

SOUTH AFRICA ODYSSEY SJC14



ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

DATE	ROUTING
DAY 1 – Sunday	JOHANNESBURG
DAY 2 – Monday	JOHANNESBURG – MPUMALANGA
DAY 3 – Tuesday	MPUMALANGA
DAY 4 – Wednesday	MPUMALANGA
DAY 5 – Thursday	MPUMALANGA – SWAZILAND
DAY 6 – Friday	SWAZILAND – ZULULAND
DAY 7 – Saturday	ZULULAND – DURBAN (UMHLANGA)
DAY 8 – Sunday	DURBAN (UMHLANGA) – PORT ELIZABETH - KNYSNA
DAY 9 – Monday	KNYSNA
DAY 10 – Tuesday	KNYSNA – OUDTSHOORN
DAY 11 – Wednesday	OUDTSHOORN – FRANSCHHOEK – CAPE TOWN
DAY 12 – Thursday	CAPE TOWN
DAY 13 – Friday	CAPE TOWN
DAY 14 – Saturday	CAPE TOWN
	END OF TOUR

Meal Key

BB	Bed and Breakfast
DBB	Dinner, Bed and Breakfast
DBB+	Dinner, Bed and Breakfast plus one additional activity
DBB++	Dinner, Bed and Breakfast plus two additional activities
FB	Full Board (includes 3 meals per day)
FB+	Full Board (includes 3 meals per day) plus one additional service
FB++	Full Board (includes 3 meals per day) plus two additional services
FI	Fully Inclusive (includes all meals and local drinks), plus all activities

Minimum 2 guests / Maximum 25 guests

Selected departure dates

DURATION:

14 Days/13 Nights

ROUTING

JOHANNESBURG - CAPE TOWN

DEPARTURE DATES

	Dec 17	Jan18	Feb18	Mar18	Apr18	May18	Jun18	Jul18	Aug18	Sep18	Oct18	Nov18	Dec18
English	3;10	7;14;21;28	4;11;18;25	4;11;18;25	1;8;15;22;29	6;13;20;27	3;10;17;24	1;8;15;22;29	5;12;19;26	2;9;16;23;30	7;14;21;28	4;11;18;25	2;9;16
German	3	7	4	4	1	6	3	1	5	2	7	4	2

INCLUDES

13 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 3 dinners, accommodation, portorage, transportation, sightseeing as specified

EXCLUDES

FLIGHT: DURBAN (UMHLANGA) - PORT ELIZABETH (DUR/PLZ) and departure tax on Day 8

Please book flights to depart Durban (Umhlanga) before 09h00. Tour departs from Port Elizabeth between 10h00-10h30 on Day 8

VISA REQUIREMENTS

This tour travels through Swaziland. Please check visa requirements, as certain nationalities may require visas in order to travel through Swaziland.

There is an opportunity to maximise your experience of the Cape Winelands, with an optional overnight stay (at a supplementary cost) in the picturesque village of Franschhoek on Day 11, rejoining the main tour on Day 12.

FRANSCHHOEK WINELANDS OPTION:

RATES valid 01/12/17-31/12/18 as supplement to “Comfortable Option” / “A cut above Option” / “Premium Option”:

Accommodation based on Protea Hotel Franschhoek or similar (the option is subject to availability at the time of booking)

R 2 950.00 per person sharing twin/double accommodation

R 3 980.00 per single person

We offer 3 different accommodation options at certain hotels on the tour, which guests can choose from:

- The Comfortable Option offers “standard room” types
- The Cut Above Option offers accommodation in a slightly higher room category than “standard rooms”
- The Premium Option offers accommodation in “superior room” types

The “Cut Above” and “Premium” options feature upgraded accommodation at certain hotels on the tour (**subject to availability at the time of booking**).

“Comfortable Option”:

TOUR RATES valid 01/12/17-30/04/18 & 01/09/18-31/12/18

R 39 950.00 per person sharing twin/double accommodation

R 48 900.00 per single person

TOUR RATES valid 01/05/18-31/08/18

R 37 030.00 per person sharing twin/double accommodation

R 44 650.00 per single person

Rates exclude cost of Durban (Umhlanga) – Port Elizabeth flight on Day 8

Accommodation used:

Protea Hotel Wanderers (standard room) or similar x 1 night

Perry’s Bridge Hollow Boutique Hotel (standard room) or similar x 3 nights

Royal Swazi Sun (standard room) or similar x 1 night

Anew Hotel Hluhluwe (standard room) or similar x 1 night

Protea Hotel Umhlanga (standard room) or similar x 1 night

Rex Hotel (standard room) or similar x 2 nights

Hlangana Lodge (standard room) or similar x 1 night

President Hotel (standard mountain facing room) or similar x 3 nights

“A cut above Option”:

