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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. Ideally we would include all of these, but not everyone can afford this. 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 departing.

If you are travelling as a single supplement guest and have purchased the single supplement, please note that the single supplement does not cover any Activity Package items which include accommodation. All items booked under the Activity Package are booked on a per person sharing basis and you will not be entitled to a single room during these activities.

Activity	Price
Wine tasting	R 70
Guided desert walk with local expert	R 370
Himba Tribe visit	R 450
Okavango Delta fly in excursion	R 16 950
Chobe National Park boat cruise	R 590
Chobe National Park game drive	R 590
Vic Falls National Park entry	R 540
Cape Town cultural township tour	R 580
Cheese and wine tasting	R 70
Cango Caves basic tour	R 140
Graaff Reinet historical tour	R 360
Hluhluwe game drive	R 760
St Lucia boat cruise	R 440
4x4 Game drive in Kruger National Park	R 800
	R 22 710

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

24

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. As the activities on your tour can be moved to any day during your tour, we also highly recommend that you book your flights to depart the day after the tour officially ends.

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.

Your tour will be departing from the following location

07:00 am from Nomad Adventure Tours, 39 Castle Street, (Corner Castle & Burg Streets), Cape Town, South Africa.

Tel: +27 (0) 82 578 2199, www.nomadtours.co.za

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

Your tour will be ending at the following location

07:00am Nomad Adventure Tours, 39 Castle Street, (Corner Castle & Burg Streets), Cape Town, South Africa. Tel: +27 (0) 82 578 2199,

What's included

Meals (Breakfast x 40 / Lunch x 30 / Dinner x 31) (unless otherwise specified, all meals are prepared and served at the Nomad truck) / accommodation / qualified crew / 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, bottled water, soft drinks, tips) / entrance fees (associated with optional activities / souvenirs / activity packages and optional activities).

Countries Visited

South Africa, Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Swaziland, Lesotho

TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1 - South Africa – Cederberg Region

Leaving Cape Town this morning we make a last stop for a look back at Table Mountain from across Table Bay, picture taken we travel to the famous winelands region of the Western Cape and enjoy a wine tasting at one of the local wine farms. We will also make a stop at the well-known Spice Route, bordering the town of Paarl. The Spice Route is an estate that brings together a collection of flavours unique to the Cape Culture – including a beer garden, artworks studio, chocolate makers and coffee makers – to name just a few. No road trip is complete without a stop at a traditional “Padstal”, these small farm stalls dot the byways of South Africa and offer a variety of homemade treats and bakes. The Cedarberg region not only boasts spectacular mountains and orange farms, but it is also the home of the Rooibos bush. Indigenous to the mountain slopes of the Cedarberg, this herbal beverage has earned an international reputation as a healthy and refreshing alternative to regular tea. A dinner at our overnight stop, offers an opportunity for us to get acquainted while enjoying some South African hospitality

Accommodation	Marcuskraal Campsite or similar. http://www.marcuskraal.co.za/index1.html
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	Cape Town to Citrusdal
Included Highlight	Visit to the Spice Route
Activity Package	Wine tasting

Day 2 - Namibia – Gariep (Orange) River

Namaqualand presents us with our first experience of the Desert vistas that will accompany us in the days ahead. We continue our journey north and after a short stop for supplies in Springbok, travel to our camp on the banks of the Orange River. If you are fortunate enough to be travelling in the spring months (July to September) you may encounter the wild flowers that have made this region famous. Crossing the border this afternoon we enter Namibia and settle in on the banks of the Gariep River.

Accommodation	Felix Unite Cabanas or similar. http://www.felixunite.com/accommodation/cabanas
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	Citrusdal to Orange River
Border Post	South Africa: Vioolsdrift, Tel: +27 (27) 277 618 760, Open 24 hours Namibia: Noordoewer, Tel: +264 (0) 63 297 122, Open 24 hours

Day 3 - Namibia – Gariep (Orange) River – Fish River Canyon

While the Orange River was named after the Dutch royal House, in recent times it has been referred to by its original name of Gariep, which simply means “river” in the indigenous Khoekhoe language. Beginning its journey in the mountains of Lesotho the Orange River is the longest river in South Africa and offers a unique contrast to the desert landscapes along its banks. The best way to experience the river is by getting out on the water and this morning we have the opportunity to join an optional canoe trip on the river. Venturing north into the desert we visit the Fish River Canyon in the afternoon. We overnight at the hot springs of Ais-Ais and this evening we indulge in hot water swim under the desert skies.

