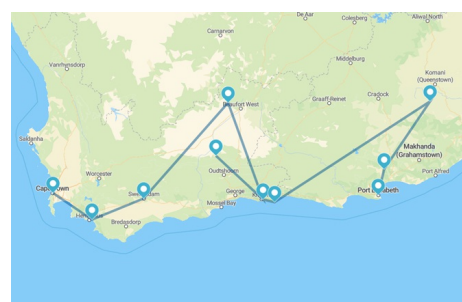




South Africa, 11 Days · Tailor-made by car

Route of Southern Africa's Paradises

And between Cape Town and Port Elizabeth is the so-called Garden Route, the ultimate South African journey. The best way to explore this breathtaking itinerary is on a road trip, as your car will take you to some simply stunning locations and must-see sights. Our proposal takes in everything from the exuberant vegetation and marine wonders of the Tsitsikamma National Park; the semi-desert region of Karoo, also known as the capital of ostriches; the natural habitat of wild animals in conservation parks such as Addo Elephant National Park; and other treasures of nature such as caves and lagoons. You'll also soak up South African culture on the streets, get to admire urban architecture (with modern touches added to a colonial past), savour varied cuisine and meet wonderfully welcoming people. Everything will captivate you in this country where you'll be left wanting for more and more. And on top of all this, you can round off your trip enjoying numerous activities and sports in an unsurpassable environment. Just imagine, for example, a once-in-a-lifetime adventure while overlooking the Indian Ocean. Simply incredible!



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Departure date: Departures from July 2026 till July 2027

From: London, Manchester

Travel details

● DAY 1 · CITY OF ORIGIN - CAPE TOWN

Flight departure from the city of origin to Cape Town. Night on board.

DAY 2 · CAPE TOWN

Upon arrival at the airport and, after collecting your luggage, head to the car rental offices to sign the contract and pick up your car.

Today you'll have the rest of the day at your leisure to explore this cosmopolitan city, which with two million visitors a year is also the most popular tourist destination in Africa. Cape Town is the second most populous city in South Africa after Johannesburg, which snatched the number one position after the Witwatersrand Gold Rush at the end of the 19th century. It's also the administrative capital, with the seat of both the Government and Parliament located here. The influences of Britain and Holland, the countries that alternated control over South Africa, can be felt in the country's heritage. Make sure you explore this fascinating city well to unearth its past and present. Multiculturalism is one of its hallmarks, as well as it being the birthplace of leaders of the anti-apartheid movement. In fact, Robben Island (which means 'Island of the Seals'), a penitentiary island located ten kilometres from Cape Town, is famous for having imprisoned key political figures, among them the world-famous Nelson Mandela, who in 1994 became South Africa's first black president (and first to be elected by universal suffrage) after a total of twenty-seven years locked up on the island.

Overnight stay in Cape Town.

DAY 3 · CAPE TOWN

After breakfast, we recommend leaving the hotel to visit the city. Start by climbing the famous Table Mountain, from where you can enjoy a spectacular panoramic view of both sides of the city and the bay. Alternatively, you can make the ascent by cable car to the highest point of the Table Mountain reserve, where you can take a stroll and soak up an exceptionally beautiful landscape. You have to stop at the top of Signal Hill, from where you will return to enjoy a different perspective of the city. Table Mountain is a famous flat mountain peak, flanked by Devil's Peak to the east, and by Lion's Head to the west. It is part of a national park that bears the same name. In 2011, Table Mountain was voted one of the world's 'Seven Wonders of Nature' and it has also been declared a World Heritage Site. You will hopefully see some Cape hyrax, or rock hyrax, known to locals as the "'dassie'", a mammal which somewhat resembles a large marmot. There are also porcupines and tortoises in this region. It was previously the land of lions and leopards, but today there is no trace of them. This Park is ideal for hiking and climbing, and you will also come across some caves, regarded as exceptional due to their sandstone composition. After enjoying this wonderful natural area, descend back down to the city. We recommend you visit the picturesque Muslim neighbourhood and its colourful houses; the historic city centre, which includes the Castle, District Six, Company's Garden, surrounded by important buildings such as the Parliament; the Anglican cathedral; and several museums. Today you can take a trip to explore the famous Winelands region, renowned for its wineries and Cape homesteads of Dutch architecture.

Overnight stay in Cape Town.

