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Sights of the Southern South Africa - Safari, Garden Route & Cape Town

South Africa offers you everything your heart desires and then a little more. With its magnificent nature, impressive wildlife, cultural diversity and charming cities, the country has so many facets that it fully lives up to the term "a world in one country".



Evergreen Escape has tailormade a 13-day combined nature and safari trip, which gives you the opportunity to experience the sights of southern South Africa with the country's densest population of elephants, beautiful coastlines, sightseeing in perhaps the world's most beautifully situated metropolis, as well as hiking in the most fantastic nature. In short, a trip that gives you a fantastic insight into what southern South Africa has to offer:

***Knysna – Cape Town
Garden Route, Route 62 & Chapman's Peak Drive
Addo Elephant National Park – Kariega Game Reserve***

A true treat of a journey which is named:

Sights of the Southern South Africa – safari, Garden Route & Cape Town

The experiences almost line up on this journey, which takes you through southern South Africa from east to west. You will be accompanied by a Danish Tour Leader, a local tour guide and an experienced driver who will do everything in our power to ensure that you have an unforgettable journey. The journey takes place in modern and comfortable vehicles with air conditioning. When you are on a game drive in the Kariega Game Reserve, you drive in open 4-wheel drive vehicles, so you can enjoy the wildlife from the first row.

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The adventure begins already when you have arrived in *Port Elizabeth*, as we go out to experience *Addo Elephant National Park*, which has the country's densest population of elephants.

We are going in search of *The Big Five* when we go on a game drive in the *Kariega Game Reserve*. Another intense experience awaits us in the same place when we go on a *walking safari*, where we become a much greater part of the surroundings in the bush.

We are going to drive on some of the world's most beautiful routes with absolutely spectacular views - the *Garden Route*, *Route 62* and *Chapman's Peak Drive*.

The vehicle is parked as we lace up our hiking boots and head out into nature at *Robberg Nature Reserve*, *Bretton-on-Sea*, *Wilderness*, *Swartberg* and *Hermanus*.

We will experience 2 of the birds that cannot fly when we go out to see the world's largest living bird, the ostrich, and the wonderfully charming penguins.

We experience *Cape Town*, which is described by many as the world's most beautifully situated city. Here we will go on a city tour, where we will experience, among other things, the colourful *Bo-Kaap* and the city's lively waterfront. We also get all the way to the tip of South Africa, where the Atlantic Ocean meets the Indian Ocean.



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Itinerary for Sights of the Southern South Africa - *Safari, Garden Route & Cape Town*

May – August & September – November 2023

Day 1: Arrival to Port Elizabeth – Addo Elephant National Park

(Distance: Approximately 74 kilometre)

When you have made it through passport control at the airport, your Danish Tour Leader, local guide, and driver will be ready to welcome you.

After a warm welcome, it's time for the first adventure of the journey when we drive to *Addo Elephant National Park*. The park, South Africa's third largest with an area of 1,640 km², was established in 1931 to protect the few remaining elephants from extinction. At that time, the population was only 11, divided into 8 females and 3 males. It turned out to be a good decision, as today the park is home to more than 600 elephants, considered to be the country's densest population of elephants.



It is relatively easy to spot the elephants, due to the low vegetation, and therefore a huge experience awaits when we get really close to the huge animal. Despite the name, the park is also home to a number of other animals such as the buffalo, zebra, *eland* – the largest species of antelope – the hyena, rhinoceros, lion, and leopard.

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The original park has subsequently been expanded so that today it stretches from the northern arid *Karoo region* through the *Sundays River Valley* and further down the coast towards *Alexandria* and a marine reserve that includes *St. Croix Island* and *Bird Island*. Both islands are habitats for sea otters and penguins. In fact, Bird Island is the world's largest breeding colony of gannets – about 120,000 – and St. Croix is the largest breeding

colony of penguins.

With the expansion of the park to the *Greater Addo Elephant National Park*, the park has not only gone from being expanded to today's 3,600 km², but it is also the only park in the world that houses *The Big Seven*, namely the original *Big Five* - the rhinoceros, the lion, leopard, elephant, and buffalo – supplemented by the southern right whale and great white shark. However, it requires a certain amount of luck to experience all 7, but as you know, in an adventure anything can happen....

After an eventful day, we drive to our hotel for the night, aptly named *Happy Lands*, beautifully situated on a citrus farm.



Accommodation: Happy Lands B&B (www.happylands.co.za)

Meals: Dinner

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Day 2: Addo Elephant National Park – Kariega Private Game Reserve

(Distance: Approximately 140 kilometre)

After a wonderful breakfast, it's time to continue our adventure as we drive to the family owned *Kariega Game Reserve*. Here, 10,000 hectares of untouched African Wilderness await us. The landscape and topography are some of the most beautiful things we find on these edges, which will give us some completely unique experiences.



On today's game drive, we drive around in open 4-wheel drive vehicles to better enjoy and observe the wildlife. We must, among other things, see if we can experience *The Big Five* – the rhinoceros, the lion, the leopard, the elephant, and the buffalo. The term dates back to the 1800s, when big game was hunted on foot. The hunters judged that these five animals were the most difficult and dangerous to kill. So even though the term originates from a bygone era, nothing has changed in that it is still an achievement and requires a lot of luck to spot these five animals.

