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**WONDERS OF THE**

**GARDEN ROUTE**

**EXPLORE THE COASTAL VISTAS OF SOUTH AFRICA’S**

**GARDEN ROUTE IN SEVEN DAYS.**

The Garden Route offers the finest scenery, ocean sunsets and tropical forests from the Big 5 in the Addo Elephant National Park to the iconic Cape Town. During your stay, you will have the opportunity to partake in an interactive interpretative nature walk, focusing on biodiversity, adaptation, the importance of organisms, interdependence and the need for conservation.

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# HIGHLIGHTS

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| **Port Elizabeth:**  **Garden Route:** | Arrival in a seaside city  Route 67 walking tour visiting public art celebrating Nelson Mandela’s life  Game driving in Addo Elephant National Park  Explore the forests of Tsitsikamma National Park on leisurely hikes  Oyster tasting experience | **Cango Caves:**  **Cape Winelands:**  **Cape Town:** | View limestone formations on guided tour of the caves  Wine tasting and cellar tour  Explore the city at leisure  Full day scenic Cape Peninsula tour including Cape Point  Optional activities available |

# QUICK FACTS

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| **Tour type:**  **Duration:**  **Start:**  **End:**  **Country visited:** | Small group lodge safari  8 days  Port Elizabeth, South Africa  Cape Town, South Africa  South Africa | **Meals:**  **Vehicle:**  **Group Size:** | 07 x Breakfast  Suitable touring vehicle according to group size  \*Additional optional game drives in  open game-viewer available  Min. 4\* / Max. 14  \*Guaranteed departures with no minimum pax available |

# DEPARTURES DATES 2023

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| **MONTH** | **TOUR START** | **TOUR END** | **TYPE** | **MONTH** | **TOUR START** | **TOUR END** | **TYPE** |
| **March** | 01/03/2023 | 08/03/2023 | D |  | 22/08/2023 | 29/08/2023 | D |
|  | 22/03/2023 | 29/03/2023 |  | **September** | 13/09/2023 | 20/09/2023 |  |
| **April** | 18/04/2023 | 25/04/2023 | D | **October** | 04/10/2023 | 11/10/2023 | D |
| **May** | 29/05/2023 | 05/06/2023 |  |  | 18/10/2023 | 25/10/2023 | D/ GD |
|  | 31/05/2023 | 07/06/2023 | D | **November** | 01/11/2023 | 08/11/2023 | GD |
| **July** | 09/07/2023 | 16/07/2023 | GD |  | 14/11/2023 | 21/11/2023 | D |
|  | 22/07/2023 | 29/07/2023 | D |  | 29/11/2023 | 06/12/2023 |  |
| **August** | 14/08/2023 | 21/08/2023 |  | **December** | 27/12/2023 | 03/01/2024 | GD |

# D - German guided departures / GD - Guaranteed departures

# ITINERARY

**B** – Breakfast **L** – Lunch **D** – Dinner

## DAY 1: PORT ELIZABETH, SOUTH AFRICA

On arrival at Port Elizabeth Airport, you will be met and transferred to your accommodation. The rest of the day may be spent at leisure in the “friendly” city by the sea to participate in optional activities or enjoy a relaxed afternoon at the beach.

**Accommodation:** The Kelway Hotel or similar (luxury rooms with en-suite bathrooms, swimming pool, restaurant)

## DAY 2: ADDO ELEPHANT NATIONAL PARK, SOUTH AFRICA

Today we will explore Route 67 on a walking tour, which consist of a series of public art works celebrating the 67 years of public service of the freedom icon, Nelson Mandela, fondly known as Tata Madiba. In the early afternoon, you will be transferred to Addo National Park. A benchmark conservation success, the park offers a unique wildlife habitat, famous for the Addo elephants and the remaining population of the flightless dung beetle. We spend the afternoon on a game drive in our tour vehicle, in search of elephant, black rhino, lion, buffalo and leopard. Additional game drives conducted in open game-viewer vehicles are available at an extra expense. An evening spent at the floodlit waterhole allows us to watch the nocturnal animals and listen to their calls.

**Distance:** 70 km

**Accommodation:** Addo Elephant Rest Camp or similar (bungalows with en-suite bathrooms, swimming pool, restaurant)

**ADDO ELEPHANT NATIONAL PARK**

**ADDITIONAL GAME DRIVE IN OPEN GAME-VIEWER VEHICLE**

**Sundowner Game Drive** Incl. snacks and drinks Price to be advised

\*Pre-booking recommended. Based on a minimum of 2 people. Departure times are seasonally dependent.

## DAY 3 & 4: TSITSIKAMMA, SOUTH AFRICA B, B

This morning after breakfast our journey takes us to a region of startling beauty along South Africa’s southern coastline, known as the Garden Route. We spend two nights in the Storms River Village, at the heart of the Tsitsikamma Forest. We will take a leisurely hike along one of the short trails, which allow you to explore the coastal bush and rocky shoreline. There is also an option to plunge off the world’s highest bungi jump at the Bloukrans River (for own expense).

**Distance:** 240 km **Departure:** 08h00

**Accommodation:** Tsitsikamma Village Inn or similar (rooms with en-suite bathrooms, swimming pool, restaurant)

## DAY 5: KNYSNA TO OUDTSHOORN, SOUTH AFRICA B

After visiting ‘The Heads’ in Knysna, a town nestled on a tranquil lagoon, we will enjoy an interactive and educational oyster tasting experience. We continue our journey, travelling over the Outeniqua Mountains into the Little Karoo arriving in the town of Oudtshoorn. We take a trip to the famous Cango Caves, with their impressive ancient stalagmites and stalactites before overnighting in the ostrich capital of the world. During your stay, you will have the opportunity to partake in an interactive interpretative nature walk, focusing on biodiversity, adaptation, the importance of organisms, interdependence and the need for conservation.

