

All information provided in this tour dossier is subject to change without prior notice. Changes would always be in consideration of your safety first and a better quality experience where possible. Overnight accommodation stops can change without prior notification, depending on road or weather conditions or any unforeseen circumstances. While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the properties listed in this dossier, these are to be used as a guideline only. We recommend that you download the most up to date version of this tour dossier one week prior to your tour departure date, however, changes are possible within 7 days prior to your tour departure.

Partaking in an adventure tour in Africa involves covering hundreds if not thousands of kilometres and our tours are as much about this journey as they are about the destinations we visit. Use your time during these drives to talk to your fellow travellers, have a drink and take note of the world passing by your window. Some roads you travel on will be smooth and easy while others could take up to an hour to cover 1 kilometre. There is just no telling what could happen with road, weather, traffic and other conditions that may exist that will either increase or decrease the amount of time you spend on the road so take your watch off, put your iPad away, turn off your phone and just relax. An average day could take anything from 5 to 14 hours, it all depends on the day... and that's only an "average"!

Please ensure that you have downloaded and read a copy of the [PRE DEPARTURE INFORMATION](#) booklet as this document contains important information (e.g travel insurance, visas, your money, health etc) you need to know before you depart on tour

PCR Testing / Requirements

All guests participating in this tour will be required to produce a **valid negative PCR test** or undertake a PCR test, prior to departure (regardless of vaccination status).

- Nomad will not permit any antigen/antibody testing to be undertaken at any border crossing.
- All costs associated with PCR testing will be for the guests' own account.

South Africa (This tour begins and ends in South Africa)

South Africa currently requires a valid PCR negative test no more than 72 hours from the date of test to arrival in South Africa. This tour has been adapted to avoid the countries of Eswatini and Lesotho and therefore remains in South Africa for the duration. No PCR testing will be undertaken during the course of the tour.

- Post tour PCR tests will be the responsibility of the guests
- No testing support will be offered/arranged for guests upon arrival in Cape Town by Nomad, however, you can liaise with the front desk team at DoubleTree Hilton for further assistance, based on your exit date and home countries' requirement's. Costs range between approximately R850pp to R1650pp depending on the facility used type of service requested.
 - o Pathcare Gardens offers online booking facility for an appointment and guests will need to make their own way to the facility <https://booking.pathcare.co.za/>
 - o Nurses2U offers an option to administer the test at the hotel at an additional fee <https://nurse2u.co.za/>

Nomad does not take any responsibility for PCR testing results. Nomad is acting as a facilitator to assist our guests to help obtain a test and all tests are undertaken by independent laboratories. In the event of a positive test result being received by a guest – the guest will be asked to sign off of the tour and undertake self-isolation at his/her own expense. All arrangements of self-isolation will be made by the guest.

Tour departure point

Please ensure you arrive at the departure point at least 30 minutes before the scheduled departure time.

12:00 Garden Court South Beach, 73 OR Tambo Parade, South Beach,

Durban, South Africa

Tel: + 27 (031) 337 5511

<https://www.tsogosun.com/garden-court-south-beach>

Tour ending point

07:00am DoubleTree by Hilton Cape Town – Upper Eastside

31 Brickfield Road, Woodstock, Cape Town

Tel: +27 (0)21 404 0570, <https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/cptuedi-doubletree-cape-town-upper-eastside/>

Maximum Number of Passengers

20 (All protocols and government regulations in terms of carrying capacity will be adhered to at the time of travel)

After hours emergency contact

Our reservations staff are available to receive emergency calls. We would like to request that you respect this emergency number and use it only in the event of emergencies. Please only contact this number if, for example, you have missed your incoming flight, you cannot find your airport transfer or you are running late for your tour departure.

If calling from outside South Africa: 0027 82 578 2199

If calling within South Africa: 082 578 2199

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Arrival / Departure

Please be sure to arrive 1 day before your tour is due to depart. This will avoid any unforeseen problems. We also highly recommend that you book your flights to depart the day after the tour officially ends to allow for delays and changes.

Pre and Post Tour Accommodation

If you require accommodation before or after your tour we can arrange this for you. We can also arrange airport transfers – contact your travel agent or Nomad to make these bookings.

What's included

All meals which are prepared and served at the Nomad truck / accommodation / qualified crew / filtered water / transport in the Nomad truck / included highlights as per the itinerary / entrance fees to National Parks.

What's excluded

Items of a personal nature (snacks, alcohol, soft drinks, souvenirs, tips) / entrance fees (associated with optional activities)

Countries Visited

South Africa

Onward Travel

This tour can be linked to a number of our other routes, including our 08-day Kruger & Eswatini tour or our 13-day Best of Namibia tour. If you are interested to enhance your tour further, please [contact us](#) to receive a list of all the available options to suite your time frame and budget.