DAY 4 · CAPE TOWN - CHAPMAN'S PEAK - CAPE OF GOOD HOPE - BOULDERS BEACH - CAPE TOWN

Set off this morning along the west coast of the Cape Peninsula up to Cape Point. Along this route, a round trip of little more than three hours, you can make a stop at the Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden, the world's largest botanical garden covering an expanse of some thirty-six hectares. It's also worth stopping at local wineries and paying a visit to the Wine Museum. And there's also the wonderful Chapman's Peak, one of the most beautiful scenic spots along the route (road conditions permitting). As you travel through the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve, located an hour and a half away from Cape Town, you'll catch sightings of the local fauna, including baboons, ostriches, antelopes and, of course, marine wildlife such as whales and Cape fur seals. We recommend taking a boat over to Duiker Island to check out the seal colony. You can board one at Hout Bay, a stunning town surrounded by soaring mountains. (Not included). The highlight of today will be your arrival at Cape Point, thanks to the jaw-dropping view of the fierce cliffs that for centuries were the nightmare of sailors. Climb up to the old lighthouse, enjoying the brisk breeze and breathtaking views offered by the fury of the ocean. If surfing is your thing, don't miss Muizenberg Beach. On the way back along the Route via False Bay, you can make a stop at Boulders Beach. It is located near Simon's Town towards Cape Point. Part of the Table Mountain National Park, this spot is also home to a colony of African penguins that first settled here in 1982. (Note: There's an admission fee to get on to the beach. Not included).

Overnight stay in Cape Town.

● DAY 5 · CAPE TOWN - BETTY'S BAY - HERMANUS (OPTIONAL BOAT TRIP TO SPOT RIGHT WHALES OR WHITE SHARKS)

Today's suggestion is a trip over to Hermanus, an hour and a half's drive away. The Route snakes along the coastline past a landscape of cliffs and breathtaking views of the sea. We recommend making a stop in Betty's Bay, an exceptional spot for sighting a community of African penguins, which have sadly now become an endangered species. Onward to Hermanus. This town, thanks to its cliffs and the depth and temperature of its waters, is an ideal place for catching sight of right whales on their way here from the Antarctic for the breeding season between June and December. There are so many whales making the journey at this time of year that you'll definitely get to see some. Alternatively, you can set off on a whale-watching cruise or pop over to nearby Gansbaai, an ideal location for sighting white sharks. This is a great place for the brave among you to head out on a boat trip and dive down inside a cage to see the sharks in their natural habitat. (Optional excursions not included).

Overnight stay in Hermanus.

● DAY 6 · HERMANUS - SWELLENDAM - MOSSEL BAY OR LITTLE KAROO - KNYSNA

Get up early, as today there's a long journey ahead to savour the very best of the famous "Garden Route". You'll get to drive on the fantastic "Route 62" to Knysna, about four and three quarter hours if you go along the coast (Mossel Bay) and six and a half if you go inland (Little Karoo). Its peaceful lagoon, flanked by limestone cliffs, makes this town a serene and truly unique place in the "Garden Route". On the way there, we recommend some fascinating stops, such as the beautiful historic town of Swellendam, just over an hour and a half away, which lies at the foot of the Langeberg Mountains and is home to some amazing colonial-style houses. This area is rich in vineyards and offers some beautiful images, which can be enjoyed even more on horseback. About two hours away is the semi-desert region of Little Karoo, historically related to ostrich farming. Once you've crossed this area, you'll follow a route that is twinned with America's famous "Route 66", as both stemmed from a need to create a link between isolated farms in a semi-desert territory. To get to today's destination, you can choose to cross this arid area or head down to the coast, to Mossel Bay, an hour and forty-five minutes away from Swellendam. Here, you will soak up beautiful beaches and stroll along the Cape St. Blaize trail, enjoying imposing cliffs which overlook the Indian Ocean. Adrenaline junkies among you may wish to partake in some parachuting in an area as beautiful as unforgettable will be the experience. If you prefer something a little less risky, try your hand at sandboarding among the dunes. And then head back on "Route 62" over to Knysna. The town of Knysna is one of the pearls of the "Garden Route". It's nestled on the edge of a lagoon that links to the sea via a narrow strait flowing between two cliffs. You can enjoy a boat ride on the lagoon or simply stroll along its peaceful streets, stopping to savour the excellent cuisine at one of its many restaurants. This region is also famous for its wines, so you shouldn't forget to sample them. Overnight stay in Knysna.

