



South Africa Explorer 2018

"It is our pleasure to present a fully escorted tour to South Africa, a remarkable country and an exciting holiday destination. Experience a wonderful diversity of scenery, rich history, abundant wildlife and an insight into the major sights of South Africa including Kruger National Park, the Garden Route, Cape Town plus Victoria Falls. Join us for a truly spectacular tour experience!"



TOUR DEPARTS :
Saturday 11 August
TOUR COST :
21 Days for \$11,650.00
share twin
(single supplement : \$1,540.00)



Tour Highlights :

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- * Johannesburg, gateway into South Africa.
- * Scenic Blyde River Canyon – one of the largest on earth!
- * Kruger National Park wildlife viewing, home to the 'big five' – elephant, rhino, lion, leopard and buffalo.
- * Swaziland and Zululand to experience a taste of the Zulu customs.
- * Durban, holidaymakers paradise with its carnival atmosphere.
- * Spectacular 'Garden Route' Port Elizabeth to Cape Town.
- * Oudtshoorn, centre for the ostrich farming industry.
- * Cape Town, set against the magical backdrop of table mountain.
- * Cape Town sightseeing featuring Cape Winelands Tour, Cape Peninsula Tour, Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens and West Coast Wildflower Adventure.
- * Victoria Falls Zimbabwe, with Sunset Zambezi River Cruise.



Included in your tour cost :

- * Home pickup and return within the Auckland Metropolitan area (if applicable).
- * Services of Travelwise Holidays Tour Leader Thelma Lockery throughout.
- * Economy class air fares Auckland/Johannesburg return (via Sydney) flying with Qantas Airways with all current airline and airport taxes (NB. Upgrades to Premium Economy or Business Class can be requested at extra cost, subject to availability).
- * 19 nights quality accommodation at Johannesburg (2), Mpumalanga (3), Swaziland (1), Zululand (1), Durban (1), Port Elizabeth (1), Knysna (2), Oudtshoorn (1), Stellenbosch (1), Cape Town (4) and Victoria Falls (2).
- * 10 x dinners, 3 x lunches and breakfast daily.
- * Transport in private touring vehicles with English speaking driver and guide on all transfers and sightseeing excursions.
- * Internal air travel within South Africa and sightseeing entrance fees as detailed in tour itinerary.
- * All pre-paid gratuities throughout the tour.
- * Porterage at all airports and hotels.
- * Travelwise Holidays documentation and travel bag.



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POSTAL BOOKING SLIP:

SOUTH AFRICA EXPLORER TOUR 2018

ROOM TYPE: Share twin / Double / Single

NAME/S:

ADDRESS:

POSTCODE: **TEL:**

Deposit enclosed @ \$900 per person \$.....

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SAT 11 AUG - AUCKLAND/ JOHANNESBURG **D**

This morning transfer to Auckland Airport for your Qantas Airways flight to Johannesburg via Sydney departing at 8.35 am. Arrive in Johannesburg at 4.35 pm and transfer to the Garden Court Sandton City Hotel where you will stay for the next two nights.

SUN 12 AUG - JOHANNESBURG SIGHTSEEING **B**

This morning is at leisure. This afternoon enjoy a city and Soweto tour including Hector Peterson Memorial, visit to Nelson Mandela House and a behind the scenes tour of Ellis Park Stadium.

MON 13 AUG - JOHANNESBURG/ MPUMALANGA **B,D**

Depart Johannesburg for your journey by road to Hazyview in Mpumalanga Province. En-route visit the scenic Blyde River Canyon, one of the largest canyons on earth, and be amazed at the spectacular view of Kruger National Park and the Lowveld from God's window at the edge of the escarpment. Transfer to Protea Hotel Hazyview where you will stay for the next three nights.

TUE 14 AUG - KRUGER NATIONAL PARK SIGHTSEEING **B,D**

This morning, enjoy an early game drive in the world-famous Kruger National Park. Search for the Big Five and enjoy prolific birdlife and wildlife viewing. The afternoon is at your leisure or you have the option to enjoy an open vehicle game drive at extra cost.

WED 15 AUG - KRUGER NATIONAL PARK SIGHTSEEING **B,D**

This morning depart early for a game drive in Kruger National Park, this time in an open game vehicle. In the afternoon depart for a visit to a children's care centre in the Hazyview area followed by a visit to the Shangani Cultural Village for a tour and some local entertainment. Meet the resident Shangaan family and learn aspects of history, customs and traditions.

THU 16 AUG - MPUMALANGA/ SWAZILAND **B,D**

This morning travel through the beautiful countryside of the Kingdom of Swaziland. Visit a glass factory en-route and witness the local craftsmen at work. This afternoon there is an optional visit to a Swazi candle factory. Transfer to the Happy Valley Hotel Ezulwini where you will stay overnight.

FRI 17 AUG - SWAZILAND/ ZULULAND **B,D**

This morning depart hotel and head back across the border to South Africa. Enjoy an afternoon open vehicle game drive while travelling to the Hluhluwe-Umfolozo region where you will stay overnight at Ubizane Wildlife Reserve (Zululand Safari Lodge or similar).

SAT 18 AUG - ZULULAND/ DURBAN **B,L**

Travel to a traditional Zulu village for lunch and a show displaying the local Zulu culture before continuing on to Durban for your overnight stay at Southern Sun Elangeni & Maharani Hotel.

SUN 19 AUG - DURBAN/PORT ELIZABETH **B,D**

Enjoy the day at leisure in Durban until transfer to the airport for your flight to Port Elizabeth. On arrival at Port Elizabeth transfer to the Garden Court Kings Beach Hotel where you stay overnight.

