



Tour of South Africa
18 days | Accommodated

Information guidelines

The following information will serve as a guideline to your tour. Please take time to read this document as it includes important and helpful information.

Should you require any additional information please feel free to visit our website at www.CheapAfricaTours.com or www.GoedkopeAfrikaReizen.nl

This document consists of the following details:

A: All the necessary information you need to know before travelling

B: Full tour itinerary

C: Optional activities with rates.

A: Basic information

1. DEPARTURE POINT

This tour departs from the Greenfire Lodge Johannesburg, 25 Alida Street, Northcliff at 06h30am. Guests not staying at the Greenfire Lodge must arrive at the Lodge at 06h00. The telephone number is (011) 888-1160.

Clients can either book accommodation and airport transfers directly with Greenfire Lodge or through us.

2. ACCOMMODATION

PRE night accommodation can be arranged at the Greenfire Lodge Johannesburg in Northcliff and POST accommodation at the Greenfire Cape Town Lodge. It is advisable to overnight at the Greenfire Lodge if you have not already made alternative arrangements.

Accommodation at the Greenfire Lodges can be arranged through us. The Greenfire Lodge Johannesburg is located in the Northern suburbs of Johannesburg - a safe residential area. The Greenfire Lodge has a lovely swimming pool, restaurant, bar and shop. The Lodge is within walking distance of various shopping centers and banks.

Please note that we strongly advise against flying out on the day that the tour ends. We and our partners will not be held responsible for missed flights on this day. We generally travel long distances and late arrivals are common.

ACCOMMODATION ON TOUR:

This tour is fully accommodated – we will provide linen at all the Lodges.

- Batteries can be charged from a 220 volt source on: pre night in Johannesburg, days 3, 4, 9, 10, 13, 14 – 17.
- Currency exchange opportunities on tour: Arrival at Johannesburg Airport, guests are able to withdraw money from the bank on several days.
- Limited Laundry facilities on days: 10, 15 – 17 (essential washing only).
- Internet facilities: Pre night in Johannesburg, days 10, 15 and 16 – 17.
- We have a range of barrel bags for sale starting from € 50 nett per bag.

3. TRANSFERS

The Greenfire Lodge is accessible from the airport as follows:

* Approximately 45km

Self arranged Taxi (Between R500 – R750)

This transfer can also be booked through us. Please check our website under "Hotels and Transfers" for up to date prices

Our pick up times at the airports are: 08h00, 10h00, 12h00, 14h00, 17h00 & 20h00

Early and late transfers can be arranged for €35.00 per person one way.

If you wish to book a transfer through us, please advise us of your flight/arrival details well in advance as we cannot always do transfers at short notice.

Meeting point at Airport: Please meet our representative at International Arrivals (Terminal A) at the Tourist Information desk.

4. DAY TOURS

Day tours to various locations (Pretoria, Johannesburg, Soweto, Gold Reef City etc.) can be arranged for you by the staff on your arrival in Johannesburg. Downtown Johannesburg is not a safe area to explore on your own - sights recommended by guidebooks are often in crime-ridden areas. If you wish to experience the culture of the city we strongly recommend you arrange a half-day city tour. Day tours can be booked and paid for on arrival (more info under section C) . Most tours are based on a minimum of two people, however all efforts will be made to accommodate single travelers with already existing tours.

5. TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

Please ensure that you are in possession of valid travel documents for all the countries you will visit during this tour (South Africa and Swaziland).

Although we will endeavour to assist, we do not accept any liability or obligation for your travel documents.

The contact telephone number for Swaziland Trade Mission in Pretoria, South Africa is: +27 12 344 0455
Or visit Swaziland Tourism at www.welcometoswaziland.com

Make sure that your passport has at least six months' validity from your planned date of return to your home country and make sure there are enough blank pages for visas.

Make two photocopies of valuable documents such as your passport, tickets, visas and travelers cheques. Keep one copy with you in a separate place to the original and leave another copy with someone at home.