Accommodation	Ai Ais Resort or similar. http://www.nwr.com.na/index.php/resorts/ai-ais-hotspots-spa
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	Orange/Gariep River to Fish River Canyon
Included Highlight	Scenic walk along the rim of Fish River Canyon
Optional Activity	Half-Day Canoe Trip

Day 4 - Namib-Naukluft National Park

Every overland journey has some long travelling days and today is one of those as we venture deeper into the Namib Desert. Our destination is the dune fields that cover the western reaches of the desert. Long dusty roads and sparsely populated farmlands offer us an insight into the vastness of rural Namibia. From the grasslands in the east to the red dunes of the west the slowly changing landscapes represents the many faces of this desert country. Our base for the next two nights puts us at the doorstep to this desert wonderland.

Accommodation	Namibgrens or similar. http://www.namibgrens.com/accommodation/guest-farm
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	Fish River Canyon to Namib Naukluft

Day 5 - Sossusvlei Dunes – Namib-Naukluft National Park

We start the day early and enjoy a brisk climb up Dune 45, this landmark dune offers the perfect vantage point to marvel at the endless sea of red sand. Having enjoyed an elevated view of this spectacular landscape we continue deeper into the dune fields, where a 4x4 transfer takes us to the pans of Sossusvlei and Deadvlei. Our final stop for the day is a late afternoon visit to the Sesriem Canyon, where we explore evidence of a wetter period in the history of this dry land. Tonight as we empty the red sand from our shoes, we reflect on the magic of desert we have explored.

Accommodation	Namibgrens or similar. http://www.namibgrens.com/accommodation/guest-farm
Facilities	Two per room with en-suite bathroom

Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.

Included Highlight Walk into Sesriem Canyon, Hike up Dune 45, 4x4 shuttle to Sossusvlei / Deadvlei, Sesriem Canyon

Day 6 - Swakopmund

Today we continue west and make our way to the coastal town of Swakopmund, where adventure and a dose of civilisation await. After a final excursion into the desert with a local expert, we make our way across the Tropic of Capricorn and continue to the Atlantic coast. We make a brief stop at the Walvis Bay lagoon, hoping to catch a glimpse of the Flamingo's that feed in the shallows. On arriving in Swakopmund we have the opportunity to book some of the many adventures on offer.

Accommodation Stay@Swakop or similar. <http://www.stay-atswakop.com>
Facilities Two per room with en-suite bathroom
Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Route Naukluft Area to Swakopmund
Activity Package Guided desert walk with local expert

Day 7 - Swakopmund

While for many it is the adrenaline fuelled adventures that will grab their attention, Swakopmund offers all that and more. Take the opportunity today to explore the town at your leisure, as there are a number of attractions for every taste. Not to be missed is the selection of famed coffee shops and bakeries that offer a delightful range of German inspired treats. Swakopmund offers all the conveniences of a small city and is the perfect launching pad for the journey through the northern reaches of the land.

Accommodation Stay@Swakop or similar. <http://www.stay-atswakop.com>
Facilities Two per Room with en-suite bathroom
Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Optional Activity Dolphin cruise, Skydiving, sandboarding, Quad biking, Dinner

Day 8 – Khorixas

The massive granite formations of Spitzkoppe tower 700 metres above the desert plains below and the presence of rock art indicates their significance to the San people who lived here many years ago. We will enjoy a walk with a local guide and have the opportunity to view some examples of the San's rock art before setting off for our overnight stop for the evening.

Accommodation Igowati or similar. <http://www.igowatilodge.com>
Facilities Two per room with en-suite bathroom
Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Route Swakopmund to Khorixas
Included Highlight Visit Spitzkoppe and explore with a local guide

Day 9 - Himba Tribe

Visiting the Himba tribe can be a controversial topic that gets discussed at the camp fire, however not so much if the reason for visiting this particular tribe is understood beforehand. The income that the tribe generates from the visits goes towards the education of Himba children and assists the tribe in giving them a chance to learn about their own culture and heritage. This afternoon we have the opportunity to visit a Himba village and interact with the villagers.

Accommodation Opuwo Country Lodge or similar. www.opuwolodge.com
Facilities Two per room with En-suite Bathroom
Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Route Khorixas to Opuwo
Activity Package Himba Project Visit

Day 10 - Etosha National Park

Rising early this morning head for Etosha National Park. Etosha is the venue for some of the most unique game viewing experiences in Africa. Today we have a full-day to explore the edges of Etosha Pan in search of the abundant wildlife that occurs in the park. Our truck offers us an elevated platform and we will spend some time at the many waterholes dotted throughout the park.

