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ULTIMATE SOUTH AFRICA IN 25 DAYS

South Africa has almost **3000km of beautiful coastline**, breath taking scenery, bustling cities, world heritage sites, many **vibrant cultures** to meet (there are 11 official languages recognised) and **exciting wildlife** including the Big Five and the Small Five. It's the birthplace of Mandela and a true rainbow nation.

There are also plenty of opportunities for **shopping** and fine and casual dining for everyone, plus the chance to experience local **cuisine** – including South Africa's own renowned wines.

For the more adventurous, choose from **130 different extreme exploits available**, including white-water rafting, abseiling and shark cage-diving.

South Africa offers **exceptional value** as a destination – we know you will love your “Ultimate” trip.





ULTIMATE SOUTH AFRICA ITINERARY

DAY 1: JOHANNESBURG

You will be met at the airport in Johannesburg and transferred to Africa Sky Guest House. Should your flight arrive early morning, you will have the day at leisure in Johannesburg. Choose from the following options.

Option 1: Spend the day resting and relaxing at Africa Sky Guest House.

Option 2: *LESEDI CULTURAL VILLAGE:* Experience African culture. Visit the Ndebele village for a presentation on the history of today's rainbow nation, followed by a tour of Pedi, Sotho, Xhosa, Zulu and Ndebele homesteads. Then to the boma for traditional singing and dancing - a very participative affair!
Cost: R1 400 pp (lunch incl, drinks excl)

Option 3: *SOWETO HALF DAY TOUR:* One of the most famous settlements in Africa, Soweto today is a monument to the history of political struggle. Travel past "Barra" hospital and Walter Sisulu square (Freedom square), visit Kliptown and discuss an informal settlement. Visit Mandela house museum and the Hector Peterson memorial. Pass the Regina Mundi Church and informal settlements. Wandie's shebeen is a stop for an optional drink or lunch.
Cost: R860 pp (all entrance fees incl, optional lunch excl)

Option 4: *JOHANNESBURG HISTORICAL TOUR:* Established due to the largest ever discovery of gold in the world, Johannesburg tells a story of wealth and poverty. The tour starts with a visit to the Carlton Center, with a bird's view of the sprawling metropolis. Drive through the city to identify buildings and suburbs. Johannesburg is a Provincial capital and hosts the highest Court in the land. Visit Constitutional Hill with the Fort, Woman's Jail, notorious Number 4 and the new Court Building. Tour ends with drive-through of affluent Northern Suburbs where Nelson Mandela resided.

A table has been booked at Africa Sky's Restaurant for 19h00, where you will join your guide and fellow travellers.

OVERNIGHT: Africa Sky Guest House

MEALS: Dinner

EXCLUDED: Flight to Johannesburg, Optional Day Tours

DAY 2: PANORAMA ROUTE

Enjoy breakfast before setting off for the Panorama Route, best known for its cultural heritage and dramatic landscapes. Visit viewpoints along the edge of the escarpment, including God's Window, Lisbon Falls and the Pinnacle. The afternoon is at leisure in Graskop, allowing you time to stroll through some of the many unique and interesting shops – including a shop specializing in silk from the African Mopane worm!

OVERNIGHT: Graskop Hotel

MEALS: Breakfast

INCLUDED: Entry fees to viewpoints

DAY 3: KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

Our first stop is Bourke's Luck Potholes, a remarkable record of an erosion process that started thousands of years ago. Also view Blyde River Canyon, the third deepest and only green canyon in the world.

Enter the world-renowned Kruger National Park. This park offers a wildlife experience that ranks with the best in Africa and the world and is unrivalled in the diversity of its life forms.

OVERNIGHT: Kruger NP

MEALS: Breakfast

INCLUDED: Entry fee to Bourkes Luck Potholes, Kruger NP Daily conservation fee

DAY 4: KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

Continue exploring the vastness and diversity of Kruger Park with a morning and afternoon game drive.

