

South African Essentials: Cape Town – Johannesburg (TIRB-N)



Departure dates from November 2016 to 31 October 2017

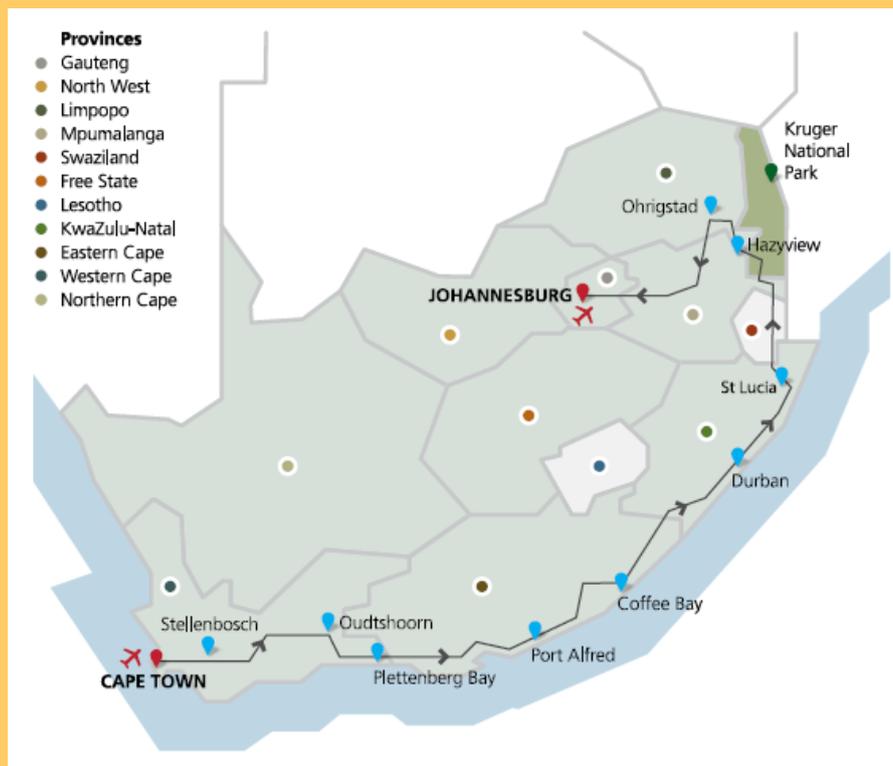
Departure Dates: 2016-2017											
Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
26	10	21	4,18	4,18	1,15,29	13,27	10,24	29	19	2,16,30	21

Travel from Cape Town to Johannesburg visiting the Winelands, World Heritage Sites and significant Mandela sites, interact with ostriches and elephants. Revel in the rugged Wild Coast and encounter the “Big 5” at the Kruger National Park.

- Departure time:** Selected Saturdays from the Radisson Blu or Le Vendome Hotel at 13h00
- Guiding:** Bilingual English/German speaking
- Participants:** 2 – 26 per vehicle
- Accommodation:** 3/4 star hotels
- Vehicles:** Luxury sedan, minibus or coach
- Meals:** 15 x breakfast, 5 dinners
- Entrance fees:** Taal Monument, Stellenbosch Walking Tour, Brandy Tasting, River Cruise, Storms River Bridge conservation fee, St. Lucia Estuary Boa Cruise, Ostrich Farm, Cango Caves, Hluhluwe-Umfolozi Park open safari vehicle morning game drive, Hluhluwe-Umfolozi Park conservation fee, Kruger National Park conservation fee, Blyde River Canyon, Bourke's Luck Potholes and Wonder View
- Optional excursions:** Cape Town City and Table Mountain Tour, Cape Point Full day tour, Knysna full day tour, full day game drives in Kruger National Park in open 4x4 vehicles, Soweto morning tour, cultural activities

Note: this journey is also possible with departure from Johannesburg

TRAVEL ITINERARY NOV 2016 – 31 OCTOBER 2017



DAY 1: SATURDAY: CAPE TOWN - DAY OF ARRIVAL

Welcome to the beautiful city of Cape Town. Today you will be at leisure or join an optional Table Mountain and city tour (own account). Enjoy the revolving cable car ride up Table Mountain (own account and weather permitting) to marvel at its panoramic views. Travel through the Malay Quarter, city centre and Company Gardens and if time permits, the Castle of Good Hope. Return to your hotel late afternoon where you will be met by your tourist guide for a tour briefing at 18h30. Dinner (own account) can be enjoyed at your hotel.

