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## BEST OF SOUTH AFRICA

*This 13-day scheduled safari offers all the essentials and classic experiences that South Africa is famous for, from finding the 'Big 5' in the Kruger National Park, to the Winelands of the Cape. In between, explore iSimangaliso Wetland Park, Knysna and the beauty of the Garden-route.*

13 Days / 12 Nights

### SOUTH AFRICA

#### PRICE PER PERSON FROM:

\$3,299

#### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 12 nights accommodation on a twin share basis
- Meals as per itinerary (B, L, D)
- Entrance fees for Blyde River Canyon, Bourke's Luck Potholes, Wonder View, Kruger National Park conservation fee, Garden-route National Park conservation fee (Storms River Bridge)
- River cruise excursion
- Two game drives in Kruger National Park

#### NOTE:

This tour departs on selected Mondays. Contact African Travel Specialists for further details.

Based on a minimum of 2 passengers travelling together.

#### DAY 1: JOHANNESBURG

Enjoy the day at leisure exploring Johannesburg. In the afternoon return to your hotel, where you will be met by your tour guide for a briefing. Overnight at PROTEA HOTEL BY MARRIOTT BALALAIKA or similar. (B)

#### DAY 2: JOHANNESBURG – HAZYVIEW VIA PANORAMA ROUTE

After breakfast, depart for Hazyview via the Panorama Route. En-route, visit the breathtaking Blyde River Canyon and the Three Rondavels. Also see Bourke's Luck Potholes and Wonder View, before stopping for lunch (own account). Arrive in Hazyview in the late afternoon, where you will check-in to ANEW RESORT HAZYVIEW or similar for your two-night stay. (B)

#### DAY 3: HAZYVIEW – KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

After breakfast, you will be transferred by road to Kruger National Park where you will enjoy a closed vehicle game drive. Kruger is South Africa's largest national park and is home to an array of flora and fauna, including the Big 5. (B)

#### DAY 4: KRUGER NATIONAL PARK – MALELANE

After breakfast, enjoy a second day of game viewing in Kruger National Park. An optional full day safari is available (at own cost). After lunch, continue to Malelane where you will check in to PESTANA KRUGER LODGE or similar upon your arrival. In the evening, have pre-dinner drinks (own account) overlooking the Crocodile River before enjoying dinner at the lodge. (B, D)

#### DAY 5: MALELANE – ESWATINI (SWAZILAND) – HLUHLUWE

Today you will be transferred by road to Hluhluwe via the Kingdom of eSwatini. Visit Ezulwini Valley, also known as the "Valley of Heaven" before continuing to Hluhluwe, where you will see a Zulu cultural show. Overnight at ANEW HOTEL HLUHLUWE & SAFARIS or similar. (B)

#### DAY 6: HLUHLUWE – ST LUCIA – PORT EDWARD

After breakfast, you will be transferred by road to St. Lucia. Here, enjoy a boat cruise on the St. Lucia Estuary where you can view the rare birdlife and wildlife that live amongst the mangroves and sand dunes (own account). Afterwards, depart for Port Edward. Overnight at WILD COAST SUN HOTEL or similar. (B)

#### DAY 7: PORT EDWARD – MTHATHA

The morning is at your leisure before departing for Mthatha via the scenic Mandela Route. Overnight at GARDEN COURT MTHATHA or similar. (B)

#### DAY 8: MTHATHA – PORT ALFRED

After breakfast, you will be transferred to the town of Port Alfred. En-route visit Qunu, where Nelson Mandela spent his childhood and was laid to rest. Overnight at THE ROYAL ST ANDREWS LODGE or similar. (B, D)

#### DAY 9: PORT ALFRED – KNYSNA VIA EASTERN GARDEN-ROUTE

This morning you will enjoy a boat cruise, before travelling towards Knysna along the Eastern Garden-route, named for the ecologically diverse vegetation of the area. Enjoy lunch in Tsitsikamma (at own account) and a walk to the suspension bridge at the Storms River Mouth. Continue to PREMIER RESORT THE MOORINGS or similar for your overnight stay. (B)

#### DAY 10: KNYSNA – CANGO CAVES – OUDTSHOORN

After breakfast depart for Oudtshoorn, enjoying a scenic drive through Knysna. Have lunch at an Ostrich Farm (own expense) and tour the Cango Caves en-route to the PROTEA HOTEL BY MARRIOTT RIEMPIE ESTATE or similar for your overnight stay. (B)

#### DAY 11: OUDTSHOORN – CAPE WINELANDS – CAPE TOWN

Today you will continue along scenic Route 62, journeying through the Cape Winelands towards Cape Town. Enjoy lunch (own account) en-route before visiting the Robertson Wine Valley. Here, you will be taken on a cellar tour and have the chance to sample a selection of wines and cheese (own expense). Continue to Cape Town, where you will check in to STAYEASY CAPE TOWN CITY BOWL or similar for your two-night stay. (B)

#### DAY 12: CAPE TOWN

Enjoy the day at leisure. Explore the fantastic shopping and restaurants of Cape Town and discover the world-class art and cultural displays the city offers. Optional day tours available at own account. (B)

#### DAY 13: DEPART CAPE TOWN

After breakfast, enjoy the day at leisure. There is the option to join a Table Mountain and city tour (own account). (B)



\* Terms and Conditions Apply. Itinerary subject to change without notice.