



# South Africa: Cultural Cities & Wildlife Safaris

17 days | 20 days with Johannesburg & Victoria Falls extension

No other destination offers such a spectacular combination of scenery, cities, and amazing wildlife sightings. One day you're out on the savanna, spying on leopards and lions on this small group Adventure Tour; the next, you're sipping a crisp chenin blanc and feeling the breeze off the Indian Ocean.



## Your tour package includes

- 14 nights in handpicked hotels
- 14 breakfasts
- 5 lunches
- 7 dinners with beer or wine
- 1 liquor tasting
- 15 sightseeing tours
- 3 game drives
- Expert Tour Director & local guides
- Private deluxe motor coach
- 1 on-tour flight

## Included highlights

- Table Mountain
- Cape of Good Hope
- Featherbed Nature Reserve
- Tsitsikamma National Park
- Pumba Private Game Reserve
- Hluhluwe-iMfolozi Game Reserve
- Great St. Lucia Wetland Park
- Chimp Eden
- Kruger National Park

## Tour pace

On this guided tour, you'll walk for at least 1 hour daily across mostly flat terrain, including dirt paths and unpaved walkways, with some hills and stairs.

## Group size

12-22

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## Overnight Flight → 1 night

### Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to Cape Town today.

## Cape Town → 4 nights

### Day 2: Arrival in Cape Town

Welcome to South Africa! Settle in to your hotel this evening.

### Day 3: Sightseeing tour of Cape Town

*Included meals: breakfast, welcome dinner*

Join your Tour Director for a tour of Cape Town, a beautiful and culturally rich city.

- Take a cable car ride up Table Mountain and soak in panoramic views of the city below (*weather permitting*)
- See Signal Hill and the Castle of Good Hope
- Catch glimpses of City Hall and the Houses of Parliament as you drive through the city
- Take a walking tour of the Bo-Kaap area, home to Cape Malay culture and some of the city's most vibrant architecture
- Visit the District Six Museum to learn about the diverse communities that were forcibly removed under apartheid
- See how the museum staff are helping to rebuild the communities and strengthen the rich cultures in District Six and beyond

Spend a free afternoon in Cape Town or add an excursion.

Enjoy a welcome dinner with your fellow travelers this evening.

*Please note: On some departures, the optional excursion will be offered in the morning and the sightseeing tour will take place in the afternoon. In the event of inclement weather, the visit to Table Mountain will be moved to day 4 or 5. In the unlikely event of poor weather both days, Table Mountain will be replaced with a visit to Signal Hill.*

+ Robben Island

### Day 4: Sightseeing tour of the Cape Peninsula & choir performance

*Included meals: breakfast, lunch*

Spend the day exploring the Cape Peninsula.

- Drive along the Atlantic seaboard, passing the Clifton and Camp's Bay beaches

- Visit the Cape of Good Hope and the lighthouse at Cape Point and enjoy views of where the Atlantic and Indian oceans meet
- Visit Boulders Beach, a protected marine habitat for the endangered African penguin
- Learn how your visit helps support the Southern African Foundation for the Conservation of Coastal Birds, a local NGO

As you travel back to Cape Town, stop to enjoy a performance by the Major Voices South African Choir.

- Listen to Afro-gospel, and jazz music by the talented a cappella group, Isicathamiya
- Hear about the group's mission to give youth community members an opportunity to be involved in music and the arts

### Day 5: Free day in Cape Town

*Included meals: breakfast*

Enjoy a full free day in Cape town or add an excursion.

+ Cape Winelands Tasting & Lunch

## Knysna → 2 nights

### Day 6: Knysna via Pinnacle Point & gin distillery

*Included meals: breakfast, lunch, liquor tasting*

Travel along the Garden Route to Knysna, making several stops along the way.

- Enjoy a guided tour of Pinnacle Point, known as the Point of Human Origins
- Enter cave 13B to learn about the archaeological site, which contains a record of human occupation and evolution over a period of 170,000 years
- Enjoy an included lunch at a local restaurant in Mossel Bay
- Sip a gin cocktail at a local distillery as you learn about the local herbs used to produce the liquor
- Make your own bottle of handcrafted gin to bring home

Then, continue on to Knysna.

### Day 7: Sightseeing tour of Featherbed Nature Reserve & Knysna Township

*Included meals: breakfast, lunch*

Cross the scenic Knysna Lagoon by ferry and get ready to explore the pristine beauty of Featherbed Nature Reserve on a guided tour.

- Join your naturalist guide in a 4x4 vehicle and ride up the Western Head
- Stop along the way to admire views of the lagoon, mountains, and Knysna village
- Learn about the area's coastal forest and fynbos, a shrubland with a diverse array of plants, on a nature walk
- Enjoy an outdoor lunch under the grand milkwood trees

Travel back across the Knysna Lagoon by ferry. Then, meet up with a local guide for a tour of Knysna Township.

