

## Western Cape Oudtshoorn, Knysna

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**Visit:** Oudtshoorn, Knysna

### Escorted Experience

- Fixed Dates
- Modern Airconditioned Vehicle
- First Class Hotels

### Tour Vehicle

Multi Seater AC van

### Tour Guide

Local English only guide

### Detailed Itinerary

**Day 01: DAY 1: Oudtshoorn**

Arrival into George Airport, meet your English Speaking Guide and transfer to Oudtshoorn Arrival into Oudtshoorn, we make a stop at the Ostrich Farm for a Traditional Ostrich Tour & Lunch Show (Included) Traditional Ostrich Tour is not only enlightening but also fun for the whole family. Learn all about ostriches, feed one by hand, and watch as our staff expertly demonstrate the various crafts using the ostrich's exquisite feathers, eggs, and leather. You will be in awe with the beauty of your surroundings, with the Klein Karoo valley and the picturesque Swartberg Mountains. Proceed to your lodge for some time at leisure, alternatively take a drive to Buffelsdrift Game Lodge for some activities offered at the lodge Bush Safaris 0 Day Visitors 15:00 During our bush safaris ( game drives ), you can expect to experience true Karoo vegetation from our open game viewing vehicles. Our wide range of animals include Hippo, Giraffe, Eland, Zebra, Buffalo, Springbok and much more. The duration of our bush safaris is  $\pm$  2 hours. About midway through the safari, there is a refreshment break at one of our scenic lookout points. These offer 360° panoramic views of the area as well as the Swartberg Mountains. Elephant Experiences: Elephant Feeding Hourly from 09:00 to 16:00 depending on availability. While feeding our elephants you will experience them (Jabari, Malaika and Bulelo) up close and personal. You will find they may be huge, but are gentle as can be. You may feed them, touch them and take photos with them while our skilled elephant guides share their knowledge of these gentle giants with you. Afterwards they will even reward you with an elephant hug as a special goodbye. Elephant Brushing & Feeding Daily – 09:00 & 16:00 Depending if there is a walk or feeding booked How often do you get the opportunity to brush an elephant? Well, here at Buffelsdrift Game Lodge you can brush our 3 elephants. They have been trained and are truly gentle. Enjoy and be part of an elephants natural, daily routine and also be educated on the importance of brushing an elephant. This is a unique, fun and unforgettable experience. Elephant Walking & Feeding Daily – 08:00 & 15:00 Depending if there is a brush or feeding booked. Take a leisurely stroll with our elephants in the early morning or late afternoon. This is a great way to take in some of our Karoo beauty whilst walking with the biggest land mammals on earth. Afterwards you may feed them, touch them and take photos with them. Lion Experience Daily from 09H30 & 15h00 Guests will be transported in a game vehicle to the 5ha lion enclosure where they will see our lions (Shumba, Tonga and Safia) close-up from the elevated view point. A trained game ranger will feed the lions while guests view them. It is advisable to have a camera at hand. Furthermore, the game ranger will fully inform the guests regarding important aspects of lions in general. General Guidelines: – These are wild Lions and will not be touched or handled by humans, including the rangers. – Maximum of 20 guests per Lion experience. Book in advance to. – Duration of the Lion viewing experience may vary depending on their behaviour ( $\pm$  1-2 hours)

## Day 02: DAY 2: Oudtshoorn

After breakfast at the hotel. OPTIONAL: Meerkat Experience at Buffelsdrift or De Zeekoe Join us at dawn to witness these incredible wild habituated creatures emerging out of their burrows, just in time to soak up the sun before they head about their daily activities. NOTE: No children under the age of eight years Winter Times Daily from  $\pm$ 07:30 weather permitting (duration  $\pm$  1-2 hours) Summer Times Daily from  $\pm$ 05:30