We have 2 nights at the 4-star lodge *Kariega Main Lodge*, where we live in small log cabins in the middle of the bush.



Accommodation: Kariega Main Lodge (<https://www.kariega.co.za/lodges/4-main-lodge>)

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner

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Day 3: Kariega Private Game Reserve

After a wonderful night's sleep, it's time to spend another day on animal experiences in the Kariega Game Reserve. The nature reserve is actually no more than 30 years old, and only opened to the public in 1999. In the 19th century, most of the land in the area was used for farming. To protect their families and livestock, the settlers who lived in the area began to hunt the wild animals. Many of the wild animals were therefore highly threatened and, in some cases, completely extinct. In the last decades there has been a radical change in the attitude towards the conservation of the wild animals. In 1989, the Rushmere family bought the first part of the untouched land in the northern part. Over the years, they expanded and continuously introduced the various animal herds to the area, until in 2007 they reached the size of the current nature reserve. Today, the nature reserve is world famous for its conservation efforts towards the wild animals.

Today, therefore, a particularly intense experience awaits us when we leave our vehicle and, together with a local ranger, set off on foot for a few hours to explore the indigenous flora and fauna.



A walking safari is safari in its purest original form. Where we, as passengers in a 4-wheel drive, are merely observers, we become much more a part of the surroundings when we move around in the bush on our feet.

Our ranger will point out and identify tracks, talk about interesting plants, highlight interesting insects and other small animals, and inform us about the ecosystem in general. It's a great way to be introduced to the flora and smaller wildlife that aren't so easy to spot from a vehicle.

In the evening we will listen to the symphony of African nature as we sit on the terrace and absorb the day's impressions.

Accommodation: Kariega Main Lodge (<https://www.kariega.co.za/lodges/4-main-lodge>)

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner

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Day 4: Kariega Private Game Reserve – Plettenberg Bay

(Distance: Approximately 358 kilometre)

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After a wonderful night's sleep in the middle of the bush, it's time again for an incredibly special experience when we go sailing on the *Kariega River* and experience the wildlife from the water's edge. The Kariega River is 138

kilometers long and winds through the nature reserve.



The river attracts an absolutely incredible bird life, which is quite fascinating to watch - e.g., snake-necked birds, flamingos, kingfishers, buzzards, herons, ibis, and the African Fish Eagle. So, whether you are an ornithologist or not, you will undoubtedly find great joy in observing the winged animals. More than 280 different bird species live here.



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When we get solid ground under our feet again, we continue our journey and drive towards the coast. The destination for today's journey is *Plettenberg Bay*. Plettenberg Bay is located as part of the *Garden Route*, which is high on many guests' wish lists when they want to experience South Africa, as this is where you can experience the most fantastic fauna and flora.

When the Portuguese explorers in the 15th and 16th centuries mapped the coast around present-day South Africa, they called Plettenberg Bay "*Bahia Formosa*" - the beautiful bay. However, the governor of the *Cape of Good Hope* - *Joachim van Plettenberg* - renamed the area in 1779 and modestly named it after himself, although it would have been more appropriate to retain the original name. Because the area is absolutely beautiful - picturesque and charming with long pristine sandy beaches, calm lagoons, clean rivers, indigenous forests, and a spectacular rocky peninsula.



We have 2 nights at the charming *Whalesong Hotel & Spa*, beautifully situated in a lush, landscaped garden. Each room has its own wooden veranda with breathtaking views of the coastline and the *Tsitsikamma mountain range*.



Accommodation: Whalesong Hotel & Spa (<http://legendhospitality.co.za/stay-with-us/whalesong-hotel-spa/>)

Meals: Breakfast and dinner

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Day 5: Plettenberg Bay

After breakfast is eaten to the sound of crashing waves, it's time to get out and touch us. We are going to go hiking on the *Robberg Nature Reserve* peninsula (walking time: approx. 4 hours, medium level of difficulty). The area is a world heritage site, as the rocks from the region can be dated back as much as 120 million years.



In addition to the incomparable view of the coast and the sea, we may be lucky to see the rare small antelope *Blue Duiker* as we move through the dunes and the natural heath and bush vegetation.



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If, as in the world of fairy tales, we continue to be lucky, we will be able to see seals and whales frolicking in the sea below us. South Africa must be considered one of the best countries in the world to see marine mammals. At the beginning of June, the southern right whales leave their birthplace in Antarctica to frolic in the warm waters off the Cape coast. Here they mate and generally hang together, with the occasional flick of a tail or a head coming into view, convincing us of their presence.



The rest of the afternoon is at your disposal, where you can choose to go back to the hotel and relax by the swimming pool, take a walk along the beach, take a horseback ride through the forest, or maybe go on a boat trip in the bay.

Accommodation: Whalesong Hotel & Spa (<http://legendhospitality.co.za/stay-with-us/whalesong-hotel-spa/>)

Meals: Breakfast and dinner

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Day 6: Plettenberg Bay - Oudtshoorn

(Distance: Approximately 160 kilometre)

After a good night's sleep, we continue our journey along the Garden Route to the beautiful city of *Knysna*, situated between the impressive *Outeniqa Mountains* and the Indian Ocean.



We leave the car and set off on foot (barefoot) along the beautiful sandy beach from *Brenton-on-Sea* to *Buffalo Bay* (distance: approx. 5.5 km, walking time: approx. 2 hours, difficulty level: easy).