Accommodation Okakuejo or similar. <http://www.nwr.com.na>
Facilities Two per room with en-suite bathroom
Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.
Route Opuwo to Etosha National Park
Included Highlight Full day game drive in Nomad truck

Day 11 - Etosha National Park

Our second day in Etosha allows another full day to continue our exploration of the park. No day on safari is ever the same and the suspense before that special sighting is the motivation that keeps our eyes wide open. We will exit the park in the late afternoon and make our way to our accommodation outside the park.

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Accommodation	Etotongwe or similar. http://www.etotongwelodge.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	Full day game drive in Nomad truck

Day 12 - Windhoek

A last early morning and short game drive to the gate sees us wrap up our visit to Etosha and take aim for Windhoek, the capital city of Namibia. Today we make a brief stop at the craft markets of Okahandja before arriving in Windhoek in the afternoon. We will take a short walk through the city centre and have the opportunity to view some its better known landmarks.

Accommodation	Heja Game Lodge or similar. http://www.hejalodge.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	Etosha National Park to Windhoek
Included Highlight	Craft market stop en-route, short walk through Windhoek with your guide

Day 13 - Botswana – Ghanzi

Today we travel east and make our way to neighbouring Botswana and the Kalahari Desert. Starkly different to the Namib Desert after which Namibia is named, the Kalahari is no less dramatic and covers over 900 000 square kilometres. The San people have long been associated with this harsh environment and tonight we enjoy a dance evening that provides an insight into their culture of song, dance and story-telling.

Accommodation	Ghanzi Trail Blazers or similar. http://ghanzitrailblazers.co.bw
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	Windhoek to Ghanzi
Included Highlight	San Tribal dance in evening
Border Post	Namibia: Buitepos, Tel: +264 62 560401, Open: 07h00-24h00 Botswana: Mamanu, Tel: +267 (0) 659 2013/2064, Open: 07h00-24h00

Day 14 - Okavango Delta

The San people have existed in some of the harshest conditions for thousands of years and this morning you will have the opportunity of joining an optional walk with San guides to learn how they embrace the environment to survive. This afternoon we journey to Maun, the gateway to the Okavango Delta. Upon arrival in Maun, your guide will drop you off at Maun airport, where we will board small planes which will transfer us into the Okavango Delta for our 2-night excursion. It is advisable to pack a small daypack or overnight bag which will be needed due to space restrictions for our transfers to and from camp.

Accommodation	Permanent Tents: Okavango Delta Excursion Mopiri or similar. www.mopiricamp.com
Facilities	Two per permanent tent
Route	Ghazi via Maun to Okavango Delta
Activity Package	Okavango Delta Excursion
Optional Activity	Bushman walk

Day 15 - Okavango Delta

The unique and unusual ecosystem of the Delta sees the annual flood waters of the Okavango River fan out into the sands of the Kalahari Basin. The seasonality of the flood waters lends the Delta its ever changing character. Today is set aside to enjoy the activities on offer in the Delta, while the programme of activities is flexible to accommodate the seasonal changes, we begin with a mokoro ride this morning and after returning to camp for lunch, we will enjoy an afternoon boat cruise. While water levels may fluctuate - the tranquillity of this wilderness area remains constant.

Accommodation	Permanent Tents: Okavango Delta Excursion Mopiri or similar. www.mopiricamp.com
Facilities	Two per permanent tent
Activity Package	Okavango Delta Excursion

Day 16 - Maun

Leaving the Delta behind we touch down in Maun this morning after enjoying our flight out of the Okavango Delta and reunite with our truck.

Accommodation	Sedia Riverfront Hotel or similar. http://www.sedia-hotel.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	Okavango Delta to Maun

Day 17 – Nata

Our journey today takes us across the northern reaches of the Makgadigadi Pans, the road to Nata is lined with majestic examples of the iconic Baobab tree and we will catch glimpses of the extensive pans that stretch out to the South. As portion of our route bisects the Nxai Pan and Makgadigadi National Parks, if we are lucky we may encounter some of the wildlife that roams this vast protected area.