Radisson Blu/Le Vendome Hotel or similar – bed and breakfast

Note: The transfer from Cape Town International Airport to the hotel should be arranged by yourselves and will be for your own account.

DAY 2: SUNDAY – CAPE TOWN – DAY AT LEISURE

After breakfast, spend the morning at leisure discovering your Mother City or join an optional guided, full day Cape Point tour (own account), which incorporates Cape Point, Boulder's Beach (entrance fee for own account) and Kirstenbosch Gardens. This evening's dinner can be enjoyed at your hotel or restaurant in town (own account).

Radisson Blu/Le Vendome Hotel or similar – bed and breakfast

DAY 3: MONDAY - CAPE TOWN – STELLENBOSCH (+/- 150 km)

After breakfast we leave Table Mountain behind us and travel North-East to Stellenbosch through the Cape Winelands.

We first stop to visit the Nelson Mandela Gateway Museum before continuing to the beautiful town of Paarl, South Africa's third oldest town.

Paarl gets its name from an enormous granite boulder called Paarl rock and is the second largest granite projection on the planet. At this Rock we stop off at the Afrikaanse Taalmonument (Afrikaans Language Monument), where we learn more about this beautiful structure and museum.

Stop for lunch and a wine tasting (both for own account) at one of the many cellar wine farms in Paarl.

Journey further into the heart of the Winelands and arrive in the beautiful university town of Stellenbosch. Embark on a walking tour of Stellenbosch to see the town's historic sites and colonial Cape Dutch architecture and some of the country's oldest buildings, along its leafy streets and mountainous backdrop.

Check in at your hotel and enjoy time at leisure before drinks and dinner (own account) at one of the hotel's restaurants.

Protea Hotel Stellenbosch or similar – bed and breakfast

DAY 4: TUESDAY - STELLENBOSCH – OUDTSHOORN VIA ROUTE 62 (+/- 410 km)

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before departing Stellenbosch and travel to Oudtshoorn in the Klein Karoo via the scenic Route 62.

Route 62 is an iconic route with ever changing landscapes. Running along orchard lined valleys, towering mountain ranges, rivers and indigenous fynbos, Route 62 bridges the Western and Eastern Cape and includes what is possibly the world's longest wine route.

Next up on our trip is a visit to an award winning Brandy distillery in Robertson, where you'll experience an informative brandy tasting. Savour lunch along the scenic Route 62 (own account). See the landscape change as we journey further into the semi-arid beautiful Klein Karoo onward to our destination of Oudtshoorn. Enjoy leisure time when you arrive at your hotel for the night. Delight in the charming country setting as you enjoy dinner (own account) and great hospitality.

Protea Hotel Riempie Estate or similar – bed and breakfast

DAY 5: WEDNESDAY - OUDTSHOORN – PLETTENBERG BAY (+/- 160 km)

After breakfast, our journey takes us South via the Outeniqua Pass to Keurboomstrand, near Plettenberg Bay.

Our first stop outside Oudtshoorn, in the Cango Valley, is where we discover the spectacular subterranean world of the Cango Caves. This 20 million year old world wonder, features an impressive display of gold and vermilion dripstone stalagmites and stalactites.

Back above ground, we take a tour of a nearby ostrich farm where you will be introduced to these strange and exotic birds as well as their ostrich industry. Lunch at the ostrich farm's restaurant (own account).

Travelling down towards the coast via Knysna, we drive over the Outeniqua Pass. In Knysna we stop for wonderful photographic opportunities at lookout points in Knysna Lagoon and the Knysna Heads (weather permitting). Your final stop is Keurboomstrand, near Plettenberg Bay at your hotel.