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From there we drive on to the town with the very telling name of *Wilderness*. Here we lace up our hiking boots and head towards the local *Kaaimans Waterfall*. The beginning of the hike is a bit strenuous, but it gets easier (distance: approx. 3.5 km, walking time: approx. 3 hours, difficulty level: easy). There is an opportunity to take a swim at the waterfall if the desire overcomes one.



After the hike, we drive to *Oudthoorn*, which is known for its many ostrich farms, which in the dawn of time supplied feathers to fashion houses all over the world. We arrive in the late afternoon at our hotel for the next 2 nights – the 4-star hotel *De Denne Country Guesthouse*.



Accommodation: De Denne Country Guesthouse (<http://dedenne.com>)

Meals: Breakfast and dinner

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Day 7: Oudtshoorn

(Distance: Approximately 150 kilometre)

After a delicious breakfast, it's time to drive to *Cango Caves*, the largest stalactite caves in Africa. It is a breathtaking labyrinth of caves, passages, and rock formations. All the caves have extensive stalactite formations of

impressive sizes.



After an exciting trip inside the cave system, it is time to emerge into the daylight again and continue the day's journey through the *Swartberg Pass*, one of the most spectacular mountain passes in the world.



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The pass is almost 24 kilometers long, where we will be greeted by a wide range of absolutely incredible landscapes. We park our vehicle and get ready to lace up our hiking boots to explore on foot. On the scenic hike, we will be able to admire the area's 300-million-year-old sandstone formations, and we can keep an eye out for local wildlife such as *Verreaux's eagles*, buzzards, jackals and the small antelope *cliff springer*. Plant lovers should look out for South Africa's national flower, the *Protea*, which provides nectar for the local sunbirds.

The Swartberg Mountains (black mountain in Afrikaans) form a mountain range that runs roughly east-west along the northern edge of the semi-arid Little Karoo in the Western Cape Province. North of the area lies the other large semi-arid area in South Africa, the Great Karoo. The Swartberg consists of two areas - the smaller and the larger Swartberg mountains. Ironically, the smaller Swartberg Mountains, the westernmost of the two, are the higher, including the province's highest peak, *Seweweekspoortpiek (Seven Weeks Gorge Peak)* at 2325 meters. The famous *Towerkop (Bewitch Peak)* towers over the town of *Ladismith* in the Little Karoo at a height of 2189 meters. The peak got its slightly strange name, as legend tells that it was split in two by a spell and a subsequent lightning strike. To that extent, the adventure lives up here....



We hike in the area for a few hours (distance: approx. 10 km, walking time: approx. 2 hours, difficulty level: easy) before driving back to our hotel, where we can have a swim in the hotel pool or a cool drink to absorb today's experiences.

Accommodation: De Denne Country Guesthouse (<http://dedenne.com>)

Meals: Breakfast and dinner

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Day 8: Oudtshoorn – Breede River Valley

(Distance: Approximately 346 kilometre)

After a good night's sleep, we will go out to experience an ostrich farm. At the end of the 19th century, a number of Jewish traders emigrated from Eastern Europe and settled near Oudtshoorn to run ostrich farms. At that time, ostrich feathers were the highest fashion, and some were exported to fashion-conscious Europeans, e.g. In Paris. Here the fine ladies used both ostrich feathers for their dresses and for their hats. On the farms, they made a lot of money, as the value of 1 kilo of ostrich feathers was as much as 1 kilo of gold. Today, however, only a few people dress in ostrich feathers, so today the meat and leather of the ostrich are primarily exported.

The ostrich is the world's largest living bird, which can grow up to 2.5 meters tall and weigh up to 140 kilos. It can't fly, but it can run really fast. With its long muscular legs and only 2 toes on its feet, it can reach a top speed of 70 km/h.

The ostrich has extremely well-developed vision, where the eyes are so large that they actually take up more than half of the space in the head. This means that there is not so much room for the brain, and therefore it is not considered to be a particularly intelligent animal. In fact, it is believed that most of the ostrich's brain capacity goes to processing the visual impressions from the large eyes.



When the ostrich rests, every now and then it lies completely flat on the ground with its neck outstretched. It is believed that this behavior has given rise to the saying that ostriches stick their heads in the bush or the ground when they are frightened. But it's a joke, because if an ostrich gets scared, it instead takes its legs on its neck and flees.

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After an interesting experience with the wonderful birds, it is time to continue the journey further west as we drive towards the *Breede River Valley*. The valley is home to some of South Africa's major wine producing areas. We drive along one of the most beautiful travel routes in South Africa – *Route 62*.

In the afternoon we arrive at our hotel for the night, where we will taste some of the wonderful grapes from the area.



We spend the night at the charming winery *Wederom*, located in the heart of the *Robertson Valley*, between vineyards and orchards, where family traditions still stand strong. Our host Phillip, who is the 4th generation of the *Du Toit* family, always selects the best grapes from each harvest, resulting in wines of high individual quality. The food is made according to *Grandma Zeeman's* old family recipes, which ensure unforgettable meals.



Accommodation: Wederom (www.wederom.co.za/)

Meals: Breakfast and dinner

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Day 9: Breede River Valley - Hermanus

(Distance: Approximately 149 kilometre)

After breakfast, we go on a short hike through the vineyards so that we can study up close the exciting grapes that create some of the world's best wine.

