

20 GIORNI OVERLAND IN SUDAFRICA, LESOTHO ED ESWATINI (EX SWAZILAND)



**Note:** questo tour è disponibile sia nella versione camping che accomodated

**Note:** questo tour è disponibile anche nella direzione opposta da Johannesburg a Cape Town (sud)

### Day 1 - The Cape Whale Coast Route

Made up of a collection of villages, farms, rivers, bays, coves and valleys, the Cape Whale

Coast is a pristine stretch of the South African coastline which runs from the town of Rooiels for roughly 150km, to the east. We have a full day ahead of us which takes us from the bustling city centre of Cape Town via the vineyards and town of Stellenbosch to the town of Hermanus - not forgetting a stop at the largest breeding colony of the African Penguin, Stony Point Nature Reserve. During the months of July to November you may be lucky enough to see the southern right whales that visit the bay in Hermanus.

Accommodation Windsor Hotel <https://windsorhotel.co.za/>

Facilities Accommodated: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom

Route Cape Town to Hermanus

Meals Lunch, Dinner

Included Highlight Walk through the town of Stellenbosch, Stony Point Penguin Colony visit, Chocolate & Wine tasting

### **Day 2 - Route 62 - Oudtshoorn**

Crossing the Hottentots-Holland Mountains this morning we set out for the Klein Karoo and our overnight stop in Oudtshoorn. We follow the scenic Route 62 today, stopping to experience one of the many farm stalls on the way. One of the more quirky highlights today is Ronnie's Sex Shop, not a sex shop at all, but a rather interesting country pub! Our day ends with a guided tour of the famous Cango Caves, we can only marvel at the astonishing formations that have formed in these impressive limestone caves.

Accommodation Kleinplaas Holiday Resort <http://www.kleinplaas.co.za> OR Oude Meul Country Lodge <http://www.deoudemeul.co.za/>

Route Hermanus to Oudtshoorn

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included Highlight Stop at Ronnie's Sex Shop, Cango Caves Basic Tour

### **Day 3 - Heart of Garden Route**

Our morning starts as we make our way over the Outeniqua Mountains and descend to the

beautiful Garden route coastline below. Our first stop for the day is a visit to the George Museum, a quirky and interesting museum displaying the local timber trade of the area. In the coming days we spend time hiking, relaxing at the beach and sampling the many optional activities available.

Accommodation The Dunes Hotel <https://dunesresort.co.za/>

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included Highlight George Museum & Gardens

Route Outdshoorn to Garden Route

#### **Day 4 - Tsitsikamma**

The Garden Route is a treasure trove of beautiful beaches, forest walks and an exciting menu of optional adventures. While our morning is set aside for some relaxation on the beaches of Plettenberg Bay, today offers a number of optional activities and your guide will assist you to get the most out of the day. This afternoon we have the opportunity to visit the hidden gem of Nature's Valley, this beautiful village offers us a chance to enjoy a hike or simply relax on the pristine beach in this little paradise. In order to make the most of this day, the truck will run a set schedule and you are free to join or leave at the places that interest you.

Accommodation Accommodated: Tsitsikamma Cottages <http://www.tsitsikamma.net/> OR  
Tsitsikamma Village Inn

<https://www.tsitsikammavillageinn.co.za/>

Route Wilderness to Tsitsikamma

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included Highlight Natures Valley Nature Walk

Optional Activity Township Tour, Ocean Safaris, Sea Kayaking, Monkeyland, Birds of Eden and

Bloukrans Bungee Jump

### **Day 5 - Tsitsikamma**

Tsitsikamma National Park is one of South Africa's premier marine reserves and this morning we set out to explore the rugged coastline on foot.

Our hike along the Waterfall Trail sees us cover the first section of the world renowned Otter Trail, this is not an easy hike and those who prefer a more leisurely option can make use of the boardwalks to the Storms River Mouth. We return after our hike and you will have the opportunity to

Accommodation Accommodated: Tsitsikamma Cottages <http://www.tsitsikamma.net/> OR Tsitsikamma Village Inn

<https://www.tsitsikammavillageinn.co.za/>

Camping: Tsitsikamma Cottages <http://www.tsitsikamma.net/> OR Tube n Axe <http://tubenaxe.co.za/> Tsitsikamma

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included Highlight Tsitsikamma National Park entrance and hike with your Nomad guide

Optional Activity Treetop canopy tours, Woodcutters Journey

### **Day 6 - Greater Addo Elephant National Park area**

This morning we set out for the Eastern Cape and the Addo National Park. We make a stop this morning in the surfing mecca of Jeffrey's Bay, famous for its waves. You have the opportunity to visit the small surfing museum, catch a quick wave or simply enjoy a cup of coffee overlooking these famous waves. This afternoon we will make our first visit to seek the elephants after which Addo is named.