OVERNIGHT: Kruger NP

INCLUDED: Kruger NP Daily conservation fee



DAY 5: SWAZILAND

Cross into Swaziland, where a visit to Swazi Candles is a highlight. Watch crafters in action moulding paraffin wax in different shapes and colours. The market also features a number of other arts, crafts, curio and gift shops.

Book into Reilly's Rock Hilltop Lodge at Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary. Swaziland's pioneer conservation area is situated in the 'Valley of Heavens' and surrounded by the Royal Botanical Gardens, featuring aloes, threatened and endangered antelope and abundant birdlife. In the evening, keep an eye open for resident Bushbabies!

OVERNIGHT: Reilly's Rock Hilltop Lodge
MEALS: Breakfast, Dinner
INCLUDED: Mlilwane daily conservation fee
EXCLUDED: Visa if required (Swaziland)

DAY 6: PONGOLA

Enter South Africa again and arrive at Pongola Private Game Reserve, surrounded by bushveld savannah and the Lebombo Mountains.

In the afternoon enjoy a game cruise on Pongola dam (great to see animals as they come drink).

OVERNIGHT: Mvubu Lodge
MEALS: Breakfast, Dinner
INCLUDED: Afternoon Game Cruise

DAY 7: PONGOLA

Choice of either an early morning game drive, or going Rhino tracking (join your ranger on a game walk and track these prehistoric beasts on foot).

The rest of the day is at leisure. Pongola Game Reserve has a Spa where you can pamper yourself, or you may want to try your hand at Tiger Fishing!

OVERNIGHT: Mvubu Lodge
MEALS: Breakfast, Dinner
INCLUDED: Morning Game Drive OR Rhino Tracking
EXCLUDED: SPA treatments, Tiger fishing (subject to availability)

DAY 8: ST LUCIA

Enter The Greater St Lucia Wetland Park World Heritage Site and embark on a Hippo & Crocodile Estuary Cruise. This is a leisurely boat trip down the St Lucia Estuary to watch fish eagles, hippos, crocodiles and goliath herons against a backdrop of mangrove swamps.

OVERNIGHT: Avalone Guest House
MEALS: Breakfast
INCLUDED: Estuary cruise

DAY 9: ST LUCIA

St Lucia lies on The Elephant Coast of KwaZulu-Natal. Elephants, Rhino and Lion, Whales, Turtles and Marlin, Warm Indian Ocean, Pristine Beaches, Sub-Tropical Climate are some of the terms associated with this area... Today you have the option to book some of the activities below.

Option 1 (morning): *WHALE WATCHING:* Early morning departure. 2 Hours at sea with a specialized Marine Mammal Guide. See Humpback whales from as close as 50 metres! Seasonal: Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov, only. Cost: R1 045 pp

Option 2 (morning): *OCEAN ADVENTURE:* Early morning departure. 2 Hours at sea. Experience the thrill of surf launching with the possibility of seeing turtles, sharks, dolphins, pelagic sea birds & flying fish. Year Round. Cost: R590 pp

Option 3 (full day): *DEEP SEA GAME FISHING:* Departs 06h00. Full day of game, bill and bottom fishing. Bait and tackle supplied. Year Round. Cost: R1 100 pp



