

HONEYMOON - SOUTH AFRICA: AD0003
10 DAYS

Price per person: ON REQUEST

Day 1: Cape Town – Hermanus 150 km

We depart from Cape Town and take the beautiful coastal drive (Clarens drive) towards Hermanus. The route is well-known for its natural beauty, white sandy beaches, majestic mountains, a rich diversity in plant life and excellent wines. We visit beautiful waterfalls and learn about the indigenous flora at Harold Porter Nature Reserve.

During whale season there are several opportunities to spot whales from the numerous vantage points along Walker Bay’s elevated rocky coastline (the best land-based viewing point in the world for whale-watching). We conclude the day with wine tasting at one of the well-known estates in the Hemel-en-Aarde valley (meaning – “Heaven and Earth”). We will take you up the mountain to some great view points over looking Hermanus and the spectacular Walker Bay.

Route	Cape Town – Strand – Gordon’s Bay – Rooiels – Pringle Bay – Betty’s Bay – Kleinmond (Clarens Drive) – Hermanus
Highlights of the day	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Harold Porter Nature Reserve.▪ Whale spotting (June – December).▪ Rotary drive (Walker Bay view point).▪ Wine tasting in the renowned Hemel-en-Aarde Valley.
Accommodation	Hermanus at <u>The Birkenhead House</u>





Day 2: Hermanus and surrounds

Leisure day to explore and enjoy the town of Hermanus. Adrenalin optional activity available on this day. Shark cage diving with Great White Sharks or join a boat-cruise for whale watching. Hermanus has world renowned beaches to enjoy and picturesque walks all along its shoreline.

<i>Route</i>	<i>Hermanus and surrounds</i>
<i>Activities</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Whale watching adventure on the open sea.</i> ▪ <i>Great White Shark cage diving.</i> ▪ <i>Enjoy Hermanus beaches, shopping, great restaurants and sightseeing.</i> ▪ <i>Additional wine tastings</i>
<i>Accommodation</i>	<i>Hermanus at <u>Birkenhead House</u></i>



Day 3: Hermanus – Oudtshoorn 350 km

This is a day of changing landscapes and beautiful contrasts. We leave the coastal areas and travel towards the Klein Karoo. Klein meaning “small” and Karoo is an old Khoi San word meaning “Land of thirst”. We travel through the third oldest town in South Africa, Swellendam and cross into the Klein Karoo via the very scenic Tradouw pass. Keep your eyes open for the Blue crane, South Africa’s national bird which is known to be found in this area.

This route brings you to the famous Route 62, known as the longest wine route in the world! Crossing the beautiful Huisrivier pass with its magnificent geological rock formations we head into Calitzdorp, well known as the Port Capital of South Africa. We stop at Bo plaas wine

estate for port tasting. A short drive brings you to the feather capital of the world, Oudtshoorn, where we will spend the night.

The Route	Hermanus – Stanford – Riviersonderend – Swellendam – Tradouw pass – Barrydale – Ladismith – Huisrivier pass – Calitzdorp – Oudtshoorn
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Famous Route 62▪ Swellendam (South Africa’s third oldest town)▪ Tradouw pass▪ Huisrivier pass▪ Port & wine tasting in Calitzdorp
Accommodation	Oudtshoorn at <u>Rosenhof Country House</u>



Day 4: Oudtshoorn and surrounds

We will be spending the day around the Karoo town of Oudtshoorn, which is situated between the spectacular Swartberg and Outeniqua passes. We visit one of the many ostrich show farms in the area and learn about this fascinating bird, which played such a big economic role in this town. The tranquil Schoemanshoek Valley leads us to the world renowned Cango Caves, Oudtshoorn's oldest and most popular attraction.

To date three systems of limestone caverns have been discovered and a part of these magical caves will be explored by us! We end our day with a late-afternoon drive up the Swartberg pass, with its soaring cliff walls and rock formations, a truly spectacular world heritage site!

The Route	Oudtshoorn and surrounds
Highlights of the day	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Ostrich show farm▪ Schoemanshoek Valley▪ Cango Caves▪ Swartberg pass
Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Elephant interaction▪ Cheetah encounters at the Wildlife Ranch
Accommodation	Oudtshoorn at <u>Rosenhof Country House</u>





Day 5: Oudtshoorn – Plettenberg Bay 150 km

This morning you have time to explore Oudtshoorn a little further, a bit of free time in this town with its numerous museums, interesting architectural relics and National monuments. The road from Oudshoorn towards the Garden Route leads us to the spectacular Outeniqua pass!

After a brief photo stop we travel through George and the winding Kaaimans pass, towards the beautiful coastal town of Wilderness, which is well known for its unspoilt sandy beaches. We head for one of South Africa’s favorite towns, Knysna, where you have a bit of time to explore the waterfront and optional oyster tasting, before heading to our accommodation in Plettenberg Bay.