MON 20 AUG - PORT ELIZABETH/ KNYSNA **B**

Today, begin your journey along the famous Garden Route and visit Tsitsikamma National Park and Storm's River Mouth en route to Knysna. The beautiful and popular Tsitsikamma National Park is bordered by mountains to the north and the Indian Ocean to the south. A place of lush indigenous and commercial forests, deep river gorges and abundance of magnificent birds and nature walks. Arrive in Knysna and transfer to the Protea Hotel Knysna Quays where you will stay for the next two nights. The rest of the day is at leisure to discover the shops and restaurants along the lagoon foreshore.

TUE 21 AUG - KNYSNA SIGHTSEEING **B,L,D**

After a leisurely start, today enjoy a lagoon cruise to Knysna's famous Featherbed Nature Reserve with its abundance of plant, bird and small wildlife, followed by a trailer ride to the top of Western Head. Walk back through the milkwood trees in time for lunch at the restaurant set on the edge of the lagoon. Enjoy dinner tonight at a local restaurant.

WED 22 AUG - KNYSNA/ OUDTSHOORN **B**

Depart Knysna and travel over the Outeniqua Pass to Oudtshoorn where you will visit an ostrich breeding farm for a guided tractor tour including a short "game drive" around the working farm. Continue with a guided tour of Oudtshoorn's famous Cango Caves, an extensive system of tunnels and chambers and one of Africa's most spectacular natural rock formations. Transfer to the Oudtshoorn Inn where you will stay overnight.

THU 23 AUG - OUDTSHOORN / STELLENBOSCH **B,D**

Today enjoy an early morning meerkat safari (weather permitting). Continue to Stellenbosch, stopping en route to visit a local farm school. On arrival Stellenbosch, transfer to Protea Hotel Dorpshuis where you will stay overnight. Enjoy dinner and wine tasting tonight at Welbedacht Wine Estate.

FRI 24 AUG - STELLENBOSCH / CAPE TOWN **B**

Today enjoy a Cape Winelands experience featuring historic and modern architecture, fabulous cruising and world-class wines. The tour includes the principal wine routes of Paarl, Stellenbosch and Franschhoek stopping along the way for wine tasting at prestigious estates. On arrival Cape Town, transfer to the Southern Sun Waterfront Hotel where you will stay for the next four nights.

SAT 25 AUG - CAPE TOWN SIGHTSEEING **B,D**

Today depart on a full day local Peninsula Tour. Step into the working harbor of Hout Bay for an authentic fishing village experience from the colourful fishing boats to the range of fish markets, restaurants, street markets and shops overlooking the bay. Enjoy the famous scenic drive between Hout Bay and Noordhoek on Cape Town's stunning Atlantic Ocean coastline and enter Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve, a world heritage site. Take a trip via Funicular to the old lighthouse lookout point at the top of the cliffs for spectacular views. The return journey includes visits to Boulders Beach for penguin viewing and Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden on the slopes of Table Mountain.

SUN 26 AUG - CAPE TOWN SIGHTSEEING **B**

This morning enjoy a local city tour including the Table Mountain aerial cableway (weather permitting) for stunning views of the city below and surrounding oceans. Continue with a guided tour of the historical and cultural sights of Cape Town including key monuments and places of interest featuring the Castle of Good Hope, St George's Cathedral, the Lush Company Gardens and Cape Malay Quarter. Enjoy this afternoon at leisure in Cape Town.

MON 27 AUG - CAPE TOWN - WILDFLOWER ADVENTURE **B,L**

Enjoy a full day excursion to the West Coast National Park for a wildflower adventure including a special seafood bbq lunch. The park is composed of various kinds of habitats that accounts for the variety of flora and fauna. The wildflowers are a major attraction in the park and there is a proliferation of annual spring flowers in August and September.

TUE 28 AUG - CAPE TOWN/ VICTORIA FALLS **B**

This morning transfer to Cape Town airport for your South Africa Airways flight to Livingstone departing at 8.30 am. Arrive in Livingstone at 11.15 am and transfer to Ilala Lodge Hotel located in the heart of Victoria Falls where you will stay for the next two nights. The lodge is situated on the Zimbabwean side of the mighty Zambezi River boasting impressive views of the amazing waterfall. This afternoon transfer to the landing for a relaxing two hour sunset cruise down the Zambezi River. Enjoy snacks and refreshments on board and an opportunity to do some last minute game viewing.

WED 29 AUG - VICTORIA FALLS SIGHTSEEING **B**

This morning depart hotel on a guided tour of the "Smoke that Thunders" - Victoria Falls. One of the seven natural wonders of the world the Victoria Falls is a truly spectacular sight. On your guided tour of the Zimbabwe side of the Falls you will have the opportunity to experience its awesome unspoilt grandeur. Also take time to observe the amazing vegetation and bird life in the rainforest. After this great experience, transfer back to your hotel and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

THU 30 AUG - VICTORIA FALLS/ JOHANNESBURG/ AUCKLAND **B**

Morning at leisure in Victoria Falls until transfer to the airport for your South African Airways flight to Johannesburg depart at 1.30 pm. Arrive Johannesburg and connect with Qantas Airways flight to Auckland via Sydney.

FRI 31 AUG - ARRIVE AUCKLAND

Arrive in Auckland at 10.15 pm where you will be transferred to your home address.



KEY : B = Breakfast; L = Lunch; D - Dinner