- Option 4 (full day): *HLUHLUWE/IMFOLOZI GAME RESERVE:* Departs 05h00. Full day of game viewing the Big 5 in the oldest Game Reserve in Africa. Includes a full lunch, tea/coffee/juice & rusks at breakfast time, soft drinks through the day, entrance fees and a qualified guide. Year Round. Cost: R985 pp
- Option 5 (full day): *CAPE VIDAL SNORKEL SAFARI:* Departs 08h00. A full day of guiding and driving within the Eastern Shores. Stop to snorkel and have lunch at one of the most beautiful beaches on the North Coast - view points en route - walking trails etc. Includes tea/coffee & rusks at breakfast time, soft drinks throughout the day, a full lunch, snorkel equipment, a qualified guide, gate entry fees. Year Round. Cost: R690 pp
- Option 6 (evening): *NIGHT DRIVE:* Departs 20h00. 3 Hours within the Eastern Shores to view nocturnal animals with a qualified guide. Year Round. Cost: R435 pp
- Option 7 (evening): *TURTLE TOUR:* Departs 21h00. Depart St Lucia and spend the next 6 hours over midnight to search for turtles that come out to nest. Includes a picnic dinner at Cape Vidal close to midnight and refreshments. Seasonal: Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb, Mar only. Cost: R1 050 pp
- Option 8 (afternoon): *KHULA CULTURAL TOUR:* 3 Hours to enjoy the Zulu Culture and way of life in the Cultural Village outside St Lucia. Year Round. Cost: R275 pp
- Option 9 (afternoon): *HORSE RIDING:* Enjoy the beach on horseback, or a Game Ride within the Eastern Shores to see species of wildlife, accompanied by a qualified guide and rider. Year round
Cost: 1 Hour: R385 pp 2 Hour: R770 pp
*Beach Ride subject to tides
- Option 10 (afternoon): *BIRD WATCHING WALKING TRAIL:* 3 Hours. Year Round. Cost: R230 pp

OVERNIGHT: Avalone Guest House
MEALS: Breakfast
EXCLUDED: Activities in Options 1 – 10

DAY 10: SHAKALAND

Head down the coast to visit a Zulu Cultural village - ShakaLand. Come to understand customs of the Zulu people, see how they made their weapons and taste traditional beer. After supper join the villagers for a bit of Zulu Dancing.

OVERNIGHT: ShakaLand
MEALS: Breakfast, Dinner
INCLUDED: Zulu cultural experience

DAY 11: DURBAN

After breakfast and a morning cultural program, bid the Zulu's farewell and continue down the coast to Durban.

Book into Fairlight Beach House in Umdloti. Umdloti's beach is regarded as one of South Africa's best kept secrets and Fairlight holds an absolutely premium spot that overlooks the beach. Durban has one of the largest Indian populations outside of India, so dinner tonight is the perfect opportunity to sample a true Indian curry!

OVERNIGHT: Fairlight Beach House
MEALS: Breakfast

DAY 12: HIMEVILLE

After breakfast, take a scenic drive to the Southern Drakensberg, visiting some of the attractions along the way.

OVERNIGHT: Valemount Country Lodge
MEALS: Breakfast

DAY 13: SANI PASS

Set off to conquer Sani Pass. The awe-inspiring Sani Pass climbs the face of the escarpment into the Mountain Kingdom of Lesotho. It is the getaway to the "Roof of Africa". Originally developed as a bridal path, the pass served as an important link between the Underberg district and the remote north-eastern Lesotho. The first vehicle negotiated the path in 1948.



It is now used for the most part by 4x4 vehicles and is the highlight of the Southern Drakensberg. The tour reveals the history of the pass, geology, flora & fauna, and a unique experience with the Basotho people.

OVERNIGHT: Valemount Country Lodge
MEALS: Breakfast
INCLUDED: Guided tour in 4x4 up Sani Pass
EXCLUDED: Visa if required (Lesotho)

DAY 14: EAST LONDON

Travel into the Eastern Cape (previously the Transkei homeland and book into Inkwenkwezi, a world-class Big 5 game reserve on the breathtaking Wild Coast. Inkwenkwezi's prime location offers unique opportunities, as it encompasses five different regional ecosystems (biomes) and a tidal estuary. Enjoy complimentary sundowner drinks before dinner.

OVERNIGHT: Inkwenkwezi Bush Camp
MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 15: EAST LONDON

Start off the morning with an optional early morning birding walk with your ranger. After breakfast, enjoy a game drive, followed by elephant and cheetah interaction opportunities.

Early evening there is an optional Beach Walk, followed by complimentary sundowners before dinner.