Accommodation	Nata Lodge or similar. http://www.natalodge.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	Maun to Nata

Day 18 - Chobe National Park

We rise early this morning as we continue north to our camp on the banks of the Chobe River. This afternoon is set aside for exploring the Chobe National Park. We begin our exploration in 4x4 vehicles, which allows us an up close and personal experience with the many elephants that frequent the river in the afternoons. The afternoon ends with a leisurely boat cruise and a meal served around the campfire.

Accommodation	Thebe River Lodge or similar. http://www.theberiversafaris.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	Nata to Kasane
Activity Package	Chobe National Park boat cruise, Chobe National Park game drive

Day 19 - Zimbabwe -Victoria Falls

With the memories of our wildlife encounters firmly etched in our minds, we cross the border in Zimbabwe this morning and travel the short distance to Victoria Falls. Today we visit the spectacular Victoria Falls, also known by the local name of “Mosi-oa Tunya” (the smoke that thunders). While much of today is dedicated to viewing the mighty Zambezi River as it drops into the Batoka Gorge below, the bustling adventure town of Victoria Falls also offers a range of optional activities for those wanting a dose of adrenaline in the afternoon. For the more relaxed traveller there are craft markets and coffee shops on offer as well.

Accommodation	A'Zambezi or similar. http://azambeziriverlodge.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>
Activity Package	Vic Falls National Park entry

Day 20 - Victoria Falls

With the many activities on offer in Victoria Falls, today is the perfect day for the adventure that most suits your style. Whether rafting the mighty Zambezi River or enjoying a flight over the Falls, this is your day to enjoy the many attractions on offer in Victoria Falls.

Accommodation	Victoria Falls Rainbow Hotel or similar. http://www.victoria-falls-rainbow-hotel.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>
Optional Activity	Zambezi Sunset Cruise, Bungee Jump – Solo, Helicopter Flights, White Water Rafting

Day 21 - Victoria Falls to Francistown

**Please note that it is possible that your crew and truck will change today. Please report to the hotel reception to meet your crew for your 07:00 departure.* Departing Victoria Falls this morning, we cross into Botswana and travel south to Francistown in central Botswana. We reach our overnight stop on the outskirts of Francistown in the late afternoon.

Accommodation	Woodlands Lodge or similar. www.woodlandsbotswana.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	Victoria Falls to Francistown
Border Post	Zimbabwe: Kazangula Road, Open: 06h00-18h00 Botswana: Kazangula Road, +267 625-0320/1303, Open: 06h00-20h00

Day 22 - Francistown to Johannesburg

Leaving early we continue to the border with South Africa and on to the city of Johannesburg. 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 presents an opportunity to join fellow travellers in celebrating the many wonders of African travel. We arrive at Belvedere Estate in the late afternoon

Accommodation	Belvedere Estate or similar. www.belvedereestate.co.za
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	Francistown to Johannesburg
Optional Activity	Traditional meal at Belvedere Estate
Border Post	Botswana: Martinsdrift, Tel: +267 4940 254, Open: 08h00-18h00. South Africa: Groblersbrug, Tel: +27 (0) 14 767 1019, Open: 08h00-18h00.

Day 23 – Greater 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	Two per 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 Nkambeni Reserve
Optional Activity	Sundowner Drive (Subject to Availability)

Day 24 - 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 and the Kruger is also home to the famed members of Africa's Big-5. Truly the flagship of the South African national parks, Kruger is home to an impressive number of species: 336 trees, 49 fish, 34 amphibians, 114 reptiles, 507 birds and 147 mammals. 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	Two per 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	Kruger National Park
Activity Package	Kruger National Park 4x4 game drive
Included Activity	Game drive in Nomad truck

Day 25 - Kruger National Park

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	Two per 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, Blyde River Canyon, God's Window
Optional Activity	Morning Bush Walk (Subject to Availability)

Day 26 – Kruger to Swaziland

We start the day early with some traditional coffee and rusks before setting off through Kruger on our way to Swaziland. Our truck offers an excellent platform for game viewing as we make our way south. We exit the southern end of the park and travel the short distance to Swaziland border, our route this afternoon winds through the mountains and forests of this landlocked kingdom. Our destination for today is the Ezulwini Valley just south of the capital Mbabane.

