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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.**

<http://nomadtours.co.za/media/Pre-Departure-Information.pdf>

Activity Package

This is an optional payment that covers what we consider to be 'essential activities' on our tours. This payment is 100% transparent and is listed below. The Activity Package must be pre-booked along with your tour booking. We cannot always guarantee availability of the activities if you only book on the morning of your tour departure.

Activity	Price
4x4 Game drive in Kruger National Park	R 950
Hlane game drive	R 400
Aliwal Shoal Baited Dive	R 1 750
Protea Banks Baited Dive	R 1 850
Flight Johannesburg to Durban	R 1 500
Airport Transfer	R 360
Cango Caves	R 110
Woodcutters Journey	R 300
Flight Durban to Port Elizabeth	R 2 000
Transfer to Kingsbeach	R 140
Transfer to Maxixe	R 200
	R 9 560

This itinerary has been written with the Activity Package items included. If you wish to participate in all the activities listed, you will need to purchase the Activity Package.

Maximum Number of Passengers

20

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

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.

Tour departure point

7.00am Belvedere Estate, 83 Belvedere Road, Glen Austin, Midrand, South Africa

Tel: 083 741 5240 www.belvedereestate.co.za

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

Tour ending point

Cape Town City Centre.

What's included

Accommodation, meals (Breakfast x 26 / Lunch x 17 / Dinner x 17) (unless otherwise specified, all meals are prepared and served at the Nomad truck) / qualified crew / transport in the Nomad truck / included highlights as per the itinerary.

What's excluded

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

Countries Visited

South Africa, Mozambique, Swaziland

TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1 – Johannesburg to Kruger National Park

Leaving the city of Johannesburg behind us we make our way east through the coalfields of Mpumalanga. Our journey today follows in the footsteps of the old trade-routes to the Lowveld and the Kruger National Park. This afternoon there will be an opportunity to join an optional sundowner drive. Booking is essential and your guide can assist on departure this morning.

Accommodation	Nkambeni Reserve or similar. http://www.nkambeni.com
Facilities	Permanent tent with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Johannesburg to Kruger National Park
Optional Activity	Sundowner Drive (Subject to Availability)

Day 2 - Kruger National Park

Rising early this morning we enter the Kruger National Park to enjoy a full-day of game viewing. The abundance of wildlife presents us with opportunities for excellent sightings, while the Kruger is also home to the famed members of Africa's Big-5. Our activity package offers the added excitement of experiencing the park from an open-sided 4x4 vehicle. This evening there is a second opportunity for the optional Sundowner Drive.

Accommodation	Nkambeni Reserve or similar. http://www.nkambeni.com
Facilities	Permanent tent with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Included Highlight	Kruger Park Full-Day Game Drive in Nomad truck (Clients not doing the Activity Package)
Activity Package	Kruger Park Full-Day Game Drive in 4x4 Vehicles (Clients doing the Activity Package)
Optional Activity	Sundowner Drive (Subject to Availability)

Day 3 – Panorama Route

While those who elect to do the optional morning walk will have an earlier start, we set out a little later today and travel the short distance to the Panorama Route. Strung along the escarpment that divides the central plateau and low-lying bushveld of the Kruger, the sights of the Panorama Route offer us a day of scenic delights. We will visit the highlights of Bourke's Luck Potholes, the Three Rondavels and God's Window before returning to camp in the late afternoon.

Accommodation	Nkambeni Reserve or similar. http://www.nkambeni.com
Facilities	Permanent tent with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Included Highlight	Panorama Route – Bourke's Luck Potholes, Three Rondavels and God's Window
Optional Activity	Morning Bush Walk (Subject to Availability)

Day 4 – Maputo, Mozambique

With the beaches of the Indian Ocean beckoning we enter Mozambique and make our first stop in Maputo, the capital city offers a vibrant and eclectic mix of cultures. After checking in at our hotel, we explore the city sights on a walking tour with our guide. Maputo offers interesting and varied architecture and no visit to the city would be complete without a browse through a market. Tonight we eat out and get a chance to experience the night-life of this intriguing city.

