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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.**

<https://nomadtours.co.za/media/Pre-Departure-Information-2020.pdf>

#### **Tour departure point**

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

**07:00 am** Belvedere Estate, 87 Belvedere Road, Glen Austin,

Midrand, South Africa

Tel: 083 741 5240

[www.belvedereestate.co.za](http://www.belvedereestate.co.za)

#### **Tour ending point**

40 On Burg, 40 Burg Street,

Cape Town, South Africa

Tel: +27 (0)21 426 4338,

[www.40onburg.co.za](http://www.40onburg.co.za)

#### **Maximum Number of Passengers**

14

#### **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.

#### **40onBurg Hotel**

More than just comfortable rooms and delicious aperitifs, **40onBurg Hotel** focusses on providing personal, impeccable service associated with old-world hospitality, complete with all the necessary modern conveniences. Their warm and friendly, locally procured and experienced team are on hand to ensure you feel super-comfortable, well cared for, and completely at home during your stay! The en-suite rooms are luxuriously spacious by international standards with the smallest starting at 4.5X5 metres. 40onBurg is the official tour departure point and ending point for Nomad Africa Tours & Safaris, for Cape Town.

#### **Belvedere Estate Boutique Hotel**

Belvedere Estate is a gorgeous boutique guest lodge, modelled after a small Italian village. This gem in Midrand, Gauteng, is situated on two and a half acres of beautiful gardens with cobble paving and water fountains. The Main house overlooks the beautiful gardens. Breakfast, lunch and dinner can be served under the lapa, next to the pool and each room in the guest lodge is comfortable and cosy with a wood fire place and a kitchenette containing a microwave oven, fridge and all the comforts you would enjoy at home. Belvedere Estate is the official tour departure point and ending point for Nomad Africa Tours & Safaris, for Johannesburg.

**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, souvenirs, tips) / entrance fees (associated with optional activities)

**Countries Visited**

South Africa, Eswatini, Lesotho

**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 – 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.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Nkambeni Reserve <a href="http://www.nkambeni.com">http://www.nkambeni.com</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	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>
<b>Route</b>	Johannesburg to Nkambeni Reserve
<b>Meals</b>	Lunch, Dinner
<b>Optional Activity</b>	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 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 Game drive through the park is in an open-sided 4x4 vehicle.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Nkambeni Reserve <a href="http://www.nkambeni.com">http://www.nkambeni.com</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	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>
<b>Route</b>	Kruger National Park
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Kruger National Park 4x4 game drive

**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.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Nkambeni Reserve <a href="http://www.nkambeni.com">http://www.nkambeni.com</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	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>
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Panorama Route - Bourke's Luck Potholes, Blyde River Canyon, God's Window
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Day 4 - Eswatini**

We start the day early with some coffee and traditional rusks before setting off through Kruger on our way to Eswatini. 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 Eswatini 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.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary <a href="http://www.biggameparks.org/mlilwane/">http://www.biggameparks.org/mlilwane/</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	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>
<b>Route</b>	Kruger to Mlilwane

<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Included Activity</b>	Game drive as we exit Kruger National Park (in your Nomad vehicle)
<b>Border Post</b>	South Africa: Jeppes Reef, Tel: + 27(0)13 781 0382, Open: 07h00-20h00 Eswatini: Matsamo, Tel: +268 323 2137, Open: 07h00-20h00

### Day 5 – Swaziland - Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary

Endless hours of self-guided exploration within the small 4560ha Mlilwane sanctuary are possible due to the relative absence of dangerous game. This morning our guide will lead us out on a nature walk to explore the “ Nature Trail “ which provides interpretation of historical and environmental information of the area.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Mlilwane Wildlife Sanctuary <a href="http://www.biggameparks.org/mlilwane/">http://www.biggameparks.org/mlilwane/</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	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>
<b>Route</b>	Kruger to Mlilwane
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Nature walk Mlilwane with Nomad Guide
<b>Optional Activity</b>	Game Drives, Mountain Biking and Hiking

### Day 6 – Eswatini to 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.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Forest Lodge <a href="https://www.forestkzn.co.za/">https://www.forestkzn.co.za/</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	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>
<b>Route</b>	Mlilwane to St. Lucia
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Border Post</b>	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 7 - 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.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Forest Lodge <a href="https://www.forestkzn.co.za/">https://www.forestkzn.co.za/</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	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>
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Included Highlights</b>	Game drive in Hluhluwe-Imfolozi National Park, St. Lucia boat cruise

