LESOTHO & GARDEN ROUTE: 12 Days | N(A)DC – Camping & Accommodated

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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 <u>PRE DEPARTURE INFORMATION</u> 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

Tour departure point

Please ensure you arrive at the departure point at least <u>30 minutes before</u> the scheduled departure time. <u>12:00</u> Garden Court South Beach, 73 OR Tambo Parade, South Beach, Durban, South Africa Tel: + 27 (031) 337 5511 https://www.tsogosun.com/garden-court-south-beach

Tour ending point

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/

Maximum Number of Passengers

20

After hours emergency contact

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

If calling from outside South Africa: 0027 82 578 2199 If calling within South Africa: 082 578 2199

Arrival / Departure

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

Pre and Post Tour Accommodation

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

What's included

All meals which are prepared and served at the Nomad truck / 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, Lesotho

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.

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.

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TOUR ITINERARY

Day 1 - Kwa Zulu Natal Coast – UKhahlamba Drakensberg Park

Running the length of the Kwazulu-Natal province, the Ukuhlamba 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 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.

Accommodation Monks Cowl http://www.goodersonleisure.co.za/gooderson-monks-cowl-golf-resort

Facilities Accommodated: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom

Camping: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom

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

Route **Durban to Drakensberg**

Meals Dinner

Included Highlight Visit to the Mandela Capture Site, visit Howick Falls

Day 2 - 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 Monks Cowl http://www.goodersonleisure.co.za/gooderson-monks-cowl-golf-resort

Facilities Accommodated: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom

Camping: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom

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Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included Highlight Hike with your guide in Ukhahlamba-Drakensberg Park

Day 3 - Lesotho

Our journey today begins with a mountain pass as 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 https://www.malealealodge.com/ **Facilities** Accommodated: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom

Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions

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

Route Drakensberg to Malealea Meals Breakfast, Lunch, 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 4 - Lesotho

The clean air of the mountains accompanies us this morning as we explore the surrounding area offers a unique and adventurous landscape to explore on foot and we will set out on the trail which is a couple of hours.

Accommodation Malealea Lodge https://www.malealealodge.com/ **Facilities** Accommodated: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom

Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions

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Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included Highlight Waterfall & Bushman Paintings activity with your Nomad guide

Day 5 - 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.

Accommodation Profcon Resort http://www.profconresort.co.za/ **Facilities** Accommodated: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom

Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions

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

Route Malealea to Graaff Reinet Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Border Post Lesotho: Vanrooyenshek, Tel: +27 51 583 1525, Open: 06h00-22h00.

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South Africa: Vanrooyenshek, Tel: +27 51 583 1516, Open: 06h00-22h00



Day 6 – Ggeberha (Gateway to Addo Elephant National Park)

This morning you will have the opportunity to join a sunrise excursion to the Valley of Desolation. This unique valley offers a panoramic view over the town and the wide open plains stretching out below. Setting course for the coast once again, we pass through the open plains of the Karoo and head to the famous Addo Elephant National Park where we will enjoy a half day game drive in our Nomad truck, in search of the famous elephants that call Addo home. Our overnight accommodation is in the heart of Gqeberha (formerly Port Elizabeth).

Accommodation Garden Court Kings Beach Hotel https://www.southernsun.com/garden-court-kings-beach

Facilities Accommodated: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom

Camping: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom

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Route Graaff Reinet to Ggeberha Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included Highlights Valley of Desolation sunrise tour. Half day game drive in Addo National Park (Nomad truck)

Day 7 – Greater Addo Elephant National Park area

This morning we leave the city of Gqeberha and once again head into Addo Elephant National Park for our game drive. 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 morning in search of the animals.

Accommodation Garden Court Kings Beach Hotel www.tsogosunhotels.com/garden-court/kings-each/pages/overview.aspx

Facilities Accommodated: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom

Camping: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom

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Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included Highlight Half day game drive in Addo National Park (in the Nomad truck)

Day 8 - Tsitsikamma National Park

Setting out early this morning we make a brief visit to the surfing mecca of Jeffreys Bay. Most famous for its waves this little town is also home to a small Surfing Museum. We then turn west to the Tsitsikamma region where we set up for the next two nights and where the wonders of the Garden Route await.

Accommodation Tsitsikamma Village Inn http://www.tsitsikammavillageinn.co.za/ OR Tube 'n Axe https://www.tubenaxe.co.za/

Facilities Accommodated: Two per Room with En-suites Bathroom

Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions

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

Route Gqeberha area to Tsitsikamma Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included Highlight Stop in the surfing town of Jeffreys Bay

Day 9 – 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 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 its indigenous fauna & flora.

Accommodation Tsitsikamma Village Inn http://www.tsitsikammavillageinn.co.za/ OR Tube 'n Axe https://www.tubenaxe.co.za/

Facilities Accommodated: Two per Room with En-suites Bathroom

Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions

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Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included Highlight Tsitsikamma National Park entrance to hike with your Nomad Guide Woodcutters Journey tour, Treetop Canopy Tours, Bungee Jumping, **Optional Activity**

Day 10 - Oudtshoorn

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

Accommodation Kleinplaas Holiday Resort http://www.kleinplaas.co.za **Facilities** Accommodated: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom

Camping: Campsite with Shared Ablutions

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Tsitsikamma to Oudtshoorn Route

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Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included Highlight Morning Visit to Natures Valley, Cango Caves Basic Tour



Day 11 - Route 62 - Barrydale

This morning prior to bidding farewell to the Klein Karoo, we stop to experience one of Africa's most endearing creatures - The meerkat! You'll have the opportunity to sit and watch these curious animals go about their day in the natural world without much disturbance form humans, as they wake up and catch the morning sun rays. We then 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!

AccommodationKaroo Art Hotel: https://www.karooarthotel.co.za/FacilitiesAccommodated: Two per Room with En-suites Bathroom

Camping: Two per Room with En-suite Bathroom

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

Route Oudtshoorn to Barrydale Meals Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Included Highlight Stop at Ronnie's Sex Shop, Meerkat Experience

Day 12 - The Cape Whale Coast Route & 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. We will then drive along the beautiful Cape Whale Coast which is a pristine stretch on the South African coastline. Stretching from the town of Rooiels for roughly 150km, to the east, making up a collection of villages, farms, rivers, bays, coves and valleys. 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 African Penguins, Stony Point Nature Reserve, before travelling along the coast to the city centre of Cape Town. Your tour comes to an end upon arrival in the city centre of Cape Town.

Accommodation Own arrangements

Route Barrydale to Cape Town (via Cape Agulhas & Hermanus)

Meals Breakfast, Lunch

Included Highlight Hermanus, Southernmost point, Cape Agulhas, Stony Point Penguin Colony