Accommodation	Southern Sun Maputo or similar. http://www.tsogosunhotels.com/hotels/maputo/
Facilities	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	Kruger National Park to Maputo
Included Highlight	Explore Maputo on Foot (self-guided walk)
Border Post	Mozambique: Lebombo, Tel: +258 2155 0010, Open: 06h00-18h00 South Africa: Komatipoort, Tel: +27 (013) 793-7201, Open: 06h00-18h00

Day 5 - Inhambane – Praia Do Tofo

Setting out for the Inhambane District we travel the northern road along the coast. While it is a long day on the road there is much to see as we pass the many villages and plantations of coconuts, cashews and sugar cane. Our journey will bring us to the palm lined beaches where we will be based for our 4 days of diving.

Accommodation	Liquid Dive Adventures or similar www.liquiddiveadventures.com
Facilities	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	Maputo to Inhambane

Day 6/7/8/9 – Diving Praia Do Tofo

The following four days will be spent diving the reefs of Tofo, home to the well known Whale Shark and Manta populations. Each morning we will depart early for a double dive trip, returning in time for lunch. The afternoons will be free for you to enjoy any one of the optional activities or just lazing on this truly beautiful beach.

Accommodation	Liquid Dive Adventures or similar www.liquiddiveadventures.com
Facilities	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>
Included Highlight:	8 recreational dives on the reefs of Tofo.
Optional Highlights:	Each evening we will dine at a selection of restaurants in Tofo.

Diving Praia Do Tofo

Tofo offers spectacular diving with a huge variety and abundance of sea life, from the amazingly graceful manta rays and curious whale sharks for which Tofo is famous to a myriad of benthic, macro reef life as well as pelagic species. There are 16 reefs of which we will dive a selection based on conditions and desires.

Dive sites range from 10m to 37m catering for all experience levels, visibility varies between 10 and 30m and temperature is usually between 24 – 28 degrees. There are many dive sites around Tofo but perhaps the best known are:

Amazon Depth: 26 - 30 m Distance/Travel Time: 20km / 35 - 45 min Highlights: Predatory Sharks

Amazon is both our furthest and most challenging dive site, but it is well worth the effort. The depth, current and reef topography make it suitable only for experienced divers with Advanced certification or higher. White Tip Reef Sharks, Leopard Sharks and Nurse Sharks can be found sleeping on the sandy bottom or in the various caves. The reef is also home to a colourful array of Butterflyfish, Angelfish and schools of Bannerfish. Combine this site with The Office for an awesome double tank dive.

Marble Arch Depth: 14 - 19 m Distance/Travel Time: 7 km / 15 - 20 min Highlights: Whale Shark, Fish Schools & Topography

The closest site that lies in Whale Shark Alley, Marble Arch is named after a beautiful swim through between the inside and outside of the donut-shaped reef with walls rising 6-8m from the sandy bottom. Another swim through leads back inside the reef to a small canyon which is covered with marine life on both sides. The abundance of caves, crevices and overhangs provide shelter for Lobster, Moray eels, Stingrays and shy reef fishes. Schools of Bluestriped Snapper, Yellow Goat fish, Big Eyes hover on the top of the reef, while Blacktip Trevallies and Kingfish often patrol above looking for food.

Reggies Depth: 25 - 30m Distance/Travel Time: 15 km / 25 - 35 min Highlights: 2 Manta cleaning stations & Sharks

The site is named after a big cave which is often guarded by a sleepy Leopard Shark. Another resident of this reef is an old grandfather of a Loggerhead Turtle who loves to pose for the cameras. This is one of those sites where 1 eye needs to be on the reef, the other in the blue because Grey Reef and White Tip Reef sharks patrol about frequently and there are 2 Manta cleaning stations to look out for. It is a great site to combine with The Office for a double tank.