6. WEATHER CONDITIONS

Please note that Southern African weather conditions vary tremendously from season to season. During summer months temperatures of up to 40°C can be experienced. During the winter months of June, July and August the nights are very cold - temperatures may drop well below 0°C - although the day temperatures will be pleasant at around 20°C.

7. FOREIGN CURRENCY

South African Rand is the currency used in South Africa and Swaziland. All major currencies can be exchanged in South Africa. Please ensure that you have enough Rand as there are only limited opportunities to exchange foreign currencies. Major credit cards are widely accepted and can be used to pay for almost everything. Although Travelers Cheques are a safe way to transport money there are only limited opportunities to exchange your Travelers Cheques for cash.

On this tour the overland truck has safe-keeping facilities for extra cash/flight tickets/passports.

8. INSURANCE

It is compulsory that all passengers make arrangements for adequate travel insurance to financially safeguard against unforeseen circumstances. If you need further information please do not hesitate to contact us. We and our partners do not accept responsibility for any loss, injury, damage, accident, fatality, delay or inconvenience experienced whilst on tour. You will be required to complete and sign a full indemnity prior to tour departure.

9. CLOTHING & PERSONAL EFFECTS

Herewith a recommended guide of what to bring along:

**Backpack / Barrelbag / Soft Suitcase	Torch / Flashlight / batteries
Sleeping Bag & Small Pillow	Toiletries
Sport Shoes / Sneakers	Sun Cream
Sandals	Insect Repellant
Long Trousers / Tracksuit	Mosquito Net (Optional)
Shorts	Malaria Prophylaxis
Waterproof Windbreaker	***Refreshments
Jersey / Jumper	Money (Sundry expenses, gratuities)
T-Shirts / Shirts	Camera, Binoculars
Socks & Underwear	Books (Birds, Mammals etc.)
Swimming Costume & Towel	Pen
Hat	Passport / Visas (if applicable)
Water Bottle	Smaller day pack

* A camping bed for each guests will be supplied while on tour. (L=205; W=73; H=51)

** Luggage should be limited to a maximum of 15kg's

HARD SUITCASES ARE NOT SUITABLE!!

*** Refreshments can be purchased en-route on the first day of the tour, and at regular intervals throughout the tour.

10. HEALTH PRECAUTIONS & REQUIREMENTS

The only necessary prophylaxis for South Africa (including Swaziland) is against Malaria. Please consult with your general practitioner regarding this. Prevention is better than cure, please use insect repellent on exposed areas after sunset. You will find good repellants in all the convenient stores in South Africa.

On tour there will be a first aid box for use in emergencies, however we recommend that you bring along your own basic supply of medication, headache tablets etc.

11. MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS

Meals are provided as indicated in this document/website. Soft drinks, bottled water and alcohol are for your own expense; obviously there is ample opportunity during the tour to buy refreshments. The guide will advise when you need to stock up for a couple of days. Drinking water will be available on the truck, please note that this is not bottled water.

12. PERSONAL EXPENSES

A reasonable amount of personal spending money must be brought on our tours. This is to cover own expense meals, snacks, sundry goods purchased - such as batteries, suntan cream etc., all bottled water, alcohol and soft beverages, curios, optional extra excursions, airport tax, transfers and tips. In Africa it is common courtesy to tip casual help for services rendered. In the case of your guide, if you were happy with his or her services, an amount of R50 per day per person would constitute a reasonable tip.

13. GROUP SIZE (Max 17)

Group size varies from 4 – 17.

14. ON SAFARI

All our tours require participation from all tour members. This entails assisting with the food preparation, washing of dishes and keeping the truck clean.

Please keep in mind that flexibility and an open mind will greatly contribute to an enjoyable safari. We are travelling in developing countries; please do not expect the punctuality you have come to expect in first world countries. Things do not always run according to plan, however we do endeavour to run according to itineraries as much as possible.