OVERNIGHT: Inkwenkwezi Bush Camp
MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
INCLUDED: Scheduled lodge activities
EXCLUDED: Optional Elephant Back Ride

DAY 16: ADDO

Visit Addo Elephant National Park. The original Elephant section of the park was proclaimed in 1931, when only eleven elephants remained in the area – today it is sanctuary to over 450 elephants.

OVERNIGHT: Addo Main Camp
MEALS: Breakfast
INCLUDED: Addo Elephant NP Daily conservation fee

DAY 17: ADDO

Enjoy a morning and afternoon game drive as we continue exploring this finely tuned ecosystem. Other species to be on the lookout for are Cape buffalo, black rhino, a variety of antelope species, as well as the unique flightless dung beetle, found almost exclusively in Addo.

OVERNIGHT: Addo Main Camp
INCLUDED: Addo Elephant NP Daily conservation fee
EXCLUDED: All optional activities in the park

DAY 18: WILDLIFE ENCOUNTERS

Continue down the Garden Route to Plettenberg Bay and select one of the following included activities:

Option 1: *TENIKWA WILDLIFE AWARENESS CENTRE:* The sanctuary provides refuge for big cats like cheetah, leopard, African Wild cat, serval and caracal, as well as baboons, penguins, meerkats and birds like the Blue Crane and Marabou stork. During a guided tour, meet some of the animals that reside here.

Option 2: *BIRDS OF EDEN:* The largest free-flight bird aviary in the world comprising an equal combination of exotic and indigenous birds - over 3,500 birds of 205 different species. The walk through aviary is exquisitely constructed with wooden walkways that weave through the forest. Self-guided walk.

Option 3: *MONKEYLAND:* The first free-roaming primate sanctuary in the world, aiming to rehabilitate and free previously caged monkeys. Monkeyland covers a 12 hectare forest and has over 10 primate species within it, totaling around 500 monkeys. Take part in an educational, guided walking safari.



Option 4: *ELEPHANT SANCTUARY:* Glimpse in the world of the African elephant. Guided tour with an Elephant Guide. Elephant Introduction, tour of sanctuary and stables, touching, interacting, feeding Elephants, walk hand-in-trunk.
Optional extras: Elephant Riding R520pp OR Purchase a DVD of your experience with the Elephants.

OVERNIGHT: Shining Waters Guest House
INCLUDED: One of the animal interaction activities in Plettenberg Bay

DAY 19: KNYSNA

We visit lovely Knysna. Choose from one of the following activity options in the morning:

Option 1: *FEATHERBED EXCURSION:* Visit the Knysna Heads, rock formations flanking a deep but potentially treacherous channel through which the sea pours in to flood the wide lagoon at the mouth of the Knysna River. Take a ferry out to the Featherbed, a pristine piece of paradise situated on the Western Head of Knysna and is accessible by ferry only. This spectacular four-hour eco-experience includes a return ferry trip, nature drive in a 4x4 unimog and guided walk, ending with a sumptuous buffet lunch at the Food Forest Restaurant.

Option 2: *MILLWOOD GOLD MINE TOUR:* The area where gold was mined briefly in the late 1800's is the venue for a beautiful outing into the forest. Start with a gentle 3km walk along the river. Beautiful indigenous forest, ancient trees, huge tree ferns, arum lilies, mushrooms and fungi. Explore some of the old shafts dug by the miners en route. After arriving at a little waterfall and swimming hole, turn around and stroll back to the Jubilee Creek picnic site. Following a visit to Mother Holly's Mining museum follow another very short trail and visit the old mining area and creep into one or two old shafts to have a peek at the old machinery. Light refreshments served.

Spend your afternoon at leisure exploring Knysna, the capital of the Garden Route.