Sherwood Forest Depth: 25 - 30m Distance/Travel Time: 4 km / 10 - 15 min Highlights: Devil Rays & Eagle Rays

This site lies in deep water toward the north end of Tofo Bay. It is a small site that can only be dived under mild current conditions. The site is named for the numerous large green tree corals that provide a perfect home for schools of Fairy Basslets, Butterflyfish and Angelfish. Potato Groupers often suspend in the current just off the wall while Jenkins, and Blotched Fantail Rays can be found sleeping on the bottom. Honeycomb Morays share their lairs with Cleaner Shrimp. A Loggerhead Turtle sometimes naps under the overhang and there is a Manta cleaning station on top of the main reef. Off to the side of the main reef is a pinnacle with a swim through that is always fun!

Hogwarts Depth: 23 - 30m Distance/Travel Time: 18 km / 30 - 40 min Highlights: Manta cleaning station

Hogwarts provides yet another chance to spot one of the main attractions of Tofo diving: the Manta Ray. With more than 1 cleaning station the possibilities are good. You drop on a pinnacle just off the main reef before heading over to the wall and following it along, drifting with the current. There are overhangs and a swim through to keep the topography interesting and check out every nook and cranny because Loggerhead Turtles are often having a snooze.

This site is not just about those Mantas; the macro life here is excellent with chances to spot the cryptic Frogfish, Leaf Fish and many types of Nudibranch.

Giant's Castle Depth: 25 - 30m Distance/Travel Time: 3 km / 5 - 10 min Highlights: Deep dive with Manta sightings

Giant's Castle is a deep site that lies just outside of Tofo Bay. It consists of a ridge that runs north to south at a depth of 25 - 30 metres. This is one of the best sites in the area to encounter the majestic Manta Ray, as well as the rare Smalleye Stingray: the world's largest stingray. If we are lucky the Mantas and Smalleyes hover over the cleaning stations while schools of Butterflyfish and Wrasses clean them of parasites. Everything seems to be on steroids on this site. Huge Potato Groupers often come in for a curious look, and then follow divers around just for the fun of it. Big Honeycomb Moray Eels lie about on the reef and even the Parrotfish are whoppers! As we drift with the current it is always worth staying eagle-eyed on the ascent since there is every chance of spotting Devil Rays, maybe even a Marlin, and during the winter months Humpback Whales may cruise by!

The Office Depth: 26 - 34m Distance/Travel Time: 15 km / 25 - 35 min Highlights: Deep dive with Manta sightings

Another deep site, The Office lies north of Tofo Beach and well out in the Mozambique Channel. Consequently, the visibility is often better here than at the sites closer to shore. We descend through schools of Redtooth Triggerfish and Surgeonfish into a sandy bowl. From there we move south with the current keeping our eyes out for Grey Reef Sharks, Bowmouth Guitarsharks, Mantas and other smaller rays. The reef is home to numerous species of moray eel including honeycomb and giant Morays. It also teems with Butterflyfish, Angelfish, Groupers, Wrasses and Triggerfish. Both Loggerhead and Green Turtles are found here. It is often possible to surprise sleeping Whitetip Reef Sharks in the sandy bowl at the south end of the site. Leopard Sharks and Nurse Sharks are also seen here. It also offers some of the best chances to encounter Humpback Whales on scuba during the season.

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Day 10 - Xai Xai District

This morning we will transfer to a meeting point where we will rejoin our Nomad truck and set course for the Xai-Xai district, arriving in the late afternoon we have time for a walk on the beach or a sundowner to bid farewell to the Indian Ocean and the pristine beaches of Mozambique.

Accommodation	Sunset Beach Lodge or similar. http://www.sunsetbeachlodge.com/
Facilities	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	Tofo to Xai Xai District

Day 11 – Hlane Game Reserve, Swaziland

We set out early this morning as we journey via Maputo and cross the border into Swaziland.

Accommodation	Hlane game reserve or similar. http://www.biggameparks.org/hlane
Facilities	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	Xai Xai to Swaziland
Border Post	Mozambique: Namaacha, Tel: not available, Open: 07h00-20h00 Swaziland: Lomahasha, Tel: +268 323 6026, Open: 07h00-20h00

Day 12 - Swaziland

Our stay in Swaziland presents us with an opportunity to enjoy a morning game drive in Hlane Game Reserve, which is include for those guests who have purchased the activity package. After our game drive, we depart Hlane and head to another great reserve of Swaziland, Mliwane.

