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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

PCR Testing / Requirements

All guests participating in this tour should adhere to and be familiar with any mandatory covid-19 vaccine requirements or PCR testing requirements of the country/countries being visited. All costs associated with PCR testing will be for the guests' own account.

Tour departure point

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

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

31 Brickfield Road, Woodstock, Cape Town

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

Tour ending point

Garden Court O.R. Tambo International Airport, 2 Hulley Road Isando Ext. 3, Kempton Park, Gauteng, South Africa

Tel: [+27 \(0\)11 392 1062](tel:+270113921062) <https://www.southernsun.com/garden-court-or-tambo-international-airport>

Maximum Number of Passengers

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

After hours emergency contact

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

If calling from outside South Africa: 0027 82 578 2199

If calling within South Africa: 082 578 2199

Arrival / Departure

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

Pre and Post Tour Accommodation

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

What's included

All meals as per the itinerary your breakfast and dinner will be served in lodges and lunches will be a pre-packed snack pack to enjoy en-route) / accommodation / qualified crew / filtered water / transport in the Nomad truck / included highlights as per the itinerary / entrance fees to National Parks.

What's excluded

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

Countries Visited

South Africa

Onward Travel

If you are interested to enhance your tour further, please [contact us](#) to receive a list of all the available options to suite your time frame and budget.

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Green Seats – Travel Responsibly in Africa

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

TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1 – 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. We have a full day ahead of us which takes us from the bustling city centre of Cape Town via the wine region to the town of Hermanus - not forgetting a stop at the largest breeding colony of the African Penguin, Stony Point Nature Reserve. Before arrival in Stanford, we'll make a short stop in Hermanus and if you are travelling during the months of July to November you may be lucky enough to see the southern right whales that visit the bay in Hermanus.

Accommodation	Stanford Valley Guest Farm http://stanfordvalley.co.za/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom Camping: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Cape Town to Stanford
Meals	Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Walk through the town of Stellenbosch, Stony Point Penguin Colony visit, Wine tasting experience

Day 2 – Swellendam via Africa's Southernmost Tip

After passing through some quaint Overberg villages, we reach the southernmost tip of the African continent, where the Atlantic and Indian oceans meet, Cape Agulhas. Photo in hand, we head to the De Hoop Nature Reserve where you will have time to walk and explore a small section of the reserve. We will overnight in the town of Swellendam.

Accommodation	Aan de Eike Guest House https://www.adlc.co.za/swellendam-accommodation/aan-de-eike-guest-house/
Facilities	Accommodated: Two per Room with En-suites Bathroom Camping: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom <i>Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.</i>
Route	Stanford to Swellendam
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Southernmost tip of Africa - Cape Agulhas, De Hoop Nature Reserve walk

Day 3 - Route 62 – Oudtshoorn

This morning we set out for the Klein Karoo and our overnight stop in Oudtshoorn. We follow a section of the scenic Route 62, stopping to experience some of the many farm stalls on the way. One of the more quirky highlights today is Ronnie's Sex Shop, not a sex shop at all, but a rather interesting country pub! Before our day ends with a guided tour of the famous Cango Caves, we will enjoy a visit to a local berry farm that will include a tasting experience

Accommodation	De Denne Guest House http://www.dedenne.com
Facilities	Accommodated: 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>
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Route	Swellendam to Oudtshoorn
Included Highlight	Stop at Ronnie's Sex Shop, Cango Caves Basic Tour, Berry Farm tasting

Day 4 – Tsitsikamma

Our morning starts as we make our way over the Outeniqua Mountains and descend to the beautiful Garden route coastline below. In the coming days we will make several stops at some quaint towns and bustling cities along the garden route, there are opportunities to visit some interesting museums, combined with some time spent hiking and relaxing. The Garden Route is a treasure trove of beautiful beaches, forest walks and an exciting menu of optional adventures. We set aside time this morning for some exploration of the town of Knysna.

Accommodation	Tsitsikamma Village Inn http://www.tsitsikammavillageinn.co.za/
Facilities	Accommodated: 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	Oudtshoorn to Tsitsikamma
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Knysna

Day 5 – Tsitsikamma

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

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more leisurely option can make use of the boardwalks to the Storms River Mouth. We return after our hike and you will have the opportunity to book the Woodcutters Journey in the afternoon – experiencing the uniqueness of the Tsitsikamma biome and learning about the history of the area and it's indigenous fauna & flora.

Accommodation	Tsitsikamma Village Inn http://www.tsitsikammavillageinn.co.za/
Facilities	Accommodated: 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>
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Tsitsikamma National Park entrance and hike with your Nomad guide
Optional Activity	Treetop canopy tours, Woodcutters Journey

Day 6 - Greater Addo Elephant National Park area

This morning we set out for the Eastern Cape and the Addo National Park. We make a stop this morning in the surfing mecca of Jeffrey's Bay, famous for its waves. You have the opportunity to visit the small surfing museum, catch a quick wave or simply enjoy a cup of coffee overlooking these famous waves. This afternoon we will make our first visit to seek the elephants after which Addo is named.

