

SWAGMAN TOURS

EXPERIENCE DISCOVER

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21 DAY

SOUTH AFRICAN EXPLORER

Dep: 02 May & 09 September 2010

DAY 1 AUSTRALIA – SOUTH AFRICA (inflight meals)

Fly from east coast of Australia to Perth (flight cost included) and board South African Airways flight to Johannesburg. This is an overnight flight giving you the best chance to get some sleep.

Overnight: inflight

DAY 2 ARRIVE SOUTH AFRICA – CAPE TOWN (inflight meals)

Arrive into Johannesburg early morning and transfer to the domestic terminal for the flight to Cape Town, also known as the "Mother City". Cape Town, situated in the Western Province, is a picturesque city with Table Mountain as a stunning backdrop and the V&A Waterfront in the foreground. On arrival (mid morning) be met at the airport and taken on a short city orientation tour to see the Malay Quarter, V&A Waterfront and the Company Gardens. Check into the hotel early this afternoon with the rest of the day at leisure. Dinner will be at your own expense as some people may wish to retire early.

Overnight: Park Inn or similar

DAY 3 CAPE TOWN (B,L)

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast before departing (approx 9.00am) to Table Mountain. A cable car can take you to the top (cable car ticket own expense) of the mountain, and you'll be rewarded with stunning 360 degree views. Table Mountain conditions can change quickly so by going in the morning we have the best change of clear viewing.

Afterwards depart for the world renowned wine region of Stellenbosch & Paarl. Proceed to Laborie wine estate for a cellar tour and wine tasting followed by lunch. Laborie was established in 1691 and provides a fine example of Cape Dutch architecture and the vineyard has been producing excellent wine for centuries. After lunch travel to Stellenbosch. Stellenbosch is an old university town with oak lined streets and provides a wonderful display of Cape Dutch architecture. There will be a guided city walk with time to do your own wandering and/or shopping. Late afternoon travel back to Cape Town arriving early evening. Tonight, you can cap off a wonderful day with dinner at the V&A Waterfront (dinner own expense).

Overnight: Park Inn or similar

DAY 4 **CAPE TOWN – CAPE OF GOOD HOPE** **(B,L)**

Enjoy a full day tour to the Cape of Good Hope. Travel via Hout Bay and take a boat trip to seal island. Cross Chapman's Peak on your way to the Cape Peninsula enjoying the rugged coastline scenery. Cape of Good Hope is where the Indian and Atlantic Oceans meet with Cape Point being home to the world's most powerful lighthouse. Talk a walk up to the lighthouse or for those less energetic there is a funicular to take you to the top (own expense). Enjoy lunch at a seaside restaurant prior to visiting Boulders Beach Penguin Colony. Finish the tour with a visit to the Kirstenbosch botanical gardens.

Overnight: Park Inn or similar

DAY 5 **CAPE TOWN – HERMANUS - OUDTSHOORN** **(B,D)**

Depart Cape Town after breakfast and travel along the coastal road via False Bay visiting Hermanus then Swellendam, the 3rd oldest city in South Africa. Hermanus is the best land based whale watching site in Africa with the Southern Right Whales arriving in July and staying until October. Later in the day we will travel over the Robinson Pass to Oudtshoorn, known as the "Ostrich Capital of South Africa". We spend the night on an ostrich farm in a beautifully renovated homestead.

Overnight: la Plume or similar

DAY 6 **OUDTSHOORN – KNYSNA** **(B,D)**

After breakfast we head to a neighbouring farm for a guided tour of an ostrich farm to learn more about these amazing birds. Afterwards we depart for the town of Knysna. Knysna is one of the South Africa's favoured holiday destinations due to being situated between lush forests and a wonderful lagoon. The scenery is delightful. In the evening set out on a relaxing sunset cruise along the Knysna lagoon. Watch the sunset and enjoy dinner on the boat afterwards.

Overnight: Protea Knysna Quay or similar

DAY 7 **KNYSNA – TSITSIKAMA FOREST – ADDO ELEPHANT NP** **(B,D)**

After breakfast travel to the Tsitsikama Forest where you will be able to view centuries old yellow wood trees with time to take a stroll in the forest. Continue on to Port Elizabeth then a short drive inland to Addo Elephant National Park. Addo Elephant NP is a 120,000ha wild sanctuary for a wide range of wildlife including elephants, buffalo, black rhino and smaller creatures like the flightless dung Beetle.

Overnight: Addo Elephant National Park or similar

DAY 8 **ADDO ELEPHANT NATIONAL PARK** **(B,D)**

Today is game viewing day! You will head out on morning and afternoon open 4WD game drives searching for a variety of game animals. Your ranger will impart valuable knowledge not only relating to the animals but also about the surrounding bushveld and birdlife. In between game drives your time is at leisure.

Overnight: Addo Elephant National Park or similar

DAY 9 **ADDO ELEPHANT NP – COFFEE BAY – WILD COAST** **(B,D)**

Today requires an early start to comfortably travel to Coffee Bay located on the Wild Coast of South Africa. The Wild Coast is the birthplace of Nelson Mandela. There is not much to the actual village of Coffee Bay however, the coast is stunning and the beaches are untouched, sandwiched between green rolling hills and the sea.

Overnight: Ocean View or similar

DAY 10 **COFFEE BAY – WILD COAST** **(B,L,D)**

Enjoy a free day in this untouched slice of South Africa. Simply relax, enjoy the beach or head out on a walk. There are many walks available ranging from easy to difficult.

Overnight: Ocean View or similar

NETT TWIN SHARE \$7995.00pp

NETT SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$1115.00pp

INCLUDED:

- ❖ Return economy airfares with South African Airways from Australia Victoria Falls via Johannesburg.
- ❖ Oneway economy airfare Johannesburg to Cape Town with South African Airways
- ❖ 18 nights twin share lodge/hotel/chalet with ensuite (5 nights at private game reserves)
- ❖ 19 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 11 dinners
- ❖ All entry and park fees for itinerary sightseeing
- ❖ Cellar tour and wine tasting
- ❖ 3 x boat trips (1x Seal Island 1x Knysna Lagoon 1 x Chobe River)
- ❖ Guided tour of Ostrich farm
- ❖ 6 x open vehicle game drives in private game reserves
- ❖ 1 x coach game drive in Kruger National Park
- ❖ 2 x game walks in private game reserves
- ❖ Service fees for included meals
- ❖ Porterage at airports and hotels
- ❖ English speaking tour guide throughout
- ❖ VAT and tourism levy
- ❖ Swagman Tours cabin bag
- ❖ Air taxes (current as of 19 Jun 09)

NOT INCLUDED:

- ❖ Travel insurance, Passports and visas
- ❖ Tips and gratuities for driver and guide
- ❖ Drinks and meals not specified
- ❖ Items of a personal nature
- ❖ Optional activities

