South African Adventure - Northbound

19 days Cape Town to Johannesburg (3 - 4 star accommodated)

THE HIGHLIGHTS:

- Table Mountain and the Cape of Good Hope.
- Spectacular scenery of the Garden Route
- Historic area of Cradock
- Scenic beauty of the Drakensberg Mountains (World Heritage site)
- iSimangaliso Wetland Park (World Heritage site)
- Kingdoms of Swaziland & Lesotho
- "BIG FIVE" of Kruger National Park
- Panorama Route

ITINERARY: SAN TOUR CODE

DAY 1/2/3: CAPE TOWN

On arrival to Cape Town clients are transferred to their hotel. The tour starts on day 1 with a pre departure meeting at 18h00 in the lobby of the hotel. Set against the majestic Table Mountain, Cape Town offers scenic, historic and cultural attractions. Dinner can be enjoyed at the bustling Waterfront at clients' own expense.

Day 2 - depart from our hotel at 08h00 for a full day peninsula tour. Driving along the Atlantic seaboard via Hout Bay and Chapman's Peak, we visit the Table Mountain National Park – Cape Point, returning along the Indian Ocean coastline back to our well-situated Waterfront hotel. We stop at Boulders Penguin Colony and a morning or afternoon cable car ascent up Table Mountain is included (weather dependent).

Day 3 - the Day is free to wander the V&A Waterfront, take a trip to Robben Island or enjoy the Hop on Hop off Red Bus tour of Cape Town. There are many attractions for individuals or families to enjoy. Overnight Breakwater Lodge (or similar accommodation). (Accommodated with breakfast. Lunches & Dinners own account)

DAY 4/5: KNYSNA

We travel to the lush Garden Route. Passing by many lakes, beaches and forests we arrive in Knysna – the coastal town located on the shores of Knysna Lagoon. The afternoon is free to wander the town or book a sunset boat cruise on the lagoon.

Day 5 is free to book one of the many optional activities (own expense) available including Knysna Elephant Park / Featherbed Nature Reserve and visit the waterfront. Enjoy meals at some of the amazing restaurants along the lagoon. Overnight Knysna Hollow (or similar accommodation).

(Accommodated with breakfast. Lunches & Dinners own account)

DAY 6: TSITSIKAMMA FOREST

We travel via the Garden Route and Plettenberg Bay stopping along the way at the many fascinating small towns and attractions. Time is spent in Plettenberg Bay with its stunning beaches and shops. We travel to the Tsitsikamma Forest where we overnight. Overnight Tsitiskamma Village (or similar accommodation). (Accommodated with breakfast. Lunch & Dinner own account)

DAY 7: CRADOCK

We travel to the historical town of Cradock in the Eastern Cape. Die Tuishuise in Cradock is an elegant collection of beautifully restored Victorian era craftsmen's houses in Craddock, the frontier town at the eastern edge of the Great Karoo. More than two dozen Tuishuise line Market Street up to the Victoria Manor, a grand old colonial hotel from the days of Cecil John Rhodes, Olive Schreiner and the droves of adventurers who passed here en route to the hinterland. Overnight **Die Tuishuise** or similar. (Accommodated – Breakfast & dinner included. Lunch own expense).

DAY 8/9: LESOTHO

We travel through the Eastern Cape and enter the Mountain Kingdom of Lesotho. Staying in the beautiful mountainous area Day 9 is free for local activities including village walks / pony trekking. Overnight Malealea Lodge or similar. (Accommodated – Breakfasts & dinners included. Lunch own expense).

DAY 10/11: DRAKENSBERG MOUNTAINS (WORLD HERITAGE SITE)

We depart Lesotho and travel to the Drakensberg Mountains. Our lodge is situated in the Northern Berg at the foot of the Amphitheatre. Enjoy guided walks in the mountains or relax in the spectacular surroundings. Overnight **The Cavern** or similar. (Accommodated – Day 10 B & D / Day 11 All meals included).

DAY 12/13: ZULULAND

We travel through Zululand and base ourselves at the small coastal town of St Lucia. We show you why the St. Lucia Wetland Park has been given this international status.

Day 13 join us on a full day, off-road exploration of this pristine (Eastern Shores) area - includes an ecological overview of the area, wonderful game-viewing, bird-watching, short walks and a visit to Cape Vidal with snorkeling and whale-watching in season. Learn more about the five eco-systems that make up this unique park. Experience the Bush, Forest and Beach all in one day! Full braai (barbecue) lunch, snorkeling gear and drinks included. Overnight at St Lucia Eco Lodge or similar. (Accommodated – Breakfasts & dinners included. Lunch on Day 13 included)

DAY 14: KINGDOM OF ESWATINI

We continue through South Africa entering the Kingdom of Eswatini. Mlilwane Game Reserve is one of the Royal Reserves, part of the kingdom's commitment to wildlife preservation. We visit the local Swazi markets and optional excursions (own expense) include guided walks, local Swazi village visit and horse trails in the Reserve. Overnight in traditional **Swazi Beehive huts** or similar.

(Accommodated – Breakfasts & dinners included. Lunches own expense)

DAY 15/16/17: KRUGER NATIONAL PARK & PANORAMA ROUTE

We depart Swaziland and travel to the famous Kruger National Park. The largest game reserve in South Africa is home to the Big Five, as well as numerous other species of fauna and flora.

Day 15 - late afternoon game drive inside the park in open 4x4 vehicles.

Day 16 - full day game drive inside the park in open 4x4 vehicles.

Day 17 – spend the day exploring the Panorama Route of Blyde River Canyon, Bourkes Luck Potholes & God Window.

Overnight at **Hippo Hollow Estate** or similar. (**Accommodated – Breakfasts included. Lunches & dinners own expense**)

DAY 18: JOHANNESBURG

We depart Kruger and travel to Johannesburg arriving late afternoon. Overnight **Safari Club** (or similar accommodation). (Accommodated with breakfast & dinner. Lunch own account)

DAY 19: JOHANNESBURG

Tour ends with transfer to Johannesburg Airport. (B)

This itinerary will depend on local conditions.

KIBOKO ADVENTURES ACCOMMODATED SAFARI (3-4 STAR)

Accommodation: 18 nights lodge, chalet and small hotel all with en-suite facilities.

Meals: Breakfast included throughout. 9 dinners & 2 lunches included.

Group Size: 4-16 participants.

Pre / Post Accommodation & Transfers: Arrival & departure transfers in Cape Town & Johannesburg are included. Any additional pre or post accommodation may be pre-booked.

Important: This tour is recommended for healthy, active participants looking for an adventurous holiday.