Accommodation	Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary or similar. http://www.biggameparks.org/mlilwane/
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 to Mlilwane
Included Activity	Game Drive in Kruger National Park (in your Nomad Truck)
Border Post	South Africa: Jeppe's Reef, Tel: + 27(0)13 781 0382, Open: 07h00-20h00 Swaziland: Matsamo, Tel: +268 323 2137, Open: 07h00-20h00

Day 27 - Isimangaliso, Greater St Lucia

Situated in the Ezulwini Valley, which translates to "valley of heaven", the Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary is Swaziland's oldest reserve and covers 4,560 hectares. As the reserve has no large predators we will enjoy a morning hiking amongst the game that roams the plains. Should you prefer there are a range of optional activities offered by the reserve and you could enjoy a game drive, mountain biking or a visit to the Chief's traditional village. This afternoon we continue south into the reaches of Zululand, once the realm of the mighty King Shaka who united the Zulu clans. This evening we are treated to a cultural experience where we will learn more of the Zulu traditions and language.

Accommodation	Shonalanga or similar. http://www.shonalanga.net
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	Mlilwane to St. Lucia
Included Highlight	Nature Walk in Mlilwane, Zulu Cultural Evening
Optional Activity	Mountain Biking, Swazi Cultural Excursion or Morning Game Drive – all in Mlilwane
Border Post	South Africa: Golela Border Post, Tel: +27(0)34 435 1070 Open: 07h00-22h00 Swaziland: Lavumisa Town Board, Tel: +268 20 790 93, Open: 07h00-22h00

Day 28 - Hluhluwe – Imfolozi Game Reserve

We set out early this morning for a game drive in the nearby Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Game Reserve, one of the last strongholds of the endangered Rhinoceros. The reserve has played a critical role in the preservation of these endangered animals, both Black and White Rhinoceros occur in the park and many populations owe their ongoing existence to animals that have been raised here. While Rhinoceros are the most famous of the parks inhabitants, the park also provides a home to many other species, including the Big-5 that we all hope to see. Returning to our lodging for a siesta, we freshen up for an afternoon boat cruise on St Lucia estuary.

Accommodation	Shonalanga or similar. http://www.shonalanga.net
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>
Activity Package	Game Drive in Hluhluwe-Imfolozi National Park, St. Lucia Boat Cruise

Day 29 - Durban

Durban has long been the favourite holiday destination for South Africans, the golden mile with its warm seas and safe swimming beaches attracts visitors throughout the year. This afternoon we have time to spend on the beaches of the golden mile.

Accommodation	Garden Court South Beach Hotel or similar. http://www.tsogosunhotels.com/garden-court/southbeach/pages/overview.aspx#.VRPTWeFix-0
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	St. Lucia to Durban

Day 30 - UKhahlamba Drakensberg Park

A lazy morning offers the chance for a final swim or stroll along the beach before we leave the coast behind us, our destination is the mountains of the Drakensberg. 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 stop at the scenic Howick Falls and a visit to the nearby site that marked the capture of South Africa's most famous man. In 1962, police waved down a car on a lonely stretch of road, they arrested Nelson Mandela who would go on to serve 27 years in prison before eventually becoming the president of South Africa in 1994.

Accommodation	Monks Cowl or similar. http://www.goodersonleisure.co.za/gooderson-monks-cowl-golf-resort
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	Durban to Drakensberg
Included Highlight	Visit to the Mandela Capture Site, visit Howick Falls

Day 31 - 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. 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 or similar. http://www.goodersonleisure.co.za/gooderson-monks-cowl-golf-resort
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	Hike with your guide in Ukhahlamba-Drakensberg Park

Day 32 - Lesotho – Malealea

Our journey today begins with a mountain pass and an opportunity to visit a Vulture restaurant where we hope to view these fascinating birds. Our route winds its way through the magnificent cliffs off the Golden Gate National Park before we enter Lesotho in the afternoon, we pass the capital city of Maseru as continue the climb to our base high amongst the mountain peaks.

Accommodation	Malealea Lodge or similar. http://www.malealea.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	Drakensberg to Malealea Lodge
Included Highlight	Drive through Golden Gate
Border Post	South Africa: Maseru Bridge, Tel: +27 (0) 51 924 4300, Open: 24hrs Lesotho: Maseru Bridge, Tel: +266 22 313 796, Open: 24hrs

Day 33 - Lesotho – Malealea

The clean air of the mountains accompanies us this morning as we explore the mountains on foot, our hike concludes with a village visit and the opportunity to gain insight into the community that calls these mountains home. The Basotho are famous for their traditional hats, blankets and their sturdy ponies. Basotho ponies are renowned for their surefootedness in the mountains and you have the opportunity of an optional pony trek this afternoon to experience this first-hand

