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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.

<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 departing.

Activity	Price
4x4 Game drive in Kruger National Park	R 800
St Lucia boat cruise	R 440
Hluhluwe game drive	R 760
Valley of Desolation & Historical tour	R 490
Cango Caves basic tour	R140
Cape Malay cultural experience	R400
	R 3 030

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

12

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

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.

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.

Your tour will be departing from the following location

7.00am Belvedere Estate corner George and Belvedere road, Glen Austin Midrand, Tel: 079 510 6705 – www.belvedereestate.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

Nomad Adventure Tours, 39 Castle Street, (Corner Castle & Burg Streets), Cape Town, South Africa. Tel: +27 (0) 82 578 2199, www.nomadtours.co.za

What's included

Breakfast and dinner as listed in the below itinerary / accommodation in twin-share en-suite rooms or permanent tents / qualified crew / transport in a 12-seater 4x4 air-conditioned vehicle (on board toilet) / 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) / entrance fees (associated with optional activities / souvenirs / activity packages and optional activities

Countries Visited

South Africa, Swaziland, Lesotho

TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1 – 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)
Meals	Dinner

Day 2 - Kruger National Park

Rising early this morning we enter the Kruger National Park to enjoy a full-day of game viewing in open 4x4 vehicles. 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 including 336 trees, 49 fish, 114 reptiles 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 vehicle for those not participating in the 4x4 activity package item
Optional Activity	Sundowner drive (subject to availability)
Meals	Breakfast, Dinner

Day 3 - 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)
Meals	Breakfast, Dinner

Day 4 - Swaziland

We start the day early with some traditional coffee and rusks before setting off through Kruger on our way to Swaziland. We exit the southern end of the park and travel the short distance to the Swaziland border. Our overnight accommodation is nestled at the foot of Mount Emlembe, Swaziland's highest mountain and this afternoon we will visit the town's mining museum and take a step back in history to 2001 when the mining company that had built and operated Bulembu for more than 60 years, closed its doors and walked away.

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 as we exit Kruger National Park (in your Nomad vehicle) / Bulembu museum visit
Meals	Breakfast, Dinner
Border Post	South Africa: Jeppes Reef, Tel: + 27(0)13 781 0382, Open: 07h00-20h00 Swaziland: Matsamo, Tel: +268 323 2137, Open: 07h00-20h00

Day 5 - Isimangaliso, Greater St Lucia

Today we exit Swaziland and return to South Africa, making our way to the town of St Lucia and 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	Forest Lodge or similar. www.forestkzn.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	Bulembu to St. Lucia
Included Highlight	Zulu cultural experience
Meals	Breakfast, Dinner
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 6 - 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	Forest Lodge or similar. www.forestkzn.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>
Activity Package	Game drive in Hluhluwe-Imfolozi National Park, St. Lucia boat cruise
Meals	Breakfast, Dinner

Day 7 - 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 and tonight we enjoy a dinner out, an opportunity to sample the Indian influenced dishes that have become a hallmark of Durban cuisine.

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
Meals	Breakfast

Day 8 - 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
Meals	Breakfast, Dinner

Day 9 - 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	Full day hike with your guide in Ukhahlamba-Drakensberg Park
Meals	Breakfast, Dinner

Day 10 - 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	Semonkong Lodge or similar. http://www.semonkonglodge.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 Lesotho
Included Highlight	Drive through Golden Gate / Vulture Centre visit
Meals	Breakfast, Dinner
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 11 - 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	Semonkong Lodge or similar. http://www.semonkonglodge.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
Meals	Breakfast, Dinner

Day 12 - 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 afternoon we are joined by a local guide who will introduce us to the historical highlights of the town, ending with 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.

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	Lesotho to Graaff-Reinet
Activity Package	Historical tour including the Valley of Desolation sundowner
Meals	Breakfast, Dinner
Border Post	Lesotho: Vanrooyenshek, Tel: +27 51 583 1525, Open: 06h00-22h00. South Africa: Vanrooyenshek, Tel: +27 51 583 1516, Open: 06h00-22h00

Day 13 - Greater Addo Elephant National Park area

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 and enjoy an afternoon game drive through the park.

Accommodation	Die Kraal or similar. https://thekraaladdo.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	Graaff-Reinet to Addo
Included Highlight	Afternoon game drive in Addo National Park in the Nomad vehicle
Meals	Breakfast, Dinner

Day 14 – Greater Addo Elephant National Park area

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 and this afternoon we will once again venture into the park in search of the animals.

Accommodation	Die Kraal or similar. https://thekraaladdo.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>
Included Highlight	Afternoon game drive in Addo NP (in the Nomad vehicle)
Meals	Breakfast, Dinner

Day 15 - Tsitsikamma National Park

Setting out early this morning turning west to Tsitsikamma, where the wonders of the Garden Route await. 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. Our final destination is the Tsitsikamma region where we set up for the next two nights.

Accommodation	Tsitsikamma Village Inn or similar. http://www.tsitsikammavillageinn.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>
Included Highlight	Beer tasting
Meals	Breakfast, Dinner

Day 16 – 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 Village Inn or similar. http://www.tsitsikammavillageinn.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>
Included Highlight	Tsitsikamma National Park entrance including a hike with your guide
Meals	Breakfast, Dinner

Day 17 - 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. We celebrate our adventures with dinner out on the town this evening.

Accommodation	Dunes Resort or similar. http://dunesresort.co.za/accommodation/
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
Meals	Breakfast

Day 18 - 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, and end the day with a visit to a local ostrich farm.

Accommodation	De Denne Country Guest House or similar. http://www.dedenne.com/index.php
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	Ostrich farm visit
Optional Activities	Ocean safari, township tour, sea kayaking and whale watching (in season)
Meals	Breakfast, Dinner

Day 19 - Oudtshoorn to Paarl

We begin the day with a visit to the impressive formations of the Cango Caves, joining 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. This evening, we celebrate our final evening together with a Cape Malay cultural experience and dinner.

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 / Cape Malay experience and dinner
Meals	Breakfast

Day 20 - 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 sample some of the fine Cape wines and spend some time exploring the town of Stellenbosch before reaching the end of our tour in the late afternoon.

Accommodation	Own arrangements
Route	Paarl to Cape Town
Included Highlight	Self-Guided walk through Stellenbosch / wine tasting
Meals	Breakfast

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