



## Garden Route Uncovered

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**Visit:** Port Elizabeth - Knysna - Oudtshoorn - Cape Town

### Escorted Experience

- Fixed Dates
- Modern Airconditioned Vehicle
- First Class Hotels

### Tour Vehicle

Car or Small Van AC

### Tour Guide

Local English only guide

## Detailed Itinerary

### **Day 01: Day 1: Port Elizabeth - Knysna Sunday**

Meet your representative and fellow travellers and head westwards along the Garden Route, which follows the Indian Ocean coastline, and is bordered inland by soaring mountain ranges and indigenous forests. You'll arrive at your hotel in Knysna, known as the oyster box of South Africa, nestling on the banks of a beautiful lagoon, in the heart of the Garden Route. Overnight in Knysna. Distance travelled today: 360 kms.

### **Day 02: Day 2: Knysna Monday**

After breakfast, visit the spectacular Tsitsikamma National Park, Storms River Mouth (weather permitting) and the magical Knysna Forests, the stamping ground of the elusive Knysna elephants. Discover the stories of the woodcutters who worked the forests, the elephants that were hunted to extinction and the discovery of gold. Our expedition into the forest starts with a visit to the Dalene Matthee Big Tree Memorial. The enormous Yellowwood tree of over 880 years was named after Matthee, the best-known author of four books on the Knysna Forest. Enjoy a delicious lunch en route to traditional cuisine and local treats. Overnight in Knysna with dinner at Drydock Restaurant, renowned for dishes with glorious aromas and flavours, using the finest local ingredients and freshly picked herbs from the region. [Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner] Distance travelled today: 300 kms.

### **Day 03: Day 3: Knysna - Oudtshoorn Tuesday**

Travel through the Outeniqua Pass to Oudtshoorn, known as the "ostrich capital" and the centre of the world's Ostrich farming industry. Along the way, visit 'Dolphin Point', an extraordinary viewpoint in Wilderness. In Oudtshoorn, we'll visit an Ostrich Farm for a fun filled interactive tour and light lunch that includes local specialities such as Ostrich Steak, before taking a tour of the spectacular limestone caverns of the Cango Caves, one of the world's great natural wonders, sculpted by nature through the ages. We will arrive at our hotel in the late afternoon, in time to check in and relax before dinner (for own account). Overnight in Oudtshoorn. [Breakfast & Lunch]. Distance travelled today: 210 kms .

### **Day 04: Day 4: Oudtshoorn - Cape Town Wednesday**

There is an option (for own account and subject to availability) to enjoy an early morning Meerkat Safari. Witness these incredible wild habituated creatures emerging out of their burrows, in time to soak up the sun before they head about their daily activities (weather permitting). A portion of the monies paid by guests for this MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience go towards the Buffelsdrift Foundation, that focusses on Wildlife conservation in the Klein Karoo region, habitat conservation and the local community. The experience directly advances UN Global Goal 15: Life on Land. After breakfast, the journey continues

through the ‘Little Karoo’ to Barrydale, where you will have the opportunity to visit a local farm school, to interact with the children and teachers, spending time with them in the classroom, learning more about this rural community. A portion of the trip monies go towards our Barrydale Farm School Development Fund, that support local education of underprivileged children in rural communities. (The school visit is subject to the school being open). Continue to Cape Town, spectacularly set at the foot of Table Mountain, where the tour ends on arrival. [Breakfast]. Distance travelled today: 468 kms.

## **Inclusion**

- 6 Meals: 3 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 1 dinner including gratuities.
- 3 Nights’ accommodation including portorage.
- Transportation including toll fees in air-conditioned vehicles.
- Services of a professional English-speaking tour guide.
- Entrance fees as specified in the itinerary.
- Bottled water in eco-friendly packaging.

## **Exclusion**

International airfares.

Optional activities.

Other meals, drinks, tips and other personal expenses or services not specified on the program.

Personal equipment.

Travel insurance.

Gratuities.

Voluntary tips for guides or drivers.

Travel and medical insurance.

Any items not mentioned as included.

## **Note**

### **Hotels Used OR Similar**

Knysna - Rex Hotel or similar

Oudtshoorn - Hlangana Lodge or similar

## **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS**

- Visit to Tsitsikamma National Park and scenic Storms River Mouth.
- Enjoy a delicious dinner at a delightful lagoon side restaurant in Knysna.
- Immersive journey into the mythical Knysna Forests, discovering the legends build around woodcutters, elephants, steam trains and gold miners.
- Visit the ‘Dolphin Point’ lookout in Wilderness, with spectacular views of Wilderness beach and beyond
- Guided tour of the Cango Caves and a guided tour of a working ostrich farm in Oudtshoorn.
- Visit a rural farm school in the Barrydale area with the opportunity to interact with the children. This visit supports our Barrydale Farm School Development Fund that encourages local education of underprivileged children in rural communities. School will be closed 01 – 16 Jan; 21 Mar - 02 April; 15 Jun.– 08 Jul; 21 – 30 Sep; 11 - 31 December 2024.
- Explore the small towns along the well-known Route 62 between Oudtshoorn and Cape Town.

- Meals included in this trip support sustainable food production with at least 30% of the food on the menu being sourced locally (within 50-80km) of where it's prepared.
- Enjoy carefully chosen optional **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experiences** that positively impact our travellers and the communities we visit.

Enhance your journey with an optional excursion, available for pre-booking, subject to a minimum of 2 adults travelling (Rates available on request).

Visa: Guests are required to ensure that all such requirements are attended to as GGTS accept no responsibility in this regard.

LANGUAGE: English commentary on all departures.

Prices are subject to alteration without prior notice. Prices are also subject to adjustment in the event of changes in government imposed taxes, fuel price, airfares, hotel charges, tourism levies and the introduction of national, regional or local taxes or levies of whatever nature.

Departure from Port Elizabeth on Sunday.

## **Tour Dates & Pricing**

