South Africa: A Journey of Discovery

AUGUST 18 - SEPTEMBER 3, 2017
+ VICTORIA FALLS EXTENSION

Journey to the southern tip of Africa to a country that defies comparison.

No other destination offers such a spectacular combination of scenery, cities, and amazing wildlife sightings. One day you’re out on the savannah, spying on leopards and lions; the next, you’re sipping a crisp chenin blanc and feeling the breeze off the Indian Ocean.

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Overview

Your tour includes

- 14 nights in handpicked hotels
- Breakfast daily, 5 lunches, 7 three-course or buffet dinners with beer or wine
- Multilingual Tour Director
- Private deluxe motor coach
- Guided sightseeing and select entrance fees

Your tour highlights

- Captivating Cape Town
- The surprising variety of South African vintages
- Stunning scenery along the Garden Route
- Up-close encounters with the Big Five and beyond
- A visit with locals in Port Elizabeth
- The markets of Manzini

Where you'll go

OVERNIGHT STAYS

| 1 night • Overnight Flight | 1 night • Johannesburg |
| 4 nights • Cape Town | 1 night • Overnight Flight |
| 2 nights • Knysna | 1 night • Johannesburg |
| 2 nights • Port Elizabeth | 1 night • Swaziland |
| 2 nights • Hluhluwe | 2 nights • Kruger Region |

MAXIMUM GROUP SIZE FOR THIS TOUR

15 — 26

Learn more about our group sizes at goaheadtours.ca/rightsize

ABOUT YOUR HOTELS

Our 3- and 4-diamond accommodations are handpicked to ensure quality and comfort. See sample hotels for this tour at goaheadtours.ca/saf

Itinerary

Overnight Flight | 1 night

Day 1: Travel day
Board your overnight flight to Cape Town today.

Cape Town | 4 nights

Day 2: Arrival in Cape Town
Welcome to South Africa! Settle in to your hotel this evening.

Day 3: Sightseeing tour of Cape Town
Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner
Embark on a guided tour of Cape Town, a beautiful and culturally rich city.
- Take a cable car ride up Table Mountain (weather permitting)
- Enjoy a visit to the South Africa Museum
- Catch glimpses of the National Gallery and the Houses of Parliament as you drive through the city and stop in the Malay District
- Take a ferry to Robben Island, the historic symbol of apartheid and South Africa's struggle for freedom, for a tour with a local guide (weather permitting)
Enjoy a welcome dinner with your fellow travelers this evening.

Day 4: Cape of Good Hope
Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch
Today, you'll set out on a full-day excursion to the Cape of Good Hope.
- En route, you'll pass the beautiful Clifton and Camps Bay beaches
- Travel to Hout Bay and enjoy lunch with your group at Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve, where the Atlantic and Southern Oceans meet

Day 5: Free day in Cape Town
Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch
Enjoy a full free day in Cape Town or add an excursion.
  + Cape Winelands Tasting & Lunch

Knysna | 2 nights

Day 6: Transfer to Knysna
Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch
Today you'll continue on to Knysna, known for its sandstone cliffs and deep lagoon.
Stop along the way to visit a local wine estate for lunch.

Day 7: Featherbed Nature Reserve
Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch
Embark on a ferry ride to Featherbed Nature Reserve, a pristine piece of paradise only accessible by boat.
- Take a 4x4 vehicle tour up to an impressive view of the surrounding scenery
- Enjoy a guided nature walk along the coast, then hike or take a tractor tram back down the path

Port Elizabeth | 2 nights

Day 8: Port Elizabeth via Tsitsikamma National Park
Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Today, travel to the sun-drenched shores of Port Elizabeth, set on the beautiful Algoa Bay, making several stops along the way.
- Follow the Garden Route to Tsitsikamma National Park and Storms River
- Walk along the Storms River suspension bridge for an incredible photo opportunity. Venture out on an orientation tour of Port Elizabeth before settling in to your hotel.

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Day 9: Pumba Private Game Reserve

Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Get to know the wildlife and local culture on a series of guided visits today.
• Visit the Pumba Private Game Reserve for a game drive
• Keep a lookout for white lions, elephants and other wildlife
• Tour a Port Elizabeth township with a local guide to learn about its history
• Stop by a local tavern to watch dancers and musicians perform

Hluhluwe | 2 nights

Day 10: Transfer to Hluhluwe via Durban

Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Fly to Durban today, then continue on to Hluhluwe.

Day 11: Wetland Park & Game Reserve

Included meals: Breakfast

Depart for the Greater St. Lucia Wetland Park, declared South Africa's first World Heritage site by UNESCO in 1999.
• Admire the flora and fauna of the St. Lucia Estuary on a river cruise (Please note: If your flight to Durban is in the morning on day 10, you will enjoy the St. Lucia Estuary cruise in the afternoon on day 10 instead.)
• Try to spot hippos, bushbucks, crocodiles, fish-eagles, monkeys, kingfishers, and mudskippers

This afternoon, join a wildlife guide and head out for a game drive at the Hluhluwe-iMfolozi Game Reserve, looking for the Big Five as you go. (Please note: Depending on timing, your Tour Director may move the game drive to the morning of days 11 or 12.)