Accommodation	Mliwane Wildlife Sanctuary or similar. http://biggameparks.org/properties/mlilwane-wildlife-sanctuary-2
Facilities	Two per hut with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Hlane Game Reserve to Mliwane Wildlife Sanctuary
Activity Package	Rhino Game Drive in Hlane Game Reserve

Day 13 – Swaziland

An interwoven network of 9 trails traverse Mliwane and this morning you will have the opportunity to explore the trails with your guide. After enjoying lunch back at camp, we spend our afternoon on a 2-hour guided walk through the Esajeni community, allowing us a glimpse of life on a day-to-day basis. This interactive experience could involve grinding maize, carrying water, building a wall or washing clothes in the stream.

Accommodation	Mliwane Wildlife Sanctuary or similar. http://biggameparks.org/properties/mlilwane-wildlife-sanctuary-2
Facilities	Two per hut with en-suite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Included Highlight	Morning walk with Nomad guide Esajeni Cultural Tour

Day 14 - Johannesburg

Our final road trip takes us back to Johannesburg as we reflect on the wildlife and beaches that have filled our days. We arrive at Belvedere Estate in the late afternoon and all travellers are invited to join us for a traditional meal tonight. This can be booked with your guide on the day before arrival. Many great tales are shared and tonight is for celebrating the many wonders of African travel.

Accommodation	Belvedere Estate or similar www.belvedereestate.co.za
Facilities	Twin share room with ensuite bathroom
Route	Mliwane to Johannesburg
Included Activity	Traditional meal at Belvedere Estate

Day 15 – Johannesburg to Durban & Margate

This morning we fly from Johannesburg to the coastal town of Durban where we meet our new Nomad truck. Leaving the city of Durban behind us we make our way south along the dolphin coast of Kwazulu Natal. About 2 hours south of Durban is the launch site for both Aliwal Shoal and Protea Banks, home to some of the best Apex Predator shark diving. We arrive at our hotel and settle in for our stay. This afternoon we will check all dive equipment, ensure the correct gear is allocated and have a dive briefing for the following days.

Accommodation	Margate Hotel (or equivalent)
Facilities	Two per room with ensuite bathroom
Route	Durban to Margate Hotel +/- 1.5hr
Included Highlight	Kwazulu Natal coastline and dive briefing

Please note that during the next few days (while we are visiting Protea Banks and Aliwal Shoal), the order of activities could change without prior notice and a degree of flexibility is needed. This is to allow for maximum dive opportunities and experiences based on conditions and weather. Please also note that should conditions prevent diving we will substitute an alternative activity.

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Durban is the metropolitan area comprising of Durban, Pinetown, Inanda and Umlazi, with close to two million people living here. The first European settlers were mostly survivors of shipwrecks. One of these survivors, Rodrigo Tristaa, survived a wreck in 1552 of the Portuguese galleon Saint John, and was the first to make his home here. Vasco Da Gama had applied the name Natal (nativity) to this stretch of coast (first seen on Christmas day 1497). The entrance to the bay was known as Rio de Natal (river of the nativity). The Zulu nation's formation provided wealth for a trade market in this area. The merchants set up a harbour where the base of trade with Zulus could be formed. A population of 26 hard-living traders and ivory hunters thus created Durban. It was named on 23 June 1835, after the governor of the Cape, Sir Benjamin D'Urban.

Day 16/17 Aliwal Shoal

The following two days we spend diving the famous Aliwal Shoal. Renowned for Raggie Tooth Sharks congregating in their hundreds, dolphins and the baited shark dive. Each morning we will travel the hour from our hotel in Margate to the launch site for Aliwal Shoal. Over the two days we will do 3 recreational dives on the Aliwal Shoal, including the famous "Raggie Cave". The optional baited shark dive is well worth it, with Oceanic Black-Tip Sharks gathering in large numbers and possibly Tiger Sharks investigating the bait.