Green Seats – Travel Responsibly in Africa

Nomad has a non-profit Trust that looks after the people, animals and places that we visit. We realise that a footprint is left where we travel and for this reason, the Nomad Africa Trust was established. Your donation to the Trust is called a "Green Seat". If you would like to help Nomad making Africa Greener, simply choose the tick box during your booking process (or contact us afterwards to add it) and we will take care of the rest. The Nomad African Trust is responsible for the administration of the funds collected from the sale of the green seats and these funds are distributed to various projects as identified by the Trust.

TOUR ITINERARY**Day 1 - Kwa Zulu Natal Coast – UKhahlamba Drakensberg Park**

Running the length of the Kwazulu-Natal province, the Ukhahlamba Drakensberg Park is a UNESCO recognised world heritage site. Whether you go by the Zulu name uKhahlamba, meaning 'barrier of spears', or the Afrikaans name Drakensberge, meaning 'dragon mountains', these towering mountains will be our backdrop for the next two nights. On our way we make a short stop in Durban to stretch our legs before continuing to view the scenic Howick Falls and a visit to the nearby site that marked the capture of South Africa's most famous man, Nelson Mandela.

Accommodation	Monks Cowl http://www.goodersonleisure.co.za/gooderson-monks-cowl-golf-resort OR The Nest https://www.thenest.co.za/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	St. Lucia to Drakensberg
Meals	Dinner
Included Highlight	Visit to the Mandela Capture Site, visit Howick Falls

Day 2 - UKhahlamba Drakensberg Park

We set out this morning for a day of hiking to explore the mountains of the Drakensberg, along our way we will have the opportunity to view examples of San rock art with a local guide at Battles Cave. While we encourage everyone to make the most of the day in mountains, we may offer separate options depending on the activity level of the group. With a number of trails available we can ensure that we cater to every need, the most important aim is to ensure everyone enjoys this mountain paradise at their own pace.

Accommodation	Monks Cowl http://www.goodersonleisure.co.za/gooderson-monks-cowl-golf-resort OR The Nest https://www.thenest.co.za/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Hike with your guide in Ukhahlamba-Drakensberg Park

Day 3 – Port St Johns (Wild Coast)

We have a long drive ahead of us today as we make our way to the Wild Coast. The small coastal town of Port St. Johns is known as the Jewel of the Wild Coast and is situated at the mouth of the Umzimvubu River in the Eastern Cape. With the diversity our rugged landscape, the sheer

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beauty of the area and dense vegetation that surrounds us, bird watching enthusiasts will be held a captive audience throughout their visit, not to mention the opportunity for amazing photographs and unforgettable memories to take back with you!

Accommodation	Ntaba River Lodge https://www.ntabariverlodge.com/
Facilities	Accommodated: Twin Room with En-suite Bathroom Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Drakensberg to Port St Johns
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Visit to the former home of Nelson Mandela in Qunu and Nelson Mandela Museum
Optional Activities	(available in the afternoon, after arrival) canoeing, walking trails, horse riding on the beach

Day 4 - Cradock

Situated in the upper valley of the Great Fish River, the historical town of Cradock is a typical Karoo farming town known for producing some of the country's finest wool and mohair. Must-see attractions include a natural spring-turned-modern spa with outdoor and indoor heated pools, elegant buildings, grand old oak trees lining the streets, the Old Water Mill and the Great Fish River Museum.

Accommodation	Amali Guest House https://amali.co.za/
Facilities	Accommodated: Twin Room with En-suite Bathroom Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions
Route	Port St Johns to Cradock
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Activity	Afternoon Walk through town with your guide

Day 5 - Graaff Reinet

Returning to South Africa, we descend the mountains and take aim across the Great Karoo. The semi-arid Karoo represents the heartland of rural South Africa and presents a stark contrast to the mountains we leave behind. Our overnight stop is set in the historic town of Graaff-Reinet, the fourth oldest town in the country. We cross the mighty Orange (Gariep) River today as we journey through the vast countryside of the Karoo. This evening you will have the opportunity to join a sundowner excursion to the Valley of Desolation. This unique valley offers a panoramic view over the town and the wide open plains stretching out below. *Kindly note that during the winter months, this activity will become a Sunrise excursion to the Valley of Desolation the following morning.*

Accommodation	Profcon Resort http://www.profconresort.co.za/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Craddock to Graaff Reinet
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlights	Valley of Desolation sundowner tour

Day 6 - Greater Addo Elephant National Park area

Setting course for the coast once again, we pass through the open plains of the Karoo and the wildlife charms of the Addo National Park. Upon arrival in the greater Addo region, we set up camp and head to the National Park to enjoy an afternoon game drive in our Nomad truck, in search of the famous elephants that call Addo home.

Accommodation	Kudu Ridge Lodge http://www.kuduridge.co.za
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per permanent tent with En-suite Bathroom Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Graaff Reinet to Addo
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Afternoon game drive in Addo National Park (Nomad truck)

Day 7 – Greater Addo Elephant National Park area

This morning we will make the short drive to the windy city of Gqeberha (previously called Port Elizabeth), before heading into Addo Elephant National Park for our afternoon game drive. Recent expansion has seen Addo grow to become the third largest of South Africa's National Parks. The unique vegetation of Addo supports a wide variety of wildlife and we will spend the afternoon in search of the animals.