Swaziland | 1 night

Day 12: Swaziland

Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Enter the Kingdom of Swaziland, one of Africa’s smallest countries and the continent’s last absolute monarchy. Stop in Manzini for a visit to a local market, then pass mountains, forests, and farms as you continue on to your hotel.

Kruger Region | 2 nights

Day 13: Transfer to the Kruger Region

Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Continue on to the Kruger Region in South Africa, making stops along the way.
• Visit a glass blowing factory
• Cross the border into South Africa at Jeppes Reef, a rural town

Day 14: Kruger National Park game drives

Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Set out for a full day of game drives, where you’ll have a chance to see the Big Five game animals: Buffalo, elephants, leopards, lions and rhinos.

Johannesburg | 1 night

Day 15: Travel to Johannesburg

Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Make your way to Johannesburg, where you’ll say goodbye to your group at tonight’s farewell dinner.

Day 16: Departure

Included meals: Breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the airport to board your flight home, or continue on the tour extension to explore Victoria Falls.

Overnight Flight | 1 night

Day 17: Travel day

Arrive home today.

Post-tour extension

Victoria Falls | 3 nights

Day 16: Sightseeing tour of Chinotimba Township

Included meals: Breakfast

Fly to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, located on the southern bank of the Zambezi River. Then, take a guided tour of Chinotimba Township, a village of the Nambya and Tonga people.
• Get a glimpse of local township life
• See old houses, taverns, local markets and churches

Day 17: Sightseeing tour of Victoria Falls

Included meals: Breakfast

Explore Victoria Falls, the largest curtain of falling water in the world, on a guided tour, then continue on to visit a local charitable organization.
• Take in spectacular views of the falls from several vantage points
• Learn about the history, flora and fauna of the area
• Visit the Rose of Charity to learn about their projects and ongoing work to improve the quality of life in local communities

Enjoy a free evening in Victoria Falls or add an excursion.

+ Sundowner Cruise

Day 18: Free day in Victoria Falls

Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Enjoy a full free day in Victoria Falls. Say goodbye to your fellow travelers at a farewell dinner in Victoria Falls.

Day 19: Departure

Included meals: Breakfast

Fly back to Johannesburg, where you’ll board your overnight flight home.

Overnight Flight | 1 night

Day 20: Travel day

Arrive home today.

Extension is available on select departure dates. Space is limited. Minimum of 10 travelers is required.

Starting at $5,779 per person, including airfare

Go Ahead

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Create a more personal journey by adding optional excursions that speak to your interests. Excursions offered on the same day will occur at different times, so there's no need to choose—you're free to do as much or as little as you'd like. Save $10* when you book your excursion up to 3 days before your tour departs. Please note: Excursions that require advance reservation will only have this discounted price listed. Call or go online to start customizing your tour: 1.800.754.5066 | goaheadtours.ca/saf

**Day 5: Cape Winelands Tasting & Lunch** | $95*
(6 hours, departs in the morning with lunch)
Leave the city behind for a scenic drive from Cape Town through the valleys of the Cape Winelands, finally arriving in the Stellenbosch wine region. Among the mountainous, treelined surroundings of the Stellenbosch Waterford Estate, get a taste for the region’s finest labels complemented by luxurious chocolate pairings. Continue on to Takora, an award-winning winery estate, for another wine tasting and a light lunch. Afterward, relax and soak in the vineyard scenery before returning to Cape Town. This excursion requires advance reservation and must be booked by 20 days prior to departure.

**Extension optional excursion**

**Day 17: Sundowner Cruise** | $65/$75*
This afternoon, travel from your hotel to the Zambezi River to embark on a leisurely, two-hour sundowner cruise. From comfortable chairs on your ship’s cool wooden decks, keep watch for the local wildlife, including hippos, crocodiles and elephants. Your cruise includes light appetizers and drinks, so sit back and relax while meandering down the Zambezi at sunset.

*Optional excursions may be purchased up to 3 days prior to departure or while on tour. Pre-purchased optional excursions cannot be canceled within 3 days prior to departure or while on tour. Select optional excursions require advance booking and cannot be purchased or canceled after the advanced reservation deadline. GAT accepts payment by cash, Visa or MasterCard for optional excursions purchased on tour. Additional fees may apply for optional excursions purchased on tour. Excursions require a minimum number of participants to operate. Details and prices are subject to change. Due to seasonal hours of operation and availability, some excursions may not operate. If this occurs, you will be refunded any payments made for that excursion post-tour.*