weather permitting (duration  $\pm$  1-2 hours) Take a drive to Meiringspoort Waterfall .The Meiringspoort Waterfall, its thundering waters and the glorious rainbows that it forms, are all part of a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The Meiringspoort Waterfall is one of De Rust's most beautiful attractions; not only for its breath-taking beauty, but also because it is free of charge and a favourite for young and old alike. It is situated on the Meiringspoort Pass, and is officially called the Great Waterfall, but got its better-known name from its locale. OR enjoy activities at local lodge Elephant Experiences: Elephant Feeding Hourly from 09:00 to 16:00 depending on availability. While feeding our elephants you will experience them (Jabari, Malaika and Bulelo) up close and personal. You will find they may be huge, but are gentle as can be. You may feed them, touch them and take photos with them while our skilled elephant guides share their knowledge of these gentle giants with you. Afterwards they will even reward you with an elephant hug as a special goodbye. Elephant Brushing & Feeding Daily – 09:00 & 16:00 Depending if there is a walk or feeding booked How often do you get the opportunity to brush an elephant? Well, here at Buffelsdrift Game Lodge you can brush our 3 elephants. They have been trained and are truly gentle. Enjoy and be part of an elephants natural, daily routine and also be educated on the importance of brushing an elephant. This is a unique, fun and unforgettable experience. Elephant Walking & Feeding Daily – 08:00 & 15:00 Depending if there is a brush or feeding booked. Take a leisurely stroll with our elephants in the early morning or late afternoon. This is a great way to take in some of our Karoo beauty whilst walking with the biggest land mammals on earth. Afterwards you may feed them, touch them and take photos with them. Lion Experience Daily from 0930hrs-1530hrs. Guests will be transported in a game vehicle to the 5ha lion enclosure where they will see our lions (Shumba, Tonga and Safia) close-up from the elevated view point. A trained game ranger will feed the lions while guests view them. It is advisable to have a camera at hand. Furthermore, the game ranger will fully inform the guests regarding important aspects of lions in general. General Guidelines: – These are wild Lions and will not be touched or handled by humans, including the rangers. – Maximum of 20 guests per Lion experience. Book in advance to. – Duration of the Lion viewing experience may vary depending on their behaviour ( $\pm$  1-2 hours) Bush Safaris 0 Day Visitors 15:00hrs During our bush safaris (game drives), you can expect to experience true Karoo vegetation from our open game viewing vehicles. Our wide range of animals include Hippo, Giraffe, Eland, Zebra, Buffalo, Springbok and much more. The duration of our bush safaris is  $\pm$  2 hours. About midway through the safari, there is a refreshment break at one of our scenic lookout points. These offer 360° panoramic views of the area as well as the Swartberg Mountains. overnight stay

### Day 03: DAY 3: Knysna

After breakfast meet your English Speaking Guide and transfer Cango Caves for your Heritage Tour(Included).Tour commences every hour Tour Duration: 60 minutes 29km from Oudtshoorn, at the head of the picturesque Cango Valley, lie the spectacular underground wonder of the Klein Karoo - the Cango Caves. Situated in a limestone ridge parallel to the well known Swartberg Mountains, you will find the finest dripstone caverns, with their vast halls and towering formations Arrival into Knysna, check in at the lodge

and depart to Knysna for lunch Drydock (on your own account) Post lunch transfer to the boat Jetty and enjoy a Sunset Oyster Cruise (Included) Boat departs at 17:00hrs Duration: 90 Mins . There is no better way to end off the day - enjoying wine and oysters on a relaxing boat cruise and taking in the magnificence of Knysna as our African sun starts to set over the lagoon. Indulge your inner romantic and join us onboard our "Oyster Boat" as we head off slowly towards the impressive Knysna Heads, and take in the splendour of the tranquil lagoon as the sun sets on another perfect day in Africa. Relax while you enjoy a glass of wine with a few fresh local oysters. The cruise is slow and leisurely, ultimately relaxing and one can't help but just sit back, and take it all in! The sunset cruise is a fully guided cruise and is inclusive of complimentary white wine, soft drinks or water and oysters for tasting. Return to the hotel for dinner (on your own account) with an overnight stay.