<i>Route</i>	<i>Oudtshoorn – Outeniqua pass – George – Kaaimans pass – Wilderness – Sedgefield – Knysna – Plettenberg Bay</i>
<i>Highlights of the day</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Outeniqua Pass</i> ▪ <i>Wilderness</i> ▪ <i>The Heads viewpoint</i> ▪ <i>Oyster tasting in Knysna</i>
<i>Accommodation</i>	<i>Plettenberg Bay at <u>The Robberg Beach Lodge</u></i>



Day 6: Plettenberg Bay and surrounds

The lush vegetation, mountains, lagoons, rivers, beaches and sea combine to make the Garden Route a visual treat. We leave Plettenberg Bay and travel further along the coast, passing pretty coastal towns and picturesque estuaries. The Bloukrans Bridge crosses a deep ravine, which is the site of the world's highest bungy, a full 216m in height. We stop at the viewpoint for a look at this spectacular site, and an optional bungy jump.

Another 20km brings us to one of South Africa's national parks, The Tsitsikamma National Park. Tsitsikamma means "place of the sparkling waters". With its rugged coast, thriving indigenous forest, panoramic views and abundance of fresh water from streams, this

park is a paradise to visitors. We spend the afternoon in the park, which gives you ample time for different hiking trails and taking pictures, or just relaxing at the restaurant with its views over the sea.

<i>Route</i>	<i>Plettenberg Bay and surrounds</i>
<i>Highlights of the day</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ <i>Bloukrans Bridge</i>▪ <i>Tsitsikamma National Park</i>▪ <i>Indigenous forest</i>
<i>Activities</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ <i>Wine tasting</i>▪ <i>Boat trip up the Stormsriver</i>
<i>Accommodation</i>	<i>Plettenberg Bay at <u>The Plettenberg</u> or <u>The Robberg Beach Lodge</u></i>





Day 7: Plettenberg Bay – Shamwari Game Reserve or Amakhala Game Reserve (full board) 415 km

Depart early morning with lunch on route. You will arrive at the Game Reserve during the afternoon. Book in and freshen up followed by an evening game drive and dinner. Experience a Big 5 Safari Adventure on malaria free Shamwari Game Reserve in the Eastern Cape of South Africa.

Included in your stay are morning and evening game drives leaving from your lodge. You will be guided by informative, professional rangers through Shamwari Game Reserve in open Land Rovers. Here

you can return to nature and explore the abundant wildlife, the diverse vegetation and the dramatic landscape of the Eastern Cape.

<i>Route</i>	<i>Plettenberg Bay – Shamwari Game Reserve or Amakhala Game Reserve</i>
<i>Accommodation Shamwari Game Reserve or Amakhala Game Reserve are used for this tour. Availability will dictate which Game Reserve will be visited.</i>	<i><u>Eastern Cape at Shamwari Game Reserve or Amakhala Game Reserve, Bukela Game Lodge or Bush Lodge</u></i>







Day 8: Game Reserve (full board including game drives)

Shamwari Game Reserve is one of the most successful private conservation initiatives in Southern Africa coupled with responsible tourism, and the most luxurious means of experiencing your African adventure. Animals that you are likely to encounter are: lion, elephant, rhino, buffalo, cheetah, giraffe, zebra, wildebeest, monkeys, tortoise, hyena, bat eared fox and plenty of antelope species.

- ***Award winning Private Game Reserve***
- ***One of the Biggest private game reserves in the Eastern Cape***
- ***5 of South Africa's 7 biomes are found on Shamwari***
- ***A private game reserve that boasts many high-profile animals including the Big 5***
- ***Unique selection of 5-star game lodges***

- ***Malaria free area***
- ***Family safari destination – children welcome***
- ***Spas: 3 Luxury Spas and a unique bush spa***

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Day 9: Game Reserve (full board incl game drives)

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Accommodation Shamwari Game Reserve or Amakhala Game Reserve are used for this tour. Availability will dictate which Game Reserve will be visited.	Eastern Cape at <u>Shamwari Game Reserve or Amakhala Game Reserve, Bukela Game Lodge or Bush Lodge</u>





Day 10: Travel to Port Elizabeth airport for outbound flight

<i>Route</i>	<i><u>Shamwari Game Reserve or Amakhala Game Reserve, Bukela Game Lodge or Bush Lodge - Port Elizabeth Airport</u></i>
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Tour includes

Meals

All breakfasts, lunches and dinners.

Transport: vehicle, fuel, and toll fees

Luxury air-conditioned vehicles are used. The type of vehicle will depend on the group size. All our vehicles have operating licenses and ample passenger liability insurance.

Registered / qualified tourist guide

All our drivers are licensed and have professional driving permits.

Accommodation

We have selected high end 5-star accommodations for this tour. The establishments we use at each destination are stipulated on the itinerary above.

Entrance fees

All entrance fees to cited highlights on the itinerary.

Tour excludes

Optional activities

All optional activities are excluded.

Travel insurance

All travel and medical insurances are excluded and it is recommended that travellers arrange this before they travel.

Airline tickets

Gratuities

Drinks at some lodges

Guided tour sharing

Tour departures

The tour operates all year round with a minimum of two persons.