Accommodation	Margate Hotel (or equivalent)
Facilities	Two per room with ensuite bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the hotel for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Included Highlights:	3 Recreational dives on Aliwal Shoal
Dive Centre:	Aliwal Dive Centre
Route:	Margate to Umkomaas
Travel time:	+/- 1hr
Optional Highlight:	Aliwal Shoal Baited Dive

Diving Aliwal Shoal

The World Famous Aliwal Shoal was formed thousands of years ago from fossilized sand dunes during the times when sea levels were much lower than they are today. The Agulhas Current that runs south along the east coast of Africa brings with it warm water and a huge diversity of tropical sea life.

Key Dive Sites

CATHEDRAL: A very popular dive for the Ragged Tooth Shark enthusiast. During the "Raggie" season it is possible to see up to 40 of these placid sharks resting within the amphitheater. During the summer months look out for hammerheads above, and the stingrays that take up residence.

RAGGIES CAVE: The most popular dive site here on Aliwal Shoal. As its name suggests this is the best place to view the Ragged Tooth Sharks during the shark season. Entry into the cave is not permitted when the sharks are here but there is an excellent viewing area at the entrance where divers can safely kneel and watch the sharks' activities. When the sharks have departed this is a very good place to hunt for sharks' teeth in the sand. Please note that teeth are the only items that divers are permitted to take from the Shoal. There are many resident potato bass found in the surrounding overhangs as well as many types of moray eel.

HOWARDS CASTLE: This recently discovered and pristine site is not often dived as it requires a longer boat ride and sea conditions need to be calm. There are loads of interesting gullies and overhangs as well as a wide diversity of marine life.

INSIDE EDGE: This section of the reef encompasses the entire inshore edge of the shoal. Although many large species of fish, sharks, dolphins and rays may be found here, it is particularly good for finding smaller things such as octopus, cuttlefish, scorpion fish, firefish, cowfish, nudibranchs and eels. The top of ledge is at about 14 to 16m and open water divers can therefore enjoy this dive site providing they level off.

OUTSIDE EDGE: This is the dive site for viewing the big stuff, and it is always a good idea to keep an eye out at midwater where schools of hammerheads, game fish or the odd tiger shark may be found.

EELSKINS: This dive site is superb example of the fossilized rock formations. Situated near the southwestern tip of the reef there are lots of clusters of reef with plenty of sand gullies and lovely swim-through. Many cowries can be found here and as the gullies offer shelter from the currents you will often find Raggies during the season and lots of shoaling tropical fish.

NORTH EASTERN PINNACLES: A very easy and gentle dive site for open water divers and beginners. Lots of potholes forming sheltered nurseries for small fish. Many anemones and clown fish are to be found here as well as octopus. You may see some large potato bass sheltering from the current.

NORTH SANDS AND SOUTH SANDS: These two large sand patches are an ideal location for students to practice their skills and for divers to descend and pause to adjust buoyancy before exploring the reef. An ideal place to find sand sharks and often groups of dolphins can be found playing and rubbing themselves on the sand. Truly an amazing sight!

MANTA POINT: Lots of nooks and crannies where crayfish and cleaner shrimp hide. Good area to find rays of all varieties especially Manta Rays during the season.

Day 18/19/20 Protea Banks Diving

Over the next three days we will have 5 dives on the Protea Banks Reef where we hope to see some of the worlds largest marine predators. During these three days you will also be offered a Baited Shark Dive. Diving both North and South Pinnacles we will go in search of schooling Hammerheads, Bull Sharks, Guitar Sharks and large rays. An optional Tiger and Bull Shark baited dive at Protea Banks will be offered during our stay. This dive takes place in open water, hanging in the blue whilst possible Tiger, Bull, Hammerhead and Oceanic Black-Tip sharks come in to investigate the scent trail around us. A full safety briefing and training session is included and this is a breathtaking experience.