#### **Day 04: DAY 4: Knysna**

After breakfast at the hotel .Enjoy the day with an array of activities in and around Knysna / Plettenberg bay (chargeable) Full Day Vehicle & ESG included on this day for the GUIDED Package Featherbed Nature Reserve The Featherbed Nature Reserve, situated on the Western Head in Knysna, is the premier eco-experience on the Garden Route. Return ferry trip on the Knysna Lagoon to the Western Head. 4x4 vehicle & trailer drive up the headland onto the Reserve, stopping at spectacular viewpoints. Specialist guide giving information on history, fauna & flora. Optional guided 2.2km walk through coastal forest and fynbos into ancient sea caves. World renowned buffet lunch at an outdoor restaurant setting under a canopy of Milkwood trees. Wonderful family outing, suitable for all ages and fitness levels. Knysna Scootours - Duration: 2 hours The Scootour Knysna takes approximately two hours to complete and includes runs through pristine forests and along clear forest streams. Take in the awe-inspiring beauty and power of waterfalls, or the incredibly dizzying heights of yellowwood trees that are almost 900 years old Departures time daily: 09:00 – 11:00 12:00 – 14:00 15:00 – 17:00 When: 7 days a week 364 days a year, our tours are however weather dependent. We are not open on Christmas Day Minimum Age 3 years Minimum Height 1.1 m Riders must be 10 years and up and able to ride and balance a bicycle. Inclusions Scooter, Guide, Safety Equipment, Bottled water. Day Sailing Charter Let our highly experienced crew take you on a lagoon cruise, out through the Knysna Heads and sail towards Buffalo Bay. On return, after anchor is weighed in the calm waters of the lagoon, feast on a spread of delectable Mediterranean delicacies and enjoy a refreshing swim before returning to the quays. The Outeniqua is a 50ft mono-hull and has been operating as a luxury sailing yacht since 1998. Hand built by owner and skipper, Stephan Pepler, her sleek lines are built in local indigenous woods such as Yellowwood and Hard Pear. Feathers Gallery A wonderful and unusual shopping experience awaits you, with a combination of our full range of over 380 products on display, interspersed with a selection of bronze sculptures, and select pieces of fine African art. Throughout the years, Feathers has repeatedly enjoyed the privilege of providing commissioned gifts of excellence to dignitaries and royalty the world over. Most recently, Feathers provided presentations to South African President Thabo Mbeki, Deputy President Jacob Zuma, Minister Mac Maharaj and also Princess Irene of the Netherlands Brenton Beach Brenton Beach



