

## **AFRX04: 15 DAY TOUR OF SOUTH AFRICA**

This 15-day guided tour starting in Johannesburg and ending in Cape Town includes visiting Mpumalanga Province, the Kruger National Park, Swaziland, KwaZulu-Natal, Port Elizabeth, Garden Route, Winelands and Cape Town. **The itinerary can also be done the other way round.**

Should you have more time available, the itinerary below can be extended. Adding another day will for instance make it possible to spend more time at Addo Elephant Park. Should you arrive Cape Town International Airport the itinerary can also be done the other way round. As we arrange tours throughout South Africa and its neighbouring countries we can also assist you should you be interested to further extend your tour. Add-ons to consider include visiting other parts of South Africa, the Victoria Falls, Zambia, Botswana, Namibia, etc.

The level of accommodation required can be defined according to our destination grading standard (Silver, Gold or Platinum) – see Tours Page.

**Duration:** 15 days / 14 nights  
**Departing:** Johannesburg or Cape Town

### **ITINERARY**

A more detailed description of the itinerary route, accommodation and sightseeing activities, is available on request.

**Day 1:** We meet you arriving at the Johannesburg, Port Elizabeth or Cape Town Airport to discuss the tour itinerary/travel detail and hand you the necessary travel vouchers. Transfer to a closely situated countryside hotel. Depending time of arrival an afternoon a Johannesburg or Soweto city tour can be arranged. *B&B accommodation.*

**Day 2:** Depart on the first leg of your overland tour to the Blyde River Canyon in the Mpumalanga Province. The route followed is via Witbank, Middelburg, Dullstroom – a quaint fly-fishing village, Lydenburg and Ohrighstad. En-route, visit Pilgrim's Rest – an historic gold mining. Spend the night at Lodge overlooking the Blyse River Canyon. *B&B accommodation.*

**Day 3:** Continue your tour to the "Big Five" Kruger National Park via the Blyde River Canyon – part of the so called "Panorama Route", Graskop, down Kowyn's Pass and Hazyview. Traveling along the scenic Blyde River Canyon you can stop at various sightseeing spots such as the Three Rondawels, World's End, the Potholes and God's Window. Check-in at one of the Camps in the southern region of the Kruger National Park where you spend two nights. *Self-catering accommodation is included. There is a shop and restaurant in the Camp.*

**Day 4:** Spend a full day doing game viewing drives in the Kruger Park. Also included is a guided open vehicle sunset game drive. *Self-catering accommodation.*

**Day 5:** Leaving the Kruger Park via Malelane gate, head for the Jeppe's Reef border post where you enter the Royal Kingdom of Swaziland. Stop at the Ngwenya Glass – one of Swaziland's major tourist attractions where you can witness the magical art of glassblowing. Spend the night at a lovely hotel situated in the mountainous forestry region of the country. *D,B&B accommodation.*

**Day 6:** En-route to the Lavumisa border post where you re-enter South Africa, visit the Swazi Candle factory where unique candles are manufactured by local craftsmen. Check-in at a Game Park or hotel situated near the "Big Five" Hluhluwe/Umfolozi Game Reserve where you spend two nights. *D,B&B accommodation.*

**Day 7:** Spend another day in the area doing a sightseeing drive to the St Lucia estuary - one of South Africa's "World Heritage Sites". Also included is a guided open vehicle early-morning or sunset game drive in the Hluhluwe/Umfolozi Game Reserve. *D,B&B accommodation.*

**Day 8:** Continue your tour down the KwaZulu-Natal North Coast to one of the lovely beach resorts near Durban where you spend the night at a Guest House/Lodge. Enjoy a relaxing afternoon on the beach. *B&B accommodation.*

**Day 9:** Transfer to Durban – the holiday capital of KwaZulu-Natal to board a morning flight to Port Elizabeth on the Cape East Coast. Continue your tour by traveling down the Garden Route to Knysna stopping to visit the scenic Storm's River situated in the Tsitsikamma National Park where you can have a light lunch. Knysna - nowadays one of the most sought after holiday towns on the Garden Route - is situated on a lake with a rocky entrance to the sea called "The Heads". Check-in at one of the Knysna Guet Lodges/Hotels for a two night stay. *B&B accommodation.*

**Day 10:** Spend another day in Knysna doing scenic drives to the Heads and/or to Coney Glen – a scenic viewpoint above The Heads or visiting the lovely beaches in the closely situated Plettenberg Bay or Brenton-on-Sea. Alternatively, spend the day relaxing at the Guest Lodge/Hotel that is within walking distance from the Knysna Waterfront and various shopping malls with many restaurant and coffee shop options. *B&B accommodation.*

**Day 11:** Check-out after breakfast for a leisurely drive along the scenic route to Oudtshoorn – the “Ostrich feather capital” of South Africa. The route followed is via Sedgefield, Wilderness on the coastline, George, up the Outeniqua Pass, De Rust, Meiringspoort Pass, Prince Albert and down the very scenic Swartberg Pass. Should you be interested, you can also visit the world renowned Cango Caves and one of the ostrich farms. Spend the night in a lovely cottage at Red Stone Hills - a working farm in the Klein Karoo near Calitzdorp. Staying here is an experience to be remembered! *B&B accommodation.*

**Day 12:** Tour along the scenic Route R62 to Cape Town via Calitzdorp stopping at Boplaas Cellars for a taste of the best port in the country, Ladismith, Barrydale stopping at “Ronnie’s Sex Shop” for a refreshment drink, Montagu, Robertson and Worcester. Arriving Cape Town check-in at one of the lovely self-catering 1, 2 or 3-bedroom apartments situated on the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront that we often use. Here you will spend the last three nights of your tour. *Self-catering accommodation - there are a wide variety of excellent restaurants at the V&A Waterfront.*

**Day 13:** Spend the day doing the Table Mountain cableway trip (weather depending), a drive-through city tour visiting the Company Gardens, Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens and the many other sightseeing spots of which we will inform you. Should you prefer, guided sightseeing tours can be arranged while you are in Cape Town. Although more expensive than “self-drive” you will save on car rental cost.

**Day 14:** Spend the day doing a Cape Peninsula sightseeing tour by visiting Clifton, Camps Bay, Hout Bay where you can do a boat trip to Seal Island, driving along the scenic Chapmans Peak Route, visit Cape Point Nature Reserve – the mythical meeting point of the two oceans, Simon’s Town and the Boulders Penguin Colony.

**Day 15:** Do some last minute shopping at the V&A Waterfront, transfer to Cape Town International Airport, check-in and board your homebound flight.

### **PRICE STRUCTURE**

From ZAR14 400 per person sharing. The quoted price will be lower should there be more pax in the group

#### **Package price includes:**

- Domestic airfare from Durban to Port Elizabeth on day 9. Should you need to return to Johannesburg at the end of the tour, we can include such a flight at a very reasonable fare.
- A Suitable vehicle for your overland tour.
- Accommodation as per the itinerary.
- Meals as per the itinerary.
- Game drives, sightseeing excursions/activities and entrance fees as per the itinerary.
- Conservation fee at the Kruger National Park.
- Our handling of all the accommodation, domestic flight, transport, guide and other itinerary arrangements.

#### **Package price excludes:**

- International airfares.
- Entrance fees and costs of excursions/activities not included in the above itinerary.
- All meals other than that included in the itinerary.
- All refreshments such as cold drinks, teas/coffees and bar items.
- Gratuities/tips for services rendered (at restaurants for meals not included in the itinerary above, for guides and other services etc)
- All costs of personal nature.