### Day 8 - Kwa Zulu Natal Coast – 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 short stop in Durban to stretch our legs before continuing to view the scenic Howick Falls and a visit to the nearby site that marked the capture of South Africa's most famous man, Nelson Mandela.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Monks Cowl <a href="http://www.goodersonleisure.co.za/gooderson-monks-cowl-golf-resort">http://www.goodersonleisure.co.za/gooderson-monks-cowl-golf-resort</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	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>
<b>Route</b>	St. Lucia to Drakensberg
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Included Highlights</b>	Visit to the Mandela Capture Site, visit Howick Falls

### 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.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Monks Cowl <a href="http://www.goodersonleisure.co.za/gooderson-monks-cowl-golf-resort">http://www.goodersonleisure.co.za/gooderson-monks-cowl-golf-resort</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	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>
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Hike with your guide in Ukhahlamba-Drakensberg Park

**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.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Malealea Lodge <a href="http://www.malealea.com">http://www.malealea.com</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	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>
<b>Route</b>	Drakensberg to Malealea Lodge
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Drive through Golden Gate
<b>Border Post</b>	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

<b>Accommodation</b>	Malealea Lodge <a href="http://www.malealea.com">http://www.malealea.com</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	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>
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Morning hike, Lesotho Village Visit
<b>Optional Activity</b>	Pony Trekking, Additional Hiking Options

**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 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.**

<b>Accommodation</b>	Drostdy Hotel <a href="https://Newmarkhotels.com/places/hotels/drostdy-hotel/">https://Newmarkhotels.com/places/hotels/drostdy-hotel/</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	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>
<b>Route</b>	Malealea to Graaff Reinet
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Valley of Desolation sundowner tour
<b>Border Post</b>	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 pass through the open plains of the Karoo and the wildlife charms of the Addo National Park. Upon arrival in the greater Addo region, we set up camp and head to the National Park to enjoy an afternoon game drive in our Nomad truck, in search of the famous elephants that call Addo home.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Zuurberg Mountain Village <a href="https://zuurbergmountainvillage.co.za/">https://zuurbergmountainvillage.co.za/</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	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>
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Afternoon game drive in Addo National Park (Nomad truck)
<b>Route</b>	Graaff Reinet to Addo
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Day 14 – Greater Addo Elephant National Park area**

This morning you will have the option to visit Port Elizabeth before returning to camp for lunch, this afternoon we make our second visit to Addo. 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.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Zuurberg Mountain Village <a href="https://zuurbergmountainvillage.co.za/">https://zuurbergmountainvillage.co.za/</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	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>
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Afternoon game drive in Addo NP (in the Nomad truck)
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### Day 15 - 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.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Tsitsikamma Village Inn <a href="https://www.tsitsikammavillageinn.co.za/">https://www.tsitsikammavillageinn.co.za/</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	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>
<b>Route</b>	Addo area to Tsitsikamma
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Stop in the surfing town of Jeffreys Bay

### 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. We return after our hike and will have the chance to enjoy an optional activity of 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.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Tsitsikamma Village Inn <a href="https://www.tsitsikammavillageinn.co.za/">https://www.tsitsikammavillageinn.co.za/</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	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>
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Tsitsikamma National Park entrance, Waterfall Hike
<b>Optional Activity</b>	Woodcutters Journey tour, Treetop Canopy Tours

### 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.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Gooderson Knysna <a href="http://www.goodersonleisure.co.za/Knysna/">www.goodersonleisure.co.za/Knysna/</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	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>
<b>Route</b>	Tsitsikamma to Wilderness
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Morning Visit to Natures Valley
<b>Optional Activity</b>	Bungee Jumping, Birds of Eden, Monkey Town

### Day 18 - Oudtshoorn

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

<b>Accommodation</b>	De Denne Guest House <a href="http://www.dedenne.com">http://www.dedenne.com</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	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>
<b>Route</b>	Wilderness to Oudtshoorn
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Cango Caves basic tour

### Day 19 – 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!

<b>Accommodation</b>	Windsor Hotel <a href="https://windsorhotel.co.za/">https://windsorhotel.co.za/</a>
<b>Facilities</b>	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>
<b>Route</b>	Oudtshoorn to Hermanus
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Stop at Ronnie's sex shop

### Day 20 – The Cape Whale Coast Route

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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.

<b>Accommodation</b>	Own arrangements
<b>Route</b>	Hermanus to Cape Town
<b>Meals</b>	Breakfast, Lunch
<b>Included Highlight</b>	Stony Point Penguin Colony visit, Chocolate & wine tasting