B: Itinerary: Tour of South Africa | 18 days | Accommodated

OVERVIEW:

South Africa is a haven of spectacular scenery, abundant wildlife and diverse cultures, all topped with a healthy and invigorating climate. These qualities make it an adventure destination not to be

missed. A country with over 3000 kilometres of unspoiled coastline, boasting climatic differences from searing hot desert to snow-capped peaks, and varied cultures from the original Bushman to the most Western of ways. We visit the highlights, but leave the beaten track to explore the great outdoors and visit a variety of African eco-systems. Overnight stops are all at comfortable Lodges, in pristine reserves, high in the mountains, or on the beach, always in truly unique surroundings. The tour is enjoyed by those with a flexible attitude and adventurous mentality.

FULLY ACCOMMODATED

Route: Johannesburg to Cape Town

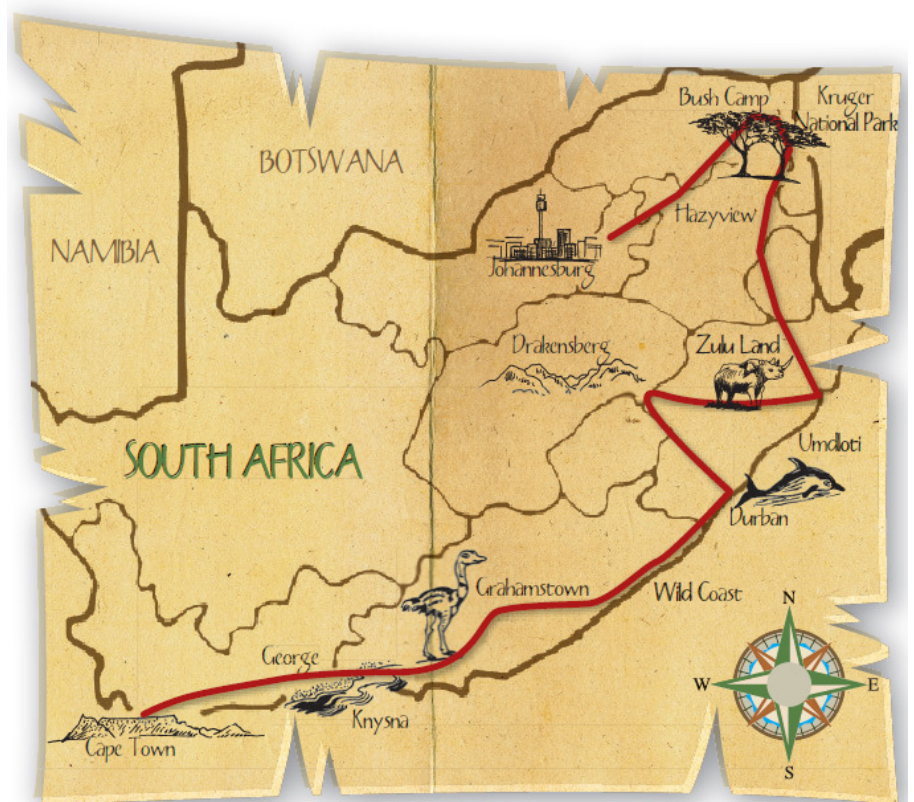
Accommodation: 17 nights lodges/ hotels

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

- "Big Five" Game Walks
- Open Vehicle Game Drives
- Game Reserves/National Parks
- Kruger National Park
- Zululand Game Reserve
- Drakensberg Mountains
- Swaziland Kingdom
- Cape Wine Farm
- African Culture
- Garden Route
- Coastal Hike
- Cape Town
- Table Mountain Hike
- Unspoiled Beaches
- San Rock Art
- Nelson Mandela Museum

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Sea Kayaking
- Bungi Jump
- Basotho Pony Ride
- Forest Mountain Bike
- Knysna Boat Trip
- Robben Island



Day to day description

Day 1: Johannesburg - Bush Lodge

The South Africa Tours start once we depart from Johannesburg at 06:30 as we set off on the scenic road to Mpumalanga. A brunch stop in the historic Dullstroom will be enjoyed before we wind our way down the Drakensberg escarpment and into the untamed Lowveld.