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Accommodation	Margate Hotel (or equivalent)
Facilities	Two per room with ensuite bathroom. <i>Please visit the website of the hotel for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Included Highlights:	5 Recreational dives on Protea Banks
Dive Centre:	African Dive Adventures
Route:	Margate to Shelley Beach launch area
Travel time:	± 15 minutes daily
Optional Highlight:	Protea Banks Baited Dive

Diving Protea Banks

Protea Banks has been rated by many divers from around the world as *the* best shark dive. Many divers are scared of sharks due to horror stories and myths created by the movie world, but their fears are totally unfounded. Sharks are intelligent animals, do not recognise us as a food source and generally tend to be shy and respectful towards the divers

Key Dive Sites

NORTHERN PINNACLES: The reef has two large cave systems which are used by the Ragged Tooth Sharks as resting zones on their annual migration and congregation route. On a good day, the diver can encounter up to 200 sharks in an area smaller than half a rugby field. Starting at the large cave we look in from the top to observe the 'Raggies' interacting peacefully with each other, often in numbers so large the bottom can hardly be seen! Afterwards we can pass through a tunnel that we can swim through (if it is not occupied by sharks). At the end of the tunnel lies the second cave. This cave is also open on top and features several chambers, each one with a wide opening at the top ceiling. If there are no Raggies in the caves, it is fun to explore around in the chambers, looking for sharks' teeth. This is the only souvenir we allow the diver to remove from the reef. As spring goes into summer, large shoals of Hammerhead Sharks frequent this part of the reef.

SOUTHERN PINNACLES: This area is home to the Zambezi Shark (Bull Shark) that Protea Banks initially became famous for. From Oct to May, some very large specimens can be encountered here. Scalloped Hammerhead Sharks are also seen shoaling at this time; they can come past in groups of up to several hundred. Hunting packs of Great Hammerheads investigate any strange noises. We start the dive at the Southern Cave full of game and reef fish and head towards Kingfish Gully, an overhanging rock that is home to large shoals of Kingfish, Yellowtail, Kaakap, Sea Pike Tunny and Potato Bass. The current then takes us to a large sandy patch called Sand Shark Gully. It lies at exactly 40m depth and is home of the Giant Guitar Shark, at times these can be seen lined up like planes at an airport.

BAITED SHARK DIVE: South Africa is one of only three countries in the world offering this kind of diving. Using a baiting technique that closely resembles the shark's natural feeding habit, African Dive Adventures lets divers as well as snorkelers and non-divers share in the experience. Starting with a special Tiger Shark Dive Briefing and explanation of code of conduct, guests are then taken out to Protea Banks. The bait is dropped in the water at about 6m/18ft depth and we wait until the chum slick has dissipated and a tiger shark has picked up the scent. As soon as the tiger is circling the bucket, the divers enter the water as quietly as possible and swim slowly towards the bait bucket. Divers as well as bucket will be drifting with the current as the tiger sharks swim round and round and right in between the divers. After approximately one hour we will call time out and return to base. *(This activity is optional and you need to pay the dive centre directly)*

Day 21 Durban – Greater Addo Elephant National Park area

We travel this morning to the Durban International Airport where we board our flight to the east coast town of Port Elizabeth. On arrival you will be transferred to your camp in the Addo Elephant National Park area. In the afternoon we visit Addo (subject to flight arrival time). 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 or similar. http://www.kuduridge.co.za
Facilities	Two per permanent tent with En-suite Bathroom. <i>Please visit the website of the hotel for a full list of the facilities</i>
Included Highlight	Afternoon game drive in Addo NP (in the Nomad truck)

Day 22 - Tsitsikamma National Park

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	Tsitsikamma Cottages or similar. http://www.tsitsikamma.net/
Facilities	Two per Room with En-suites Bathroom. <i>Please visit the website of the hotel for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Addo area to Tsitsikamma
Included Highlight	Stop in the surfing town of Jeffreys Bay

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Day 23 – 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 the chance to view the 'Big Tree', 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 will have the chance to enjoy 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	Tsitsikamma Cottages or similar. http://www.tsitsikamma.net/
Facilities	Two per Room with En-suites Bathroom. <i>Please visit the website of the hotel for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Included Highlight	Tsitsikamma National Park entrance, hike with your Nomad guide and viewing of the 'Big Tree'
Activity Package	Woodcutters Journey tour
Optional Activity	Treetop Canopy Tours

Day 24 - 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 of 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	Fairy Knowe or similar. http://www.rgfp.co.za/fairyknowe.co.za/
Facilities	Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom. <i>Please visit the website of the hotel for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Tsitsikamma to Wilderness
Included Highlight	Morning Visit to Natures Valley
Optional Activity	Bungee Jumping, Birds of Eden, Monkey Town