TOUR RATES valid 01/12/17-30/04/18 & 01/09/18-31/12/18

R 40 450.00 per person sharing twin/double accommodation

R 49 760.00 per single person

TOUR RATES valid 01/05/18-31/08/18

R 37 500.00 per person sharing twin/double accommodation

R 45 440.00 per single person

Rates exclude cost of Durban (Umhlanga) – Port Elizabeth flight on Day 8

Accommodation used:

Protea Hotel Wanderers (standard room) or similar x 1 night

Perry’s Bridge Hollow (standard room) or similar x 3 nights

Royal Swazi Sun (standard room) or similar x 1 night

Anew Hotel Hluhluwe (standard room) or similar x 1 night

Protea Hotel Umhlanga (standard room) or similar x 1 night

Rex Hotel (studio luxury apartment) or similar x 2 nights

Hlangana Lodge (standard room) or similar x 1 night

President Hotel (standard mountain facing room) or similar x 3 nights

“Premium Option”:

TOUR RATES valid 01/12/17-30/04/18 & 01/09/18-31/12/18

R 41 150.00 per person sharing twin/double accommodation

R 51 210.00 per single person

TOUR RATES valid 01/05/18-31/08/18

R 37 700.00 per person sharing twin/double accommodation

R 45 850.00 per single person

Rates exclude cost of Durban (Umhlanga) – Port Elizabeth flight on Day 8

Accommodation used:

Protea Hotel Wanderers (standard room) or similar x 1 night

Perry’s Bridge Hollow (standard room) or similar x 3 nights

Royal Swazi Sun (standard room) or similar x 1 night

Anew Hotel Hluhluwe (standard room) or similar x 1 night

Protea Hotel Umhlanga (standard room) or similar x 1 night

Rex Hotel (studio luxury apartment) or similar x 2 nights

Hlangana Lodge (superior room) or similar x 1 night

President Hotel (standard sea facing room) or similar x 3 nights

Please note that the guests will be travelling on the same vehicle, but will overnight in different room types at certain hotels, depending on their chosen accommodation option and subject to availability of the chosen room category at the time of booking. (Comfortable / Cut Above / Premium).

LANGUAGE

All departures are in English. German commentary is available on selected departure dates.

DAY 1 – SUNDAY

JOHANNESBURG

On arrival in Johannesburg at OR Tambo International Airport, you’ll be met by your representative and transferred to your hotel. Johannesburg is the largest and most populous city in South Africa. It is also the source of a large-scale gold and diamond trade, due to its location on the mineral-rich Witwatersrand range of hills. The remainder of the day is at leisure & unescorted. Why not enjoy a sightseeing tour or simply relax at your hotel. At 19h00 we will meet up at reception for a briefing on the tour and a chance to meet fellow travellers.

Distance travelled today: 35 kms

DAY 2 – MONDAY

JOHANNESBURG - MPUMALANGA

Depart Johannesburg after breakfast and head for Pretoria, South Africa’s capital city, for a short orientation tour, before continuing to the Mpumalanga Province, known as “Paradise Country”. Dropping several hundred feet into the lush subtropical region of the Lowveld, we travel via the historic towns of Dullstroom and Lydenburg. After traversing the famous Long Tom Pass, we travel via Sabie and arrive late afternoon into Hazyview, the safari hub of the Kruger National Park. [Breakfast]

Distance travelled today: 425 kms

DAY 3 – TUESDAY

MPUMALANGA

After an early morning breakfast, we’ll drive along the spectacular “**Panorama Route**”, offering views of amazing scenery including the 26 kilometre-long **Blyde River Canyon** (home to the **Three Rondavels**), **Bourke’s Luck Potholes’** and historic **God’s Window**, a breathtaking view (weather permitting) of the edge of the escarpment taking in the Kruger National Park.

We arrive back in Hazyview in the early afternoon, where the remainder of the day is at leisure to relax or join an afternoon game experience (optional and for own account). [Breakfast]

Distance travelled today: 320 kms

DAY 4 – WEDNESDAY

MPUMALANGA

The day begins with early morning coffee or tea, followed by a thrilling **open vehicle safari** (with English speaking game ranger) through **Kruger National Park** with pre-packed breakfast. Kruger is one of the world’s greatest national parks, home to a stunning array of wildlife. Search for the ‘Big Five’ (rhino, buffalo, lion, leopard, and elephant) as well as prolific birdlife and numerous other game. The afternoon is at leisure at your hotel. Late afternoon open vehicle game drives are available (optional & for own account). [Breakfast]

Distance travelled today: 120 kms

DAY 5 – THURSDAY

MPUMALANGA - SWAZILAND

This morning we travel to **Swaziland**, an independent Kingdom within the borders of South Africa, known for its lovely scenery, crafts and colourful indigenous culture. An interactive **cultural experience** introduces us to the charming people of Swaziland and their traditions. We travel via the capital city, Mbabane, and on to the beautiful Ezulwini Valley for a true African shopping experience at the **Ezulwini Craft Market** which is packed with woven baskets, beadwork and carvings.