The next two nights will be spent at our well-appointed Bush Lodge which is situated in a private reserve within the greater Kruger National Park, an area where animals roam naturally and unrestricted. The tented Lodge blends into the bush and offers comfortable beds, en-suite bathrooms, a refreshing splash pool, and stunning views over the surrounding wilderness. Dinner tonight is cooked in the traditional manner over an open fire.

Meals: Dinner. Lunch at own expense

Included highlights/activity: Scenic drive down to the Lowveld Region, private Kruger National Park accommodation, private concession

Day 2: Bush Lodge

As is custom in the bush, we start the day with coffee and rusks before embarking on a game walk. Although we will walk for some three hours, the purpose is not to cover distance but rather to search for animals and in so doing, to learn more about the ways of the bush.

A guide and/ or tracker lead all walks. Before the heat of the day, we return to the Lodge for a sumptuous brunch after which it's time to relax around the Lodge and to enjoy the serenity of the surrounding wilderness. In the afternoon we conduct an open vehicle game drive (safari) which develops into an extensive night drive all the time searching for animals. Being in the bush at night provides us with the opportunity of viewing nocturnal animals.

This evening we enjoy a hearty bush "braai" (BBQ) cooked on an open fire. Fall asleep to the sounds of the wild.

Meals: Brunch, Dinner

Included highlights/activity: Exclusive private Bush Lodge, morning guided walk in Big 5 area, afternoon game drive (safari)/ night drive

Day 3: Panorama Route - Hazyview

Rising with the African sun, we will enjoy a hearty breakfast before setting off to explore the highlights of the Panorama Route. Our first stop will be to view the impressive Blyde River Canyon, then on to Bourke's Luck Potholes, Gods Window, and the cosy little town of Graskop where we will enjoy an own expense lunch at Harry's Pancake Bar.

This afternoon we descend the Kowyn Pass to a traditional village where we will spend some time with the local Shangan people. After a full day, we make our way to our lodge in Hazyview, a log cabin built spectacularly on stilts in the indigenous forest on the banks of the Sabie river – we will spend two nights here.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Included highlights/activity: Panorama Route, God's Window, Bourke's Luck Potholes, 3 Rondavels, Kowyns Pass

Day 4: Kruger National Park

An early start, we depart at sunrise and travel the short distance to enter the southern sector of the Kruger National Park for a full day of safari (game viewing). Slowly traversing in search of the many animals that inhabit this area, we enjoy the high vantage point and comfort of our well-equipped vehicle.

Although most of the day will be spent game viewing, we will stop at various designated sites to stretch our legs, to enjoy Brunch, and to wander around one of the Parks rest camps. Late this afternoon we exit the Park and return to the comfort of our lodge in Hazyview.

Meals: Brunch, Dinner

Included highlights/activity: Southern section of Kruger National Park, full day game drive (safari)

Day 5: Swaziland

We depart in the morning and enjoy a scenic drive south before we leave South Africa and cross the border into the Kingdom of the Swazi. A small landlocked country, Swaziland is rich in culture and natural beauty.

Our journey today takes us into an area of spectacular scenery and past numerous traditional homesteads surrounded by vast fields of sugarcane. Our first destination is Sibebe rock, a granite mountain rising some 350m above the Mbuluzi valley. We spend some time here at the foot of the mountain while our guides explain more about the history and beliefs surrounding Sibebe.