**Distance:** 280 km **Departure:** 08h00

**Accommodation:** Mooiplaas Guest House or similar (rooms with en-suite bathrooms, bar, restaurant and swimming pool)

## DAY 6 & 7: CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA B, B

En-route to Cape Town, we visit the pretty university town of Stellenbosch, for wine tasting and a cellar tour. Once in Cape Town the afternoon is at leisure, enjoy sundowners at one of the fabulous beaches or indulge in some last minute shopping at the V&A Waterfront. The next day we get to explore the many attractions the ‘Mother City’ has to offer on our Cape Point tour.

**Distance:** 450 km **Departure:** 08h00

**Accommodation:** Pullman Cape Town City Centre or similar (rooms with en-suite bathrooms, restaurant)

## DAY 8: CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA B

Spend the final day at leisure. Weather dependent there is the chance to take the cable car up Table Mountain (own expense) and enjoy one last view of the Cape of Good Hope before your transfer to the airport.

**OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES IN CAPE TOWN**

Below is a list of some of the most popular optional activities on offer in Cape Town. Pre-booking is recommended to avoid disappointment. The rates are per person and are quoted in South African Rand. All activities are subject to availability and may require a minimum amount of passengers to operate. Certain activities only operate at specific times of the year or certain days of the week. Please contact our reservation office for further information. Should you wish to partake in an activity that is not listed below, we will gladly assist you with rates and reservations.

Cape Peninsula Tour (full day) Marine Eco Boat Tour

Spier Wine Farm & Vineyards Gliding Tour (Segway) Give Back Cultural Field Trip

Cape Township Tour Inverdoorn Day Visit - Self-drive

Inverdoorn Day Safari - With transfers The Whale Route Tour

Evening Township Tour Experience Sunset Cruise

Cape Town City Cycle Tour Table Mountain Hike

Mountain Biking (Table Mountain)

Aquila Private Game Reserve Day Safari

Cape Peninsula Tour (half day)

Cape Town City Tour (half day)

Harbour cruise - Dawn (30 Minutes)

Cape Point Tour with Hiking & Biking

Private Photographic Tour of Cape Town

# PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION

# DEPARTURE:

The Wonders of the Garden Route Safari departs from the Kelway Hotel. This tour joins the 20-day World in One Country tour, meeting up in Addo National Park.

**Please note that the daily departure times are a guideline only and are subject to change due to seasonal variations, as well as unforeseen circumstances. The final decision rests with your guide who will advise you at what time you will be departing each day.**

On the evening of Day 2, there will be a meeting presented by your guide, at approximately 18h00, at Addo Rest Camp. It is imperative that all clients attend this meeting so as not to miss out on any critical information.

Whilst it is our every intention to adhere to the above mentioned itinerary, there may on occasion be a necessity to make alterations in order to make the tour more enjoyable or practical. Therefore please treat the itinerary as a guide only.

# TRANSPORT:

Jenman Safaris uses fully equipped Toyota Quantum’s, Mercedes Benz Sprinters or Vito’s or other appropriate vehicles with comfortable seating, a music system, PA system and air-conditioning. Please note all game drives are conducted in the touring vehicle. Clients have the option to book additional game drives in open game-viewer vehicles. It is recommended that you pre-book additional game drives in advance to avoid disappointment.

# TRAVELLING TIMES AND DISTANCES:

All travelling times are affected by road conditions, border crossings, detours and weather conditions, therefore on certain days travelling times may be longer than anticipated especially where there is a lot of distance to be covered.  Please keep in mind that the time it takes to travel 100 km in your home country is not equivalent to the time it takes to travel 100 km on African roads, therefore we encourage you to sit back and enjoy the spectacular scenery Africa has to offer.   Where possible additional stops will be made to ensure your travelling comfort at all times.

# ACCOMMODATION:

We make use of mid-range typical African standard lodge accommodation. Accommodation is situated either in National Parks, on the banks of a river, or in other places of interest. The accommodation will be a mix of lodges, chalets and tented camps. Most of them have a private bathroom with a shower and toilet. Some properties are equipped with swimming pools and/or bar areas.

# MEALS:

Breakfast is included daily and provided by the lodge restaurants. A dinner package is available, at additional cost for 4 dinners. This needs to be booked in advance and the meals are to be taken in the lodge restaurants. Please advise us of any special dietary requirements in advance. Should you not wish to pre-pay for this, dinners will be for your own account and will still need to be taken in local restaurants or at the lodges if there are no restaurants in the nearby vicinity. There are no facilities available for self-catering.

# TRAVEL INSURANCE:

Please note that travel and cancellation insurance is mandatory for every guest travelling with Jenman African Safaris. All insurance is solely the responsibility of our guests. Please ensure you arrange your own insurance with protection for the full duration of your journey to cover personal injury, damage and loss of personal items including but not limited to camera equipment and other electronic items, medical expenses, repatriation expenses and loss of luggage, etc. Please speak to your travel agent if you require assistance.

# VISAS:

The onus is on the client to organize all visas required to visit South Africa prior to departure.

# MAKING YOUR TRAVELS MEANINGFUL:

The Grow Africa Foundation (163-738 NPO) is the responsible tourism initiative started by Jenman African Safaris and Hideaways. The focus of Grow Africa is to make a positive impact on the environment, society and economy in the places we travel to. We do this by instigating and supporting local social and environmental projects.

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**For more information regarding the attractions, accommodations and areas visited on this tour, we invite you to click through to the tour listing on our website** [**www.jenmansafaris.com**](http://www.jenmansafaris.com)**. You will also find information regarding availability and possible extensions to our scheduled tours. Our reservations office is at your service and we look forward to welcoming you to Jenman online!**

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