Accommodation Kudu Ridge Lodge <http://www.kuduridge.co.za>

Route Tsitsikamma National Park to Addo Elephant National Park

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included Highlight Jeffrey's Bay and an afternoon game drive in Addo National Park (in the Nomad truck)

### **Day 7 - Greater Addo Elephant National Park area**

This morning you will have the option to visit Port Elizabeth before returning to camp for lunch. In the afternoon we visit Addo, famed for the elephants after which the park was named. Recent expansion has seen Addo grow to become the third largest of South Africa's National Parks. The unique vegetation of Addo supports a wide variety of wildlife and we will spend the afternoon in search of the animals that call Addo home.

Accommodation Kudu Ridge Lodge <http://www.kuduridge.co.za>

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included Highlight Afternoon game drive in Addo NP (in the Nomad truck)

### **Day 8 - Graaff Reinet**

The historic town of Graaff-Reinet nestles in the heartland of the Great Karoo and offers a unique insight into the history of this arid region. It is also the fourth oldest town in the country. This evening you will join a sundowner excursion to the Valley of Desolation, this unique valley offers a panoramic view over the town and the wide open plains stretching out below. Kindly note that during the winter months, this activity will become a Sunrise excursion to the valley of Desolation the following morning.

Accommodation Profcon Resort <http://www.profconresort.co.za/>

Route Addo to Graaff Reinet

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included Highlight Valley of Desolation Sundowner Tour

### **Day 9 - Lesotho - Malealea**

This morning we cut across the vast expanse of the Great Karoo, our destination is nestled in the heights of Lesotho. This autonomous mountain kingdom boasts the highest peaks in Southern Africa and is one of the highest countries in the world, the entire kingdom lies over 1000m above sea level. Having crossed the mighty Orange River, we enter the border of Lesotho and make

the climb to our camp set high in the mountains.

Accommodation Malealea Lodge <http://www.malealea.com>

Route Graaff Reinet to Lesotho

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### **Day 10 - Lesotho - Malealea**

The clean air of the mountains accompanies us this morning as we explore the mountains on foot, our hike concludes with a village visit and the opportunity to gain insight into the community that calls these mountains home. The Basotho are famous for their traditional hats, blankets and their sturdy ponies. Basotho ponies are renowned for their surefootedness in the mountains and you have the opportunity of an optional pony trek this afternoon to experience this first-hand. This activity is not for the inexperienced or fainthearted.

Accommodation Malealea Lodge <http://www.malealea.com>

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included Highlights Morning Hike, Lesotho Village tour

Optional Activity Pony Trekking

### **Day 11 - South Africa - uKhahlamba Drakensberg Park**

We exit Lesotho and travel through the sandstone cliffs of Golden Gate. Our destination is the mountains of the Drakensberg. Running the length of the Kwazulu-Natal province, the uKhahlamba Drakensberg Park is a UNESCO recognised world heritage site. Whether you go by the Zulu name uKhahlamba, meaning 'barrier of spears', or the Afrikaans name Drakensberge, meaning 'dragon mountains', these towering mountains are a hiker's paradise and worthy of exploration.

Accommodation

Monks

Cowl

<http://www.goodersonleisure.co.za/gooderson-monks-cowl-golf-resort>

OR

The Nest <https://www.thenest.co.za/>

Route Lesotho to Drakensberg  
Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner  
Included Highlight Oliviers Hoek Pass

### **Day 12 - UKhahlamba Drakensberg Park**

We set out this morning for a lengthy hike. Along our way we will have the opportunity to view examples of San rock art with a local guide at Battle Cave. While we encourage everyone to make the most of the day in mountains, we may offer separate options depending on the activity level of the group. With a number of trails available we can ensure that we cater to every need, the most important aim is to ensure everyone enjoys this mountain paradise at their own pace.