We then continue our journey to *Swellendam*, which is one of the largest agricultural producing areas in South Africa. Here, i.e., huge amounts of grain, canola oil and dairy products, as well as berries, citrus, persimmons, wool and wine are exported.



Swellendam was founded by the Dutch East India Company in 1745, making it South Africa's third oldest city. The town is named after the first South African-born governor of the Cape – *Henrik Swellengrebel* and his wife *Helena ten Damme*. With careful renovations, the city has managed to preserve some of the historic, beautiful houses and churches.



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In the afternoon we drive to the southernmost point on the African continent – *Cape Agulhas* – where the Atlantic and Indian Oceans meet. The cape was named by Portuguese sailors around the year 1500 who called it *Cabo das Agulhas* (*Cape of the Needle*) after they noticed that the direction of magnetic north (and thus the compass needle) coincided with geographic north.

Historically, the sea off Cape Agulhas has always been notorious among sailors, due to its winter storms and huge waves that can reach up to 30 meters in height. It is estimated that at least 150 ships have sunk in the area over the past few hundred years.



We have 2 nights at the more than 120-year-old *Windsor Hotel*, which is situated with a spectacular panoramic view of the Indian Ocean.



Accommodation: Windsor Hotel (www.windsorhotel.co.za/)

Meals: Breakfast

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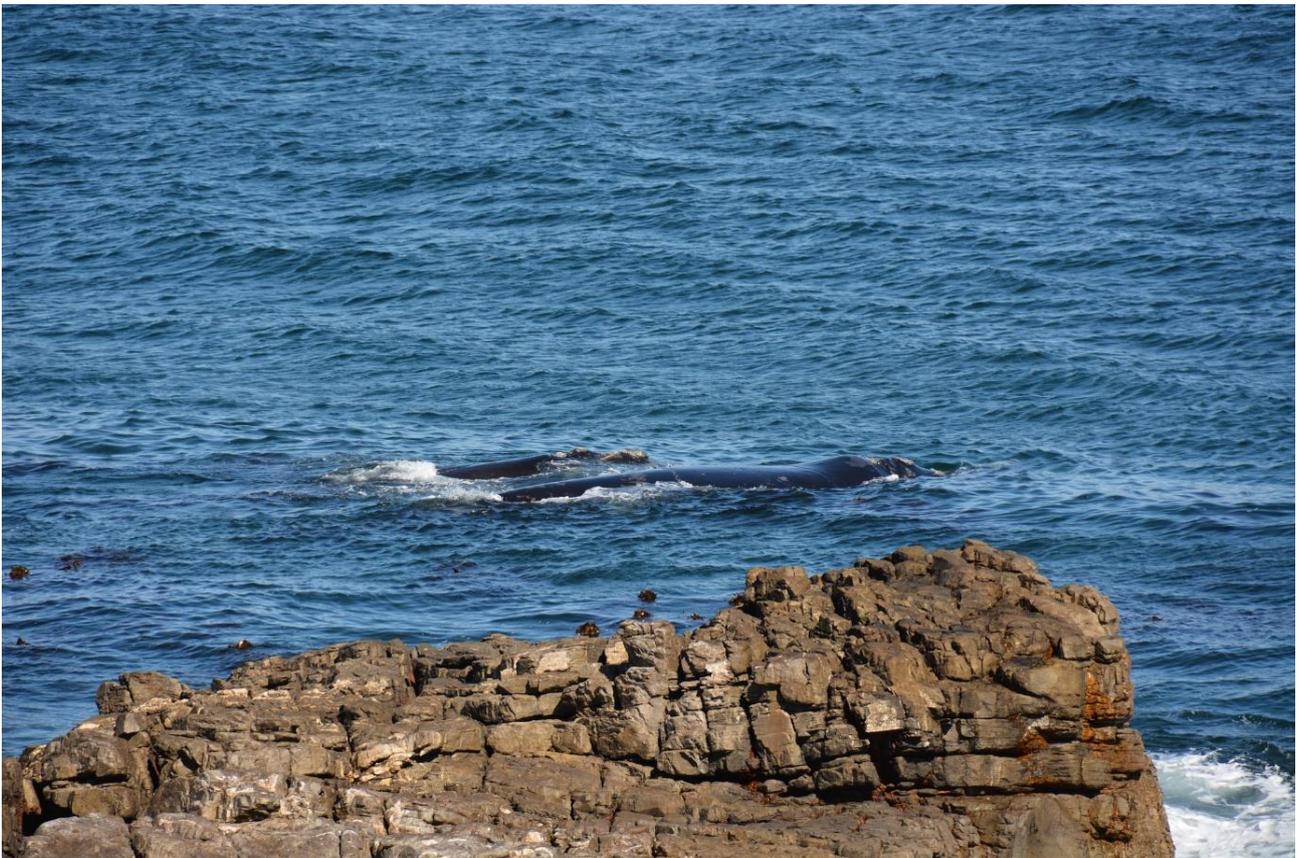


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Day 10: Hermanus

After breakfast is eaten to the sound of crashing waves, it's time to lace up our shoes again and head out into the mountainous region (distance: approx. 12 km, walking time: approx. 4 hours, difficulty level: easy). We walk along the rocks, where we may be lucky enough to spot the whales in their element. Here, where the Atlantic Ocean and the Indian Ocean meet, is actually the best place to see sea giants. This is due to ocean currents that bring the nutrient-rich cold water from Antarctica up against the warmer water at the coast. This increases the temperature in the nutrient-rich cold water and is further heated by the sun, which at the same time sets the ocean's food chain in motion. Large blooms of phytoplankton form the food base for the zooplankton and thus for many animals such as small fish and baleen whales, and ultimately for the sea's predators. It is especially in the period from May to November that particularly many whales are seen in the area.



