

EXPLORE!



Tailormade Cape and Kruger
9 days

South Africa - Trip code TMSA4

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Cities and wildlife

On this Tailormade holiday you'll discover South Africa's motherland - Cape Town. Spend time wandering along the Victoria and Alfred Waterfront, take a trip up Table Mountain and see penguins at Bouders Beach. Then head north and stay at a fantastic spot in the famous Kruger National Park, where you go on safari in search of the 'Big Five'.

Enriching tailormade journeys – for you

This bespoke journey features some of our favourite spots in South Africa. You can choose to take our destination experts' recommendations and travel just as you see the itinerary here, or contact us to add your own special touches; maybe add a couple of nights in the winelands or take the indulgent overnight Blue Train to Pretoria. We're here to design your perfect holiday.

Call us on 01252 883 184.

Trip highlights

ACCOMMODATION GRADE:

Premium

Our premium accommodation is hand-picked and chosen for its character, location or local importance. These properties have excellent facilities and a higher level of comfort and service. They provide the perfect wind down after an active day.

TRIP PACE:

Moderate

Moderate pace tours are ideal if you want a holiday which combines exciting activities and experiences with plenty of time to relax and unwind. Typically you'll be active and busy for part of the day but then also have time to rest and recharge your batteries.

Itinerary

Itineraries on some departure dates may differ, please select the itinerary that you wish to explore.

DAY 1 - Overnight flight to Cape Town

Depart the UK on your overnight flight to Cape Town.

 Included Meals: None

DAY 2 - Arrive Cape Town

On arrival in South Africa you will be met and transferred to your hotel in the Mother City. Cape Town is possibly one of the world's most iconic cities, with Table Mountain dominating its backdrop and the wild Atlantic Ocean in the forefront. The rest of the day has been left free for you to explore at your leisure. Depending on weather conditions you may choose to take a trip over to Robben Island, the infamous prison where Nelson Mandela was incarcerated for 18 of 27 years, or perhaps you might want to wander around one of the modern districts along the seafront. The Victoria and Alfred Waterfront is particularly popular for its range of shops and restaurants.




Accommodation: City Lodge V&A Waterfront (or similar)



Premium Hotel

Wi-Fi available



 Included Meals: None

DAY 3 - Table Mountain and Cape Peninsula visit

Today you have a guided trip to explore some of Cape Town's best bits. For spectacular views of the surrounding countryside you'll head up to the top of Table Mountain, home to baboons, a variety of birds and 1400 species of flora – visit between September and March to see the mountain covered in wild flowers. You'll then head over to the Cape Peninsula to take the funicular railway at Cape Point. From the top there are wonderful views of the peninsula and ocean. There are also a number of walks that can be explored, and well-worth the 120 steps, is a climb to the Old Lighthouse for some of the best views. On your journey back to Cape Town you'll stop at Boulders Beach to see the African penguin colonies, one of the only places in the world where these sea birds can be found.



Accommodation: City Lodge V&A Waterfront (or similar)



Premium Hotel

Wi-Fi available



 Included Meals: Breakfast

DAY 4 - Free day in Cape Town

Today has been left free for you to explore at your leisure. Perhaps you would like to visit the famous Kirstenbosch National Botanical Gardens. Established in 1913, these impressive gardens stretch up the eastern slopes of Table Mountain and contain several walks, including a tree canopy walkway that winds its way up and over the arboretum. Alternatively, take a guided trip out to South Africa's Winelands, where you can try award-winning wines in gorgeous vineyards just outside Franschoek and Stellenbosch - speak to your Tailormade Regional Specialist for more information.



Accommodation: City Lodge V&A Waterfront (or similar)



Premium Hotel



Wi-Fi available

 Included Meals: Breakfast

DAY 5 - Fly to Kruger National Park

Today you depart Cape Town and fly to Kruger, from here you'll transfer to your lodge in a private concession within Kruger National Park. Depending on the time of your arrival you may have the opportunity to head out on your first game drive within the park.