● DAY 7 · KNYSNA - OUDTSHOORN (CANGO CAVES - PRINCE ALBERT - MEIRINGSPPOORT RAVINE) - KNYSNA

Head over this morning to Oudtshoorn, an area known as the "ostrich capital of the world" for the number of ostrich farms found here. A head-turning but very commonplace image in South Africa is seeing people riding on these birds. On farms you can feed, touch and ride them. Nearby, about 30 kilometres away, are the Cango Caves, a natural wonder that we highly recommend. These subterranean caves are more than 100 million years old. The spectacular stalactites and stalagmites in these caves are carefully illuminated between vaults up to 16 metres high and narrow gorges and funnels, and they will leave you speechless. Then onward to the town of Prince Albert, nestled in a fertile valley in the Great Karoo semi-desert, which you'll reach by following the Swartberg Pass across this mountain chain. And make sure you keep an eye out for its ancient entrails in the form of twisted strata with colours that come to life in the sunlight. Head back via the spectacular Meiringspoort ravine, stopping off at a stunning waterfall that you'll find en route. And then onward to Knysna. Make sure you savour some of the delicious typical dishes found here, washed down by the excellent local wine. Knysna is famous for the breeding of its outstanding oysters, which you can see on an optional visit of an Oyster farm. Overnight stay in Knysna.

DAY 8 · KNYSNA - PLETTENBERG BAY - ROBBERG NATURE RESERVE - TENIKWA - TSITSIKAMMA NATIONAL PARK - STORMSRIVIER

Set out first thing today towards the Tenikwa Wildlife Awareness Centre, three quarters of an hour away, stopping beforehand at Plettenberg Bay and the Robberg Nature Reserve. In Plett you can spot playful dolphins swimming just off the beach. At the Robberg Nature Reserve, along an immensely beautiful rocky coast, you can spot whales with a bit of luck. Meanwhile, the Tenikwa Awareness Centre will take your breath away. It's essentially a shelter for wild animals. You can visit its facilities by taking a one-hour tour to see some of the wild cats that live in this rehabilitation centre. Then you can follow the Route again over to the Tsitsikamma National Park, forty-five minutes away. This was the first ever marine reserve to open in the country. It stretches 5.5 km out into the sea and is a true paradise for scuba divers. The park straddles an eighty-kilometre strip of land blanketed with lush vegetation, bordered to the north by the Tsitsikamma Mountains and on the south by the Indian Ocean. It's famous for its coastal reserves and its native forest, as well as the deep gorges that the river forms at the entrance to the ocean, giving rise to truly spectacular waterfalls. What's more, it's an ideal place for lovers of trekking through rugged mountains. You can also walk along the stunning coastline, or take part in other activities such as zip-lining or hiking. (Note: Remember that the proposed visits to the national parks and natural reserves are not included in the price). Overnight stay in Storms River.

DAY 9 · TSITSIKAMMA NATIONAL PARK - ADDO ELEPHANT NATIONAL PARK - PORT ELIZABETH

Today's itinerary takes you from one national park to another, passing by Port Elizabeth, the final destination of the day. You'll inevitably pass by the Addo Elephant Park, but we recommend stopping here on the way back and for now heading to the reserve, two hours from Tsitsikamma. The Addo Elephant National Park was created as an area to protect the dwindling population of elephants after indiscriminate hunting by settlers from Cape Town in the early twentieth century. In 1931, when the species in this area was practically extinct, the entomologist Sydney Skaife designed a protected area that had huge success, as the population gradually recovered and the park had to be extended to its current area of some 600 km². As well as elephants, there's also a notable population of other species such as wildebeest, buffalo, rhinos, hyenas, kudu and elands (both African antelopes), while the population of wild cats is gradually growing and maintaining the natural balance in the habitat. The Addo Elephant Park has grown so much that you can now see the five most prized wild animals in their natural habitat: lions, leopards, rhinos, elephants and African buffalo. Safaris can be taken through the park in your own car or on open-top jeep tours. An extra attraction inside the Park is the marine reserve, which includes Bird Island and St. Croix Island. After this once-in-a-lifetime experience, head to the city that is the end of the "Garden Route". Port Elizabeth, half an hour away by car, is a paradise for surfers, windsurfers and kitesurfers because it's the windiest city in the country. In fact, as well as being well known for the large port that gives it its name, Port Elizabeth is famous for its beaches. We recommend you take a boat trip along the coast, where it is easy to spot whales and marine birds. Then head to Algoa Bay along the coastal road of Nelson Mandela Bay, a forty-kilometre journey dotted with sheltered areas ideal for a refreshing dip: Kings Beach, Hobie Beach, Humewood Beach, Blue Horizon, Sardinia Bay... Famous for its dunes, Sardinia Bay is also a marine reserve that's an outstanding spot for snorkelling. Don't miss the old colonial district, which contrasts nicely with the modern part of the city, which is full of businesses and leisure centres. The "Donkin Heritage Trail", named after the founding governor of the city (whose wife was called Elizabeth and hence the name of the port), runs through the Victorian monuments of the Old Hill neighbourhood. Port Elizabeth forms part of the municipality of Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality and serves as one of the venues of the High Court of South Africa. One of the main attractions of this city is "Route 67", a sort of open-air metropolitan museum that exhibits sixty-seven works of art by local artists, displayed in public spaces that symbolise the political years and life of Nelson Mandela, the first president of the country elected by universal suffrage, the father of democracy and relentless anti-Apartheid fighter. Another interesting point is the Campanile Memorial, where you can climb up more than two hundred steps to enjoy a beautiful panoramic view of the city. Enjoy a delicious dinner in one of the city's many restaurants. We recommend the seafood dishes. Here, you can enjoy mouth-watering crab, oysters and squid. Overnight stay in Port Elizabeth and surroundings.