The rest of the day is at your disposal, where there will be an opportunity to go on a whale watching trip (at your own expense - must be booked in connection with booking the trip).

Accommodation: Windsor Hotel (www.windsorhotel.co.za/)

Meals: Breakfast

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Day 11: Hermanus - Cape Town

(Distance: Approximately 121 kilometre)

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After a well-deserved night's sleep, it's time again for more beautiful experiences as we continue our journey towards *Cape Town*. We drive along the coast and stop at *Stony Point Nature Reserve*, which is located by the picturesque town of *Betty's Bay*. *Stony Point Nature Reserve* is home to one of the largest and most successful breeding colonies of *the African Penguin* (also called *the Spectacled Penguin*). The colony is located on the site of the old whaling station, which was used to harvest and process whale meat in the 1900s. The first 2 penguins came to the colony in 1985, which has since gradually increased, so that today there are approx. 3,600 spectacled penguins.

We get the chance to experience these wonderfully charming birds up close. A nice wooden boardwalk has been created, giving us the opportunity to observe the penguins in their natural habitat as they go about their daily activities without us disturbing or scaring them.



The spectacled penguin can grow up to 70 cm tall, but despite its height and wingspan, it weighs no more than a hen (approx. 3 kg). Like the ostrich, it cannot fly, but uses its wings as mitts when swimming. The tail uses it as a rudder to steer with. Its plumage is waterproof with scale-like, short feathers evenly distributed over the entire body surface. Since its skin is oily and secretes an oily liquid that keeps the plumage smooth and shiny, they do not need to constantly groom their feathers when they have been in the water like other birds. In order to keep warm, the penguin has a well-developed fat layer under the skin.

On land, penguins walk upright and effortlessly, but somewhat waddling. In water, they swim very quickly and elegantly, enjoying their almost cone-shaped body shape. The spectacled penguin is a good diver and can dive to a depth of 25 meters when it needs to catch crustaceans and fish.

They breed in colonies with many pairs, where they lay 1-2 eggs in a nest on the ground or in a cave, and where the female incubates the eggs for approx. 1 month. After 3 months on land, where the adults have fed the young, they are ready to go swimming and learn to find food themselves.

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After a certainly enjoyable and unforgettable experience, we drive on to the *Cape of Good Hope* and *Cape Point*. Here, at the very tip of Africa, where one of the largest sea cliffs in the world plunges into a stormy sea, there is both drama and calm. Small coves and soft white sandy beaches offer the perfect conditions to experience various animal species such as antelopes, mountain zebras and ostriches. We take a walk around the fantastic surroundings and pose for photos in front of the world-famous Cape Point sign.



We continue our journey along the *Cape Peninsula*. The scenery is stunning with winding mountain roads that cut into the cliffs high above the roaring sea. We drive along *Chapman's Peak Drive*, which is one of the world's most beautiful stretches of road. In the sea we may be lucky to see migrating southern right whales. Weather and time permitting, a 40-minute cruise to *Duiker Island* can be purchased, where thousands of wild fur seals can be seen in their beautiful natural habitat.

We arrive in *Cape Town* in the late afternoon, where we check into our hotel. We will spend the night at the 4-star hotel *Floréal Hotel*, which is located with a beautiful view of *Table Mountain*, *Table Bay*, and the harbor.



Accommodation: Floréal Hotel, Cape Town (<https://www.florealthouse.com/>)