In the late afternoon we drive the short distance via the Capital of Mbabane to our accommodation for the night. On arrival we check in and enjoy a catered meal.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included highlights/activity: Swaziland, scenic drive, Sibebe rock

Day 6: Zululand

Today we follow the winding roads through Swaziland and cross back into South Africa in the late morning. After completing the border formalities, we enter Zululand, an area once ruled by the infamous Shaka Zulu. The reserves in this area are lush and offer protection to a variety of indigenous animals including Black and White Rhino. This afternoon we enjoy a wildlife experience that will allow us to appreciate the fauna and flora of the Zulu Kingdom.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included highlights/activity: Scenic drive through Swaziland

Day 7 - 8: Drakensberg

Traveling inland today, we pass through a tranquil region of rolling hills, but don't be fooled, this region has hosted many historic wars – fought over time by the Zulu's, the Boers (pioneer settlers), the

British, and many others fighting for a stake in Africa. Our lunch stop will be at one of the famous battlefields in the area where we will have time to learn a bit more about this fascinating time in the South African history. This afternoon we reach the majestic Drakensberg mountain range, "Barrier of Spears".

On reaching the foothills we transfer to a 4X4 vehicle, and then enjoy an exciting drive (or walk) on mountain tracks high up to the lodge in the Drakensburg. We spend two nights here in cosy log cabins and will have a day of hiking, exploring, and simply enjoying the wonders of this National Heritage Site. A walk to the San Rock Art gallery is well worth the effort. Pony trekking is also available.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner ; Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Optional Activities: Horse riding, Fishing, walks

Included highlights/ activity: Drakensberg World Heritage Site, Bushman Paintings, Drakensberg hike, Vulture Colony

Day 9 - 10: Dolphin Coast

A relaxed start, after a transfer (or walk) back down to our vehicle it is with new energy that we make our way toward the Indian Ocean. Our journey today will take us through the Natal Midlands where we will see many small craft shops, arts, and other attractions. We will stop for an own expense lunch near Nottingham Road before continuing to our next accommodation where two nights are spent.

Your lodge on the Dolphin Coast is located literally on the beach and the sound of the waves pounding is relentless. We will have a "open" day here to spend soaking up the sun and simply enjoying the beach and warm ocean or to stroll through the village enjoying the cheerful hospitality. One night we enjoy a traditional fish braai on the Lodge's patio. Lunch and dinner own expense.

Meals day 9: Breakfast, Dinner

Meals on day 10: Breakfast

Optional activities: Visit Durban

Included highlights/activity: Nelson Mandela Capture Site, Natal Midlands Scenic Drive, East Coast

Day 11 - 12: Wild Coast

Setting off early, we will pass through Durban this morning and will then follow the coast south into an area that can only be described as one of the highlights of the tour - The Wild Coast.

Having formerly been an independent homeland, there has been little development in this area resulting in endless unspoiled beaches, natural estuaries, rolling grassland, and a tapestry of traditional Xhosa villages. We will spend two nights at a remote lodge and will spend a full day exploring this rugged but stunningly beautiful area.

Meals on day 11 and 12: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Optional activities: Walks, private beach

Included highlights/activity: Scenic drive to the Wild Coast, private beach, waterfall walk, hike along the coast

Day 13: Frontier Country

Leaving the lush coastal forests, our first stop today will be at the Nelson Mandela museum in Umtata, then we continue past the birthplace of this great statesman. Our journey this afternoon will take us into what is known as the "Frontier Country", a region that was settled in the 1820's by European immigrants and that was host to many frontier wars. We spend the night in comfortable accommodation overlooking the city of Grahamstown.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included highlights/activity: Scenic drive in Frontier Country

Day 14 - 15: Garden Route

Entering the renowned Garden Route today, our first stop will be at the Tsitsikamma Coastal National Park. Located in a marine reserve, the hike offers spectacular views and we enjoy a walk along the rugged coast and over the suspension bridge spanning the Storms River. We spend the night in the Storms River area. The area offers a variety of optional activities for guests.

