afternoon at the lovely Montusi Mountain Lodge for a 3 night' stay. Enjoy the views of the Mountain from the rooms, especially at sunset.

Day 2+3: Monday 9 + Tuesday 20/21 September

Montusi Mountain Lodge is situated very central to visit various parts of the mountain. This 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, and see the wonderful work done with these rehabilitated birds.

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. A pleasant hike can be done around this region. Whilst here, it is also worthwhile do a short hike to view the Rock art found in this region. This is a guided trip done by the guides from the National park. And then there are hikes that one can do from the Montusi Mountain Lodge as well. Guests will also have time to just relax at the resort and enjoy the wonderful surroundings. The 2 day's travel is flexible, and done according to guest's interests.

Day 4: Wednesday 22 September

After breakfast, we return to Ladysmith. On the outskirts of the town is the well known Nambiti Private Game Reserve. We arrive at the reserve around 13h00, and check into the Springbok Lodge for the last 3 nights of the trip. Lunch will be served on arrival. After lunch, it is time to rest in the comfortable, air-conditioned tented chalets. Around 15h30 it is time for the first game drive on an open vehicle. Nambiti is a big 5 reserve. After sundown drinks in the bush, we return to the lodge for a relaxing dinner at the lodge.

Day 5 & 6: Thursday and Friday 23/24 September

These two days will be a typical days on a private reserve, which include morning game drives, followed by breakfast, relaxation time, lunch and sunset game drives. On Saturday, after we had done the morning game drive, we will do a short drive out of the park towards the Spioenkop Battlefield which is only 40 km away. Here we will be met by a specialist battlefield guide who will do a

detailed tour of this Battlefield with guests. We will also enjoy a picnic lunch at the battlefield, and then visit the informative “Siege Museum” at Ladysmith before returning to Nambiti Reserve for a sunset drive.

Day 7: Saturday 25 September

After a last morning’s game drive and 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 19 September to Saturday 25 September 2021.

Cost for the 7-day tour is R 15 800 per person sharing. Single supplement is R 2 500.

Included:

Accommodation 3 meals per day Tourist guide Entrance fees

Vehicle Teas, coffees 2 game drives a day in Nambiti

Excluded:

Drinks Gratuities Laundry Telephone calls Curios Personal items

TRIP 10 : Hogsback & Cradock

The trip cover some of the most beautiful and lesser known parts of the Eastern Cape. It is one of the best routes to enjoy the remote mountains and passes, and is part of South Africa’s hidden gems. Add to this some historical and charming towns and places of interest, and you will see why this trip is a wonderful journey not to be missed.

Day 1: Saturday 9 October

Today we follow the main N1 route, travelling through the Free State, with stops on route made at Kroonstad and Bloemfontein to

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view the sights of these historical towns. Overnight at the Gariep Dam for the night. The distance for the day is longer than normal, but it is mostly on a very safe, dual carriageway.

Day 2: Sunday 10 October

We continue the drive today through remote parts of the Eastern Cape. Queenstown for lunch. After lunch, it is another very scenic drive over the Nico Malan pass before we arrive in the Katberg region. 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. The hotel has wonderful gardens and footpaths to explore.

Day 3 + 4: Monday 11 & Tuesday 12 October

The next two days are set out to explore this wonderful mountain area, and the charming attractions, and gardens in the area. Various drives and walks will be undertaken to the various points of interest, with enough relaxation time in between. 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: Wednesday 13 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. A lovely lunch will be enjoyed at a favourite coffee shop in town. 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: Thursday 14 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: Friday 15 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:

Saturday 9 October to Friday 15 October 2021

Cost of the 7-day tour is R11 800 per person sharing.

Single supplement is R 2 000

Included:

Accommodation Entrance fees Breakfast Dinner All activities
1 flights 1 transfers

Excluded:

Lunch Drinks Laundry Telephone calls Curios Porterage
Gratuities

TRIP 11 : Addo & Bedford

This trip is designed for persons to visit the very popular Bedford Garden Festival, which is only held for one weekend per year. The festival's aim is for visitors to experience world renowned country

gardens, as well as pretty town and township gardens, to enjoy scrumptious food and wines, and visit the craft stalls. The festival is during spring time, so the scenery all along the route will be very colourful.

Day 1: October 18

Guest will be picked up from their homes, and transferred to OR Tambo airport. Time for the pickup, transfer and flight will be confirmed closer to the date. 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: October 19

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: October 20

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.

After enjoying lunch in town, we also visit the town's museum, as well as the Walter Battiss museum. Somerset East is very central to the region. 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 and 5: October 21 & 22

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. Some of these gardens are on farms in the outlying areas of Bedford. 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 and see an amazing butterfly collection. Over the two days we will do the best of the festival.

Day 6: October 23

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 Gariiep 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: October 24

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:

Monday 18 October to Sunday 24 October 2021

Cost of the 7-day tour is R12 400 per person sharing.

Single supplement is R 2 000

Included:

Accommodation Entrance fees Breakfast Dinner All activities as per Itinerary

1 flights 1 transfers

Excluded:

Drinks Lunch Laundry Telephone calls
Curios

Trip 12 – Cherry Festival

Together with the festival, also enjoy the spectacular red sandstone mountains of Golden Gate and the Maluti mountain regions, as well as visiting the popular town of Clarens.

Day 1: Thursday 18 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: Friday 19 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: Saturday 20 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. The streets are very safe to walk around in.

Day 4: Sunday 21 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:

Thursday 18 November to Sunday 21 November 2021

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



TRIP	DATES	DAYS	TOUR NAME	PPS	Single
1	7 Feb - 9 Feb	3 days	Pilanesberg - Bakubung	8000	2800
2	8 March - 12 March	5 days	KNP - Lower Sabie - Satara	14 700	2000
3	10 April - 15 April	6 days	KZN Game parks	14 600	2500
4	8 May - 13 May	5 days	Mapungubwe	13 700	2300
5	27 May - 2 June	7 Days	KNP far north & pano	16 500	2500
6	28 July - 1 Aug	5 Days	Knp Biyamiti / Satara	13 400	2500
7	21 Aug - 29 Aug	9 days	Namaqualand 1 flight	16 800	2000
8	1 Sept - 6 Sept	6 days	Overberg 2 flights	15 500	2000
9	19 Sept - 25 Sept	7 days	Drakensberg /Big 5 All meals	15 800	2500
10	9 Oct - 15 Oct	7 days	Hogsback & Cradock 1 flight	11 800	2000
11	18 Oct - 24 Oct	7 days	Addo / Bedford 1 flight	12 400	2000
12	18 Nov - 21 Nov	4 days	Cherry Festival All meals	9600	2000

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