



# Garden Route ESSENTIALS

## TRAVEL WITH A PURPOSE

Explore the Garden Route from Port Elizabeth, visiting Tsitsikamma, standing on the Storms River Bridge, Oudtshoorn sights and the Cape Winelands

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience crossing the Storms River suspension bridge
- Ostrich Farm tractor tour
- Cango Caves

## DEPARTURES

Language: English  
 German

Other language tour guides available on request if booked on a private basis

**Group size:** 2 - 30 guests per vehicle

**Vehicle:** Luxury sedan, minibus or coach

**Departure time:** Selected Tuesdays

Protea Hotel by Marriott Marine ±11h30

Kelway Hotel ±11h30

Collection time will be confirmed with the guests, the day before departure

## OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES EN ROUTE

- Ostrich farm tractor tour
- Cango Caves heritage tour
- Cheese and wine pairing, cellar tour



## INCLUSIONS

**Accommodation:** 3-star hotels  
**Meals:** 2 breakfasts  
**Entrance fees:** Garden Route National Park conservation fee (Storms River Bridge)  
**Green Seat:** SANParks Honorary Rangers, Endangered Wildlife Trust, Trees for Tourism

## DEPARTURE DATES 2019 / 2020

	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT
	19	17	-	4,18	17	21	-	2,23	28	18	22	20
	12,26	10	28	11,25	10,24	14,28	19	9	14	11,25	15,29	13,27

**Excluded:** Travel insurance • all international / domestic flights and taxes • airport transfers • portage • gratuities • Visa fees and personal expenses

### Day 1 | Tuesday

#### PORT ELIZABETH to PLETTENBERG BAY via EASTERN GARDEN ROUTE (±255km)

Guests depart for the Garden Route around midday. The Garden Route derives its name from the ecologically diverse vegetation of the area found between the Indian Ocean and the Tsitsikamma mountains. Guests enjoy lunch in Tsitsikamma (own account) and take a short walk to the suspension bridge of the Storms River Mouth. Guests arrive at the beach hotel in Keurboomstrand and enjoy time at leisure. Guests can enjoy walks on the beach, and stunning sunsets. Dine at the resort's restaurant (own account).

**Overnight at The Dunes Hotel & Resort or similar – Breakfast.**

### Day 2 | Wednesday

#### PLETTENBERG BAY to OUDTSHOORN via CANGO CAVES (±160km)

After a hearty breakfast, guests depart for Oudtshoorn in the Klein Karoo, via Knysna. This morning's excursion gives guests the opportunity to photograph the Knysna Lagoon and the Knysna Heads. Travelling inland to the ostrich capital of the world, Oudtshoorn, driving over the Outeniqua Pass, the tour arrives in time for lunch (own account) at an ostrich farm on the outskirts of Oudtshoorn, where a tractor tour (own account) introduces guests to the ostrich industry. In the Cango Valley guests discover the spectacular subterranean world of the Cango Caves (own account). Arriving at the hotel, guests enjoy the afternoon at leisure, and have the opportunity to explore the charming country setting and enjoy dinner (own account).

**Overnight at Protea Hotel by Marriott Riempe Estate or similar – Breakfast.**

### Day 3 | Thursday

#### OUDTSHOORN to CAPE TOWN via CAPE WINELANDS (±450km)

After breakfast, the tour journeys westwards, along Route 62 and via the Cape Winelands, to Cape Town. Route 62 is an iconic route with intoxicating and ever-changing landscapes and is possibly the world's longest wine route. Lunch en route (own account). Guests visit a wine estate for a cheese and wine pairing followed by a guided cellar tour in the Robertson Wine Valley (own account). Guests arrive at the city hotel in Cape Town late afternoon.

## ADDITIONAL TOURING OPTIONS

**PRIVATE TOUR:** Itinerary available on a private basis departing on selected Tuesdays. On request and subject to availability (not available on Freesale). Departure on any other day is subject to availability and a surcharge may apply. Public attractions will not be private. Other language tour guides available on request.

**SELF-DRIVE TOUR:** Itinerary available on a self-drive basis departing on selected Tuesdays. Entrance fees and excursions are excluded. Departure on any other day is subject to availability and a surcharge may apply.

## EXTEND THE EXPERIENCE

### RECOMMENDED PRE HOTEL:

**Protea Hotel by Marriott Marine**

**Location:** Hobie Beach, Port Elizabeth

- Close to entertainment and restaurants
- Beach front hotel
- Located on the famous Hobie Beach

### RECOMMENDED PRE / POST TOUR:

**Township tour and Shebeen dinner experience**

**Madiba Bay Cultural Evening Tour (TIPC)**

Departs Port Elizabeth daily; English

- Township visit
- Shebeen dinner

**Full Day Cape Town story-telling tour**

**Mother City – Untold Stories of Cape Town (TICM)**

Departs Cape Town daily; English

- Cape Malay, Bo-Kaap
- Castle of Good Hope
- Local community project

**Kruger National Park short break (Cape Town to Johannesburg flight required)**

**Kruger National Park Safari (TISD 05)**

Departs Johannesburg daily; English, German or Bilingual

- Kruger National Park open safari vehicle game drives