Meals: Breakfast

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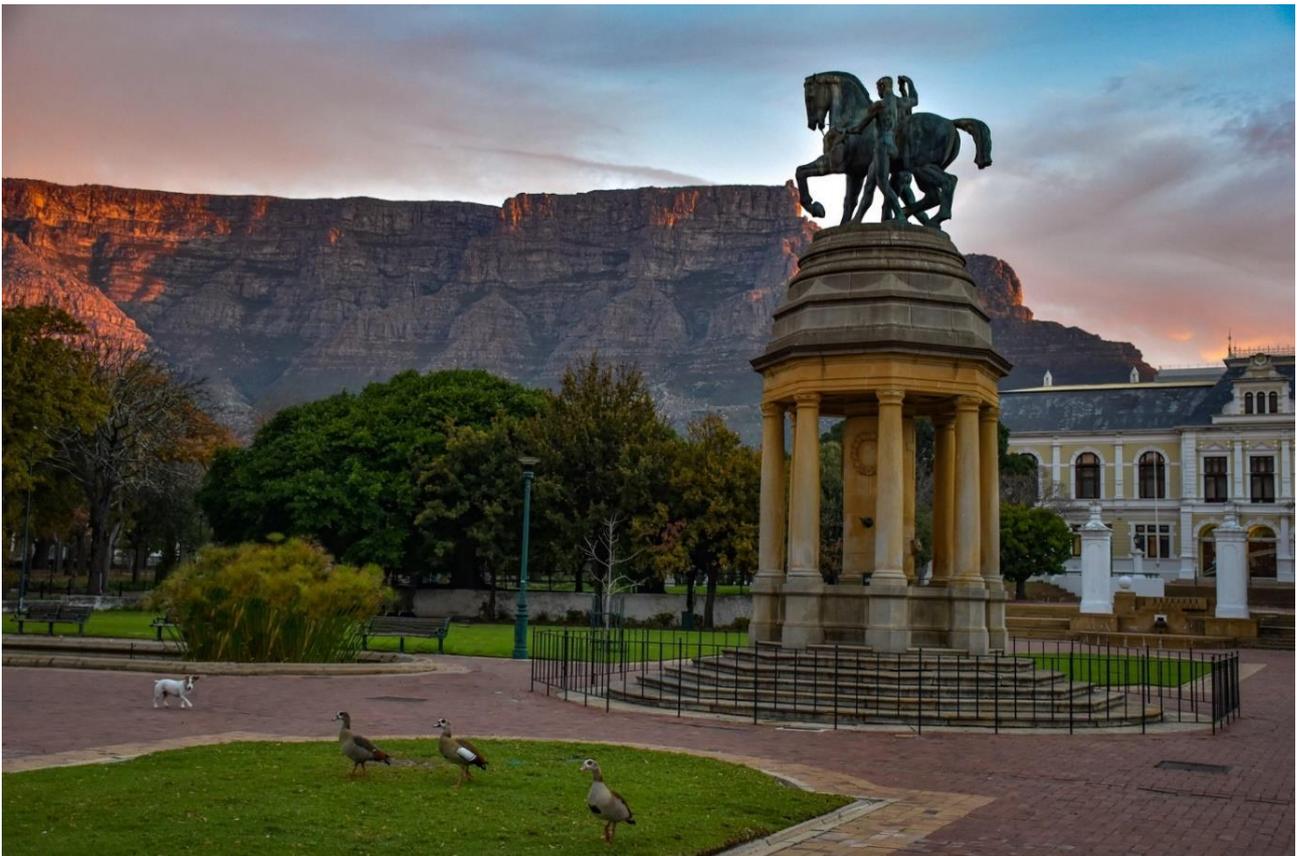
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Day 12: Cape Town

Cape Town can, without exaggeration, be considered one of the world's most beautiful cities. *The Mother City*, as it is called by the premises, is beautifully surrounded by Table Mountain and the Atlantic Ocean. Many travelers love this unique city for its fascinating history, interesting culture, natural beauty, award-winning wines, and laid-back lifestyle.

We begin our city tour in the beautiful Company's Garden, which is the country's oldest park and surrounded by historic buildings. The garden was originally built as a supply station for the ships of the Dutch East India Company that rounded the tip of Africa on their way to Asia. After months at sea, their ships could be filled up with fresh produce grown in the garden - hence the name "the company's garden".



From there we move on to the lively *Green Market Square*, which is today Cape Town's flea market. The square was established in 1696 during the Dutch occupation of the Cape Colony. In the more than 300 years, the square has served many purposes. In the beginning it was used as a marketplace where the fresh vegetables grown in the Company's Garden were sold along with slaves. Since then, a guard house was built, which was the headquarters of the Cape Colony's citizen patrols, which patrolled and kept an eye on any fires. Over time, the square became more and more dilapidated and ended up in the 1950s becoming a car park. But in 1989, the square rose from the ashes when an important historical moment unfolded here: the "*Purple Rain protest*" against Apartheid. When the protesters arrived at the square, they were met by police water cannons that sprayed purple dye on all of them. One of the protesters jumped onto the canoe and tried to divert it away from the crowd of people and instead towards the headquarters of the Apartheid government, whose buildings were painted purple! Today, as

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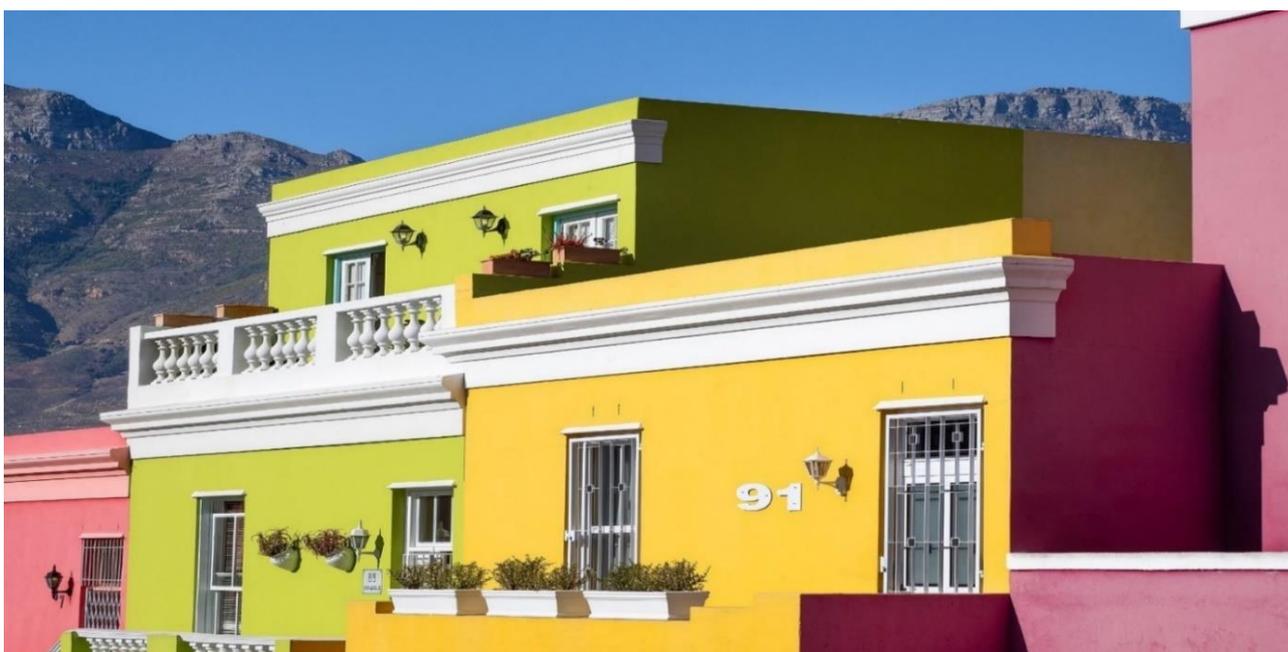
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mentioned, the square is a flea market where you can buy everything your heart desires, from clothes to African handicrafts.