Looking for something special? Why not upgrade to the Blue Train. Travelling overland on this luxury train you'll journey north while enjoying a lavish meal and the mellow tones of the Soweto String Quartet. Arriving in Pretoria in the late afternoon you'll continue to Kruger the following day. Speak to our Tailormade Regional Specialists for more information.



Accommodation: Umkumbe Safari Lodge (or similar)



Premium Lodge



Swimming pool available

 Included Meals: Breakfast Dinner

DAY 6 - Game drives in Kruger National Park

Kruger National Park was established in 1898 to protect big game that had been hunted to near extinction, it is now one of the most prolific animal habitats in South Africa, committed to animal conservation. Rising early this morning you'll head out with your experienced ranger into the Mluwati Concession. This private reserve is a mix of acacia and bushwillow woodland, open grassland and riverine forest. Your guide will help you seek out some of the resident wildlife; herds of elephant frequently pass through, zebra, impala and wildebeest lure in leopard and lions, while in the bushes lilac-breasted rollers and crested barbet add a flash of colour. After your morning game drive there will be time for lunch, a swim or perhaps a nap. In the afternoon, as the temperatures cool, you have another game drive within the park. You'll stop for a sundowner before journeying back to the lodge, looking for

nocturnal animals by torchlight.



Accommodation: Umkumbe Safari Lodge (or similar)



Premium Lodge



Swimming pool available



Included Meals: Breakfast Lunch Dinner

DAY 7 - Game drives in Kruger National Park

Today you have another opportunity to go in search of the 'Big Five' - lion, leopard, rhino, buffalo and elephant. Your lodge is in the central region of Kruger National Park, one of the best areas to spot game and birds of prey. The western area of the central region has the greatest population of vultures than anywhere else in the park. The statistics around Kruger are incredible - 507 bird species, 114 reptiles, 147 species of mammal and over 23000 plant species, including the iconic baobab trees, and your safari ranger will help you seek out some of the various flora and fauna. Following an afternoon game drive and scenic sundowner, head back to your lodge for dinner. En route keep an eye out for the more elusive animals found in Kruger National Park - honey badger, porcupine and aardwolf to name but a few.



Accommodation: Umkumbe Safari Lodge (or similar)



Premium Lodge



Swimming pool available



Included Meals: Breakfast Dinner

DAY 8 - Transfer to Johannesburg

Today you depart from your lodge and transfer back to Hoedspruit, from here you have a short flight to Johannesburg where you will catch your flight home or on to your next destination.



Included Meals: Breakfast

DAY 9 - Arrive back in the UK



Tailormade Experts



Meet Sarah Phelps,
Regional Specialist for South Africa

Call on 01252 883 184

What's included?



Included meals

Breakfast: 6
Lunch: 2
Dinner: 3



Transport

Private car
Flight
4WD



Trip staff

Local guide
Driver(s)
Safari guide



Accommodation

3 nights premium hotel
3 nights premium lodge

Trip information

Country information

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Climate

Mild throughout the year and can thus be visited year round. The Western Cape has a Mediterranean-type climate, with warm, dry summers and cold winters with rainfall. Summer runs from November to March, with temperatures averaging 22oC to 34oC. The months of April and October are generally warm and sunny. Winter is also a good time to visit as towns and sites are not so crowded and the countryside is more verdant, but it can be cold. Additional information and climate charts can be accessed at <http://www.explore.co.uk/weather>. Seasonal weather patterns can be unpredictable. Up-to-date information on the weather worldwide can be found by following the BBC weather link on this page.

Time difference to GMT

+2

Plugs

3 Pin Round

Religion

Christian

Language

Afrikaans, English

Budgeting and packing

Country Information

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Food and drink

The costs for meals may vary depending upon location, type of restaurant and number of courses eaten and so the prices given are an average guide. Local restaurants located off the beaten track may be less expensive, whereas an upmarket restaurant located in the centre of a major city may charge more.