Optional excursions include kayak trips, mountain bike rides in the forest, a tour of the local township, and many more (own expense). The next day guests will depart from Storms River and make their way to Knysna where they will spend the night and have time for some more activities. One lunch and one dinner will be own expense.

Meals: 2 x Breakfast, 1 x Lunch, 1 x Dinner

Optional activities: Boat cruise, bridge bungee jump, shark cage diving, etc.

Included highlights/activity: Tsitsikamma National Park, hike in Tsitsikamma, suspension bridge walk, swim at the waterfall (if weather permits)

Day 16 - 18: Cape Town

A leisurely start, we leave Knysna to travel through the Garden Routes Lake District and then to follow the "Whale Route" through Hermanus and around the Hottentots Holland Mountains. Arriving in the "Mother City" Cape Town in the late afternoon, we check into the lodge in Cape Town which is conveniently situated.

Cape Town is undoubtedly one of the most beautiful cities in the world and we will spend two full days here – visiting Cape Point, Hout Bay, The Waterfront, secluded beaches, a wine farm, and many other attractions. We will also hike up Table Mountain. (Lunches and dinners in Cape Town are own expense).

Meals: 3 x Breakfast

Optional activities: Shark cage dive, parasailing, boat cruises, scuba dive, etc.

Included highlights/activity: Cape Point National Park, Cape of Good Hope, wine tasting, Table Mountain hike, coastal roads

This tour ends at 16:00 on day 18, however clients are welcome to extend their stay by booking post-tour nights at the lodge in Cape Town. If arranging an onward flight on this day, please allow time for an airport transfer and for check-in procedures (up to three hours).

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

This tour is fully accommodated and all linen and towels are supplied.

Clients will do a fair amount of walking, so a small daypack is advisable.

Seasonal Malaria precautions may be necessary and can be purchased locally.

Passports / Visas are required for entry into Swaziland.

The price includes all transport, accommodation, meals as per the itinerary, tea and coffee at the Lodges, group equipment, permits, entry fees, and professional guides.

The price does not include alcohol, bottled water and soft drinks, meals where stipulated, curios, tips and optional excursions.

Before departure clients will be required to enter into an agreement pertaining to our booking conditions and general information as defined on our website and in our brochure.

Clients are required to have their own comprehensive personal travel insurance.

C: More optional activities available on this tour

- Please note all rates are subject to change without prior notice
- ALL activities are booked and paid directly on arrival

JOHANNESBURG and SURROUNDS

SOWETO TOUR

South of Johannesburg is Soweto, the world's most famous township and important monument to Apartheid. A sprawling, self-sufficient home to millions, Soweto grapples with democratic change, but its spirit resonates in a plethora of shebeens. The focus on this tour is more on community projects & sustainable tourism. The Soweto Fair Tour includes: Nelson Mandela & Hector Pietersen Museums, a visit to Handiwox or the Soweto Green plus a view of Baragwaneth Hospital and an informal settlement. Also included is a cycle tour from Phomolong & visit a day care centre (also available without cycling).

From R590 per person for 3 hours

You can also do a cycle tour of Soweto – pricing depends on cycling times.

JOHANNESBURG CITY TOUR

The tour includes a panoramic view of the city, a drive within the business district, visit to traditional African shops, the bohemian Hillbrow and Museum Africa in Newton, the cultural district of Johannesburg. Extend to 8 hours & include Constitution Hill, SAB World of Beer & more.

From R590 per person for 3 hours

SOWETO & JOHANNESBURG COMBO

Combining the Soweto & Johannesburg City tours will give you a great overview of the area.
From R850 for 5 hours

APARTHEID MUSEUM

The path through the museum leads you on a journey beginning with segregation, the cornerstone of apartheid. It takes you back through the history of the myriad cultures converging during the pre-apartheid era. Through the years of race classification, the 150 acts of apartheid, detentions and the oppression of the nationalist regime. Examine the rise of black consciousness, the armed struggle & finally witness the release of Nelson Mandela after 27 years of imprisonment which finally led to the final negotiations for peace. The Apartheid Museum experience is one of upliftment and liberation both personally & socially and leaves each visitor with a feeling of hope for the future, unburdened by the ills of the past.