We continue today's sightseeing with a stroll through the colorful *Cape Malay district* of *Bo-Kaap*. The district originally dates from the 1760s, when many smaller houses were built and rented out to slaves. The inhabitants became known as *Cape Malay*, and came from Malaysia, Indonesia, and the rest of Africa to work in the Cape Colony.

The houses in the district are a mix of Dutch and Victorian architecture in striking multicolored rows on steep cobbled roads. The choice of color is said to be attributed to the fact that when the houses were for rent, they had to be white. When the rule was finally lifted and the slaves were given the opportunity to buy the houses, all the houses were painted in bright colors by their owners as an expression of their freedom.



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If you want to experience the prison island of *Robben Island*, which housed Nelson Mandela for 18 years and today functions as a museum, you drive from Bo-Kaap to the departure point for the excursion boat. On the island, the tours are guided by former political prisoners from the island, giving visitors a truly unique insight into the island's history and personal accounts of prison life. The boat and round trip takes approx. 3.5 hours and can be purchased additionally for 720 South African rand. The trip must be booked well in advance of departure.



Otherwise, we drive from Bo-Kaap to Victoria & Alfred Waterfront. The harbor area is a veritable Eldorado for those who enjoy life, with its selection of specialty shops, markets, restaurants, and entertainment.



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We have our farewell dinner at *Restaurant Gold*, a vibrant pan-African experience in the heart of Cape Town. We sit in a historic old courtyard, where our senses are awakened by a sumptuous feast of African specialties and local African rhythms.



Accommodation: Floréal Hotel, Cape Town (<https://www.florealthouse.com/>)

Meals: Breakfast and dinner

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Day 13: Departure from Cape Town

Enjoy the last morning atmosphere in Cape Town. Take a dip in the hotel swimming pool or buy the last souvenirs before we get ready to go to *Cape Town International Airport* to begin our journey home to Denmark. Tired, but filled with lots of lovely holiday memories, new friendships and, of course, unique spot shots.



Meals: Breakfast

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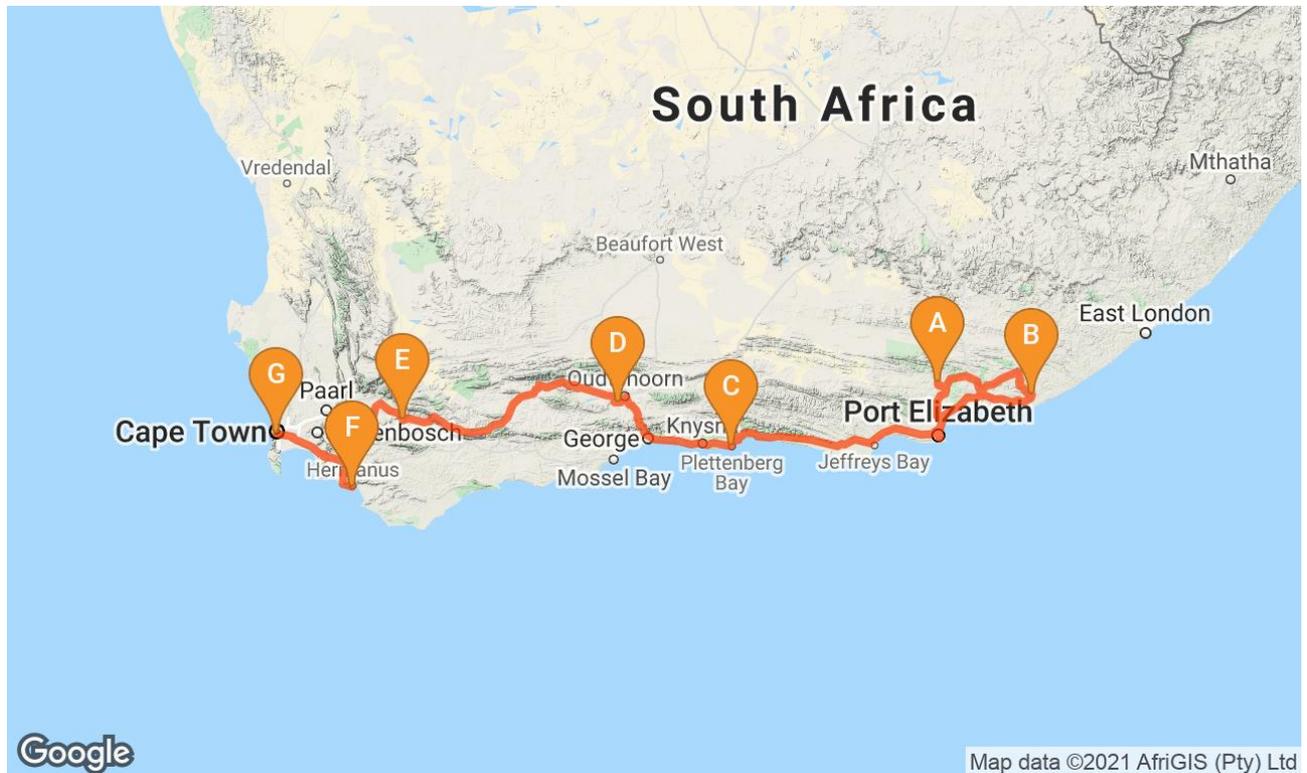
Overview of the itinerary - *Sights of the Southern South Africa*