Enjoy time at leisure or take advantage of the resort's private access on the 8km stretch of pristine beachfront. This evening, take pleasure in the oceanic ambience while you dine at the resort's elegant restaurant (own account).

The Dunes Hotel & Resort or similar – bed and breakfast

DAY 6: THURSDAY – PLETTENBERG BAY - DAY AT LEISURE

Today is yours; enjoy a full day at leisure or venture on an optional excursion to a South African Heritage Site, Featherbed Nature Reserve and the Elephant Park in Knysna and/or wildlife rehabilitation centre (own account, including lunch).

On arrival at the Knysna Waterfront, board the ferry that will take you to Featherbed Nature Reserve on the Western Knysna Head. On arrival at the reserve, board a Unimog-drawn trailer and drive up to the top of the reserve. While stopping at a scenic lookout point, our specialist guide will share fascinating tales about Knysna and the surrounding area while you enjoy the panoramic views.

An optional 2.2 km guided nature walk takes you through the forest onto the cliffs into the caves and along the scenic coast. This is followed by a buffet lunch at the Forest Restaurant, a unique outdoor restaurant situated on the edge of the Lagoon under a canopy of Milkwood trees.

After lunch depart for an educational elephant interaction experience. Here you will get the opportunity to meet, hand feed, interact with Elephants and get to know them and their dedicated handlers in a natural and relaxed environment. Walk alongside them in magnificent Garden Route scenery, characterised by pristine forests, Cape Fynbos (wild plants) and mountain views.

Enjoy time at leisure before dinner (own account).

The Dunes Hotel & Resort or similar – bed and breakfast

DAY 7: FRIDAY – PLETTENBERG BAY - PORT ALFRED VIA DE EASTERN GARDEN ROUTE (+/- 380 km)

After an early breakfast at the hotel, travel to the marina town of Port Alfred along the Garden Route. Travel further along the Garden Route to Storms River mouth where you will experience the wonderful views on the suspension bridge. Here you will observe the Storms River meeting the Indian Ocean in grand splendour. Tsitsikamma is the ancient San name meaning place of abundant water, an enchanting and fabled part of the country.

Drive along the coastal road to Port Alfred, at the heart of the Sunshine Coast on the banks of the Kowie River. Arrive late afternoon at your riverfront hotel. Enjoy refreshing drinks (own account) before savouring the delightful local cuisine.

The Royal St. Andrews Lodge or similar – dinner, bed and breakfast

DAY 8: SATURDAY - PORT ALFRED - MTHATHA (+/- 365 km)

Partake in an early breakfast at the lodge, before enjoying a relaxing morning river cruise (weather permitting).

Departing Port Alfred for Mthatha and tuck into lunch en-route. Stop-over in the village of Qunu. Nelson Mandela was born near Qunu in the village Mezo next to the M'bashe river. He grew up in Qunu after his father was deposed as the chief of Mvezo. Discover the legacy of this South African icon in his hometown.

Arrive at the hotel in the late afternoon and freshen up before enjoying your dinner for the evening.

Garden Court Mthatha or similar - dinner, bed & breakfast

DAY 9: SUNDAY - MTHATHA - SAN LAMEER

After an early breakfast at the hotel, depart Mthatha for San Lameer on the warm Indian Ocean. As your journey out of Mthatha, travel via the Mandela Route which goes through Bhisho, home of the provincial government, which also hosts the Nelson Mandela Museum. Tuck into lunch en-route. Check in at your beach hotel in San Lameer near Southbroom. Enjoy refreshing drinks (own account) before tasting the local cuisine (own account).

Wild Coast Sun or similar – bed and breakfast

DAY 10: MONDAY - SAN LAMEER to HLUHLUWE via ST. LUCIA (+/-495 km)

After an early breakfast at the hotel, depart the hotel and travel up the South Coast to Hluhluwe via St. Lucia.