Overnight in Swaziland. [Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner]

Distance travelled today: 310 kms

DAY 6 – FRIDAY

SWAZILAND - ZULULAND

After breakfast we will continue south through Swaziland, before re-entering South Africa. Travel into Zululand, passing traditional round huts and endless vistas. There is an option to enjoy an afternoon **open vehicle safari** (optional and for own account with an English speaking game ranger) in the **Hluhluwe-Umfolozi Game Reserve**, which contains an immense diversity of fauna and flora and is particularly famous for its conservation of black and white rhino.

Overnight in Hluhluwe-Umfolozi region. [Breakfast]

Distance travelled today: 360 kms

DAY 7 – SATURDAY

ZULULAND – DURBAN (UMHLANGA)

This morning we will join a cruise on Lake St Lucia (depending on favourable weather conditions) before departing for Durban. Our journey takes us past traditional Zulu Kraals, Eucalyptus plantations and sugar cane fields. We arrive early afternoon and the remainder of the day is at leisure to enjoy the golden beaches of the Indian Ocean. Overnight in Durban (Umhlanga). [Breakfast]

Distance travelled today: 275 kms

DAY 8 – SUNDAY

DURBAN (UMHLANGA) - KNYSNA

After breakfast, transfer to Durban (Umhlanga) airport for the short southward flight to Port Elizabeth, where we will be met by our representative and once everyone has arrived, we set off to explore the magnificent beauty of the indigenous Tsitsikamma Forest. Visit the spectacularly beautiful **Tsitsikamma National Park and Storms River Mouth** (weather permitting). We'll arrive at our hotel in **Knysna**, known as the oyster box of South Africa, nestling on the banks of a beautiful lagoon in the heart of the Garden Route. Overnight in Knysna. [Breakfast & Dinner]

Distance travelled today: 360 kms

DAY 9 – MONDAY

KNYSNA

After a leisurely breakfast we'll enjoy a lagoon cruise to the **Featherbed Nature Reserve**, where we can take a trailer ride to the top of the Western Head to enjoy panoramic views of the town and lagoon, returning for lunch under the milkwood trees. The afternoon is at leisure to further explore this charming town set around a natural harbour lagoon. [Breakfast & Lunch]

Distance travelled today: 15 kms

DAY 10 – TUESDAY

KNYSNA - OUDTSHOORN

Travel through the **Outeniqua Pass** to **Oudtshoorn**, known as the "ostrich capital" and the centre of the world's Ostrich farming industry. We'll visit an **Ostrich Farm** for a guided tour and light lunch, before taking a tour of the spectacular limestone caverns of the **Cango Caves**, one of the world's great natural wonders, sculpted by nature through the ages. We will arrive at our hotel in the late afternoon, in time to check in and relax before dinner (for own account).

Overnight in Oudtshoorn. [Breakfast & Lunch]

Distance travelled today: 210 kms

DAY 11 – WEDNESDAY

OUDTSHOORN – FRANSCHHOEK – CAPE TOWN

There is an option (for own account and subject to availability) to enjoy an early morning **Meerkat Safari**. Witness these incredible wild habituated creatures emerging out of their burrows, in time to soak up the sun before they head about their daily activities (weather permitting). After this thrilling experience, head back for a delicious breakfast. After breakfast, the journey continues through the 'Little Karoo' to **Barrydale**, where you will have the opportunity to visit a **local farm school**, interact with the children and teachers, spending time with them in the classroom learning more about the local farming community, before travelling to Montagu, a picturesque and historic spa town. (The school visit is subject to the school being open). Continue to **Franschhoek**, a picturesque village surrounded by **spectacular vineyards**, where **French Huguenots** settled more than 300 years ago, bringing with them their age-old French wine and food culture. From here you will be transferred (with a driver only) to Cape Town, spectacularly set at the foot of Table Mountain.

Overnight in Cape Town [Breakfast]

Distance travelled today: 468 kms

DAY 12 – THURSDAY

CAPE TOWN (UNESCORTED)

Enjoy a full day at leisure. Perhaps join a sightseeing tour to Table Mountain (own account) or simply explore the city. Although a small city, Cape Town is packed with sightseeing attractions, excellent bars, cafes and restaurants as well as colourful craft markets. Alternatively relax on one of Cape Town's many pristine beaches. Enjoy an evening of delicious Cape food, captivating theatre and entertaining tales and songs about the people of the Cape.