Lunch price

£6

Dinner price

£12

Beer price

£1.2

Water price

£1

Foreign Exchange

Local currency

Rand.

Recommended Currency For Exchange

Take your money in a combination of cash and an ATM card. Both GBP and USD are readily exchanged.

Where To Exchange

Most towns or cities, your tour leader will advise you.

ATM Availability

Cash can be drawn on debit cards from ATM's in most South African towns.

Credit Card Acceptance

In large shops and restaurants.

Transport, Accommodation & Meals

Accommodation notes

Booking a Single Room

All of our group tours are planned and operated on a twin-share basis, meaning that the standard cost is based either on individual travellers sharing accommodation with another group member of the same sex, or people who book together sharing accommodation. Please refer to the tour notes where the single room option availability is detailed on a night by night basis for this tour, and the price for the available nights is detailed on the dates & prices tab by departure date. For Self-Guided trips the Single Room supplement offers the option of a single room each and is charged per person. The Single Room supplement also applies to the third person in a party of three that will be accommodated in a single room.

Standard

Light on your pocket but long on authentic experiences, these tours are based in simple, sometimes local-style accommodation. If your idea of adventure travel is to experience real, everyday life then you will enjoy our Standard style of tour. You will have the chance to stay at simple, family-run hotels and guesthouses where the lack of luxury is more than compensated for by the warm welcome and genuine insight into local life.

Underberg Guesthouse

Underberg Guesthouse is a small hotel located in a quiet suburb of Cape Town, at the base of Table Mountain and just a short distance from the Victoria and Alfred Waterfront. The property was originally a farmhouse built in 1860 and has since been converted to a cosy, welcoming guesthouse. Rooms are comfortable, some with a balcony. Breakfast is served in the dining room, off the main lounge where guests can relax with a book or perhaps enjoy the views of the mountains from one of the verandahs.

Timbavati Safari Lodge

Timbavati Safari Lodge offers good value for money, located just a short distance from Kruger National Park. Situated within the bush the property offers traditional rondavels, decorated in a typical, colourful African style. Rooms are simple, with mosquito nets, window nets and ceiling fans. In the communal areas there is a boma where guests can relax in the evening and a good-sized pool for cooling-off in during the day. A buffet dinner is served by the boma or pool, and there is a bar available too.

Premium

On Premium level tailor-made holidays you will stay at comfortable mid-range hotels, chosen for their location, ambiance or local character. Your rooms will be clean and well-appointed, with en suite bathrooms and air-conditioning or heating as necessary. Premium level hotels normally have restaurants, bars and often other amenities such as a swimming pool and gardens, offering a good level of comfort at a reasonable price.

Sugar Hotel

Sugar Hotel is a small, boutique property located in the trendy area of Green Point, just a 10 minute walk to the waterfront or a 20 minute walk to downtown. The modern rooms are decorated in calming, neutral tones with either waterfront or mountain views. The hotel has a small restaurant and bar where guests can dine inside or out on the patio.

Imbali Safari Lodge

Imbali Safari Lodge is located in the Mluwati Concession of Central Kruger National Park, overlooking the seasonal Nwatsitswonto River. Reminiscent of colonial hunting lodges, Imbali offers a very comfortable stay with spacious indoor and outdoor sitting areas, a boma and an outdoor pool. The individual chalets have large glass doors that open out onto a spacious deck where guests can relax and enjoy the views, or cool off in the private Jacuzzi.

Essential Information

FCO Advice

We strongly recommend that you check your government's travel advisory for up-to-date information and advice about your destination: safety and security, entry requirements, health, local laws and customs. For UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office advice [click here](#).

For more information from Explore about travel advice, [click here](#)

Under 18 immigration guidance

Please note that some countries require proof of parental consent when travelling overseas with under 18s. Please check requirements with the relevant embassy or consular office well in advance of travel if this applies to your party.