Day 25 – 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 or similar. http://www.kleinplaas.co.za
Facilities	Two per Room with En-suites Bathroom. <i>Please visit the website of the hotel for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Wilderness to Oudtshoorn
Activity Package	Cango Caves basic tour

Day 26 – 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 or similar. https://windsorhotel.co.za/
Facilities	Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom. <i>Please visit the website of the hotel for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Oudtshoorn to Hermanus
Included Highlight	Stop at Ronnie's sex shop

Day 27 – 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
Included Highlight	Stony Point Penguin Colony visit Chocolate & Wine tasting

This itinerary has been written with the Activity Package items included. If you wish to participate in all the activities listed, you will need to purchase the Activity Package.

USEFUL INFORMATION

SOUTH AFRICA

South Africa is one of the most popular tourist destinations in Africa, as it offers truly magnificent views and has an abundance of activities to enjoy. This Southern African country is rich with culture and traditions; with every citizen having a unique heritage, culture and story to tell. Here, guests will find themselves enchanted with a unique vibrancy and absorbed in the freedom of every citizen. The combination of the beauty of the landscape and friendly nature of the locals makes South Africa a truly inspiring and exciting country to explore. Since the 17th century and the arrival of its very first settlers, South Africa has been claimed, to be one of the most beautiful destinations in the world. Not only is the weather warm and mild throughout the year, but locals and visitors enjoying an endlessly beautiful scenery and diversity in landscapes. Undoubtedly, South Africa's main attractions are its beautiful mountain and coastal views, however its cities also attract more than enough tourist attention.

In 2010, South Africa hosted the FIFA Soccer World Cup, putting on an incredible show and proving themselves as one of the world's leaders in the hospitality industry. Guests were made to feel welcome and encouraged to participate in local celebrations and enjoy the sights of each region; a

factor which surely contributed to the Mother City of South Africa, Cape Town, being voted by TripAdvisor to be the most desired tourist destination in the world. Among South Africa's other top attractions are Johannesburg (The City of Gold), Durban (a surfer's paradise), Port Elizabeth (the friendly city), the Garden Route and the Kruger National Park.

MEALS ON TOUR

Included on your tour are three meals a day (unless otherwise specified on your tour dossier). We are able to cater for specific dietary requirements to a degree, however please keep in mind that you are travelling with a group and the guides generally prepare meals on two gas burners so it is not possible for them to prepare regular meals, gluten intolerant, lactose intolerant and vegetarian meals all at the same time. Where possible, our guides will accommodate clients who have indicated their dietary requirements prior to the tour departing. We unfortunately cannot cater for requests at the start of the tour.

If you are vegan, the guides will provide you with salads, vegetables, fruits, rice, beans, pasta, cereals and breads however their budget and time does not allow them to shop for quinoa, seeds, nuts, tofu, soya milk and other protein substitutes. Please keep this in mind when going to the supermarket so that you can supplement these foods for yourself, it will be at your own expense, the guides will however store it for you in their fridge.

When travelling through Africa, the guides are briefed to shop at supermarkets as far as possible, as shopping at street vendors could be a health risk to the guests as there is no indication as to where or how the vendors grow, harvest and transport their produce. Guides have to be responsible and ensure that their produce comes from reliable sources and this can generally only be done by shopping at the supermarkets. The prevalence of street vendors also means that there is thieving from local farms who support the local industry, and this in turn means that the farms become unsustainable, leaving the community in a worse off position.

Breakfast: As breakfast is served very early in the morning (if there is driving or activities to be done) it is a simple but filling breakfast: Tea and coffee, breads and spreads, cereals, yoghurts, fruits and on occasion, when there is time for a later breakfast, guides will serve a hot breakfast of scrambled eggs, porridge, bacon or beans..

Lunch: Lunch is generally served at a picnic spot next to the road en route to a destination. As the guides only have approximately 45 minutes to get everyone off the truck, prepare lunch and then get everyone back on the truck again, lunches consist of sandwiches and salads (rice salad, pasta salad, tuna salad and green salad) which are quick and easy to prepare but which are quite filling.