OVERNIGHT: Shining Waters Guest House
MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch (with Featherbed Excursion only)
INCLUDED: Featherbed excursion OR Millwood Goldmine Tour

DAY 20: OUDSTHOORN

Visit the Klein Karoo and Oudsthoorn, ostrich capital of the world. No trip to Oudsthoorn would be complete without a visit to an ostrich farm. Here you will have the opportunity to feed and touch the ostriches, stand on an ostrich egg, sit on an ostrich and even attempt to ride an ostrich! Finish off with a light lunch of grilled ostrich fillet.

In the afternoon visit the Cango Caves, sculptured by nature through ages.

OVERNIGHT: De Zeekoe Guest House
MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch
INCLUDED: Visit and guided tour of ostrich farm, Visit and guided tour of Cango Caves

DAY 21: CAPE TOWN - WINELANDS

Early morning start to visit a wild habituated meerkat colony. Upon arrival at the burrows, you are treated to a hot cup of coffee and issued with a lightweight aluminium chair to sit in while observing the meerkats as they come out into the sunshine and go about their daily routine of foraging and frolicking. These habituated wild animals are never fed or handled by humans. It is a fantastic experience and unique privilege to get this close to these little creatures in the wild.

After breakfast, bid the Garden Route farewell and head off to Cape Town via Route 62 - an area of magnificent landscapes along the longest wine route in the Western Cape and most likely the whole world. This is the perfect setting to get a "taste" of South Africa's wine industry and overnight on a working wine farm in Robertson.

OVERNIGHT: Excelsior Manor Guest House
MEALS: Breakfast, Dinner
INCLUDED: Meerkat encounter



DAY 22: CAPE TOWN - ROBBER ISLAND

A leisurely morning as we continue on the scenic drive to Cape Town.

In the afternoon, head to the V&A Waterfront and board the ferry to Robben Island. Robben Island has been a penal colony for most of its 400 year history. Nelson Mandela spent 18 years on Robben Island and many of the leading members of South African political parties were incarcerated alongside him. In 1997 Robben Island was turned into a museum and declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Return to the V&A Waterfront. Situated in the heart of Cape Town's working harbour, the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront has become South Africa's most visited destination. Set against a backdrop of sea and mountain views, exciting shopping and entertainment venues are intermingled. This is an experience of how the Capetonians live, work, shop and play!

OVERNIGHT: Blackheath Lodge

MEALS: Breakfast

INCLUDED: Robben Island Ferry return ticket and guided tour

DAY 23: CAPE TOWN – TABLE MOUNTAIN

Visit Table Mountain, the world famous landmark. Join the ranks of millions of visitors who have reached the summit and marvelled at the views from such lofty heights.

The rest of the day is at leisure.

OVERNIGHT: Blackheath Lodge

MEALS: Breakfast

INCLUDED: Table Mountain Cableway return ticket

DAY 24: CAPE TOWN - CAPE OF GOOD HOPE

One of the tour's highlights comes in the form of The Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve. This reserve includes famous Cape Point, the most south-westerly point of Africa. It also has one of the highest sea cliffs in the world. The reserve is home to indigenous plant species, some of which occur nowhere else on earth. Also visit other attractions like Chapman's Peak (sited as the most scenic marine drive in the world), Boulders Beach (home to a colony of vulnerable African Penguins) and the historical naval village of Simon's Town. Our last stop for the day is Hout Bay.

OVERNIGHT: Blackheath Lodge

MEALS: Breakfast

INCLUDED: Entry fee to Cape of Good Hope, Return transfer on the Flying Dutchman Funicular

DAY 25 - END

We bid you farewell and drop you off at Cape Town airport, with many memories to take home and share.

ULTIMATE SOUTH AFRICA TOUR INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS

INCLUDED: The price will include all transport, accommodation, meals, entrance fees, activities and guides during the safaris, as indicated in the itinerary. Unless indicated otherwise, the tour will be done in an air-conditioned vehicle to ensure your every comfort.

EXCLUDED: Accommodation, flights and meals not specified in the itinerary. Drinks, curios, laundry, gratuities and other items of a personal nature. Travel insurance, required inoculations and malaria medications, visas (if required).

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