Accommodation Monks Cowl  
<http://www.goodersonleisure.co.za/gooderson-monks-cowl-golf-resort>  
OR

The Nest <https://www.thenest.co.za/>  
Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner  
Included Highlight Hike with your guide in Ukhahlamba-Drakensberg Park

### **Day 13 - Kwa Zulu Natal Coast - St Lucia**

It's all downhill as we leave the mountain scenery en route to the Kwazulu Natal Coast. On the 5th August 1962, police waved down a car on a lonely country road in KwaZulu-Natal. At the wheel was Nelson Mandela. He was arrested and spent 27 years in prison. Today you will have the opportunity to visit this historic capture site, marked by an impressive sculpture in honour of "Madiba". We will also stop at the Howick Falls to listen to the power of the falls and take some photos at the view point. Then it's onto the bustling city of Durban is South Africa's largest port where you will have time to stretch your legs with a stroll along the promenade before heading for our final destination, St Lucia.

Accommodation Shonalanga <http://www.shonalanga.net>  
Route Drakensberg to St Lucia  
Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included Highlight Visit to the Mandela Capture Site, Howick Falls

### **Day 14 - Hluhluwe - Umfolozi Game Reserve / iSimangaliso Wetland Park**

We set out early this morning for a game drive in the nearby Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Game Reserve, one of the last strongholds of the endangered rhinoceros. While rhinoceros are the most famous of the parks inhabitants, the park also provides a home to many other species, including the Big-5 that we all hope to see. Returning to our lodging for a siesta, we freshen up for an afternoon boat cruise on St Lucia estuary.

Accommodation Shonalanga <http://www.shonalanga.net>

Route Durban to St Lucia

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included Highlight Game Drive in Hluhluwe/Imfolozi National Park, St. Lucia Boat Cruise

### **Day 15 - Eswatini - Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary**

An early start and we are off to Eswatini (formerly known as the Kingdom of Swaziland), this afternoon we have the opportunity to join many of the optional activities that are offered here. Take your choice from game drives, mountain biking or a visit to the Chief's village.

Accommodation Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary <http://www.biggameparks.org/mlilwane/>

Route St Lucia to Eswatini

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Optional Activity Game Drives, Swazi Cultural Experience, Mountain Biking and Hiking

### **Day 16 - Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary**

Endless hours of self-guided exploration within the small 4560ha Mlilwane sanctuary are possible due to the relative absence of dangerous game.

This morning our guide will lead us out on a nature walk to explore the " Nature Trail " which provides interpretation of historical and



environmental information of the area.

Accommodation Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary <http://www.biggameparks.org/mlilwane/>

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included Activity Nature Walk with Nomad guide

Optional Activity Game Drives, Mountain Biking and Hiking

### **Day 17 - South Africa - Kruger National Park**

Setting off back to South Africa, we make aim for the Kruger National Park and begin with our first game drive in the Nomad truck as we enter the gates of the park. The Kruger National Park is South Africa's flagship national park and sightings of the " big five " has become something of a quest for many guests. The Kruger NP has more that it's fair share of animals and with approximately 147 mammal species we will spend our time in search of both big and small.

Accommodation Nkambeni Reserve <http://www.nkambeni.com>

Route Swaziland to Kruger National Park area

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included Activity Game drive in Nomad truck, Kruger National Park

### **Day 18 - Kruger Park - Panorama Route**

We set out a little later today and travel the short distance to the Panorama Route. Strung along the escarpment that divides the central plateau and low-lying bushveld of the Kruger, the sights of the Panorama route offer us a day of scenic delights. We will visit the highlights of Bourke's Luck Potholes, the Three Rondavels and God's Window before returning to camp in the late afternoon.

Accommodation Nkambeni Reserve <http://www.nkambeni.com>

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included Highlight Panorama Route - Bourke's Luck Potholes, Blyde River Canyon, God's

Window

### **Day 19 - Kruger National Park**

Rising early this morning we enter the Kruger National Park to enjoy a full-day of game viewing. This full day game drive offers a unique view of the park from an open-sided 4x4 vehicle. This evening there is an opportunity for an optional Sundowner Drive.

Accommodation Nkambeni Reserve <http://www.nkambeni.com>

Route Kruger National Park

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included Highlight Kruger National Park 4x4 game drive

Optional Activity Sunset Drive (there is a concession fee applicable)

### **Day 20 - Kruger National Park to Johannesburg**

While those who elect to do the optional morning walk will have an earlier start, we will pack up and set off for our final destination, Johannesburg. We arrive at Belvedere Estate in the late afternoon and all travellers are invited to join us for a traditional meal tonight. This can be booked with your guide on the day before arrival. Many great tales are shared and tonight is for celebrating the many wonders of African travel.

Accommodation Own Arrangements / Post tour accommodation can be booked through Nomad.

Route Great Kruger NP area to Johannesburg

Meals Breakfast, Lunch

Optional Activity Morning Bush Walk (Subject to Availability) / Traditional meal at Belvedere Estate