Price Guarantee

Once your booking has been confirmed we guarantee the price will not increase, whatever the circumstances. Before booking please ensure you have read our important tour pricing information. [Booking Conditions](#)

Booking conditions

Before booking your Explore trip, please ensure that you read both our [Essential Information](#) and [Booking Conditions](#).

Transfers

[Find out more about Trip Transfer Terms and Conditions before you book.](#)

Booking a land only package with Explore

Customers who have chosen to book on the 'Land Only' arrangements of our tour, please ensure that you have checked your tour specific 'Joining Instructions' prior to booking your own travel arrangements. Your joining instructions can be found below in the dates and prices information.

You may also be eligible for the Free Explore Transfer.

Joining Tour Abroad

Customers booked on the 'Land Only' arrangements will now receive a Free Transfer, provided you arrive and depart on the tour only itinerary start and end dates. The transfers will be from the Explore designated airport or train station to the joining point of your tour, and then back from the ending point to the designated airport or train station. The exception to this rule is customers who are booked on a tour where the joining and ending point is at the designated airport or train station.

Free transfers are not available for Self-Guided, Polar, Tailormade or Tours for Churches customers.

If you are not eligible for the Free Transfer then you will need to make your own way through to the joining and ending point. On a majority of our tours Explore will be able to provide a private transfer at an additional cost. Please ask for a quote at the time of booking.

For more information regarding the Explore Free Transfer [click here](#)

Insurance

It is a condition of booking with Explore that you have adequate valid travel insurance. It is your responsibility to arrange appropriate travel insurance and ensure you have read and understood the full terms and conditions of your travel insurance policy to ensure that you are covered for all activities you intend to undertake whilst on the tour, including all optional activities. Your Insurance Policy must fully cover you for medical expenses and emergency repatriation to your home country. Please ensure your policy includes medical emergency helicopter evacuation in the event of illness or injury and covers the entire duration of your holiday. If you are trekking at altitude please ensure that there is no upper altitude limit which may limit or exclude cover for your trip. The cost of many of our Polar Voyages will exceed the capped amount covered by standard insurance premiums and you will be required to pay an additional premium to cover the full value of your trip. Please ensure that you are covered for the full amount of your holiday cost, as insufficient cover could invalidate a claim under the policy. Medical and repatriation insurance cover is not mandatory for UK residents who are travelling on trips within the United Kingdom. Read more information about what travel insurance is required.

Flight information

Explore offers a wide range of flexible flying options to make joining and leaving our trips easy. [Read more about them here.](#)

Flight Information

You are able to book this tour on a 'land only' basis or as a 'flight inclusive' package. Your flight inclusive package will be fully protected by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) ATOL protection scheme.

Booking a flight inclusive package with Explore

We have a good selection of flights not only from London but from many regional airports around the UK allowing us to compare fares between scheduled carriers as well as low cost and charter airlines. Our dedicated flights team will match the best flight options to your arrival and departure airport.

On our website we display a UK flight inclusive package guide price which is generally based on a London departure. To avoid paying supplements or to secure your preferred flight option, we recommend booking as early as possible, especially for peak travel dates.

South Africa

Vaccinations

Please note that you will be required to supply a yellow fever certificate that has been issued at least 10 days prior to arrival in South Africa if you have travelled from or via a country where yellow fever is endemic. We recommend protection against hepatitis A, tetanus, typhoid, polio and diphtheria. According to various travel health sources, the Western Cape is not regarded as a malaria risk area. If you are travelling to other areas in South Africa please check with your doctor about malaria requirements. Please check the latest requirements with your travel clinic or doctor prior to departure. The above is not an exhaustive list. Further information regarding vaccinations and travel health advice can be found by following the NHS and NaTHNaC links at [Explore Travel Health](#) and from your local healthcare provider. Visa and vaccination requirements are subject to change and should be confirmed by you before travelling.
