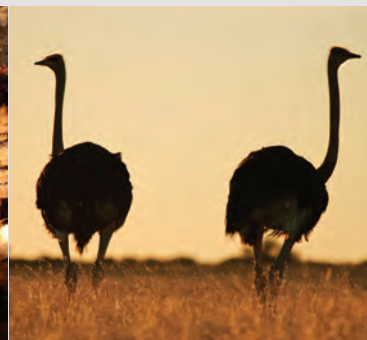


## Fifteen Day South African Surprise



Johannesburg • Hazyview • Kruger National Park • Swaziland • St Lucia • Durban • Drakensberg • East London • Port Elizabeth • Knysna • Oudtshoorn • Cape Town

It's an adventure unlike any other - South Africa, vast land of unimaginable beauty and diversity of experiences, is set to take your breath away.

Come on this journey of exploration, where you'll marvel at breathtaking vistas such as the Blyde River Canyon and God's Window, spend wild time in the company of lions and elephants in Kruger National Park, and walk – or even crawl – through the legendary Cango Caves with their iconic dripstone formations of stalactites and stalagmites.

This itinerary offers you the finest taste of the country, where each day presents another contrast, another opportunity, another facet of life here - from the cosmopolitan beauty of Cape Town, to an unforgettable ostrich ride in the 'Ostrich Capital of the World'; from a hike or stroll in the awe-inspiring Drakensberg Mountains, to St Lucia's memorable lakes and their inhabitants... both destinations are World Heritage sites. You'll buy African curios at a traditional craft market in the Kingdom of Swaziland, tour the cultural melting pot of Durban city, and journey through the Eastern Cape where the British settled in 1820. You'll travel by luxury bus, you'll walk, you'll ride, you'll stroll through the ancient trees in the Tsitsikamma National Park... and yes, you'll relax in the beauty of it all. South Africa's an extraordinary country, and in 15 glorious days, you'll be under its skin.

### INCLUDED

#### Transportation

- Tour in an air-conditioned sedan, mini, midi or standard luxury coaches

#### Professionally Escorted

- Discover the wonders of South Africa with enthusiastic, vibrant and professional Tour Guides

#### Accommodation

- Accommodation is on a twin share basis, and all rooms have private facilities
- All accommodation is of a three star standard

#### Meals

- 14 breakfasts and 5 dinners

#### Day One:

Upon arrival you will be met and assisted to your shuttle transfer service to the hotel. You are under own arrangements until 19h00 when the group meet at the hotel reception for a briefing on the tour and a chance to meet up with your fellow travellers.

#### Day Two:

This morning you leave for Mpumalanga, dropping several hundred feet into the lush subtropical region of the Lowveld. Travel along the circular Panorama Route via Graskop, visiting the view sites of the Blyde River Canyon, one of the natural wonders of Africa; gasp at the glory of God's Window, with a boundless view of mountains and fertile plains and finally a visit to Bourke's Luck Potholes before heading to Hazyview.

#### Day Three:

A bright and early start to the day in order to enjoy the wonders of exploring the Kruger National Park in your closed vehicle. Enter the park and keep a lookout for the wonderful flora and bird life that abounds. The Kruger National Park is an internationally renowned game reserve of nearly two million hectares and supports the largest variety of wildlife species on the African continent. Spend the day in search of game before returning to your hotel. Optional full day open safari vehicle game drive in Kruger National Park available.

#### Day Four:

This morning after breakfast, check out and depart on your journey to Swaziland. Proceed south through to Malelane and then onto Swaziland. Visit the famous Ngwenya Glass Factory before arriving at the hotel for overnight stay.

#### Day Five:

This morning you'll journey through Swaziland into Zululand stopping en route to bargain for curios and souvenirs at the roadside markets. The journey continues into the Kingdom of KwaZulu-Natal where ancient traditions and modern cultures of both Zulu and Settler have combined into a vibrant society living in peace and harmony. The World Heritage Site of St Lucia offers the opportunity of sighting many hippos, crocodile and bird life. Optional morning open safari vehicle game drive in Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Park available.

#### Day Six:

Guests have the option to lie in or take an optional morning open safari game drive before heading off later in the morning towards Durban. Visit the Botanic Gardens and continue with a city centre orientation tour before arriving at your hotel late afternoon. Optional afternoon sundowner St Lucia Boat Cruise available.

#### Day Seven:

Today the tour heads into the majestic Southern Drakensberg Mountains. Proceed on a visit to the 300 feet Howick Falls, continuing through the Southern Midlands Meander Route, arriving at the hotel mid afternoon. Your afternoon is at leisure to soak up the surroundings, or go fishing, hiking and even horse riding in clean mountain air.

#### Day Eight:

Full day at leisure to soak up the surroundings of the magnificent Southern Drakensberg Mountains. Optional 4x4 Adventure tour up Sani Pass and into Lesotho available.

#### Day Nine:

This morning we depart and continue south to East London. En route we first stop at Umtata to visit the area where our most famous citizen, Nelson Mandela, was born and grew up. After visiting the museum dedicated to the life and achievements of this incredible man, we continue and arrive late afternoon in East London, the only river port in Southern Africa. Check in for your overnight accommodation.

#### Day Ten:

After breakfast, check out and travel through East London for a short orientation tour. Continue through 'Settler Country' via Port Alfred towards Grahamstown. Visit the 1820 Settler Memorial before continuing onto Port Elizabeth. The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure. Port Elizabeth's beaches are magnificent and justifiably world famous.

#### Day Eleven:

Today your journey continues towards the Cape. Visit the Tsitsikamma Forest, which provides scenic walking opportunities. A short walk to the Storms River Mouth offers some magnificent views of the gorge and river below. Arrive in Knysna late afternoon for check in at the hotel, your base for the next two nights.

#### Day Twelve:

After breakfast, travel inland over the spectacular Outeniqua Pass to Oudtshoorn, known as the 'feather capital of the world' because of its ostrich industry. Visit the famous Cango Caves and an Ostrich Farm where you have the opportunity of riding one of these giant birds. Return to Knysna for overnight.

#### Day Thirteen:

Today's journey ends in Cape Town. On the way the tour stops off in Mossel Bay to visit the famous Post Office Tree, the Bartholomeus Diaz Museum and Shell Museum. Drive via Swellendam, Worcester and through the Huguenot Tunnel before arriving in Cape Town in the late afternoon.

#### Day Fourteen:

Enjoy a day of leisure in the 'Mother City' and a visit to the V&A Waterfront is recommended. Optional full day Winelands or Peninsula tour is available.

#### Day Fifteen:

This morning after breakfast, check out of the hotel by 11am after which the remainder of the day will be under your own arrangements.

#### Departure Dates 2011

4-18 Sep / 2-16 Oct / 06-20 Nov

#### Departure Dates 2012

08-22 Jan / 05-19 Feb / 04-18 Mar / 01-15 Apr / 13 May / 10 Jun / 15 July / 12 Aug / 02-16 Sep / 07-21 Oct

#### EXHILARATING OPTIONAL EXTRA'S

- Open vehicle safaris in the Kruger National Park.
- Open vehicle safaris in the Hluhluwe-Umfolozi Park.
- Game viewing boat cruise in St Lucia.
- 4x4 Adventure tour up Sani Pass and into Lesotho (Passport required).
- Full day tour to the Cape Winelands.
- Scenic full day Cape Peninsula Tour.

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