Drive up the KwaZulu-Natal coast and arrive at St. Lucia, the only town in South Africa that lies inside a World Heritage Site. The iSimangaliso Wetland Park is the largest estuarine system in Africa. Enjoy a boat cruise around the estuary. With rare and wild birdlife, mangrove swamps and vegetated sand dunes, the estuary makes for an interesting and educational cruise. Savour the sensational views of the lake while enjoying lunch (own account).

Arrive at this evening's accommodation in the afternoon. Enjoy your afternoon at leisure, relax and get ready for dinner and drinks (own account) at the lodge.

DumaZulu Lodge & Cultural Village or similar - bed and breakfast

DAY 11: TUESDAY - HLUHLUWE

Before a hearty breakfast, depart on an open ehicle game drive to the nearby Hluhluwe-Umfolozi Park. In this park the Big-5 can be found. Hluhluwe is situated on the Elephant Coast, an area known for its National Parks, natural diversity and cultural heritage.

There are numerous activities to be enjoyed in the area, these include a visit to the Zulu cultural show and the bird and reptile park (own account).

Once you have returned to the lodge in the evening, tuck into a decadent dinner (own account) before retiring for the night.

DumaZulu Lodge & Cultural Village or similar – bed and breakfast

DAY 12: WEDNESDAY - HLUHLUWE – SWAZILAND (+/- 420 km)

Today sees you travelling to Malelane in Mpumalanga via Swaziland.

After an early breakfast, travel North, entering the warm and welcoming Kingdom of Swaziland at Lavumisa Border post (visa own account). Swaziland is a beautiful and rich cultural country.

Enjoy lunch (own account) en route and drive through Ezulwini Valley. Exit Swaziland at Jeppes Reef Border and make your way towards Kruger National Park's Malelane Gate. Arrive in the late afternoon at your overnight accommodation, on the fringes of the famous park. Enjoy pre-dinner drinks (own account) on the deck overlooking the Crocodile River and Southern Kruger National Park before dinner at the hotel.

Pestana Kruger Lodge or similar – dinner, bed and breakfast

NOTE: When entering the Kingdom of Swaziland, please ensure that you are in possession of a valid passport, and for nationals of certain countries, multi-entry visa terms and conditions will apply.

DAY 13: THURSDAY - KRUGER NATIONAL PARK (+/- 200 km)

Enjoy an early breakfast before taking a guided closed vehicle game drive in search of the "Big 5".

Lunch (own account) while enjoying the wild scenery at one of the park's rest camps, before continuing your journey to Hazyview.

Hazyview is the gateway to the southern part of the Kruger National Park, as well as the spectacular Panorama Escarpment. Arrive at your hotel and enjoy dinner before retiring for the night.

Casa do Sol Hotel & Resort or similar – dinner, bed and breakfast

NOTE: Optional full day safari in an open safari vehicle available (own account and excluding lunch)

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DAY 14: FULL DAY KRUGER NATIONAL PARK (+/-250 km)

Enjoy a guided closed vehicle game drive. The Kruger National Park covers 19,485km² and runs 360km from North to south. It supports a variety of fauna and flora including 147 mammals and 507 birds species.

Staying inside the park, stop for lunch (own account) while enjoying the wild scenery at one of the park's rest camps before continuing on your bush adventure.

Exit the Kruger National Park in the late afternoon and head back to the hotel to freshen up and enjoy pre-dinner drinks (own account) before dinner.

Casa do Sol Hotel & Resort or similar – dinner, bed and breakfast

Note: optional full day safari in open vehicle (own account and excluding lunch).

DAY 15: SATURDAY - HAZYVIEW VIA PANORAMA ROUTE to JOHANNESBURG (+/- 500 km)

After breakfast, travel to Johannesburg via the scenic Panorama Route to Hazyview.

The Wonder View, which is the highest viewpoint on this route, is the start of today's trip along the beautiful Panorama Route. There after visit Bourke's Luck Potholes, the awe-inspiring Blyde River Canyon and

Three Rondawels. These are some of the country's most beautiful views and cherished natural marvels.