Duration: 3 hours R550

CRADLE OF HUMANKIND

The tour visits both the Sterkfontein caves, where the oldest hominid fossils (dating back to over 3 million years) in the world were found & Maropeng where you can experience the fascinating, interactive representations of the origin of Earth & all that lives on our unique planet. Interesting to both adults & children alike, this is a must visit on anyone passing through Gauteng's itinerary!

Duration: 4 hours R990

LION & RHINO PARK

Visit this small reserve & see animals such as lion, wild dog, white rhino, cheetah & loads of antelope at close range.

Duration: 4 hours R850

PRETORIA CITY TOUR

Pretoria generates a multicultural energy from a harmonious blend of traditions, culture and architecture. Pretoria has historic value extending to that of the British Empire and Apartheid. The tour includes the either the Voortrekker Monument or Freedom Square, the Union Buildings, Kruger House, Church Square, Mirramen Hindu Temple and thousands of Jacaranda trees. Extend to 8 hours and include both the Voortrekker Monument & Freedom Square as well as the Transvaal Museum. Lunch in Pretoria

Duration: 4 ½ hours R850

Duration: 8 hours for the extended tour, incl. lunch R1500

Please note that a minimum of 2 pax are required for any tour to depart.

Morning tours generally depart between 8h30 & 9h00, while afternoon tours generally depart between 13h00 & 14h00.

Departure times may vary depending on the location and number of pick-up points.

CAPE TOWN and SURROUNDS

You are in close proximity to shops, pubs and restaurants.

The V&A Waterfront is a major attraction in Cape Town (shuttle service to the Waterfront runs regularly from alongside the Lodge).

- ½ day Township tour: District 6 and museum; Langa; Community school; Shebeen; Kayalitscha; 3 ½ hours R 500
- Robben Island: 3 ½ hours; boat ride to the Island; drive over the island; visit of the prison; boat ride back; R 280
- Hop on – Hop off bus: Red route through the V&A Waterfront; City; District 6; cable way; Camps Bay; Sea Point; 2 hours non stop; R 170 for the whole day
- Hop on – Hop off bus: Blue Route to V&A Waterfront; Kirstenbosch; Hout Bay; World of birds; Camps Bay; Sea Point; R170 for the whole day
- Full day Peninsula tour: Clifton, Camps Bay, Twelve Apostles, Hout Bay, Chapmans Peak, Noordhoek, Ostrich Viewing, Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve, Cape Point, Penguin Colony, Simons Town, Muizenberg, Constantia, Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens: R 875, Half day without Kirstenbosch R 635
- Full day Wine route: Stellenbosch, Paarl and Franschoek: R 875, Half day R 635
- Full day whale watching trip to Hermanus R 875 (seasonal)
- Abseiling off Table Mountain: R 650, excluding cable car tickets
- White shark diving: R 1350 includes drive to Gansbaai; boat trip; snorkel or dive in cage; picnic lunch
- Tandem Paraglide from Lions Head: R 1050
- Two Oceans Aquarium in the V&A Waterfront: R 85.00
- Sailing trip in the bay: Various options on various boats for various rates
- Helicopter flips: various options from R 2000,00 to R 30.000,00
- Fishing Charters: Also here various options.
- Horse riding in Hout Bay: 2 hour ride R 300.00
- Various rentals: Harley Davidson; Scooter; bicycles; Roller blades
- FREE Historic walking tour through the city: 1.5 hours Every day from Wale Street, opp. St.Georges Cathedral
- FREE walking tour through the Bokaap: Every day 1.5 hours

OTHER

- Pony Trekking (Drakensberg), R 150 per person

Enjoy your adventure of a lifetime!