Day	Duration	Accommodation	Meals
1 – 2	1 night	Happy Lands B&B	Day 1 Breakfast & dinner
2 - 4	2 nights	Kariega Main Lodge	Day 2 Breakfast, lunch & dinner Day 3 Breakfast, lunch & dinner
4 - 6	2 nights	Whalesong Hotel & Spa	Day 4 Breakfast & dinner Day 5 Breakfast & dinner
6 – 8	2 nights	De Denne Country Guesthouse	Day 6 Breakfast & dinner Day 7 Breakfast & dinner
8 – 9	1 night	Wederom	Day 8 Breakfast & dinner
9 – 11	2 nights	Windsor Hotel	Day 9 Breakfast Day 10 Breakfast
11 – 13	2 nights	Floréal Hotel	Day 11 Breakfast Day 12 Breakfast & dinner Day 13 Breakfast



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Overview of the travel route Sights of the Southern South Africa - safari, Garden Route & Cape Town





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Practical Information

- *Sights of the Southern South Africa*

Travel budget

Most meals on our trip are already included. For drinks and additional lunches or dinners, calculate around DKK 150-200 per person.

Tips

It is customary to tip guides, waiters, and other service personnel. They receive a very small, fixed salary, and are therefore very dependent on the tips they receive when they deliver a good effort. Evergreen Escape Expeditions recognizes this custom, but also knows that Danes generally have a hard time tipping, as we are not used to it. That is why we have included tips for guides and drivers in the journey.

It is often a large item on a travel budget. Guests of Evergreen Escape Expeditions avoid this post and the considerations associated with it. Gratuities for both local guides and general guides, drivers and helpers are included in the price for the journey.

What remains are the small items such as tips for house cleaners and porters. Most often, their salary is based on tips. We cannot change this. Therefore, it is always a good idea to show your appreciation in the form of a small amount, both to the dragon who takes the suitcase from the room to the lobby, and to the maid in charge of the room.

Likewise, Evergreen Escape Expeditions recommends that you round up - or add 10% - when paying at a restaurant. The same rule applies here as in hotels: the salary is based on the guests tipping.

Passport

Passport must be valid for six months beyond the date of entry and have 2 blank pages for entry and exit stamps.

It is always a good idea to have an extra copy of the passport's information page with you. It is kept in a different place than the passport itself.

We advise all travellers to check with the country's consulate about possible changes regarding entry requirements, as these can change at short notice.

Visa

Visa is not required for EU citizens to South Africa.

Vehicles

We use air-conditioned vehicles.

For 1-3 people, we drive in a *Toyota Avanza*.

For 1-3 people, we drive in a *Hyundai H1*.

For 1-3 people, we drive in a *Toyota Quantum*.

When we are on a game drive in Kariega, we drive in open all-terrain 4-wheel drive vehicles.



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Luggage

Please bring a soft bag or rucksack rather than a suitcase, as they are often easier to pack in the car.

Packing List

Documents:

- Your passport & a copy of the passport (keep it separate from the original)
- Your flight confirmation
- Vaccination certificate & copy
- Contact details and insurance card for your international health insurance
- Cash in Euro or USD
- Credit card, preferably Visa
- Last travel documents with the contact details of the contact person on site

Clothing:

- Sturdy shoes
- Sandals
- Warm fleece or wool sweater for chilly mornings and evenings
- Light summer clothes
- Long-sleeved shirt/blouse and long cotton trousers
- Light rain/wind jacket
- Headgear
- Swimwear, bath towel and bath shoes

Equipment:

- Small backpack
- Money belt or chest bag for storing money and valuables
- Sunglasses
- Flashlight + extra batteries
- Headlamp
- Camera and possibly telephoto lens for animal photos
- Memory card
- Binoculars
- Power adapter
- Travel alarm clock
- Travel hair dryer if needed
- Neck pillow for travel and long journeys

Health/First Aid Kit:

- Sunscreen for skin and lips
- Mosquito spray (mosquito spray can also be bought on arrival - e.g., Nobite or Medisoft)
- First aid kit (with plasters and disinfectant)
- Important personal medicine
- Small provisions, e.g., biscuit
- A roll of toilet paper

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