Lunch en route (own account) Arrive in the late afternoon at your overnight accommodation in Johannesburg. Enjoy dinner at the hotel.

Protea Hotel Balalaika or similar – bed and breakfast

DAY 16: SUNDAY - JOHANNESBURG – DAY AT LEISURE

After breakfast, enjoy the day at leisure or alternatively embark on an optional guided Soweto morning tour (own account and excluding lunch). Soweto is the most metropolitan township in South Africa and a leader in politics, music, fashion and popular culture. This tour highlights the political struggles and present day lifestyle.

NOTE: The transfer to OR Tambo International Airport is not included in the package price and must be booked separately.

END OF THE JOURNEY

The tour price is quoted in ZAR and/or USD and is based on the cost (including hotel accommodation and other services as detailed above, to be provided by Kaapstad.org) at rates of exchange prevailing as at the date of the quotation. Should there be any increase, between the acceptance date and the departure date, in the cost to Kaapstad.org for providing the Services as a result of increases in costs or any other reason over which Kaapstad.org has no control, Kaapstad.org will be entitled to increase the tour price proportionately. The client shall be obliged to pay the amount of the increase to Kaapstad.org prior to the departure date, failing which Kaapstad.org shall be entitled to cancel the contract, and retain deposits paid. Upon acceptance of our quotation, reservations will be made. A deposit of 20% of the amount quoted will be required immediately upon confirmation. The balance of payment, as per the amount stated on the confirmation advice once reservations are made, is due no later than 4 weeks prior to your clients' arrival.

PAYMENT CONDITIONS

Kaapstad.org/Akho Africa Tours & Safaris accepts no responsibility for the progress of the confirmed services in the case of non-compliance to the following conditions of payment.

20%	15 Days from Booking
100%	30 Days before 1st Service

GENERAL CONDITIONS / GENERAL SALES CONDITIONS SOUTH AFRICA

- Quotation established subject to availability of hotels (and flights when applicable) after your confirmation.
- Standard practice: Check In from 14:00; Check Out before 11:00
- Private Game Reserves: Check In before lunch; Check Out after breakfast. IMPORTANT: Fully Inclusive packages include 3 meals per day. Our programs systematically indicate the meal basis. In practice, Lunch may be replaced by a High Tea and Breakfast by Brunch, depending on the Private Game Reserve and the season, according to what meal best complements the timing of the morning and afternoon game drives.

PLEASE NOTE:

That with immediate effect, anyone travelling to South Africa must have two consecutive blank pages in their passport, which lie side by side when the passport is open (i.e. left and a right hand page). Passports must also be valid for at least six months. Passengers travelling to South Africa with passports, which do not comply with these requirements, will either be stopped from boarding the aircraft or risk deportation on arrival in South Africa. In addition, a parent travelling with children, WITHOUT the other parent, will need a letter of consent from the absent parent. The police must certify the letter of consent.

PAYMENT CONDITIONS

There is no cancellation fee 30 days prior to arrival (except the relevant banking fees for full refund) for Walkersons
There is no cancellation fee 45 days prior to arrival for Ulusaba.

OUR RATES

- Taxes are included (currently at 14%)
- Our rates do not include personal extras and expenses, gratuities, or insurance for repatriation assistance, luggage or cancellation.
- Ground transport according to program
- Services according to the program
- Guide English or German speaking
- Excluding flights, visas, travel insurance, hotel portorage, gratuities, drinks and meals not mentioned
- All overland tours are subject to a minimum of 2 passengers on all departures. If booked more than 30 days prior to the tour departure, the tour will be guaranteed irrespective of the amount of people with a minimum of 2.

CANCELLATION POLICY

- 46 days or more prior to travel date 10%
- 45 - 36 days prior to travel date 15%
- 35-16 days prior to travel date 25%
- 15 days prior to travel date: 100%
- 100% cancellation fee applies for no-shows

Cost is based on a minimum of 2 paying guests travelling. A reduction in guests would result in a re-cost of the itinerary.

PAYMENT IN ZAR (SOUTH AFRICAN RAND)