DAY 10 · PORT ELIZABETH - CITY OF ORIGIN

Arrival at the airport with enough time to drop off your rental car and flight back to the city of origin.

Night on board.

Arrival. End of the trip and our services.

Your trip includes

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✓ Return flight.

✓ Stay in selected hotel in Hermanus.

✓ Stay in selected hotel in Knysna.

✓ Stay in selected hotel in Stormsrivier.

✓ Stay in selected hotel in Port Elizabeth.

✓ Insolvency protection.

✓ Amount of the supplement for collection and return of the vehicle in a different office.

✓ Stay in selected hotel in Cape Town.

✓ Selected meal plan in Hermanus.

✓ Selected meal plan in Knysna.

✓ Selected meal plan in Stormsrivier.

✓ Selected meal plan in Port Elizabeth.

✓ Selected meal plan in Cape Town.

✓ Rent-a-car.

Your trip doesn't include

- ✗ Possible toll charges.

✗ Entrance to reserves and national parks.

Destinations Visited

Cape Town



Hermanus



Swellendam



Karoo National Park



Knysna



Prince Albert



Plettenberg Bay



Tsitsikamma



Addo Elephant National Park



Port Elizabeth



Important remarks

- Driving in South Africa. 1. We recommend driving in South Africa with an international driving permit. 2. Keep in mind that many paths are roads of dirt and sand, and very few of them are asphalt, which requires drivers to go slowly and carefully. It will undoubtedly take you more time to cover the route than your GPS indicates. 3. Be careful with exceeding speed limits, since heavy fines are imposed. 4. We recommend a full tank before undertaking long routes because stations are few and far between in some areas.

NEW MANDATORY PROCEDURE FOR TRAVEL TO SOUTH AFRICA: Please be advised that South African authorities have introduced a new requirement for all travelers bound for the country. Starting July 1, 2026, all passengers must complete the SARS Traveller Declaration before their flight to South Africa departs. The process involves accessing the official portal (<https://tools.sars.gov.za/sarsonlinequery/traveller>). Once the declaration is submitted, passengers will receive an email confirmation containing the relevant instructions from SARS. We recommend saving a copy on your mobile phone or printing it out, as customs authorities may request it upon entry into or departure from the country.

- Triple rooms in Africa are generally rooms with twin beds or a double, in which a folding bed is installed to accommodate the third person. Due to the inconvenience this causes, we advise against using this option as far as possible.

- Check-in time at the hotel on the day of arrival depends on each establishment, but in no case will it be before 3:00 p.m., unless otherwise indicated.
- The proposed excursions and tours for each day are purely suggestions, as you can tailor the trip to suit your times, tastes and needs.
- A credit card is considered a guarantee, so sometimes you will need one for check-in at hotels.
- Hotels usually have cots available. Otherwise, babies will have to share a bed with an adult.
- To pick up your rental car, you'll need a credit (not debit) card in the name of the person who made the booking, who must also be the named driver of the vehicle.
- Consult the necessary documentation to enter the destinations visited and for transit in the countries where air stopovers are made.