



# CAPE TOWN AND GARDEN ROUTE

11 Days

## Day 1 ARRIVE IN CAPE TOWN

A warm welcome on arrival at Cape Town International Airport, with a private transfer to the hotel.

*Cape Town is one of the most beautiful cities in the world, with its majestic Table Mountain backdrop. It is also the oldest town in the country and one of South Africa's jewels. The city is filled with culture and rich in historical experiences, with pristine white beaches along the coastline.*

The afternoon is free to relax and explore the Waterfront precinct at your leisure.

## Day 2 IN CAPE TOWN: explore the city

After breakfast, depart for a day exploring Cape Town, Table Mountain and the beautiful Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens.

*On a clear day, the distinctive shape of Table Mountain can be seen from up to 200km out to sea, while its summit provides spectacular views of the city, its Waterfront and Harbour below, the majestic Hottentots Holland mountains to the East and Cape Point to the south.*

### **An Authentic Touch – Why not Abseil down Table Mountain?**

*Abseiling down one of the 7 wonders of nature, the iconic Table Mountain. The panoramic views from the top of Table Mountain are breath-taking, but the views from the side of it are even better. Descending the side of a sheer cliff you will have Camps Bay, the Atlantic Seaboard, and the deep blue ocean at your feet.*

After descending the mountain, explore the “Mother City”, past Lion’s Head to Signal Hill with its dramatic views of Cape Town, Table Bay, Robben Island, Sea Point and Camps Bay. Continue past the Grand Parade and City Hall to take in the South African Cultural History Museum, which is housed in a former slave lodge. Pass the Fort of Good Hope and District Six on the way to Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens, and then on to District 6.

Head back to the hotel and enjoy dinner at leisure at one of the many restaurants nearby.

## Day 3 IN CAPE TOWN: The Winelands

After breakfast, depart the hotel for a day in the Cape Winelands.

The Winelands is an area rich with history, and one can't help but feel it moving through the region to experience a wine cellar tour, where guests will learn all about the process of winemaking, from grape to goblet. Also visit the picturesque little town of Franschhoek, pass by the impressive Huguenot Monument, with lunch at one of the gourmet restaurants in town.



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Wind your way to the heady heights of the Helshoogte Mountain Pass to meet the charming university town of Stellenbosch on the other side. Stroll through this little town, absorbing the quaintness, and sneaking into the odd shop or two! A trip to the winelands isn't complete without a wine tasting, so we have organized two at different wine estates.

**An Authentic Touch** – Blend your own authentic bottle of wine

Guests get to create their very own signature bottle of wine to take home. Also go on a cellar tour and wine tasting, at the wine estate.

The day will end back to the hotel.

#### Day 4 CAPE TOWN - HERMANUS

After breakfast, guests will depart along the Garden Route to Hermanus (approximately 2 hours.)

*This coastal town is known to be one of the best land-based whale watching destinations in the world. The most diverse floral kingdom and a beautiful hidden valley called the Hemel en Aarde Valley (Heaven on Earth) can also be found here.*

On arrival at the hotel, check in relax and enjoy your surroundings.

#### Day 5 IN HERMANUS

This morning after breakfast, depart on an adventure filled Great White Shark Cage Dive OR Whale Watching Cruise (in Season).

##### **Great White Shark Cruise with optional Cage Dive**

Great White Shark Diving in South Africa is a combination of goosebump thrills, education and relaxation on a luxury boat in the company of experienced experts and researchers! Learn how to distinguish between a male and female shark, and how to identify a specific shark by its unique dorsal fin and scars.

OR

##### **Whale Watching Cruise (In season: June – December)**

Set off from Hermanus New Harbour in search of the 'gentle giants.' The purpose-built catamaran provides superior viewing and comfort and the friendly, knowledgeable crew add that personal touch allowing for an all-round great experience, from ensuring the perfect photo opportunities are not missed to serving complimentary light refreshments.

Spend the rest of the afternoon exploring the many shops, markets and beautiful surrounds of Hermanus.

#### Day 6 HERMANUS - OUDTSHOORN

After breakfast, continue the meandering journey to Oudtshoorn.

*Located in the Klein Karoo between the Swartberg and Outeniqua Mountain Ranges you will find the town of Oudtshoorn. The Ostrich capital of the world and home to the Cango Caves, Africa's largest show cave system.*

#### Day 7 OUDTSHOORN – PLETTENBERG BAY

This morning enjoy an early breakfast, before a special day excursion to meet the Wild Meerkats.

Enjoy this unique experience, which allows guests to observe meerkats in their natural habitat as they wake up to greet the day. The meerkats have not been handled nor fed by humans and are completely wild.

On return to the lodge, check out and depart on the self-drive journey to the beach resort of Plettenberg Bay.

*Plettenberg Bay is an amazing outdoor playground located along the Garden Route. If you are an outdoor activities or adrenalin junkie this is the place for you, whilst at the same time catering for those who enjoy great food and wine and long lazy days on the beach.*

#### **Day 8 PLETTENBERG BAY – STORMS RIVER**

After breakfast, the day will be spent on the beautiful Storms River, where guests will enjoy a Black Water Tubing Adventure.

Traverse the phenomenal Storms River using a one-man inflatable tube. Including optional cliff and tube jumps, this is a great way to have fun and get in touch with nature.

On return to the hotel, relax and explore the surroundings.

#### **Day 9 STORMS RIVER – ADDO ELEPHANT NATIONAL PARK**

After breakfast, continue to Addo Elephant National Park.

On arrival at the lodge within the Park, relax and enjoy the surroundings before departing on an unforgettable sunset game drive by open safari vehicle, with sundowners as the African sun sets. Return to the lodge for a traditional Boma dinner, under the stars.

*Feel the heartbeat and rhythm of Africa as you become part of a Big 5 safari adventure. Experience authentic, wild Africa, guided by an experienced ranger on an open game viewer, enjoy breath taking landscapes and unforgettable wildlife sightings.*

#### **Day 10 IN ADDO ELEPHANT NATIONAL PARK**

Early morning wake up call, before heading out on an exciting and informative game drive.

Guests enjoy bird watching of approximately 350 species, with a refreshment stop to enjoy freshly brewed coffee and pastries.

Spend the rest of the day at leisure enjoying the surroundings, and experience the wildlife that roams around the lodge.

In the late afternoon depart with a ranger and tracker for an afternoon game drive to a different area of the reserve, with sundowners as the African sun sets. Then enjoy a night drive back to the lodge.

#### **Day 11 ADDO ELEPHANT NATIONAL PARK – PORT ELIZABETH - DEPART**

Early morning wake up call, before heading out on a last African safari.

Return to the lodge for a hearty breakfast, then check out and drive to Port Elizabeth Airport, in time to check in for the homeward flight.