Overnight in Cape Town. [Breakfast & Dinner]

Distance travelled today: 10 kms

DAY 13 – FRIDAY**CAPE TOWN**

Enjoy a full day tour of the **Cape Peninsula**, offering some of the most spectacular coastal scenery in the world. Drive through Sea Point, the seaside village of **Hout Bay** (where you can enjoy an optional and for own account seal island boat cruise) and then on to **Cape Point** where (by tradition) it is said that the Atlantic and Indian Oceans meet. We'll return to Cape Town by way of **Simon's Town**, where we visit the **Penguin colony at Boulders Beach** (entrance fee for own account), Fish Hoek fishing village and Muizenberg. Overnight in Cape Town. [Breakfast]

Distance travelled today: 200 kms

DAY 14 – SATURDAY**CAPE TOWN**

Enjoy some last minute shopping (unescorted) or sightseeing (own account). The Robben Island Tour (for own account & time permitting), which departs from the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront, offers a fascinating excursion or perhaps just wander through the variety of shops and boutiques catering for all tastes and budgets. Later you will be transferred to the airport, harbour or railway station for your onward journey. [Breakfast]

FRANSCHHOEK WINELANDS OPTION

If you've always dreamed of experiencing an overnight in the scenic Cape Winelands, then this option is for you. You will have the opportunity to maximise your experience of picturesque vineyards, breath-taking scenery, warm hospitality and fine wines, thereafter rejoining the tour with minimum disruption.

DAY 11 – WEDNESDAY**OUDTSHOORN - FRANSCHHOEK**

There is an option (for own account and subject to availability) to enjoy an early morning Meerkat Safari. Witness these incredible wild habituated creatures emerging out of their burrows, in time to soak up the sun before they head about their daily activities (weather permitting). After this thrilling experience, head back for a delicious breakfast. After breakfast, the journey continues through the 'Little Karoo' to Barrydale, where you will have the opportunity to visit a local farm school, interact with the children and teachers, spending time with them in the classroom learning more about the local farming community, before travelling to Montagu, a picturesque and historic spa town. (The school visit is subject to the school being open). Continue to Franschhoek, a picturesque village surrounded by spectacular vineyards, where French Huguenots settled more than 300 years ago, bringing with them their age-old French wine and food culture. Overnight in Franschhoek. [Breakfast]

DAY 12 – THURSDAY**FRANSCHHOEK – CAPE TOWN**

After a leisurely breakfast, your story telling guide will take you through Franschhoek village, sharing with you the fascinating history of the French Huguenots and the Huguenot Memorial Museum. Enjoy a wine tasting before continuing to Cape Town, where you'll be rejoining the main tour. [Breakfast]

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

Further enhance the journey with optional excursions, available for pre-booking.

Rack Rates valid from 01/12/17-31/12/18 (Optional tours are available in English commentary only)

DAY 1 – SUNDAY – JOHANNESBURG – AFTERNOON SOWETO TOUR – Priced from R 840.00 per person

Soweto is unlike any suburb you've ever seen or been to, yet the history of struggle encapsulated here is a cornerstone of the South African story.

DAY 4 – WEDNESDAY – KRUGER NATIONAL PARK – AFTERNOON OPEN VEHICLE SAFARI – Priced from R 1 350.00 per person

For the wildlife enthusiasts a second open vehicle safari in one of the world's most renowned game reserves.

ALTERNATIVELY – UPGRADE YOUR KRUGER NATIONAL PARK MORNING OPEN VEHICLE SAFARI (THAT'S INCLUDED IN THE COST OF THE TOUR) TO A FULL DAY OPEN VEHICLE SAFARI AT A DISCOUNTED RATE PRICED FROM OF R 1 195.00 PER PERSON:

Join a full day open vehicle safari with a highly qualified field guide who is eager to share their knowledge and passion for this unique wilderness area.

DAY 6 – FRIDAY – HLUHLUWE-IMFOLOZI PARK – AFTERNOON OPEN VEHICLE SAFARI – Priced from R 770.00 per person

Enjoy an afternoon, 3 hour open vehicle safari into the Hluhluwe-Imfolozi Park, Africa's oldest game reserve and world renowned for its highly successful white rhino conservation programme.

DAY 7 – SATURDAY – DURBAN – AFTERNOON DURBAN CITY TOUR – Priced from R 1 100.00 per person

Enjoy an afternoon tour of Durban. Discover the East Coast's cultural melting pot with a unique atmosphere and beckoning beaches.

DAY 11 – WEDNESDAY - OUDTSHOORN – EARLY MORNING MEERKAT SAFARI – Priced from R 690.00 per person

There is an option to enjoy an early morning Meerkat Safari. Witness these incredible wild habituated creatures emerging out of their burrows, in time to soak up the sun before they head about their daily activities (weather permitting & subject to availability at the time of booking).