Accommodation	Malealea Lodge or similar. http://www.malealea.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	Morning hike, Lesotho Village Visit
Optional Activity	Pony Trekking, Additional Hiking Options

Day 34 - South Africa – 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 or similar. http://www.profconresort.co.za/
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	Malealea to Graaff Reinet
Activity Package	Valley of Desolation sundowner tour (<i>Kindly note that during the winter months, this activity will become a Sunrise excursion to the valley of Desolation the following morning.</i>)
Optional Activity	Historical tour of Graaff reinet (<i>Time Permitting</i>)
Border Post	Lesotho: Vanrooyenshek, Tel: +27 51 583 1525, Open: 06h00-22h00. South Africa: Vanrooyenshek, Tel: +27 51 583 1516, Open: 06h00-22h00

Day 35 - Greater Addo Elephant National Park area

Graaff-Reinet is a town with one of the highest concentrations of monuments and offers a charming insight into the history of the land. Setting course for the coast once again, we roll through the open plains of the Karoo and the wildlife charms of the Addo National Park.

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 accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Included Highlight	Afternoon game drive in Addo National Park (Nomad truck)
Route	Graaff Reinet to Addo

Day 36 – Greater Addo Elephant National Park area

This morning you will have the option to visit PE before returning to camp for lunch, this afternoon we visit the Addo, famed for the elephants after which the park was named, 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 that call Addo home.

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 accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Included Highlight	Afternoon game drive in Addo NP (in the Nomad truck)

Day 37 - 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 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 accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Included Highlight	Stop in the surfing town of Jeffreys Bay

Day 38 – 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. For the adventurous the Waterfall Trail offers a spectacular winding path that follows the rocky coastline, an out and back trail we stop for a refreshing swim at the base of an icy Waterfall. For those who wish to get a birds-eye view of the magnificent forests an optional zip line tour through the canopy is offered this afternoon.

Accommodation	Tsitsikamma Cottages or similar. http://www.tsitsikamma.net/
Facilities	Two per Room with En-suites Bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Included Highlight	Tsitsikamma National Park entrance / beer tasting at Tsitsikamma Village Inn brewery
Optional Activity	Treetop Canopy Tours

Day 39 - 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	Dunes Lodge or similar. http://www.plettenbergbayinfo.co.za/accommodation/selfcatering/dunes.html
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	Tsitsikamma to Plettenberg Bay
Included Highlight	Morning Visit to Natures Valley and Afternoon at Leisure on Keurbooms Beach
Optional Activity	Bungee Jumping, Birds of Eden, Monkey Town

Day 40 - Oudtshoorn

This morning the adventurous can join a number of optional activities on offer in the resort town of Plettenberg Bay, the winter months (July to November) offer some of the finest Whale Watching in the world and an ocean safari is not to be missed during these months. For those less inclined to adventure on the high seas, the morning can be spent at leisure on the beach or exploring this holiday town. This afternoon we cross the Outeniqua Mountains as we wind our way to the Klein Karoo, we end the day with a visit to the Ostirch Farm where we undertake a guide tour to learn more about the world's largest birds.

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 accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Plettenberg Bay to Oudtshoorn
Included Highlight	Plettenberg Bay Beaches, Ostrich Farm Tour.
Optional Activities	Ocean Safari, Township Tour, Sea Kayaking and Whale Watching (in Season)

Day 41 - Oudtshoorn to Paarl

Our first stop this morning is visiting the impressive formations of the Cango Caves, we join a guided tour as we venture underground into this sprawling network of limestone caves. 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	Le bac Estate or similar. http://lebac.co.za/
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	Oudtshoorn to Paarl
Activity Package	Cango Caves Heritage Tour
Included Highlight	Stop at Ronnie's sex shop

Day 42 - Paarl – Cape Town

Cape Town is not only set in one of the most scenic parts of South Africa, but offers a wide variety of attractions and highlights. We will gain a unique insight into the city when we join a local guide for a Cultural Tour. We Sample some of the fine Cape wines and spend some time exploring the town of Stellenbosch. To allow for Sundays and Public Holidays the order of events may be reversed today, the tour will however always end in Cape Town in the afternoon. Your tour comes to an end upon arrival in Cape Town

Accommodation	Own arrangements
Route	Paarl to Cape Town
Activity Package	Cape Town Cultural Tour & Cheese and Wine Tasting
Included Highlight	Self-Guided Walk through Stellenbosch

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.