- Learn about Xhosa culture and interact with the community members, who are part of South Africa's second-largest ethnic group
- Visit the library before meeting a local resident at their home to learn about Xhosa song and drum traditions
- Discover the roots of the language, which eight million South Africans speak

## Port Elizabeth → 2 nights

### Day 8: Port Elizabeth via Tsitsikamma National Park

*Included meals: breakfast, dinner*

Today, travel to the sun-drenched shores of Port Elizabeth, set on the beautiful Algoa Bay, making several stops along the way.

- Follow the Garden Route to Tsitsikamma National Park and Storms River
- Walk along the Storms River suspension bridge for an incredible photo opportunity

Then, continue on to Port Elizabeth and venture out on an orientation tour before sitting down for an included dinner this evening.

### Day 9: Pumba Private Game Reserve

*Included meals: breakfast, lunch*

Visit the Pumba Private Game Reserve for a game drive today.

- Keep a lookout for white lions, elephants, and other wildlife
- Sit down for an included lunch at an outdoor boma restaurant

## Hluhluwe → 2 nights

### Day 10: Flight to Durban & transfer to Hluhluwe

*Included meals: breakfast, dinner*  
Fly to Durban today.

Then, continue on to Hluhluwe where you'll sit down for an included dinner with your group.

### Day 11: Game Reserve & Wetland Park

*Included meals: breakfast, dinner*

Drive out into the bush to enjoy a catered, open-air breakfast complete with coffee, tea, and juices. Then, head out for a game drive at the Hluhluwe-iMfolozi Game Reserve. The game reserve is home to the Big Five and is one of the best places in all of Africa to view rhinoceroses. This afternoon, depart for the Greater St. Lucia Wetland Park, declared South Africa's first World Heritage site by UNESCO in 1999. *(Please note: If your flight to Durban is in the morning on day 10, you will enjoy the St. Lucia Estuary cruise in the afternoon on day 10 instead.)*

- Admire the flora and fauna of the St. Lucia Estuary on a river cruise
- Try to spot hippos, bush bucks, crocodiles, fish-eagles, monkeys, kingfishers, and mudskippers

Sit down for an included dinner tonight.

*(Please note: Depending on timing, your Tour Director may move the game drive to the morning of days 11 or 12.)*

## Eswatini → 1 night

### Day 12: Transfer to Eswatini & Swazi Candles

*Included meals: breakfast, dinner*

Enter the Kingdom of Eswatini, the continent's last absolute monarchy.

- Stop at the traditional markets in Manzini
- Pay a visit to Swazi Candles, a local fair trade organization that produces high-quality candles
- Tour the manufacturing warehouse and community garden, and receive a small candle to take home

Then, pass mountains, forests, and farms as you continue on to your hotel. Sit down for an included dinner.

## Kruger National Park Region → 2 nights

### Day 13: Kruger National Park Region via Chimp Eden

*Included meals: breakfast, dinner*

Cross the border into South Africa and tour Chimp Eden, the Jane Goodall Institute South Africa Chimpanzee Sanctuary.

- Enjoy the unique opportunity to see chimpanzees in semi-wild enclosures
- Admire the viewpoints at some of the enclosures, which overlook the forest and foraging areas
- Hear how the chimps safely play in these areas and how they help positively reinforce their natural behavior

Continue on to the Kruger National Park region. Sit down for an included outdoor bush dinner at your safari lodge.

### Day 14: Kruger National Park game drives

*Included meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner*

Set out for a full day of game drives in Kruger National Park.

- Hop inside your open-air safari vehicle and explore the park with a naturalist guide
- Try to spot the Big Five game animals: buffalo, elephants, leopards, lions, and rhinos
- Enjoy an included lunch at a private boma in the national park
- Continue riding through the park to see wild animals in their natural habitat

Later this evening, sit down for an included dinner with your group.

## Johannesburg → 1 night

### Day 15: Johannesburg via Panorama Route

*Included meals: breakfast*

See scenic landscapes at every turn as you head to Johannesburg along the Mpumalanga Panorama Route.

- Soak in breathtaking views at God's Window *(weather permitting)*
- Walk along a pathway to visit Bourke's Luck Potholes, a collection of natural rock formations
- Stop at the lush, green Blyde River Canyon, where you can see neighboring Mozambique on a clear day

## Overnight Flight → 1 night

### Day 16: Sightseeing tour of Soweto & departure

*Included meals: breakfast, farewell lunch*

This morning, set out on a guided sightseeing tour of the Soweto township.