Accommodation	Kudu Ridge Lodge http://www.kuduridge.co.za
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per permanent tent with En-suite Bathroom Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Afternoon game drive in Addo NP (in the Nomad truck)

Day 8 - Tsitsikamma National Park

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Setting out early this morning we make a brief visit to the surfing mecca of Jeffreys Bay. Most famous for its waves this little town is also home to a small Surfing Museum. We then turn west to the Tsitsikamma region where we set up for the next two nights and where the wonders of the Garden Route await.

Accommodation	Accommodated: Tsitsikamma Cottages http://www.tsitsikamma.net/ OR Tsitsikamma Village Inn http://www.tsitsikammavillageinn.co.za/
Facilities	Camping: Tsitsikamma Cottages http://www.tsitsikamma.net/ OR Tube n Axe http://tubenaxe.co.za/ Accommodated: Two per Room with En-suites Bathroom Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Addo area to Tsitsikamma
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Stop in the surfing town of Jeffreys Bay

Day 9 – Tsitsikamma National Park

Tsitsikamma National Park is one of South Africa's premier marine reserves and this morning we set out to explore the rugged coastline on foot. Our hike along the Waterfall Trail sees us cover the first section of the world renowned Otter Trail. This is not an easy hike and those who prefer a more leisurely option can make use of the boardwalks to the Storms River Mouth. We return after our hike and you will have the opportunity to book the Woodcutters Journey in the afternoon – experiencing the uniqueness of the Tsitsikamma biome and learning about the history of the area and its indigenous fauna & flora.

Accommodation	Accommodated: Tsitsikamma Cottages http://www.tsitsikamma.net/ OR Tsitsikamma Village Inn http://www.tsitsikammavillageinn.co.za/
Facilities	Camping: Tsitsikamma Cottages http://www.tsitsikamma.net/ OR Tube n Axe http://tubenaxe.co.za/ Accommodated: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Tsitsikamma National Park entrance to hike with your Nomad Guide
Optional Activity	Woodcutters Journey tour, Treetop Canopy Tours

Day 10 - Heart of the Garden Route

The Garden Route is a treasure trove of beautiful beaches, forest walks and an exciting menu of optional adventures. While our morning is set aside for an exploration of Nature's Valley, this beautiful village offers us a chance to enjoy a hike or simply relax on the pristine beach in this paradise. We end the afternoon on the beautiful beaches of the Keurbooms Lagoon. Today offers a number of optional activities and your guide will assist you with a plan to get the most out the day, the truck will run a set schedule of pick-ups and drop-offs giving you the freedom to join or leave at the places of most interest to you.

Accommodation	Gooderson Knysna http://www.goodersonleisure.co.za/Knysna/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom Camping: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Tsitsikamma to Wilderness
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Morning Visit to Natures Valley
Optional Activity	Bungee Jumping, Birds of Eden, Monkey Town

Day 11 - Oudtshoorn

We make our way inland, crossing the Outeniqua Mountains and descend to the town of Oudtshoorn. We head to the famous Cango caves to enjoy a guided tour where we marvel at the astonishing formations that have formed in these impressive limestone caves.

Accommodation	Kleinplaas Holiday Resort http://www.kleinplaas.co.za
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Wilderness to Oudtshoorn
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Cango Caves basic tour

Day 12 – Route 62 - Hermanus

Travelling through the valley of the Klein Karoo, we follow the winding tarmac of Route 62. Road trips in South Africa are an exploration of the rural highlights that dot the lesser known byways of the land. No journey would be complete without sampling the offerings of a "Padstal" along the way. These small farm stalls offer a selection of homemade treats and bakes and are an important cog in the economies of rural towns. One of the more quirky highlights today is Ronnie's Sex Shop, not a sex shop at all, but a rather interesting country pub!

Accommodation	Windsor Hotel https://windsorhotel.co.za/
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Facilities**Accommodated:** Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom**Camping:** Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom*Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.***Route**

Oudtshoorn to Hermanus

Meals

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included Highlight

Stop at Ronnie's sex shop

Day 13 – The Cape Whale Coast Route

Made up of a collection of villages, farms, rivers, bays, coves and valleys, the Cape Whale Coast is a pristine stretch of the South African coastline which runs from the town of Rooiels for roughly 150km, to the east. Beginning early, we will have a short time to stroll along the boardwalk in Hermanus in search of the southern right whales that frequent the shores in the months of July to November. Next we stop at the largest breeding colony of the African Penguin, Stony Point Nature Reserve before travelling along the coast to a wine farm in the Stellenbosch region to sample some chocolates & wine. Your tour comes to an end upon arrival in the city centre of Cape Town.

Accommodation

Own arrangements

Route

Hermanus to Cape Town

Meals

Breakfast, Lunch

Included Highlight

Stony Point Penguin Colony visit, Chocolate & Wine tasting