Dinner: This is when the guides get time to prepare a delicious meal and they focus on a substantial protein, vegetable and carbohydrate dinner. We serve traditional campfire cuisine consisting of braais (BBQ), potjie (stew), bobotie (mince), spaghetti and fish and chicken dishes. All meals (on both accommodated and camping tours) that are included as per the dossier are prepared at the full service adventure truck. This is a unique adventure in itself where you get to dine under the stars with your new found friends and experience the real sights and sounds of Africa!

Most evenings are spent at our accommodation talking about Africa. Your tour dossier will have details of where you will be each night and the prices of meals if we are spending an evening at leisure in a city or town. After or during dinner, guides will do briefings, please use this opportunity to discuss things with them.

Standards of food in East Africa are not as high as they are in Southern Africa as there is much less time for preparation (the days on the road are longer in East Africa), food is a lot more expensive and there is not as much variety available.

Special Requirements

Please confirm to us in writing if you are a vegetarian or if you suffer from any allergies (i.e. nuts, milk, fish) (i.e. vegetarian), allergies (i.e. nuts, milk, fish). Where possible our guides do try and accommodate clients with intolerances (i.e. gluten, lactose), however we cannot guarantee the

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availability of speciality foods en-route and we therefore recommend you to bring these items with you or purchase them prior to departing on your tour. Likes and dislikes in food preferences cannot be accommodated; only allergies and life threatening situations will be regarded.

DIVING NOTES

Water conditions in South Africa can vary day by day. Temperatures will range from 14-26 degrees Celsius and we recommend a wetsuit of a minimum of 5mm for your comfort. Visibility ranges from 5-20m, with slightly better conditions in the winter months.

Diving is conducted on semi-ridged ribs with launches taking place either straight from beaches or via river mouths. These launches involve breaking through the incoming waves and can get bumpy.

All divers joining a Nomad Africa Dive Tour must hold an Advanced Open Water (or equivalent) certification as a minimum and be confident and comfortable in the water. If you are unsure whether your experience level is sufficient please contact us.

All dives are conducted within no decompression limits to a maximum of 30m and are standard air dives. Nitrox is available to divers at some of our diving locations. This will be at the extra cost of the diver and will require the proof of a Nitrox certification.

All divers must understand that Nomad Africa Dive Tours cannot guarantee any ocean sightings and there will be no financial reimbursement for dives where highlights are not seen. Please note in particular that the Sardine Run is not guaranteed and we can only work to the best of our knowledge with respect to time of year.

TIPPING ON TOUR

In general tipping in restaurants is expected and is around 10% for good service, more if you have received exceptional service, and, feel free not to tip at all if you received poor service. Tipping taxi drivers etc is really at your own discretion and not always expected. If in doubt please ask your guides. It is expected to tip porters and car guards etc. Ask your guides how much is appropriate in local currency. Our Crew can be tipped if you feel that they have done a good job and/or gone above and beyond the call of duty. The best way to arrange tips is to elect one person in the group to collect the money. We recommend USD2-3 (or about R25-R30) per day per person, per guide as a fair tip. So if you have 3-crew on a tour, we would recommend that 3 envelopes are used and each crew member's name written on one. Place what you feel is fair into each envelope and the elected person can give these to the crew at the end of the tour. If you do not feel that the crew deserve a tip, please, do not tip them. You must remember that tipping is only for exceptional service and is not at all compulsory or expected.

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At the end of your tour you will be provided with feedback forms. These forms are confidential and should be given to your crew in a sealed

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envelope. If you are not sure of the confidentiality of the feedback form please feel free to email us as well on ops@nomadtours.co.za. Please make sure to also complete the feedback form as we use the answers on these forms to improve and maintain our service levels. Accommodation providers are subject to change without notice, the accommodation listed in this dossier is our preferred supplier, but sometimes due to availability, we are unable to make use of the property listed in this dossier. If we cannot use the accommodation provider as listed we will substitute another property of similar standards, however, en-suite facilities are not always guaranteed.