- See the soccer stadium where the 2010 FIFA World Cup Finals game was played
- Pass Vilakazi Street, once home to both Nelson Mandela and Desmond Tutu—both recipients of the Nobel Peace Prize
- Enter the Hector Pieterse Museum to learn about the 1976 Soweto uprising

Afterward, raise a glass to your trip at a farewell lunch before transferring to the airport to board your flight home, or continue on the tour extension to explore Victoria Falls.

## Arrive Home

### Day 17: Travel day

Arrive home today.

## + Johannesburg & Victoria Falls extension

Spend a little extra time in Johannesburg (Jo'burg for short), then travel to Zimbabwe. Learn more about life in South Africa with visits to the Chinotimba Township and Community Peace Project. Later, visit Victoria Falls, the largest waterfall in the world. You'll fly back to Johannesburg before saying "so long" to Africa.

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## Victoria Falls → 2 nights

### Day 17: Flight to Victoria Falls

*Included meals: breakfast, dinner*

Fly to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, located on the southern bank of the Zambezi River. Then, sit down for an included dinner this evening.

*Please note: Depending on flight schedules, Chinotimba Township may be offered on day 17 instead of day 18.*

**Day 18: Sightseeing tour of Victoria Falls, Chinotimba Township & Rose of Charity visits**

*Included meals: breakfast, lunch*

Explore Victoria Falls, the largest curtain of falling water in the world, on a guided tour.

- Walk along a network of trails to take in spectacular views of the falls from several vantage points
- Learn about the history, flora, and fauna of the area

Then, take a guided tour of Chinotimba Township, a village of the Nambya and Tonga people.

- Sit down in the shady garden of a traditional home in the village for an included lunch of Zimbabwean food and drinks
- Visit the Rose of Charity, an organization helping transform the lives of impoverished children, their families, and their communities through education
- Hear how your visit helps sustain this local NGO

Enjoy a free evening in the Victoria Falls region or add an excursion.

+ Zambezi River Sunset Cruise

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**Overnight Flight → 1 night**

**Day 19: Departure**

*Included meals: breakfast*

Fly back to Johannesburg, where you'll board your overnight flight home.

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**Arrive Home**

**Day 20: Travel day**

Arrive home today.



# Customize your experience

Customize your tour by adding excursion options. Excursions offered on the same day will occur at different times, so there's no need to choose. Save \$10 when you book your excursion up to three days before your tour departs.\* Excursions requiring advance reservation only list this discounted price. Call or go online to customize your tour: **goaheadtours.com/SAF | 1-800-597-0350**

## Day 3: Robben Island

\$85 (4 hours, departs in the afternoon)

Today, board a ferry to Robben Island—an enduring reminder of apartheid and South Africa's struggle for freedom. First fortified in the 17th century and used as a jail until 1996, this UNESCO-recognized site imprisoned Nelson Mandela and other political activists and dissidents. There, you'll set off on a tour, guided by a former political prisoner. You'll see the cell where Mandela was held for 18 years, and learn more about the Nobel laureate's life and work. Afterward, take the ferry back to the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront and enjoy free time in the area before ending your outing. Please note: This excursion is weather-dependent. In case of inclement weather, it will take place on the afternoon of day 4. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked at least 20 days prior to departure.

## Day 5: Cape Winelands Tasting & Lunch

\$109/\$119\* (6 hours, departs in the morning with lunch)

Leave the city behind for a sensational day in the Cape Winelands—a trio of valleys and the largest winemaking region in South Africa. Depart Cape Town, driving through mountainous, tree-lined terrain, en route to a vineyard in the Stellenbosch Region. Here, you'll get a taste of some of the area's finest vintages—like pinotage, a distinctly South African varietal first created and cultivated in the country. Then, continue to another estate for a second tasting, accompanied by a light lunch. Relax and soak in the scenery, then make your way back to Cape Town.

## Extension excursion options

### Day 18: Zambezi River Sunset Cruise

\$79/\$89\* (3 hours, departs in the afternoon)

This afternoon, travel from your hotel to the Zambezi River to embark on a leisurely, two-hour cruise. From comfortable chairs on your ship's cool wooden decks, keep watch for the local wildlife, including hippos, crocodiles, and elephants. Your cruise includes light appetizers and drinks, so sit back and relax while meandering down the Zambezi at sunset.

\*Optional excursions may be purchased up to three days prior to departure or while on tour. Pre-purchased optional excursions cannot be canceled within three days prior to departure or while on tour. Select optional excursions require advance booking and cannot be purchased or canceled after the advanced reservation deadline. GAT accepts payment by cash, Visa or MasterCard for optional excursions purchased on tour. Additional fees may apply for optional excursions purchased on tour. Excursions require a minimum number of participants to operate. Details and prices are subject to change. Due to seasonal hours of operation and availability, some excursions may not operate. If this occurs, you will be refunded any payments made for that excursion post-tour. Learn more at [goaheadtours.com/terms](https://goaheadtours.com/terms)