according to all who visit, claim it is on the top of the list of the most beautiful blue flag beaches around. Situated near Knysna Western Heads at Brenton-on-Sea, its spectacular views and breathtaking sunsets are something to be admired. The long, enjoyable walk along Brenton beach to Brenton-on-Sea is very popular amongst locals and tourists. Here you will find many fabulous spots for a quick bite to eat, a much needed ice cream or thirst quenching refreshment Brenton Blue Butterfly Reserve - a very rare National Treasure. The Brenton blue butterfly, evident in late October until December, lives within one hectare of asteraceous coastal fynbos and its larvae depend entirely on the lower side of the leaves of *Indigofera erecta* for their food. The home of one of the rarest butterflies in the world, the Brenton Blue Butterfly Reserve, is marked by a single signpost. Although the Brenton Blue Butterfly Reserve effectively came into being in early 1998, it was only proclaimed as a Special Nature Reserve on 4 July 2003. Knee-high poles indicate the boundary of the nature reserve. The site extends over approximately 2ha and contains a mixture of coastal fynbos and coastal forest. The Brenton Blue shares its home with a wide variety of other insects, as well as mammal and bird species. The vegetation in the reserve is a complex mosaic of candlewood thickets and asteraceous fynbos. The reserve contains a large population of the food plant of the Brenton Blue butterfly, a small plant in the pea family with pink flowers. Magical Day at Noetzie Beach with picnic Access to the stunning and secluded Noetzie Beach via Pezula Private Estate has been restored, so our guests can now take advantage of our exclusive Picnic Package. The package includes: - Scenic drive to Noetzie Beach via Pezula Private Estate - A picnic basket with water and soft drinks - Beach towels, a frisbee and a bat and ball set for fun on the beach Swim with Seals Get up close and personal with African fur seals This exciting adventure takes you out to sea to snorkel with these fun loving creatures, watching them playing and frolicking in the waves. If you are looking for a fun ocean adventure, this is for you. This tour is a first for Plettenberg Bay. It is an experience that will leave you with an invigorated appreciation of the beauty of the ocean and the wonderful animals that inhabit it. Minimum Age 6 years Inclusions: Boat ride, all snorkelling equipment (mask, fins and wetsuits in all sizes) Please report 30 minutes before departure time. Photo and video link included Excursion is weather permitting & seasonal from 15 August- 15 May, Closed on Christmas Day and New years day Birds of Eden World-class free flight bird sanctuary Birds of Eden is the Garden Route's very own world class free flight bird sanctuary. The unique two-hectare dome (the World's largest) spans over a gorge of indigenous forest and is sanctuary to a myriad of birds that can be viewed up close Monkeyland A TRUE PRIMATE SANCTUARY Monkeyland is the world's first free roaming multi-specie primate sanctuary. It's mission is to educate and foster greater understanding of our primate cousins and the threats and challenges they are facing. It offers tours (monkey safaris) where guests can view the 550+ resident primates in their forest home, there is also a restaurant, souvenir store and viewing deck, and a 128-metre suspended canopy walk. Monkeyland's safari guides are multi-lingual, languages spoken include German, French and Spanish. And other activities available in Plettenberg bay such as Afternoon River Leisure Cruise, Whales, Dolphins & Seals Watching, Boat Trips, Horse Riding

**Day 05: DAY 5: Departure Knysa**

After breakfast at the hotel. Meet your English Speaking Driver and transfer to George Airport for your onward flight .

### **Inclusion**

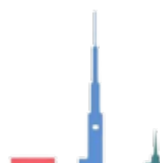
Accommodation as specified in itinerary  
Meals as specified in itinerary  
Transfers as specified in itinerary  
English Speaking Driver as specified in itinerary  
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Services of an experienced English-speaking driver-guide  
All entrance fees and guided excursions as described in itinerary  
All park fees  
1 litre bottled water per person per day  
Activities at Buffelsdrift Game Lodge  
Ostrich Farm Tour  
Cango Caves – Heritage Tour  
Sunset Oyster Knysna Cruise  
Return Transfers to Meiringspoort on the GUIDED package  
Vehicle & ESG at Disposal in Knysna on the GUIDED package on the second day in Knysna

### **Exclusion**

.International Flights and Airport Taxes  
.Visa Fees (if applicable)  
.Medical & Travel Insurance  
.Incidental tips to hotel/lodge staff  
.Gratuity to tour driver/guide  
.All expenses of personal nature  
.Any entrance fees and guided excursions not included in the above itinerary  
.Early Check In & Late Check Out  
.Combo Ticket: Monkey Land & Birds Of Eden  
.Car Rental

### **Note**

Optionals/ Activities on requests at an additional cost  
Internal flights at an additional cost.  
Child rates at an additional cost.  
Car Rental on request.  
Buffelsdrift Game Lodge activities at an additional cost  
Bush Safari  
Meerkat Experience  
Lion Feeding Experience  
Elephant Feeding Experience  
Elephant Brush & Feeding  
Elephant Walk & Feeding  
Birds of Eden



## **Tour Dates & Pricing**