Accommodation	Zuurberg Mountain Village https://zuurbergmountainvillage.co.za/
Facilities	Accommodated: 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	Tsitsikamma National Park to Addo Elephant National Park
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Jeffrey's Bay and an afternoon game drive in Addo National Park (in the Nomad truck)

Day 7 – Greater Addo Elephant National Park area

This morning you will have the option to visit Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth) before returning to camp for lunch. In the afternoon we visit 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	Zuurberg Mountain Village https://zuurbergmountainvillage.co.za/
Facilities	Accommodated: 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>
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Afternoon game drive in Addo NP (in the Nomad truck)

Day 8 – Graaff Reinet

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

Accommodation	Drostdy Hotel https://Newmarkhotels.com/places/hotels/drostdy-hotel/
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	Addo to Graaff Reinet
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 9 - Graaff Reinet

Graaff Reinet is the fourth oldest town in South Africa and this morning we enjoy a historical tour on foot of the town to hear about the history and visit the historic sites. 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.

Accommodation	Drostdy Hotel https://Newmarkhotels.com/places/hotels/drostdy-hotel/
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>
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlights	Historical walking tour of Graaff-Reinet / Valley of Desolation sundowner tour

Day 10 – Mthatha

Situated in the Transkei region, Mthatha is better known as the homeland of the Xhosa during the Apartheid era and the birthplace of Nelson Mandela. If time allows, we make a short stop at the Bunga Building which houses the story of the Long Walk to Freedom and an exhibition of the many gifts received by Nelson Mandela on behalf of the South African people.

Accommodation	Garden Court Mthatha https://www.tsogosun.com/garden-court-mthatha?utm_source=google&utm_medium=businesslisting&utm_campaign=hotel_garden-court-mthatha
Facilities	Accommodated: Twin 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 Mthatha
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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Day 11 - South Africa – uKhahlamba Drakensberg Park

We have a long drive ahead of us today as we make our way 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 are a hiker's paradise and worthy of exploration.

Accommodation	Himeville Arms https://www.premierhotels.co.za/hotels/kwazulu-natal/himeville-arms/
Facilities	Accommodated: 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	Mthatha to Drakensberg
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 12 - UKhahlamba Drakensberg Park

We set out this morning for a lengthy hike. 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	Himeville Arms https://www.premierhotels.co.za/hotels/kwazulu-natal/himeville-arms/
Facilities	Accommodated: 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>
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Hike with your guide in Ukhahlamba-Drakensberg Park

Day 13 – Kwa Zulu Natal Coast – St Lucia

It's all downhill as we leave the mountain scenery en route to the Kwazulu Natal Coast. On the 5th August 1962, police waved down a car on a lonely country road in KwaZulu-Natal. At the wheel was Nelson Mandela. He was arrested and spent 27 years in prison. Today you will have the opportunity to visit this historic capture site, marked by an impressive sculpture in honour of "Madiba". We will also stop at the Howick Falls to listen to the power of the falls and take some photos at the view point. Then it's onto the bustling city of Durban is South Africa's largest port where you will have time to stretch your legs with a stroll along the promenade before heading for St Lucia.

Accommodation	Shonalanga http://www.shonalanga.net
Facilities	Accommodated: 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 St Lucia
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Visit to the Mandela Capture Site, Howick Falls

Day 14 - Hluhluwe – Umfolozi Game Reserve / iSimangaliso Wetland Park

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. 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 http://www.shonalanga.net
Facilities	Accommodated: 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>
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Included Highlight	Game Drive in Hluhluwe/Imfolozi National Park, St. Lucia Boat Cruise

Day 15 – KwaZulu Natal

Our journey takes us to the northern reaches of KwaZulu Natal and our destination is set alongside the scenic Bivane River.

Accommodation	Gooderson Natal Spa https://goodersonnatspa.co.za/activities/activities-on-site
Facilities	Accommodated: 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 Paulpietersburg
Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 16 - Kruger National Park

Rising early this morning we depart for the Kruger National Park to enjoy game viewing experiences over the next days. 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. Time permitting, 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 http://www.nkambeni.com
Facilities	Accommodated: 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>

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Route Paulpietersburg to Kruger National Park

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Optional Activity Sundowner Drive (subject to availability)

Day 17 - Kruger National Park

Today we will spend the entire day traversing the Kruger National Park in 4x4 open viewing game vehicles. Your guide will select the route chosen for the day, exploring as many roads as possible to offer you the best vantage points for animal sightings.

Accommodation Nkambeni Reserve <http://www.nkambeni.com>

Facilities **Accommodated:** Two per Permanent tent with En-suite Bathroom
Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.

Included Highlight Kruger National Park 4x4 game drive

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 18 – Kruger National Park

Today, your guide is going to take you on a game drive in the truck, through the park. Make the most of the day to tick off as many bird and animal sightings. This afternoon, we will arrive at our overnight stop which is located a mere 20 minutes outside the Kruger National Park.

Accommodation Timbavati Safari Lodge <https://timbavatisafarilodge.com/>

Facilities **Accommodated:** Two per Permanent tent with En-suite Bathroom
Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.

Included Highlight Full day game drive through Kruger National Park in the Nomad Truck

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 19 – Kruger National Park

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 Timbavati Safari Lodge <https://timbavatisafarilodge.com/>

Facilities **Accommodated:** Two per Permanent tent with En-suite Bathroom
Please visit the website of the accommodation provider for a full list of the facilities offered.

Included Highlight Panorama Route - Bourke's Luck Potholes, Blyde River Canyon, God's Window

Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 20 - Kruger National Park to Johannesburg

We will pack up and set off for our final destination, Johannesburg. We arrive in the late afternoon, where your tour comes to an end upon arrival.

Accommodation Own Arrangements / Post tour accommodation can be booked through Nomad.

Route Great Kruger NP area to Johannesburg

Meals Breakfast, Lunch

Optional Activity Morning Bush Walk (Subject to Availability)